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Santa will be visiting neighborhoods this year in the Maple Valley, Kent, and Covington areas with local Scouts, school, and other youth groups to collect food and donations for the Maple Valley Food Bank. If you would like to make a donation before the Holiday Engines appear in your neighborhood, you can visit one of the foodbanks they will be helping Covington Storehouse, Kent Foodbank and Maple Valley Food Bank.

The Holiday Engines will be out and about for three Fridays and Saturdays starting **December 5, 2025**. Maple Valley Holiday Engine Routes <https://www.holidayengine.org/routes-mv.html> Covington and Kent Holiday Engine Routes can be found at <https://www.holidayengine.org/routes-covington.html> to determine if your neighborhood

is on the list of those to be visited, and if so, when.

On the night that you want to follow the Holiday Engines, go to <https://www.holidayengine.org/track.html> and track them in near real time.

The holiday engines with Santas' helpers will again be carrying a card machine this year so that if you like, you can donate to the food bank using your debit or credit card. The same as

prior years, a cash boot will be available for donations as well. Thank You!

If you are unable to participate in the fun on those evenings, you can still leave food at your door for local school, sports, or scout groups to pickup. Our helpers will be visiting neighborhoods the week prior to the Engines to hand out fliers and bags reminding community members of the event. If you decide to leave any food on your front porch or step, our helpers that visit the neighborhoods with the Holiday Engines will be sure to pick it up.

Finally, if you are a part of a youth organization, i.e. scouts or a sports team, and would like to help us with the Holiday Engine as we collect food in local neighborhoods, please reach out to us at signup@holidayengine.org.

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Last Saturday October 18th Pacific Raceways held its 2nd Annual Fall Swap Meet at the track. Neither the cooling temperatures or the on and off rain showers deterred those looking for a deal. There was everything from old and new parts and accessories as well as memorabilia from the golden days of motorsports. This event also included some craft vendors on hand. With 80+ vendors and hundreds of bargain hunting fans all adding to the success of this great event once again. If you missed this Swap Meet, not to worry as plans for the new year’s event are in the planning stages. For more information on this, and the upcoming event in December, then check www.pacificraceways.com for all the details. Photos by Bill Archer.



An Encouraging Word Taylor Creek Church

By Pastor Jason Katen





Church Information and Services

Finishing Things

Have you ever started something that you never finished? I think we all have. History is replete with works that were left unfinished. One of the greatest may be the famous Leonardo Da Vinci. Leonardo was one of the most extraordinary artists that ever lived. He was extraordinary not simply because he was a painter of great works such as the “Last Supper” or the “Mona Lisa” but because he was also a sculptor, architect, engineer, scientist, and mathematician.

However, as famous as Leonardo is for his accomplishments and abilities, he is also famous for something else, not finishing what he started. His first commission, which was to paint an altarpiece for the chapel of the Palazzo Vecchio, the Florentine town hall, was never executed. His first large paintings, “The Adoration of the Magi,” as well as the commissioned painting “Saint Jerome,” were also left unfinished.

We certainly have no room to be critics of Leonardo. His accomplishments certainly outweigh his failures. However, when we think of the importance of finishing things, there is one work in history that we must be thankful that was not left undone. It is the work of Salvation.

Jesus, in the last remaining minutes on the cross, before he gave up His spirit, said, “It is finished!” What was it that Jesus finished? Jesus answered this question the night before in His high priestly prayer. Jesus prayed to the Father, saying, “I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do” - John 17:4. What was the work that He accomplished? Jesus accomplished the work of redemption. He took upon Himself the consequence of our sins so that we could stand forgiven before the Father. The Apostle Peter affirmed this writing, “He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so

that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.” 1 Peter 2:24.

Jesus left nothing unfinished. He paid it all. Does this mean all are forgiven and saved? No, Jesus said we must repent of our sins and believe. Believe that He came, died, and rose again for the payment and forgiveness of our sins. The Bible says, “If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” – Romans 10:9. Have you?

