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## Clams Come up Short at Long Beach

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### W.F. West Presents 'Shrek'

W.F. West High School Theater Students Ready to Present Their Spin on Animated Film / Life



### Santa Arrives in Chehalis

Seasonal Scenes From the 68th Annual Santa Parade Through Downtown Chehalis / Main 3

## County Adopts 2018 Budget Using \$1.3M in Reserves

**LEVY RATES SET: 1 Percent Increase to General and Road Levy Also Approved for 2018 Year**

By Justyna Tomtas  
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The Board of Lewis County Commissioners unanimously adopted the 2018 budget on Monday, relying on \$1,321,609 in reserves to balance the general fund.

According to budget documents, the general fund has expected revenues of \$36,260,294

and expenditures totaling \$37,581,903.

The total use of reserves to balance the budget for all of the county's funds — including the general fund — will total \$6,157,528.

When the budget process began earlier this year, com-

missioners stated their desire to adopt a structurally balanced budget that did not utilize any reserves. At first, there was a \$1.2 million gap between expenditures and revenues. That number was cut down by the commissioners, but after various departmental budget in-

crease requests were approved and higher medical rates hit the county, the number surpassed preliminary estimates for the use of reserves.

Commissioners also determined there is a need for a 1

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## ACLU Questions City of Vader's Code Enforcement Practices

**COMPLAINTS ON COSTS: Pending Lawsuit Also Asks for Relief from Hundreds of Thousands in Fines**

By Natalie Johnson  
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The city of Vader is coming under scrutiny from the American Civil Liberties Union and is defending itself in legal actions from its residents due to code enforcement policies that the ACLU is concerned "fall short of constitutional minimums."

"It is hard to believe that the health and welfare of Vader's citizenry is threatened if a resident lives in a motorhome for over fourteen days — yet, that is precisely the kind of code violation that Vader is prosecuting," a Nov. 18 letter from the ACLU to the city of Vader reads. "Rather than penalizing Vader citizens who are struggling financially, the City should work cooperatively to help those citizens remediate properties that pose true public health and safety risks."

A petition filed by Vader resident Tod Miller and attorney Tonya Hebert Nov. 20 with Lewis County Superior Court also questions the city's code enforcement and calls the policies unconstitutional — specifically stating that they violate residents' rights to due process.

Part-time Vader resident Cindy Radcliffe and her husband Layton also recently sought an attorney's

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## Boistfort Celebrates Resilience

Survivors of the 2007 Flood Meet 10 Years Later to Exchange Stories While Reviewing Preparedness for the Next Disaster



Brian Mittge / For The Chronicle

At Saturday's "Flood Remembrance" event at the Baw Faw Grange, Gregg Peterson, a battalion chief with Lewis County Fire Dist. 13, asks for a show of hands from people who had eaten one or many meals at the grange hall during the months of its service as a relief center after the 2007 flood. Nearly every hand went up.

Former Sheriff Steve Mansfield, now emergency services director for Lewis County, discusses disaster preparedness during Saturday's "Flood Remembrance" in the Baw Faw Grange Hall in Boistfort.



By Brian Mittge  
For The Chronicle

With hugs and smiles that still showed a hint of the pain from 10 years ago, survivors of the 2007 flood met in Boistfort on Saturday for a gathering they called a "Flood Remembrance."

About 40 people gathered in the Baw Faw Grange Hall for cookies, coffee and to talk about what happened a decade ago and how their valley can be self-sufficient if and when another disaster hits.

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### Purple Heart Road



Thurston County Installs New Sign Near Rochester / Main 4

### Prep Basketball



Wallace, Toledo Hold Off Ilwaco for 45-41 Victory / Sports 1

### Deaths

Dettlaff, Gordon J., 94, Centralia  
Grigsby, Mable L., 93, Centralia  
Frye, Michael L., 63, Longview  
Solomon Jr., Ronald Neil, 42, Randle  
Walch, John Ernest, 72, Chehalis  
Nystrom, Steven Ray, 63, Centralia  
Beaulieu, Pierre Frances, 71, Chehalis  
Welch, Myrna, 76, Centralia

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# Community Calendar

Tuesday, Dec. 5

Health and Hope Medical Outreach, free medical clinic, 5:30-8 p.m., Northwest Pediatrics, 1911 Cooks Hill Road, Centralia, for those whose income is less than 200 percent of the poverty level, 360-623-1485

Greater Lewis County Community Farmers Market, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Boistfort Street, Chehalis

Toastmasters 1290 Club Meeting, gain experience through public speaking and leadership development, noon-1 p.m., Hanson Building board room, Centralia College, 600 Centralia College Blvd., 360-820-2771

### Public Agencies

Lewis County PUD Commission, 10 a.m., PUD auditorium, 345 NW Pacific Ave., Chehalis, 360-748-9261 or 1-800-562-5612

### Libraries

Preschool Storytime and Playgroup, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Centralia Timberland Library, for children 3-6, stories, rhymes, songs and movement games, including unstructured play

STEM Club, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Vernetta Smith Chehalis Timberland Library, for grades 1-6, explore science, technology, engineering and math with hands-on activities

Hour of Code, 4-6 p.m., Winlock Timberland Library, for children and teens, explore the world of coding

### Organizations

Pool tournament, 1 p.m., Twin Cities Senior Center, 360-748-0061

Music, 11 a.m., Twin Cities Senior Center, 360-748-0061

Two Town Tuners, 7 p.m., Lewis and Clark Hotel, 117 W. Magnolia St., Centralia, tuners.groupnizer.com

Mount St. Helens Patchwork Quilters, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Lewis County Historical Museum, 599 NW Front St., Chehalis, 360-880-5134

Cougar Squares dance club of Toledo fall square dance lesson, Salkum Fire Hall, 7 p.m.

### Support Groups

Survivors of sexual assault/abuse, for people who speak Spanish, 5:30-7 p.m., 125 NW Chehalis Ave., Chehalis, sponsored by Human Response Network, 360-748-6601

Second Chance/Lewis County Brain Injury Support Group, 5 p.m., call 360-864-4341 or 360-983-3166 for meeting location

Al Anon, Fellowship in Unity, 6-7 p.m., Unity Center, 800 S. Pearl St., Centralia, 360-237-4082, 360-269-2531

GriefShare, a recovery group for those who have lost a loved one, 10 a.m.-noon, Faith Baptist Church, 436 Coal Creek Road, Chehalis, \$20 for workbook, (360-264-4482, 360-785-3635, or www.griefshare.org

East County Support Group, NAMI

### THE CALENDAR HAS MOVED

The Chronicle has moved its popular community calendar to the Main section in order to provide more time for area organizations to report their events for inclusion in The Chronicle. Previously, the calendar was published in the Life section. By moving it to the Main section, events can be accepted for publication as long as they are submitted by 4 p.m. Monday for the Tuesday calendar, 4 p.m. Wednesday for the Thursday calendar and 4 p.m. Friday for the Saturday calendar. Send information on your events to Jackie Viall at calendar@chronline.com or jviall@swwfamily.com.

Lewis County, for those affected by mental illness, 10-11 a.m., Salkum Timberland Library community room, 208-476-8070

### Wednesday, Dec. 6

Mental Health Matters, 6-7:30 p.m., St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 10000 U.S. Highway 12, Rochester, 360-273-9884

### Libraries

Toddler Time and Playgroup, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Centralia Timberland Library, for children age 2, music, movement, unstructured play and books for toddlers and caregivers

Teen Night, 5-6:45 p.m., Mountain View Timberland Library, Randle, for teens, fun, food, activities

Preschool Storytime, Packwood Timberland Library, 11:30 a.m.-noon, for children ages 1-6, stories, rhymes, songs and movement games

Book Babies, 10-11 a.m., Vernetta Smith Chehalis Timberland Library, for ages birth-24 months, short stories, rhymes and knee bounces and play

### Organizations

Take Off Pounds Sensibly, 10:15 a.m., Assembly of God church, 702 SE First St., Winlock

Seniors' Bible study, 10 a.m., Calvary Assembly of God, Centralia, 360-736-6769 or 360-324-9050

Seniors' Bible study, 2 p.m., Calvary Assembly of God, Centralia, 360-736-6769 or 360-324-9050

Elks Lodge 2435 regular meeting, dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m. 216 S. Tower, Centralia, 360-669-0158

### Support Groups

Domestic violence support group, 5:30-7 p.m., 125 NW Chehalis Ave., Chehalis, sponsored by Human Response



### Editor's Best Bet

## Tractor Parade Coming Back to Centralia — With Fireworks

The annual Lighted Tractor Parade will hit the streets of Centralia beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday.

The parade, which courses through downtown Centralia, has become a favorite in Lewis County. It features dozens of floats and vehicles draped in Christmas lights.

This year, the event will be followed by a special addition — a fireworks show.

The city announced last month that for the first time, thanks to a donor, there will be a fireworks show at Tiger Stadium following the parade.

As part of the new Winterfest Celebration in Centralia, the city and the Centralia Downtown Association will host what they're billing as the largest fireworks display ever offered in Lewis County.

"We're excited to give the people of Centralia and all the visitors who come to town for the Lighted Tractor Parade and the Borst Park Christmas Light Show a fun new way to celebrate the holiday spirit," said Centralia

Mayor Lee Coumbs in a press release. "It's hard to believe, but this fireworks display is going to be even bigger than our great Independence Day fireworks show. Come out to Centralia for a great time during our Winterfest Celebration and enjoy all the events including the fireworks show."

The display will be located at the athletic fields behind Tiger Stadium starting at 8:30 p.m., according to the press release. Admission is free but donations are encouraged and will help fund the bronze statue of Centralia's founder George Washington and his wife Mary Jane.

The 20-minute display by Wolverine West Fireworks includes 100 8-inch shells with a 100-salute finale. It was donated to the city by Karl Petree in memory of his close friend Mark Solkover.

For more information, contact the Centralia Downtown Association at centraliadowntownassociation@gmail.com.

those who have lost a loved one, 7-8:30 p.m., Mountain View Baptist Church, 1201 Belmont Ave., Centralia, \$10, 360-827-2172

**Cost:** \$15 adults, \$12 students/seniors. Advanced ticket purchase recommended to reserve preferred seating

**More information:** www.theevergreenplayhouse.com

### Thursday, Dec 7

Pinochle, 6 p.m., Chehalis Eagles, 1993 S. Market Blvd., Chehalis, 360-748-7241

### Libraries

Book Babies and Playgroup, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Centralia Timberland Library, for children birth - 24 months, books, bounces, music and play for babies and their participating caregivers, includes unstructured playtime

Family Storytime, 10:30-11:15 a.m., Mountain View Timberland Library, Randle, for all ages, music, movement, books and crafts

PageTurners, Book Discussion, noon-1:30 p.m., Vernetta Smith Timberland Library, for adults, discuss "Lab Girl" by Hope Jahren

### Organizations

Chehalis-Centralia Cribbage Club, 6:30 p.m., Chehalis Moose Lodge, 1400 Grand Ave., Centralia, 360-485-2852

S.T.O.P. and Swim, 7 p.m., Fort Borst Park, Kitchen 1, Centralia, 360-269-3827 or 360-736-4163

Cougar Squares dance club of Toledo fall square dance lesson, Napavine Elementary School, 7 p.m.

Junior PageTurners, 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Winlock Timberland Library, for grades 1-3, chat about the current book, enjoy snacks and a craft or activity

### Support Groups

Connections, NAMI Lewis County, recovery support group for adults with mental illness, 2-3:30 p.m., Mary Room, Centralia United Methodist Church, 506 S. Washington Ave., 253-468-7435

GriefShare, a recovery group for

### Friday, Dec. 8

## Evergreen Playhouse Presents 'Children of Eden'

"Children of Eden" is a story about family.

And the Evergreen Playhouse's version, which opened Friday, is about families in more ways than one.

The show's cast of 32, which ranges in age from 5 to 70, has husbands acting with their wives and mothers and fathers acting with their children. Several family units, including one three generations strong, are working together in this production.

Written by Stephen Schwartz and John Caird, the story of "Children of Eden" is based on the first nine chapters of the book of Genesis in the Bible. The story begins with Father (Mckenzie Sullivan) creating the world and introducing it to Adam (portrayed by Michael Green) and Eve (portrayed by Lucy Page) and the subsequent generations of their family and their interactions with one another.

**When:** Dec. 1-17, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Special artists benefit pay-what-you-can performance 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7

Oregon Trail music and dancing, open mic with Side Kicks Band, 7 p.m., Cowlitz Prairie Grange, 360-864-2023

Pinochle tournament, 1 p.m., Twin Cities Senior Center

Harvey Nelson and Swing Stuff Band, country/western, 7-9:30 p.m., Twin Cities Senior Center, \$6, 360-736-2423

Karaoke, with Jimmy Abbott, 7:30 p.m., Chehalis Eagles, 1993 S. Market Blvd. Chehalis, 360-748-7241

### Libraries

Family Storytime, 10-10:45 a.m., Salkum Timberland Library, for all ages 6 and under, stories, rhymes, songs, movement games

Preschool Playtime, 10-11 a.m., Vernetta Smith Chehalis Timberland Library, for children ages 3-6, stories, songs, activities for preschoolers and caregiver

### Organizations

Skookumchuck I.O.O.F. Lodge 129, 7:30 p.m., Bucoda Odd Fellows Community Center, 101 E. Seventh St., second floor, Bucoda, 360-736-6717

Lewis County Writers Guild, 5 p.m., Station Coffee Bar & Bistro, Centralia, http://lewiscountywriters.wordpress.com/

### Support Groups

H.O.P.E., all addictions, 7:30-9 p.m., Heritage Baptist Church of Tenino, 1315 Sussex Ave. E., Tenino, 360-480-0592, hoppedirector@hotmail.com

Celebrate Recovery, dinner 6 p.m., large group 7 p.m., small groups 8 p.m., please see CALENDAR, page Main 11

## The Weather Almanac

### 5-Day Forecast for the Lewis County Area

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
42° 32°	45° 33°	40° 31°	41° 35°	42° 33°

### Almanac

Data reported from Centralia

**Temperature**

Yesterday's High ..... 41

Yesterday's Low ..... 32

Normal High ..... 46

Normal Low ..... 33

Record High ..... 68 in 1939

Record Low ..... 6 in 1994

**Precipitation**

Yesterday ..... 0.00"

Month to date ..... 0.84"

Normal month to date ..... 1.10"

Year to date ..... 55.37"

Normal year to date ..... 43.64"

### Regional Weather



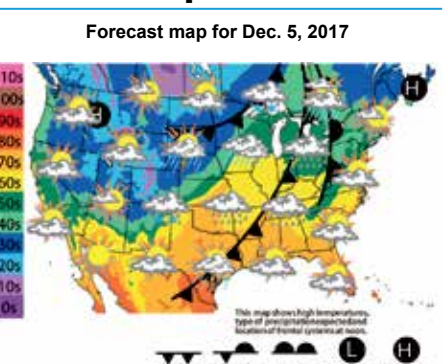
### Regional Cities

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Bremerton	42/35 pc	43/36 mc	Spokane	34/20 mc	28/18 fg
Ocean Shores	46/36 s	48/40 s	Tri Cities	33/23 fg	32/25 fg
Olympia	41/32 mc	44/33 fg	Wenatchee	36/24 pc	34/26 fg

### River Stages

Gauge Height	Flood Stage	24 hr. Change
Chehalis at Mellen St. 53.79	65.0	-0.52
Skookumchuck at Pearl St. 76.29	85.0	-0.09
Cowlitz at Packwood 1.59	10.5	-0.13
Cowlitz at Randle 7.20	18.0	-0.32
Cowlitz below Mayfield Dam 14.40	--	+0.00

### National Map



### National Cities

City	Today		Wed.	
	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Anchorage	36/29	cl	40/28	ra
Boise	38/20	s	37/18	pc
Boston	51/41	ra	53/32	ra
Dallas	55/40	sh	58/38	mc
Honolulu	77/62	pc	78/63	s
Las Vegas	57/35	s	60/38	s
Nashville	57/32	sh	46/29	s
Phoenix	70/48	mc	73/47	pc
St. Louis	45/29	pc	44/26	pc
Salt Lake City	37/22	s	39/26	s
San Francisco	62/45	s	61/48	s
Washington, DC	60/42	sh	47/32	mc

### Sun and Moon

Sunrise today ..... 7:40 a.m.

Sunset tonight ..... 4:24 p.m.

Moonrise ..... 7:04 p.m.

Moonset ..... 9:39 a.m.

12/10	12/18	12/26	1/1

### Pollen Forecast

Allergen	Today	Wednesday
Trees	None	None
Grass	None	None
Weeds	None	None
Mold	None	None

### World Cities

City	Today		Wed.	
	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Baghdad	69/40	s	61/54	mc
Beijing	45/15	s	42/15	s
London	44/40	ra	49/39	ra
Mexico City	72/30	s	70/30	s
Moscow	30/20	sn	22/18	sn

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# 68th Annual Santa Parade Rolls Through Chehalis



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Santa and Rudolph wave to a crowd of kids from a ladder truck during the 68th annual Santa Parade Saturday morning in downtown Chehalis.



A girl swings her bag of candy as a Saint Bernard pulls two children in a carriage during the annual Santa Parade Saturday morning in downtown Chehalis.



An employee of the Security State Bank throws candy to children during the annual Santa Parade Saturday morning in downtown Chehalis.



Girls dressed as the grinch dance along to music during the annual Santa Parade Saturday morning in downtown Chehalis.

Community Presbyterian Church of Onalaska

# Christmas Bazaar

December 9, 2017

9am to 3pm

Two Locations!

Onalaska Elementary School  
540 Carlisle Ave

&

Community Presbyterian Church  
288 Carlisle Ave

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Kids wave to crowds from a float during the annual Santa Parade Saturday morning in downtown Chehalis.

### SEE MORE ONLINE

More photographs from the Santa Parade are available online at [www.chronline.com](http://www.chronline.com).

Southwest Washington Dance Ensemble  
22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Nutcracker

Friday, December 15 - 7:30 pm  
Saturday, December 16 - 2:00 & 7:30 pm  
Sunday, December 17 - 1:00 & 5:30 pm  
Tickets: \$22 Adults  
\$15 Children & Seniors

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Thursday, December 14th 6:00 pm  
Tickets sold at the door - 4:30 pm.

For Tickets & Information  
Online at [www.swwdance.org](http://www.swwdance.org) or SWW Dance Center • 360-748-4789  
After Dec. 10 tickets available Online or at Corbet Theatre Box Office from 1-8 pm.

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# Thurston County Installs First Purple Heart Road Sign

**INDEPENDENCE ROAD:**  
*Sign is First of Many Set for Thurston County*

By The Chronicle

Thurston County installed the first many Purple Heart signs on county roads Monday, placing the designation on Independence Road in Rochester.

“More than 32,000 veterans call our county home, and this is a meaningful way to show that our communities care about their military service and sacrifice,” said Thurston County Commission chairman Bud Blake in a statement to The Chronicle. “As a county commissioner and a retired U.S. Army Lt. Colonel, I am proud that Thurston County is the first county in Washington state to receive the Purple Heart County designation by the Military Order of the Purple Heart. These road signs and the designation create awareness of the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform, and reminds their families that we care deeply about them.”

Earlier this year, Thurston County was recognized as a Purple Heart County by the Military Order of the Purple Heart. As a way to honor all veterans, the county will place signs at most entrances to the county.

