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TAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Join the Maple Valley Creative Arts Council for an unforgettable evening, **Friday, May 30**, as the **Maple Valley Idol, Jr. Grand Finale** takes the stage at the stunning **Tahoma High School Performing Arts Center (PAC)! On** Friday, May 30 **at** Tahoma High School Performing Arts Center **from** 7:00–9:00 PM

This is more than a show — it's a celebration of local youth talent in one of the most fabulous venues. Performing on the PAC stage is a dream come true for these young singers, and **you** get to be part of the magic!

Not only will our finalists be giving it their all for the title, but we also have a **few surprise performances** by past **Idol, Jr. winners** returning to wow us once again. We're not saying

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Tickets are still available -- https://mvcac.clubexpress.com/, so grab yours today and prepare to cheer, clap, and vote for your favorite singer in the **People's Choice Award!**Let's pack the PAC and show these rising stars how much Maple Valley believes in them!

#### Join the Adventure: Faith, Friendship, and Service with AHG

American Heritage Girls was founded in 1995 as a Christ-centered character and leadership-based program for girls ages 5- 18. It focuses on the importance of faith and service while providing a fun environment for girls to learn new skills and make friends. Troop WA 1911, located in Auburn, has been active in the community for three years and volunteers in outreach programs to make a difference.

Past events have included visiting retirement centers, fundraising for and laying wreaths at soldiers gravestones



Troop 1911 Flag Ceremony



AHG Troop WA 1911 at Veteran's Day Parade, 2023

in partnership with Wreaths Across America, volunteering with Operation Christmas Child, and walking in the Veteran's Day Parade in Auburn, WA.

As a troop, WA 1911 organizes many outdoor activities to learn about different skills. Some of its events include camping trips, high-ropes Troop 1911 Flag Ceremony courses, Christmas caroling, and trips to Mt. Saint Helens. For more information about joining the troop, please contact Melissa Girges at melissagirges@gmail.com.

### High Schools, You Ready to Run?

Here's your chance **Friday May 30**, **2025** at "The Place to Race", Pacific Raceways. This is the 54th Annual Green River College All High School Drags. This is a great way to cheer on your school and obtain bragging rights for the year. As always there will be head-to-head competition between schools to see who is the best on the strip. The winner will receive a \$2,000 scholarship from Green River College and a toolbox from Cornwell Tools.

The High School runner-up will receive a \$1,000 Green River College scholarship. There is also the Alumni Class for those 25 and younger. Along with all the racing action there will be the ever popular "Burnout Contest". Also scheduled will be the "Beat the Heat" races to see if you can outrun the King County Sheriff's Office.

Exhibition semi-truck races will also be taking on the strip, and in the pit area will be a car show for all to enjoy. Drag race car and driver tech card is \$65. **Gates open at 11:00 AM** with racing till 10:00 PM. Spectator tickets are \$20, or \$15 bucks if you have an ASB card. So, get your group together and come on out to cheer your school on to Victory Lane Friday night May 30th at Pacific Raceways. The 2025 racing season is just getting started so if you need more information on this race or the rest of the season, check out www.pacificraceways. com. **By Bill Archer** 



#### **GMVUAC** to Meet

The Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC) will hold its regular monthly meeting on **Monday, June 2, 7-9:30 p.m.** at the Maple Valley Fire Station 22225 SE 231st Sat (across from King County Sheriff's Precinct #3). Visit the website http://gmvuac.org/ for the agenda and Zoom information, which will be posted several days before the meeting.



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# **Trusting God**

A seagoing captain commanded a passenger ship sailing from Liverpool, England, to New York. His family was on board with him. One night, when everyone was asleep, a squall unexpectedly swept over the waters and tossed the ship violently, awakening the passengers. They were all terribly afraid because of the storm. The captain's little 8-year-old girl was also awakened. "What's the matter?" cried the frightened child. Her mother told her that a sudden storm had struck the ship. "Is Father on deck?" she asked. "Yes, Father's on deck." Hearing these words, the little girl snuggled back into her bed and, in a few moments, was sound asleep. The winds still blew, and the waves still rolled, but her fears were calmed because her father was at the helm.