I am glad that Jesus finished the work that He came to do. If you want to know more about what Jesus did for you, call us at 425-432-0634 or at www.taylorcreekchurch.org. You can also join us every Sunday morning for Sunday school at 9 a.m. and worship hour at 10:15 a.m. We are located at 21110 244th Ave S.E., Maple Valley.

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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. Senior Pastor: Jason Katen

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When Coal Was King

By Bill Kombol



The phrase ‘storm of the century’ is an overused term that gets bandied about during many storms of unusual intensity. It’s natural to consider the big storm that happens to the current generation as the granddaddy of them all. Some call it chronological snobbery — the arrogant belief that what happens to this generation is more important than what’s happened in the past.

The Great White River flood of November 1906 really was the storm of the century. It resulted in catastrophic flooding that forever changed the course of a mighty river and altered the drainage patterns of the central Puget Sound region between Seattle and Tacoma. The long valley stretching from Renton to Puyallup would never be the same.

During the first two weeks of November 1906, more than six inches of rain fell in the Cascade Mountains between Snoqualmie Pass and Mount Rainier. On the evening of November 13, the barometer dropped precipitously, resulting in high winds, followed by 2.5” of rain over the next 24 hours. Snow that accumulated in October melted as temperatures reached the high 50s. The downpour, coupled with melting snow, raced off the mountain slopes. The combined deluge sent both the Green and White Rivers to historic levels. The rushing floodwater created massive logjams of fallen trees, strewn lumber, houses, barns, livestock, and household items that cascaded downstream.

Bridges, railroad tracks, and power lines were washed out or swept aside. All train traffic was halted due to the flood. Those watching from higher outposts saw nothing but a sea of water encompassing the common valley shared by Puyallup, Sumner, Auburn, Kent, and Renton. Trapped residents signaled for help from the roofs of their homes. By the next day, the White River flowed directly into the Stuck River on its way to Tacoma. On November 15, 1906, the White River divorced itself from King County’s watershed for good. It would never again follow its traditional route, joining the Green River to become the Duwamish and meander into Seattle’s Elliot Bay.

After the high waters subsided, flood control meetings were held to flesh out solutions. A flood committee was established, and Major

Hiran Chittenden of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was tasked with studying the problem to find remedies. He acknowledged that the White River historically belonged to King County. But Chittenden’s report concluded, “Nature has transferred the course, and it will be simpler to perpetuate it than to change it again.” As an engineer, he saw the pragmatic nature of the solution: “The distance to the sea by the Duwamish route is about 40 miles; that by the Puyallup is only 20 miles. The slope by the shorter route is much greater than by the longer route, and the same quantity of water can be carried in a smaller channel.”

Five years later, Hiram Chittenden commanded the construction of the Ballard Locks that connected a lowered Lake Washington to the Puget Sound. Those impressive locks bear his name.

Further upstream between Enumclaw and Buckley, the Northern Pacific Railway trestle was seriously damaged by the November 1906 flood, as seen in this photograph taken shortly after the initial catastrophe.

Collected debris piled up below the trestle, and steel rails are seen hanging down to the river’s edge.

To the left of this photo, which faces Enumclaw, is the first White River Bridge, part of the planned Naches to Yakima highway. That bridge was first built in 1897, then lost in a 1908 flood. The Old Buckley Bridge eventually succeeded it, as featured in this column three weeks ago. Two houses are visible between the flooded road and the railroad trestle. Boise Creek can be faintly seen between the two bridges, where it drops 70 feet from the Enumclaw Plateau to the White River channel.

This photo #2009.5-144 by Karl Jensen comes courtesy of the Enumclaw Plateau Historical Museum. Additional information about the November 1906 flood was obtained from Mike Sato’s 1997 book, “The Price of Taming a River.”

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ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION **Payless Towing & Recovery** 33905 Pacific Highway South, Federal Way, WA 98003. 253-941-4565. **Thursday, October 30, 2025 @ Noon** Viewing @ 11:30 a.m.

