

What's news in Tahoma schools?

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School District highlights

School board to honor scholars, review C-10

Tahoma School Board will meet at Tahoma High School on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. Highlighting the meeting is the annual recognition of Tahoma High School Advanced Placement scholars.

The school board also will hear a review of the district's Classroom 10 initiative, presented by Assistant Superintendent Nancy Skerritt. Also on the agenda is the annual athletics review, by Athletics Director Tony Davis, and an update to the facilities policy, presented by Lori Cloud, director of finance.

'Stuff the bus' for food bank

Help "Stuff the Bus" on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wildemess Village QFC supermarket to benefit the Maple Valley Food Bank. The food bank is in need of canned and packaged food, personal hygiene and household cleaning supplies, new/gently-used children's books and school supplies.

Donated goods will be placed on a school bus and delivered to the food bank. The goal is to fill the bus to capacity.

The event is sponsored by Tahoma Classified Employees. For details or to donate, please contact Barbara Roessler at 425-457-9292.

Bus schedules available online

School bus routes and schedules for the 2011-2012 school year are available on the school district's main Web page. Just look for the school bus icon.

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FFA members from Tahoma have plenty to show for their efforts at the Puyallup Fair. In the back row, from left: Craig Katzer, Pat Noy, Logon Nordeen, Emily Page, Mark Gato, Kaylee Davidson. Front row, from left: Marie Page (FFA Advisor), Grace Montgomery and Abby Blake.

Tahoma FFA brings home ribbon bumper crop

Tahoma High School's Future Farmers of America program brought back 12 first-place state ribbons from the Puyallup Fair, for individual and program achievements. As a group, the Tahoma FFA won first place in state for horticulture and rabbit herdsmanship.

Individual winners are:
1st in State for Horticulture.
1st in State for Rabbit Herdsmanship.

Outstanding Exhibitor:
Emily Page.

Grand Champion Novice Rabbits: Abby Blake.

Reserve Grand Champion Novice Rabbits: Emily Page.

Grand Champion Graduate Rabbits: Reni Luccido.

Reserve Grand Champion Graduate Rabbits: Tyler Jenks.

Grand Champion Educational Display: Kaylee Davidson.

1st Place Demonstration Exhibit Presentations: Emily Page, Abby Blake, Kaylee Davidson, Gracie Montgomery, Logan Nordeen.

Champion Rosettes for Educational Display posters:

Best in Lot, Floral: Morgan Malnati.

Best in Lot, Animal Science: Mark Gato.

Best in Lot, Natural Resources/Wildlife: Pat Noy.

Task force to study school siting issue

Tahoma School District will be part of a special county task force committee that is being assembled to look at whether sewer service should be permitted to serve schools built in the rural area outside the urban growth boundary.

The committee was created by the county Growth Management Planning Council, which is reviewing King County's growth policies. The council is considering changes that would prohibit new schools from hooking up to sewers in the rural area. Tahoma School District's only remaining school construction site is in the rural area, adjacent to Tahoma Junior High on Summit-Landsburg Road in Ravensdale. Proposed changes would prohibit construction of a new school.

Prohibitions on sewer service in rural areas are intended to restrict growth and urban sprawl. Schools have been permitted to build in the rural area and connect to "tight-line" sewers, which can serve only the schools and not other customers.

The task force committee will have representatives from cities, schools and King County. It will report back to the council in February.