The community owes appreciation to all veterans, from those who fought in battles to those who worked in other military jobs, such as supplying troops or working in the kitchen, Commissioner Gary Edwards said. It takes a team effort to win wars, and without the efforts of the military we would be speaking German or Japanese, Edwards added.

“It took veterans to make it happen,” he said. “It recognizes veterans for their service. We wouldn’t even be here if it wasn’t for veterans.”

The Military Order of the Purple Heart was chartered by act of Congress for combat wounded veterans. Chartered by Congress in 1958, the order is comprised of military men and women who received the Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in combat.



Courtesy Photos

Thurston County commissioners and members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart helped install the first Purple Heart county road sign on Monday on Independence Road in Rochester.



Thurston County Commissioner Gary Edwards, right, helps hold up the first Purple Heart county sign to be installed in Thurston County on Independence Road in Rochester on Monday.

## BOOK 'n' Brush

Invites You to Mark Your Calendars and Join Us For These Upcoming Events!

### Friends and Family Fun Night

Friday, December 8th  
 6:30 to 9:00 pm

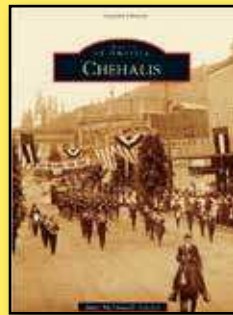
- Shopping, Food, Fun and Christmas Cheer!
- Extended Shopping from 6:30-9:00pm
- 25% off ENTIRE purchase during the extended hours – excludes already discounted items
- Homemade goodies and cider
- Ugly Sweater Contest - If you dare!
- Kids activities while you shop
- Free Christmas wrapping station (DIY)
- Questions or RSVP? Call us: 360-748-6221



Book signing with **Buddy Rose**, author of “Riffe” & “Fire Mountains”

### Author & Book Signing

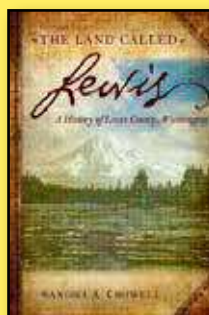
Sat., December 9th 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm



**Julie M. Zander**  
 “Chehalis” & “Winning The War”  
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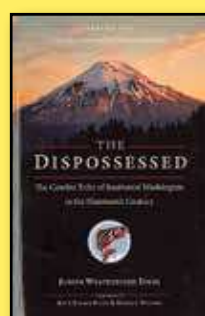
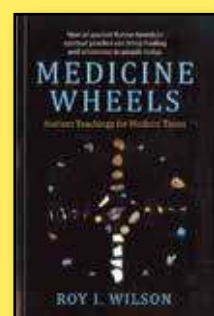


**Kristi Milanowski**  
 “Deadly Survival”



**Sandy Crowell**  
 “Land Called Lewis”

**Chief Roy Wilson**  
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# Driver Found With Meth After Centralia Crash That Injured Three Pleads Guilty

**SENTENCE HEARING DEC. 27: Terry J. Burge Accepts Plea Agreement After Nov. 2 Crash**

By The Chronicle

A Centralia man who allegedly caused a crash that injured three people last month in Centralia pleaded guilty to two felony charges Monday.

Terry J. Burge, 35, of Centralia, pleaded guilty to vehicular assault and possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine.

His sentencing hearing is scheduled for Dec. 27.

Burge was arrested Nov. 2 after a crash that morning at the intersection of Pearl and West Third streets in Centralia.

First-arriving units found a red Ford F-150 on Third Street collided with a white Chevrolet truck on Pearl Street.

Burge, the driver of the Ford, and one of his two passengers were unconscious when police arrived. Both were extricated from the vehicle using hydraulic extrication equipment, according to the Riverside Fire Authority.

The third passenger self-ex-



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Terry J. Burge makes his first appearance in Lewis County Superior Court in early November after being arrested on suspicion of vehicular assault and possession of methamphetamine.

tricated himself from the vehicle and gave a statement to officers.

According to court documents, he reported Burge was giving him and the female pas-

senger a ride to B Street in Centralia. He told police Burge drove through numerous stop signs while driving through town.

A bus driver who witnessed

the incident reported the Ford was going 40 to 50 miles per hour when it ran through the intersection and hit the other truck, according to court documents.

# Toledo Man Gets Four-Month Sentence After Threat With Ax Over Broken Toilet

**JAIL: Suspect Says Confrontation Was the Result of Park Not Having Proper Handicap Facilities**

By Natalie Johnson

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A Toledo man charged in October for assaulting and threatening to kill his landlords after a dispute over a broken toilet pleaded guilty and was sentenced to four months in jail Monday.

Paul A. Komara, 48, pleaded guilty to one count of harassment (threat to kill) Monday in Lewis County Superior Court.

He was also previously charged with fourth-degree assault and third-degree malicious mischief, both of which were dismissed as part of the plea agreement.

Komara entered an Alford plea, meaning he chose to plead guilty to take advantage of the deal offered by the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office, but disputed the facts of the case and his actual guilt, his attorney Kevin Nelson explained Monday.

"This all resulted from the RV park not having the proper handicap facilities," Komara, who has appeared in court in a wheelchair, told Superior Court Judge James Lawler before being sentenced. "I'm sorry this whole thing happened. It just got blown out of proportion."

Lawler followed the attorneys'



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Paul Komara makes an appearance in Lewis County Superior Court in late October.

joint recommendation and sentenced Komara to four months in the Lewis County Jail with credit for 39 days served.

"When threats are made as were made here ... then things have gone far beyond a misunderstanding," Lawler said.

Komara asked for a decreased sentence based on medical conditions, which Lawler refused.

According to court documents and the Lewis County Sheriff's Office, deputies re-

sponded to a report of a threat with a firearm at 8:49 p.m. Oct. 27 in the 100 block of Cowlitz Loop Road in Toledo.

Lewis County Deputy Prosecutor Will Halstead said the victims, described by the sheriff's office as a 56-year-old woman and a 48-year-old man, previously had issues with Komara, a tenant in the trailer park on Cowlitz Loop Road.

Halstead said the male victim installed a new toilet and later

learned it had been pushed out of place, knocked off its sealant.

"They believed Mr. Komara was responsible for that, and they confronted them for that," he said.

Komara allegedly pushed the male victim.

When the female victim attempted to confront him, he answered his door with an ax in his hand. He later allegedly threatened to shoot her.

"No gun was ever found," Halstead said.

# Kelso Man Pleads Guilty After Fleeing From Police in Stolen Car, Damaging Patrol Vehicle

By The Chronicle

A Kelso man arrested last month after a police chase that ended with the stolen vehicle he was driving catching fire on the shoulder of Interstate 5 pleaded guilty to four criminal charges in Lewis County Superior Court Monday.

Robert A. Wynn, 24, pleaded guilty to attempting to elude a police vehicle, possession of a stolen vehicle, first-degree malicious mischief and second-degree driving with a suspended license.

His sentencing hearing has not yet been scheduled.

Passenger Ryan L. Hicks, 26, of Longview, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 45 days in the Lewis County Jail.

Wynn has criminal history, including violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, hit and run and reckless driving. Hicks' criminal history includes a misdemeanor escape charge and reckless endangerment.



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Robert A. Wynn makes his first appearance last month in Lewis County Superior Court on suspicion of attempting to elude police in a stolen car.

According to the sheriff's office, at 3:50 a.m. on Nov. 3, a deputy patrolling on Market Street in downtown Chehalis saw a 1994 Honda Civic with expired license tabs. The deputy checked the plate number and learned the vehicle had been reported stolen

in Kalama.

When the vehicle reached Interstate 5, it ran off the road and into a grassy area where Hicks, who had an outstanding warrant for his arrest, reportedly bailed out of the car and fled on foot.

He was located at a cement

business hiding in the wheel well of a camper.

After Hicks bailed out, the Honda, driven by Wynn, continued to drive on the grass before ramming a deputy's patrol vehicle, causing "extensive damage," according to court documents.

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# Woman Arrested After Driving Wrong Way, Running From Officer

By The Chronicle

A Tacoma woman was arrested Saturday after allegedly driving the wrong way on a one-way street, crashing into a bush and unsuccessfully trying to jump a fence to avoid police.

Sophia M. Roses, 48, was charged Monday in Lewis County Superior Court with attempt-

ing to elude a pursuing police vehicle.

The Lewis County Prosecutor's Office asked for \$25,000 bail, citing the threat to community safety inherent in the act of running from police at 80 miles per hour.

Defense attorney Rachael Tiller asked for Roses' release based

on her lack of criminal history.

"This is completely out of character," Tiller said.

O'Rourke imposed the \$25,000 bail and set Roses next court hearing for Thursday.

According to court documents, at 11:08 p.m. Saturday, a Centralia police officer was on duty when he saw a vehicle drive

the wrong way on a one-way street under the Interstate 5 viaduct at Mellen Street.

The officer turned to follow the vehicle, activating his car's lights and sirens. The vehicle was traveling at about 80 miles per hour when the officer caught up to it.

The vehicle then reportedly cut across three lanes of traffic

and turned eastbound onto Harrison Avenue and ran a red light.

The vehicle then collided with bushes.

A female suspect, later identified as Roses, got out of the car and attempted to jump a fence but was unsuccessful. She was arrested and booked into the Lewis County Jail.

# ICE Tracks Down Immigrant: 'You Are the One From the Newspaper'

PACIFIC COUNTY:

Man Jailed After Previously Talking to Reporters About Deported Girlfriend

By Nina Shapiro

The Seattle Times

A man who recounted his longtime girlfriend's arrest in a Seattle Times story about ramped-up immigration enforcement in Pacific County last month has now been detained, and says U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents told him the arrest was because he was in the newspaper.

Baltazar "Rosas" Aburto Gutierrez, speaking by phone from the Northwest Detention Center, where he is being held, said he got off work about 4 a.m. Monday — he harvests clams around Willapa Bay — went back to his Ocean Park home and, a few hours later, headed to Okie's Thriftway Market for coffee and eggs.

An SUV blocked his path into the parking lot, he said. An ICE agent got out and approached his car.

"You are Rosas," the agent said, according to Aburto Gutierrez. "You are the one from the newspaper."

Aburto Gutierrez, 35, was not identified by name in The Seattle Times, though his nickname appeared in the Chinook Observer in an August story about his girlfriend, Gladys Diaz, and her arrest by immigration officials who he said answered an online ad she placed to sell a homemade piñata.

Let me park, Aburto Gutierrez told the agent. After he did and faced them, he asked: "Why are you arresting me?"



Baltazar "Rosas" Aburto Gutierrez at work in Pacific County.

"My supervisor asked me to come find you because of what appeared in the newspaper," the agent said, according to Aburto Gutierrez, relating the conversation in Spanish. The agent spoke in English, not a language the Mexican-born Aburto Gutierrez speaks fluently.

Aburto Gutierrez said he nevertheless understood — and concluded that his arrest was retaliation.

"We don't retaliate," ICE spokeswoman Lori Haley, speaking generally, told The Seattle Times when initially asked about Aburto Gutierrez's arrest. She said she would look into this case specifically and provide more information.

She later sent a written statement that confirmed his arrest and detention but said nothing about whether ICE was retaliating against Aburto Gutierrez, or what role the newspaper story might have played in his arrest. Pressed on those points by phone, Haley declined to comment.

"It certainly is troubling," said Northwest Immigrant Rights Project legal director Matt Adams when told Aburto Gutierrez's account of his arrest. Adams said there might be grounds for exploring whether ICE's actions violated Aburto Gutierrez's right to free speech.

The Pacific County man said he cannot afford a lawyer or the \$25,000 bond needed to be released from the detention center. He said he has not yet been given a court date.

Aburto Gutierrez said he has lived in the U.S. for 18 years. Crossing the border into California, the then-17-year-old made his way to Eastern Washington, where he had relatives who picked apples. He moved to Pacific County three years later after hearing its seafood industry was hiring and paying good wages.

Meeting in November to talk about his girlfriend's arrest, he called himself a fool for thinking it was easy to make money in

the U.S. He said he worked seven days a week, 10 hours a day, in an industry that pays according to volume.

But he and Diaz, who met in Pacific County, created a life there. They had kids. While he harvested clams, she looked after the children and, sometimes, made and sold piñatas.

That came to an end when Diaz, along with their children, went to a bank parking lot in June to meet someone who had answered her online ad for a piñata. ICE agents were waiting.

Before taking her away, they walked her home to deliver their kids to Aburto Gutierrez.

"Why you don't take us all?" he recalled asking the agents, since he also was here illegally.

They said Diaz had a prior deportation order — which stemmed from a decade ago when she was caught trying to sneak across the border, sent back and barred from re-entering the country — and he didn't.

"ICE conducts targeted immigration enforcement in compliance with federal law and agency policy, and at times, exercises prosecutorial discretion when the circumstances of a particular case have extenuating factors like the care of minor children or an alien's medical condition," said the statement sent by Haley, which referred to the June encounter with Aburto Gutierrez.

"This does not mean an alien is exempt from future immigration enforcement."

Given the unusual piñata sting operation, Diaz's arrest was widely discussed in Pacific County. And it has served as an example of the way ICE in recent months has been taking away longtime residents with no apparent criminal records, despite President Donald Trump's talk

during his campaign about Mexicans he said were committing heinous crimes in the U.S.

Under Trump, ICE has said it focuses on those who pose a threat to "national security, public safety and border security," just as it did in the later years of President Barack Obama's tenure. But Trump has broadened the categories of those deemed threatening while at the same time freeing agents to arrest anyone else they deem fit.

Even in a county that went for Trump in the election, ICE's actions have been controversial. Beautiful but poor, this part of Southwest Washington depends on immigrant labor for its limited economy, revolving around seafood, cranberries and tourism.

Eventually, Diaz was deported and now lives, with their children, in a small town near Puerto Vallarta.

Speaking by phone this week, she broke into sobs as she talked about her boyfriend's arrest. She said she would like to help him but doesn't know how.

She also worried about how she and her children would manage financially. Aburto Gutierrez has been sending money to support them.

He said he had intended to save money for another year in the U.S. and then to reunite with his family in Mexico. But he doesn't want to be deported, he said, because that usually involves being barred from the U.S. for many years.

He said he wants to come back here when his children, who are U.S. citizens, are older and might help him live here legally.

So rather than volunteer to go back to Mexico, he said, he wants to stay and fight.

## News in Brief

### Sex Offender Registers as Transient in Thurston County

By The Chronicle

A Level 2 sex offender recently registered as transient in Thurston County, according to the Thurston County Sheriff's Office.



Daniel Leatherman sex offender

Daniel L. Leatherman, 25, is required to register as a sex offender due to a June 2015 conviction on one count of indecent liberties with forcible compulsion in Thurston County Superior Court.

He was sentenced to 20 months confinement with credit for time served.

At 21 years old, he allegedly attempted to sexually assault a 36-year-old female.

Leatherman is described as a white male standing 6 feet tall and weighing 180 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes.

For more information on Leatherman or other sex offenders registered in Thurston County, go to [www.co.thurston.wa.us/sheriff/](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/sheriff/) or call 360-754-2894.

### Driver Booked for DUI, Hit and Run After Striking Centralia Police Car

By The Chronicle

A Centralia man was arrested early Sunday morning after allegedly driving the wrong way on North Gold Street and hitting a police car.

At 2:07 a.m. on Sunday, police responded to the 600 block of North Gold Street and arrested

Dillon S. Lindsey, 25, of Centralia, on suspicion of driving under the influence and hit and run.

According to the police department, Lindsey was driving the wrong way on North Gold Street when his vehicle hit the police car. Both vehicles were damaged but no injuries were reported.

### \$20,000 in Guns Stolen From Vehicle's Trunk in Centralia

By The Chronicle

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office is investigating a report of a theft of guns from a vehicle's trunk in Centralia over the weekend.

The theft was reported at 12:30 p.m. Sunday in the 2700 block of Graf Road in Centralia. A 21-year-old man reported he was transporting between seven and nine firearms valued together at \$20,000 for his grandfather, a 74-year-old Napavine man.

To report information about the theft, contact the Lewis County Sheriff's Office at 360-748-9286 or Crime Stoppers of South Sound at <https://crimestoppersofsouthsound.org>.

### Chehalis Basin Board to Meet This Week in Aberdeen

By The Chronicle

The Chehalis Basin Board will hold its next meeting at 10 a.m. on Thursday at the Rotary Log Pavillon in Aberdeen.

The agenda includes discussions on land use in the basin, the Aquatic Species Restoration Plan and perspectives of tribal fishers of the Quinault Indian Nation.

There will also be discussion on the project-level environmental impact statement for a proposed dam near Pe Ell, a leg-

islative update, a briefing on the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority's criteria for local flood damage reduction projects, and a discussion on the Aberdeen/Hoquiam North Shore Levee.

The Chehalis Basin Board provides oversight of the Chehalis Basin Strategy for the newly established Office of Chehalis Basin which was created to aggressively pursue long-term flood damage reduction and the restoration of aquatic species in the basin.

The Office of Chehalis Basin is located within the state Department of Ecology.

The Rotary Log Pavilion is located at 1401 Sargent Blvd., Aberdeen.

The meeting is open to the public.

To view the agenda, go on-

line to [ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/floods/ChehalisBasinStrategy.html](http://ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/floods/ChehalisBasinStrategy.html).

### Department of Health to Hold Public Hearing on Third Gender Option

By The Chronicle

The state Department of Health will hold a public hearing to discuss a proposal to add a third gender designation to birth certificates in the state. The public hearing will also be live streamed on the department's website.

The hearing will be from 1 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 5 at Point Plaza East located at 310 Israel Road in Tumwater.

The proposal is to add a new

sex designation on birth certificates at the end of October. The proposed rule includes requirements for individuals to request a change to the sex designation on their birth certificates. The proposed rule would replace the current department procedure with some modifications. These modifications include removing the requirement for medical verification for adults making a request, expanding the number of providers who can verify the gender change for minors, and adding X as an approved sex designation option.



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# Lewis County Nonprofits Awarded \$45,500 Through the Community Foundation of South Puget Sound

By The Chronicle

Ten nonprofit groups in Lewis County have been awarded a combined \$45,500 by the Community Foundation of South Puget Sound.

The organizations receiving grants are the Boys & Girls Club of Chehalis, the Chehalis River Basin Land Trust, the Cispus Learning Center, the Fire Mountain Arts Council, Health and Hope Medical Outreach, the Hub City Mission Severe Weather Shelter, the Lewis County Autism Coalition, Reliable En-

terprises, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Centralia/Chehalis Conference and the United Way of Lewis County.

"As a member of the grants committee, I was especially excited to see so many applications this year from Lewis County nonprofits, and to recommend funding for their work in our community," said Rebecca Staebler, a Community Foundation board member and Centralia city councilor-elect, in a press release. "These organizations represent the many groups that are tackling the tough challenges we

face here in Lewis County and throughout the region."

Aside from the groups awarded grants, three Lewis County organizations chose to participate in the foundation's new crowdfunding campaign working to inspire local giving across Lewis, Mason and Thurston counties, according to the press release.

The organizations are the Boys & Girls Club of Chehalis, the Fire Mountain Arts Council and Health and Hope Medical Outreach.

