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# Winter Newsletter

# Maternal Child Health

December, 2025

# Welcome Winter!

It's that time of year again! Bundle up and enjoy our Winter Newsletter. Community events, resources, and more inside!

## Benefiting organizations include:

- \*Cowlitz County Child Advocates
  - \*Cowlitz County Habitat for Humanity
  - \*Hello Life
  - \*Youth and Family Link
  - \*Longview Parks and Rec
  - \*Safe Kids of Lower Columbia
- <https://lowercolumbia.jl.org/>



You are cordially invited to the

# Festival of Trees

FUNDRAISING AUCTION

PRESENTED BY



**SATURDAY DECEMBER 6, 2025**

**COWLITZ COUNTY EVENT CENTER**

1900 7TH AVE, LONGVIEW, WA 98632

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM



Help local kids in need this holiday season

## GILMORE/KNOWLES CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CENTER

Giving trees can be found in the following locations throughout the community:

Bud Clary – Chevrolet & Subaru	1030 Commerce, Longview
Stewart Title	1011 Washington Way, Longview
Dream Dentistry	950 14 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Longview
Freedom Market	971 14th Ave. #110, Longview
Freedom Market	820 Westside Hwy #A, Kelso
Mary's Bar & Grill	4503 Ocean Beach Hwy, Longview
YMCA	766 15th Ave., Longview
Bob's Annex	1111 Hudson St., Longview
Les Schwab	1420 Industrial Way, Longview
Sweet Spot	1015 Ocean Beach Hwy, Longview
Kelso Eagles	609 S. Pacific Ave., Kelso
Longview Eagles	1526 12th Ave., Longview
DSHS	711 Vine St, Kelso
Calvary Community Church	2655 38th Ave., Longview
Corner Café	796 Commerce Ave., Longview
Lower Columbia Longshore Federal Credit Union	629 14th Ave., Longview
Mint Valley Credit Union	3325 Washington Way, Longview
Hilander Dental	510 Allen St., Kelso
Abundant Life Church	615 s. 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Kelso
Cascade Title	1425 Maple St., Longview
Baxter Auto Parts	940 Vandercook Way, Longview
Advantage Chiropractic	1312 Vandercook Way, Longview
PieTrios	614 Commerce Ave., Longview
PUD	961 12th Ave., Longview
Art's Electric	1320 Industrial Way, Longview

There are still many ways you can give and support the community this season



# KELSO ROTARY

## Lights in the PARK

Presented in partnership with Cowlitz PUD  Rotary Club of Kelso 

## December 12th - 24th Tam O'Shanter Park



Youth and Family Link

### Holiday Sponsorships

Spread holiday cheer and make a difference in our community!

#### WAYS TO SUPPORT

**Sponsor a Family**

**Joy Sponsor**  
Provide gifts for 1 family  
\$250

**Cheer Sponsor**  
Provide gifts for 4 families  
\$1,000

**Donate New Toys of Gifts**

**Hope Sponsor**  
Provide gifts for 2 families  
\$500

**Miracle Sponsor**  
Provide gifts for 8 families  
\$2,000



**Community Champion**  
Provide gifts for 10+ families  
\$2,500



Drop off new, unwrapped toys, games, books, or clothing items for children ages 0-17.

**Collection Location:**  
Youth & Family Link, 907 Douglas St., Longview, WA  
Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM

For more information or to become a sponsor, please contact: (360) 423-6741 link@linkprogram.org

[www.linkprogram.org](http://www.linkprogram.org)



## Toy Safety Tips

Everything you need to know to keep your kids safe around toys.

Toys and games are tons of fun for kids and adults. Whether your kids are working on a puzzle, playing with building blocks or even inventing their own games, here are a few things to think about to help them stay safer and have a blast.

### Find the Perfect Toy for the Right Age

- Consider your child's age and development when purchasing a toy or game. Read the instructions and warning labels to make sure it's just right for your child.
- Before you've settled on the perfect toy, check to make sure there aren't any small parts or other potential choking hazards.



### Don't Forget a Helmet for Riding Toys

- If your children have their hearts set on a new bike, skateboard, scooter or other riding equipment, be sure to include a CPSC certified helmet to keep them safe while they're having fun.
- [Learn more](#) bike safety tips and watch our [helmet safety video](#).



