

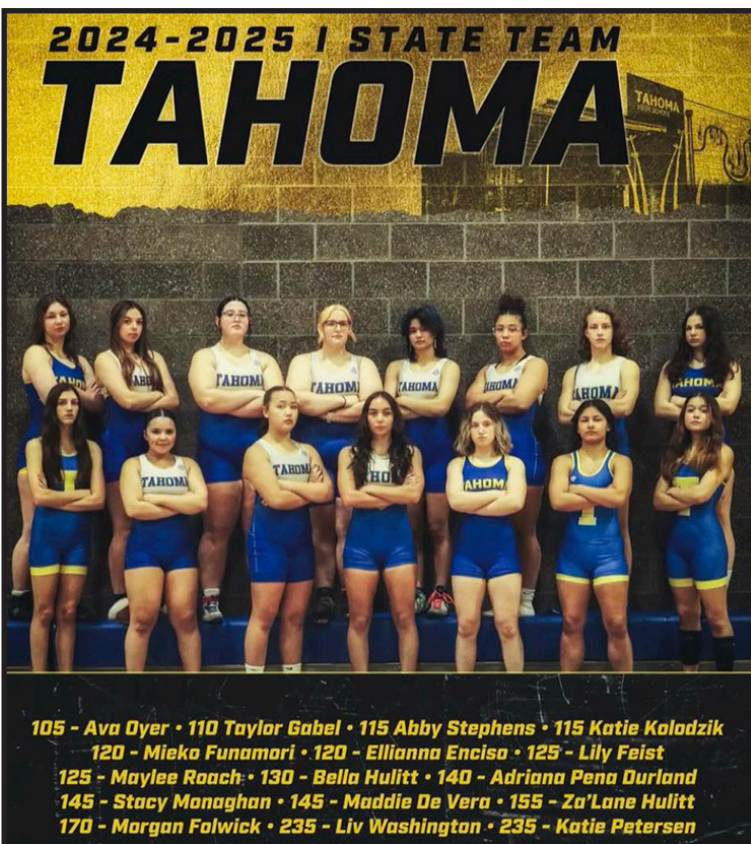
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Your 2025 Tahoma High School State Champions!!! (Photo courtesy of Tahoma Wrestling)



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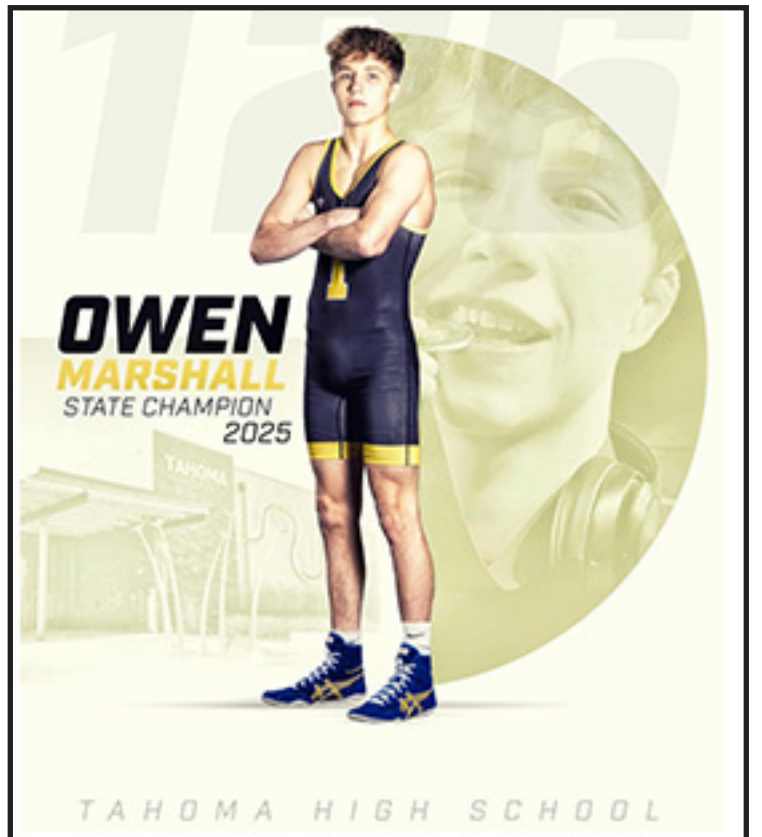
2025 Tahoma Girls Wrestling STATE TEAM!!! (Photo courtesy of Tahoma Wrestling)



PURRSday Craft Take & Make Kits for Adults are returning to the Maple Valley Library Thursday, February 27, 2025.

New this year - the Saturdays following PURRSday, there will be an Adults Makers Meetup at the Maple Valley Library.

