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The success of both companies provides much-needed employment for residents in the Columbia River Gorge.

"They represent the fulfillment of the port's longstanding vision to bring good-paying jobs to our community to support our local economy," said Jess Groves, president of the port commission.

Both businesses will also contribute to the tax base for the City of Cascade Locks.

"It will increase the tax base ... it got to a point where Skamania County was saying we're not coming over, we're helping you too much, and you're not helping us," said former Cascade Locks Mayor Tom Cramblett. "But we have turned that around and part of what turned that around is things like this - it gave us a new tax base."

Numerous people worked to bring the project to fruition.

"We thank the governor (Oregon Gov. Kate Brown) for writing the \$2.4 million into her budget for the expansion of the business park and Oregon Sen. Chuck Thomsen, who stays on top of Cascade Locks' issues and has been really good to Cascade Locks," Kaganova said.

More governmental officials helped the port with financing of the new Renewal Workshop building.

"We're really appreciative

of what those senators have done for us, including Rep. Anna Williams for all of her efforts supporting this project, Business Oregon, pFriem Family Brewers, and The Renewal Workshop, JH Kelly (contractor), and many others," she said.

The community benefits from the business development, Groves said.

"This is what I call a win-win for our community," he said. "This is our sixth building in about seven years ... which was a big undertaking."

Nicole Bassett, co-owner of The Renewal Workshop, said the new site means the company can consolidate its operations which are currently being conducted out of several other port buildings.

"This is really special to be able to access that land and be able to grow business on it and do something really that has been my vision and dream and to see it like, this is incredible," she said.

The City of Cascade Locks and the port cooperated on developing the needed infrastructure for the new buildings.

The city's electrical and water systems were upgraded to accommodate the industrial expansion. The latter was especially important because it provides the necessary water supply to fight potential fires.

"We're just talking with some of the officials this morning and we actually can't imagine how we were able to run our business for that long without having a facility like this in a place like this," said Rudy Kellner, co-owner of pFriem Family Brewers. "We've been (among) the most impacted businesses and industries during the pandemic."

pFriem had to lay off workers in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and their revenues fell off, he said. But the pandemic also prompted the company to speed up its expansion plans.

"On March 16 last year, we were down to 30 employees," Kellner said. "And now, we have 82. We were able to re-hire more than 50 folks in the last six months, largely due to having this facility available, having this space to grow, and having the infrastructure and the support from the great team here at Cascade Locks," Kellner said.

pFriem Family Brewers is also dedicated to being locally based in their beer supply.

"Seventy percent of our beer is sold in Oregon," he said. "The rest of the beer is sold in Washington across the river. We're a small regional company but we're now the third-largest independent craft brewer in Oregon."



**Rudy Kellner, left, co-owner of pFriem Family Brewers, and Port of Cascade Locks Commission President Jess Groves cut the ribbon for the brewery's new building in the port's business park on Friday, June 25. Photo by Philip L. Watness**

Kellner said he believes the city and port as well as the brewery will benefit from the expansion.

"Now with this business, it's been a beautiful thing and it's just been essential for us to have this great partnership with the port," he said. "We feel so welcome in Cascade

Locks from our work with city management and Gordon's (City Manager Gordon Zimmerman) team to the port. It's just been really pleasant and it's been a really positive relationship and we're just getting started."

Just opening in the business park, pFriem already has

expansion plans to add 7,500 square feet to the facility.

All parties involved - pFriem, The Renewal Workshop, the Port of Cascade Locks and the City of Cascade Locks - expect the new businesses will positively impact Cascade Locks for years to come.

## Obituaries



**Mary Evelyn White**  
April 19, 1937  
to June 25, 2021

Mary Evelyn Heard White was born April 19, 1937, in Helena, Mont. While born the third of nine children to Leroy and Evelyn Heard, she was raised as their oldest due to the early deaths of her two older brothers. She moved with her family at the age of 10 to Carson, Wash., where she lived for over 50 years. She married her husband, Calvin, upon completion of her sophomore year of high school, at the age of 16. Mary completed high school and worked as a telephone operator in Stevenson, handling telephone calls for all of Skamania County.

Mary was the proud moth-

er of Gene (Cindy), David (Cindy), Jamie and Doug; grandmother to eight, and great-grandmother to 12.

A memorial will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 24 at Faith Center Church in Vancouver, Wash., 11608 NE 107TH St, Vancouver, Wash.

More information about the memorial can be found at: <https://fb.me/e/18hbuqtzNj>



**Marie Nielsen**  
Dec. 25, 1922  
to June 16, 2021

Venus Marie Nielsen passed away peacefully on June 16 at her home in Mesa, Ariz., with family by her side, at the age of 98. Marie was born to Lena and Otis Thayer in Las Animas, Colo., on Dec. 25, 1922. She joined brother

Harrison and sister Betty. Harrison passed away in 1941 and Betty (Willey) in 2000.

Nielsen lived a long, adventurous life. Her parents divorced and she and sister Betty lived with various relatives. Her favorite time was living with her Grandma Thayer in Pueblo, Colo.

During high school, she was an accomplished roller-skater, doing flips and spins with the best skaters. After graduation, she married George Millis and they had two daughters.

During the World War II, she had many jobs, including working at the Pueblo Ordnance Depot and as a switchboard operator.

After she and George divorced, she piled her two young daughters into a 1940 Chevy and drove to Washington to help sister Betty during her pregnancy. The Willey's lived in Mill-A at the time where Marie met and married Fred Nielsen.

Marie and Fred moved to White Salmon where four more children joined the family, plus two step-children.

