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La Center Our Days parade rolls through town despite heat wave

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The La Center Our Days Steamboat celebration went on without a hitch on July 29 and July 30 despite a heat wave that impacted Clark County and much of the Pacific Northwest.

One of the key events of the festival was the Twilight Parade, which kicked off the festival with floats and vehicles that represented various local businesses, organizations and public figures.

Organizer Sam Glackler was impressed by the amount of people who came out to the parade despite the high temperatures.

"I thought that the parade was amazing," Glackler said. "It just showed that a little hot weather couldn't stop this small town from coming together and kicking off La Center Our Days. ... It was clear that everybody was willing to celebrate as one."

Glackler said organizers almost had to cancel the parade at the beginning of July because they didn't have enough parade entries, but La Center Our Days committee chair Makayla Bannister rallied for more entries and received "an overwhelming response."

Thanks to the efforts of Bannister and the community, the event was able to return for the first time in three years with the same enthusiasm that resembled the celebrations prior to the pandemic.

"The theme of the 2022 Our Days, 'Under the Big Top,' was a success," Glackler said. "Businesses, organizations, youth sports,

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The Streissguth family rides on vintage fire trucks at the La Center Our Days parade on July 29.

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The Portland Power Pep Band's float takes part in the La Center Our Days parade on July 29.

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First case of monkeypox reported in Clark County

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Clark County Public Health reported its first confirmed case of monkeypox last week.

On July 25, the health department announced a county resident, an adult male with no recent travel history, tested positive for the disease and was isolating at home.

Clark County Public Health was working with the patient to identify close contacts while he was contagious, a news release stated. The department will notify those individuals and facilitate vaccination for eligible close contacts.

The vaccine can prevent infection or reduce symptoms, the release stated. Currently, it is only recommended for close contacts who haven't developed infection.

Clark County Public Health Director Alan Melnick said the risk of monkeypox to the public remains "very low."

"Anyone can get monkeypox. But unlike COVID-19, monkeypox virus does not spread easily between people," Melnick said.

The disease spreads through close contact with an infected person who has symptoms, the health department stated. Brief interactions that don't involve physical contact are not high risk.

The monkeypox virus can spread through a number of ways:

- Direct contact with rash, scabs or body fluids of an infected person

- Respiratory droplets during direct and prolonged face-to-face contact with an infected person

- Contact with bedding, clothing or other objects that have been contaminated by body fluids or sores of an infected person

The illness often begins with flu-like symptoms like fever,

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Battle Ground apartment developer seeks tax exemption for housing project

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A developer who is looking to build hundreds of apartment units off of West Main Street in Battle Ground is seeking to take advantage of a state law that allows property tax breaks for projects that feature affordable housing.

During its July 18 meeting, the Battle Ground City Council voted 4-3 to begin work on an amendment to a development agreement between the city and Deacon Development on a project known as "West Main Commons."

The \$85 million project's cur-

rent agreement features 220 market-rate apartments ranging from studio to two-bedroom units and 36,000 square feet of commercial space on the project's north end. The development would be located to the west of Battle Ground's Best Western hotel.

At the meeting, Deacon Development President Steve Deacon proposed an eight-year Multifamily Tax Exemption (MFTE) for the project. The exemption is allowed under state law and would abate property taxes on some of the development for that time period, if approved.

The MFTE would only ap-

ply to improvements to the residential portion of the project, Deacon noted. The commercial property and the land before improvements of the residential area would still be subject to a full property tax.

If approved, 10% of the units in the project would be deemed "affordable," Deacon said. The affordability would be based on households with 80% of median family income.

"The MFTE is really very important for our financial planning. We're realizing it more and more as the cost of construction goes up, it feels like every week,"

Deacon said.

If the exemption is approved, the city is estimated to collect about \$536,000 less in property taxes over the duration of the exemption.

Other taxing entities, like Clark County Fire District 3 and Battle Ground Public Schools, would also be impacted by the exemption.

Due to "considerable concern" over impacts to the fire and school districts, the developer offered to fund a \$300,000 grant for both entities, which would be

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Rocky's Pizza & R Bar makes changes following addition of new co-owner



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Ali Reeder, the manager of Rocky's Pizza & R Bar, puts a pizza together at the restaurant on July 28.



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A pizza is decked out in peppers, olives, and mushrooms at Rocky's Pizza & R Bar in Battle Ground on July 28.

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Rocky's Pizza & R Bar in Battle Ground has undergone a number of improvements to the restau-

A family enjoys a pizza at Rocky's Pizza & R Bar in Battle Ground on July 28.

rant space and menu, thanks in part to a vision new co-owner Gianni Carbone brought with him.

Carbone, a part-owner and equity partner of the popular pizzeria, started in his role in June of 2021. He took over the spot of founder Rocky Bria.

"It's been such a learning curve for me," Carbone said. "This is one of the first companies I've ever been a part-owner with."

Before acquiring the position, Carbone worked as the head of the food and beverage department at the Four Seasons Hotel & Resort in Dallas. He also worked for Levy Restaurants at ilani.

"I've always had backings of HR and backings of accounting teams and hundreds of millions

of dollars in the bank, and now I have to wear a lot more hats," he said.

Carbone said those hats include maintenance, human resources, accounting, bookkeeping and operations, which are "all intertwined together."

Despite the learning curve, Carbone said he feels blessed to have secured his position at Rocky's. His role is a lot more hands-on than what he was used to, but Carbone said it has been fun learning his new duties, which he gained confidence in throughout the process.

The people he works with is one of the benefits of his role. He described the staff as a tight-knit group of people who have a lot of fun at the restaurant.

"When you're in the food and beverage industry, we're kind of all a group of motley misfits. We all like to have fun, we all like that fast-paced environment," Carbone said. "We're all in the weeds together, so it's really those moments where we get done with a big rush that we look each other in the eye and laugh about maybe something funny that happened during the shift."

Since he became a co-owner with Tammy Cook and Marilue-Bria, Carbone and his team have made a few adjustments to the menu.

"From labor shortages to the minimum wage increase and cost of goods increase, we had to figure out ways that we could mitigate costs while not increasing our prices to the consumer," Carbone said.

One of the changes put an end to the mini pizzas the restaurant offered. Carbone said that "helped

out tremendously" with labor and costs of goods. He noted making the dough at Rocky's is labor intensive. They go through up to 400 pounds of dough a day.

The restaurant also added a weekend lunch special that includes two choices of sandwiches. The options include a grilled cheese, a caprese sandwich and a custom flatbread pizza. One popular addition that has received positive feedback from customers is the macaroni and cheese, he said.

A few renovations were made to the restaurant as well. The bathrooms were rebuilt and the dish pit areas and kitchen floors were also redone. A pipe that used to leak in the south wall of the restaurant caused dry rot and Carbone and his team are still working to fix it.

"We want Rocky's to be a multi-unit business," Carbone said. "We have such a unique product and it's beloved by so many people in the community. A lot of people don't know this, but for the first time ever, Rocky's has been nominated for best pizza in Clark County, for the first time in 45 years. We focused so much this year on being consistent with our pizzas."

Carbone said all the work he has undertaken wouldn't have been possible without the help of his team.

"It's not about me in this. This is such a team effort," Carbone said. "I'm one person and we have such an amazing core group of managers here and we're just really blessed to have such an amazing team."

Rocky's Pizza & R Bar is located at 1901 W. Main St. in Battle Ground.

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The front room of Rocky's Pizza & R Bar in Battle Ground is pictured.

PeaceHealth temporarily relocates emergency department entrance

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PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center has temporarily relocated its patient walk-in and ambulance entrance from Mill Plain Boulevard to Fifth Street off of Northeast 87th Avenue in Vancouver.

The change went into effect on Aug. 2 and took place because the medical center is in the process of expanding its emergency department, a project that features a two-year construction timeline.

"We recognize the next couple of years will look different for our patients while we're under construction," said Jason Hanley, the emergency department medical director. "We assure you, we are fully prepared to continue meeting the emergent health care needs of our community."

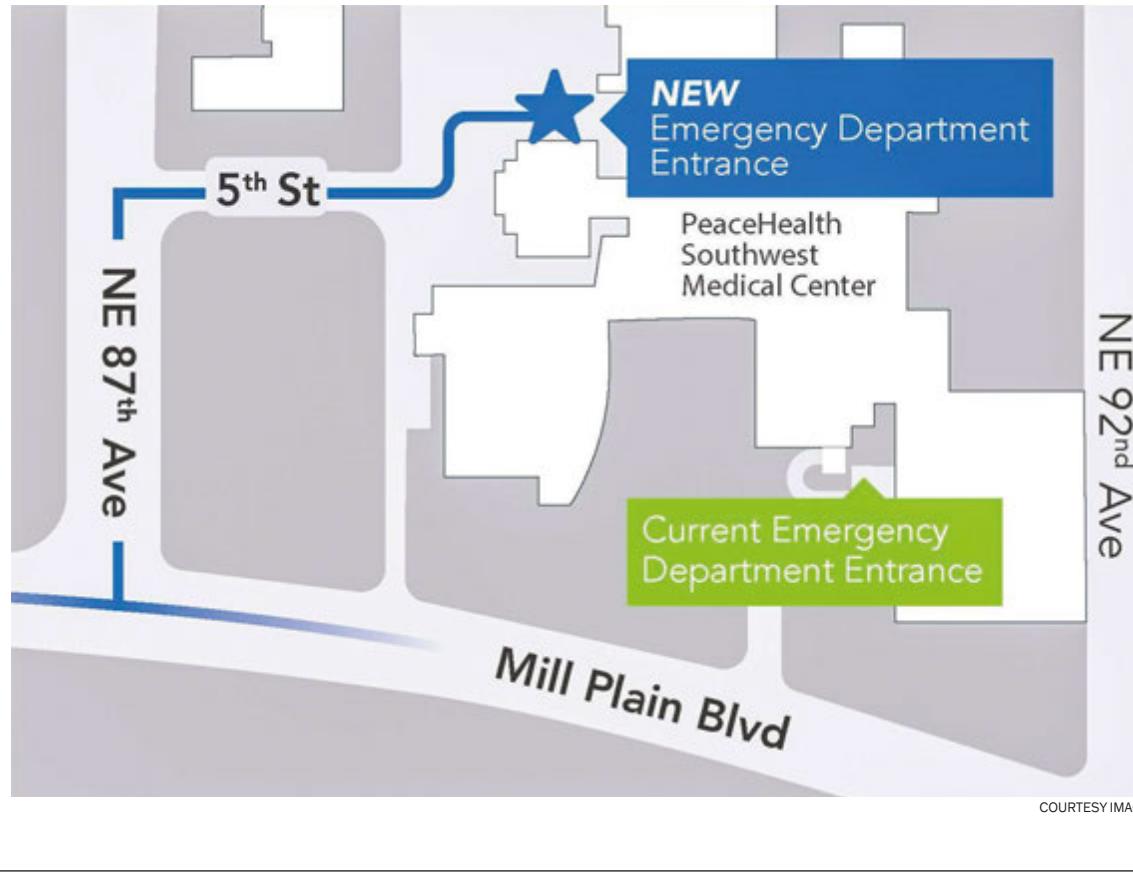
The new emergency depart-

ment, which is set to open in the summer of 2024, will include:

- More patient rooms, modern amenities, and a more private healing environment with a space that is double the current size
- A model to improve patient flow, reduce wait times and increase patient satisfaction
- An updated entry with adjacent parking for improved patient and family experience
- Increased capacity and safe traffic flow for cars and ambulances

"We look forward to our new state of the art emergency department. Its upgraded and expanded space will better meet the needs of our patients and their families we serve each day," Hanley said.

For more information on the project, go online to peacehealth.org/swedexpansion.



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NORTH COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

Clark County will perform manual ballot count comparison

Elections officials will perform a hand count of approximately 600 randomly selected ballots as part of a manual comparison against machine results starting at 9 a.m. on Aug. 3.

For the comparison, the race for Congressional District 3 will be recounted by hand to check the accuracy of the ballot tabulation equipment, stated a news release.

The selected ballots will be counted in the total returns on election day.

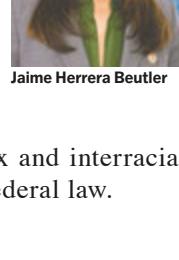
The deadline to cast a ballot for the primary election was 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 2.

Election results will be printed in the Aug. 10 edition of The Reflector. They are available online at clark.wa.gov/elections and at thereflector.com.

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Herrera Beutler calls Respect for Marriage Act 'election-year pageantry'

The United States House of Representatives passed a bill on July 19 titled the Respect for Marriage Act (RFMA), that, according to language in the bill, would provide statutory authority for same-sex and interracial marriages in federal law.



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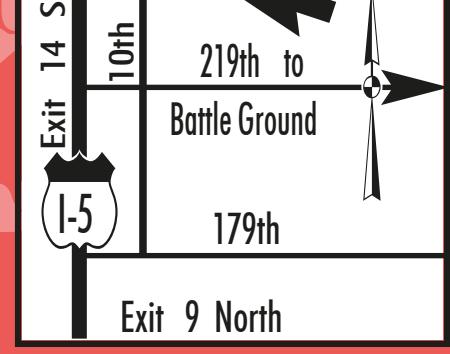
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Battle Ground seeks applications for planning commission

The City of Battle Ground is looking to fill a vacant position on its planning commission.