### Store Toys After Play

- After play time is over, use a bin or container to store toys for next time. Make sure there are no holes or hinges that could catch little fingers.



### Sign Up to Receive Product Recalls

- Safe Kids compiles product recalls specific to children and sends twice-monthly e-mail alerts for recent recalls. Sign-up for the [latest recall information](#).
- Go to [www.recalls.gov](http://www.recalls.gov) for additional information about product recalls related to kids.



*In 2021, nearly 122,00 children under the age of 15 years were seen in emergency rooms for toy-related injuries. That's 334 kids every day. Almost 60 percent of those children were younger than 5 years of age.*



## THE IMPACT OF H.R. 1 SNAP CUTS IN WASHINGTON



With H.R. 1, or the "One Big Beautiful Bill", Congress has mandated the largest cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in program history. This bill shifts \$165 million to our state budget, imposes work requirements on 137,000+ Washingtonians, and decreases benefits for families in need.

### What Cuts are Coming to SNAP in Washington?

#### 1 Expanded Work Requirements

Requirements that SNAP recipients work at least 80 hours/month will expand statewide to include:

- Adults up to age 64
- Parents with children aged 14 through 17
- Those experiencing homelessness, veterans, and former foster youth

Estimated Impact: 137,000+ Washingtonians

#### 2 State Cost Share

Starting in 2027, Washington state will be required to cover a percentage of SNAP benefit costs, and a higher share of the program administrative costs.

Estimated Impact: \$165 million annually

#### 3 Refugee and Asylee Eligibility

SNAP eligibility will be restricted to U.S. citizens, legal permanent residents, and a few select immigrant groups. Refugees & asylum seekers will no longer be eligible.

Estimated Impact: 33,000 Washingtonians

#### 4 Decreased Benefit Amounts

Through a series of policy changes - for example, disallowing future updates to the Thrifty Food Plan - SNAP recipients will see lower benefits over the coming years and higher administrative barriers to maximizing their benefit amount.

Estimated Impact: Up to \$125 less in monthly benefits

### Your Voice Matters – Make it Loud!

H.R. 1 dealt an unprecedented blow to SNAP, but there are still opportunities for positive change.

We need your help as we get to work on the road ahead.

Call your legislators, share SNAP impact stories, and be loud about the harm of this legislation on social media.

Access our resources to make sure everyone knows – SNAP cuts harm our communities.



[HungerFreeWA.org/advocacy](https://HungerFreeWA.org/advocacy)

Stay healthy this  
holiday season

Families in need of assistance can contact the Kelso Resource Center @ Three Rivers Mall to apply for assistance this Christmas. Additional information for applying can be found on the South Kelso Neighborhood Association Facebook page.

**NEW - Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS) offers a free educational program, Comprehensive Vaccine Education Program—from Training to Practice, to help combat vaccine misinformation and address hesitancy in two ways:**

**Collaboration for Vaccine Education and Research (CoVER) curriculum: Enhancing vaccine knowledge and confidence in having discussions with patients and parents through a web-based educational curriculum. The CoVER curriculum consists of 19 online modules.**

**Vaccine Education from Training to Practice Program: Enhancing access for medical providers to reliable, up-to-date and accurate vaccine information through The Vaccine Handbook (PDF).**

# VIRTUAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR DADS!

Register today: [bit.ly/pswadadsgroup](https://bit.ly/pswadadsgroup)

**Tuesdays 8:00-9:30 pm**

Join other self-identifying dads and fathers-to-be in this online support group, hosted by a fellow dad.



Nathan, our Group Facilitator

Sponsored by  Wellpoint<sup>SM</sup>

# Dependency 201 Class

For parents involved in the child welfare system



Clients can enjoy a free class, which includes snacks, materials, and a certificate of attendance.



**Time:** 1 pm - 2 pm

Every Tuesday

**Date:** Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Ascent Youth Center  
Upstairs Conference Room

Develop skills and exchange ideas to advance your case, covering topics like overcoming barriers, child welfare processes, boundaries, support networks, and parenting.

To register, please reach out to Sonja Rakoz, the Parents for Parents Coordinator, at [sonjar@chobl.org](mailto:sonjar@chobl.org) or give her a call at 360-703-2069.



