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# MISSION: PASSION

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## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



I have the unique privilege of witnessing the remarkable dedication and hard work that each of you brings to our mission every day. This month, I want to center our conversation around a theme that is fundamental to our collective success and drives every achievement we celebrate - passion. It is this passion that fuels our commitment to excellence, drives innovation, and ensures we approach every challenge with determination and integrity.

Our journey together is marked by a shared sense of pride in the work we do and the impact we make. This pride is a testament to our collective effort and achievements but also serves as a reminder that our work is never done. There is always room for growth, improvement and innovation. It is this mindset of continuous learning and reaching goals that keeps us moving forward, challenging ourselves to be better and to do better, in alignment with our core values.

As we continue to advance in our mission, let's remember to hold our values close, guiding our actions and decisions. Our commitment to excellence is what differentiates us, ensuring that we not only achieve our goals, but do so in a manner that we can be proud of.

Thank you for all you do and stay safe!

Bob

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## 5 MINUTES WITH LORIN CYR



In our recent conversation with Chief of Hanford Patrol Lorin Cyr, we learned of his love for his grandchildren, that he's a Huskies fan and "a bunch of national parks and Israel" are on his bucket list of travel locations. He began his leadership role as a sergeant in the U.S. Army, involved with K9 and traffic programs, serving him well when he got into the K9 program at Hanford.

### 1. Who is a mentor that has made an impact on you?

There are so many. Some coaches in junior high and high school were mentors. They taught me how to have clear dedication, understand the task at hand and build a team. I also had great mentors in the military. In my Hanford career, I've learned so much from leaders like Monty Giulio, Greg McDowell, Craig Walton and Casey de Groof.

### 2. This month's newsletter theme is Passion. What does Passion mean to you?

It's hard to put into words. I think of my relationship with my Lord and Savior, and my wife. It's the commitment, that bond, and the desire to always be your best, do your best, and set examples for others. Take pride in what you do. Be dedicated.

### 3. What do you do in your free time?

My wife and I love camping and hiking. I've gotten into fly fishing. Another passion is scenic and wildlife photography.

### 4. When you're having a tough day, what do you do to turn things around?

I look at the fact there's always going to be pitfalls in life. We have very little control over when or where they will happen. So, you weather the storm and find the best answers and solutions to change the course.

### 5. What's something about you that people would be surprised to know?

I volunteer in the NICU at the hospital, holding babies. As much as people thank us for it, I get so much out of being there to hold them and comfort them in their time of need.

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## RECOGNITION



### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Royce Benham DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS PROCESS COMPLIANCE & INVOICING

Meet Royce Benham, director of Business Process Compliance & Invoicing. Royce has volunteered with Junior Achievement since 2009 and The Salvation Army since 2018.

Junior Achievement is dedicated to inspiring and preparing youth to succeed in a global economy. Royce facilitates fundraising efforts for JA and teaches lessons in second grade classrooms about how students can be involved in the community and about different jobs and career paths. He was drawn to volunteering with JA for a variety of reasons, but mainly, "it's just really fun."

"Junior Achievement is awesome," Royce said, and the kids seem to love the lessons taught by classroom volunteers. The fundraising part of his volunteering is fun, too, with members of his HMIS team joining in. Coming up with creative ways to encourage people to donate is the main challenge, and they're just getting started on this year's campaign. Last year, they had life-size cardboard cutouts of HMIS President Bob Wilkinson and CFO Ryan Burdo travel throughout the company!



The BPC&I team raised \$1,610 in donations to support Junior Achievement in 2023. Front row: Terrie Jenkins and Jennifer Bowe. Back row: Rachel Roberts, Ryan Burdo (cutout), Alex Amegashie, Royce Benham, Dan Wiley and Bob Wilkinson (cutout).

Royce also spends time volunteering with The Salvation Army after an experience spurred his interest. "I participated in a count of the homeless population a few years ago, and it was a really eye-opening experience," he said.

