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Storm Photos Around Our Area



The biggest windstorm in along time hit Washington State last week and left hundreds of thousands of people in the dark. These photos were submitted to the VOICE of the Valley. We do not know who took them but we thank everyone who sent in photos. The staff at the VOICE of the Valley want thank the workers at PSE and other agencies for working around the clock to restore the power. We also thank the many unknown heros who went above and beyond to help their fellow communities and neighbors who needed help during this horrible storm. (More photos on page 2)

Storm Photos Around Our Area



Thank you to all our readers who sent in these photos and lots more. These photos are of Maple Valley, Covington, Ravensdale, Black Diamond and Issaquah. We are hoping everyone's power is now restored. (Continued from page 1)

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When Coal Was King

By Bill Kombol



When this King County Assessor photo was taken on April 10, 1940, the Selleck school building was just 10 years old. This modern brick structure was built on the site of the original schoolhouse that burned to the ground

in 1929. It served children of the hundreds of workers who staffed the sawmill and facilities of Pacific States Lumber Company.

The mill and town site were constructed in 1908 to harvest the thousands of acres of old-growth Douglas fir and red cedar trees that surrounded it. The town was named for its

superintendent, Frank Selleck. What remains of the village still marks the terminus of Kent-Kangley Road laying six miles east of Ravensdale.

Selleck was populated with Welsh, Irish, Italian, Slavic, and Japanese laborers. It even had two suburbs, Lavender town and Japanese town. The mill was supported by a steam plant that powered the saws and conveyors plus a huge burning tower that spewed sparks and smoke into the sky day and night.

But the Great Depression

of the 1930s took its toll. While, three shifts of workers once regularly produced 450,000 board feet of lumber per day, by 1937 production was limited to one shift, and only three days per week. The bottom fell out in 1938 when Pacific States Lumber declared bankruptcy. Two former employees, Lloyd Qually and Gust Coukos bought the town at a tax forfeiture sale for \$3,000.

As for the school, it continued operating until the early 1970s when its remaining students transferred to Enumclaw. In 1987 Selleck was designated a King County Landmark that included 15 company houses, a community hall, and the superintendent's home where Lloyd and Lucille Qually lived for decades. The old school building is still standing and marks the east edge of town.

On a personal note, my father, Jack Kombol attended this school until 6th grade, while my grandmother, Lulu (Shircliff) Kombol taught in Selleck until she was in her 80s, retiring in the mid-1960s.



2nd Annual Ten Trails Turkey Trot

Join us for our 2nd Annual Ten Trails Turkey Trot 5K hosted by the Ten Trails Active Club! The race will be on Thursday, November 28 at 8:30 a.m. in Civic Park.

Registration is open and free but must be done prior to race day with the link below. <https://tentrailsactiveclu.wix-site.com/.../ten-trails>



6th Annual Maple Valley Turkey Trot

Thanksgiving Day at Lake Wilderness Park 22500 SE 248th Street, Maple Valley, WA 98038.

Thursday, November 28 at 9 a.m. Go to bit.ly/maplevalleyturkeytrot for more information.

Cruisers Bringing Joy on Christmas

By Bill Archer

Coming this **Sunday, December 1st** there will be a first for Pacific Raceways as they along with Cruise Enumclaw, inford's Field of Dreams and Cruise Puyallup will all be heading out to the track for the First Annual "Bad Santa Car Cruise-In". The event will feature an exciting car show and the collecting of toys for the kids this Christmas. There will also be a "spirited" Lead Follow for any of the cruisers that want to take a lap around the 2.25-mile road course. Also on hand will be Top Beer Concessions with an assortment of food and beverages to enjoy. Pacific Raceways will be helping gather toys and donations for Kent and Auburn YMCA. Cruise Enumclaw's collections will benefit Plateau Kids Network; Cruise Puyallup will be collecting for the Forgotten Children's Fund; and gathering toys and donations for Santa's Castle of Washington is Binford's Field of Dreams. The event is free to all with a donation of a new unwrapped toy or \$10 donation for each person.

This is looking to be a very worthwhile experience of a day highlighting the main reason; to benefit children so they might have a Merry Christmas. If you need more information then check out www.pacificraceways.com. Hope to see you there for this most important time of the season.

VOICE Welcomes Letters

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.

We prefer letters to be typed and E-mail is preferred. Letters must be signed and have a daytime phone number and address to verify authorship. Deadline for letters is 3 p.m. on Thursday each week.

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Thanksgiving Safety

Submitted by Courtney Chambers -
Deputy State Fire Marshal- PIO

As families gather to celebrate Thanksgiving, it's important to keep fire safety in mind to ensure a safe and joyful holiday. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Thanksgiving Day has the highest number of home-cooking fire incidents across the nation, and residential fires are approximately three times more likely to occur on this day than on any other day of the year.

The Washington State Fire Marshal's Office offers the following fire safety tips:

- Watch what you cook:** Keep a close eye on cooking food, and never leave cooking appliances on when you are away from the cooking area.
 - Keep a Fire Extinguisher Nearby:** A fire extinguisher can be used on small fires.
 - Keep Kids Safe:** Have some activities on hand to entertain children while you cook. Keeping them out of the kitchen will reduce the risk of burn injuries and help prevent fires.
 - Keep Decorations Out of the Kitchen:** While holiday decorations add to the festivities, they are best utilized outside of the kitchen. Keep combustibles at least three feet away from heat sources, including candles, fireplaces, and space heaters.
 - Use Turkey Fryers Safely:** Keep fryers on even ground at least 10 feet away from structures, and only fry thawed and dried turkeys.
 - Know How to Respond:** If using a pot to cook and its contents catch fire, do not move it. Place a lid over the top and turn off the heat source. Do not pour water onto burning grease or oil.
 - Keep Guests Prepared:** Remind your guests about available exits in your home and inform them of your family's escape plan and reunification point in the event of an emergency.
- For more information, contact the State Fire Marshal's Office at (360) 596-3904.

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