# Free Printable

**FAMILY ADVENT CALENDAR**

The Children's Reading Foundation  
Read Together 20 Minutes Every Day™

Family traditions are meant to be shared, so this holiday season Play With A Purpose ten minutes every day with this 25 Days of Christmas Activity Advent Calendar. Enjoy these jolly activities with your family in any order you choose and more than once if your child finds them fun!

1 Make a Holiday Card	2 Play a Board Game	3 Read a Book About Snow	4 Sing a Holiday Song	5 Bake a Holiday Treat
6 Color a Christmas Tree	7 Play a Card Game	8 Make a Gift for Your Teacher	9 Share a Toy	10 Read a Christmas Book
11 Make a Holiday Ornament	12 Help a Neighbor	13 Bake Christmas Cookies	14 Listen to Holiday Songs	15 Host a Game Night
16 Read About Holiday Traditions from Around the World	17 Make a Paper Garland	18 Watch a Holiday Movie	19 Go on a Holiday Lights Scavenger Hunt	20 Draw a Snowman
21 Write a Letter to Santa	22 Drink Hot Chocolate	23 Wear a Silly Holiday Shirt or Sweater	24 Have a Holiday Dance Party	25 Merry Christmas!

13 Counting  
24 Following Directions

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Making crafts and doing activities is always fun! But remember, Playing With A Purpose is being actively engaged in your child's play. These activities are intended to enjoy together at the same time you ensure your child's safety and offer help as needed.

Follow us for educational activities, reading lists, and giveaways.

# Imprimible Gratis

A Family Advent Calendar is a great way to try to get the most out of every day as we count down to Christmas! (see Parent's Place FB updates for more)

**CALENDARIO DE ACTIVIDADES DECEMBRINAS**

The Children's Reading Foundation  
Leamos Juntos 20 Minutos Cada Día™

Las tradiciones familiares son para ser compartidas, por lo que esta temporada navideña le invitamos a jugar con un Propósito diez minutos cada día con las 25 actividades de este Calendario de Adviento. Distíngue de estas divertidas actividades con su familia en el orden que deseen y háganlas más de una vez si su niño las encuentra divertidas.

1 Hacer una tarjeta navideña	2 Jugar un juego de mesa	3 Leer un libro sobre la nieve	4 Cantar una canción navideña	5 Hornear un platillo navideño
6 Colorear un árbol de Navidad	7 Jugar un juego de cartas	8 Hacer un regalo para tu maestro	9 Compartir un juguete	10 Leer un libro de Navidad
11 Hacer un adorno navideño	12 Ayudar a un vecino	13 Hornear galletas navideñas	14 Escuchar canciones navideñas	15 Jugar en familia por la noche
16 Leer sobre tradiciones navideñas de todo el mundo	17 Hacer una guirnalda de papel	18 Ver una película navideña	19 Buscar casas con adornos navideños	20 Dibujar un muñeco de nieve
21 Escribir una carta a Santa	22 Beber chocolate caliente	23 Usar ropa festiva graciosa	24 Tener una fiesta de bailes navideños	25 ¡Feliz Navidad!

13 Contar  
24 Seguir Instrucciones

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Hacer manualidades y actividades de arte siempre es divertido. Pero recuerde, jugar con un Propósito se trata de participar activamente en el juego con su niño. Estas actividades están diseñadas para disfrutarlas juntos al mismo tiempo que usted garantiza la seguridad de su niño y ofrece ayuda según sea necesario.

Síguenos para recibir actividades educativas, listas y sorteos de libros.



# PICTURES WITH SANTA, OLAF & ELSA

The YMCA of Southwest Washington  
Dec. 14, 2:30 to 4:00 pm



The fireside room will be decorated for you to TAKE YOUR OWN photos with your camera or cell phone Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14 from 2:30 to 4 pm. Come make a great holiday memory.

YMCA OF SW WASHINGTON  
706 13TH AVE/ST G BOX 638  
LONGVIEW WA 98632  
360-423-4770  
www.southwestymca.org



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KELSO & LONGVIEW  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# Jingle ALL THE way

FAMILY 5K RUN/WALK

## December 11, 2025

5:30 PM at Tam O'Shanter Park & Kelso Rotary Lights in the Park

Join us at Kelso Rotary at 6pm for the Lights in the Park VIP Party!  
The whole park will be lit up with holiday activities and entertainment.