Royce volunteers with the Angel Tree and Adopt-A-Family programs during the holidays to help support local families in need. The Angel Tree program provides new clothing or toys for children and gives community members a way to donate specific items to a single child for Christmas. The Adopt-A-Family program pairs a family who has experienced tragedy or crisis during the past year with a sponsor who "adopts" the family for the holidays.



Employees with the Chief Financial Officer and Business Integration & Operations teams worked together in December to provide gifts to the Salvation Army. From left: Alex Amegashie, Zack Widhalm, Amy Gadd, Rachel Roberts and Royce Benham.

Sponsors often help by purchasing new clothing, toys, household items and groceries.

Royce also enjoys serving in the community with his family. In 2022, The Arc of Tri-Cities held an Easter egg hunt, and the event organizer (his daughter) needed an Easter Bunny. Royce had a great time posing for pictures with children and helping them find Easter eggs.

At the end of the day, Royce says, "I'm just a catalyst that helps other people give back."



Royce (sporting the Easter Bunny costume) and his daughter, Lindsey, supporting The Arc of the Tri-Cities Easter egg hunt in 2022.

**TEAM FOCUS:**  
Meteorological  
Services



Meteorological Station data manager Grant Gutierrez.



Meteorologist Perry Perrault.

Contributor: Jill Harvill

For many Hanford Site projects and their workers, a daily detailed weather forecast is essential for work planning.

The Site relies on a dedicated meteorological team of three forecasters – Perry Perrault, Josh Markel and Noah Polek-Davis. During each shift, the forecaster reviews dozens of models and verifies weather readings from 30 Hanford weather stations to produce a daily 72-hour forecast. In addition to routine weather reports, the system produces several specialized, mission, environmental and safety-related reports.

“Reviewing data gives us a higher confidence on what to expect short-term and long-term,” said Grant Gutierrez, Hanford Meteorological Station data manager. “It’s critical for worker safety and preparing for emergency response,

like whether you should stay off the road during freezing rain, or delay crane work if wind speeds will be high.”

The Hanford Meteorological Station has been in operation in the 200 West Area since 1944 – just look for the 400-foot met tower. Hanford meteorologists also maintain weather records that date back before operations began, including entries from the Hanford town site as old as 1912. A wealth of weather data, including reports from each of the meteorological monitoring stations, can be viewed any time at <https://www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/HMS>.

Senior Meteorologist Perry Perrault has been on the job for 40 years – and in that time he’s seen a lot of weather, including the almost “brown snow” he witnessed when a snowstorm combined with a windstorm and blew a mix of dirt, snow and tumbleweeds through the air.



Meteorologist Noah Polek-Davis.