The term for the vacant position ends on Dec. 31 and includes a potential reappointment to a four-year term, stated a news release.

Applicants must reside within Battle Ground.

The planning commission is a seven-member volunteer board that advises the city council on legislative land use matters referred to them by the council. That includes comprehensive planning, capital facility planning, transportation planning and development codes, stated the release.

The commission typically meets one to two times a month. The meetings are held at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays, as needed.

Applications are available online at tinyurl.com/ydb7eucr. The application window will remain open until the position is filled.

To learn more about the planning commission, go online to cityofbg.org/114/planning-commission.

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Section of NE 10th Avenue in Salmon Creek now open

The Northeast 10th Avenue roadway between Northeast 149th Street and Northeast 154th Street in the Salmon Creek area of Clark County is now open to through traffic.

Clark County Public Works opened the 10th Avenue roadway to traffic on July 28, according to a news release.

Some final work still needs to be completed. That includes planting in areas around a culvert planned for November and December of this year, and establishment work that includes irrigation that will take place

over the course of two years after that, the release stated. The roadway will remain open during that time, though there could still be occasional single-lane closures.

The project is part of greater Northeast 10th Avenue improvements, which includes the installation of a center left-turn lane, bike lanes, sidewalks, a signal at the intersection with Northeast 149th Street and a new culvert at the creek crossing north of that intersection, the release stated. Work also included installing retaining walls, water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure.

Prior work completed in 2018 widened Northeast 10th Avenue between Northeast 154th Street and Northeast 164th Street, and included a new bridge over Whipple Creek.

The improvements to 10th Avenue support the Clark County Comprehensive Growth Management Plan, the release stated. They are intended to improve travel times, encourage economic development, upgrade stormwater management and further bring the corridor up to current road standards.

More information can be found on the county's website at clark.wa.gov/public-works/northeast-10th-avenue-creek-crossing.

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Open house for 179th Street planning set for Aug. 11

Clark County Public Works is inviting neighbors and community members to learn

about proposed plans for the 179th Street corridor at an upcoming open house from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11.

The county is working to create a 179th Street Access Management and Circulation Plan, a news release stated. The plan aims to promote the safety and mobility of the road while balancing the infrastructure and utility needs of development.

Residents will learn about the project's design, environmental impacts, and construction timeline from county staff, the release stated. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer comments.

Those interested can attend in person at the sixth-floor hearing room at the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., the release stated.

They can also attend virtually by registering at the project website, clark.wa.gov/public-works/179th-st-access-management-and-circulation-plan. Registrants will receive a confirmation email with a link to join the meeting. Those who do not register can listen in by dialing 1-408-418-9388 and entering meeting number 24962401123 and password 179th, when prompted. Callers using this method cannot use the chat function.

Community members can email questions to the county before the presentation at 179thstreetproject@clark.wa.gov. A recording of the meeting and presentation slides will be available on the project

website within three business days.

More information can be found on the project website.

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Middle school sports options will expand for Battle Ground students

Battle Ground Public Schools will expand access to sports within its middle schools with the addition of new options.

The district will add girls volleyball and co-ed track in 2022-23, as well as longer seasons of basketball, soccer and cross country, according to a news release. All of the sports will be available to sixth to eighth graders, except for soccer, which is reserved for seventh and eighth grade, the release stated.

Girls basketball and co-ed cross country registration will begin on Aug. 10.

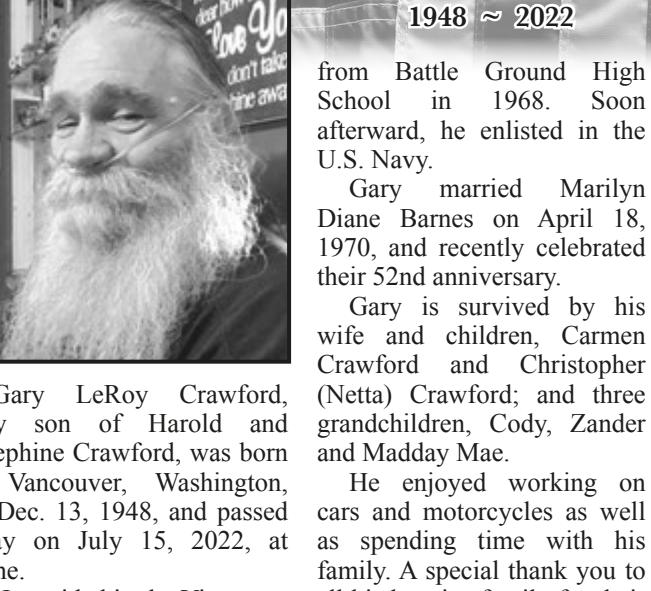
This is the second year since middle school sports rolled out in the district following a double-levy failure in 1982 that necessitated budget reductions, according to the release. The initial rollout included five-week seasons of boys and girls basketball and soccer, as well as co-ed cross country.

"I think the student-athletes gained a whole new identity and confidence getting to be involved in middle school sports," stated Lori Wilson, the Pleasant Valley Middle School basketball and soccer coach. "I noticed an improvement in their attitudes, work ethic and overall happiness. It was pretty amazing to see what this opportunity has brought to our students and school."

BGPS seeks both head and assistant coaches for the upcoming middle school sports seasons. Information about how to apply can be found online at battlegroundps.org/bgps-jobs/.

The season will start with girls basketball and co-ed cross country, which runs from Aug. 31 to Oct. 14, the release stated. Families can register at battlegroundps.org/middle-school-sports. Students will be required to complete a sports physical. Students in alternative programs like River HomeLink and CAM Academy can also participate in the sports if they live within the boundaries of their nearby middle school, stated the release.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

GARY CRAWFORD

1948 ~ 2022

from Battle Ground High School in 1968. Soon afterward, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

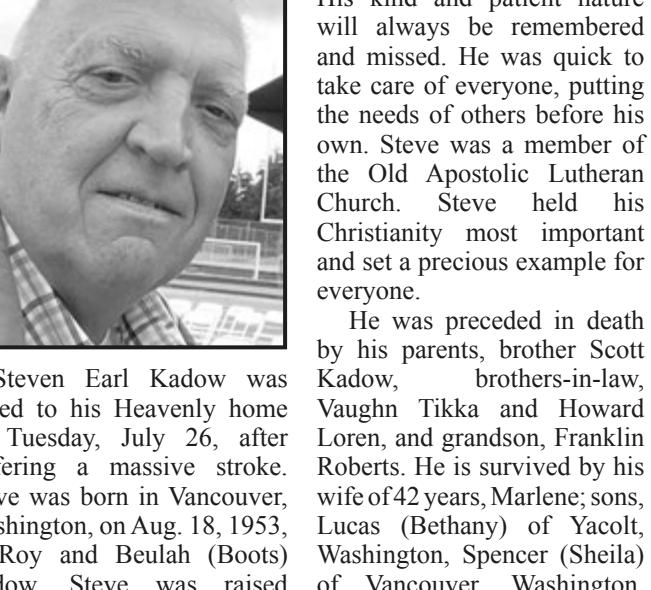
Gary married Marilyn Diane Barnes on April 18, 1970, and recently celebrated their 52nd anniversary.

Gary is survived by his wife and children, Carmen Crawford and Christopher (Netta) Crawford; and three grandchildren, Cody, Zander and Madday Mae.

He enjoyed working on cars and motorcycles as well as spending time with his family. A special thank you to all his hospice family for their wonderful care.

Per his request, there will be no services.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

STEVEN KADOW

1953 ~ 2022

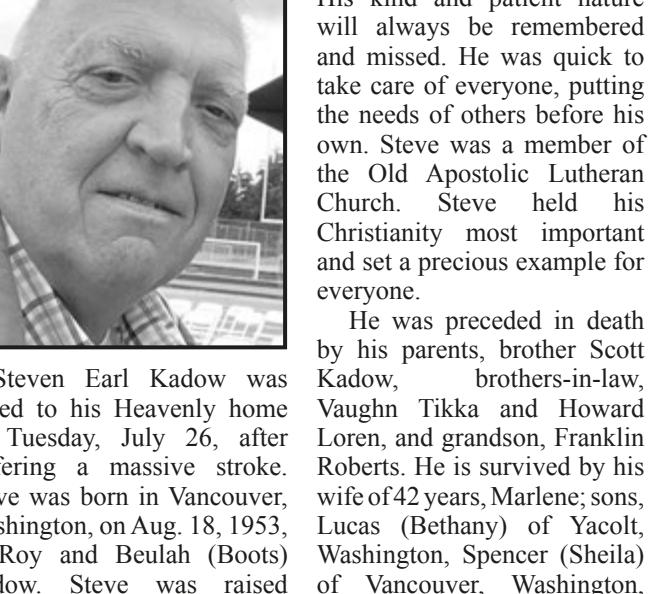
His kind and patient nature will always be remembered and missed. He was quick to take care of everyone, putting the needs of others before his own. Steve was a member of the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church. Steve held his Christianity most important and set a precious example for everyone.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Scott Kadow, brothers-in-law, Vaughn Tikka and Howard Loren, and grandson, Franklin Roberts. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Marlene; sons, Lucas (Bethany) of Yacolt, Washington, Spencer (Sheila) of Vancouver, Washington, Colton (Alyson) of Ridgefield, Washington; daughters, Brandi (Bryce) Sarkanen, Ashly (Josh) Roberts both of Brush Prairie, Washington, Natalie (Ryan) Jolma, of Marengo, Wisconsin, and McKenzie Kadow of La Center, Washington; brothers, LeRoy (Tina) Kadow and Lloyd (Beverly) Kadow, of Vancouver; sisters, Gail Loren, of Ridgefield, Washington, and Karen (John) Bietey of Vancouver; sister-in-law, Mary Kadow; 36 grandchildren and numerous sister- and brother-in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral service will be held at The Old Apostolic Lutheran Church of Brush Prairie at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2. His final resting place is at the Brush Prairie Cemetery.

Steve loved his wife, family and friends so much.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Dorothy Davis

1926 ~ 2022

Dorothy (Dot) Ellen Davis passed away July 15, 2022, in Battle Ground, Washington. She was 95 years of age. A celebration of her life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022, at Paonia Friends Church.

Dorothy was born in Granby, Colorado, on Dec. 12, 1926, to John William and Dorothy Ellen Chase. She attended Beaverbrook and Rockland elementary schools in Jefferson County, graduating from Golden, Colorado high school in 1942 at the age of 16. She spent two years helping at her parent's lodge before graduating from Colorado University in 1948 with a bachelor of science degree and began a long career in education.

Dorothy married Leonard Davis on Jan. 1, 1951, at Jack's Mountain Lodge in Rollinsville, Colorado. They soon welcomed four children into their family: Steve, Janet, Jack and David.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents John and Dorothy Chase; husband Leonard Davis; son Steve;

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brothers John, Harold and Jimmy; sisters Edith and Dee; and brothers-in-law Ame and Jim.

She is survived by children Janet (spouse Arden), Jack (spouse Kim) and Dave (spouse Theresa), 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and by sisters Lois, Lucille (spouse Bob), Gail (spouse Wayne) and Pat (Steve).

She is fondly remembered for her delight in her family and lavish hospitality. She made children feel loved and adored, creatively unleashing imagination and entering their world.

A celebration of her life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022, at Paonia Friends Church in Paonia, Colorado.

Birth Notice

Melissa Harlan (nee Hager) and Samuel Harlan, of Battle Ground, welcomed a daughter, Penelope Ruth Hager Harlan, on July 14, 2022, at PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Clinic in Vancouver. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

Correction

In the July 27 edition of The Reflector, in a story titled "Battle Ground resident releases book about managing chronic pain," the author's name was listed incorrectly. Her name is Toni Woodard.