## Longview Christmas Parade Saturday 12/6 at 5 pm

## CASTLE ROCK FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

# Parade Line up

SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 13, 2025

Line up begins at 4:00 pm  
Cowlitz St E

Parade Coordinator - Heather Wilbur  
360.560.2036



## 3rd Annual Holiday Extravaganza December 13th 10 am - 5 pm

- Pictures with Santa 12 pm-2 pm
- Holiday Crafts
- Trolley Local Christmas Raffle
- Local Vendors



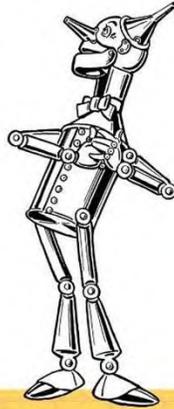
Children's  
Discovery  
Museum



# DIALOGUE

**New Month, New Newsletter!**

**December at the Library:  
Stories, Celebrations & Winter Magic**



**Check out and share  
December's festivities at  
the Longview Library**

**Sign Up for  
Our Newsletter!**



**FREE**  
• printables •  
• activities •  
• games •  
• book lists •  
• & MORE!

**READY! For Kindergarten:**

Go to  
[www.readingfoundation.org/readyforkindergarten/request-info](http://www.readingfoundation.org/readyforkindergarten/request-info) for the newsletter

**Santa's Mailbox at the Kalama Library!**



**KALAMA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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# Winter Crafts & Activities

TUESDAY  
December 2nd  
**Beaded Candy Canes**  
10am to 6pm

WEDNESDAY  
December 3rd  
**Scratch Art Ornaments**  
10am to 6pm

THURSDAY  
December 4th  
**Snowflake Craft**  
11am to 7pm

FRIDAY  
December 5th  
**Holiday Wreath**  
10am to 6pm

SATURDAY  
December 6th  
**Tree & Cookie Decorating**  
10am to 5pm

Crafts available all day, while supplies last



# Mental Health Toolkits

*Available for Check Out!*

## Toolkits for Children:

Bullying Backpack for Children

Grief Backpack for Children

## Toolkits for Teens:

Bullying Backpack for Teens

Anxiety, Stress & Depression Backpack for Teens

Each toolkit contains activities and books relating to the topic they cover!



Kelso Public Library has great resources throughout the winter months!

# DOG MAN NIGHT!

Thursday,  
December 11, 2025  
5:00pm - 7:00pm



Join us for a variety of Dog Man activities!



# SUNSHINE SUPPORT CIRCLE

**LOCATION**  
906 NEW YORK STREET,  
LONGVIEW, WA

Support group for parents and children with Autism or other developmental needs.

**REGISTER ONLINE:**

[THEPROGRESSCENTER.ORG/  
UPCOMING-EVENTS.HTML](http://THEPROGRESSCENTER.ORG/UPCOMING-EVENTS.HTML)