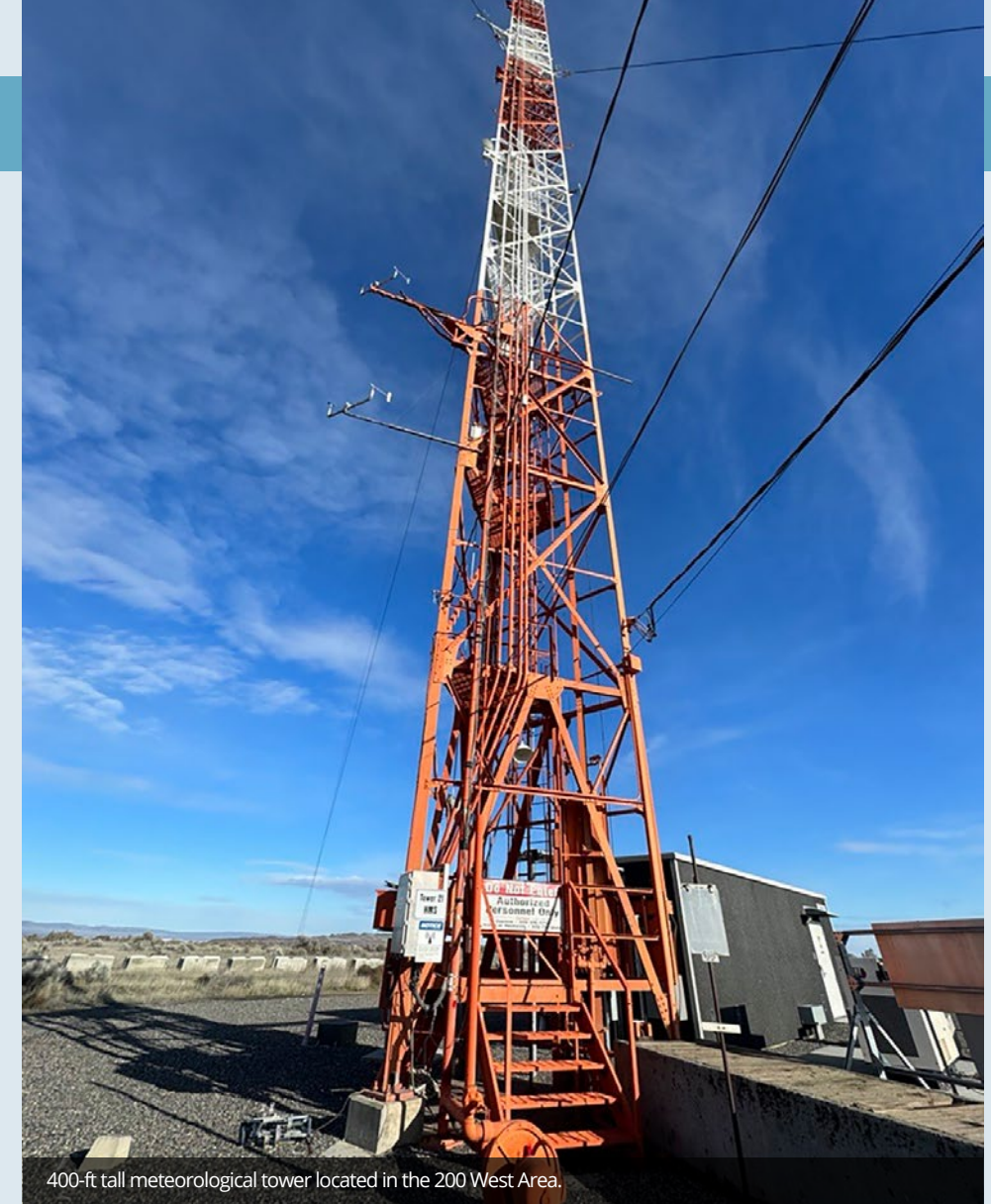
Meteorologist Josh Markel.

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– Grant Gutierrez, Hanford Meteorological Station data manager

Decades on, he said the job still gives him great satisfaction.

While our area may not see severe weather events like tornados, hurricanes and floods, we do have a unique cleanup scope, operations mission and workforce that need timely, on-the-spot weather information to safely complete their work. We have a great appreciation for our HMS meteorological team for their role in our safety and the Hanford cleanup mission!



400-ft tall meteorological tower located in the 200 West Area.



With team members ensuring a safety zone around the lift area, the water skid was safely placed on a flat-bed trailer for transport.

## ONE HANFORD

### Crane & Rigging Supports Tank Farms Operations with Water Skid Lift

*Contributor: Shane Edinger*

Some thorough planning and pre-job preparations led to a smooth lift and place for HMIS' Crane & Rigging team. The crew was tasked with lifting a water skid located just outside the AY Tank Farm and loading it onto a trailer for transport.

Tank Farm workers drained the water out of the unit before it was moved, but sometimes not all of the water gets removed from the tank, and that can lead to a potentially unlevel load where one end of the skid is heavier than the other.

"Our team was prepared to make any necessary adjustments to balance out the offsetting weight," shared Ben Massey, Crane & Rigging's Tank Farms supervisor. "But they did a great job of draining all the water out of the skid, and our rigging crew didn't need to make any adjustments."