"Each year the Community

Foundation receives requests of about \$170,000 to fund some amazing programs in Lewis County, and I wish we could fund them all and to the fullest. The reality, however, is that our monies cover approximately \$40,000 of these program requests. That's why we launched Give Local," said Norma Schuiteman, president and CEO of the Community Foundation. "We invite the community to join us in supporting these great programs. Whether you give \$25 or \$2,500, you'll know that you are helping an organization that's vi-

tal to your local community."

Give Local South Puget Sound is an online giving platform that features approximately 50 local nonprofit programs. Each organization has received a grant from the Community Foundation to help fund a specific project or provide general support of their program.

The grants provide a portion of the funding toward their goal, and through Give Local, the community can provide additional funding to the nonprofits to help them reach their overall goals.

## Some Weed Growers Arrested in Recent Raids Essentially 'Indentured Servants'

**LANGUAGE BARRIERS: Law Enforcement Officials Say Some Chinese Nationals Have Been Released, Though They Could Still Be Charged**

By Louis Krauss

The Daily World

Following the arrests of nearly 50 Chinese citizens suspected of involvement in an illegal pot growing operation in Grays Harbor County, law enforcement officials and prosecutors have been scrambling and dealing with language barrier challenges to figure out what the individuals' backstories are and deciding who will be prosecuted. At one point in the early going, they relied on the Google Translate app.

Just a day after the arrests in Tuesday morning's raids, the Grays Harbor County Prosecutor's Office decided to release 31 of the suspects, believing they were coerced into accepting work at the grow facilities under the impression that it was a legal operation.

"Many of them were brought here under somewhat false pretenses," County Sheriff Rick Scott said Thursday afternoon. "They were led to believe they were going to be growing marijuana, and that this was legal here in Washington, and that they would be compensated for what they were doing."

The pot was growing in dozens of homes around the county. More than 32,000 plants were confiscated in initial raids, which Chief Criminal Deputy Steve Shumate said had an estimated value of more than \$80 million. The typical scenario involved cash purchase of homes by Asian buyers and the homes converted to grow operations. Similar operations have been uncovered in Lewis County and other area of Western Washington in recent months.

Publicity about the most recent raids has brought calls from people telling police about more grow operations.

Pacific County Sheriff's Office investigators identified and searched three residences Wednesday, located near Menlo, Raymond and Grayland. From the three houses combined, officers seized 2,394 more marijuana plants, along with an estimated 20 pounds of processed marijuana and several thousand dollars' worth of growing equipment. The sheriff's office confirmed that these locations were all connected and operated by the same group in Grays Harbor.

Two male suspects were arrested at the Grayland location Wednesday, one 35 years old and 29, both of San Jose, Calif. They were taken to Pacific County Jail and are being held on \$50,000 bail under suspicion of manufacturing marijuana.

Grays Harbor residents have also been calling in to identify more suspected growing facilities as well. On Thursday, police searched a house on Aberdeen Avenue in Hoquiam, that yielded 792 marijuana plants, and another residence on Third Avenue in Aberdeen, where they arrested two more suspects. Friday, officers processed evidence at two other residences, one on Morgan Street in Aberdeen and the other on L Street in Hoquiam, where three more suspects were arrested, two of which had been released following Tuesday's raids. Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office is also investigating another possible site in the Wish-

### LARGE ILLEGAL MARIJUANA OPERATION BUSTS CONTINUE OVER THE WEEKEND

By The Daily World

Two more Aberdeen homes converted into black market marijuana grow operations were raided over the weekend as citizens continue to phone in tips, Aberdeen police said.

Police arrested five Chinese nationals and found hundreds of marijuana plants at two addresses in the city. The scenario matched the cases last week when multi-county raids targeted homes that had been purchased for cash, typically without being seen by the buyer, then converted to grow houses operated by Chinese nationals. Dozens were arrested in raids that started Tuesday, Nov. 28. Most of the raids were in Grays Harbor.

"One search warrant occurred during the evening of Dec. 1 at a residence on Highland Drive (in Aberdeen off Wishkah Road just east of Stewart Memorial Park)," said Steve Shumate, chief criminal deputy with the Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office. "Over 600 marijuana plants were confiscated and four adults were arrested. Those arrested included men ages 54, 60, and 63."

Also arrested was a 43-year-old woman, whose 7-year-old child was also at the residence. That child was taken into protective custody by Child Protective Services, said Shumate.

The following day, the Aberdeen Police Department along with officers from Cosmopolis

and Montesano searched a residence on Thornton Street in Aberdeen, between North Park Street and West Wishkah Street.

"Over 900 marijuana plants were seized," said Shumate. "One male suspect was at this location actively processing the marijuana plants. He was also taken into custody."

Shumate said tips from the public have aided the investigation, and urges anyone with information about the illegal grow operations to call the Grays Harbor County Communications Center at 360-533-8765.

"The concern at this point is unattended grows where equipment, including lighting systems, is still on," said Shumate. "This can create a fire hazard."

There are currently more than 20 Chinese nationals in the Grays Harbor County Jail associated with the illegal marijuana growing operations. A number of them had court appearances Monday. On Friday, Superior Court Judge David Edwards has carved out blocks of times for attorneys, mostly court-appointed, to meet with their clients with translators in several different Chinese dialects. The bulk of those arrested will be arraigned Monday, Dec. 11.

The Grays Harbor Drug Task Force is an interagency investigative unit with detectives assigned from the sheriff's office, Aberdeen Police Department and Hoquiam Police Department.

Scott. "We were using that to get basic concepts across, which is why we were grateful that the court interpreter agreed to stay

after the hearing and help us."

On KXRO Radio Friday morning, Scott said the FBI flew in translators from all over the country to help.

The release of the 31 individuals was particularly challenging language-wise, since they were being told they were released but could not return to their former houses that are now crime scenes, and the subjects had all of their phones and money confiscated.

"I didn't want to just turn 31 people who have no means of support, no friends or family, don't speak our language, don't know how to navigate our system, out and essentially put them on the street," said Scott, noting that the translator was initially puzzled why they were going to such lengths to help these people. "She asked, 'Why are you doing this?' And you know, many people were brought here under false pretenses under no fault on their own. They were basically scammed into doing this, and now they have nothing. If we don't help them, who's going to?"

The released suspects then called anyone they knew in the U.S. who could help them financially or to find lodging, with some calling family in New York, two others getting a ride to a friend's in Seattle, several finding a home in Olympia, and 18 going to the Union Gospel Mission in Aberdeen.

According to one worker at the mission who wished to remain anonymous, they arrived essentially without any belongings but their one pair of clothes, which staff remedied by giving them extra clothes and some bags. Most of the 18 got family members from Seattle and

other parts of Washington to pick them up and leave town Wednesday night, said the worker. He added that most of them appeared to be older, at least 50 he thought, and were an enjoyable crowd to be with.

"Obviously, these guys aren't behind everything, they were just workers," he said. "They were great. I took a picture with one of the guys. They were really nice, and one of them could speak a little English."

Early Thursday afternoon, the mission saw the last man take a taxi to Seattle, the worker said.

"We got him some clothes, gave him lunch, and made sure he was ready for his journey to Seattle."

They were in good spirits, seemed to be friends with one another and did not appear to feel out of place after their time working in the pot growing houses, he said.

"They were pretty tight-knit," said the mission worker. "They didn't seem wide-eyed or anything to me. Weren't upset they were here. This morning they were pretty joyful seeming."

For Svoboda, she said this is the largest and most complex case she has ever dealt with in terms of the number of arrested people and the added layer of needing translators.

"Luckily, there are a number of certified interpreters in the Seattle area that can speak both Cantonese and Mandarin," said Svoboda. "But obviously it's not cheap since they have to be paid for their travel and time."

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Read previous coverage from the recent pot raids online at [www.chronline.com](http://www.chronline.com).

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## COMMENTARY: Highlighting Lewis County

### A Tribute to Alice White Forth of Centralia College

Five years ago, I scheduled an interview with Alice Forth while compiling the history of Centralia College, but she called back a few days before our meeting to cancel because of ill health. She passed away only a few weeks later.

Although I never met her, I learned about the professional educator last week when 100 people gathered at the TransAlta Commons to dedicate the Student Center in honor of the dignified, gracious and stylish woman who shepherded students, colleagues and even presidents during her 33-year career.



By Julie McDonald

"It's very important that we honor the people who spent every day of their career here, serving students and working with their colleagues to fulfill the mission of the college," said Centralia College President Bob Mohrbacher. "And certainly from all that I've seen and heard about Alice, she did that in an exemplary fashion."

I was fortunate that Forth's brother, David White, also devoted his career to Centralia College and shared stories of his sister with me for "Centralia College: Its People and Their Stories," published last year. He spoke Tuesday about his sister who was 10 when he was born. Their older sisters were 18 and 13 at the time.

"She was always Billie to us, or Aunt Billie," said White, who was raised in a family that valued education and hard work. She taught him to swim and helped him with his graduation speech. His father called her Billie, and the name stuck.

"We didn't talk about work at home and vice versa. Many people had no idea that we were brother and sister."

White read words from the plaque honoring his sister outside the Alice Forth Student Center on the second floor of the college's newest building. After graduating from Boistfort schools, Alice White became the first Margaret Corbet Scholar in 1951. She earned her bachelor's degree from Washington State University and her master's from Pacific Lutheran. She started teaching business education in 1958 and chaired the Business Education Division, eventually becoming dean of students in 1988.

"She was known for her high standards and performance in the workplace, while supporting colleagues and maintaining a positive attitude," he read. "Her professionalism and perseverance on behalf of students was evidenced in their future success as productive employees, supervisors, and citizens."

Former President Henry Kirk recalled the welcome he received from Forth in 1986, when he was hired from California to serve as interim president. He worked with her 16 years and described her as "a very special lady."

Kirk said he wore a tie to honor Forth, who took him to task when he first arrived for his casual attire.

"Dr. Kirk."

"Yes, Alice."

"You're not respecting our weather. You must dress properly. You're not in California now.

You're here in Washington." "Oh, OK, Alice."

He described her as "a person of principles," and noted that "principles will hold you together when the boat starts rocking."

Mary Metzger, a friend since 1960, described Forth's involvement in civic groups including Delta Kappa Gamma (a society of women educators), the American Association of University Women, PEO sisterhood, and St. Helens Club.

Forth, described by the late Saturday's Child columnist Gordon Aadland as "the pretty lady of Centralia College," belonged to the Seven Continents Club.

"She had traveled to all seven continents, and she inspired at least one nephew to also aspire to the same level of achievement, but she was always No. 1," Metzger said. "You know why? They pushed her off the boat first so that that she touched the land first before they did."

She described Forth as a "very precise woman" who presented herself professionally with hair and clothing stylishly prepared. Some people take shortcuts across the grass at the college, but she always stayed on the sidewalk.

Bob Peters, the college's athletic director, recalled his job interview with Forth in 1986 over lunch at the Keg & I, where she asked him if he was ready for the job and then offered it to him.

"What a wonderful lady," he said. "Lunch at Keg & I. It was a great place to eat and it was a great place to get a job."

"I lay claim to having known Billie longer than any of you," said

Doyle McKim recalled Forth as a beautiful fashionably dressed woman, as their class valedictorian and even as a first-grader when he kissed her cheek as she stood on the Boistfort school steps.

Her great-nephew, Kyle White, described his Auntie Bill as "a constant source of enlightenment and happy memories." She always had treats for visitors, mystifying artifacts from around the world, and a new Lego set for him whenever he visited. She taught him to play baseball.

"I could always count on Auntie Bill for her generosity and kindness," he said. "She was never selfish. She never spoke with anger. And she was always a beacon of joy."

Several of her former students returned to Centralia College as employees, such as Georganne Copeland, who took typing from Forth and later graduated from Western Washington University. In 1984, Forth called her.

"We need somebody to teach our late-night typing lab; can you do that?" Forth asked her.

Copeland didn't think she could, but Forth did, and she's been there since. When Forth became dean of students, Copeland said, "I was known for a couple of years as the new Alice. Not a bad thing to be known as."

"As a student, we always wondered, 'Could she be rattled?' But no one ever had the guts to try."

Barbara Mason, who started Centralia College in 1959, took business classes from Forth.

"I was so impressed when I

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The Chronicle / File Photo

With the ravages of the recent flood all around, Pete and Cindy Dykstra set up their traditional manger scene in 2007 at their Curtis dairy. The display was featured on The Chronicle's front page on Christmas Eve that year with the headline "Christmas, Not Forgotten."

## COMMENTARY: Hill and Valleys

### Ten Years Later, a Musical Journey Into the 2007 Flood, and Beyond

*The wettest December  
Now we remember  
Tempest tossed, but we fought  
on  
Christmas, not forgotten.*

It's been 10 years since the pounding rains that ushered in the Flood of 2007. In the Willapa Hills that rain unleashed a flood of water, mud and trees that ravaged hundreds of families and dozens of communities. I wasn't a flood victim, but as assistant editor at that time for The Chronicle, I waded through the water in pursuit of the stories of my friends and neighbors who were hit hard.



By Brian Mittge

*Instead of merriment and glee  
Those rains brought us misery  
Homes ruined, washed away  
Nowhere to go, but how could  
we stay?*

Among the countless stories from those difficult days was the dairy farm where a small manger scene in the crossroads community of Curtis brought hope to the flood-ravaged people of the Boistfort Valley.

Pete and Cindy Dykstra's Maple Water Dairy was slammed by the flood. The deluge covered the first floor of their home higher than head level, and the ravaging waters killed every one of the dairy cattle in the herd they had built up over decades.

Their livelihood was gone and their home was a wreck, but amid so much loss, the Dykstras were thinking of others.

*Around the corner at the  
dairy  
Folks were anything but  
merry  
But they'd had it with despair  
So they climbed up the attic  
stair*

The floods hit that year before they had fulfilled their long-time December tradition of putting up an illuminated manger scene on their front porch.

Cindy tells me that they knew right away that their manger scene had to go up, despite the fact that their house and dairy were all-but destroyed.

"It was really important to me and it was important to

the community," she said. "My whole family agreed that it had to happen. It was important, the effect it had on the community."

That simple Christmas creche, glowing peacefully atop clean hay bales in a landscape of mud, delivered an immeasurably powerful message of hope, clearly visible to everyone driving into and out of the flood-ravaged valley.

"We've lived here all our lives and I can remember seeing it when I was little," Curtis resident Denise Latimer said in 2007. "I did not expect to see it when we drove by. I just bawled. I was absolutely speechless. It is an absolute disaster and to think that they went through all this and then took some time to bring it all together, I was just beside myself. It almost gave everyone else permission to celebrate Christmas."

The Chronicle's photo editor at the time, the talented Mike Salsbury, took a beautiful photo of the manger, alight with color that shone brightly into a desolate brown landscape.

Salsbury suggested an equally powerful headline, and then-editor Michael Wagar ran it as big as it would go as our Christmas Eve front page: "Christmas, Not Forgotten."

*They brought down a painted  
manger  
That proclaimed to friend  
and stranger  
Triumph from destruction  
Rebirth from devastation*

Pete and Cindy Dykstra are still at their dairy farm in the heart of Curtis.

During a flood remembrance event in Boistfort on Saturday, Steve Mansfield, who was Lewis County sheriff during the flood, recounted talking with Pete Dykstra and asking him what he needed the most in those first hours after the waters receded.

The dairyman said his most urgent need was to have help removing the dead cows from his dairy. They were causing distress and discouragement to those passing by along the well-traveled stretch of Curtis Hill Road just a few feet away.

"Dead cows were everywhere, hanging out windows. Everyone is seeing that. If you could help, it would really have a positive impact on our community."

Mansfield recounted Dykstra as saying,

By the end of the day, do-

nated TransAlta equipment had been put to work and the cows were buried elsewhere on the property, with lime for sanitation. Volunteers who flocked to the flood zones from around Lewis County and the nation were quick to help with this and other dirty but crucial tasks.

*Beside a road out in Curtis  
A sign stood to alert us  
'Good Things Happen Here,'  
it said  
Drowned in mud — down,  
but not dead*

How are the Dykstras doing now, 10 years later?

"We're plugging along," Pete told me. He has a grandson who works with him. They're milking 28 cows, with a total of about 60 head on the farm, including newborn calves.

They rebuilt the heard thanks to donations of dozens of cattle from other dairy farmers from around the Northwest. In one of the most touching parts of the story, about 10 cows were donated from a farm up north that had depended on similar donations after it lost its own herd in a long-ago flood — and some of those cows came from the Dykstras.

That's right. The cows he donated to those in need came back to him after his own loss. He's still milking one of those cows, years later.

*That dairy lost every cow  
But they're back to milking  
now  
From a bloodline that they  
thought gone,  
But from gifts they gave, it  
lives on*

I asked Cindy how things were going.

"We're doing OK," she said. "Things have not ever been the same since the flood. When you lose your whole livelihood, it's hard to pick up the pieces."

She still works at Boistfort School, a job she's had for decades.

The couple will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next month. Most of their grandkids live close by. One of those grandkids came by last weekend and helped them set up the manger scene again this year. It's visible to all on the 700 block of Curtis Hill Road.

Theirs is one of countless stories from the 2007 flood. It's

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## Editorial Mission Statement

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# Veterans Memorial Museum Set to Hold Annual WWII Veterans Dinner

**REMEMBERING:** *Event Offers Chance to Meet Veterans, Hear Stories Not Found Elsewhere*

By **Graham Perednia**  
gperednia@chronline.com

Honoring those who fought in World War II, the Veterans Memorial Museum in Chehalis will host its 20th annual Pearl Harbor Survivor Dinner on Sunday.

The dinner begins at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10, at the museum. Tickets are on sale now for \$25 each, and space is limited to 150 people. The Napavine Jazz Band will perform big band classics from the era. Each World War II veteran in attendance will

## Commissioners Approve Salary Increase, Medical Rates for County Employees

By *The Chronicle*

Prior to adopting the budget for the 2018 year, the Board of Lewis County Commissioners adopted a salary adjustment and medical rates for non-union employees, and also approved a different rate for medical for the employees represented by AFSCME.

The salary increase and the medical rates will go into effect on Jan. 1.

Non-represented employees will receive a 1 percent increase to their base salaries.

Lewis County will switch from the Washington Counties Insurance Fund to the Public Employee Benefit Board insurance program for medical and dental coverage. According to Archie Smith, the county's human resource director, the major difference for 2018 is that employees will go from a composite rate to a four-tiered rate structure. The county's insurance contribution set for non-union employees will be the same for the auditor, clerk, district court judges, coroner, commissioners and the treasurer.

Employees represented by AFSCME will also switch to a tiered structure, but during union negotiations, the group determined a different rate structure for its employees, according to Smith.

## Lewis County to Receive \$87,440 From the State Office of Public Defense

By *The Chronicle*

The Board of Lewis County Commissioners on Monday accepted \$87,440 from the Washington state Office of Public Defense, which can be used by the county in the 2018 calendar year.

According to the agreement between the office and Lewis County, the purpose of the money is to improve the quality of public defense services in the county. The agreement will span from Jan. 1, 2018, to Dec. 31, 2018.

The money will need to be used "to improve the quality of legal representation directly received by indigent defendants," states the agreement.

Indigent defense is provided to a person who is unable to pay for their own attorney in a criminal case.

## Lewis County Amends Ordinance to Encourage More Affordable Housing Options

By *The Chronicle*

The Board of Lewis County Commissioners on Monday approved changes that aim to clarify and simplify the standards of clustered subdivisions, duplexes and accessory dwelling units in the county to encourage more affordable housing opportunities.