There are so many times in our lives when we are controlled by worry and fear because of storms that come into our lives. When we allow our thoughts to be controlled by these worries and fears, our world turns upside down. We begin to have trouble sleeping and relaxing as our minds are constantly distracted. It eventually affects every area of our lives. Why do we fear? We do not trust the one who is at the helm, Jesus.

The Bible says in Matthew 8:24-26 that Jesus was going to cross over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee with his disciples by boat. Verse 24 says, "Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm."

The disciples failed to realize who was truly at the helm. Jesus did not say they were going to go to the middle of the sea and drown, He said they were going to cross over to the other side. They failed to trust in what Jesus said, and He rebuked them because of their lack of faith.

When we truly learn to trust in Jesus and His Word given to us in the Bible, we will be like the young girl who rested securely, knowing that her father was at the helm. The question for us is, "Who's at the helm of our lives?" Don't let fear and worry control you. Give it over to the helmsman, Jesus Christ.

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.

# Students Placed Flags At Tahoma National Cemetery Last Week for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Year

Last week for the twenty-third consecutive year, the freshman class at Tahoma High School honored military veterans by recognizing their service and sacrifice to our nation. As part of the community service-learning project Operation Veterans Remembrance, 700 students placed approximately 45,000 flags on individual graves at Tahoma National Cemetery.

This program is unique in the United States, as it is the only flag placement initiative that partners a public school with a national cemetery. Tahoma National Cemetery, one of only two national cemeteries in Washington State, began accepting interments on October 1, 1997.





#### **HOPE FELLOWSHIP**

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#### **TAYLOR CREEK CHURCH**

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-byverse 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

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# Recreational Boating Safety Program Issues Half A Million Boater Education Cards

Over half a million boaters in Washington have completed their boating safety education course, meeting state requirements and making our waterways safer.

So far in 2025, the Washington State Recreational Boating Safety Program has issued over 4,000 boater education cards to people who have completed the course, bringing the total number of cards issued by the program to 500,000.

For 20 years, the Washington State Recreational Boating Safety Program has administered the mandatory boater education card. The program aims to reduce statewide boating fatalities and educate folks on best safety practices while operating a motorized vessel.

Recreation is not without risk. The chilly waters of the Pacific Northwest can be unforgiving, and safety must be on the minds of everyone who plays in and around Washington's waterways.

"Education, Education, Education," Rob Sendak, Boating Law Administrator, said. "Knowing the laws and how to stay safe on the water is the most important thing you can do before you head out boating."

According to Washington's recreational boating incident data for 2024:

- •13 people lost their lives in fatal boating incidents
- •46% of these fatalities involved human-powered watercraft
- •54% involved non-human-powered watercraft
- •85% of victims were not wearing a life jacket at the time of the incident
  - •One fatality was confirmed to involve alcohol or drugs
  - •Victims ranged in age from 11 to 54 years old

Boaters can get their boater education card by passing a stateapproved boating safety course. Most boaters complete the course online, and the whole process takes around eight hours.

The boater education card is required for boaters who:

- Operate a vessel with a 15-horsepower (or greater) motor
- •Were born after Jan. 1, 1955
- •Are 12 years of age or older

The Recreational Boating Safety Program processes an average of 22,000 boater education card applications each year, with the highest volume between May and September, which is peak boating season.

#### **National Safe Boating Week**

This year, National Safe Boating Week takes place May 17-23. It is coordinated by the National Safe Boating Council and boating safety partners across the United States and Canada. The campaign gives boaters tools to make responsible decisions daily, such as always wearing a life jacket, carrying the right equipment, and most importantly, getting educated!

Tips for Boating Safety:

•Always Wear a Life Jacket. Wearing a life jacket and encouraging others to do the same is the single most important step to staying safe. The life jacket should be U.S. Coast Guard Approved and fit appropriately.

•Avoid alcohol and drugs. Washington state's Boating Under the Influence (BUI) law applies to all boats including kayaks, canoes, row boats and inflatable fishing rafts.