This open creative space is for adults to bring their own craft projects to work on in a social setting. Librarian Mary (who creates PURRSday Crafts) will be around to help if you choose to bring your PURRSday craft to work on.



Congrats to Owen Marshall who became the 29th Tahoma State Champion Last Week! (Photo courtesy of Tahoma Wrestling)

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Take-A-Break Park Playground Replacement begins Wednesday, February 26

The construction is anticipated to last through May (weather permitting). For your safety, specific areas and walkways within the park may be temporarily closed during this time.

Aside from the replacement of the play equipment, playground accessibility will also be improved.

HUGE shout-out to those who completed our survey and helped select the newest play equipment coming to the park. Receiving 50.55% of the votes, the newest feature will be a We-Go-Round.

Stay tuned -- a ribbon cutting celebration will be announced as we near completion of the project. Go to https://www.maplevalleywa.gov/.../park.../parks_projects.php (Courtesy of the City of Maple Valley)



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A place for you to grow in your relationship with the Lord and fellowship with His people. We invite you to join us each Sunday for Sunday School Classes for all ages at 9 am, and for our Worship Service with verse-by-verse teaching of the Word of God at 10:15 am. (Children's Church and Nursery are provided through Kindergarten) A cry room is provided for nursing mothers with a video feed of the service.

We invite you to also join us throughout the week for personal encouragement and spiritual growth through Adult Small Group Bible Studies, Studies for Men, Studies for Women, as well as Youth Ministry (grades 7-12) and Adventure Club (ages 3 through grade 6).

We are located at 21110 244th Ave. SE (right off Hwy 18). For more information about our church or other activities, please call the church office at (425) 432-0634 or visit our website at www.taylorcreekchurch.org. Senior Pastor: Jason Katen



When No One Else Cares

"Babe Ruth had hit 714 home runs during his baseball career and was playing one of his last full major league games. It was the Braves versus the Reds in Cincinnati. But the great Ruth was no longer as agile as he had once been. He fumbled the ball and threw badly, and in one inning alone his errors were responsible for most of the five runs scored by Cincinnati.

As the Babe walked off the field after the third out and headed toward the dugout, a crescendo of yelling and booing reached his ears. Just then a boy jumped over the railing onto the playing field. With tears streaming down his face, he threw his arms around the legs of his hero.

Ruth didn't hesitate for one second. He picked up the boy, hugged him, and set him down on his feet, patting his head gently, they left the field together." – Engstrom.

People are very fickle. One day they are your friend, and the next, they are your enemy. All that Babe Ruth gave to the game of baseball was summed up for the fans by whether they won or lost, that is, except for one small boy who cared more about the man than the scoreboard. Sometimes it is out of the mouth of babes that we see the greatest examples of God's love. When others turned their back, this little boy turned a hug. That's the truth of our heavenly Father, Who is never fickle but always faithful. When you think that you are all alone, the Bible tells us, "for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU," - Hebrews 13:5. This, of course, is speaking of those who are His by grace through faith – Ephesians 2:8-9.

It is true that the Lord never promises He will take us out of every difficult situation. He promised we would never be alone while we go through them. "Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears our burden, The God who is our salvation. Selah." - Psalm 68:18.

Would you like to know more? We would love to speak with you. Call us at 425-432-0634, or contact us at www.taylorcreekchurch.org. We invite you to join us for Sunday service: 9:00 AM for Sunday School and 10:15 AM for Worship. Address: 21110 244th Ave. S.E., Maple Valley.

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When Coal Was King

By Bill Kombol

Coal mining was a dangerous occupation. During the first 50 years of the 20th century, nearly 100,000 coal miners died in accidents. During a typical year before 1950, one out of every 340 coal miners perished. Perhaps only the logging claimed more lives, but records for that industry were poorly kept.

In February 1953, three coal miners were captured eating their lunch 500 feet below ground at the Landsburg mine in Ravensdale. Seated from left to right are: Charles McAllister of Buckley, a section foreman, Henry J. English, and Frank Stebly of Black Diamond. Within two years of this photo, two of these miners would be forever buried in this very mine.

The Landsburg mine had opened in 1941 along the Summit-Landsburg Road. By 1953, the mine was penetrated by a portal opening just north of Kent Kangley Road. The Landsburg No. 1 bed averaged 18 feet in thickness. Two other parallel seams, known as the six-foot and eight-foot beds were connected

to the No. 1 working by rock tunnels. The coal beds dipped 80 degrees from horizontal, meaning they were nearly perpendicular to the surface. The mine typically employed 35 to 40 men underground with three on the surface. It operated three shifts per day, five days a week. Daily average production was 200 tons.