According to Fred Evander, the county's long range planner, the amendments came as a result of an update to the county's comprehensive plan.

The major changes include a clarification and simplification of standards for clustered subdivisions on rural and agricultural resource land and will also allow duplexes on rural lands. It also establishes a "bonus density" for

## "This is a generation that is quickly going away."

Chip Duncan  
museum director

be individually honored at the dinner.

Museum Director Chip Duncan said no Pearl Harbor survivors are expected to be at the dinner, since the last known area survivor, William Furrer, died in September. However, the dinner is to honor all who served in World War II, Duncan added.

"This is a generation that is quickly going away," Duncan said.

clustered developments in rural lands the earmark 50 percent or more of a project site as a permanent restrictive easement.

The process to obtain accessory dwelling units has also been simplified. The units will no longer require a minimum size, and a note from a doctor will no longer be needed prior to the construction of an accessory dwelling unit on one's land, Evander said.

The changes were unanimously recommended by the county's planning commission. They have also undergone a 60-day review by the state Department of Commerce. A SEPA environmental review resulted in a determination of nonsignificance. Commissioner Gary Stampfer said the change could help the housing shortage in Lewis County, while at the same time protecting the environment and requirements under the Growth Management Act.

Under the act, the provision for alternative housing types in rural areas is complicated, but it allows development that is "consistent with rural character of the land." Housing on designated resource lands also need to preserve "the long-term viability of the resource use."

Eric Eisenberg, with the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office, said the Growth Management Act allows counties to use "innovative techniques for rural growth."

He said clustering is one of the best ways nowadays to build homes and protect resources.

The changes will take effect on Dec. 11.

## County Commissioners Designate Staff to Work on Open Federally Declared Disasters

By *The Chronicle*

Lewis County Public Works Director Erik Martin was selected to serve as the applicant agent for all open federally declared disasters in the county, and any future ones that may occur between now and the end of 2018, during the county commissioners meeting Monday.

Robin Saline, with the public works department, will serve as the alternate applicant agent.

The designation is made on an annual basis by the Board of Lewis County Commissioners. It is required by the state's Emergency Management Division.

According to county documents, there are currently eight open federally declared disasters in the county. Those include the November 2006 and December 2007 floods, as well as severe winter storms in January 2009, 2011, and 2012, a November 2015 severe storm, a December 2015 storm and another winter storm in January 2017.

## Herrera Beutler Asks Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Committee to Weigh in on Oregon's Tolling Plans

By *The Chronicle*

Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler has sent a letter to the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Committee requesting it formally provide input on Oregon's tolling plan for Interstates 5 and 205 near the state border.

The dinner is an opportunity to meet and talk to veterans who served in the conflict, he said. The veterans grew up during the Great Depression and then, when the United States entered the war, they found themselves on the other side of the globe.

"When you finally get to hear some of the veterans' stories you get an image of how life was back then," Duncan said. "That is something you won't get out of

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She urged the RTC to discuss the plan at its upcoming committee meeting.

"It makes little sense to delay weighing in with Oregon until tolling cameras are mounted over every lane of I-5 and I-205 and our money is in Oregon's treasury," Herrera Beutler, R-Battle Ground, said. "Southwest Washington residents are extremely concerned about Oregon's tolling plan, and they're carefully watching the actions — and inaction — of the individuals and groups who are supposed to be representing their interests. If RTC wishes to strengthen the transportation system in our region going forward — including on I-5 — it should win the trust of its stakeholders and stand up for them now."



Jaime Herrera Beutler  
congresswoman

According to the letter, 74,000 Washington residents use the two roadways each day. Herrera Beutler also stated she had heard strong concerns from community members over Oregon's tolling plans.

"The individuals I hear from are not confined to any one area of our region, or political ideology; they are commuters who don't have a choice in when or how often they commute to work to earn the money they need to pay their mortgages and buy groceries," she said in the letter. "If Washington's representative institutions like RTC stay silent while Oregon develops its tolling plan, please know that you risk eroding the trust of Southwest Washington residents and your subsequent ability to secure their support for future efforts on I-5 and throughout the corridor. Stepping forward to defend the interest of our community early in the process will go a long way toward strengthening that trust."

## Student From Chehalis Initiated Into Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

By *The Chronicle*

Jennifer Panco, of Chehalis, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi — the oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society in the nation.

She was initiated at Arizona State University, according to a press release.

Panco joins approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni that are initiated each year. Membership is by invitation only. It requires a nomination and approval by the chapter, according to the release.

Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership.

Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees are also eligible to qualify, as do professional staff, faculty and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of Marcus L. Urann who wanted to create a different type of honor society that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines.

Its mission is "to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

The society has chapters on

## ABOUT THE DINNER

The dinner begins at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Veterans Memorial Museum in Chehalis. Tickets are \$25 each, and space is limited to 150 people. To purchase tickets or for more information, call the museum at 360-740-8875.

the history books."

Some of the stories may not come from combat.

For example, Margie Lantz, Furrer's daughter, told *The Chronicle* in September about one of her father's favorite war stories from his time in the Navy.

While Furrer was stationed on Funafuti, a tiny atoll about 3,000 miles east of Australia, the

more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines.

To learn more, go to [www.phikappaphi.org](http://www.phikappaphi.org).

## Senators Murray, Cantwell Highlight Milestone in Hanford Cleanup

By *The Chronicle*

Washington state Sens. Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell last week recognized the workers of Hanford for completing a "milestone" clean-up on a high-hazard waste site at the nuclear reservation known as the 618-10 Burial Ground.

They joined Rep. Dan Newhouse in their acknowledgement of the employees who worked to complete the project, which the U.S. Department of Energy stated contained some of the most hazardous waste at Hanford.

They also urged federal officials to continue the department's work on a long list of cleanup projects that include 1,000 waste sites, 500 facilities, and contaminated soil and groundwater on the Central Plateau, according to a press release.

Earlier this year, the congressional members pressed the Trump Administration to provide robust funding as it puts together its annual budget requests for the cleanup to reduce long-term costs and risks, protect the health and safety of the Tri-Cities community and to meet Tri-Party Agreement milestones.

"I applaud the thousands of men and women who show up to Hanford every day and who made this milestone possible," Murray, D-Wash., said in the release. "They are carrying out critical work, and in turn, the federal government must always fulfill its obligation to ensure workers and the entire Tri-Cities community have the resources they need to continue cleanup in a safe, efficient manner that leads to everyone's ultimate goal of this land being restored to its natural state."

Cantwell, D-Wash., said the cleanup was a massive undertaking.

"The Energy Department's Richland Office has done an incredible job of decontaminating, demolishing, removing waste and remediating the river corridor," Cantwell said. "While this is an important milestone, the Hanford cleanup project still remains one of the largest cleanup projects in the world. I will continue to fight to make sure progress continues at Hanford and the Energy Department lives up to the commitment to cleanup this waste."

The 618-10 Burial Ground and two adjacent waste sites were one of the most challenging nuclear waste cleanup projects within the DOE-Richland Operation's mission, according to the release. The sites are located about six miles north of Richland.

The 7.5 acre burial ground was utilized to discard radioactive waste created in the 300 Area — the center of Hanford's radiological research and fuel fabrication activities when plutonium was produced in the 1950s and 1960s.

In 2009, the DOE-Richland Operation started to characterize and identify the waste and remediation activities that began in 2011.

Workers removed 94 vertical pipe units buried more than 20 feet below ground. They re-

Japanese conducted an air raid right after the garrison had received a new supply shipment.

The fresh shipment of potatoes the explosions hit was scattered throughout the airfield, Lantz said.

This year, Duncan will give the presentation because a local veteran who wanted to talk was not found, he said. He will talk about local veterans and his grandfather, who was a B-24 Liberator pilot in the China Burma India Theatre of the war from 1942-44.

"He has an unique story," Duncan said.

He is also working on publishing a book about his grandfather's service.

Learn more at [www.veterans-museum.org](http://www.veterans-museum.org).

trieved 2,201 contaminated 55-gallon drums, and excavated more than 305,000 tons of overburden and contaminated soil from the two sites located adjacent to the Burial Ground.

In all, more than 512,000 tons of radioactive contaminated soil and debris was removed from the 618-10 Burial Ground.

Now with the waste removed, the area needs to be backfilled and native vegetation needs to be planted to restore the area to its natural state, according to the release. The Tri-Party Agreement milestone to complete the work is Sept. 30, 2018.

"The Congressional members have consistently advocated for sufficient funding in DOE-Richland Operation's budget to support the completion of the 618-10 Burial Ground," stated the release.

## Rochester Holds Its First Winterfest

By *The Chronicle*

Swede Hall in Rochester will be the site of the first annual Winterfest.

The free event will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10. It will include pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, hayrides, refreshments, and crafts. The Rochester Middle School and the Rochester High School bands and choirs will be playing the songs of the season, and the celebration will end with a tree lighting ceremony beginning at 4:45 p.m.

The picture on the poster for the event was selected through a contest of students in kindergarten through the second grade. An essay writing contest was held for students in third through fifth grades. The winner will light the tree outside Swede Hall.

Swede Hall is located at 18543 Albany St. SW. in Rochester.

## Lewis County Homeschool Band Offers Students Musical Opportunities

By *The Chronicle*

The newly formed Lewis County Homeschool Band will host its first holiday concert titled "A Winter Wonderland."

The seasonal music will begin at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 11, at the First Christian Church in Centralia.

"It is an opportunity for our kids to play music as a group," said Alicia Armstrong, the mother of one of the band members. "We are very impressed at how quickly the band has progressed."

Under the direction of experienced bandleader Ruben Watson, the band offers homeschooled students from 9 to 16 years old the chance to be part of a band and to perform for the community. Watson also directs the Tacoma Homeschool Band and has operated Ruben Watson Music Studios for 21 years.

Started in September, the band is a parent-driven cooperative that offers ways to educate children about the arts. Currently the band has 13 members. The instruments played range from percussion to trumpets, trombones, clarinets, saxophones and flutes, Armstrong said.

Enrollment will be opened at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 12 at the First Christian Church. The church has agreed to allow the band to use its building as the meeting place for the band. Practice has been held at the church every Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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## Sirens

### CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### Purse Stolen

• At 10:31 a.m. on Friday, a purse was reported stolen in the 2600 block of Seward Avenue. The purse was reportedly stolen after being left in a driveway.

#### Teen Caught With Marijuana

• At 2:59 p.m. on Friday, police responded to the 800 block of Eshom Road to a report of a 17-year-old boy with marijuana. The boy is being referred to prosecutors on suspicion of possession of marijuana.

#### Debit Card Fraud

• At 4:37 p.m. on Friday, police received a report of a theft in the 700 block of North Washington Avenue. A debit card was used without authorization by its owner in the past several weeks.

#### Man Booked on Assault Charge After Incident at Hospital

• At 6:13 p.m. on Friday, police responded to the 900 block of South Scheuber Road for a report of an assault. Darren L. Fullerton, 51, of Centralia, was

arrested on suspicion of fourth-degree assault after allegedly throwing an item at a hospital staff member.

#### Burglary Interrupted

• At 6:25 p.m. on Friday, police received a report of an interrupted burglary in the 2700 block of Russell Road. A victim returned home to find an interior door locked that should not have been, then heard male and female voices. The suspects fled out of the back door.

#### Truck Damaged

• At 6:38 p.m. on Friday, police received a report of malicious mischief to a vehicle in the 1200 block of West Main Street. A vehicle's grill was damaged.

#### Bicycle Stolen

• At 9:40 p.m. on Friday, a 26-inch Schwinn bicycle was reported stolen in the 100 block of South Oak Street.

#### Vehicle Stolen, Recovered After Crash in Grays Harbor County

• At 11:54 a.m. on Saturday, a 2014 Chevrolet Malibu was re-

ported stolen in the 500 block of West Center Street. It was later found abandoned in Grays Harbor County after it was driven off a roadway and into an embankment.

#### Vehicle Prowls

• At 4:20 p.m. on Saturday, a vehicle prowling was reported in the 700 block of Allen Avenue. A vehicle's window was broken and a Coach purse was stolen.

• At 6:30 a.m. on Monday, police received a report of a vehicle prowling in the 1000 block of J Street. A computer and iPad were stolen.

#### Woman Booked on Assault Charge After Bite

• At 12:15 a.m. on Sunday, police responded to the 600 block of H Street in Centralia and arrested Kim D. Elliot, 53, of Centralia, on suspicion of fourth-degree assault, domestic violence. She was accused of biting a man.

#### Man Summoned for Protection Order Violation

• At 2:51 p.m. on Sunday, police responded to the 1800 block

of North Pearl Street after receiving a report of a violation of a protection order. Police issued a court summons to a 25-year-old man for violation of a protection order.

#### Hit and Run

• At 5:32 p.m. on Sunday, police received a report of a hit and run at Harrison Avenue on the Interstate 5 collector/distributor lane.

#### Accused Shoplifters Cited

• At 11:55 a.m. on Monday, police cited Noah J. Winter, 18, of Rochester and William L. Roberts, 19, of Chehalis on suspicion of third-degree theft for allegedly shoplifting in the 1100 block of Harrison Avenue.

#### Two Cited for Conduct on Bus

• At 11:56 a.m. on Monday, police responded to the 200 block of North Railroad Avenue to a report of belligerent people on a bus. Brett A. Morris, 46, and Kimberly A. Gotcher, 27, both of Centralia, were cited on suspicion of unlawful transit conduct.

#### Chainsaw Stolen

• At 12:03 p.m. on Monday, a Stihl chainsaw was reported stolen from a shed in the 1200 block of South Scheuber Road. A lock on the shed was cut.

#### Refrigerator, Stove Stolen in Burglary

• At 12:05 p.m. on Monday, a *please see SIRENS, page Main 15*

## In Remembrance

### MABLE LILLIAN GRIGSBY



Mable Lillian Grigsby passed away Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017, in Centralia, Wash. She was born to Harold D. Todd and Freda G. (Brady) Todd December 8, 1923, near Bonners Ferry, Idaho. The family moved to Hoquiam, Wash., when she was four years old.

She married Theodore D. Grigsby in Montesano April 5, 1941. They moved near Bremerton, Wash., where Ted worked in the naval shipyard. At the end of World War II, they returned to the Aberdeen area, where they lived for many years and raised their family. Following retirement, they moved to Chehalis, Wash. Ted passed away in 2008, they were married for 67 years.

Mabel is survived by four children, Claudia Jean Swift (James) of Burlington, Wash., James D. Grigsby of Baker City, Ore., William F. Grigsby (Eunice) of Rio Rancho, N.M., and Janet L. Grigsby of Chehalis, Wash. She also is survived by two granddaughters, Karen Castello (Randy) of Burlington, Wash., and Abigail Grigsby of Rio Rancho, N.M.; three great-granddaughters, Elise Walker of Portland, Ore., Haley Walker of Rainier, Wash., and Aubriel Walker of Burlington, Wash.; two great-great-grandsons, Jaxon and Nolan Houx of Rainier, Wash.; brother, Clifton D. Todd (Helen) of Olympia, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ted; brother, John; sister, Helen; and a granddaughter, Loida.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017, at 2 p.m., at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 217 Harmon Rd., Chehalis, WA 98532.

Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

More information can be found on our website at [cattermolefh.com](http://cattermolefh.com).

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## Death Notices

• **GORDON J. DETTLAUF**, 94, Centralia, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Madigan Army General Hospital in Tacoma. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Sticklin Funeral Chapel, Centralia.

• **MABLE L. GRIGSBY**, 93, Centralia, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Sharon Care Center, Centralia. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, at The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 217 Harmon Road, Chehalis. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

• **MICHAEL L. FRYE**, 63, Longview, died Friday, Dec. 1, at Community Home Health and Hospice, Longview. Services are being planned at this time. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

• **RONALD NEIL SOLOMON JR.**, 42, of Randle, died Saturday, Nov. 18. No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements are under the care of Sticklin Funeral Chapel, Centralia.

• **JOHN ERNEST WALCH**, 72, Chehalis, died Friday, Dec. 1, at home. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Valley of Blessing, 243 U.S. Highway 12, Chehalis. Arrangements are under the care of Sticklin Funeral Chapel in Centralia.

• **STEVEN RAY NYSTROM**, 63, Centralia, died Thursday, Nov. 9, at Providence St. Peter Hospital, Olympia. Services are planned for a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Sticklin Funeral Chapel in Centralia.

• **PIERRE FRANCES BEAULIEU**, 71, Chehalis, died Monday, Nov. 6, at Providence St.

Peter Hospital, Olympia. Services are planned for a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Sticklin Funeral Chapel, Centralia.

• **MYRNA WELCH**, 76, Centralia, died Monday, Dec. 4, at her home. A graveside service will take place on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 11 a.m. at Mountain View Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary.

## Corrections

**Correction:** In a story about the sale of Hotel Washington in Chehalis published in Saturday's

edition of The Chronicle, incorrect information was included. Listing agent Kristine Redford is based out of Gig Harbor and is a broker with Morrison House SIR.

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## Frances Marie (Nickols) Martin



Frances Marie (Nickols) Martin, 88, was born May 11, 1929, to Raymond and Edna Nickols, in Hilt, Calif. She passed away peacefully Nov. 16, 2017, at Brookdale Olympia West.

Frances moved to Centralia, Wash., as a young child and attended school in Centralia. She married the love of her life, Jack F. Martin July 27, 1946. They were married for 44 years. She was blessed with a loving husband, two beautiful children, four

grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Her husband passed away in 1990, and Frances continued living in the home they built together.

She always greeted anyone who came to her door with a beaming smile and warm welcome. Her family was her greatest accomplishment and her love for each one of them will never be forgotten. Frances was famous for her cooking and hospitality. Friends and family loved everything she made, but especially, her Navy Bean soup. Memories abound of her making homemade popcorn balls for the neighborhood kids at Halloween and pounds of fudge for Christmas, that her grandchildren would sneak into while she cooked Christmas dinner.

Frances loved to crochet and made beautiful crocheted pot holders, that she gifted to anyone that entered her home. Later, she created beautiful quilts for each of her children and grandchildren. Frances

loved life and always said she had no worries because she had everything she ever needed and that one thing was her family.

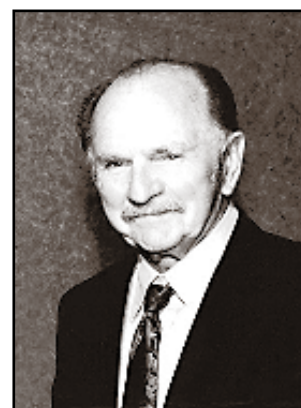
She is survived by her daughter, Linda (Martin) Hickey and son-in-law, Roger Hickey; son, Jerry Martin and daughter-in-law, Sydney Martin; grandchildren, Brenda (Thad) Bamford, Brian (Jody) Hickey, Jeremy (Stacey) Martin and Chad (Anna) Martin; great-grandchildren, Tori Bamford, Kailey Hickey, Kelsey Hickey, Alexa Martin, Jeron Martin, Tayden Martin and Keira Martin. She was extremely proud of her family and loved all five generations.

A private gathering for the family will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the care of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary, Centralia, Washington.