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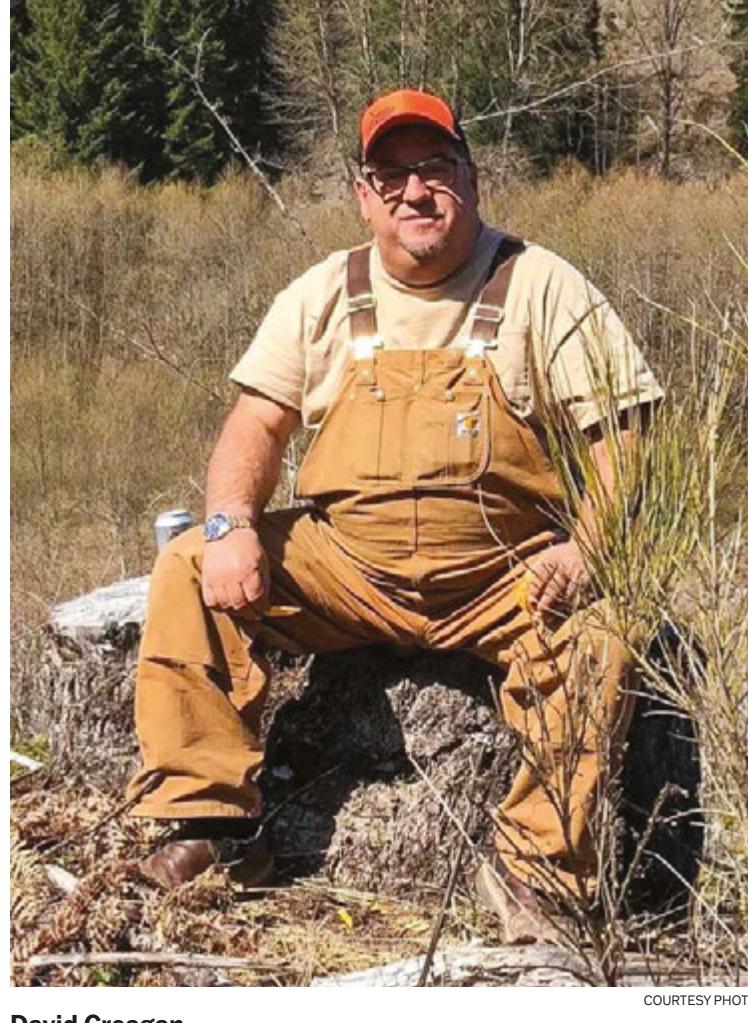
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Columbia Pacific Construction honors founder who died in May



David Creagan.

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The staff at Columbia Pacific Construction will honor one of its founders who died earlier this year during a private celebration at their Woodland-based office on Aug. 20.

David Creagan, the founder of the company, died on May 28 at the age of 61.

Multiple executives of the company cherished their former boss's life and the legacy he left behind.

"(Creagan was) a super hard worker," said Columbia CEO Chad MacKay. "Relationships were very important to him. He was always doing things for other people. People mattered to him."

MacKay said Creagan was a "big family man," with a love for the outdoors. He spent most of his career in heavy civil construction and managed multiple other businesses like Creagan Excavation, according to MacKay. He also was fond of his race team, Bi-Polar Racing, where he raced the Baja 500 and Baja 1000 in Mexico.

"For Dave, it was family, his businesses and his racing," MacKay said. "Whatever Dave did, family did it with him, from his brothers to his uncles, his kids."

MacKay said he became business partners with Creagan last year but knew him for about four years in all. They met through an associate who was acquainted with both of them.

"Any company comes with new challenges and new opportunities, and Dave had a great legacy of not just working hard, but being able to work smart," he said.

MacKay said he had "big shoes to fill" when he stepped into his position of CEO. Creagan was known for being a great negotiator and businessman, so he misses the unique skills the founder brought to the table.

When he wasn't working or running businesses, Creagan loved traveling to Mexico and grew up playing sports like baseball. He also loved camping and spending time outdoors.

Following Creagan's death,

MacKay hopes to continue his legacy.

"Growth and revenue is the prominent goal," MacKay said. "But just maintaining efficiency



David Creagan handles construction equipment.



COURTESY PHOTO

David Creagan poses with an elk with his friends on a hunting trip.

which was called "the compound," featured a big shop where friends and family could bring their RVs and stay at cabins. It was a special place for Creagan who always wanted to be surrounded by his loved ones and friends.

Similar to MacKay, Taylor met

Creagan through a mutual friend.

"I started working out for him as a laborer and just kind of got to know him through work basically. But in that time, over the last 20 years, I got to know him so well that he was like a grandpa to my kids and just always there," Taylor said. "(He) always wanted

to be a part of everybody's life and make them feel like they're a big part of his."

Besides helping his friends and family, Taylor said Creagan would also buy boxes of chicken dinners during the holidays to give to the homeless located under bridges in Portland.

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Sabbath Reform Continues Reformation

We are living at a time when a large percentage of our nation is not happy with the direction it's headed. What facilitated this is the notion in most recent years that society should opt out of this practice where laws are actually enforced. This has come about in a couple of ways, largely by defunding the groups enforcing the law and by electing attorney generals that play favoritism with their legal duties. These two actions and others have led to a rise in certain kinds of crime, some of which rarely get reported by news agencies, which adds to the frustration by those affected and to the many that are watching this take place. All this unrest adds pressure on the government which eventually will do something to correct the evils that are so blatantly committed with little consequences by rioting law breakers. 2 Timothy 3:1-5 speaks of this when it says, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come". The sad reality is, society is not going to get any better, it is going to get much worse. Another word for perilous is a word that is a little more familiar as no one needs to tell another that right now we are living in dangerous times.

"For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy" (v.2). How we got here as a nation is this, the bottom line, we are unholy as a people, the law of our Creator is not written upon the heart of those He created. The world went through a time of unrest during the dark ages when persecution to a greater or lesser degree was common for not submitting to the church. In God's timing He raised up Reformers, similar to when God would raise up the various Judges to correct the direction Israel was on when that nation was fairly young. The Reformers, as they learned from God's word questioned the teachings of a pope led church, while learning about the Spirit of grace that is to work on the heart, as the law of the Lord shed light on the beauty of heaven's eternal righteousness. Grace gives power to reflect the kingdom of righteousness. The law Jesus died for established that kingdom on this earth by His perfect life, grace is to enable those that are so inspired to obey that law in their life. Our nation in connection with the church is fighting against that kingdom, a kingdom of pure righteousness as we live through this nation's unrest.

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14-year-old girl teaches piano lessons to other children

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A 14-year-old girl from Battle Ground is using her piano skills to teach other kids how to play the instrument.

Loriellen Brittain has played the piano for the last eight years.

"(In) the summer of first grade, my dad mentioned the possibility of starting piano lessons because my older sister had started before I did, and we already knew the piano teacher, Lisa Hagelganz," Brittain said. "I was interested in starting and have loved it ever since."

Her instructor encouraged Brittain to teach other kids last summer, but at that time, the teenager didn't feel "adequately prepared" for the task. That changed this year.

"This summer, (Hagelganz) mentioned it again and I felt ready. She's really, really excited by the idea," Brittain said.

Brittain recently started the recruitment process when she interviewed her first potential student last week. That student's sister also wanted to take lessons, so Brittain now has two students, although she hopes to gain more.

She gets some of her inspiration from composer Ludovico Einaudi and pianist Jarrod Radich.

"(Einaudi) is so good and I love his style," Brittain said. "He's like a contemporary composer and I love how all his music kind of takes me to a different world."

In the future, Brittain hopes to attend a college with a strong music program, but also wants to keep teaching kids. She used to be part of a school band, but her current school — CAM Academy — doesn't offer that.

Brittain's mother, Angela, is pleased with the strides her daughter has taken.

"We're really proud of her and she has demonstrated great perseverance through the years," Angela said. "It's a lot of hard



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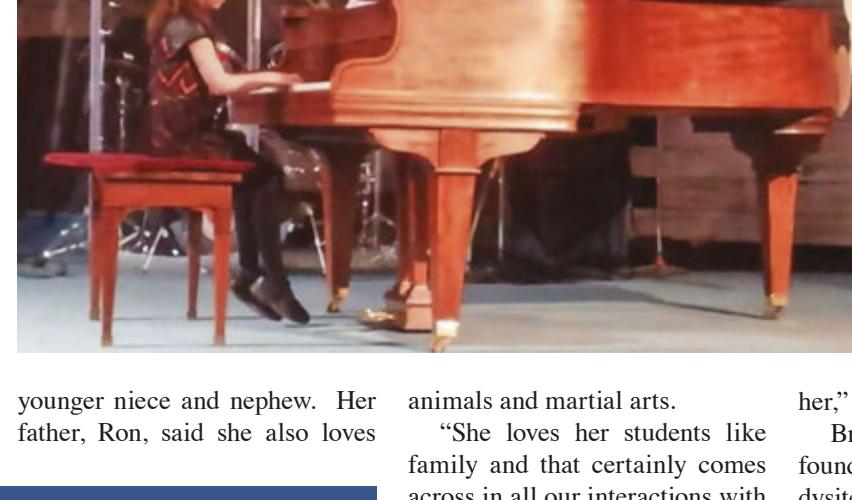
Loriellen Brittain plays the piano at her home in Battle Ground.

work, especially in the beginning and you're not quite getting the fruits of the labor that you hoped. That can be challenging for kids to stick with it through that, yet she did a great job, and now she's so good."

Angela said Brittain can open up a piece of music she hasn't seen before and is able to read and play it.

"My husband and I just love that," she said. "It's like we get our own concerts almost daily listening to her. It's a lot of fun."

Besides playing the piano, Brittain has a love for drawing and painting, as well as an affinity for children, especially her



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Loriellen Brittain plays the piano at a concert in 2015.

younger niece and nephew. Her father, Ron, said she also loves

animals and martial arts.

"She loves her students like family and that certainly comes across in all our interactions with

her," Angela said of her daughter.

Brittain's website can be found online at loribrittain.godadysites.com.

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Tickets on sale for South Pawcific auction

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Tickets are now on sale for Furry Friends' 14th annual South Pawcific auction.

The event will feature a dinner and auction fundraiser from 5 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17 at The Heathman Lodge, 7801 NE Greenwood Drive, Vancouver.

"We are quite excited about having an in-person event," stated Furry Friends Marketing Director Diane Stevens in a news release. "The last two years we were not able to meet in person. There has been quite a 'buzz' about this auction and we expect that the tickets

will go quickly."

Furry Friends, a nonprofit animal cat rescue in Clark County, will also celebrate 23 years of operation, stated a news release.

All of the proceeds of the event will go toward the medical costs and operating budget for the cats the no-kill shelter serves, stated a news release.

Donations to the auction from various businesses and individuals include vacation and entertainment experiences, winery tours and tastings, gift certificates to local eateries, gift baskets, personal items, pet supplies, handmade gifts, and more, according to the release. Fur-

ry Friends is still on the hunt for more donations for its auctions.

Dr. Virginia Huang and Iron Gate Storage are premiere sponsors for the event. Gold sponsors include Front Door Realty, Feline Behavior Solutions, and Crystal Investment Property. Silver sponsors will include Jason Smith, CPA, and Bee Sam Beauty.

Tickets for the event are available online at auctria.events/SouthPawcific. They will cost \$70 and include dinner, a live and silent auction, costume contest, and more.

For more information, call 360-993-1097 or email auction@furryfriendswa.org.



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Kittens in the care of Furry Friends stand on cat tower.

City council consider proposal for a Battle Ground-based pool

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A yearlong discussion to bring a pool to Battle Ground is back as the YMCA asked the city council to support a \$13 million facility in town.

During its July 18 meeting, the Battle Ground City Council voted 6-1 to allow city manager Erin Erdman to work with Westby Associates and the YMCA of Columbia-Willamette on potential development fee waivers and deferrals for construction of a pool facility. If built, the 18,000-square-foot facility would be on Rasmussen Boulevard, west of the current dead end of the road and east of state Route 503.

YMCA of Columbia-Willamette closed on the roughly 7.8-acre property in May for about \$2.6 million. Although talk of a pool has existed in the city for years, the YMCA began its work in earnest with a task force of community members formed in 2013, Eddie White, executive director for the Clark County-based region of the YMCA of Columbia-Willamette, said in a presentation to the council.

A favorable market study and a feasibility study on fundraising for the project followed in 2017 and 2018, respectively, White said. Though initially seen as a building that would either include a fitness facility or start with a fitness center and later include a pool, White said the arrival of current YMCA of Columbia-Willamette CEO Tyler Wright in 2019 changed the approach. Wright had prior experience establishing facilities that began as just pools with the potential to expand, White said.

The aquatic center would offer a variety of programs like

swim lessons and water safety courses.

"Not everybody wants to be the next Michael Phelps, but we want to make sure kids are safe when they do get around water," White said.

Water exercise and support of local swim teams are other potential benefits of the facility. The Battle Ground and Prairie swim teams currently use the YMCA pool at the existing Clark County Family YMCA facility in Orchards, White said.

The \$13 million project would require public funding from city, county, state and federal requests, which currently make up nearly half of the cost with \$6 million included in the current project plan. The YMCA already paid for the land and plans to sell some of it off as the project is only expected to use five acres, White said. Other funding would come from in-kind construction from local trades, other private foundations and a \$150,000 commitment from the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, he added.

Public support needed

At the meeting, project backers asked specifically about the possibility of waiving or deferring development fees for planning, building and engineering, as well as a "commitment to support construction funding."

White said the city's commitment would reflect well on the support the project receives as they go after public funding at county, state and federal levels. Constructed in 2000 and expanded in 2014, the existing Orchards facility had the Vancouver Housing Authority and state as public partners, he said.

Deferrals on development fees could add up to around

\$700,000 based on prior research into the facility, Erdman said at the meeting. Some of that total could not be outright waived.

Councilor Shane Bowman said he isn't against fee deferrals for the project. He brought up the potential for additional funding from the city and whether it would be palatable to the citizens.

