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USS Wyoming moved to Bangor base by Navy

Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine USS Wyoming (SSBN 742) arrives at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor in Silverdale, Washington, completing a hull swap with Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine USS Pennsylvania (SSBN 735), which changed homeport to Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Georgia. PROVIDED BY U.S. NAVY

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The Bangor submarine base just welcomed the USS Wyoming (SSBN 742) to its new home, and said goodbye to USS Pennsylvania (SSBN 735), a switch of homeport between two of the nation's Ohio-class ballistic missile submarines.

The Navy said it's part of a preparation to strategically place newer "boomers" in Bangor.

USS Wyoming, which was previously based in Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Georgia, arrived at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor and completed a hull swap with USS Pennsylvania, which has changed its homeport to Kings Bay, the Bangor-based Submarine Group 9 and

Kings Bay-based Submarine Group 10 said in a statement on Oct. 2.

The hull swap means that most sailors and their families remain where they are while the two submarines changed their homeport to the other side of the country. The Navy said this was a planned component of

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Kitsap film festivals to showcase local talent

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Fall's longer, darker and hopefully cozier evenings, and the opportunity the season offers for more big-screen time, pairs with the dozens of unique films arriving at a pair of local festivals in October and November.

The upcoming events, which follow summer's West Sound Film Festival in Bremerton, start with Poulsbo's three-day celebration this weekend, Oct. 9 to 11. That's followed by Bainbridge Island's annual showcase in November, hosted by filmmaker Charles Poekel. Each festival will feature independent and locally-made projects, giving regional storytellers and community film lovers alike a place to gather.

"This weekend is about the community and people who inhabit this place, and those who might be willing and interested in accepting a very unique way of storytelling and filmmaking," Kevin Sheen, a co-founder of Poulsbo's event, said.

The Poulsbo Film Festival was born after co-founders Kevin and Bittina Sheen worked at the Shoreline Film Festival years ago. Hoping to share their passion, the Poulsbo Film Festival Foundation is dedicated to

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ELECTION 2026 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 35TH DISTRICT

Editor's note: The Kitsap Sun is publishing Q&A stories with candidates in most races for the Nov. 3 general election. Candidates in each race were sent identical questions and asked to respond in 200 words or fewer. Answers are published exactly as they were received. Ballots for the election are anticipated to be mailed to voters the week of Oct. 12. For more information on how to register to vote and the 2026 election, visit the Kitsap County Auditor's website.

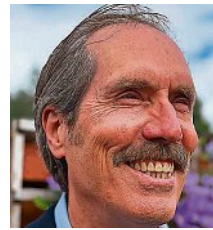
Candidates for 35th District talk housing, affordability in WA

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In the one 35th Legislative District race to draw a primary challenge, Democrat Jim Pierson emerged to challenge Dan Griffey, the incumbent Republican member of the House in one of the dis-



Griffey



Pierson

Mason County residents contest 35th District House position

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The 35th District's three-member state delegation is all up for election, with all three Republicans leading after primary ballots were counted.

In the House race for Position 2,



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