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## WILLARD WARREN



Willard "Bill" Warren passed away Dec. 1, 2017. He was born March 23, 1925, to parents, Alma and Olin "Ralph" Warren in South Bend, Wash., (Pacific County) and grew up in Centralia, Wash.

After serving in the United States Armed Forces, Bill began as a mechanic, repairing chainsaws, in Hoquiam, Wash. A few years later, he moved his family to Morton, Wash., where he started and ran Warren Logging Supply, selling and servicing Homelite chainsaws and other logging equipment.

After over 20 years at Warren Logging Supply, he was offered the opportunity to distribute Stihl chainsaws in several Northwest states and Alaska. Bill ran Stihl Northwest for over 25

years, until he retired. Once retired, he still did a number of things, including owning a couple of developing companies, Warren Developments and Sunabill Investments, LTD. Bill loved traveling around the world with Suna.

He enjoyed being with his family, including his dogs. Bill liked to hunt and fish, play golf and was active in shooting competitions. While living in Morton, he was active in the Chamber of Commerce, Morton Gun Club and the Masonic and Shine Lodges.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Suna; daughters, Missy Warren and Susan Kirkpatrick; grandsons, Jack, Dan (Margaret Ann) and Peter Kirkpatrick; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; older brother, Bob; and son, Mark.

Bill leaves behind a loving family and many friends and will be missed.

A funeral service will be held Dec. 7, 2017, at 2 p.m., at Mountain View Cemetery in the Aspen Chapel.

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## Boistfort

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The setting of the reunion was significant. The grange hall was ground zero for recovery efforts after muddy floodwaters and mighty logjams roared down the Chehalis River and its tributaries on Dec. 3, 2007 during the worst flooding in that river's recorded history.

For months, free hot meals were served in the grange hall as people dug out their homes and began to rebuild.

After a quiet hour of conversation on Saturday afternoon, former Boistfort fire chief Gregg Peterson (who still serves as a battalion commander for Fire Dist. 13) asked for a show of hands from attendees who had partaken of a meal at the grange hall after the flood. Nearly every hand in the room went up.

He went on to review disaster preparedness in the Boistfort Valley, which actually began a year before the devastating floodwaters flowed in 2007.

The preparations started after a major windstorm in 2006 with creation of a group called the Boistfort Emergency Preparedness Group (BEAG). That group took further lessons from the 2007 flood — in the issue of communications, for instance.

With phone and internet service down in those first crucial days, he said, there was no reliable way for residents and first



Brian Mittge / For The Chronicle

Photos of the 2007 flood and reconstruction sit with a placard reading "Good Things Happen Here," a reference to a heartening hand-painted plywood sign placed at the entrance to Curtis during cleanup operations at the height of flood recovery 10 years ago.

responders to communicate from the Boistfort Valley — so the county road shop lashed a fire radio antenna to the fence behind the Baw Faw Grange and the nextdoor fire station.

Since then, the BEAG has established robust backup communications networks, Peterson said: an antenna tower; two fire frequency radios that

can be set up so the district can dispatch its own first responders if county dispatch can't be reached; two ham radios; one CB radio; and one radio to talk directly to both Pe Ell and Boistfort schools, including buses on the road. Further, the valley has set up a network of citizen ham radio operators that talk every Sunday night to keep their net-

work sharp.

They also renovated the Baw Faw Grange Hall with backup power, heat and cooking capacity in case of widespread power outages. That allowed them to get up to speed immediately after the flood, providing a warm, dry place of refuge.

"When the flood came, we were here at the get-go, running

## Vader

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help to push back against code violations alleged by the city, and what they estimate to be \$30,000 in fines accrued in the month after receiving their notice of violation.

"I love the little town, I was born and raised there. I've been gone for a long time and we just recently bought property there, but it has its issues," Cindy Radcliffe said. "Unfortunately, people do not know their rights."

**ON NOV. 18**, the ACLU of Washington wrote to Vader Mayor Ken Smith and the Vader City Council of concerns about the city's code enforcement practices.

"The ACLU of Washington appreciates that cities have a legitimate interest in protecting public health and safety," the organization's letter to the City of Vader begins. "But that legitimate interest is bounded by the due process protections of the United States and Washington Constitutions. Limits also exist as to what constitutes real risks (to) public health and safety rather than local beautification campaigns."

The ACLU letter does not reference any formal action against the city.

The letter was a brief topic of discussion during the Nov. 30 Vader City Council meeting and was scheduled to be discussed in an executive session.

"The ACLU has just written a letter containing its observations about the city's code-enforcement efforts," Smith said in the meeting. "They're not claiming any action against the city. They just sent a letter of support to those who are fighting the city but that's not a letter that should be taken necessarily as a potential lawsuit."

Smith did not return a request for additional comment Monday.

Current Vader city councilors are Andy Wilson, Jason Dailey, Joe Schey, Mike Parsons and Leona Sander-Hunter. Dailey, Schey, Parsons and Sander-

Hunter all ran unopposed in the November election.

Wilson did not file for reelection, and will be replaced in 2018 by Judy Costello.

According to the letter from the ACLU, Vader residents learn of alleged code violations when served with a notice of violation from the city. They have 15 days to appeal before the notice is deemed final. Unresolved violations result in fines of \$500 per day, per violation.

"Vader residents do not receive a prior warning letter," the ACLU states. "For a resident strapped for cash, the accumulated fines can quickly exceed the costs of fixing the underlying alleged violation and exceed the value of their property."

An August 2017 nuisance abatement complaint filed in Lewis County Superior Court shows the city successfully levied fees of \$1,500 per day after a Vader property owner failed to respond to notice of three violations of city code — for overgrown vegetation, dilapidated buildings and junk vehicles — issued in mid-2016.

The city's complaint notes taxes were paid but described the property as looking "abandoned."

In October, Superior Court Judge James Lawler issued an order directing the property owners — who had not responded to the court or the city regarding the case — to pay the accrued fines of \$583,500 at 12 percent interest to the city.

Miller's petition notes that as of November his fines had accrued to \$218,000.

Radcliffe said, based on what she knows of Vader property values, having recently bought property there, she believes the fines likely greatly exceed the values of the properties in cases like these.

"(I) have to wonder what the goal is for (the) city," she wrote in an email to The Chronicle.

While there is an appeal process for residents charged with a violation, the ACLU's letter reports, citing the city's online fee schedule, that filing an appeal costs \$500.

"Vader residents have had their appeals rejected because

they didn't know about the well-hidden \$500 appeal fee," the organization's letter states. "And, no doubt, some Vader residents have not appealed because they could not afford the hefty \$500 fee."

The ACLU's letter asks the city to begin sending warning notices to residences before the notice of violation, revise its appeal process and to limit its code enforcement actions to incidents that pose "actual threats" to public health or safety.

The council discussed the letter for several minutes in open session at the Nov. 30 meeting, with some members saying they believed the city had already addressed some of the organization's concerns, such as offering a warning before a formal violation.

The ACLU declined to comment further when contacted by The Chronicle Monday. ACLU representative Amy Roe said the organization has not yet received a response from Vader and planned to wait for a reply before commenting beyond the letter.

**CITIES TYPICALLY** use code enforcement programs to deal with violations of city ordinances related to unkempt yards, garbage and junk cars.

Cindy Radcliffe said she and her husband received their first violation this summer after driving their motorhome to Vader from their other home in Arizona. They parked the motorhome next to their Vader home, a farmhouse the couple is remodeling, and kept the water and electric plugged in out of a desire to keep the motorhome in a state of good repair.

They thought all was well until they got a letter from the city accusing them of living in the motorhome for longer than allowed in city code. The Radcliffes denied the city staff member's assessment of their living situation.

"By her own admission she looked in windows and said she didn't think it was livable," Cindy Radcliffe said. "It's an old farmhouse we're remodeling but it has everything you need to live in."

## Calendar

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Grace Foursquare Church, 3030 Borst Ave., Centralia, 360-736-0778, www.gracefoursquarechurch.com

Friday Night Live, Narcotics Anonymous, 7-9 p.m., Dayspring Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 2088 Jackson Highway, Chehalis, 360-508-6495

### Saturday, Dec. 9

Breakfast with Santa, 9-11:30 a.m., Adna Grange #417, 123 Dieckman Road, Adna, \$6, pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit and drink. Kids meal includes crafts and visit with Santa

Club Mom Children's Clothing Bank and Exchange, 1-3 p.m., Centralia Christian Church, 1215 W. Main St., 360-736-7655

Karaoke, with Lou Morales, 7:30 p.m., Chehalis Eagles, 1993 S. Market Blvd. Chehalis, 360-748-7241

Dress for Success, Reliable Enterprises, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., New Life Thrift Store, 1757 N. National Ave., Chehalis, 360-736-9558, ext. 149

Coach Train Excursions to Milburn, 1 and 3 p.m., Chehalis-Centralia Railroad & Museum, 1101 SW Sylvanus St., Chehalis, steamtrainride.com, 360-748-9593

Riverview Train Excursion to Ruth, 5 p.m., Chehalis-Centralia Railroad & Museum, 1101 SW Sylvanus St., Chehalis, steamtrainride.com, 360-748-9593

Steam Train Ride and Museum Visit, 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m., Mt. Rainier Railroad,

Elbe, 888-STEAM-11

Open garden, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 4162 Jackson Highway, Chehalis

Open Mic Gospel of song, testimony or instrument, 5 p.m., Ethel/Silvercreek Grange, 1624 Hwy. 12, Ethel, 360-791-7467

### Libraries

Build & Play, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Centralia Timberland Library, for children, create with GLEGO bricks, straws, blocks and other interactive toys

Home Sweet Tiny Home, 1-2:30 p.m., Centralia Timberland Library, for adults, Andrea Fender will share about means to live tiny and essentials about starting your own tiny home

Tech Toys at The Library, 1-4:30 p.m., Winlock Timberland Library, for all ages,

robots, circuits and construction toys

### Organizations

Prairie Steppers Square and Round Dance Club, 7-8 p.m. Plus, 8-10:30 p.m. Mainstream, potluck at break, Oakview Grange, Centralia, 360-736-5172 or 360-273-4884

Gluten Intolerance Group of Lewis County, 10 a.m., Providence Centralia Hospital chapel conference room, (509) 230-6394, tg728792@centurylink.net or http://goo.gl/bWXTmr

### Support Groups

Alzheimer's caregiver support group, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Centralia First United Methodist Church, 506 S. Washington Ave., Centralia, 360-628-4980

## MORE ANNIVERSARY COVERAGE

How the spirit of holiday resilience in the Boistfort Valley inspired a song about the survivors of the Chehalis River Flood: 'Christmas, Not Forgotten' — **Opinion / Main 8**

off a generator," Peterson said on Saturday. He was interrupted by applause from the crowd, then continued: "As a valley, I think we're way more prepared than we were 11, 10 years ago."

As part of those emergency preparations, he said there are now food stockpiles in the Boistfort Valley that can feed 100 people for up to 30 days in the event of a catastrophe.

Steve Mansfield, head of emergency operations for Lewis County, recounted his time as sheriff during the flood. He praised the resilience and self-sufficiency of flood survivors from a time that seems impossibly remote, yet still hits home.

"It seems like a long time ago," Mansfield said, "but it also seems like just a few days ago."

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## McDonald

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walked into her classroom and here's this beautiful, caring teacher, and she made me feel so positive about everything," Mason said. "I had many opportunities to thank her over the years."

Vicki Pogorelc, a Centralia College Foundation board member, recalled how Forth wanted student services brought together in one place and served on the capital campaign to raise money for the Trans-Alta Commons. When construction was delayed, she wondered whether she'd live long enough to see it built.

"Well, she didn't," Pogorelc said. "But just know that her heart and soul went into this building."

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Julie McDonald, a personal historian from Toledo, may be reached at memoirs@chaptersoflife.com.

## Mittge

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a universal story, and yet this Christmas tale is also unique to our lives here along this river.

Inspired by the importance of this story, five years ago I wrote a Christmas song about the Chehalis River flood survivors of 2007, with the Dykstra's scene of Jesus in the manger as the central visual image. You've been reading some of the lyrics.

I recorded the song for the first time last week, and overlaid the video with images from the flood and the Dykstra's Christmas manger. The video is available on chronline.com with this column. You can get there directly by typing www.bit.ly/ChristmasInTheFlood into your web browser. The song is a Christmas homage to the survivors of the Chehalis River flood of 2007, folks who lost nearly everything, but showed us what it means to live, and even among so much loss and heartbreak, to give.

What is lost, what is found  
What is heard in a quiet sound  
What we gave when all was gone  
How we rose together like a song

The wettest December  
Now we remember  
Of the Father's love begotten  
Christmas, not forgotten.

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Brian Mittge can be reached at brianmittge@hotmail.com. Merry Christmas to all.

# Nation/World

## Nation in Brief

### Mom Turns in Son, Who Confesses to Molesting Up to 50 Children, Police Say

By Tribune News Services

LOS ANGELES — Before dawn, a woman with her 18-year-old son in her car flagged down a sergeant at a Riverside police station with a startling request.

She said she wanted to turn in her son, who had earlier called her to say he had molested two boys, 8 and 4, in a motel room.

After interviewing her son, Joseph Hayden Boston, Riverside police jailed him at the Robert Presley Detention Center on Saturday with bail set at \$1 million.

In a statement, Riverside police said Boston, 18, confessed to sexually assaulting up to 50 children in other cities, starting when he was 10 years old.

Before moving to Riverside in early November, Boston had lived in the Southern California cities of Lakewood and Buena Park.

In Riverside he was staying at the Simply Home Inn & Suites on Magnolia Avenue.

There, according to the police statement, he befriended the two boys who were staying at the motel with their parents. The boys were allowed to go into Boston's room Friday night. Hours later, police said, Boston called his mother, whose name was not disclosed, to tell her that he had molested the boys.

She then drove to the motel and took him to the police station.

Riverside County Child Protective Services responded and took custody of both children.

### RNC Reverses Course, Backs Roy Moore After Pulling Support

By Tribune News Services

WASHINGTON — The Republican National Committee is reversing course and once again backing Alabama GOP Senate candidate Roy Moore, after initially pulling its support following allegations of sexual misconduct.

The reversal, first reported by the far-right Breitbart News and confirmed by a senior RNC official, comes the same day President Donald Trump formally endorsed Moore. The race has been rocked by accusations that Moore made sexual advances toward underage girls while he was in his 30s. He has denied the allegations.

The senior RNC official said details on the RNC's efforts in Alabama were forthcoming. According to Breitbart News, the committee will provide financial support. This was confirmed by the RNC official.

In the aftermath of the allegations, the RNC severed ties with Moore, withdrawing from a joint fundraising committee with his campaign and the Alabama GOP. It is not clear if the RNC will rejoin the committee. There were no new Federal Election Commission filings indicating a change as of Monday night.

### John B. Anderson, 1980 Presidential Candidate, Dies at 95

By Tribune News Services

John B. Anderson, a former Illinois congressman whose eloquent and quixotic 1980 presidential campaign as an independent helped propel Ronald Reagan to the White House, has died at his home in Washington. He was 95.

His death Sunday was confirmed by his daughter Diane Anderson.

A 10-term congressman, Anderson waged an independent campaign in 1980 against President Jimmy Carter and his Republican challenger Reagan. Anderson received 7 percent of the vote, enough, observers believed, to tilt the election.

## Fast-Moving Calif. Brush Fire Explodes to 10,000 Acres, Triggering Evacuations and Power Outages

By Alene Tchekmedyian

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — A fast-moving, wind-fueled California brush fire exploded to at least 10,000 acres Monday night in the foothills near Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula and triggered mandatory evacuations of hundreds of homes, officials said.

One person was reported killed in a traffic accident on a road closed due to the fire.

Strong winds were pushing the blaze in a southwest direction toward the cities of Santa Paula and Ventura, leading to new evacuations of homes north of Foothill Road in Ventura and reports of power outages.

Shortly after 10 p.m., Richard Macklin, a Ventura County fire engineer, was on the phone with a news outlet when his fire station in Santa Paula went dark.

"We have power now," Macklin said about 10:20 p.m. "I got lights, I don't know how they're providing it."

Other residents in Ventura and Santa Paula reported outages, though it was not immediately clear how widespread the blackouts were.

Authorities were also evacuating homes east of Dickenson Road, north of Monte Vista Drive along Highway 150 and south of the college. As of 9 p.m.,

**"We're really just trying to catch it around the edges and just pinch it off as quickly as we can."**

Jason Hodge  
Ventura County firefighter

it was unclear if any residences were damaged by the uncontained blaze. The fire was burning on both sides of the highway.

"We're really just trying to catch it around the edges and just pinch it off as quickly as we possibly can," said Ventura County firefighter Jason Hodge, adding that crews were dealing with 25 to 50 mph winds. "That's what's driving this fire. So it's a challenge, but everybody's out there working hard and will be through the night."

Since shortly before 7 p.m., firefighters were in place to protect homes along Highway 150 just north of Santa Paula, said Ventura County Fire Capt. Stan Ziegler. Within an hour, the fire grew from 50 to 500 acres.

Evacuation centers were opened at Nordhoff High School in Ojai and at the Ventura County Fairgrounds in Ventura.

Four helicopters were going to begin making water drops after crews determined that it was safe to fly as the blaze grew rap-

idly.

About 9:30 p.m., two helicopters were forced to land at Santa Paula Airport due to 50-mph winds. "Waiting for winds to slow down so we can get back in the fight," officials said on Twitter.

"It's always difficult and somewhat dangerous to fly at night, so depending on different conditions and the geographic challenges is how they evaluate whether or not they can operate at night," Hodge said.

Ventura County Fire staffed an extra 100 or so firefighters in anticipation of strong winds that triggered a red flag warning in Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Weather officials said those regions could see wind gusts of 50 to 70 mph Monday night into Tuesday.

The blaze was reported about 6:25 p.m.

"This is exactly what we have prepared for," Ziegler said. "This is not a surprise by any means."

## World in Brief

### US Defies North Korea With War Drills

By Tribune News Services

SEOUL, South Korea — The U.S. and South Korea on Monday began a five-day joint air exercise on the Korean peninsula involving 230 aircraft and 12,000 American troops, the allies said in a joint statement.

A day before the Vigilant Ace 18 drills, North Korea called for "merciless revenge" and said the nation would consider the "highest-level hard-line countermeasure in history," according to the state-run Korean Central News Agency. It referred to a similar statement in September, which Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho said may refer to a ground-level test of a hydrogen bomb in the Pacific Ocean.

North Korea regularly cites military drills around the peninsula as justification for its nuclear and missile-testing program. Last week, the isolated regime launched a new type of intercontinental ballistic missile with improved technology that can deliver a nuclear warhead anywhere in the U.S., and claimed it had completed its nuclear force.

The U.S. and South Korea said the exercises are an annual event aimed at ensuring peace and security on the peninsula. Yonhap News reported it's the first time that six F-22 stealth fighter planes flew to South Korea at once, and that the allies plan to stage simulated attacks on mock North Korean nuclear and missile targets.

### U.K.'s May Fights Fires at Home as Brexit Deadline Looms

By Tribune News Services

LONDON — United Kingdom Prime Minister Theresa May is battling to put out multiple political fires at home as she prepares for a meeting in Brussels that she hopes will end the deadlock in Brexit talks.

Euro-skeptics including members of May's Conservative party set out new "red lines" for the negotiations before a meeting she'll have Monday with European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker.