The crew for this job included one crane operator, one designated lead and four riggers. The team followed excellent rigging practices and performed the lift safely onto the trailer, which was then transported to Hiline Engineering & Fabrication in Richland for repairs and maintenance work.

"The job went really smooth and a lot of that had to do with the preparation and the planning that our team put in beforehand," Massey added. "Everyone was on the same page and there was great communication between all the parties involved."



Crane & Rigging recently lifted a water skid located outside the AY Tank Farm so it could be transported for maintenance.



This photo shows the immense amount of legacy wiring that was removed from the system with the installation of the new terminal box.

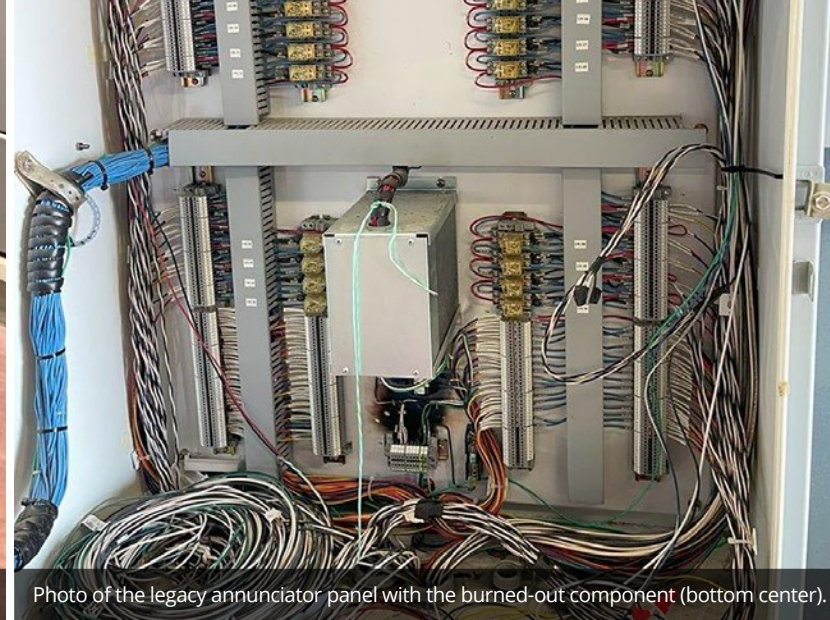


Photo of the legacy annunciator panel with the burned-out component (bottom center).

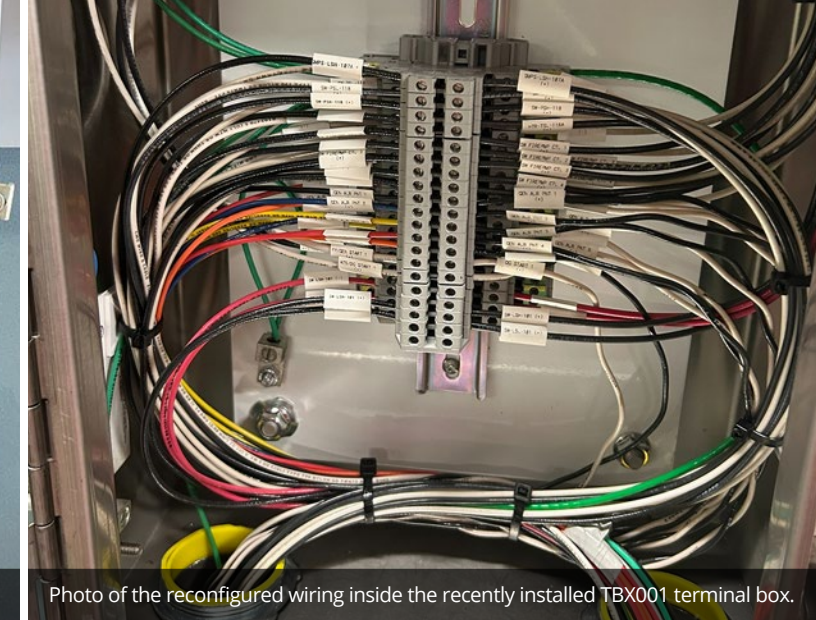


Photo of the reconfigured wiring inside the recently installed TBX001 terminal box.