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LEGAL NOTICES

H2 Properties LLC, Tricia Hudson, PO Box 127 Olympia, WA 98051, is seeking coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's Construction Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit. The proposed project, Hudson Short Plat, is located at 28010 SE 258th St in Ravensdale in King County. This project involves up to approximately 5 acres of soil disturbance for Residential construction activities over the life of the project. The receiving waterbodies are an Un-named Stream and Cedar River. Any persons desiring to present their views to the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding this Application, or interested in Ecology's action on this Application, may notify Ecology in writing no later than 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice. Ecology reviews public comments and considers whether discharges from this project would cause a measurable change in receiving water quality, and, if so, whether the project is necessary and in the overriding public interest according to Tier II anti-degradation requirements under WAC 173-201A-320.

Comments can be submitted to: ecyrewqianoi@ecy.wa.gov, or ATTN: Water Quality Program, Construction Stormwater Washington State Department of Ecology - P.O. Box 47696, Olympia, WA 98504-7696

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Black Diamond Police Reports

On 9/22/2025 at 1050 hours, the Black Diamond Police Department received a call from the City of Black Diamond Public Works advising that their fence to the property was cut and there was theft from a city vehicle over the weekend. Officer's arrived on scene and took the report. This investigation is ongoing.

On 09/22/2025, officers were dispatched to a 911 hang up at the 25300 block of Baker St. Officers conducted an area check and contacted a maintenance worker at the location who accidentally dialed emergency services. Officers cleared the scene

On 09/22/2025, officers were dispatched to an obvious death at the 30200 block of 224th Ave SE. Officers investigated the incident and determined the cause of death was due to natural causes. Officers contacted the victim's relatives, provided them a chaplain, and assisted them in making funeral arrangements.

On 9/25/2025, an officer received a FLOCK camera activation for a missing person. The officer located the person and contacted them. The person was found to be in good health and had simply not checked in with family. The missing person record was cleared.

On 09/25/2025, Officers were dispatched to a verbal domestic at the 3100 block of 3rd Ave. Upon arrival, an investigation was conducted and it was determined no crime occurred.

On 09/25/2025, an Officer was dispatched to the 22800 block of SE FIR St reference to a welfare check,. Complainant advised that their adult autistic son was acting out aggressively toward his mother by biting her. The Officer responded and it was determined that due to the son having severe autism that there was no criminal intent. Upon the Officer contacting the son he was calm and no longer a threat to his parents or himself and thus an involuntary commitment was not conducted.

On 09-26-25, at approximately 12:39 hours, Officers received a call from Valley Communication Radio regarding a civil issue at a residence in the 24200 block of Buena Vista DR. Officers were advised that a subjected called 911 to report that an unknown subject was using a backhoe to dig on his property. Officers arrived and contacted both subjects. The owner of the backhoe was digging on his own property and there was a dispute about where the property line was. The subject with the backhoe advised he would stop digging until he had a surveyor locate the property lines. Officers cleared the scene.

On 09/26/2025 Officers were dispatched to a report of a runaway juvenile in the 32500 block of Union DR. Officers conducted an area check, and were advised by the parent that the juvenile had been located and that no further assistance was required.

On 09/27/2025 Officers contacted a suspicious vehicle on the 32700 block of 2nd AVE. The subsequent investigation lead to the drivers arrest for physical control.

On 09/27/2025, officers were dispatched to an admin detail at the 25500 block of Lawson St. Auburn officers requested confirmation and clarification on a protection order out of Black Diamond. Officers clarified and confirmed the order.

On 09/27/2025, officers observed a traffic offense that occurred at the 29000 block of 216th Ave SE. Officers contacted the driver who admitted to driving with a suspended license and without a required ignition interlock in their vehicle. Officers arrested the driver for the offense. They were booked into Enumclaw Jail without incident.

On 09/28/2025 Officers were dispatch to a Theft in Progress at the 32300 hundred block on Myrtle Ave SE. Officer arrived on stop the suspect's vehicle and detained both the driver and passenger. The infestation led by Officers, led to the arrest of the passenger, he was booked into Score Jail.

On 09/28/2025, officers on viewed 2 juveniles riding motorized e-bikes and doing wheelies on the public roadway at the 29300 block of 216th Ave SE. Officers initiated a traffic stop and contacted the juveniles. Officers called the juveniles parents to the scene and provided the juveniles a warning for the traffic offense.*