Meanwhile, the government's social mobility advisers quit en masse, saying May has failed to improve the lives of the poorest people in the U.K., while her deputy Damian Green is facing fresh calls to resign over allegations of sexual misconduct.

The storm of trouble around May's leadership intensified just as Brexit negotiations reach their most sensitive stage. The European Union set a deadline of Monday for May to make a better offer on the terms of the U.K.'s withdrawal from the European Union, negotiations on which are currently stuck. Disagreements include the so-called exit bill, legal protection for the rights of EU nationals, and avoiding a new hard border between the U.K. and Ireland.

### Yemen's Deposed Ali Abdullah Saleh is Killed

By Tribune News Services

SANAA, Yemen — Ali Abdullah Saleh, the deposed strongman who ruled Yemen for more than three decades and colluded with Iran-aligned rebels to topple his successor, was killed Monday as fighting raged in the capital between his followers and their former allies, according to officials on both sides.

Saleh's death removes one of the most cunning and resilient political figures in Yemen, injecting new uncertainty into a devastating civil war just days after he turned against the rebels, known as Houthis, and made overtures to the Saudi Arabia-led and U.S.-backed coalition that has sided with the country's internationally recognized government.



Brian van der Brug / Los Angeles Times

The setting sun illuminates hoodoos, rock formations in the Devil's Garden in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Utah, on Sept. 27.

## Trump Shrinks Two National Monuments in Utah, Assailing Rule by 'Distant Bureaucrats'

By Keith Schneider

Los Angeles Times

SALT LAKE CITY — President Donald Trump formally reconfigured two big national monuments in southern Utah on Monday, shrinking them by more than 2 million acres — a public lands declaration unlike any ever made by a U.S. chief executive.

"You know how best to take care of your land," the president said to a large audience at the state Capitol. "You know best how to conserve this land for generations."

Calling the designation of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments an abuse of federal authority and the work of "distant bureaucrats," the president added: "I've come to Utah to reverse federal overreach and restore the rights to this land to your citizens."

The proclamations Trump signed reduce the 1.9 million-acre Grand Staircase-Escalante monument to 1,006,341 acres, while Bears Ears, which was 1.35 million acres, will shrink to 228,784 acres. Five new sub-units are being established within the new boundaries.

The Grand Staircase monument was established by President Bill Clinton in 1996 and Bears Ears by President Barack Obama in 2016.

Trump's decision drew immediate threats of legal challenges. Protests also occurred here

on Saturday and Monday. The president's national monuments decision forms another front line in the administration's disputed campaign to reverse Obama-era public lands and environmental policy and to energize his base of political support in the rural West.

It also subjected one of the country's wildest regions, a three-county stretch of deep canyons, mesa and red rock — home to few roads and roughly 28,000 people — to uncommon national scrutiny.

Trump's actions produced ample applause among supporters as Trump made his announcement. He emphasized that the boundary changes were intended to return control of public lands to those who know and use them most closely.

"Some people think that the natural resources of Utah should be controlled by a small handful of very distant bureaucrats located in Washington," he told the audience. "And guess what, they're wrong."

With his re-designation, he said, "Public lands will once again be for public use."

The president's actions were a dramatic departure from conventional interpretations of the 1906 Antiquities Act, on which the monument designations are based. The act, advocated by President Theodore Roosevelt, was designed to provide safeguards to exceptional historic,

cultural and natural landscapes across the country, most of them located in the West's public domain.

The Antiquities Act provides broad authority to presidents to act alone in establishing national monuments. Presidents have declared more than 150 national monuments, many of which became national parks. Four of Utah's five national parks started as national monuments.

Trump said the act was never designed to create monuments of the size of the two in Utah. "These abuses of the Antiquities Act give enormous power to far-away bureaucrats at the expense of the people who live here and work here and make this place their home," he said.

Though previous presidents have adjusted national monuments more than 80 times, all but 18 of those changes were made to expand monument boundaries, according to an Interior Department accounting. Though President Woodrow Wilson removed over 313,000 acres from the Mount Olympus National Monument in 1915, none has come close to reducing boundaries by as much as the roughly 2 million acres that Trump removed from federal protection at Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante.

"I'm a real estate developer," Trump said. "When they start talking about millions of acres, I say, 'Say it again?' Because that's a lot."

# First Suspect in Massive Poaching Case Pleads Guilty, Hit With \$500 Fine

**BEAR KILLERS:** Bryan Tretiak of Morton Admitted to Joining Poaching Crew

By Jordan Nailon  
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Bryan Tretiak of Morton became the first person to be convicted in a massive poaching case coming out of southwest Washington and northwest Oregon when he pleaded guilty to second-degree illegal hunting of big game in Skamania County Court on Nov. 2.

Tretiak, 31, was accused of participating in the first illegal kill on an extensive timeline compiled by law enforcement in Washington and Oregon. That illegal take of a bear was alleged to have occurred on August 29, 2015, in an area of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest south of Randle.

According to The Daily News of Longview the guilty plea carried a maximum penalty of 364 days in jail or a fine of up to \$5,000. However, because Tretiak had never previously been convicted of poaching, Skamania County Superior Court Judge Randall Krog chose to give Tretiak 14 days community service and a \$500 fine. The court also stipulated that Tretiak is not permitted to hunt or possess hunting dogs for the next two years.

Three other suspects from what the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has described as an interconnected ring of poachers are due in court for suppression hearings on Dec. 14. Those suspected poachers, Eddy Dills, Joseph Dills and Erik Christian Martin, all of Longview, pleaded not guilty to a total of 118 charges in October and are set to begin their trials

**“Our search warrants were reviewed and we feel confident.”**

Brad Rhoden  
WDFW Sergeant

on Jan. 8, 2018.

The suppression hearings are expected to cover whether or not a cache of evidence obtained by law enforcement through the cell phones of the suspects will be admissible in court. WDFW records indicate that after being contacted by Oregon law enforcement on December 3, 2016, William Haynes and Erik Martin willingly gave investigators access to their cell phones. Those cellular devices proved to be a gruesome Pandora's box of videos, photographs and text conversations detailing a multiple year killing spree that hopped county lines, state lines, and targeted a myriad of species with reckless abandon. In total the group is suspected of poaching more than 100 large game animals in addition to hundreds of smaller animals during their unchecked poaching activities. Nearly 30 severed deer heads were found during the first night of the investigation alone and hunting dogs were allegedly employed illegally during many of the big game hunts for animals such as bears, cougars and bobcats.

“Our search warrants were reviewed and we feel confident,” WDFW Sergeant Brad Rhoden told The Daily News. He added that suppression hearings are considered routine in criminal cases.

So far the long investigation has netted a total of 187 charges against eight suspects and WDFW law enforcement has promised additional charges against affiliated poachers are likely to be announced at any time. Additionally, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is still conducting its own investigation into the group's poaching activities in the Mount Hood National Forest and other areas.

In an interview with WDFW investigators on Aug. 11, 2017, Tretiak admitted that he was present at the Aug. 29, 2015 bear hunt near Orr Creek Sno Park that kicks off the WDFW timeline of suspected poaching activity by the group. He also told investigators that he had accompanied the group on additional hunts where he had witnessed them kill a black bear and then stuff it into a culvert pipe along Forest Road 23 in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, as well as illegal hunts for bobcats in Oregon and one trip in Washington where one of the Dills children shot and killed a bear over the family hounds near Killen Creek. He said that bear was left behind to waste.

When investigators looked inside Tretiak's freezer last summer they found, among other animals, at least three bobcats, one bear hide, one coyote pelt and

one deer skull. Tretiak admitted that the bear pelt was from the Dills' hunting dogs in 2015. Additionally, the bobcats were not properly sealed and were confiscated as evidence by the WDFW.

Tretiak told investigators during that interview that he had befriended the Dills a few years prior and then began joining them at their various hunting camps within the GPNF. Those hunting camps included Takhlakh Lake Campground, where the Dills family was employed as campground hosts, and other National Forest locations. According to the WDFW report, Tretiak said that while at their camp the Dills began to tell him “all kinds of stories about illegal hunting and how they got away with it the first time they got caught by WDFW during operation ‘Kill em all boys.’”

Tretiak told investigators that he only uses his hunting dogs to hunt raccoons at night and he soon became uncomfortable with the illegal actions of the Dills' and their associates. According to a WDFW report Tretiak told officers that he felt pressured into poaching the bear, “because he would go to the Dills' camp often and he didn't want to feel like an outcast or someone they can't trust.”

Tretiak did not return a phone call from The Chronicle seeking comment.

This is not the first time that the Dills family has been in hot water for illegal hunting. In 2008, Joseph Dills pleaded guilty to second-degree unlawful hunting of big game and second-degree criminal trespassing for his con-

nections to the self-monickered “Kill ‘Em All Boyz” poaching crew out of Cowlitz County.

William J. Haynes, 23, of Longview, is another suspect who popped up frequently during the investigation. One series of photos shows Haynes smiling at the camera while his face is covered in blood from an apparent point-blank kill shot and his text messages included numerous threads where he brags to his mother about his most recent kills. Haynes is currently facing 61 charges in Skamania County with a suppression hearing set for March 1 and a trial date set for March 12.

Kyle S. Manley, of Cowlitz County, is the most recent suspect to be charged. He is facing one count of second-degree illegal hunting of big game and one count of illegal hunting of bears, bobcats, cougars or lynx with the aid of dogs. His status conference hearing is scheduled for Dec. 4 in Skamania County.

Aubri McKenna, 35, of Longview, is scheduled for a status hearing on Dec. 18 in Skamania County District Court. She is facing two counts of second-degree unlawful hunting of big game and one count of illegal hunting with the aid of dogs and has not entered a plea yet.

A 17-year old female relative of the Dills is also facing charges but has not yet entered a plea. She has been charged with one count of unlawful hunting of big game and one count of illegal hunting with the aid of dogs. Her status hearing is set for Dec. 4 in Skamania County District Court.

## News in Brief

### Fords Prairie Grange Holds Santa Pancake Breakfast

By The Chronicle

The Fords Prairie Grange is holding its Santa Pancake Breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 9.

The breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, coffee and tea. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children age 5 to 12. Kids 4 and under are free.

The Fords Prairie Grange is located at 2640 Reynolds Ave. in Centralia.

### Pictures With Santa Offered at Yard Birds

By The Chronicle

Santa will visit The Clubhouse in Yard Birds on the next two weekends, appearing Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children can have their pictures taken with Santa free of charge and will receive a cookie, cider and an ornament off the Christmas tree.

### Evergreen Playhouse Seeks to Fill Roles for Three Plays

By The Chronicle

Evergreen Playhouse is holding auditions to fill roles in three of its upcoming productions.

The first night of auditions will be from 7-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, and the second round is from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9.

Available roles:

- “Rebel Without a Cause,” directed by Rich Garrett. Runs Feb. 9-25. Open role: Jim Stark, the young new kid in town (James Dean role), male teen/early 20s.

- “Urinetown,” directed by Fiona Thornton. Runs March 23-April 8. Open role: Bobby Strong, a born leader, tenor, male 20s-30s; a few other male roles are open as well.

- “And Then There Were None,” Directed by Michaela Hickey. Runs May 4-20. Open role: Philip Lombard, adventurous young man, 20s-30s.

Anyone interested in auditioning, can sign up at [www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f48a8aa2ea2fc1-auditions](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f48a8aa2ea2fc1-auditions). Anyone planning on auditioning for “Urinetown” is asked to prepare a song and bring their own accompaniment.



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# Where Are the Clams? Diggers Pound Sand at Long Beach

**HIT AND MISS: Bivalve Populations on Peninsula Slumping While Other Beaches Offer Up Easy Limits**

By Jordan Nailon  
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LONG BEACH — It seemed that nearly everyone and their old dog showed up to the Long Beach Peninsula this weekend with hopes of taking advantage of a three-day razor clam dig at “The World’s Longest Beach.”

Everyone except for the razor clams, that is.

Thousands of people crowded Long Beach beginning on Saturday afternoon and turned the sand strip into a pickup and pedestrian highway of sorts. Surprisingly sunny skies cast rainbow hues over the shallow surf, and dedicated clam hounds stalked the beach for hours in search of the prized mollusks. The rare respite from the rain helped to buoy spirits up and down the beach, but eventually everyone was left wondering where exactly the clams were.

Speaking to locals and tourists alike on Saturday, most folks were carrying fewer than two clams in their possession, and only two wind-socked locals claimed to have dug their full limits. The vast majority of shovel and gun toting beachcombers had nothing to show for their efforts other than cold hands though as the clams simply refused to show.

“I know I talked to an awful lot of people who were pretty disappointed. Everybody was really struggling,” said Dan Ayres, coastal shellfish manager for the WDFW, on Monday as he kept an eye on the last day of digging at Mocrocks. While Ayres reported plenty of limits being pulled from Mocrocks and other beaches during the four days of digs that began on Friday, he admitted that the show at Long Beach left much to be desired.

“I hardly saw anybody who even had one clam. I think the high was four,” said Ayres, who focused his survey efforts on the south end of Long Beach while additional WDFW personnel kept tabs on the north end of the beach.

“The secret to Long Beach, almost always, is the best digging is at least north of the Oyster-Ville Beach approach,” explained Ayres.

He recommends digging north of milepost 18 for best results. Ayres noted that increased outflow from the Columbia River last winter and spring created decreased salinity off the coast that was not conducive to growing new razor clams. Those conditions have created a scenario where population pockets are hit and miss at Long Beach, particularly on the south end. Ayres noted that he counted about 1,000 people on the south end of the peninsula on Saturday while at least three times that many people were counted on the north end.

“The population at Long Beach has really taken a nose dive, especially on the south end,” explained Ayres. “Those local folks have that figured out.”

Over at Dennis Company on the main drag of Long Beach proper, the line was backed up into the hardware section on Saturday afternoon as eager diggers loaded up to hit the beach. Rhonda Lopez, a cashier at Dennis Company, said that “The Clam Hog” digging gun is one of the most popular, and certainly the biggest, clam gun that the store sells. The ubiquitous clam digging tools cost anywhere from \$13 for the standard white PVC style to \$115 for the chrome Clam Hog.

“They’re a little more expensive but they work really good,” said Lopez, who noted the importance of the razor clam digs for the economy of Long Beach.

Kevin Crites, of Chehalis, was one customer caught up in the long line at Dennis Company over the weekend as he outfitted his children (Austin, Caydence, Rylan and Cali) with the appropriate licenses and gear.

“We just came down to play around at the beach and then a local told us that there was a clam dig going on, so it just sort of worked out this way,” ex-



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Julee Taylor of Corvallis, Oregon, takes a break from digging clams in order to dump ocean water from the inside of her boot on Saturday evening in Long Beach. She is accompanied by her grandson Luke, her friend Cheri Grocott of Ilwaco and an old salty dog.

## NORTHWEST RAZOR CLAMS WITH LEMON CAPER SAUCE

Makes two servings

- 8 razor clams
- Salt and white pepper
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons water
- ½ cup clarified butter
- ⅓ cup white wine
- 1 tablespoon minced shallot
- 1 tablespoon whipping cream
- Juice and grated peel of ½ lemon, divided
- 2 tablespoons of butter
- 1 teaspoon of capers
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh parsley

\*Pound the necks of razor clams with meat mallet until tender. Lightly salt and pepper the clams to taste. Dredge clams in flour, shaking off any excess. Beat together eggs and the water; dip clams in this egg wash. Quickly pan-fry in hot clarified butter about 30 seconds. Carefully turn clams and fry another 15-20 seconds or until golden brown; set aside and keep warm.

In a small skillet, bring wine and shallot to a boil; boil until reduced to 2 tablespoons liquid. Add cream and lemon juice; reduced by half. Remove from heat and slowly stir in butter to thicken. Finish with capers and more salt and pepper to taste. Pour over clams and garnish with parsley and lemon peel.

(Recipe provided by Shilo Inn Restaurants)

plained Crites. “We always like to get away and when we do we like to find something fun like this to try.”

Out on the beach most folks remained chipper despite the long odds of heading home with a fresh limit of succulent bivalves.

Nathan Chose, 15, of Vancouver, made the trip to the beach on Saturday with his younger brother Ryan and his mother Kim. Outfitted in neoprene digging gear from head to toe, Chose was one of the few diggers with any clams in his possession by about 4 p.m. on Saturday.

“Usually I’m here and done in five minutes,” said Chose, who enjoys the semi-regular clam-centric excursions with his family. “But today is more fun because I actually have to look.”

Luke Taylor, a 13-year-old from Corvallis, Oregon, is another young buck who hit the beach with his family and friends over the weekend. Unlike Chose, though, Taylor was making his inaugural debut as a clam digger.

“I really like this kind of stuff,” said Taylor as he plunged his gun into the sand again and again in search of his very first clam. “I like fishing and cold weather, so this is perfect.”

Cheri Grocott, a family friend of the Taylors and a coastal native from Ilwaco, was also out testing the waters on Satur-



A group of razor clam diggers set off toward the surf in search of the succulent bivalves on Saturday evening in Long Beach.

day. She insisted that razor clam digs are as much about the social gathering as the clams.

“Everybody’s hungry for clams because there weren’t very many last year,” said Grocott, who insists she hits the beach, clam gun in hand, every chance she gets. “The locals love to come down and hang out on the beach and chat. A lot of the locals will even close up shop so they can get away.”

With the poor digging results and spotty population of razor clams, the immediate future for recreational digs at Long Beach is a bit uncertain at this point. For at least the past month, Ayres has warned of the possibility that future digging dates may be pulled off the table in an effort to rebound the floundering clam stock.

“We’re not going to be offering a lot of digging there,” said Ayres on Monday.

He expects to have a better idea of what the future holds after the most recent digging data is compiled this week.

“We’re going to be going slow so that we still have some clams left for spring digs,” Ayres added. However, Ayres said with confidence that the proposed razor clam digs on New Year’s Eve will go ahead as scheduled. Those digs are currently awaiting marine toxin testing results for final approval. That proposed razor clam dig is listed below, along with evening low tides and beaches:

• Dec. 31, Sunday, 5:12 p.m.; -1.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis, Mocrocks

“That should be a good dig as long as the ocean cooperates,” said Ayres.

In Washington, all clam diggers age 15 and older are required to possess a fishing license. State law allows up to 15 clams to be harvested per day, but no high grading is allowed. Additionally, each digger must dig their own clams and carry their catch in an individual container.

Additional information on razor clams can be found online at [wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/shellfish/razorclams/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/shellfish/razorclams/).



A razor clam digger makes his way toward the surf at Long Beach on Saturday evening. A surging tide gave most diggers fits and made the clams shy.

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# Final Budget Amendment for 2017 to Use \$800,872 in Reserves to Balance General Fund

**HEARING SET:** Prior to Adoption, a Hearing Will be Held on Dec. 18

By The Chronicle

The Board of Lewis County Commissioners has set a hearing for the fourth and final budget amendment for the 2017 year, which is expected to utilize \$800,872 in reserves to balance the general fund.

According to information provided to the commissioners on Monday, the amendment encompasses an increase of expenditures in the general fund of \$800,429, and an increase in revenue of \$8,557.

For all funds, including the general fund, there's an expected increase in expenditures of \$3,055,651, and an increase in revenue in the amount of

\$2,567,524, which results in \$488,127 use of reserves in all.