## ONE HANFORD

### Teamwork Leads to Fast-Tracked Panel Replacement

*Contributor: Shane Edinger*

As work continues to bring the new 1.5-million-gallon water tank online in 200 West, the Project Delivery team discovered that some components had failed on the annunciator panel in the 282WC pump house and it needed to be taken out of service. The panel served as a communications hub for a series of alarm and warning systems that ensure the water system continually operates as intended.

Replacing the panel was already planned as part of Phase 2 of Project L-850, but after some discussions with the Water & Sewer Utilities team, the teams determined the panel should be replaced ahead of schedule.

“Water & Sewer Utilities was not comfortable leaving the annunciator panel in service with the burned-out component,” shared Mark Berkenbile, HMIS’ manager of Construction Management. “We were ultimately going to replace the panel with a new terminal board junction box, but doing the work now allowed us to upgrade and reconfigure the wiring to the new box and remove a lot of legacy wiring that wasn’t needed anymore.”

Over the last few decades, an assortment of circuits had been added to the legacy panel as additional features were needed to support remote water utilities communications between 282WC and the filter plant at 283W.

“With the replacement of the annunciator panel, the filter plant now has all the required generator, fire pump and tank status communications they need for continued operations, without concern of system failure,” Berkenbile added.

The W&SU team provided lock out tag out support for the project, mitigating any potential hazards that could come up as the panel was removed and replaced.

“We’ve done several lock and tags for the L-850 project over the last year, and each time we’ve reviewed things afterward to continually improve the process,” said Bryan Hills, W&SU’s field work supervisor on this project. “This one went really well. All the folks involved in the planning did a great job collaborating to get all the pieces of the puzzle lined up, and everything went super smooth.”

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### Youth of the Year Program Honors Boys & Girls Club Teens

Contributor: Jill Harvill

Last month, we highlighted HMIS' support of the local Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year candidates, Aaron from the Prosser Clubhouse, Zaida from the Kennewick Clubhouse and Tanya from the Pasco Clubhouse, as they prepared for this year's competition. All of that hard work was celebrated on Feb. 1 when Zaida was announced as the 2024 Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties!

Zaida will be a great representative of our local clubs at the Washington State Youth of the Year celebration this spring. We're proud of Zaida and all our HMIS staff who volunteered time to help make this program a success!



2024 Youth of the Year candidates Zaida, Aaron and Tanya.



2024 Youth of the Year, Zaida!



HMIS staff with the winner! From left: Jim Whalley, Lynn Chandler, Ryan Burdo, Zaida, Reneé Brooks, Daniel Saucedo, Jennifer Ollero and Jill Harvill.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### Celebrating the Children's Developmental Center

Contributor: Shyanne Palmus

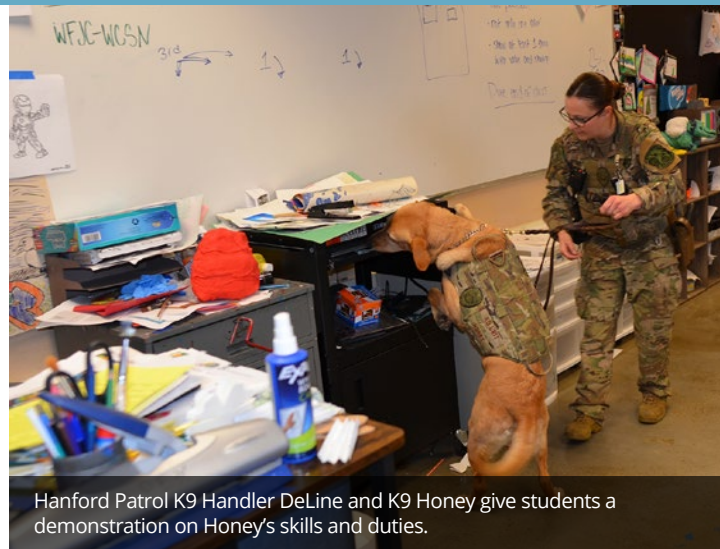
HMIS was proud to serve as the matching gift sponsor at the Children's Developmental Center's Wine Fete 2024, the organization's annual fundraising event. The Children's Developmental Center focuses on providing early support for infants and toddlers with special needs including special instruction, speech and language support, and occupational therapy.