•Bring communication devices. Boaters should carry two forms of communication that will work when wet, such as a whistle, waterproof cell phone or Marine radio.

•Check and understand the weather. Boaters should check the weather frequently before and during their boating excursion, keeping an eye on current conditions and forecasts.

•Beware of cold-water shock. The biggest risk is not hypothermia, it's cold-water shock, which occurs in the first stage of immersion. Boaters need to take caution and prepare themselves by always wearing a life jacket.

•Use an engine cut-off switch. Boaters are encouraged to use their engine cut-off switch every time they go boating.

•Get educated. All boaters and paddlers are responsible for knowing the laws and keeping themselves and others safe.

For more information on boating safety, and other resources to promote Safe Boating Week, visit https://www.parks.wa.gov/Boating.



#### **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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# When Coal Was King

By Bill Kombol

In February 1959, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began constructing an earthen-fill dam to control the devastating Green River floods that regularly ravaged the broad valley downstream, stretching from Auburn through Kent to Renton. The planned structure was originally called the Eagle Gorge Dam, then 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.

To complete the Howard Hanson Dam, the Army Corps of Engineers relocated 13 miles of Northern Pacific Railway (N.P.) track, resulting in the building of this fourth Kanaskat rail depot. It was 300 feet to the north and 20 feet topographically higher than the 1946 railway station featured in last week's column.

The new station opened on June 28, 1959. It was of the same design as the 1946 station but built using a reverse blueprint as it faced tracks in the opposite direction. The four Kanaskat railroad stations were descendants of the original Green River station, one-half mile south, and shortly thereafter renamed Palmer. Kanaskat didn't get a rail station for over a decade, until a new rail line to Auburn, passing through Ravensdale and Covington was built. However, throughout the long history of the one Palmer and four Kanaskat stations, the telegraph call letters remained GV, an extrapolation from Green River.

In 1916, 98% of all commercial travelers between cities moved by rail. Nearly 42 million passengers, over 40% of the U.S. population used railways as their primary mode of transportation. Over the decades, patronage declined as competition from buses, automobiles, and air travel replaced trains. Though rail traffic surged during World War II, aided by troop movements and gasoline rationing, the relief was only temporary.

With advances in interstate highways plus new airports and planes, by the 1960s, train travel plummeted and railroad companies lost huge sums on passenger service. The death knell proved to be a 1967 decision by the Post Office to end its contract with rail carriers for moving the mail on passenger trains. After the 1970 Rail Passenger Service Act created Amtrak, over half of all routes were discontinued. Most railroad companies became freight-only.

The 1970 creation of Burlington Northern (B.N.) from the merger of Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Pacific Coast, Spokane, Portland & Seattle, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroads created a new Washington state powerhouse, particularly for freight service. It also enabled N.P. traffic that formerly traveled through Kanaskat over Stampede Pass to use a more convenient route - Great Northern's rails over Stevens Pass.

The 1959 Kanaskat railway station was decommissioned in early 1973. It became the signal repair shop and 'speeder' car garage overseen by Neil Marzolf. When the Stampede Rail line that passed through Kanaskat on its way up the Green River to Eastern Washington was mothballed by B.N. in 1983, the old station was ruined by vandals over time. When the line reopened in 1996, what remained of the ramshackle building was demolished.

But in its day, the Kanaskat station was home to local commerce. To the right of the depot is a loading ramp that truckers used to transfer



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their loads to the boxcar that sits behind it. For years, Boxcar NP23770 served as a 'way car' for hauling small freight loads from Kanaskat to Lester for the Scott Paper Company and residents of that railroad town.

But its most frequent use was weekly shipments for Kochevar & Sons, the beer distributor based in Enumclaw. Loads of Rainier beer were shipped to Lester and delivered to the tavern owned by Harold Dumpis, who also worked for N.P. as the signal maintainer, and to the café operated by Joe and Bonnie Nuzum. When the boxcar returned to Kanaskat, it was full of empty bottles, back when there was a penny per bottle return credit. Lester incidentally was originally known as Dean's Mill and fittingly carried DM as its telegraph call letters.