Items in the general fund amendment include:

- A \$50,000 increase in expenditures for Lewis County Superior Court that includes increases for cost of living adjustments, employee medical, interpreter costs and defense attorney services.
- A \$23,809 increase in expenditures for annual leave payout in the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office.
- A \$5,000 increase in expenditures for change in line items and an increase for cost of living adjustments for self insurance.
- A \$133,900 increase in expenditures for indigent defense costs.
- A \$1,000 increase in expenditures for testing and supplies for civil service.
- A \$2,462 increase in expen-

ditures for cost of living adjustments, medical and training in the human resources department.

- A \$9,688 increase in expenditures for extra hours for patrols in U.S. Forest Service lands, the purchase of search and rescue coats and reimbursement for tuition costs, offset by \$8,557 in revenue.
- A \$236,955 increase in expenditures for cost of living adjustments, employee medical and overtime for the Lewis County Jail.
- A \$12,000 increase for cost of living adjustments, employee medical and supplies at the Lewis County Animal Shelter.
- A \$1,000 increase in expenditures for indigent cremation for the coroner's office.
- A \$333,615 transfer for various services, that include

\$135,615 for the Southwest Washington Fair, \$100,000 for the E911 Communications Centers, \$48,000 for senior services, and \$50,000 for facilities for unknown expenditures for cost of living adjustments, utilities and medical.

For other funds not listed in the general account, there are increases to the fair, communications, roads, public health, senior services, capital facilities plan fund, the solid waste disposal district No. 1, and equipment rental and revolving funds and facilities, which account for expenditures in the amount of \$2,246,222 and revenue in the amount of \$2,558,967, accounting for a surplus of \$312,745.

After taking that amount into account with the reserves used to balance the general fund, there

will be a \$488,127 use of reserves in all.

The 2017 budget was adopted utilizing \$1.9 million in reserves, although that amount will likely be less by the end of the year, county staff has previously said.

The hearing for the budget amendment is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Dec. 18 in the commissioners hearing room on the second floor of the courthouse, 351 NW North St., Chehalis.

The amendment can be obtained from the budget department in room 209 in the courthouse. To reach the budget office, call 360-740-1198 or email beckybutler@lewiscountywa.gov.

Written comments may be submitted to the Board of Lewis County Commissioners before or during the hearing.

## Budget

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percent increase in both the general and road levy rates for 2018.

The regular levy was certified at \$12.9 million, while the road levy was certified at \$12.1 million prior to a \$800,000 shift earlier approved from the roads department to the general fund.

The increase in the general property tax levy is expected to bring in an additional \$123,646.14, while the roads property tax levy will increase

by an estimated \$115,667.25.

Along with the 1 percent increase approved in levies, the commissioners also approved fee increases for the community development and public health and social services departments, which were previously reported on by The Chronicle.

The major changes include a 25 percent increase in building valuation and increases to food establishment permits and on-site septic system permitting.

The fees aim to offset a transfer of money from the general fund to help balance the departments' budgets.

Steve Walton, director of central services, said programs not required by law throughout the county will continually be looked out throughout the year. He said as expenditures continue to outpace revenues, the county will have to face difficult decisions in the upcoming year if changes are not made.

"The challenging trend of rising costs with minimal increases of revenue will continue to impact the county," Walton said.

Commissioner Edna Fund said it has been a difficult budget season, but she stated she's happy the county has a fund

balance as other counties have struggled to make ends meet with less.

Based on the 2018 budget, the county is expected to have \$6,749,202 left in its reserves.

Ron Averill, of Centralia, stated the only way the county will be able to balance its budget is if something changes.

"The alternatives are to cut, to raise taxes, or somehow get growth," he said. "And obviously the best of those would be growth and therefore, I think we need to continue to do that."

Commissioners recognized members of its citizen advisory

committee earlier in the meeting. The committee was comprised of Matt Brock, Anthony Ahrens, Bill Marshall and Mitch Townsend. Commissioners stated they plan to once again utilize an advisory committee next year. The group was appointed to take part in budget discussions and make recommendations.

"The group of dedicated volunteers went above and beyond in the budget process," Commissioner Gary Stamper said. "They were committed, respectful and engaged."

## Sirens

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a burglary was reported in the 1300 block of Harrison Avenue. A refrigerator and a "parlor stove" were reported stolen.

### Counterfeit Cash Reported

• At 1:12 p.m. on Monday, a counterfeit \$20 bill was reported in the 600 block of South Tower.

### Man Booked on Burglary Charge After Caught on Camera

• At 6:27 a.m. on Tuesday, police received a report of a burglary in the 100 block of Harrison Avenue. Jason W. Olson, 43, of Chehalis was arrested on suspicion of attempted burglary after he was reportedly caught on surveillance attempting to break into a closed business.

### CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### Phone Stolen

• At 11:32 a.m. on Friday, a cell phone was reported stolen in the 1500 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue.

#### Trespassers Reported

• At 2:26 p.m. on Friday, a trespasser was reported on Southwest Chehalis Avenue. No arrests were reported.

• At 11:58 a.m. on Saturday, a trespasser was reported in the 400 block of North Market Boulevard.

• At 2:12 p.m. on Sunday, a trespasser was reported in the 100 block of Southwest Interstate Avenue.

#### Thefts Reported

• At 4:27 p.m. on Friday, a theft was reported in the 1600 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue. The theft reportedly took place on Nov. 29 and was caught on camera.

• At 2:13 p.m. on Sunday, a theft was reported in the 600 block of Northwest Hawthorne Place.

### Suspect Booked for Trespass After Breaking Window, Crawling in Wrong House

• At 11:46 a.m. on Saturday, police responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Southwest Fifth Street. A man allegedly broke a window and crawled into a residence. He was reportedly confused and said it wasn't his residence. Matthew E. Eastman, 33, of Chehalis, was arrested on suspicion of first-degree criminal trespass and third-degree malicious mischief.

#### Hit and Run

• At 3:14 p.m. on Saturday,

### Harassment Reported

• At 9:07 p.m. on Sunday, a person reported harassment in the 800 block of Southwest Chehalis Avenue.

### LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

#### Man Flees After Allegedly Stealing Cattle Gate, Crashing

• At 2 p.m. on Thursday, deputies responded to a report of a theft of a cattle gate belonging to the Washington State Department of Transportation valued at \$190 at milepost 9 of state Route 7. WSDOT employees reportedly witnessed a man steal the gate and followed him as he drove away with it in his truck. The vehicle was involved in a collision and the suspect, identified as Stoney L. Romine, 48, of Aberdeen, reportedly fled on foot. Deputies identified Romine as a suspect and plan to refer him to the Lewis County Prosecutors on charges of theft and violation of the Uniform Controlled Substance Act after reportedly finding methamphetamine in the

crashed vehicle.

### DUIs

• At 7:14 p.m. on Friday deputies received a report of a DUI driver from an off-duty law enforcement officer in the 2700 block of Jackson Highway in Chehalis. Deputies caught up to the vehicle at 7:37 p.m. and arrested driver Scott H. Ray, 59, of Chehalis, on suspicion of DUI.

• At 11:52 p.m. on Friday, deputies at milepost 32 of state Route 6 stopped a driver for traffic violations. Driver Donald L. Rogers, 68, of Pe Ell, reportedly admitted to smoking marijuana and was arrested on suspicion of DUI.

• At 12:54 a.m. on Monday, deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 3500 block of Jackson Highway and arrested driver Tyler J. Haag, 25, of Onalaska, on suspicion of DUI.

### Toppenish Driver Injured After Driving Off Embankment

• At 8:15 a.m. on Sunday,

deputies responded to a report of a vehicle crash in the 900 block of Lincoln Creek Road in Centralia. The driver, a 68-year-old male from Toppenish, was transported to Providence Centralia Hospital with head, neck and back pain. The man reported he was driving a 1995 Chevrolet Cavalier on Lincoln Creek Road when the car went off the road and down a 20-foot embankment, coming to rest against two trees. The vehicle was totaled.

### Lewis County Jail Statistics

• As of Tuesday morning, the Lewis County Jail had a total system population of 215 inmates with 189 in general population and 26 in the Work Ethic and Restitution Center. Of general population inmates, 150 were male and 39 were female and of WERC inmates, 23 were male and three female.

A total of 44 inmates were booked through contracts with agencies outside Lewis County.

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### Saturday's Prep Wrestling

# Pirates Win Four Individual Championships at Ocosta Invite

By The Chronicle

WESTPORT — Adna had four champions here Saturday at the Ocosta Invite season-opening wrestling tournament.

Luke Wellander took first at 145 pounds, Matthew Slape won at 160, Ashton Dowell won at 170 and Braxton Dowell won at 152.

The Pirates, despite missing a few key wrestlers, finished second as a team, coach Craig Ferrier reported.

"Considering this was our first tournament of the year, I was happy with our performance," Ferrier said. "They

came out strong, well-conditioned and ready to wrestle."

Wellander's tourney win was the first of his prep career, Ferrier added.

Lucas Ashley was second at 152, while Hunter Fields took second at 195 and Kameron Perry was second at 182. Freshman Thai Tripp (113) took fourth, Cheyann Meyer was third (126), and Jonah Engle (145) was fourth.

Keaton Dowell (155) won both of her matches in round-robin competition.

Napavine's Aydan Costin (170) finished second, going 3-1

on the day, and in the 120 bracket sophomores Aiden Miller and Chase McCarter took second and fourth, respectively.

Napavine will host a mix-and-match event on Thursday.

Adna will wrestle at home on Thursday against Castle Rock.

## Bearcats Second at Sumner Dual Tourney

SUMNER — W.F. West opened the 2017-18 wrestling season with a second-place team finish here Saturday at Sumner's Ed Arima Duals Tournament.

In pool play the Bearcats beat Monroe, 54-18; beat Snohomish, 44-33; and beat Curtis, 49-23. They lost to host Sumner, 42-27, in the first-place dual match.

"The kids wrestled well for how green we are," Bearcat coach Jamie Rakevich said. "We've got a lot of work to do, but the kids are showing improvement."

Darren Gray, a freshman wrestling at 106 pounds, went 3-0 with a forfeit, and Carver Brennan (152) went 4-0 with three pins and a technical fall.

W.F. West hosts Castle Rock for a dual on Wednesday.

## Tigers Place Six at White River Classic

WHITE RIVER — Izz Almontes, Aaron Adamo and Mykka McAllister each finished third for Centralia here Saturday at the White River Classic wrestling tournament.

McAllister, a senior, took third in the 138-pound bracket. Adamo was third at 195, and Almontes was third at 285.

"We competed well, and when we have everyone in the weight that they should be in, we

please see **WRESTLING**, page S8

### Saturday's Prep Basketball



JARED WENZELBURGER / jwenzelburger@chronline.com

Toledo's Fano Arceo-Hansen attempts a layup as Ilwaco's Jeb Sheldon tries to block Arceo-Hansen during a nonleague boys basketball game on Saturday in Toledo.

# Wallace, Toledo Hold Off Ilwaco

By The Chronicle

TOLEDO — Toledo scored 20 points in the second quarter and fended off a sharp shooting Ilwaco squad to earn a 45-41 win in a nonleague boys basketball game here on Saturday.

Toledo's Reece Wallace led the team with 14 points, and Fano Arceo-Hansen and Westin Wallace each added 12 points and eight rebounds each.

The Indians' started off with a 9-8 lead after one quarter, and built that lead after a big second quarter to 29-19 at halftime.

Ilwaco outscored Toledo 22-16 in the second half, but it wasn't enough to complete a comeback.

"It was low scoring both ways. Our goal is to get them under 10 (points) a quarter. The defense, we made that goal but we just couldn't get away from them," Toledo coach Grady Fallon said. "They kept making shots, it just seemed like they'd come up with a clutch shot. They made some tough shots, They're well coached and play hard."

Toledo (2-0) travels to Mossyrock on Tuesday for a Central 2B League game.



JARED WENZELBURGER / jwenzelburger@chronline.com

Toledo's Reece Wallace fights through Ilwaco defenders to get off a shot during a nonleague boys basketball game on Saturday in Toledo.

### College Volleyball



COURTESY PHOTO / WWU Athletics

Western Washington's Michaela Hall prepares to spike the ball during a match.

# Michaela Hall an All-GNAC Volleyball Pick

By The Chronicle

Western Washington junior Michaela Hall was honored by the Great Northwest Athletic Conference as a first-team All-Conference volleyball selection.

Hall, a Centralia product, became a starter in her junior year at WWU. She started in all 28 matches and played in all 97 sets this season. Hall recorded 265 kills and had the fourth-best hitting percentage in the GNAC.

Hall was fourth in the conference with 1.28 blocks and is in the top 20 in the conference in kills and points per set (3.46). This season, she became the 13th player in school history to record 300 career blocks.

Hall joins teammates Brette Boesel, Joelle Buckner and Abby Phelps on the All-GNAC first team. Phelps was named the player of the year.

Western Washington finished the season 27-4, falling in the NCAA Division II West Region Championship match to Cal State San Bernardino to end their season and snap a 20-game win streak.

### ALSO INSIDE...

Justin Gootgeld and Kiara Steen are the Community First Auto Center Athletes of the Week: **SEE SPORTS 2**

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### THE SPOKEN WORD

"It just seemed like they'd come up with a clutch shot."

**GRADY FALLON, TOLEDO BOYS BASKETBALL COACH**

# COMMUNITY FIRST AUTO CENTER ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



**JUSTIN GOOTGELD**  
School: Mossyrock (Sr.)  
Sport: Basketball (G)  
Gootgeld scored 32 points against Rainier on Tuesday and 15 against Onalaska on Friday.



**KIARA STEEN**  
School: W.F. West (Sr.)  
Sport: Basketball (PG)  
Steen had 34 points and 7 steals in the Bearcats' wins over River Ridge and Burlington-Edison last week.



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## LEWIS COUNTY Sports SCOREBOARD

### Preps

**Local Prep Schedules**  
**TUESDAY, Dec. 5**  
**Boys Basketball**  
Pe Ell at Morton-White Pass, at Randle, 7 p.m.  
Toledo at Mossyrock, 7 p.m.  
Wahkiakum at Winlock, 7 p.m.  
Onalaska at Rainier, 7 p.m.  
Napavine at Adna, 7 p.m.  
Kelso at W.F. West, 7 p.m.  
Montesano at Rochester, 7 p.m.  
Ridgefield at Centralia, 7 p.m.  
Tenino at King's Way Christian, 7:30 p.m.  
**Wrestling**  
Rochester at Elma, 6 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, Dec. 6**  
**Girls Basketball**  
Morton-White Pass at Pe Ell, 7 p.m.  
Mossyrock at Toledo, 7 p.m.  
Winlock at Wahkiakum, 7 p.m.  
Rainier at Onalaska, 7 p.m.  
Adna at Napavine, 7 p.m.  
Kelso at Centralia, 7 p.m.  
Rochester at Montesano, 7 p.m.  
**Wrestling**  
Castle Rock at W.F. West, 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY, Dec. 7**  
**Boys Basketball**  
Wahkiakum at Toledo, 7 p.m.  
Mossyrock at Toutle Lake, 7 p.m.  
Winlock at Kalama, 7 p.m.  
Napavine at Pe Ell, 7 p.m.  
Adna at Onalaska, 7 p.m.  
Morton-White Pass at Rainier, 7 p.m.  
Skyview at W.F. West, 7 p.m.  
Vashon Island at Tenino, 6 p.m.  
**Girls Basketball**  
Vashon Island at Tenino, 4 p.m.  
**Wrestling**  
Rochester at Eatonville, 6 p.m.

**Local Results**  
**Friday's Results**  
**At Naselle**  
**COMETS 44, TROJANS 29**  
Pe Ell 5 6 8 10 — 29  
Naselle 6 17 13 8 — 44  
**Pe Ell (29)** — Justice 9, Howard 1, Hill 2, Little 5, Mason 8, Elliott 3, Newl 1  
FG: 11 of 49 — .224 FT: 7 of 23 — .304 Reb: 41 (Little 12)  
**Naselle (44)** — Scrobeck 4, Steenerson 2, Harmon 2, Gleen 2, Zimmerman 16, Gudmundson 9, Weston 9  
FG: 18 of 68 — .264 FT: 7 of 19 — .368 Reb: 31

**Saturday's Results**  
**Girls Basketball**  
**At Burlington**  
**BEARCATS 64, TIGERS 49**  
W.F. West 19 16 16 13 — 64  
Burlington-E 8 8 13 20 — 49  
**W.F. West (64)** — Steen 17, Brumfield 14, Haakenson 11, Bennett 10, McCallum 7, Johnson 2, Akins 2, Waring 1  
FG: 26 of 55 — .473 FT: 6 of 18 — .333 Reb: 22 (Brumfield 9)  
**Burlington-Edison (49)** — Ray 19, Rainaud 13, Reyes 6, Woods 6, King 2, Filed 1, Watson 1  
FG: 15 of 34 — .441 FT: 5 of 15 — .333 Reb: 4

**At Winlock**

**CARDINALS 32, EAGLES 22**  
Three Rivers 4 7 5 6 — 22  
Winlock 8 10 5 9 — 32  
**Three Rivers Christian (22)** — Stoner 10, Carns 2, Tevis 4, Williams-Wallace 6  
FG: 8 of 52 — .154 FT: 5 of 11 — .454 Reb: 29  
**Winlock (32)** — Allbritton 10, Squibb 12, J. Jones 10  
FG: 10 of 44 — .227 FT: 8 of 29 — .275 Reb: 34 (Squibb 8)

**At Adna**  
**PIRATES 57, COUGARS 32**  
Seton Cath. 8 7 2 15 — 32  
Adna 15 16 15 11 — 57  
**Seton Catholic (32)** — Vick 2, Ephraim 9, Kruger 2, Chaddaqui 2, Morgan 8, Surry 1, Kirn 2, Dirt 2, Partridge 2, Hogan 2  
FG: 10 of 42 — .238 FT: 12 of 25 — .480 Reb: N/A  
**Adna (57)** — Ellie Sliva 3, Emily Sliva 7, Kruger 9, Pannette 9, Humphrey 8, Aselton 13, Foster 1, Meister 7  
FG: 39 of 82 — .475 FT: 10 of 18 — .555 Reb: 33 (Contreras, Hall 7)

**Boys Basketball**  
**At Winlock**  
**CARDINALS 97, EAGLES 32**  
Three RC 2 10 11 9 — 32  
Winlock 30 28 21 18 — 97  
**Winlock (97)** — Whitehead 17, Cline 21, Ni. Patching 14, Richendollar 7, No. Patching 16, Hall 14, Coleman 8  
FG: 39 of 82 — .475 FT: 10 of 18 — .555 Reb: 33 (Contreras, Hall 7)  
**Three Rivers Christian (32)** — Richards 16, Mereno-Chandler 12, Rieger 2, Reinke 2  
FG: 13 of 38 — .342 FT: 2 of 6 — .333 Reb: 23

**At Toledo**  
**INDIANS 45, FISHERMAN 41**  
Ilwaco 8 11 11 11 — 41  
Toledo 9 20 6 10 — 45  
**Ilwaco (41)** — Whiting 14, Kaino 7, Ramsey 6, Glenn 9, Tynkyla 5  
FG: N/A FT: 6 of 8 — .750 Reb: 25  
**Toledo (45)** — Marcil 2, Hansen 12, R. Wallace 14, W. Wallace 12, Malunat 5  
FG: N/A FT: 0 of 2 — .000 Reb: 35 (W. Wallace, Arceo-Hansen 8)

