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Car Trunk Candy Fills Holiday Camaraderie

Costumes and candies will rule the road at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26. Shepherd of the Valley Church is hosting Trunk or Treat at the church's new location, 25610 Lawson Street in Black Diamond. The oversized parking lot has plenty of safe space for trick-or-treaters. There is easy access for automobile trunks filled with candy, popcorn, and assorted yummys. The community is invited to join the Halloween camaraderie, all in one parking lot. ~ Submitted by D'Ann Tedford.



The 27th Annual Maple Valley Model Train Show Is Coming To Town!!!

Saturday, October 18, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, October 19, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Gracie Hansen Community Center, hosted by Rock Creek Sports 27132 SE Ravensdale Way, Ravensdale WA 98051.

COME AND HAVE LOTS OF FUN LEARNING ABOUT TRAINS!!

*See various scale exhibits presented by model clubs from the Puget Sound area. *Kids can enjoy the play area, creating unique layouts with blocks and legos. *Enjoy an exhibit from the award-winning Black Diamond Historical Museum depicting the mining and logging history of our local area. *There will be periodic drawings for door prizes as well as a Silent Auction.

Suggested Donation: Adults \$5, Children ages 3-11 \$2. **Cash Only.** Sponsored by the Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC).

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Summit Park Playground Closed

Out of an abundance of caution, the City of Maple Valley has closed the playground at Summit Park until further notice due to A preliminary surface test that was done at the playground and came back outside the normal threshold. More thorough testing was scheduled for Monday, October 6. More information will be provided when it becomes available.

Community Needs Addressed at Community Center

Programs offered at Black Diamond Community Center range from kids to seniors to families. They include: **Senior Meals** - BDCC partners with Sound Generations and their certified dieticians to provide fresh and nutritious lunches every Tuesday and Thursday. **Youth** – 1) “Share the Joy” ensures that all low-income families and seniors receive holiday gifts to celebrate the season. 2) “School Supplies” has a mission to see that every child is prepared to learn and succeed in the classroom by giving free educational supplies to those students eligible for free or reduced lunch. 3) “Backback Program” provides weekend emergency food for kids. **Families** – “Emergency Food and Clothing” gives access to food, warm coats, blankets, clothing, hygiene products, dairy vouchers and assistance with prescription medication to low-income seniors and families. BDCC also partners with The Salvation Army to assist Puget Sound Energy customers with heating bills. They give access to rental assistance for families facing eviction. They provide motel vouchers for displaced families or women, and to children fleeing domestic violence. They have gas vouchers for seniors needing to attend medical appointments.

Food Bank – Donations of emergency food needed to stock the Black Diamond Food Bank include pasta or tomato sauce, pasta or spaghetti noodles, Rice a Roni, Pasta Roni, Mac ‘n Cheese, Ramen noodles, canned beans, corn or other veggies, canned soup and chili, canned fruit, peanut butter and jam or jelly, cereal.

Especially needed are diapers in sizes 3, 4, 5, 6. Questions regarding all BDCC programs can be directed to BlackDiamondCommCenter@yahoo.com, or call 360-886-1011.



An Encouraging Word Taylor Creek Church

By Pastor Jason Katen



It’s not my fault!

Temptation is very real as we struggle to make the right choices on a daily basis. The Bible tells us that temptation is common to man, but also tells us that we have a choice, and when we give in to temptation, we have no one to blame but ourselves. In all too many cases, instead of taking responsibility for our actions, we blame it on someone else, even God. It is always easier in our minds to blame our faults on something or someone else, but in reality, justifying what we do and passing the blame never solves problems. It will never take care of the real issues in our lives that need to be dealt with. We must look at it as sin, take responsibility, and deal with it. Today, many times we treat the symptoms and never deal with the problem. We never find real help because we are not willing to take real responsibility.

This problem is nothing new, when man sinned in the garden of Eden, he blamed it on someone else. God said to Adam, “Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” And Adam said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate.” - Genesis 3:11-13.