This year's event raised more than \$230,000! To learn more about the Children's Developmental Center, visit [childrensdevelopmentalcenter.org](http://childrensdevelopmentalcenter.org).



Pictured (L to R): Bryan McGlothlin, Diane Cato, Daryl Witherspoon, Deidra Witherspoon, Jennifer Ollero, Ryan Ollero, Anthony Nagel and Sarah Nagel.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Hanford Patrol K9 Handler DeLine and K9 Honey give students a demonstration on Honey's skills and duties.

### “Sniffing out” the next generation – Hanford Patrol visits River View High School

Contributor: Shyanne Palmus

River View High School, located in Finley, hosts a career day each year to introduce students to the various career opportunities available post-graduation. Students are given a variety of options to explore and can choose to learn about the career paths that most interest them.

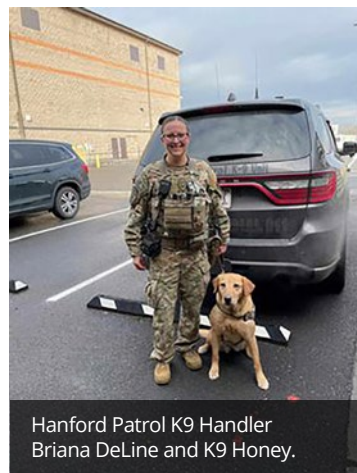
Hanford Patrol K9 Handler Briana DeLine attended the career day earlier this month with K9 Honey and had the opportunity to share

career opportunities available with Hanford Patrol. “It was a great experience. I absolutely love showing kids the capabilities of our K9s and all they can do.”

Briana and Honey are Hanford Patrol's first all-female K9 unit in more than 35 years and are trained in explosives detection. The duo is often called upon to provide mutual aid to local law enforcement agencies for bomb threats and other detection needs in partnership with other local K9 teams, as well as performing day-to-day duties on the Hanford Site.

Briana's passion for law enforcement and K9 handling began in high school, and from that point forward she focused on pursuing it as a career. “I love to provide a positive impact to kids who dream of a career in law enforcement. Anyone is capable of following their dreams if they put in the time and work to get there.”

Other Hanford employees participated as well, representing various STEM careers. Thanks to K9 Handler DeLine, K9 Honey, and all the Hanford employees who volunteered their time to visit with the next generation of Hanford workers!



Hanford Patrol K9 Handler Briana DeLine and K9 Honey.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



### Give a Pint, Save a Life

Contributor: Dustin Arbogast

The Red Cross has issued an emergency blood shortage in the U.S. and HMIS held a blood drive on Feb. 1 to help do our part.

With more than 20 employees showing up and donating blood, the HMIS family donated enough blood to save more than 60 lives! Thanks to those who helped in various ways to have a successful blood drive. Visit [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) to find out how you can help during this time of need.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### Lending a Hand at Second Harvest

*Contributor: Dustin Arbogast*

Thank you to everyone who joined the HMIS Family for another amazing opportunity to give back to our community. We are constantly trying to find more ways we can give back, and this month more than 30 volunteers gathered at Second Harvest. In just under two hours, and on a weeknight no less, we were able to sort 12,000 pounds of potatoes, a new record!

The 12,000 pounds of potatoes sorted will help provide around 10,000 meals to families who need assistance in our region. Second Harvest is a valuable resource to our community that provides hope and a helping hand to thousands of people every month. Our employees truly enjoy volunteering here and making a difference in our community. See you next time!