"That's what I would ask council. If we were to put this out to a vote today, would people pass this?" Bowman said.

Though the annexation into Clark County Fire District 3, which increased taxes, passed by more than 80% in the city in 2020, Bowman said a prior vote on a parks and recreation bond "failed miserably." He said that vote failed because it was exclusively for little league baseball fields. Any vote with money on the line would leave a portion of the community upset because they won't use a pool.

Mike Westby, the CEO of the development consulting firm Westby Associates, said the desire for a pool among citizens became evident in Battle Ground's recent visioning process.

"There's more headwind here ... than I've ever seen,"

Westby said.

Westby said the largest cost for similar pool projects is maintenance, not construction. The YMCA would take care of those ongoing costs "in an outstanding way," he said.

"It's going to take leadership to bring a pool (into Battle Ground)," Westby said. "If not this, I don't know what your other opportunity is."

Project backers have not yet made the request to the county for funding but previous discussions showed "encouraging support," Westby said. He noted they would meet with county and state officials in the days following the city council meeting.

"They want to see where the city is," Westby said. Bowman was leery of the amount of support the county would provide given their own financial issues.

"When they're telling us that they can't fund public safety and they didn't take our example there ... I'm not too excited to think that they would follow our lead by giving you guys money to build a pool," Bowman said.

Westby said matching commitments could be included in the project agreement.

"Somebody's got to jump in

the pool and we're offering you an invitation," Westby said.

Other benefits

Deputy Mayor Cherish DesRochers addressed the impact that a facility of this kind would have on the rest of the city's economy.

"One of the things that really gets my attention is how many people will be coming into the city to take their kids to lessons that are going to stop and have dinner or go shopping," DesRochers said.

Councilor Adrian Cortes agreed with DesRochers, adding he would like to see what construction sales tax would come from the project.

"I'm assuming an 18,000-square-foot project, the sales tax is going to be considerable," Cortes said.

Mayor Philip Johnson said he couldn't bring himself to support what was proposed. While surveys indicate a desire for a pool in the community, it didn't seem to be a day-to-day concern of Battle Ground citizens.

"If the people wanted to pay for it, then we'd hear more about it," Johnson said. "Is there a clamor from the people I talk to in the neighborhoods I walk? No, I don't think so."



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Clark County heats up

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Clark County experienced its hottest days of the year last week as the Pacific Northwest dealt with a heat wave to close out July.

The National Weather Service issued an excessive heat warning for Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington on Monday, July 25. The warning was extended to run through Sunday, July 31, as high temperatures remained above 90 degrees for the duration of the warning.

On Tuesday, Vancouver broke its July 26 record from 2020 by one degree as it hit 101 degrees, according to the National Weather Service (NWS). The NWS reported another 101-degree day on July 30.

Vancouver experienced an eight-day streak of high temperatures above 90 degrees. It started on July 24, according to NWS data. The two days of triple-dig-



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A family gathers under the shade during the heat wave at Lewisville Regional Park in Battle Ground on July 29.

it highs surpassed last month's high of 97 degrees recorded on June 26.

The past week's weather wasn't hot enough to beat some of the record-breaking temperatures set last year. On June 28, 2021, the NWS reported an all-time high of 115 degrees. That

heat wave lasted five consecutive days with highs of 90 degrees or more.

Last year's unprecedented heat notwithstanding, the past week's weather was the hottest maximum temperature recorded since 2017, according to NWS data, when temperatures hit 105.

During the heatwave, Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency listed a number of designated cooling centers for those without air conditioning in their homes. Most of the centers in North Clark County featured libraries in the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District.

This week is forecasted to be cooler by at least 10 degrees each day. As of press deadline, the NWS expected Monday's high to be 88 degrees with lows in the mid-50s throughout the week. Thursday was forecasted to have the mildest high temperature at 76 degrees.

Land use plan approved for Carty Road area near Ridgefield

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A plan for any future development on about 266 acres of land near Carty Road near Ridgefield received its final approval and focuses on preserving the area's unique characteristics.

During its July 28 meeting, the Ridgefield City Council voted 6-0 to approve the Carty Road Subarea Plan. The area in question features land to the east of the Northwest Hillhurst Road and South Royle Road intersection, centered around the titular Carty Road and currently in Ridgefield's Urban Growth Area (UGA) but not in city limits.

The planning began in 2019 as a result of requests for annexation from property owners in the subarea, Ridgefield Community Development Director Claire Lust said. The city council put those requests

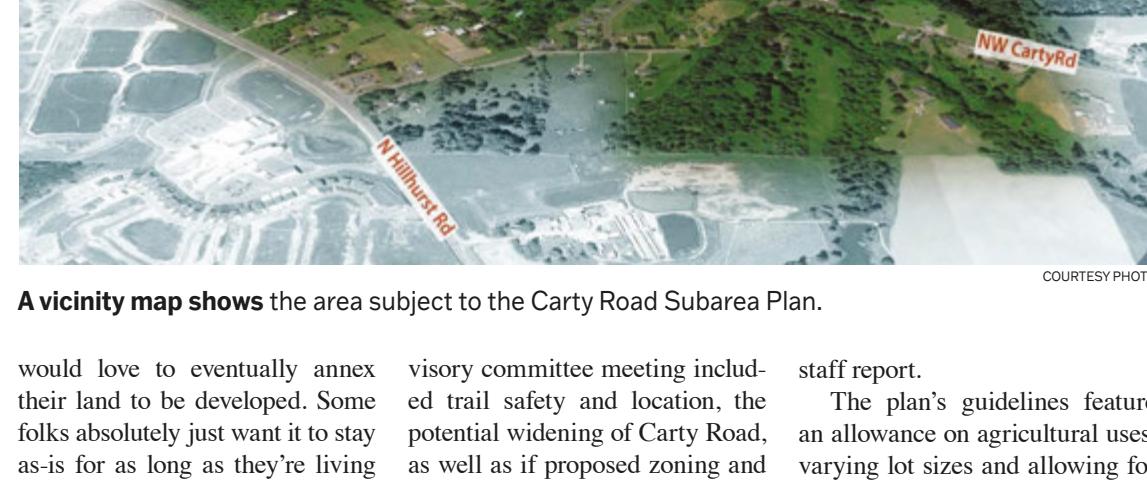
on pause over concerns the area wouldn't be developed in tune with the feedback they received.

Instead, the council moved for staff to develop a subarea plan for the properties. Lust said the subarea planning was "a high-level process to establish vision and goals" with development standards that create a "united vision" on what the area would look like if it is developed.

That process went on for years. It included a property owner survey, interviews with stakeholders, two project advisory committee meetings in 2020 and a third meeting in 2022 after COVID-19 restrictions lifted.

In the property owner survey, more than 70% of respondents valued rural character of the area as a top priority. More than 60% of property owners who responded didn't want any improvements to the area at all.

"Some folks know that they



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A vicinity map shows the area subject to the Carty Road Subarea Plan.

would love to eventually annex their land to be developed. Some folks absolutely just want it to stay as-is for as long as they're living there," Lust said during a March meeting when the subarea process restarted after a pandemic-induced hiatus.

Concerns raised at the last ad-

visory committee meeting included trail safety and location, the potential widening of Carty Road, as well as if proposed zoning and setbacks would limit development opportunities, according to a staff report. The proposed zoning would require four residential units per acre.

Based on feedback, staff worked to align trails with streets on separated paths, Lust said. Prior proposals included trail corridors that went through critical areas on properties.

The plan also includes road improvements along Northwest Carty Road, Northwest Mueller Road, Northwest 30th Court and Northwest 24th Avenue leading up to South 20th Way, according to a

staff report.

The plan's guidelines feature an allowance on agricultural uses, varying lot sizes and allowing for views of outside landscape, according to the staff report. The guidelines also preserve existing tree cover and limit the use of averaging when calculating critical area buffers.

The plan also features a "community-supported agriculture" area on land to the west of Northwest Mueller Road. Another overlay for "heritage" land is included. It is intended to preserve historic properties and structures.

The subarea plan will not apply to the properties of owners who do not petition for annexation, the staff report notes.

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Clark County reports 715 new COVID-19 cases and six deaths

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The recent rate of COVID-19 cases decreased slightly, but the number of patients with the disease in intensive care unit beds nearly doubled in the latest data.

Clark County Public Health's July 28 report included 170.1 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population over seven days, down from the 178.3 per 100,000 reported the prior week.

The rate has gone back and forth between weekly increases and decreases throughout the month of July.

The recent case rate statewide also dropped this week but by a greater amount. As of July 28, Washington had 222.5 cases per 100,000 population, down from 256.7 per 100,000 the week prior.

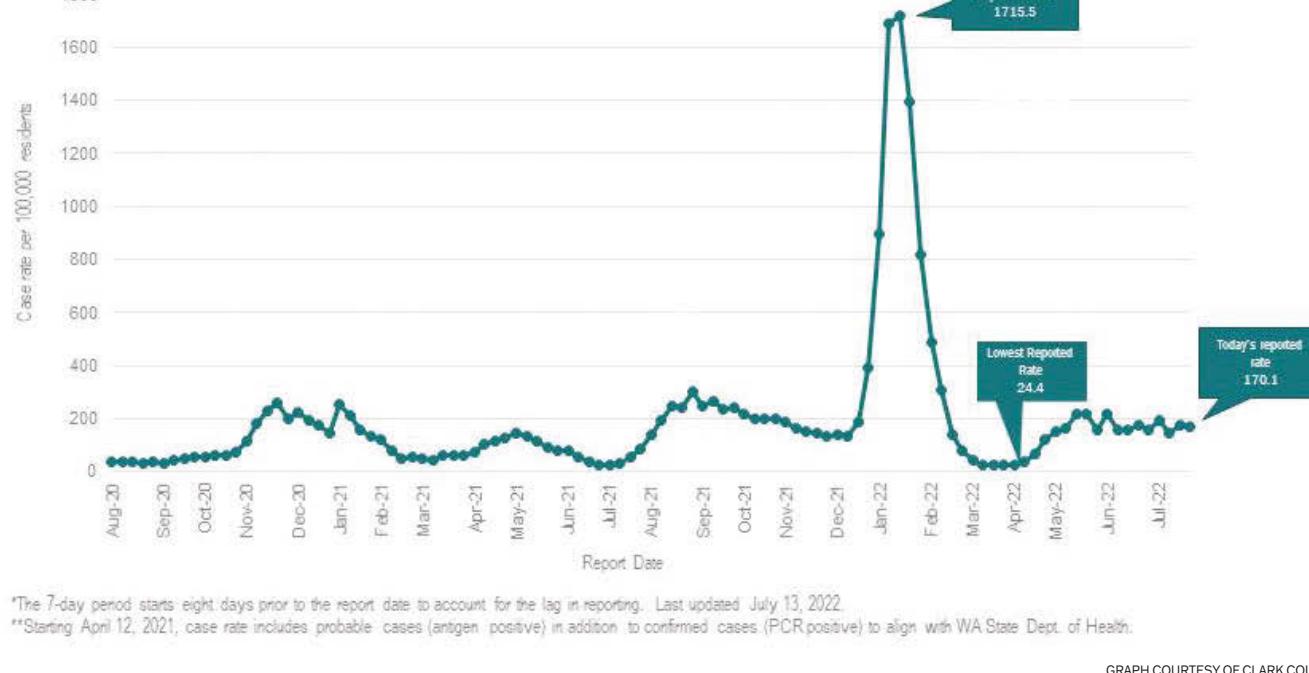
Recent case rates lag behind the most recent counts of cases. The health department's most recent case rate was based on activity from July 12 to July 18.

The health department reported 715 new COVID-19 cases between July 21 and July 28, fewer than the 930 reported between July 14 and July 21. In total, there have been 101,318 confirmed and probable cases in Clark County since the outbreak began.

Clark County Public Health's July 28 report included five additional confirmed COVID-19 deaths and one death suspected to be due to the disease, compared to four confirmed deaths and two suspected deaths re-

COVID-19 ACTIVITY LEVEL

Clark County COVID-19 **case rate per 100,000 residents** for 7-day rolling period*



*The 7-day period starts eight days prior to the report date to account for the lag in reporting. Last updated July 13, 2022.

**Starting April 12, 2021, case rate includes probable cases (antigen positive) in addition to confirmed cases (PCR positive) to align with WA State Dept. of Health.



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A graph shows the rate of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 of Clark County population in the prior seven days.

ported the prior week.

The confirmed deaths included a man older than 80, a man in his 70s, two women older than 80 and a woman in her 60s. The death suspected to be due to COVID-19 was a woman in her 70s.

The deaths bring Clark County's total to 871, including 752 confirmed and 119 suspected to be due to the disease.

The number of COVID-19 patients occupying hospital

beds in Clark County increased.

As of July 28, 13.5% of beds had either patients with confirmed COVID-19 or patients awaiting test results, up from 12.6% reported July 21. The number of intensive care unit (ICU) beds occupied by COVID-19 patients was 20.6%, up from 11.8% reported the week prior.

