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Tahoma High School's We The People Team Takes Home The State Title Again!



Tahoma has won the Washington State We the People Championship 17 out of the last 18 years! Congrats to this amazing group of students! Tahoma has a long history participating in the We the People program, which culminates annually with simulated congressional hearings where students testify before a panel of judges acting as members of Congress.

In April, they will compete against teams from across the country at the We the People National Finals in Washington, DC. Our team hopes to keep their winning streak alive, as they've made it into the elite Top Ten Finals at We the People Nationals 9 out of the last 11 years.

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Four junior volunteers at Black Diamond Historical Society display certificates signed by the president of the United States. From left: Inha Paik, Braedon Reyes, Jillian Curtiss and Ian Nitsche.

Four Junior Volunteers Get President's Award

By D'Ann Tedford

A special group of young people were recognized this month for their hours of service at Black Diamond Historical Society/Museum. A federal program, the President's Volunteer Service Award, encourages youth to become involved in their communities. And indeed, four junior volunteers did just that – they contributed a total of 395 hours of their time volunteering in 2024. A certificate signed by the president of the United States and a commemorative lapel pin were awarded to each in a special ceremony this month.

Ian Nitsche and Inha Paik received Young Adult Silver pins for 175.5 hours and 75 hours of volunteer service respectively, Jillian Curtiss was given a Teens – Gold for 102 hours of service and Braedon Reyes was awarded a Bronze for 42.5 hours.

One can only imagine what their resumes will reveal by the time they graduate from high school.

Coal Mining History Shared With Issaquah Senior Center



Before touring the Black Diamond Museum, residents from Issaquah Senior Center listen to songs about the first female miner in Black Diamond and the mules that lived underground in the coal mines. Steve, president of Black Diamond Historical Society, has written 10 songs documenting the town's coal mining history. ~Photo by D'Ann Tedford



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GMVUAC February Monthly Meeting Announcement

On **Monday, February 3, 2025**, the Area Council will hold its regular Monthly Meeting from 7 – 9:30 PM at the **Maple Valley Fire Station at 22225 SE 231st St.** (across from the KC Sheriff's Precinct). Our Guest Speaker will be Terry Lavender, who will discuss the ongoing update to the Critical Areas Ordinance.

As the meeting date approaches, please visit the Area Council's website: <http://gmvuac.org/> and look for the "GMVUAC Monthly Meetings" box for the full Agenda and Zoom link information. You can also check our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GMVUAC>.

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When Coal Was King

By Bill Kombol

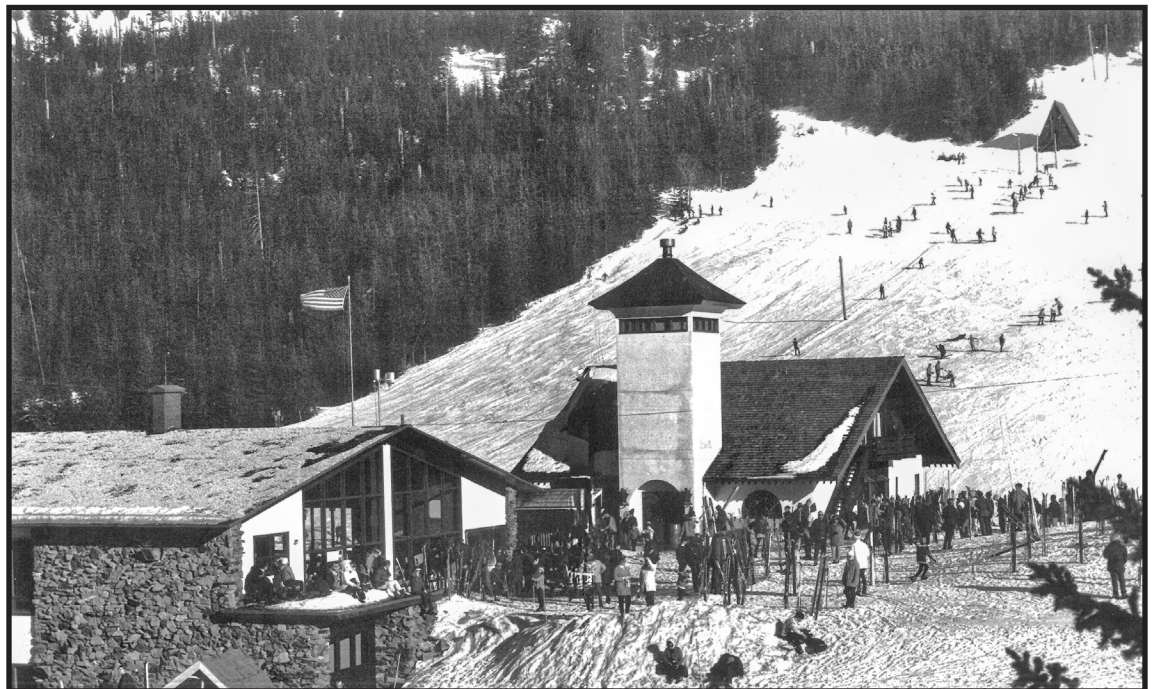
When this circa 1971 photo was taken Crystal Mountain was in its 10th year of operation. It opened a decade earlier on November 14, 1962, at a dedication featuring Governor Albert Rosellini. Washington's star shone bright that year, as the Seattle World's Fair drew nearly 10 million visitors and focused international attention on the state. The fair closed three weeks earlier as Crystal Mountain took center stage.