Nielsen always made every holiday and birthday special. She was renowned for her homemade hand decorated cakes. And her world-famous Lemon Meringue pie, famous for the scrimmages it caused with the cousins at family events.

Once the kids were of school age, she worked at Dickey Farms and Jantzen.

After Fred passed away in 1976, she moved back to Mill-A to live in the "big white house." She worked at the Wind River Nursery until she retired. After retirement, she moved to Mesa where she loved the weather, traveling, and all her great friends.

Nielsen got to travel far and wide and loved every minute. She went Jeeping in Nevada and Utah, took several cruises, traveled to Canada for the 1986 Expo, Hawaii beaches, east coast fall colors, Mississippi River paddle boat, Mexico train trip and Thailand. And of course, all over Washington and Oregon. She loved the beach. She was a great travel buddy and was always up for any adventure.

And everywhere she went, she collected a glass.

When relaxing at home she was always reading a book. In her later years, she loved crosswords, jigsaw puzzles and playing Yahtzee!

She is survived by her children, Penny and husband Bill Murphy of Reno, Nev.; Pat Schuetz of Mesa, Ariz.; Beth Hogan and husband Tom Judd of Mill-A; Bill Nielsen and wife Lori of Mill-A; and Sandy and husband Bill Russell of Scappoose, Ore.; 15 grandchildren, 29 great-grand-

children and one great, great granddaughter. Also, numerous nieces and nephews and many friends from all over.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Sue Nielsen, son Rich Nielsen and stepson Freddy Nielsen.

Marie was deeply loved by all who know her. Her philosophy was "live and let live." Nielsen was an incredibly resilient, hard-working, kind-hearted, fun-loving person who will live on forever in the hearts of her family and friends.

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## Church Directory

### Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

725 SW Rock Creek Dr.;  
Stevenson - 509-427-8478

Fr. Jim Mylet - Parish Priest,  
Deacon Bill Townsend, [www.stthomascamas.org/74](http://www.stthomascamas.org/74)

Sunday Mass at 9 AM.  
Wednesdays open for Private Prayer from 6-7 PM. Holy Days of Obligation 7 PM Mass.

Sunday Mass will continue to be live streamed from St. Thomas Aquinas in Camas at 8:30 AM. Go to: <https://vimeo.com/user132779560>. The Mass will be uploaded to YouTube, following the end of Mass, for those not on social media.

### Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

273 NE Lutheran Church Rd. E. end of Stevenson just off Hwy 14. Phone 509-427-

5972 email: [office.shepherdofthehills@gmail.com](mailto:office.shepherdofthehills@gmail.com)

[www.shepherdofthehillsgorge.org](http://www.shepherdofthehillsgorge.org). Pastor Mary Shaima

WE ARE WORSHIPING IN PERSON! Join us for in-person worship this

Sunday at 10:30 AM OR on our Facebook Live stream at <https://www.facebook.com/LutheranSoth/>. You no longer need to make a reservation to attend

Sunday worship - just sign in when you arrive. Even with updated COVID guidelines, we will continue with masks and capacity of 50 for the time being, given the local infection rates.

Please continue to pray for an end to the pandemic. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation - we welcome all because God welcomes all.

### Carson Church of the Nazarene

92 Dalen Street, P.O. Box 929, Carson, 509-427-8398  
Pastor Todd Futter

Worship Service 11 a.m. in person and Online on Facebook. Wednesday: ARMY Youth Group and Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Find us on Facebook

### River Christian Church

252 Roosevelt St., Stevenson  
Pastor Dr. Glenn Daman - Phone 427-8342

Morning Service..10:45 a.m. Friday, Men's Discipleship...6:30 a.m. Home Bible Studies available [www.riverchristianchurch.org](http://www.riverchristianchurch.org)

### Carson Bible Church

1121 Wind River Hwy, Carson, 427-8373  
Pastor Larry Thayer

Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m. in Church and on Facebook  
Sunday School on hold  
Wed Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
Thurs. Ladies Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

### Little Church in the Valley

41 Trout Creek Road in Stabler  
Church: 427-8344; 427-4372  
Sunday Service...9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service...10:45 a.m.

### Stevenson United Methodist Church

Corner of Jefferson & School Sts.  
Pastor Karen Ashley, Phone 427-5354

Zoom Worship Opportunity: The URL is the same each Sunday <https://greaterwv.zoom.us/j/7496224676>. For those people wishing to worship with us, they should use the URL. Those who

have the APP on their tablet and wish to join the meeting can do so using the meeting number 7496224676

### North Bonneville Community Church

Wacomac and Pioneer Drive  
Phone 427-8142,  
Rev. Don Cameron

Sunday School...10 a.m.;  
Morning Worship...11 a.m.  
• Nursery Available

Website: [www.facebook.com/northbonnevillecommunity-church](http://www.facebook.com/northbonnevillecommunity-church)

### Living Faith Open Bible Church

12 NE Vancouver Ave.,  
Stevenson

Pastor Brett Johnson  
Phone: 427-5451

Sunday Service...8:30 a.m. Sunday Service...10:30 a.m. Nursery Available for all services. For more information visit: [www.livingfaith.us](http://www.livingfaith.us)

### Skamania Community Church

33391 SR 14, Skamania. Located 1/4 mile east of Skamania Fire Station.

Informal Fellowship/Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 11:00 a.m. Sign language interpretation available upon request.

Vibrant Children's Ministries including Awana and VBS Nursery Available  
Pastor Bill Akers: 360-513-5737

Pastor Matt Califf: 360-772-1068

Pastor Dutch Lewis: 360-281-9238

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

650 Gropper Road, Stevenson, WA, 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, Bishop Todd Kestner 360-949-2719