**FOLLOW ALONG FOR UPDATES!**

- PROGRESS CENTER
- THE ARC OF COWLITZ COUNTY



# Holiday Party

## NEW TIME!!!!

### 12/18/2025

### 2:00-3:30

*Fun, Games and You Know Who!*

December						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
PC - Progress Center LV - Longview	1	2 LifeWorks/ARC Playgroup 10am-12pm Family Story time 10:30-11:30am @ Woodland Library	3 Baby Social time @ Kelso Library 10-11am	4 Family Story time 10:30-11:30 @ Woodland Library Snow Flake crafting @ Kelso Library 11-12pm	5 Story time @ PC 10-11:30 am Family Movie night @ Woodland Library 5-7pm	6 Toddler Social time 10-11am Great Tree Event & Cookie Decorating 10am-5pm Both events @ Kelso Library
7	8	9 Family Story time 10:30-11:30am @ Woodland Library Snow ball: The Land of Oz @ LV Library 5:30-7pm	10 Penguin Craft 10-6pm Baby Social time 10-11am Both @ Kelso Library	11 Family Story time 10:30-11:30am @ Woodland Library Happy Hands playgroup @ PC 11-12	12 LifeWorks/ARC Playgroup 10-12pm Splash & play @YMCA 12-1pm Reindeer Craft @ Kelso Library 10am-5pm	13 Toddler Social time 10-11am Winter Party 10am-5pm Both events @ Kelso Library
14	15 Holiday Cookie exchange @ LV Library 5:30-6:30pm	16 Paper plate Snow Man craft @ Kelso Library 10am-6pm Music & Movement @ PC 3pm	17 Sunshine Support Group (0-5) @ LifeWorks 10-11:30am Baby Story time @ Kelso Library 10-10:30am	18 Progress Center Holiday Party @ The Progress Center 2-3:30	19 LifeWorks/ARC playgroup 10-12pm Splash & play @YMCA 12-1pm	20 Toddler Social time 10-11am @ Kelso Library
21	22	23	24 Winter Story time 10-10:30 Toy swap 10am-6pm both @ Kelso Library	25 <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>	26	27 Toddler Social time 10-11am @ Kelso Library
<b>Progress Center Closed - Winter Break</b>						
28	29	30	31 Noon Year's Eve party 11am-12pm @ Kelso Library	<b>Progress Center Closed - Winter Break</b>		

# Holiday Party



**NEW TIME!!!!**

**12/18/2025**  
**2:00-3:30**

*Fun, Games and You Know Who!*



PROGRESS CENTER  
Early Intervention Program  
& Neuromuscular Clinic

# HAPPY HANDS ASL PLAYGROUP




**DECEMBER 11, 2025**  
**11:00-12:00**

All communication styles welcome



PROGRESS CENTER  
Early Intervention Program  
& Neuromuscular Clinic

Lot's of FUN at the Progress Center!

Progress Center Families



## Splash & Play

Every Friday  
12:00-1:00

**Note: AGES 5 and under!**

1 Adult per child  
Swin Diaper Required  
Cancelled when PC is closed



PROGRESS CENTER  
Early Intervention Program  
& Neuromuscular Clinic

ALL ATTENDEES MUST SHOWER BEFORE ENTERING THE POOL

### YMCA Activity Pool

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## Shake Shimmy & Dance

music & movement class

THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
3:00-3:45



Crafts, Dance, Music & Fun!

**December 16, 2025**




PROGRESS CENTER  
Early Intervention Program  
& Neuromuscular Clinic

PROGRESS CENTER  
1600 3rd Avenue  
Longview



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# DECEMBER EVENTS

HERE'S WHAT IS HAPPENING IN COWLITZ COUNTY

## COMMUNITY HOLIDAY EVENTS

- **December 5 - Kalama Parade of Lighted Floats & Festivities**, 3 pm, Parade starts at 6 pm, Downtown
- **December 5 - Kelso Tree Lighting Festival**, 6 to 8 pm, Downtown Kelso/City Hall
- **December 6 - Woodland Winterfest**, 1 to 7 pm SANTA ARRIVES at 5:30 pm, Hoffman Plaza
- **December 6 - Longview Christmas Parade**, 5 pm, Downtown Longview to Civic Circle
- **December 13 - Castle Rock Festival of Lights**, 2 to 8 pm, Downtown Castle Rock