The dedication ceremony was co-sponsored by the Enumclaw Chamber of Commerce and Crystal Mountain, Inc., developers of the resort. Dr. J. Gordon Adams, president of the Chamber served as master-of-ceremonies, with an invocation delivered by Rev. Robert Sargent, pastor of Enumclaw's Calvary Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Melvin Borgersen broke a bottle of champagne over the stonework at the corner of the new two-story day lodge. Cathy Nagel, daughter of the ski school operator, Jack Nagel looked on. Cathy was featured on the Feb. 11, 1963 cover of Sports Illustrated. Her sister, Judy Nagel attended the 1968 Olympics and was a World Cup racer. Judy retired from competitive skiing in April 1970.

The day lodge hosted a buffet luncheon for guests where William M. Black, president of Crystal Mountain, Inc. thanked those who were part of its successful launching. Melvin Borgersen, general manager of the company chronicled the problems developers faced during the six years since the resort idea was hatched. Borgersen also outlined plans for additional chair lifts, rope tows, a dormitory-style overnight lodging, and a deluxe eight-story hotel hoping to make Crystal one of the nation's top winter resorts. Following the luncheon guests inspected facilities and took rides on the double chair lift to the top where they enjoyed spectacular views of Mt. Rainier. The resort opened to the general public on Dec. 1, 1962.

In this circa 1971 photo, the day lodge is visible to the left where an American flag flies above. To the right is the chair lift, built in two sections. The lower section seen at the base of the white tower carried skiers 3,690 feet to the second lift. There visitors hopped on the another set of chairs for the final lap, traveling 3,570 feet laterally for a two-lift vertical gain of 7,260 feet. More than 20,000 pounds of steel cable were used in the chair lift system. More than 20,000 pounds of steel cable were used in the chair lift system. Crystal's original facilities also featured a T-bar and seven rope tows.

That year Crystal Mountain was attracting record numbers of



visitors. On one Sunday in early January, a KOL Ski Bust attracted 6,500 skiers, while weekend visitors averaged 20,000. KOL was Seattle's first progressive rock radio station and by 1971 achieved enough commercial success to begin 24-hour broadcasting. Though Crystal Mountain grew quietly it was often overshadowed by Snoqualmie's three resorts that were much closer to Seattle.

Today, Crystal Mountain is the largest ski resort in Washington State covering 2,600 acres, with 11 lifts and 85 named runs, in an area that averages 29 feet of annual snowfall. Crystal Mountain is located 42 miles southeast of Enumclaw on Highway 410. In March 2022, its owner, Alterra disclosed plans for a new base area lodge called the Mountain Commons, a 25,000-square-foot building for dining, retail, and a smoother guest arrival experience.

This photo by Frank A. Wilbur of Auburn was featured in a 16-page promotional pamphlet, "The Enumclaw Story." Photo enhancements were undertaken by Boomer Burnham, a Tahoma High School teacher and entrepreneur who operates www.BoomersPhotography.com

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The VOICE of the Valley welcomes letters to the editor on any subject, although we reserve the right to edit for space, potential libel, and/or political relevance. Letters addressing local news will receive priority.

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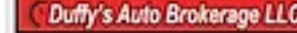
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Payless Towing & Recovery 33905 Pacific Hwy South Federal Way, WA 98003 253-941-4565
Tuesday, February 4, 2025. @ Noon / Viewing @ 11:30 a.m. (Published VOICE of the Valley, Tuesday, January 28, 2025)

On 12/27/2024, there was a Flock camera hit at the 30400 block of 3rd Ave. The camera captured a stolen vehicle entering the city. Upon the responding Officer running the plate through dispatch, the vehicle did not come back as stolen.


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Year Make Model License #
2005 Jeep G. Cherokee BYJ064
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1997 BMW 328 BSE7540
2003 Dodge Ram 1500 C515974
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2020 Hyun Elantra CNC9099
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Year Make Model License #.
1993 Chev Suburban CLD9856
1998 Honda CRV CNV5141
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On 12/28/24, officers were notified via the Flock camera system of a stolen vehicle that had entered the city at the 34000 block of Enumclaw Black Diamond Rd SE. Officers conducted an area check with negative results.

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ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION
Todd's Towing, 1410 East North Bend Way, North Bend, WA 98045
Auction: Saturday, February 1, 2025. Preview @ 9 a.m. Auction at 10 a.m. 425-888-3414.
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On 12/28/2024, an Officer was dispatched to a threats with a weapon call at the 33600 block of Walnut Ave SE. Complainant advised that subjects stole a package off his front porch and also prowled his vehicle and stole a handgun from it. When the complainant confronted one of the subjects, that subjected pointed a gun in his face. Investigation to continue



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ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION
US Towing, 24816 Pacific Hwy South, Kent, WA 98032. **Friday, January 31, 2025.** Viewing at 10 a.m. Auction at 11 a.m. 206-824-3448.
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On 12/28/2024 at 1504 hours, the Black Diamond Police Department conducted a harassment report by phone. The reporting party advised Officer's they were receiving threatening messages over text and social media from someone they knew previously in their life. Officer's determined a crime has not been committed and the report is for information only at this time.

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On 12/28/24 Officers received a FLOCK notification of a stolen vehicle entering the city in the area of Ten Trails PKWY. Upon investigation it was discovered that the stolen vehicle has just been recovered by KCSO and had not yet been removed from WACIC. The stolen vehicle was on the rear of a tow truck when it entered the city, which caused the FLOCK activation.

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