Adam should have said “yes, I did it”, but he put the blame somewhere else. Where did he put it? Was it on Eve? He implicates her, but in reality, he blames God. He said, it was “the women You gave me.” It was as if he was saying, “You could have picked any woman You wanted, why did You pick her?” “Why did you make a woman who would do such a thing?”

We see that Eve was no better than Adam. The Bible says, “Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”” Like Adam, she passed the buck saying, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” I am a victim just like my husband. I was in the wonderful garden and suddenly this serpent showed up. I didn’t make that serpent, or make him talk. It’s not my fault!

We are all tempted and we all sin, but blaming someone else never solves real issues, but only compounds them. Don’t be so proud that you’re willing to lose all that is so good because you couldn’t say the words “I’m sorry, I was wrong” and “will you forgive me?” If you can’t, you will be the one who really loses in the end. Things like family, friends, and even your own soul. You see, ultimately, it is God’s forgiveness you really need.

Would you like to know more about making plans? Contact us at 425-432-0634 or www.taylorcreekchurch.org. We would love to talk to you about the hope we can have in Christ. You can also join us every Sunday at 9 AM for Sunday School and 10:15 AM for Worship. 21110 244th Ave. S.E., Maple Valley.



Church Information and Services

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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-by-verse 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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Make A Difference Day

Saturday, October 25, 2025



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Please submit grant proposal forms to Ankiestroes@gmail.com by noon October 7.







When Coal Was King

By Bill Kombol

Bridges spanning the White River between Buckley and Enumclaw have experienced frequent failures, most recently, the structural damage to the current SR-410 crossing. The mangled SR-410 bridge shouldn't surprise highway engineers or the 22,000 vehicles that cross each day. Many will recall the 2013 disaster when an oversize truck struck the I-5 bridge over the Skagit River. The news made national headlines and shut down Washington State's primary interstate for nearly a month.

Five days after that spectacular accident, a front-page Seattle Times article noted that the White River Bridge, built six years before the Skagit River crossing, shared the same design and was "fracture-critical," meaning the entire structure might fail in the event of serious impact. The article added that the SR-410 "clearance is four inches lower than the Skagit River span."

The Old Buckley Bridge, seen here in 1933, was constructed in 1915 and remained in service until 1955, six years after the current SR-410 crossing opened in 1949. The Northern Pacific Railway bridge is visible to the right. SR-410 is one of Washington's oldest cross-state routes. It dates to 1897, when a series of roads connecting King and Pierce Counties to Yakima were approved. By 1907, the highway was known as the White River-Naches Road.

For thousands of years, the White River flowed freely from its source, the Emmons Glacier, on the northeast face of Mount Rainier, the largest glacier in the contiguous United States. In fact, the Osceola Mudflow that raced down the White River about 5,600 years ago covered the entirety of the Enumclaw plateau with 3.8 billion cubic yards of fast-flowing mud, equivalent to about 318 million dump truck loads.

Fittingly, bridges at this fraught location have seen their share of failures. Severe flooding in November 1906 altered the White River's course, which historically flowed into the Green River to form the Duwamish River, then emptied into Seattle's Elliot Bay. The event intensified the ongoing dispute between King and Pierce County farmers, known as the 'River War.' Neither faction wanted the White River flooding their fields. After seven years of legal battles, a 1913 settlement permanently diverted the White River into the Stuck and Puyallup Rivers, with King County agreeing to cover 60% of the flood control costs.

The 1906 flooding destroyed an earlier vehicle bridge, a predecessor to the Old Buckley Bridge. In March 1908, high waters carried away a temporary replacement, while a log jam threatened the Northern Pacific bridge. By the early 1910s, with increased traffic from trucks and automobiles, the need for a better highway bridge connecting Enumclaw to Buckley was apparent. Plans for the Old Buckley Bridge, dated July 21, 1914, show a design that stretched a quarter mile in length, with two connecting trestles: one measuring 511 feet from the Enumclaw side and another measuring 620 feet on the Buckley side.

The Parker Truss connecting bridge measured 342 feet with two pier-block footings at the mid-point. Back then, the bridge joined the Mud Mountain Dam Road on the Enumclaw side to River Avenue on the Buckley end. The new footbridge, which opened in September 2024, follows the same route. Both the Old Buckley Bridge and the new pedestrian crossing are 160 feet east of and upstream from the former Northern Pacific Railway crossing, and another 900 feet upriver from the current SR-410 bridge.