## DECEMBER 1 - 7

- **December 1 to 13 - Gingerbread House Competition benefitting Cowlitz Habitat for Humanity**, Drop off at Three Rivers Crossing; Public Display & Voting December 1 to 19, Kelso
- **December 1 to 24 - Holiday Light Drive Through Experience**, 5 to 10 pm, Cowlitz County Fairgrounds, Longview
- **December 3 - Holiday Bingo, hosted by Woodland Chamber of Commerce**, 5 pm, VFW Auxiliary, Woodland
- **December 4 - KPOP Demon Hunters Karaoke & Sing Along**, 5 to 7 pm, Kelso Public Library, Kelso
- **December 5 to 7 - Festival of Nativities**, 3 to 8 pm, Longview Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (11<sup>th</sup> & Delaware), Longview
- **December 5 - Parade of Lighted Floats & Festivities**, 3 to 7 pm, parade starts at 6 pm, Downtown Kalama
- **December 5 - Kelso Tree Lighting Festival**, 6 to 8 pm, Downtown Kelso
- **December 5 to 7 - Was He Better Off Dead?**, 7 pm Fridays, 1 pm and 6 pm Saturdays, 1 pm Sundays, Love Street Playhouse, Woodland
- **December 5 - LCC Choir Presents Holidays Around the World**, 7:30 pm, Wollenberg Auditorium, Longview
- **December 5 to 7 - Ho! Ho! Ho! The Santa Claus Chronicles**, Fridays and Saturdays 7:30 pm, Sunday 2 pm, Stageworks NW Theatre, Longview
- **December 6 - Mint Valley Elementary Mustang Market - Holiday Craft Fair and Bazaar**, 9 am, Mint Valley Elementary, Longview
- **December 6 - Breakfast with Santa & Movie Screening - "Year Without a Santa Claus"**, 9 to 11 am, Rose Center for the Arts, Longview
- **December 6 - Holiday Gift Wrapping supporting Kelso Kilties and Kelso Music Boosters**, 10 am to 1 pm, Body Rock Dance Space, Longview
- **December 6 - Toutle Country Christmas Market**, 9 am to 3 pm, Toutle Lake Jr. High Gym, Toutle
- **December 6 - Handcrafted Holiday Bazaar**, 9 am to 3 pm, McClelland Art Center, Longview
- **December 6 - Kalama Community Fair Holiday Bazaar**, 9 am to 4 pm, Kalama
- **December 6 and 7 - Glam Cave Crafts**, 9 am to 4 pm, Silverlake
- **December 6 and 7 - Holiday Happenings at Mountain Timber Market**, 10 am to 5 pm, Kalama
- **December 6 - Children's Entrepreneurial Winter Market**, 10 am to 5 pm, Mountain Timber Market, Kalama
- **December 6 - Downtown Longview Holiday Arts Market**, 11:30 am to 5 pm, The Roxy Theater, Downtown Longview
- **December 6 - A Grinch-Tastic Photo & Free Movie Event**, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm, Kelso Theatre Pub
- **December 6 - Woodland Winterfest**, 1 to 7 pm, Santa arrives at 5:30 pm, Hoffman Plaza, Woodland
- **December 6 - "Santa's Workshop" Longview Christmas Parade**, 5 pm, Longview
- **December 6 - Festival of Trees**, 5 pm, Cowlitz County Event Center, Longview
- **December 7 - New Year's Around the World Festival**, 12 to 4 pm, Cowlitz County Historical Museum, Kelso
- **December 7 - Cookies with Santa**, 2 to 5 pm, Longview Eagles, Longview



**COWLITZ**  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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## DECEMBER 8 – 14

- **December 9 – Snow Ball: Land of Oz**, 5:30 to 7:30 pm, Longview Public Library, Longview
- **December 9 – Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce Holiday Mixer**, 5 pm, Longview Country Club, Longview
- **December 9 – O Christmas Tea: A British Comedy**, 7:30 pm, Columbia Theatre, Longview
- **December 9 – LCC Jazz Ensemble Fall Concert**, 7:30 pm, Longview
- **December 10 – Music in the Stacks: Winter Concert**, 2 pm, Longview Public Library, Longview
- **December 11 – Jingle all the Way 5K**, hosted by Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce, 6 pm, Tam O'Shanter Park, Kelso
- **December 11 – Ballet Victoria Nutcracker**, 7:30 pm, Columbia Theatre, Longview
- **December 12 to 23 – 12 Days of Christmas at Three Rivers Crossing**, 12 to 3 pm and 4 to 7 pm for visits with Santa, Three Rivers Crossing, Kelso
- **December 12 to 24 – Kelso Rotary Lights in the Park**, open nightly at 5 pm, Tam O'Shanter Park, Kelso
- **December 12 – Holiday Caravan to Lights in the Park**, 5 pm, Kelso City Hall, Kelso
- **December 12 – R Square D Silver Belles Ball**, 7 to 9:30 pm, Catlin Center, Kelso
- **December 13 – Breakfast with Santa**, 8:30 or 10:45 am, Monticello Hotel, Longview
- **December 13 – Winter Bazaar**, presented by Woodland Dance Center, 9 am to 3 pm, Woodland
- **December 13 and 14 – Glam Cave Crafts**, 9 am to 4 pm, Silverlake
- **December 13 – Ho Ho Holiday Bazaar**, 9 am to 4 pm, Lakeside Event Center, Longview
- **December 13 – Holiday Market in the Merk**, 10 am to 4 pm, The Merk, Downtown Longview
- **December 13 – Winter Party at Kelso Public Library**, 10 am to 5 pm, Kelso
- **December 13 – Holiday Wonderland Market**, 10 am to 5 pm, Three Rivers Crossing, Kelso
- **December 13 – Holiday Extravaganza**, 12 to 5 pm, Children's Discovery Museum, Kelso
- **December 13 – Ashtown Christmas Market & Bazaar**, 1 pm, Longview
- **December 13 – Castle Rock Festival of Lights**, 2 to 8 pm, Castle Rock
- **December 13 – A Christmas Carol - One Man Show featuring Allen Fitzpatrick**, 3 pm, Rose Center for the Arts, Longview