New COVID-19 hospital admissions also rose in the latest

data. In its July 28 report, the health department reported 11.6 admissions per 100,000 population in the past seven days, up from 9.4 admissions per 100,000 population reported on July 21.

Though there are more COVID-19 patients hospitalized, the total hospital bed occupancy in the county slightly dropped as of July 28. The health department reported 96.3% of hospital beds and

93.2% of ICU beds in the county were occupied, compared to 97.7% of all beds and 94.1% of ICU beds on July 21.

Clark County's statewide share of COVID-19 cases stayed about the same while its share of deaths increased as of July 28 compared to the prior week. The Washington State Department of Health reported the county had about 5.9% of cases and 6.4% of deaths.

NORTH COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

Fire District 6 works to lower insurance rates for rural homeowners

Clark County Fire District 6 is working to lower insurance rates for rural homeowners in North Clark County.

Residents in rural areas without fire hydrants pay more for residential fire insurance, stated a news release from the fire district.

"In Washington state, insurance companies depend on Protection Class Ratings from the Washington State Survey and Ratings Bureau to determine fire insurance rates," stated the release. "It's kind of like the game of golf — the lower (the) score, the better."

Fire District 6 has a current rating of 3, but in the upper northwest quadrant of the district, the

release stated homeowners face a Protection Class 7 or 8A, which costs residents an estimated \$500 more in insurance premiums.

The release stated CCFD6 has entered into an agreement with Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue to help lower those insurance rates. CCFR has agreed to respond to the rural areas with a water tender.

"A tender is basically a very

large water tank on wheels that provides water to fire engines and substitutes for a fire hydrant," stated the release. "We recently tested the combination of tender and Fire District 6 engines with WSRB and they passed the testing requirements."

Since the process is now certified, Fire District 6 encourages

community members to send the WSRB certification letter to their homeowner insurance companies to help reduce the cost. The release estimates the change will save 900 people in 340 residences an average of \$500 annually.

"District 6 is continually looking to reduce WSRB ratings to benefit our citizens,"

stated Fire Chief Kristan Maurer in the release. "It is important to us to reduce the financial impact of those who live in district boundaries while providing the best service and ensuring safety."

The WSRB certification letter can be found online at tinyurl.com/2p8uazcv.

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Trump praises Joe Kent in telephone 'rally'

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Former President Donald Trump wants Southwest Washington voters to know his favorite candidate in the August primary election for Congress in the region was Joe Kent.

Kent, a former U.S. Army Green Beret, has been a front-runner in a packed race for Washington's Third Congressional District. He is one of four Republicans seeking to unseat fellow Republican and U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, alongside Democrats and others.

Kent received Trump's endorsement last year and has consistently been in the top-two of fundraisers for this year's election, behind only Herrera Beutler.

During a telephone-based "rally" on July 25, Kent and Trump both spoke to callers about the upcoming primary election on Aug. 2. Kent called Trump "a personal inspiration." He first met the former president at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware after his wife, Shannon, was killed along with three other Americans in a

suicide bombing in Syria in January of 2019. Kent's wife was a cryptologist with the U.S. Navy.

Kent said he is honored to try to unseat Herrera Beutler, R-Battle Ground, "who not only voted for President Trump's impeachment, but also has voted against the American people every single step of the way."

Kent introduced the 45th president of the United States, adding he is also "the 46th, and probably the 47th." Kent referenced Trump's questioning of the 2020 election results and Trump's potential to run again in 2024.

"It's so important to get out and vote for Joe Kent in Washington's Third Congressional District. He's outstanding," Trump said prior to the primary election.

He reflected on his first meeting with Kent at Dover, saying his wife "was an incredible person, and a warrior, very much like Joe."

After about 30 minutes of talking with Kent at Dover, Trump told Kent he should consider running for office in honor of his wife.

"He's a retired Green Beret, a



Donald Trump and Joe Kent.

tough cookie with a big, fat, beautiful heart," Trump said.

Kent is the only candidate with the former president's "total endorsement," Trump noted.

"Others are trying to say that they have my endorsement and

they absolutely don't. I don't even know them," Trump said.

He then turned his attention to Herrera Beutler, who he called a RINO, or a Republican in name only. Trump said she isn't a respected person in Congress.

"She fights for the Washington swamp, not for the Washington state," Trump said.

Trump said Herrera Beutler is akin to "fake Republicans" like Liz Cheney and Adam Kinzinger in Congress, two representatives who are involved with the investigation of the Jan. 6, 2021, storming of the U.S. Capitol Building.

The former president said Kent would go on to do "tremendous things," if he is elected. Trump said Kent would fight against the "radical Democrat, socialist spending spree" and would be able to stop the "runaway inflation" the country is experiencing.

Trump added Kent would also address illegal immigration and protect the First and Second Amendments, and noted Kent wouldn't defund police.

Trump said recent rulings including the overturning of Roe v. Wade were "great decisions" by the U.S. Supreme Court. He said Kent would work to "ban" critical race theory in schools, and would address controversy that allows transgender athletes in competitions.

"We're not going to have men playing women's sports. (It's) so unfair and so disrespectful to women," Trump said.

Finally, Trump pointed to Kent's support of the idea that the 2020 election was rigged against the former president.

"The election was a disgrace and everyone knows it," Trump said.

Alongside Herrera Beutler, Kent also faced fellow Republicans Heidi St. John, Leslie French and Vicki Kraft, as well as Democrats Marie Gluesenkamp Perez and Davy Ray, American Solidarity Party candidate Oliver Black and independent candidate Chris Byrd in the primary election.

The deadline for the primary election was 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2.

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Parking fees at Clark County regional parks waived for holders of disabled veteran lifetime pass

Those who possess a Washington State Parks Disabled Veteran Lifetime Pass no longer have to pay parking fees at Clark County's four regional parks.

The Clark County Council recently approved the change to the county's code and the exemption went into effect on July 29, stated a news release.

To be exempt from the parking fee at county parks, holders of the disabled veterans lifetime pass will be required to present the pass to staff upon entering a park and will need to display it in their parked vehicles.

Clark County charges vehicle parking fees that range from \$2 to \$8 depending on the type of vehicle at its four parks, which include Frenchman's Bar Regional Park, Lewisville Regional Park, Salmon Creek Regional Park/Klineline Pond and Vancouver Lake Regional Park.

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commissioners offers the lifetime disabled veteran pass to residents of the state who are military veterans with 30% or greater service-connected disabilities, stated the release.

Information about the lifetime pass can be found online at wa.gov/1208/Disabled-Veteran-Lifetime-Pass, while details about parking fees at Clark County parks is available at clark.wa.gov/public-works/park-ing-fees.

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Lifestyles Clark County Fair

A deep dive into Navy salvage gear



Navy diving equipment collector Bradley Mitchell stands in front of a water cannon in a room at his house dedicated to his collection.

PHOTO BY RICK BANNAN

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Among the animal sounds, smells of food, shrieks from carnival rides and the automotive mayhem at the grandstand, one exhibitor at this year's Clark County Fair will show off some serious salvage gear employed at one point by the U.S. Navy.

Throughout the course of the fair, which runs from Aug. 5 to Aug. 14, recent Clark County transplant Bradley "Mitch" Mitchell will exhibit his collection that ranges from diving helmets, water cannons and a hand-cranked diving pump.

Mitchell has exhibited his collection over the years at the Seattle Aquarium as an expression of his passion for gear that evokes images of fantastical works of fiction from the turn of the 20th Century.

"This is Jules Verne, the guy out on the ocean floor wrestling the octopus," Mitchell quipped.

The gear is real and served a number of practical purposes like "(salvaging) sunken vessels, building bridges, building dams, building harbors," Mitchell said.

He added in wartime, the gear he has would have been

employed on missions like securing the port of Cherbourg during the invasion of Normandy in World War II.

Born and raised in Seattle, Mitchell said his interest in the gear came at an early age.

"From the time I was 5 years old, I used to see them on the Seattle waterfront. I grew up ... got some kind of income and I started buying them," Mitchell said.

He spent his professional career in heavy machinery operation before he retired. Mitchell relocated from Kirkland to Clark County earlier in the year.

Mitchell said his collection began around 1998 or 1999. He started doing exhibits at the Seattle Aquarium in 2004 after a volunteer who had scuba gear asked Mitchell to bring his



Navy diving equipment collector Bradley Mitchell looks at one of his "hard hat" diving helmets in a room at his house dedicated to his collection.

PHOTO BY RICK BANNAN

"heavy" gear along. "I immediately said 'no' because it's too much work to move it," Mitchell said. "I ended up doing it."

Though all the gear has a decent amount of heft to it, one in particular — a Navy diving pump dating back to 1893 — weighs more than a quarter of a ton.

Mitchell said he is interested in "anything that's in good shape from 1837 to 1980." He noted much of the modern-day technology is based on the same ideas first used more than 150 years ago.

"The principle's the same (but) you don't need the big support crews," Mitchell said.

The most common questions Mitchell gets when exhibiting are how much the gear weighs and how deep a person can dive with it. Fully-suited, the gear is about 190 pounds, he said, and is designed for up to 250-foot depths.

There are instances of pushing the gear past that extreme. Mitchell mentioned Frank Criley, a Navy diver in the early 20th Century, who dived to 312 feet in 1915 on a salvage operation for the USS F-4 submarine located more than a mile off of

the coast of Honolulu, Hawaii.

"You talk to hard-hat divers today and say 'you ever go to 300 feet,' and a lot of them, not all of them, say 'no, I cut it off at 180 (feet)," Mitchell said.

Mitchell has been down 60 feet in the water with the gear.

"It's like being inside a bubble looking out," he said.

Mitchell said the gear he collects usually doesn't turn up at antique stores. To find pieces, he goes through private collectors whom he has created an extensive network with over the years.

"You got to be connected and it takes a long time," Mitchell said.

After exhibiting in Seattle

for years, Mitchell hopes to get established in Clark County with his first exhibition in the area. He said the Navy divers who take on operations of more than 100 feet under the sea require fortitude.

"It's real interesting, the self-sacrifice, extreme danger," Mitchell said. "It's serious work, physically (and) mentally."

Mitchell can be reached by email at navy1954markv@gmail.com.

For a full schedule of offerings at the Clark County Fair, go online to clarkcofair.com.

It will be held at the Clark County Fairgrounds at 17402 NE Delfel Road in Ridgefield.

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A boy blocks another boy from scoring a basket at a QuickStart Sports basketball game.

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A child gets into position to score a basket at a QuickStart Sports basketball game.

have grown to become middle school athletes as they continued to build on the skills they were taught through QuickStart.

"If they're playing in middle school, then obviously they found that joy in that sport that we strived to give you. ... If they're still playing at that age, that's a good sign," Heath said.

Since COVID-19 restrictions were lifted in the state earlier this year, Heath said it's been nice to run the programs without making the kids wear masks.

"It allows us to communicate better, allows them to play harder, and allows more people to be involved and not having the risk or fear of getting sick," he explained.

As the kids leave the program, Heath hopes they continue on with their basketball journey.

"I always encourage them and say, 'hey, don't just let that basketball drop and never touch it again,'" Heath said. "We spent every day working on different dribbling things. ... You can do that stuff at home in your driveway, your front yard, whatever."

The basketball camp will run on Aug. 6, Aug. 13, Aug. 20, and Aug. 27 at Pleasant Valley Primary School, 14320 NE 50th Ave., Vancouver. It costs \$15 per day.

Kids who are 3 to 5 years old are welcome.

Parents can register online at quickstartsportsllc.com/registration.

Besides the fundamentals of the sport, Heath said QuickStart teaches kids core values like sportsmanship, teamwork, competitiveness, following rules and hard work.

"Some of those things I believe are a lot more important sometimes than the skills," he said. "You need to be able to work together as a team, you need to be coachable, (and) be willing to learn from other people, either mom or dad."

The program has existed for over eight years. Heath said some of the kids he has observed

Lifestyles Calendar

Community Calendar

Vancouver Goes to the Movies:

Doors open at 5 p.m. and the event begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 4. Join the Clark County Historical Museum as historian and Historic Preservation Commission chair Andy Gregg presents "Vancouver Goes to the Movies." Gregg will detail Vancouver's moviegoing history as far back as 1897. General admission is \$5, seniors and students are \$4, and children under 18 are \$3. It is free for CCHM members, veterans, and active-duty military personnel. It will be held at CCHM, 1511 Main St., Vancouver. For more information, contact the museum at 360-993-5679 or outreach@cchmuseum.org.

Clark County Fair: Aug. 5 to Aug. 14. Join residents of the area as the Clark County Fair returns. It will include carnival rides, hot dog and hamburger eating competitions, a baby beauty contest, a science show, a reptile exhibit, and a large variety of foods. It will be held at the Clark County Fairgrounds, 17402 NE Delfel Road, Ridgefield. For more information, go online to clarkcofair.com.

Pomeroy Farm Days:

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first weekend of every month through August. Join the Pomeroy Farm as they host an open farm weekend, which includes I-spy activities for kids, farm animals, artisans and vendors. Parking and admission is free, but a donation is encouraged. Pomeroy Farms is located at 20902 NE Lucia Falls Road, Yacolt. For more information, call 360-686-3537.

