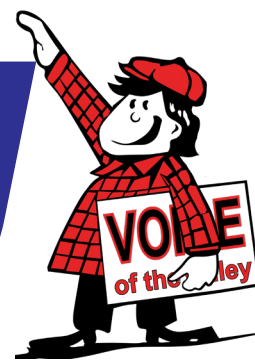


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Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church is re-locating to Lawson Street in Black Diamond.

Shepherd of the Valley to Settle Into New Black Diamond Home

By D'Ann Tedford

After 47 years in their current building, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran (SVLC) is moving. Their new Black Diamond residence is

located at 25610 Lawson Street, 8.5 miles away.

SVLC held its first worship service in 1972 inside a Maple Valley grade school cafeteria. In 1978 the

congregation moved into its current facility on SE 216th St. Primarily built by volunteer labor, that building is now up for sale. The church on Lawson Street is owned by Seattle

Presbytery which offered the location to SVLC so that the building would not sit empty. By mid-July, SVLC is expecting to hold its worship service and its

other activities/programs there. Classrooms will undergo upgrades as the congregation settles in. Pastor Andy Arnold's office has been refurbished.

Tahoma Multi-Class Gathering Planned for Mud Mountain Park

THS alumni can look forward to a fun afternoon while meeting with other classmates at the **5th Annual Tahoma Multi-Class Alumni Picnic**. The gathering is planned for **Sunday, July 27th at Mud Mountain Dam Park**. It is six miles east of Enumclaw at 30525 SE Mud Mountain Rd.

With classmates mainly from pre-1960, and 1960 through 1975, the largest covered picnic area has been reserved. However, classmates should bring lawn chairs as there is limited seating and the picnic has been very well attended. The area is ADA accessible. Plans are made to gather from noon until early evening with lunch served around 1:00 p.m.

Main dish is fried/baked chicken with salads. Other foods

and water will be provided. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share, along with serving utensils. Plates, cups, silverware, and napkins will be available. Donations are welcome. If there are more donations than needed, the excess will be applied to next year's picnic. Those who have contact with others from Tahoma are encouraged to

share the details and an invitation to join.

Maple Valley Historical Society will be gathering alumni contact information. Those who have questions, comments and concerns can text or call **Julie (Collier) Holbrook at 801-946-9290 or email jholbrook2006@hotmail.com**.

Mud Mountain Dam Park is a beautiful environment with spectacular views, a wading pool, two playgrounds along with a zipline and tether ball. There is also a dog park. All the covered shelters are close to a restroom. An Observation Area and Vista Trail of .3 miles is close to one large seating area. The park's five walking trails range from .3 to 3.1 miles. Along with munchies and a lawn chair, classmates should bring a friendly attitude to mingle with alumni from various classes.

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Black Diamond Police Reports

On 6/2/2025 at 2227 hours, the Black Diamond Police Department responded to an illegal discharge near the 28800 block of 223rd LN SE. It was reported that approximately 5 gunshots had been heard north of the location. Officer's conducted an area check and found nothing suspicious relating to the reported incident at this time. Officer's cleared the call.

On 06-03-25, at approximately 06:17 hours, Officers received a call from Valley Communication Radio regarding a single vehicle collision in the 34200 block of Ten Trails PKWY SE. Officers arrived a the location and found an unoccupied white Mercedes

approximately 20 to 25 feet down an embankment on its side. The vehicle was impounded and the case is being investigated by the Black Diamond Police Detective.

On 06-03-25, at approximately 10:32 hours, Officers received a call from Valley Communication Radio regarding a 911 hang-up at 33200 Glacier AVE SE. Officers contacted the owner of the residence and found that he accidentally dialed 911. Officers cleared the scene.

On 06-03-25, at approximately 11:36 hours, Officers received a call from Valley Communication Radio regarding a single vehicle collision in the 32200 block of 3rd AVE. Officers arrived and found that a vehicle drove into the front yard of a residence. The driver of the vehicle suffered a seizure while she was driving, which caused her to drive off the road into the front yard of a nearby residence. The driver was transported to Auburn General Hospital and the Officers cleared the scene.



On 06/03/2025 at approximately 1801 hours officer were dispatched to the 23000 block of SE 312th Street in reference to a Burglary which occurred earlier in the day. Officer obtained located and documented all evidence on scene. The incident is under investigation.

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An Encouraging Word Taylor Creek Church

By Pastor Jason Katen



After All Is Said and Done

It is said, "Life is what happens along the way," yet when the light begins to dim on life, there are those whose golden years are not filled with glitter. Take, for example, H. G. Wells, a famous historian and philosopher, who 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 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 seems to always allude them? The answer is really quite simple but difficult for most to accept because they must lay down their brush and allow someone else to paint their portrait of life.