## DECEMBER 15 – 20

- **December 16 – Jane Austen's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**, 1 pm, Longview Public Library, Longview
- **December 20 – A Very Merry Market**, sponsored by Youth and Family Link, 10 am to 5 pm, Youth and Family Link, Longview
- **December 20 – Christmas Countdown at the Merk**, 10 am to 4 pm, Longview
- **December 20 – Gingerbread House Making Party**, 10 am, 12 pm and 2 pm, Columbia Theatre, Longview
- **December 20 and 21 – The End of 2025 Craft & Food Bazaar**, 12 to 5 pm Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm Sunday, Kelso/Longview Elks, Kelso
- **December 20 – Lake Sacajawea Lighted Christmas Paddle**, 4 pm, Martin's Dock, Lake Sacajawea, Longview
- **December 20 – Lighted Christmas Cruise 2025**, gather 5 pm, parade rolls out at 7 pm, Addiction Powersports NW, Woodland

## DECEMBER 21 – 31

- **December 21 – Holiday Film: Arthur Christmas**, 2 pm, Columbia Theatre, Longview
- **December 31 – Noon Year's Eve Party**, 11 am to 12 pm, Kelso Public Library, Kelso
- **December 31 – Happy Noon Year Celebration**, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, Longview Public Library, Longview



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# COWLITZ COUNTY BAZAARS & MARKETS



## CASTLE ROCK, TOUTLE, SILVERLAKE

DECEMBER 13 – CASTLE ROCK FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS,  
2 TO 8 PM

- **November 29 - Shop Small Saturday in Castle Rock**
- **December 6 and 7, 13 and 14 – Glam Cave Crafts Christmas Bazaar, 9 am to 4 pm, Silverlake**
- **December 6 – Toutle Country Christmas Market, 9 am to 3 pm, Toutle Lake Jr. High Gym, Toutle**

## KALAMA

DECEMBER 5 – PARADE OF LIGHTED FLOATS & FESTIVITIES, 3  
PM. PARADE STARTS AT 6 PM. DOWNTOWN

- **November 29 – Small Business Saturday in Kalama**
- **November 29 and 30 – Weekend Pop Up Market, 11 am to 5 pm, Mountain Timber Market**
- **December 6 – Kalama Community Fair Holiday Bazaar, 9 am to 4 pm, Kalama Elementary School**
- **December 6 and 7 – Holiday Happenings at Mountain Timber Market, 10 am to 5 pm**
- **December 6 – Children’s Entrepreneurial Winter Market, 10 am to 4 pm, Mountain Timber Market**

## WOODLAND

DECEMBER 6 – WOODLAND WINTERFEST, 1 TO 7 PM  
SANTA ARRIVES AT 5:30 PM. HOFFMAN PLAZA

- **December 6 – Winterfest Market, 1 to 7 pm, Hoffman Plaza**
- **December 13 – Winter Bazaar presented by Woodland Dance Center, 9 am to 3 pm, Woodland**