Dragon Boat Races:

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6. The Paddle for Life Dragon Boat Races will return to the Ridgefield Waterfront. Come watch community and club teams paddle down a 250-meter course to the finish line during the event which supports local Clark County charities. The event will take place at the waterfront on the west end of Pioneer Street in Ridgefield.

Ridgefield First Saturdays:

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6. Visit City Days at Davis Park at North Main Avenue and Mill Street to learn all about the City of Ridgefield and the work they do in the community. The Ridgefield Farmers Market and First Saturday vendors will be at Overlook Park on Main Avenue and Pioneer Street.

Ridgefield Forest Fair:

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6. Join the Ridgefield Art Association as they host a new festival which includes dancers from Northwest Classical Ballet, a parade, and 30 artisan booths. Bigfoot Mojo Band and Reckless Kompany will provide music. There will be an open mic between sets. The Ridgefield Lions Club will provide food as well. It will be held at Abrams Park, 400 Abrams Park Road, Ridgefield. More information can

be found online at ridgefieldartassociation.com/events.

La Center All School Reunion:

1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 7. Join former La Center High School students at an all school reunion. All classes are invited and welcomed. There will be a buffet available for \$18. It will be located at the Summit Grove Lodge, 30810 NE Timmen Road, Ridgefield. For more information, contact Judy Chipman at jlchipman1@comcast.net.

Battle Ground senior luncheon:

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 8. Join the Battle Ground seniors for their monthly luncheon. Lunch will be provided by Detroit Pizza. The event is held at the Battle Ground Community Center, 912 E. Main St., Battle Ground. For more information, call Sharon Wodtke at 360-953-3278 or email swodtke@comcast.net.

Lewis River Rotary Club:

7 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 9. Join the Lewis River Rotary Club as members Linda Allen and Gail Haskett update people on new membership ideas. It will be held at the Battle Ground Community Center, 912 E. Main St., Battle Ground. For more information, email Sue Coates at suecoates5@gmail.com.

Tending the garden:

6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 9. Join WSU Master Gardener Art Fuller as he discusses how and when to harvest vegetables for the best taste and a longer shelf life. The event is free. To join, go online to tinyurl.com/2p88bcer. The meeting ID is 7756056320 and the password is 12345. For more information, call Gary Fredericks at 360-577-3014, ext. 3 or email garyf@wsu.edu.

Mad Hatter's:

11:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 12. Join the Battle Ground seniors for Mad Hatter's at Rocky's Pizza, 1901 W. Main St., Battle Ground. For more

information, call Sharon Wodtke at 360-953-3278 or email swodtke@comcast.net.

Fire & Grace:

7:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 12. The musical duo Fire & Grace, with Edwin Huizinga on violin and William Coulter on guitar, will play for one night at Ridgefield's Old Liberty Theater. They will play folk tunes, classical compositions, tango, Celtic ballads and uptempo foot-stompers. Tickets are \$27, which include a service charge, and can be purchased online at oldlibertytheater.com/events or by calling 360-887-7260. The Old Liberty Theater is located at 115 N. Main Ave., Ridgefield.

Hot Summer Nights:

5:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 12 at Horseshoe Lake. Join the Woodland community as they celebrate its yearly Hot Summer Nights and Movies in the Park events, which will include beach volleyball, car shows, and a dinner from the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Movies will play at 9 p.m. each night. More information can be found online at ci.woodland.wa.us/community/page/hot-summer-nights-movies-park.

Bingo:

1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13. Join Battle Ground Elks Lodge No. 2589 for a game of bingo. All members and guests are welcome. It will be held at the Battle Ground Elks Lodge, 907 SE Grace Ave., Battle Ground. For more information, call Mel Sanders at 360-687-1230.

Craft day:

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 15. Join the Battle Ground seniors for an afternoon of arts and crafts. It will be held at the Battle Ground Senior Center, 116 NE Third Ave., Battle Ground. For more information, go online to bgartalliance.org.

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It's time to be the United States of America

Where are living people's right to life?

There are those who profess to be the right to life party, yet fight reasonable gun laws at every turn, no matter how many kids or other innocent people get killed or crippled.

Roe v. Wade is one of many dog whistles blown to rally people's contributions. I believe in Second Amendment rights, but believe that guns, as a tool whose only purpose is to kill, should require responsible ownership.

When cars first came out, it quickly became obvious that licensing people was required to ensure minimal skills were obtained to operate vehicles. Government is required to protect its people. Maybe it's time to require a simple test to ensure those buying guns have the basic skills needed to operate firearms. No Second Amendment infringement, just due diligence.

As an American, I shudder to think of the taxpayer dollars spent on lawyers to litigate these issues that have been at the forefront of people's minds for many years. It seems to me politicians are deliberately exploiting these hot button issues to further their careers and fill coffers, with no regard as to how badly we have become divided.

At a time when we need to pull together the most, they tear us apart. From the pandemic to war in Ukraine, to high gas prices and the economy, now is the time we need to unite as a country and be the example for the rest of the world. It's time to be the United States of America.

Jeff Johnson,
La Center

Are we ready for another emergency non-emergency?

Monkeypox declared global health emergency by WHO (World Health Organization) as cases surge."

Folks, are we ready for another emergency non-emergency? Are you ready for another blow to our economy? Are you ready for another crazy election?

The China owned clown Dr. Tedros Adhanom is spouting off and spreading fear once again. Remember how he covered for China, and didn't come clean on the dangers in the beginning of COVID? His record on the last emergency was dismal at best. Are any of us wise enough to see that the closer we get to the November

elections people in high places and the mainstream media are preparing many distractions to once again make Americans question election integrity. That's even though the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently shared a first public look at monkeypox case demographics, which showed the vast majority of cases have been among men who have sex with men, with a median age of 36. Lord help us if any of us mentions this fact. We'll be canceled, and labeled homophobic or religious zealots. We cannot run from every disease that turns up in this world. I certainly hope China didn't have anything to do with this in some way. China never has really come clean about the last pandemic. Please, people be careful, safe and stay the course. We'll get through this if we do.

God Bless America.
Norman Phillips,
Woodland

What does the district gain by moving at a snail's pace?

Teachers are a school district's most precious resource. They know their students, care about their students, and educate their students in ways that are most appropriate for each learner. In Ridgefield, in particular, people are moving into the district in order to have their children attend Ridgefield schools.

So why does it appear that the district negotiators are dragging their feet and not negotiating in good faith? I attended a meeting on July 27 which was day five of the negotiations.

Over 50 teachers drove in early on that very hot summer day to gather and understand what is happening. Answer: practically nothing. What does the district gain by moving at a snail's pace?

Act in good faith, engage in earnest in the negotiations and make progress. Moving extremely slowly is not productive. It is not productive for students, families, parents, and non-contract district staff, as well as for teachers.

Rheta Rubenstein,
Ridgefield

We must vote for candidates who support private property, land rights

Elections are here and there were many candidates who ran in the primary. One must consider the most important thing that local and state legislators

Employers can study up now for November elections

BY KRIS JOHNSON

Summertime during an election year is a busy time, and not just for the candidates who are ringing doorbells, walking in parades and working the phones to rally support. It's also a busy time for the Association of Washington Business (AWB).

For the last two months, our government affairs team has coordinated and hosted dozens of candidate interviews for state legislative races throughout Washington. It's a lot of work, but it's one of the most important activities we do every two years on behalf of employers.

That's because even though news coverage tends to focus on national politics and the possibility of a "red wave" in Congress, what happens in Olympia is sometimes just as important — or even more important — for the people who own or manage a business here in Washington.

These candidate interviews, which include local business owners in every community, give employers a chance to hear directly from the candidates and determine for themselves which have the best understanding of the issues that matter to them.

And there are a lot of challenges facing employers right now, everything from spiraling inflation, persistent workforce challenges, ongoing supply chain disruption and concern over the possibility of a recession. Going into next year's legislative session, it's critically important we elect candidates who understand what employers are facing and who are committed to being champions for the economy.

Our election process actually started back in May, before the candidate interviews, when we announced early endorsements of 45 incumbent legislative candidates. These are lawmakers who have an 80% or higher vote record with our association, demonstrating their consistent support for a strong private sector.

The process will conclude in September with another round of endorsements based on the outcome of the candidate interviews we conducted over the summer.



Kris Johnson

And sandwiched in between, AWB will host a debate between the candidates for secretary of state. The debate will stream live on AWB's website at 11 a.m. Aug. 17 and will feature the top two candidates who emerged from the Aug. 2 primary election. Veteran political reporter Melissa Santos of Axios will serve as moderator.

Normally, this office wouldn't be up for election now, but former Secretary of State Kim Wyman stepped down in November to take a job in the Biden administration. Gov. Jay Inslee appointed Sen. Steve Hobbs to the position in December and Hobbs is now defending the seat in a special election that includes a total of eight candidates on the primary ballot.

Hosting debates like this is nothing new for AWB. For 30-plus years, we have viewed our role as a convener of candidate debates — including governor, secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, public lands commissioner and superintendent of public instruction — as an important part of our mission to be a unifying voice of economic prosperity throughout Washington.

Politics is messy and not always fun, especially during this era of increasing polarization. And now, heading into the dog days of summer, the November elections may not be top of mind for small employers and entrepreneurs who are focused on keeping their business going and, maybe, squeezing in a family trip before school starts.

But employers would be wise to use some of their time to get to know the candidates and become better informed on the issues that affect their bottom line. Next year's legislative session will likely be especially challenging and we need lawmakers who will be champions for the economy.

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For more information on AWB's election resources for employers, visit www.bit.ly/AWB2022election.

Kris Johnson is president of the Association of Washington Business, the state's chamber of commerce and manufacturers association.

do that affects us all. Policies that protect and affect private property rights and land rights should be on the top of the list. Whether one owns a home on a small city lot or large rural acreage, owns bare land, or wants to own land, the policies that control that land and control everything, should be foremost on voters' minds.

Costs continue to rise. Congested streets, high density housing, expensive homes and housing, high taxes, unreasonable, costly regulation and homelessness is a direct result of land use policies that local and state officials have made.

Improper restrictive zoning negatively impacts the land and our people in all areas of the county and state. But how can we change it?

One must ask candidates these questions. Do they support private property rights and land rights? Do they

support single family home ownership and will they work to preserve it? Do they believe landowners should help determine what's best for their city lot or country acreage and support policies protecting this right? Will they work to reduce unnecessary and costly regulations that affect these lands? What policies will they put in place to reduce high density and high taxation? How will they eliminate unreasonable

land use policies? Will they create policies that allow a variety of affordable housing in both rural and urban lands countywide? Voting for candidates who support and embrace private property rights and land rights is the only way to assure that affordable, livable communities are available to all of us throughout Clark County. That is where it all begins.

Carol Levanen,
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Our Days

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(and) families all showed up in lighted, decorated vehicles ready to entertain spectators lining the entire parade route. I couldn't believe it."

Glackler said Bannister's organizational abilities and the way she handled the logistics of the event was "top notch."

"We had so much praise and just responses on Facebook and people reaching out and saying how great the event was. It was clear that the community was overdue for such an event," he said.

Glackler said one entry that stood out to him was the Portland's Power Pep Band float, which carried the brass musicians in a long trailer adorned with flames on the side. He also liked the Lookouts Baseball and Softball Club, "because the youth is our future." Glackler said he hopes the younger generations will carry the event forward as they get older.

Glackler also admired the entries by Vantol Dairy, which threw cheese sticks to the crowd; the Streissguth family, who rode on vintage fire trucks and threw otter pops to people; Exit 16 Brewery's entry, which handed out drink koozies; and the Lily Garden float, which passed out flowers.

This year, a few changes were made on the logistical side of the parade. The route was longer and traveled from La Center Middle School to the La Center Church. He said Bannister "did a spectacular job" handling the traffic of



PHOTO BY SEBASTIAN RUBINO

The La Center Wildcats football team poses for a photo before participating in the La Center Our Days parade on July 29.

the parade route as well.

"I do know that it was definitely super warm," Glackler said. "It dropped down, but I do think that we had maybe one situation where one of the members of that pep band from Oregon may have gotten overheated and needed medical attention, but again the community responded and was right there and took care of whomever that was. Even with the temperatures, everyone was in a good mood, everyone was excited, people were having fun, and everybody just took it and dealt with it."

PHOTO BY SEBASTIAN RUBINO

Clark County Search & Rescue members wave to the crowd as they march in the La Center Our Days parade on July 29.



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Bowman said the car makeup in the city is completely different than what a person sees in downtown Vancouver.

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Housing

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distributed by the city, Deacon said.

Councilor Shane Bowman was leery about the proposed tax break.

"I hate the fact that the other taxpayers are subsidizing it," Bowman said.

When an entity like a school district runs a bond, the total amount is paid from the total tax pool.

"A ladder truck costs \$1.2 million now. To split that (\$300,000) with the school district ... that's peanuts to them," Bowman said.

