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## TAHOMA NATIONAL CEMETERY ★★★MEMORIAL★★★ DAY CEREMONY

MONDAY, MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> 2025  
1:00PM  
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### An Encouraging Word Taylor Creek Church

By Pastor Jason Katen



## What Makes Life Complete?

There is a relationship that makes life complete. Without that relationship, there is a void in life. Many people, even those who are well-known, exemplify this void.

For example, H. G. Wells, a famous historian and philosopher, said at age 61, “I have no peace. All life is at the end of the tether.” The poet Byron said, “My days are in yellow leaf, the flowers and fruits of life are gone, the worm and the canker, and the grief are mine alone.” The literary genius Thoreau said, “Most men live lives of quiet desperation.”

Ralph Barton, one of the top cartoonists of the nation, left this note pinned to his pillow before taking his own life: “I have had few difficulties, many friends, great successes; I have gone from wife to wife, from house to house, visited great countries of the world, but I am fed up with inventing devices to fill up twenty-four hours of the day.”

Like these men, many paint their own picture of a life that they believe will bring them happiness and completeness, yet when each scene is completed, and the final strokes are applied, they stand back and look to find that it always needs something more. Why is this, and what is it that always seemed to allude them? The answer is really quite simple, yet difficult for most to accept because they must lay down their paintbrush and allow someone else to paint their picture of life.

What makes life complete is not a new spouse, a bigger house, a nicer car, or a change of view. It is the Lord Jesus Christ! He is the only one who can make life complete, but you must first give your life to Him. You say, “I can’t do that.” Then I guess you will just go on painting and come up wanting, just as these men mentioned above. Jesus said, “For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall save it. “For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? “For what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” - Mark 8:35-38.

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](http://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.



### Church Information and Services

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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](http://www.taylorcreekchurch.org). Senior Pastor: Jason Katen

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## Black Diamond Police Reports

On 04/18/2025 at approximately 2252 hours, officers were dispatched to the 22800 block of SE Fir Street in reference to an unwanted subject. Officer arrived and discovered an Insta-cart driver had made a delivery within the hour. The driver explained he believed he might have lost his wedding ring in the bags he delivered to the home. The ring was not located. Officers provided means for both parties to contact one another in the event the ring is located.

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On 04/19/2025 an Officer was dispatched to the 25400 block of Kanaskat Dr reference to a noise complaint. The complainant advised dispatch that her neighbor was using loud yard equipment before 0900 hours and was in violation of city code. The complainant was contacted and advised that the neighbor was not violating the city code due to it being after 0800 hours.

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On 04/19/2025, Officers contacted a suspect with an active warrant out of Renton, Washington at the 22400 block of SE 296th St. Renton confirmed the warrant and the subject was arrested and transported to Score Jail.

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On 04/19/2025, at approximately 23:12 hours, officers were dispatched to an agency assist in the 29700 block of 225th PL SE. Dispatch advised that King County Deputies were out with a Ford pickup truck with visible ignition damage that came back to a registered owner in that area. Officers contacted the registered owner, who advised that he had previously sold the truck, and it had not been stolen from him.

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On 04/19/2025, officers were notified of a juvenile problem that occurred at the 32700 block of SE Fir St. Officers contacted the reporting party, who advised that their children have been harassed by other juveniles in the neighborhood and was concerned the incidents may escalate. Officers contacted the families of the involved juveniles who agreed to keep their children separated to prevent any further incidents.

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On 4/20/2025, officers received a FLOCK camera hit for a stolen vehicle in the 30400 block of 3rd Ave. The officers found the vehicle was a recently recovered stolen vehicle on a tow truck.

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On 4/20/2025, an officer responded to the 31600 block of 3rd Ave for a report of recklessly driven vehicle. The officer checked the area but did not locate the vehicle.

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On 4/20/2025 an officer conducted a traffic stop in the 30400 block of 3rd Ave. The driver was found to have a suspended drivers license and no insurance. The driver was cited for the violations.

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On 04/20/2025, at approximately 23:48 hours, officers conducted a traffic stop in the 32100 block of 3rd AVE. Officers discovered that the vehicle's title had been cancelled in 2021. Officers issued the driver a criminal citation for Cancelled Title.

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# When Coal Was King

By Bill Kombol



This is the third column of a four-part series highlighting the four Northern Pacific (N.P.) railway depots that served Kanaskat, a small outpost most commonly associated with Palmer, where the first N.P. station was established circa 1887.

This circa 1957 photo looking west shows a small gathering on the platform, most likely around 11 a.m. when the #6 passenger train from Seattle to Spokane made its daily stop in Kanaskat. This photo comes from the collection of Dave Sprau, who enjoyed a 40-year career with N.P. and their successor, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway. Photo colorization was undertaken by Boomer Burnham, a Tahoma photography instructor doing business as <http://www.boomersphotography.com/>

Kanaskat's first passenger station was built in 1900 in the Victorian style of the day. Its need was precipitated when Northern Pacific built the Palmer Cut-off rail line that traveled west through Ravensdale on its way to Auburn. Ravensdale owes its history to that decision for in the early days without a railroad there could be no coal mine.

Ravensdale's first coal mine was financed by the San Francisco Railway & Navigation Company which named the operation for a prominent Seattle businessman and the mine's original developer, John Leary. For the next two years, Leary was the place name for the homes and hotels that sprung up to provide housing for coal miners. The name changed to Ravensdale in 1901, after N.P.'s coal mining subsidiary, Northwestern Improvement Company purchased the mine and improvements and operated it as a company town.

After the turn-of-the-century Victorian-style depot burned to the ground on Dec. 30, 1943, N.P. utilized an "outfit" rail car with a round roof to be a temporary station due to material and labor shortages during World War II. In 1946, this larger brick structure measuring 56 feet deep and 40 feet wide totaling 1,176 square feet became the new station. One wing consisted of a baggage room separated by the rail agent's office with a waiting room and bathroom on the other side. The automobiles across the tracks were those of rail workers and others dropping off or picking up passengers.

The daily passenger train that operated between Seattle and Spokane was utilized by many. Fishermen would often catch the train in Kanaskat for the seven-mile ride to Eagle Gorge, and when returning

home would simply flag down the train as it passed by. In February 1959, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers began constructing an earthen-embankment dam to control the devastating Green River floods that regularly ravaged the broad valley stretching from Auburn through Kent to Renton. The planned structure was originally called the Eagle Gorge Dam but was renamed by Congress to honor Howard Hanson, a Seattle attorney and state legislator who campaigned for the project. Hanson died in 1957 before construction began.

Daily passenger service through Kanaskat was terminated in 1960 shortly after 13 miles of the Northern Pacific Railway line was relocated. That in turn caused the Army Corp of Engineers to

build the fourth Kanaskat rail depot 300 feet to the north and 20 feet topographically higher. The new station was of the same design as the 1946 depot but built using a reverse blueprint. Next week we examine the 1959 Kanaskat station, the fourth over a span of 60 years.

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Dick's Towing and Road Service, Inc. 8425 1st Ave S, Seattle, WA 98108. 206-364-2000 Ext. 137. **Wednesday, May 28, 2025.** 2 hour preview @ 8-10 a.m. **Auction @ 10 a.m.** For list of vehicles see [www.roadnosesettl.com](http://www.roadnosesettl.com)  
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In re the Estate of Jeanette Mulvey, Deceased.  
No. 25-4-03151-6KNT Probate  
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/s/ Jennifer A. Gellner: Jennifer A. Gellner, Gellner Law, Attorney for Personal Representative, WSBA #30701  
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