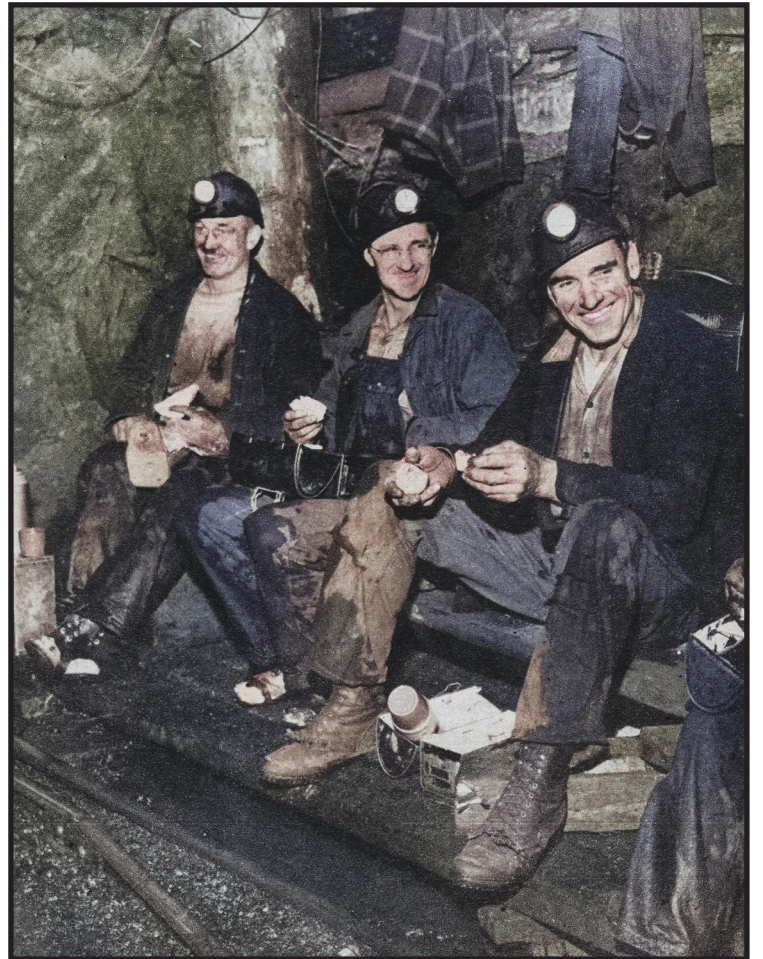
On Wednesday morning, January 6, 1954, at 10:40 a.m., Harry English was working with his partner, Roy Coutts 500 feet underground. There were in the counter gangway about 50 feet above where coal was loaded on rail cars to be hoisted up a sloped entry to storage bunkers on the surface. Without warning the ground where they stood suddenly collapsed. A brow of coal broke off the hanging wall and Coutts fell a considerable distance on a wave of loose coal, rock, and timbers. He was rescued four hours later suffering a broken wrist, severe bruises, and cuts over the face and body.

Efforts to find Harry English, age 40 began immediately after

the recovery of Roy Coutts. Fellow miners worked day and night under dangerous conditions and utilized novel techniques in the rescue attempt. After eight days of grueling work, an investigating party consisting of Sam Nichols, President of United Mine Workers of America, District 10, Albert Donati, President of Local No. 6481, Clarence Holmes, Chief Coal Mine Inspector, company officials and U.S Bureau of Mines representative agreed to suspend efforts. Frank Stebly, the miners' Safety Committeeman concurred in the recommendation.

Harry English's body was never recovered. The death left his widow, Lily English alone to raise two sons, James English, 16, and Jerry English, 12. An acre of land above the site was offered by Palmer Coking Coal Co. for a memorial site, but three months later Lily English abandoned her initial plan and a lighted cross was placed in the Black Diamond Presbyterian Church instead.

Less than a year later, in the early morning of January 29, 1955, Elmer Ranta, the



Landsburg mine's night watchman the hoist signal's continual ring. He tried to reach the four miners working underground but failed. Something was wrong. When the morning shift entered the mine at 6 a.m., they found the mine's lowest level inundated with debris and water. A cave-in from the surface measuring 40 to 50 feet across and 70 to 100 feet deep, filled the Landsburg mine's lowest level with thousands of cubic yards of mud and debris. Nathan D. Russell, age 48, Louis Vaiente, 58, John Kovash, 44, and Frank Stebly, 58 were entombed in the morass. There was absolutely no chance of recovering their bodies.

Frank Steblaj was born in Zapotok, Slovenia to Johann and Rose Steblaj on Oct. 4, 1896. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1913 at age 17, and shortly thereafter moved to Black Diamond. Frank soon anglicized his name to Stebly. He initially lived with Louis Breznik, who provided room and board for single miners. Frank married Josephine, Zavolosek in Chehalis in 1921, and the couple raised three children, Frank Jr., Annabelle (Saario), and John Stebly. Josephine died during surgery in 1948, and four years later Frank Sr. remarried Selma Constance Paul.