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## KELSO

DECEMBER 5 – KELSO TREE LIGHTING FESTIVAL, 6 TO 8 PM,  
KELSO CITY HALL

- **December 12 to 23 – 12 Days of Christmas at Three Rivers Crossing, 12 to 3 pm and 4 to 7 pm for visits with Santa, Three Rivers Crossing**
- **December 13 – Holiday Wonderland Market, 10 am to 5 pm, Three Rivers Crossing**
- **December 13 – Holiday Extravaganza, 12 to 5 pm, Children’s Discovery Museum**
- **December 20 and 21 – The End of 2025 Craft & Food Bazaar, 12 to 5 pm Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm Sunday, Kelso/Longview Elks**

## LONGVIEW

DECEMBER 6 – CHRISTMAS PARADE, 5 PM,  
DOWNTOWN LONGVIEW TO CIVIC CIRCLE, LONGVIEW

- **November 29 – Downtown Longview Small Business Saturday, 8 am**
- **November 29 – Shop Small Market in The Merk, 10 am to 4pm, The Merk**
- **November 29 and 30 – Longview Fall Dark Market, Saturday 11 am to 6 pm, Sunday 11 am to 5 pm, Cowlitz Event Center**
- **December 6 – Handcrafted Holiday Bazaar, 9 am to 3 pm, McClelland Art Center**
- **December 6 – Mint Valley Elementary Mustang Market – Holiday Craft Fair and Bazaar, 9 am, Mint Valley Elementary**
- **December 6 – Downtown Longview Holiday Arts Market, 11:30 am to 5 pm, The Roxy Theater**
- **December 13 – Ho Ho Holiday Bazaar, 9 am to 4 pm, Lakeside Event Center**
- **December 13 – Holiday Market in the Merk, 10 am to 4 pm, The Merk**
- **December 13 – Ashtown Christmas Market & Bazaar, 1 pm**
- **December 13 – Gifted’s Christmas Market, 4 to 6 pm**
- **December 20 – A Very Merry Market, 10 am to 5 pm, Youth and Family Link**
- **December 20 – Christmas Countdown at the Merk, 10 am to 4 pm**



**SERVICES:**

**ESSENTIAL NEEDS**

**TRANSLATORS/  
INTERPRETERS**

**SOCIAL/HEALTH  
SERVICES**

**EDUCATION,  
EMPLOYMENT,  
HOUSING &  
LEGAL AID  
SUPPORT**

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**COMMUNITY  
EDUCATION &  
OUTREACH**

Ethnic Support Council (ESC) is a 501c3 nonprofit that addresses a wide array of needs for refugees, immigrants, and those most impacted by inequities. These services include initial resettlement support, language services, school support for children, and ensuring each individual and family has the resources and services available to successfully integrate into the community.

**ESC Mission:**

*"To empower the lives of our diverse community by eliminating barriers and ensuring equitable opportunities and outcomes for all."*

Learn more about Ethnic Support Council:

**360.636.2791**



[www.ethnicsupportcouncil.org](http://www.ethnicsupportcouncil.org)

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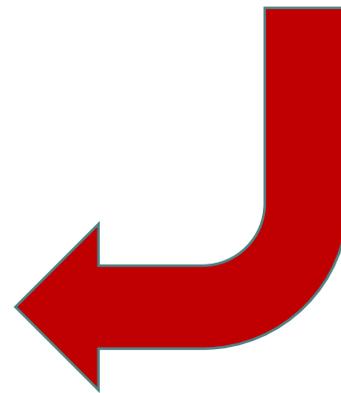
Consider donating new or gently used clothing, shoes, toiletries & household items to ESC's Refugee Resettlement Program.

**MAKE A DONATION**

To make a financial contribution, please visit our website or send a check to:

**Ethnic Support Council**  
1213 14th Ave., Longview, WA

*Looking for  
Another Way to  
Make a Difference  
this Holiday  
Season?*



Check out our local Ethnic Support Council to learn more about how you can get involved, donate, and support the amazing work they do!

**ABOUT US**

The Cowlitz County Health & Human Services Maternal Child Health Program works to serve children, youth, and their families so that they can flourish in Cowlitz County!

Questions about how we can help?

Give us a call! We are always happy to talk. If we can't provide what you are looking for, we will work to connect you to one of our amazing community partners!

**Contact us**

**Health & Human Services  
Main Building**  
1952 9th Avenue  
Longview, WA 98632

Monday-Friday  
8:30am-Noon & 1-4:30pm

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