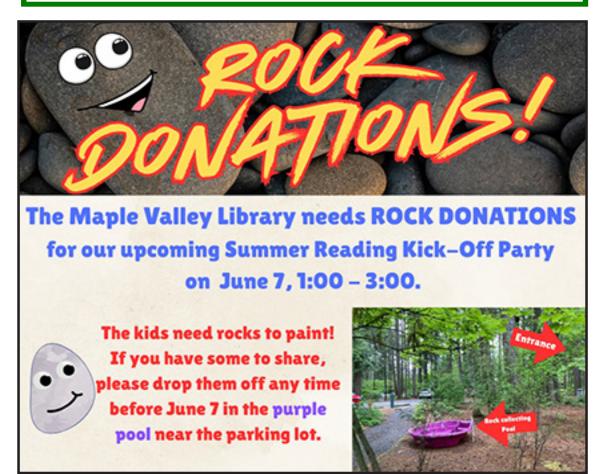
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This column is indebted to Dave T. Sprau, a railroad and telegraph man since his teenage days. Sprau was born in Snohomish in 1944 and learned telegraphy while aged 12 to 15, "thanks to the indulgence of employees at the Great Northern Railway station in Monroe, WA." He joined N.P. in 1960 at age 16 and continued employment in railroad work until retiring in 2000. He was active in union affairs and holds a life membership in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen. Today, he lives in Warren, Oregon, with his wife, Linda (Braden) Sprau.



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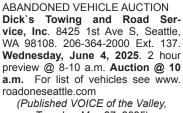
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# **Black Diamond Police Reports**

On 04/28/2025, at approximately 03:05 hours, officers were dispatched to the 33200 block of Douglas AVE SE for a CPR in Progress. Officers arrived on scene and conducted CPR until Fire/Medics arrived on scene. The subject was transported by Medics to the hospital to be treated.

On 04/28/2025 an Officer was dispatched to a fraud at the 25500 block of Lawson St. The complainant advised that yesterday she found out that she had been the victim of an identity theft. The complainant explained that she has Paypal and Venmo accounts and that somehow an unknown suspect was able to access her accounts and take out lines of credit.

On 04/28/2025, an Officer was dispatched to a suspicious vehicle at the 29200 block of 216th Avenue. KCSO advised dispatch that they received a report of a vehicle at the above listed location where the driver was slumped over and sleeping in the vehicle. They further advised that the driver woke up and drove southbound. The Officer responded and was unable to locate the vehicle.

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11:30

On 04/28/2025, an Officer made a phone contact with a complainant who wanted to make a threats complaint. The complainant advised that a subject made a comment (meme) on a post she made on Facebook which believed a threatening. It was determined that the comment (meme) was not a threat and no crime occurred.

On 04/28/2025 a Detective responded to the Issaquah Police Department to assist with conducting a search of electronic devices pursuant to a search warrant. This response was conducted as part of the CSPA Major Crimes Task Force.

On 04/28/2025, at approximately 20:05 hours, officers were dispatched to the 25500 block of Lawson ST for an outside agency assist. Dispatch advised that the King County Sheriff's Office was requesting officers attempt to locate a subject residing in the area. Officers were advised that KCSO had Probable Cause for Felony Violation of a No Contact Order - DV. Officers located the subject and detained him until King County Deputies arrived on scene and took the subject into custody.

On 4/28/25 at about 9pm Officers were dispatched to a report of a suspicious person in the 23500 block of SE 299TH ST. A citizen stated that an unknown subject approached his home and to sell him pest control services but did not have a badge or company logo and he felt it was suspicious. The citizen advised the subject to leave and that he was calling the police. The subject left the area and was not located.

On 04/28/2025, at approximately 22:02 hours, officers were dispatched to a trespass in progress in the 33800 block of Buckeye AVE SE. Officers were advised that three subjects had unlawfully entered a residence through the window and were still located inside. Officers arrived on scene and found that the residence was unsecured, but the subjects were gone. Officers searched unoccupied residences in the area and conducted an area check, but were unsuccessful in locating the subjects. This investigation is closed pending suspect information.

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