Several weeks later a memorial service for the four fallen miners was held near the mouth of the mine attended by an estimated 500 mourners. Mrs. Lily English, widow of Harry whose body was entombed underground a year earlier, sang in the choir during the Saturday service. Four memorial markers encased in concrete, one for each miner, were dedicated a short distance away under a grove of trees.

This photo was colorized by Doug 'Boomer' Burnham, a Tahoma High School photography instructor. It originally appeared on page 9 of the Feb. 22, 1953, Sunday Pictorial magazine under a story titled "Coal mining industry continues its slow decline in State of Washington" that featured Palmer Coking Coal Company's Landsburg operation located about three miles north of its Black Diamond headquarters. Dennis Stebly provided biographical details about Frank Stebly. Dennis was 19 months old when his grandfather died.



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The above Court has appointed Lisa J. Sturtz as Personal Representative of Decedent's estate.

Any person having a claim against Decedent must present the claim:

- Before the time when the claim would be barred by any applicable statute of limitations, and
- In the manner provided in RCW 11.40.070:
- By filing with the Court the original of the signed Creditor's Claim, and
- By serving upon or mailing by first class mail to me at the address provided below a copy of the signed Creditor's Claim.

The Creditor's Claim must be presented by the later to occur of:

- Thirty (30) days after I served or mailed this Notice to you as provided in RCW 11.40.020(3), or
- Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this Notice.

If the Creditor's Claim is not presented within the foregoing time period, the claim will be forever barred except as provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective for claims against both the Decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

Date of First Publication of this Notice: Tuesday, February 18, 2025. Dated: February 12, 2025

/s/ Jennifer A. Gellner: Jennifer A. Gellner, Gellner Law, Attorney for Personal Representative, WSBA #30701

Address for Mailing of Service: Jennifer A. Gellner, Gellner Law, 8407 S. 259th Street, Suite 203, Kent, WA 98030-7536

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ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION Dick's Towing and Road Service, Inc. 8425 1st Ave S, Seattle, WA 98108. 206-364-2000 Ext. 137. **Wednesday, March 5, 2025.** 2 hour preview @ 8-10 a.m. **Auction: 10 a.m.** For list of vehicles see www.roadoneseattle.com
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ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION Lincoln Towing Enterprises Inc., 1201 North 125th St., Seattle, WA 98133. 206-364-2000. **Saturday, March 1, 2025.** 3 hour preview @ 7-10 a.m. **Auction @ 10 a.m.** For list of vehicles see: www.roadoneseattle.com
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ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION Long Towing Inc., 652 Elliott Ave W., Seattle, WA 98119. 206-900-0005. **Friday, February 28, 2025.** Viewing 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. **Auction at 10 a.m.**

Year	Make	Model	VIN #	Color
2012	Ford	Escape	Vin: 1FMCU0D71CKC19353	
2000	Acura	TL	Vin: 19UUA5675YA021482	(WHITE)
2006	Nissan	Altima	Vin: 1N4BL11D06N441166	(SILVER)

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ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION - Maple Valley Towing 23829 SE 264th St., Maple Valley, WA 98038. 425-433-0516. **Friday, February 28, 2025.** Viewing 10 - 11 a.m. **Auction @ 11:00 a.m.**

Year	Make	Model	Lic. #
1999	Lexus	RX	AOD8932
2015	Audi	A3	WAUBFGFF6F1097328
2011	Ford	Explore	1FMHK8F89BGA11951
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2006	Mazda	6	ASB2077
2002	Chevy	3500	C97903G

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ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION Payless Towing & Recovery 33905 Pacific Hwy South, Federal Way, WA 98003. 253-941-4565. **Thursday, February 27, 2025 @ Noon / Viewing @ 11:30 a.m.**
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ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION Payless Towing & Recovery 33905 Pacific Hwy South, Federal Way, WA 98003. 253-941-4565. **Tuesday, March 3, 2025 @ Noon / Viewing @ 11:30 a.m.**
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ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION Rainbow Towing, 8333 219th St. S.E., Woodenville, WA 98072. **Saturday, March 1, 2025.** Preview @ 9 a.m. **Auction @ 12:00 p.m.**
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ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION Todd's Towing, 1410 East North Bend Way, North Bend, WA 98045. **Auction: Saturday, March 1, 2025.** Preview @ 9 a.m. **Auction at 10 a.m.** 425-888-3414.
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ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION US Towing, 24816 Pacific Hwy South, Kent, WA 98032 **Friday, February 28, 2025.** Viewing at 10 a.m. **Auction at 11 a.m.** 206-824-3448.
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