It is not a new spouse, more money, a bigger house, a nicer car, or a change of view that makes life content or complete; it is Jesus Christ. He is the way, the truth, and the life – John 14:6. Jesus said, "For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's 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.

When all is said and done, the only real thing that matters is Christ. It is only in Him that we can find true forgiveness, contentment, and peace. Wells, Byron, and Barton reflect the reality of those who, in the end, die without Christ. What awaits you in the end?

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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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When Coal Was King

By Bill Kombol



After Victor Tull's 1880 discovery of the McKay coal seam in the Green River Gorge, also found two miles west in what would become Black Diamond, two companies began work building mining towns. Above the Green River, the Oregon Improvement Company opened its mines and named their town Franklin.

Meanwhile, in Nortonville, California, about 30 miles northeast of Oakland, the Black Diamond Coal Mining Company was mining an inferior seam of coal to that newly discovered in the Washington Territory. Construction of a new King County coal mine began in January 1882. The railroad reached Black Diamond in December 1884 and was extended to Franklin several months later. The Black Diamond Coal Mining Company concluded mining operation at Nortonville in early 1885.

Many of the Black Diamond Company's employees, along with their families, moved from Nortonville to the newly christened town of Black Diamond, though Washington wouldn't achieve statehood for another four years. Many of the Black Diamond miners were of Welsh descent. In the early years of coal mining, throughout much of the United States and particularly in Washington, immigrants from Wales dominated the higher ranks of coal mining. It was only natural, as coal had been mined in Wales for centuries and Welsh workers were experienced.

This photo of the Mine Superintendent's home in Black Diamond dates to 1885. Naturally, it was the biggest house around. It was located west of Highway 169 on property now owned by the King County Housing Authority. It was originally the residence of B. B. Jones, Black Diamond's first Superintendent. Later that year, Morgan Morgan, the long-serving boss of the Black Diamond Coal Mining Company, moved north and assumed the position. Both Jones and Morgan were Welshmen.

B. B. Jones was employed as a coal expert by Black Diamond Coal Mining Company for a number of years. Between 1875 and 1877, Jones was commissioned to open their mine on 2,600 acres near Coos Bay, Oregon. For a short time, he was the Superintendent of the Company's Bellingham Bay coal mines.

Jones came to Black Diamond shortly after Victor Tull's discovery to verify the coal's quality. Upon arrival, Jones demanded to be taken immediately to the exposure. Tull and Jones spent several days looking over the land and timber and concluded the area's potential was tremendous. By the fall of 1881, Jones was directed to open a prospect tunnel for what became Mine 14. The nearby lake, Jones Lake in section 14, now bears his name.

B. B. Jones and his wife, Elizabeth, had two daughters, Mame & Elizabeth, plus a son, W. B. Jones, who like his father was active in the mining industry. B. B. Jones was also an uncle to Mrs. John David Jones, another Welsh immigrant. Her husband, John D. Jones, was active in the Washington coal industry after moving from Brookfield, Ohio, where he was a butcher known as *Jac Y Ciggyd*, or Jack the Butcher in the Welsh language. According to his daughter, Ruth Ann Stowe, John D. Jones moved to Franklin in 1885 at age 39. He discovered a vein of coal and opened the Gem Coal Mine along the Green River.

Under an adopted name, Jac Y Ciggyd was active in Welsh culture, performing song and verse. Jones was a noted singer in his native Cambrian tongue. He was present for most local *eisteddfods*, the Welsh term for "sitting together," where songs, poems, and recitals are performed, especially on March 1st, St. David's Day. John David "Cigydd" Jones died in Seattle on November 8, 1914, at the age of 68, following a long illness due to complications from his years of coal mining.

This coming **Saturday, July 12, the city of Black Diamond celebrates its annual Miners Day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** The historic Railroad Avenue, home to the Museum and the famous Bakery, will be closed. The street will buzz with pedestrians participating in activities and events for all ages.

This photo comes courtesy of JoAnne Matsumura, an Issaquah historian. It was originally owned by Ruth (Jones) Stowe, who donated several photos to the Black Diamond Historical Society. Three of her pictures are featured in "Mining the Memories," an oral history of life in a company town by Diane and Cory Olson.

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2011	KIA	SEDONA	CRN0265
2005	MERCERY	MARINER	BPK5748
2014	TOYT	RAV 4	CJK7865
2007	TOYT	PRIUS	CSC8393
2017	KIA	NIRO	005JWP
2003	HONDA	ODYSSEY	830 NRW (OR)
2008	CHEV	TRAILBLAZER	CPG7239
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2007	TOYT	YARIS	CLE7138
2000	FORD	EXPLORER	AWA8913
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2025	CHEV	COBALT	CGL7966

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