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Courtesy/Larissa Leon  
Larissa Leon's winning #StuckAtProm dress can be viewed at the Yakima Valley Museum, 2015 Tieton Drive, through April 2023. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Famous duct tape dress premieres as museum exhibit

Larissa Leon's #StuckatProm winning dress to be part of the museum through April 2023

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YAKIMA — Sunnyside remembers well when Larissa Leon brought home the \$10,000 grand prize for her duct tape crafted dress as part of the #StuckAtProm Duct Tape Scholarship Challenge in July 2021.

Leon, of Sunnyside and a member of the Sunnyside High School Class of 2022, spoke about "unleashing her imagination" during the Yakima Valley Museum's annual Red Into Black Celebration on Thursday, Oct. 27. The theme of the event was "Imagination Unleashed" and included a sneak preview of the museum's two newest exhibits — Leon's duct tape dress and Carolyn Schactler's Couture II Exhibit.

The inspiration for the dress came from Folkloric dancing that is seen in Indigenous and Spanish cultures.

Leon described the dress as having, "a full skirt with additional black lace trim made out of duct tape." The mostly black dress is highlighted with bright colors aligned beautifully

with striped and flowered patterns, matching completely the tradition style dresses.

Leon was grateful the community stepped up to help her win the votes during the competition. "I'm very thankful for my whole community, because I believe that my community had a big factor in me winning."

The Yakima Valley Museum had hoped to display the dress when it won the award, but later learned that SureTape Technologies — parent company of Duct Tape — takes ownership of all winning entries for display at their corporate headquarters in Ohio.

Susan Duffin, the museum's Director of Development, contacted the company to see if it would be possible to bring the dress to Yakima for the six-month special exhibit. The company not only approved the request, but also agreed to pay all shipping and handling costs for the move.

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## Linde holds lead in District 3 race

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The Yakima County has counted 63,237 votes with no current estimate on what is left to be counted. According to current results the Yakima County saw a voter turnout rate of 49.61.

The votes were last tabulated on Monday, Nov. 14 with the next ballot count scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 17.

The Yakima County has three County Commissioner

races. Those currently in the lead are Amanda McKinney (R) with 69.19 percent of the votes

for District 1, Kyle Curtis (R) with 56.02 percent of the votes for District 2, and LaDon Linde (R) for District 3 with 50.66 percent of the votes.

District 3 currently has the closest race with incumbent

Linde facing Steven L. Saunders (R) for the position.

The difference in votes is 531 with Saunders (R) holding 45.65 percent of the votes.

For the school elections, the Mabton School District has Proposition 1 on the ballot. The result for the proposition would determine whether to use bonds to improve safety and expand and renovate the Mabton Junior and Senior High School. The improvements would

add and replace existing classrooms.

The passage of this proposition would authorize the School Board to issue \$12,800,000 of bonds with them being repaid from annual property tax over the next 25 years.

This proposition currently has a 54.02 approval rating with the difference in votes being only 32.

With ballots still being counted, results for the General Election will be certified Tuesday, Nov. 29.



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## VETERANS HONORED DURING TRIBUTE

American Legion Post 73 in Sunnyside held their Veteran's Day program on Friday, Nov. 11 to honor the soldiers that have served. The service took place at the Jerry Taylor Veterans Plaza in Sunnyside, located at Ninth Street and Edison Avenue. Veteran Greg Schlieve led the event by giving us a brief history of Veterans Day and stories behind the inscriptions of the two black granite walls that were installed last June. The program included the dedication of the two granite walls, a performance of the national anthem by McClure Elementary teacher Jennifer Alvarado and concluded with a 21-Gun Salute along with a performance of TAPS by Michelle De Boer and the releasing of white doves by Henry Ebbelaar.



## City council approves redistricting map

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Reporter

The Sunnyside City Council held their first regular meeting for the month of November on Monday, Nov. 14.

The meeting started with the oath of office for Ingrid Ramirez who has joined the city of Sunnyside's planning commission.

The active agenda for the meeting started with approval to the electoral redistricting.

During the initial hearing Mayor Dean Broersma and

Deputy Mayor Jim Restucci brought up the issue of district fours population being an issue.

The difference of the population is due to the high population density to the census block on the edge of district four.

The redistricting map will have a population difference of 150 to 180 people with the current difference being over one thousand for some districts.

The new electoral map was approved with all council members voting for its

approval.

The meeting also saw the approval of three active agendas that deal with the Sunnyside police department.

The Sunnyside city council has approved the purchase of two new vehicles for the police department. These vehicles can be obtained in the coming weeks due to them already being in stock with cars that they had planned to order from Ford not being available until the summer of 2023.

The City Council has also approved the agreement with

YVCOG for their crime lab services. This agreement will produce quicker turn around in receiving information from evidence that has been found at crime scenes.

The final active agenda approved by city Council was the budget for the police Department retreat. The retreat will help in team building between the officers.

The Sunnyside city council will hold their next regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 28 at the law and office building located on Homer Street.

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