Bowman said he thinks the project is "phenomenal," but noted he doesn't like giving away tax money.

Deacon highlighted some of the positive revenues the project would generate. If built, the project would generate about \$1.8 million in sales tax during construction, roughly \$2.1 million from retail sales taxes, \$1.2 million from property taxes with the MFTE in place, and \$3.9 million in permit and system development fees.

Both Bowman and councilor Shauna Walters questioned the basis of one-and-a-half parking spaces per household in the development, as is included in the current agreement.

Deacon said he couldn't speak to trends specific to Battle Ground, but nationally, he said there's a trend of fewer cars per household.

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Monkeypox

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headache, muscle aches, swollen lymph nodes and exhaustion, the release stated. The patient then develops a rash a few days later, which turns into raised bumps that fill with fluid.

The rash is usually mostly on the face, arms, legs and hands, the release stated. If

a person was infected during sexual contact, the rash may only be on the genitals or anus.

Monkeypox symptoms usually start between seven to 14 days after exposure to an infected person, but can occur as early as five days and up to 21 days after exposure. People are contagious as soon as they develop symptoms and continue to be contagious until the rash has fully healed.

Most people who get infected recover in

a timeframe of two and four weeks, but the disease can be serious for children, pregnant people and those who are immunocompromised, the release stated.

"People who feel sick or have any rashes or sores — or whose partners are sick or have rashes or sores — should avoid sex and gatherings, especially if they involve close skin-to-skin contact or prolonged face-to-face contact, and see a health care provider," the release stated.

Before going into a medical office, people should notify their provider they are concerned about monkeypox and should note whether they had close contact with someone who was diagnosed or experiencing similar symptoms.

As of press deadline, the Washington State Department of Health reported two confirmed cases of monkeypox in Clark County. The state as a whole had 118 total confirmed cases, mostly in King County.

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Rescue Team responds to three incidents at Ape Cave Lava Tubes



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Volcano Rescue Team volunteers maneuver an injured climber out of the Ape Cave in this photograph published on Facebook.

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It has been a busy week or so for the Volcano Rescue Team (VRT).

Rescuers from the organization, which focuses on assisting climbers on and around Mount St. Helens, have responded to three separate incidents at the Ape Cave lava tubes south of the volcano in the last week and a half, according to a statement.

"All three were isolated leg injuries," the group wrote on Facebook. "Two subjects were injured inside the cave: one required transport by wheeled stretcher and one was able to walk out with assistance by rescuers. The third subject took a fall while walking back on the trail and also required transport via stretcher."

According to VRT, the terrain in and around the caves consists of sharp, uneven rocks and the added difficulty of darkness and low ceilings within the cave make it a uniquely challenging hike.

"It's possible to become hypothermic inside the cave (even in mid-summer) if you are injured and unable to keep moving," VRT wrote. "If you plan

to visit the Ape Caves this summer, make sure you have proper footwear, lighting, warm clothing and know your own physical limitations to stay safe while recreating in this area."

According to the U.S. Forest Service, the Ape Cave is the third longest lava tube in North America at 2.5 miles. It was discovered in 1947 by Lawrence Johnson, a logger, but was only explored a few years later by a troop of Scouts, who lowered themselves into the cave and named it after their sponsor, the St. Helens Apes.

The genesis of the cave itself stems from a kind of eruption that was unusual for the Cascades: a basaltic eruption, which involves fluid lava. It's the only known basaltic eruption of the volcano, and it sent lava pouring down the south side of the mountain.

Reservations for a hike through the Ape Cave can be made at recreation.gov.

The $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, one-way lower cave route is relatively easy and family friendly. For the more adventurous, the 1.5 mile upper cave route leads to a climb up an



8-foot rock wall and scramble over rock piles, then an exit and a 1.5 mile above ground hike back to the parking lot.

To get to the Ape Cave from Woodland, take state Route 503 to Cougar then take Lewis River

Road east for 2.8 miles. The road then changes to Forest Road 90. Continue on Forest Road 90 to Forest Road 83, approximately 4 miles and turn left. Drive Forest Road 83 for 3 miles then turn left onto Forest Road 8303. Drive ap-

proximately 1.5 miles, past Trail of Two Forest, and the headquarters are located at Ape Cave on Forest Road 8303 on the left.

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Wilson Show Horses brings home awards from Washington State Paint Horse Club show



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Riders from Wilson Show Horses stand ready to compete at the Washington State Paint Horse Club show in July.

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Wilson Show Horses in Battle Ground attended an annual horse show in Monroe hosted by the Washington State Paint Horse Club and brought home a plethora of accolades.

A number of riders, which fea-

tured kids and adults, attended the show which ran from July 22 to July 24. They exhibited their riding capability and the skills of their horses in a variety of categories that were judged.

Wilson's co-owner Anthony Wilson said the show is one of their favorite ones to attend.

At the event, six people judged

participants in categories like western pleasure and hunter saddle, horsemanship and equitation, halter, showmanship and trail.

The show featured a number of clubs like the Challenged Horseman and American Paints Program, otherwise known as CHAMPS, which serves riders with various disabilities.



COURTESY PHOTO

A rider shows off her horse at the Washington State Paint Horse Club show in July.

Compared to last year, Wilson said this year's show in Monroe was significantly larger.

"It's kind of nice because it's a local show for us because a lot of what we do tends to be in California or Vegas. But this one was definitely a larger show for this club," Wilson said. "The novice youth and youth entries were up a lot. The youth has been down for several years, so we've been trying to get those numbers up."

Wilson said the horse show featured "world-level competition."

At the show, Kaitlyn Ferguson and her cousin Ava Linton, who are both local to Battle Ground, rode at the competition on their horses A Good Made Machine and The Jerry Maguire.

While Linton's horse is new to her, Wilson's wife Kylee Miller, said they have had a successful show season so far. Linton won the youth Hunter Under Saddle award at the competition.

Ferguson has been involved in Wilson Show Horses for the past seven years, and won first show reserve in the amateur western pleasure.

"(Ferguson) actually has gone on to ride with the auburn equestrian team, which is the number one equestrian team in the country," Miller said.

Then there's Stella Boyer, who rides The Batt Boy. The duo won

the reserve highpoint youth walk trot. Miller said Stella lives in Olympia and is new to the team at Wilson Show Horses, but they drive down to practice a couple of times a week.

Kathy Hernandez and her horse, Factor in the Blues, won class champion in both green Hunter Under Saddle shows. Dakota King rode Especially Fancy, and became the class winner in the senior Hunter Under Saddle and novice amateur Hunter Under Saddle.

As for Jessica and Vicky Muller, their horse Kissin The Girls, won the reserve green western pleasure category. Miranda Maldonado and her horse, Brighton My Day, rode in the trail show for their first time. Although they didn't win in that category, Maldonado was class winner in the novice amateur equestrian.

Layla Perrine and her horse, Hott Rod in the USA, won the reserve novice youth equestrian and novice youth trail, tied for first in the novice youth showmanship and also got into the top five overall in the Hunter Under Saddle. Alison Drake finished in the top five in the Hunter Under Saddle.

People from Washington, Oregon, Canada and sometimes Idaho attend the Monroe show.

More information on Wilson Show Horses can be found on its Facebook page at facebook.com/wilsonshowhorses.

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Young girls pick the hoofs of a horse at the Washington State Paint Horse Club show in July.

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C-Tran wins Transit System of the Year for second time in a row



A C-Tran bus driver waits before going to his next stop.

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C-Tran has been named the North American Transit System of the Year for the second time in a row.

"We're so honored," said Inessa Vitko, C-Tran's chief operations officer. "Being selected the first time was such an amazing moment for us, and to think about it and know 'oh my gosh, we got it a second time,' is almost unbelievable."

also received the Outstanding Public Transportation System Achievement Award for systems with 4 million or fewer trips.

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A C-Tran bus rides down a street in Vancouver.

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The award is given to transportation systems who excel in multiple areas like safety, operations, maintenance, and diversity, as well as customer service. It also recognizes financial management, workforce development, employee costs, marketing, community relations, and access, which includes Americans with Disabilities Act

compliance.

The award is given based on evaluations of the company over the past three years.

Vitko highlighted C-Tran's Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee, who she said were a contributing factor to the acquisition of the award.

"(The committee) worked really hard together to help us ensure that we're educating our workforce and working with our staff members to learn about mental health awareness, LGBTQ history, celebrating Black lives, so they helped us get involved in more community events," she said.

C-Tran also received a finding of "no deficiencies" from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) during the three-year review window, which Vitko said is a testament to their employees following the rules that are in place.

"The federal reviews are part of the FTA oversight process for agencies that receive federal funding. The purpose of those

reviews are to help us best manage our assets that the federal government helps fund," Vitko said. "The reviews are intended to help us ensure regulatory compliance. They demonstrate to the FTA that we're following the requirements, but probably most importantly, that we're understanding the requirements."

She added the federal government has a prescribed list of areas like ADA and civil rights requirements that are recognized when deciding who gets the "no deficiencies" recognition. For C-Tran employees, that entails training, staying current on federal circulars that are issued, and internal reviews that C-Tran conducts.

Vitko said C-Tran is currently building its second alignment of the Bus Rapid Transit system along Mill Plain Boulevard and will build future ones for use on Highway 99.

C-Tran and the rest of this year's award winners will be honored at APTA's national TRANSform conference in October.

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LLC to be the free and

voluntary act of such party for

the uses and purposes men-

tioned in the instrument.

Dated: 04/29/2022

/s/Kellie Barnes

NOTARY PUBLIC

in and for the State of

Washington, residing at

Lynnwood, WA

My commission

expires 6/10/2024

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122188 Trustee

TS #: 22-62926

Title Order #: 22-62926

NOTICE OF

TRUSTEE'S SALE

Grantor:

RONALD L. FOSTER,

A MARRIED PERSON

WHO ACQUIRED TITLE AS

AN UNMARRIED PERSON

Current beneficiary of

the deed of trust:

HomeStreet Bank

Current trustee of the deed of

trust: North Star Trustee, LLC

Current mortgage servicer for

the deed of trust:

HomeStreet Bank

Reference number of the deed

of trust: 5493543

Parcel Number(s): 96158732 I.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the undersigned Trustee,

North Star Trustee, LLC will on

9/9/2022, at 11:00 AM at the

Public Service Center Gazebo,

1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver,

WA 98660 sell at public

auction to the highest and best

bidder, payable at the time of

sale, the following described

real property, situated in the

County of Clark, State of

Washington, to-wit:

LOT 3, SUMMER SLOPE,

PHASE 4, ACCORDING TO

THE PLAT THEREOF, RE-

CORDED IN VOLUME "J" OF

PLATS, PAGE 042, RE-

CORDS OF CLARK COUNTY,

WASHINGTON.

Commonly known as:

4292 U ST WASHOUGAL, WA

98671-9169

which is subject to that certain

Deed of Trust dated 3/3/2018,

recorded 3/9/2018, as Instru-

ment No. 5493543, records of

Clark County, Washington,

from RONALD L. FOSTER, A

MARRIED PERSON WHO AC-

QUIRED TITLE AS AN UN-

MARRIED PERSON, as Grantor(s),

to FIRST AMERICAN

TITLE COMPANY, as Trustee,

to secure an obligation in favor

of HOMESTREET BANK, as

Beneficiary.

II. No action commenced by

the Beneficiary of the Deed of

Trust.

Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust.

III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears:

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Total Monthly Payments Due:

October 15, 2021 - May 13, 2022:

\$352.16

Corporate Advances:

\$2,442.91

Bad Check Fee: \$20.00

Other Fees: \$15.00

LATE CHARGE INFORMATION

TOTAL LATE CHARGES: \$35.00

PROMISSORY NOTE INFORMATION

Note Dated: 3/3/2018

Note Amount: \$15,000.00

Interest Paid To: 9/15/2021

Next Due Date: 10/15/2021

IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal \$11,064.47, together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured from 9/15/2021, and such other costs and fees as are due under the note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute.

V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. The sale will be made without warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances on 9/9/2022. The default(s) referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 8/29/2022, (11 days before the sale date) to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 8/29/2022 (11 days before the sale) the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 8/29/2022 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance paying the entire principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees, and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults.

THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME.

You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date of this notice to pursue mediation.

SEEKING ASSISTANCE - Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Telephone: 1-877-894HOME (1-877-894-4663) Web site: <http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/> The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Telephone: 1-800-569-4287 Web site: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD> The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 Web site: <http://www.ocla.wa.gov/> This office is enforcing a security interest of your creditor. To the extent that your obligation has been discharged by a bankruptcy court or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy, this notice is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a demand for payment or any attempt to collect such obligation.

DATED: 04/29/2022

North Star Trustee,

LLC, as Trustee

/s/Lisa Hackney,

Vice President of

Trustee Operations

Address for service:

North Star Trustee, LLC

6100 219th ST SW, Suite 480

Mountlake Terrace, Washington 98043

Trustee Phone No:

(206) 866-5345

Trustee Fax No:

(206) 374-2252

Beneficiary /

Servicer Phone:

800-495-7166

STATE OF WASHINGTON) ss.)