Flooding along the Whiter River wasn't fully resolved until 1948, when the Army Corps of Engineers completed the Mud Mountain Dam, pursuant to a 1936 act of Congress. Bids for the project were accepted



in 1939, with an expected completion date of November 1942; however, World War II delayed completion by six years.

Following the 1949 construction of the new SR-410 bridge, the Old Buckley Bridge lost its importance. On June 27, 1955, the King County Commissioners adopted a resolution to close the 40-year-old bridge. The Commissioners noted that continued use was dangerous, plus with the SR-410 crossing, it was no longer needed.

Still, one final chapter remained. On January 30, 1956, Buckley Deputy Sheriff Harold Webb reported "the capture of a youth of 17, who admitted that he and two other juveniles attempted to dynamite the bridge." The three obtained a case of dynamite from one of their fathers and ignited a fuse, but the powder failed. On a second attempt, they poured gasoline on and set fire to the explosives, but the charge still failed to ignite. The Old Buckley Bridge was soon dismantled, as was the Northern Pacific railroad bridge decades later.

The SR-410 bridge, now under repair, opened in 1949 with a projected lifespan of 75 years. For those too tired from driving three extra hours each day, the existing bridge's expected service life ended in 2024. As did the patience of the 22,000 drivers who typically cross this span each day.

This series 474, file 1060 image comes courtesy of King County Archives. Bridge inspector Thomas Blum took this photo on December 10, 1933. Due to high river levels, the bridge was temporarily closed. A group of citizens can be seen standing on the Buckley side observing the intense winter flooding. JoAnne Matsumura, an Issaquah historian, provided articles from the Seattle Times. Technical information was provided by Steve Faulkner of Enumclaw, a forest engineer who specializes in bridges.



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ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION **Skyway Towing & Recovery** RTTO 5191 & RTTO 5023 2025 S. 341st Pl., Federal Way, WA 98003 **Tuesday, October 14, 2025 - View-**ing: 12:30 - **Auction 1:30 p.m.** See list at skywaytow.com (Published VOICE of the Valley, Tuesday, October 7, 2025)



Black Diamond Police Reports

On 09/13/2025, Officers were dispatched to the 32500 block of 3rd Ave reference to a vehicle theft. The complainant advised that the vehicle she was driving was stolen from the above listed location sometime between 0100 and 0150 hours. The vehicle was entered into the WCIC/NCIC system as stolen. On 09/13/2025 the stolen vehicle was located by the King County Sheriff's Office and it was removed from the WACIC/NCIC system.

On 09/13/2025, officers were dispatched to a parking complaint at the 32000 block of Morgan Dr. Officers contacted the reporting party and observed a vehicle parked on their property and they requested the vehicle park elsewhere. Officers informed the property owner the issue was civil in nature and would not constitute to any law enforcement involvement. Officers advised the owner of the vehicle that the property owner wanted the car to be removed from their property and they agreed to move it.

On 09/13/2025 Officers were dispatched to a noise complaint in the 32500 block of Baker ST. Officers advised the subjects involved of the Black Diamond Municipal Code concerning noise and they agreed to turn down the music. Officers also contacted the person responsible for renting the facility and advised them that criminal charges could result from continued violation of the Municipal Code.

On 09/13/2025, Officers were dispatched to a traffic complaint in the 31100 block of 3rd AVE. Officers conducted an area check and were unable to locate the vehicle.

On 09/14/2025, Officers were dispatched to the 32700 block of Ten Trails PKWY for a hit and run. This case is currently under investigation.

On 09/14/2025 Officers were dispatched to a park in the 25300 block of Park St. in regard to a report of a person seen walking in the area smoking marijuana. Officers conducted an area check and were unable to locate anyone matching the description given.

On 09/14/2025 Officers were dispatched to the 25200 block of Baker St. in regard to a report of juveniles who were riding four wheelers with a parent in the area. Officers conducted an area check and were unable to locate anyone matching the description provided.

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