COUNTY OF SNOHOMISH)

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FOURTH PLAIN HOMESTEAD LOTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK "A" OF PLATS, PAGE 56, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT WHICH IS 379.5 FEET EAST AND 131 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 17, RUNNING THENCE WEST 175 FEET; THENCE NORTH 100 FEET; THENCE EAST 175 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Commonly known as:
9505 NE 69TH ST
VANCOUVER, WA
98662-4529

which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 5/15/2009, recorded 5/26/2009, as Instrument No. 4564678, The Subject Deed of Trust Re-recorded on 05/14/2013 as Instrument No. 4971383, records of Clark County, Washington, from NADEZHDA STEFANYUK, A SINGLE WOMAN, as Grantor(s), to JOAN H. ANDERSON, EVP ON BEHALF OF FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR PINNACLE CAPITAL MORTGAGE CORP., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust, under an Assignment recorded under Auditor's File No. 5920287.

II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust.

III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows:

Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears:

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Total Monthly Payments Due: TOTAL April 1, 2013 - June 30, 2022 \$127,993.19 Corporate Advances: \$605.64 Escrow Advances: \$307.36

LATE CHARGE INFORMATION**TOTAL LATE CHARGES**

TOTAL
\$444.50

PROMISSORY NOTE INFORMATION

Note Dated:

5/15/2009

Note Amount:

\$168,000.00

Interest Paid To:

3/1/2013

Next Due Date:

4/1/2013

IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal \$157,823.02, together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured from 3/1/2013, and such other costs and fees as are due under the note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute.

V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. The sale will be made without warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances on 9/2/2022.

The default(s) referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 8/22/2022, (11 days before the sale date) to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 8/22/2022 (11 days before the sale) the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 8/22/2022 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance paying the entire principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees, and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults.

VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following addresses:

NAME/ADDRESS
NADEZHDA STEFANYUK
2302 Northeast 53rd Street
Vancouver, WA 98663

NADEZHDA STEFANYUK
9505 Northeast 69th Street
Vancouver, WA 98662

Unknown Spouse and/or Domestic Partner OF NADEZH-

DA STEFANYUK
2302 Northeast 53rd Street
Vancouver, WA 98663

Unknown Spouse and/or Domestic Partner OF NADEZH-

DA STEFANYUK
9505 Northeast 69th Street
Vancouver, WA 98662

by both first class and certified mail on 1/21/2016, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served 1/21/2016, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting.

VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale.

VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above described property.

IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale.

NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS -

The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants and tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants and tenants by summary proceedings under the Unlawful Detainer Act, Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060.

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DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW

to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help.

SEEKING ASSISTANCE -

Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following:

The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Telephone: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) Web site: <http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/>

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Telephone: 1-800-569-4287 Web site: <http://port.al.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD>

The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 Web site: <http://www.ocla.wa.gov/>

This office is enforcing a security interest of your creditor. To the extent that your obligation has been discharged by a bankruptcy court or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy, this notice is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a demand for payment or any attempt to collect such obligation.

DATED: 06/29/2022

North Star Trustee, LLC, as Trustee

Lisa Hackney, Vice President of Trustee Operations

Address for service:

North Star Trustee, LLC
6100 219th ST SW, Suite 480

Mountlake Terrace, Washington 98043

Trustee Phone No:

(206) 866-5345

Trustee Fax No:

(206) 374-2252

Beneficiary / Servicer Phone:

(877) 735-3637

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Dated: 06/29/2022

/s/ Kellie Barnes

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Aug. 3 & 24, 2022

122914 Summons

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY

LIVING STONES RANCH, LLC, a Washington limited liability company, Plaintiffs,

Vs.

DUANE H. McCUNE, DECEASED;

ELLEN H. McCUNE, DECEASED;

ROBERT H. STOLLE, DECEASED;

HELEN C. STOLLE, DECEASED;

JAMES E. ROBSON, DECEASED;

NADINE B. ROBSON, DECEASED; and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR DEVISEES OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DECEASED AND ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN,

Vs.

PAMELA JOY HAGEN ROWE

2006 NE 83RD STREET

VANCOUVER WA 98665

Attorney for the

Personal Representative:

SAM B. GUNN

10000 NE 7TH AVENUE,

SUITE 370 VANCOUVER,

WA 98685

(360) 949-7480

Court of probate proceedings

and cause number:

Clark County, Washington Superior Court

COURTHOUSE

1200 FRANKLIN

P.O. BOX 5000

VANCOUVER, WA 98666

/s/ SAM B. GUNN,

WSBA#6160

122991 NTC Baker

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY

NO. 22-4-00912-06

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In re the Estate of:

ANNIE S. BAKER,

Deceased.

The personal representa-

tive named below has

been appointed as personal

representative of the above

estate. Any person having

a claim against the decedent

must, before the time the

claim would be barred by

any otherwise applicable

statute of limitations, pre-

sent the claim in the man-

ner as provided in RCW

11.40.051 and 11.40.060.

This bar is effective as to

claims against both the de-

cendant's probate and non-

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present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representatives or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the Personal Representatives served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim will be forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of First Publication: Wednesday, July 20, 2022
Jeffrey Biehn and Patrick Biehn Co-Personal Representatives

Grant C. Broer,
WSBA#25588,
Attorney for Personal
Representatives
Broer & Passannante,
PS, 8904 NE
Hazel Dell Avenue,
Vancouver WA 98665,
360-576-7947

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address stated below and file an executed copy of the claim with the Clerk of this Court within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or within four months after the date of the filing of the copy of this Notice with the Clerk of the Court, whichever is later or, except under those provisions included in RCW 11.40.051, the claim will be forever barred. This bar is effective as to claims against both the probate assets and nonprobate assets of the decedent.

DATE OF FILING COPY OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS WITH CLERK OF COURT:

July 20, 2022

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:

July 20, 2022

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:

Alan J. Daugherty

LOREN JONER, Attorney

Joner Law, PLLC

PO Box 928

315 N Parkway Avenue

Battle Ground, WA 98604

Phone: (360) 687-9200

Fax: (360) 687-9900

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123010 NTC Denney

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.020 & .030)

Case No. 22-4-00960-06

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

OF THE STATE OF

WASHINGTON FOR THE

COUNTY OF CLARK

In the Matter of the Estate of

RICHARD R. DENNEY,

Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this estate. Persons having claims against the decedent must, prior to the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitation, serve their claims on the Personal Representative or the attorneys of record at the address stated below and file an executed copy of the claim with the Clerk of this Court within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or within four months after the date of the filing of the copy of this Notice with the Clerk of the Court, whichever is later or, except under those provisions included in RCW 11.40.051, the claim will be forever barred. This bar is effective as to claims against both the probate assets and nonprobate assets of the decedent.

DATE OF FILING COPY OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS WITH CLERK OF COURT:

July 20, 2022

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:

July 20, 2022

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:

Virginia R. Bush

LOREN JONER, Attorney

Joner Law, PLLC

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315 N Parkway Avenue

Battle Ground, WA 98604

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123056 NTC Steenwyk

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

OF THE STATE OF

WASHINGTON

AND FOR THE

COUNTY OF CLARK

No. 22-4-00879-06

PROBATE NOTICE

TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.010

In re: The Estate of:

ESTHER VAN STEENWYK,

Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this Estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Clerk of the Clark County, Washington Superior Court. The claim must be presented within the later of thirty (30) days after the Personal Representative

served or mailed the Notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c), or four (4) months after the date of first publication of this Notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:

July 27, 2022

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:

Avery Ana Nelson

ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL

REPRESENTATIVE:

David W. Meyer

ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR

SERVICE:

900 Washington St.,

Suite 800,

Vancouver, WA 98660

DATED this 20th day of July,

2022.

By:

David W. Meyer,

WSBA #14751

Attorney for the Estate of

ESTHER VAN STEENWYK

900 Washington St.,

Ste. 800 Vancouver,

WA 98660

360-952-8033

Email:

david.meyer@dwmeyer.com

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Patriot Square LLC., Douglas

Foley, 19809 NE 272nd St

Battle Ground, WA

98604-6925, is seeking coverage

under the Washington State Department of Ecology's Construction Stormwater

NPDES and State Waste

Discharge General Permit.

The proposed project, Patriot

Square, is located at the

Intersection of SE Commerce

Avenue and SE 13th Street in

Battle Ground in Clark County.

This project involves 1.53

acres of soil disturbance for

commercial and utility con-

struction activities.

The receiving waterbody is

Salmon Creek.

Any persons desiring to present

their views to the Washington State Department of Ecology

regarding this Application, or

interested in Ecology's action on this Application, may

notify Ecology in writing no

later than 30 days of the last

date of publication of this

notice. Ecology reviews public

comments and considers whether discharges from this

project would cause a measurable

change in receiving water

quality, and, if so, whether the

project is necessary and in the

overriding public interest accord-

ing to Tier II anti-degradation requirements under WAC 173-201A-320.

Comments can be submitted to:

ecyrefwqano@ecy.wa.gov, or

ATTN: Water Quality Program,

Construction Stormwater

Washington State Department of

Ecology

P.O. Box 47696

Olympia, WA 98504-7696

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123080 NTC Meier

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

OF THE STATE OF

WASHINGTON IN AND FOR

THE COUNTY OF KING

Case No.

No. 22-03757-9 SEA

PROBATE NOTICE

TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.010

In re: The Estate of:

CHRISTYNE LEIGH MEIER,

Deceased.

Kevin Wladyka has been ap-

pointed as personal represen-

tative of this estate. Any per-

son having a claim against the

Decedent must, before the time

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torney at the address stated

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Beautiful, unique Antique furniture and glassware, building supplies, kids stuff and home decor galore!! Garage and barn are full of treasures! Check Facebook for pictures. Fri and Sat, August 5th and 6th, 9AM to 4PM. 12811 NE 249th Street, Battle Ground. Head north on Parkway, turn left at cemetery. All the way to the end of the road.

VISIT VISITED

YARD SALE

Fri.-Sat.
Aug. 5 & 6, 8-5.

24211 NE Elkhorn Dr.

Brush Prairie, 98060

Hundreds of old hand tools, planes, saws, vises, bench grinders, lanterns, drill press, weather vane, corn planters, cast iron, shot put, old church bell, steel traps & more! 3.5 miles Southeast of Hockinson.

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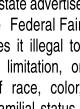
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CONVENIENCE STORE CLERK, PT/FT, positions available in La Center. Call 360-841-8396.

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Office located at 1400 Woodside St., Woodland, WA

(360) 225-7781



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- Very willing
- One and only
- Cluster cups
- Famed Hollywood director
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- Important lawyers
- Undivided
- Part of the foot
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- Instruments
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- Oil organization
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- Actress Ryan
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- Expression of creative skill
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- Dog__ : marked for later
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- Turkish title
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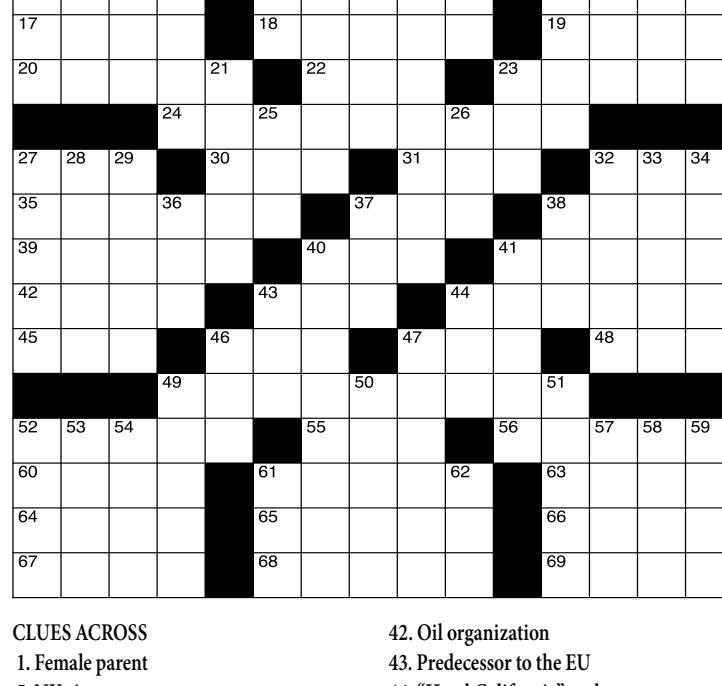
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- Boxing's GOAT
- Made less severe
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- God of fire (Hindu)
- Northeast Indian ethnic group
- Anchor ropes
- They __
- Apprehend
- Autonomic nervous system
- A theatrical performer
- 2-door car
- Partner to flowed
- Pair of small hand drums
- Former Houston footballer
- Discharge
- Former women's branch of the military
- Partner to cheese
- Witch
- Live in a dull way
- Satisfies
- Snakelike fish
- Consume
- Type of student
- Erase
- Instruct
- Girl's given name
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
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