### College Football

Associated Press CFB Poll Week 15 / Dec. 3

RK	Team	Rec	Points
1	Clemson(43)	12-1	1506
2	Oklahoma(18)	12-1	1474
3	Georgia	12-1	1409
4	Alabama	11-1	1307
5	Ohio State	11-2	1300
6	Wisconsin	12-1	1162
7	Auburn	10-3	1123
8	USC	11-2	1101
9	Penn State	10-2	1008
10	UCF	12-0	983
11	Miami	10-2	948
12	Washington	10-2	820
13	TCU	10-3	816
14	Notre Dame	9-3	632
15	Stanford	9-4	629
16	LSU	9-3	599
17	Oklahoma State	9-3	549
18	Michigan State	9-3	487
19	Memphis	10-2	475
20	Northwestern	9-3	398

21	Washington State	9-3	342
22	Virginia Tech	9-3	323
23	South Florida	9-2	115
24	Mississippi State	8-4	103
25	Boise State	10-3	59

**Dropped from rankings:** Fresno State 25  
**Others receiving votes:** NC State 54, San Diego State 40, Toledo 25, Louisville 11, Michigan 8, Florida Atlantic 8, Fresno State 6, Missouri 3, Kansas State 1, Troy 1

### College Basketball

Associated Press CBB Poll Week 5

RK	TEAM	RECORD	PTS
1	Duke (65)	10-0	1,625
2	Kansas	7-0	1,525
3	Michigan State	7-1	1,500
4	Villanova	8-0	1,434
5	Florida	5-1	1,301
6	Wichita State	6-1	1,197
7	Texas A&M	7-0	1,192
8	Kentucky	7-1	1,174
9	Notre Dame	7-1	1,156
10	Miami	7-0	1,122
11	North Carolina	8-1	999
12	Gonzaga	7-1	856
13	Xavier	7-1	768
14	Minnesota	8-1	758
15	Virginia	8-0	728
16	Arizona State	7-0	609
17	Cincinnati	7-1	583
18	West Virginia	7-1	557
19	Seton Hall	7-1	405
20	TCU	8-0	311
21	Purdue	8-2	266
22	Nevada	8-0	199
23	Baylor	5-2	182
24	Tennessee	6-1	96
25	USC	4-2	90

**Others receiving votes:** Texas Tech 82, UCLA 75, Rhode Island 73, Creighton 53, Louisville 50, Texas 32, Alabama 21, SMU 15, Mississippi State 11, Kansas State 10, Arizona 10, Georgia 9, Washington State 9, Oklahoma 7, Providence 6, Florida State 6, Clemson 5, Valparaiso 5, Georgetown 4, Oklahoma State 3, UT Arlington 3, Western Kentucky 2, Towson 1

**Dropped from rankings:** Louisville 17, Texas Tech 22, Alabama 24, Creighton 25

### NFL

NFL Standings American Conference

AFC East	W	L	T	PCT
New England	10	2	0	.833
Buffalo Bills	6	6	0	.500
New York Jets	5	7	0	.417
Miami Dolphins	5	7	0	.417

**AFC North**  
Pittsburgh Steelers 10 2 0 .818  
Baltimore Ravens 7 5 0 .583  
Cincinnati Bengals 5 7 0 .455  
Cleveland Browns 0 12 0 .000

**AFC South**  
Tennessee Titans 8 4 0 .667  
Jacksonville Jaguars 8 4 0 .667  
Houston Texans 4 8 0 .333  
Indianapolis Colts 3 9 0 .250

**AFC West**  
Kansas City Chiefs 6 6 0 .500  
Los Angeles Chargers 6 6 0 .500  
Oakland Raiders 6 6 0 .500  
Denver Broncos 3 9 0 .250

Washington Redskins	5	7	0	.417
New York Giants	2	10	0	.167

**NFC North**  
Minnesota Vikings 10 2 0 .833  
Detroit Lions 6 6 0 .500  
Green Bay Packers 6 6 0 .500  
Chicago Bears 3 9 0 .250

**NFC South**  
New Orleans Saints 9 3 0 .750  
Carolina Panthers 8 4 0 .667  
Atlanta Falcons 7 5 0 .583  
Tampa Bay 4 8 0 .333

**NFC West**  
Los Angeles Rams 9 3 0 .750  
Seattle Seahawks 8 4 0 .667  
Arizona Cardinals 5 7 0 .417  
San Francisco 49ers 2 10 0 .167

### Week 13 Schedule

**Thursday's Game**  
Dallas 38, Washington 14

**Sunday's Games**  
Minnesota 14, Atlanta 9  
New England 23, Buffalo 3  
San Francisco 15, Chicago 14  
Green Bay 26, Tampa Bay 20 (OT)  
Tennessee 24, Houston 13  
Miami 35, Denver 9  
NY Jets 38, Kansas City 31  
Jacksonville 30, Indianapolis 10  
Baltimore 44, Detroit 20  
LA Chargers 19, Cleveland 10  
Oakland 24, NY Giants 17  
New Orleans 31, Carolina 21  
LA Rams 32, Arizona 16  
Seattle 24, Philadelphia 10

**Monday's Game**  
Pittsburgh 23, Cincinnati 20

### Passing Yards

1. Tom Brady, NE	3632
2. Matthew Stafford, DET	3302
3. Drew Brees, NO	3298
4. Philip Rivers, LAC	3292
5. Kirk Cousins, WSH	3289

### Rushing Yards

1. Le'Veon Bell, PIT	981
2. Todd Gurley II, LAR	939
3. Kareem Hunt, KC	930
4. Mark Ingram, NO	922
5. Jordan Howard, CHI	885

### Receiving Yards

1. Antonio Brown, PIT	1195
2. DeAndre Hopkins, HOU	1084
3. Julio Jones, ATL	1063
4. Adam Thielen, MIN	1056
5. Keenan Allen, LAC	1032

### Tackles

1. Zach Brown, WSH	117
2. Bobby Wagner, SEA	113
2. Joe Schobert, CLE	113
4. Blake Martinez, GB	111
5. C.J. Mosley, BAL	101

### Golf

**Hero World Challenge**  
Nov. 30-Dec. 3  
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**FINAL RESULTS**

Pos.	Player	To Par
1.	Rickie Fowler	-18

2	Charley Hoffman	-14
T3	Tommy Fleetwood	-12
T3	Jordan Spieth	-12
T5	Hideki Matsuyama	-11
T5	Patrick Reed	-11
T5	Justin Rose	-11
8	Francesco Molinari	-10
T9	Tiger Woods	-8
T9	Matt Kuchar	-8
11	Justin Thomas	-7
T12	Kevin Kisner	-1
T12	Alex Noren	-1
T14	Daniel Berger	E
T14	Dustin Johnson	E
T14	Kevin Chappell	E
17	Henrik Stenson	+1
18	Brooks Koepka	+3

### NBA

**NBA Standings Eastern Conference Atlantic**

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston Celtics(1)	21	4	.840	-
Toronto Raptors(3)	14	7	.667	5
Phila. 76ers(5)	13	10	.565	7
New York Knicks	11	12	.478	9
Brooklyn Nets	9	14	.391	11

**Central**  
Cleve. Cavaliers(2) 17 7 .708 -  
Detroit Pistons(4) 14 9 .609 2.5  
Milwaukee Bucks(6) 12 10 .545 4  
Indiana Pacers(7) 13 11 .542 4  
Chicago Bulls 3 19 .136 13

**Southeast**  
Wash. Wizards(8) 12 11 .522 -  
Miami Heat 11 12 .478 1  
Charlotte Hornets 9 13 .409 2.5  
Orlando Magic 10 15 .400 3  
Atlanta Hawks 5 18 .217 7

**Western Conference Northwest**  
Port. Trail Blazers(4) 13 10 .565 -  
Denver Nuggets(5) 13 10 .565 -  
Minn. T-wolves(6) 14 11 .560 -  
Utah Jazz(7) 13 11 .542 0.5  
OKC Thunder 10 12 .455 2.5

**Pacific**  
G.S. Warriors(2) 19 6 .760 -  
LA Clippers 8 14 .364 9.5  
Phoenix Suns 9 16 .360 10  
Los Angeles Lakers 8 15 .348 10  
Sacramento Kings 7 16 .304 11

**Southwest**  
Houston Rockets(1) 18 4 .818 -  
S.A. Spurs(3) 16 8 .667 3  
N.O. Pelicans(8) 12 12 .500 7  
Memphis Grizzlies 8 15 .348 10.5  
Dallas Mavericks 7 17 .292 12

### Tuesday's Games

Phoenix at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.  
Utah at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.  
Washington at Portland, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday's Games

Sacramento at Cleveland, 4 p.m.  
Chicago at Indiana, 4 p.m.  
Atlanta at Orlando, 4 p.m.  
Dallas at Boston, 4:30 p.m.  
Memphis at New York, 4:30 p.m.  
Golden State at Charlotte, 5 p.m.  
Detroit at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.  
Denver at New Orleans, 5 p.m.  
Miami at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.  
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.

## SPORTS ON THE AIR

**TUESDAY, Dec. 5**  
**NBA basketball**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
NBA — Phoenix at Toronto  
**7 p.m.**  
NBA — Washington at Portland  
**NHL hockey**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
NBCSN — N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh  
**7 p.m.**  
NBCSN — Minnesota at Los Angeles  
**NCAA basketball**  
**4 p.m.**  
ROOT — Boston University at Miami  
EPSN — Villanova vs. Gonzaga, at New York  
ESPNU — Texas at VCU  
ESPNU — Virginia at West Virginia  
FS1 — Vermont at Marquette  
**5 p.m.**  
FS2 — North Dakota at Creighton  
**6 p.m.**  
ROOT — SMU at TCU  
ESPN — Syracuse vs. UConn, at New York  
ESPN2 — Texas A&M vs. Arizona, at Phoenix  
ESPNU — St. Francis(PA) at Duke  
FS1 — Utah at Butler  
**7 p.m.**  
PAC-12 — Eastern Kentucky at Oregon St.  
**8:30 p.m.**  
ESPNU — St. John's vs. Grand Canyon, at Phoenix

**WEDNESDAY, Dec. 6**  
**NBA basketball**  
**5 p.m.**  
ESPN — Golden St. at Charlotte  
**7:30 p.m.**  
ESPN — Minnesota at L.A. Clippers  
**NHL hockey**  
**5 p.m.**  
NBCSN — Chicago at Washington  
**NCAA basketball**  
**4 p.m.**  
ROOT — Western Carolina at North Carolina  
ESPNU — Siena at Louisville  
ESPNU — Wisconsin at Temple  
FS1 — Kent St. at Xavier  
FS2 — Brown at Providence  
**6 p.m.**  
PAC-12 — New Mexico at Colorado  
ESPN2 — Washington vs. Kansas, at Kansas City, MO.  
FS1 — Cent. Connecticut St. at DePaul  
**8 p.m.**  
PAC-12 — Montana at UCLA  
**NCAA women's basketball**  
**7 p.m.**  
PAC-12 — Gonzaga at Washington St.  
**Golf**  
**1:30 a.m.**  
GOLF — Ladies European Tour, Omega Dubai Masters  
**UEFA Champions League soccer**

**11:30 a.m.**  
FS1 — Real Madrid vs. Borussia Dortmund  
**11:30 a.m.**  
FS2 — Liverpool vs. Spartak Moscow

**THURSDAY, Dec. 7**  
**NFL football**  
**5:15 p.m.**  
NBC/NFL — Atlanta at New Orleans  
**NBA basketball**  
**5 p.m.**  
TNT — L.A. Lakers at Philadelphia  
**7:30 p.m.**  
TNT — Houston at Utah  
**NCAA football**  
**4 p.m.**  
ESPN — College Football Awards, at Atlanta  
**NCAA basketball**  
**3:30 p.m.**  
FS1 — Valparaiso at Purdue  
**5 p.m.**  
ESPN2 — Iowa at Iowa St.  
**5:30 p.m.**  
FS1 — Howard at Georgetown  
**Golf**  
**7 a.m.**  
GOLF — European PGA Tour, Joburg Open  
**UEFA Europa League soccer**  
**Noon**  
FS1 — Arsenal vs. BATE Borisov  
FS2 — FK Crvena Zvezda vs. Koln

## College Basketball

## Three Observations on UW's Four-Game Win Streak

**COMING UP:** Huskies (6-2) Have Beaten Teams They Should, Lost When Expected and Face Kansas on Wednesday

By Percy Allen

The Seattle Times

The Washington men's basketball team finished its four-game homestand Sunday with its fourth straight win — an 86-73 victory over Nebraska Omaha.

Here are a few observations on the Huskies.

**NICE START, BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN BETTER:** The best way to sum up the season at this point under first-year coach Mike Hopkins is, the Huskies have won the games they should have. But there's been few surprises, which is both good and bad.

Washington (6-2) has six wins at home against mostly middling to below-average midmajors with a combined 20-30 record. A few of the teams UW has beaten have notched some notable wins, but only UC Davis (5-2) looks like it poses a serious threat to win its conference.

Belmont (5-4) and Seattle University (5-4) are the only other opponents UW has beaten with a winning record. In addition to Eastern Washington (3-5), Washington's resume contains a blowout win against Kennesaw State (1-7) and a closer-than-expected victory against Nebraska-Omaha (1-8), which goes a long way to instilling confidence in a team that was 9-22 last year. But ultimately, those games will be forgotten next month when the Pac-12 season begins.

Washington is 0-2 against Power 5 teams, which is just as telling as their wins. The Huskies were competitive during a 77-70 loss to Providence, but they were overwhelmed by Virginia Tech in a 103-79 defeat. Providence (6-2) and Virginia Tech (7-1) are far more representative of what UW will see when conference play begins.

And an upset or two would have given the Huskies added confidence for what they're about to face. Speaking of which ...



DEAN RUTZ / The Seattle Times

David Crisp gets a turnover and dishes it off to Matisse Thybulle who jams it home in the first half against Seattle University.

**THAT WAS FUN, BUT HERE COMES THE REAL CHALLENGE:** Ask yourself — and be honest — is it a moral victory if Washington stays within 10 points of No. 2 Kansas during Wednesday's game? If you answered no, then you probably don't believe the Huskies are in the same class as the Jayhawks (7-0), which already has wins over then-No. Kentucky and Syracuse. If you answered yes, then you likely think Hopkins' 2-3 zone can slow down a KU team that averages 91.9 points per game. The Huskies will also need to generate offense against a team that allows opponents 61.3 points.

And if you're pondering moral victory scenarios, then you really don't give the Huskies a chance of staging an upset against Kansas on a "neutral" court at the Sprint Center in Kansas City, Mo. (Yes, it was a trick question) And that's indicative of the state of the Huskies at this point. Or at least, it gauges expectations of UW fans.

But to be fair even in its heyday, Washington would be a heavy underdog against a heavyweight like Kansas. Since 2003, the Huskies are 2-7 against teams ranked No. 2 or higher. And it's been 10 years since UW

captured a win against a No. 1 or No. 2-ranked team — a 61-51 victory against No. 2 UCLA on March 3, 2007.

Following the Kansas game, Washington returns home to face No. 12 Gonzaga on Sunday at Alaska Airlines Arena in a battle for state supremacy that carries tremendous emotional baggage for the Huskies. There was a time when the game between the state's preeminent Division I teams meant more to the Bulldogs fans than the UW faithful largely because of the big brother-little brother relationship that more aptly describes the size differential of the two cities (Seattle pop. 704,352 vs. Spokane pop. 215,973) and not the team's basketball stature.

During's Gonzaga's rise to prominence, the Bulldogs have dominated the Dawgs while winning 10 of the past 11 matchups. And the most recent games haven't been close. Last year the Zags clobbered UW 98-71 and in 2015 the Huskies fell 80-64.

**LET'S LOOK AT THE NUMBERS:** Of course it's early, but let's see what the advanced metrics think about the Huskies.

Here's a look at the Pac-12 teams in the RPI: Arizona State

(17), Utah (36), USC (42), Colorado (52), Washington State (56), Washington (103), UCLA (104), Arizona (107), Oregon State (181), Oregon (184), Stanford (200) and California (276).

Think about that for a second.

Arizona (5-3), which is the runaway favorite to win the Pac-12, is ranked lower than UW in the RPI. The other so-called contenders such as USC (4-2) and Oregon (5-3) have stumbled against quality competition while UCLA (7-1) hasn't impressed the computers largely because its strength of schedule is ranked 263rd among 351 Division I teams.

Basketball statistician Ken Pomeroy and RealTimeRPI.com predict Washington will lose handily against Kansas and fall by double digits to Gonzaga. Both predict UW will win its three other nonconference games and begin Pac-12 play with a 9-4 record. They're also aligned in forecasts that has the Huskies finishing with a 6-12 conference record and 15-16 in the regular season.

Not sure if anyone is going to get too excited about a team that's slightly below .500, but let's see if the Huskies can muster a surprise or two this season.

## Saturday's Prep Boys Basketball

## Winlock Crushes Three Rivers Christian in Opener

By The Chronicle

**WINLOCK** — The Cardinals opened up the season in a big way, defeating Three Rivers Christian 97-32 in a nonleague boys basketball game here on Saturday.

Winlock had five players in double figures, led by Bryce Cline with 21 points. Carter Whitehead scored 17 points and Noah Patching added 16 points. Nicholas Patching and Dawson Hall each recorded 14 points.

Winlock came out strong on both ends of the court and led 30-2 after the first quarter and built a 58-12 lead at halftime. It was all Cardinals in the second half, scoring 39-20 to cruise to victory.

"They were a little outmanned. We were really ready to go. We've had three weeks of practice under our belt and we were tired of taking it out on each other and wanted to take it out on somebody," Winlock coach Nick Bamer said. "I thought we got solid contributions from everyone. It was a good first outing, we're hoping

to continue to build on it."

Winlock (1-0) hosts Wahkiakum on Tuesday in a Central 2B League game.

## W.F. West Tops Burlington-Edison

**BURLINGTON** — W.F. West had four players score in double figures to push the Bearcats to a 64-49 win over Burlington-Edison here on Saturday.

Kiara Steen led the Bearcats with 17 points and a team-high four steals. Erika Brumfield added 14 points and nine rebounds. Madi Haakenson scored 11 points and chipped in six rebounds, and Courtney Bennett was the final Bearcat in double digits with 10 points.

The Bearcats got off to a good start, leading 19-8 after one quarter and padding the lead to 35-16 at halftime. W.F. West kept the momentum going in the third quarter, and led by 22 points going into the fourth quarter to cruise to victory in the fourth quarter.

W.F. West (2-0) hosts 4A Skyview on Thursday.

## Pirates Hammer Seton Catholic

**ADNA** — Payton Aselton scored 13 points to lead the Pirates to a 57-32 nonleague win over 1A Seton Catholic on Saturday night in prep girls basketball action.

Darian Humphrey scored 8 points in the first quarter for the Pirates before leaving the game with a knee injury.

"Nobody on our team was playing as well as Darian," Adna coach Chris Bannish said. "She came out and got us off to a great start."

Tyas Pannette added 9 points for Adna, while Emily Sliva added 7 points and eight rebounds. Bannish added that Sliva and Makaela Meister both played well off the bench.

Adna (1-1) plays at Napavine on Wednesday in both teams' first Central 2B League game of the season.

## Monday's Results

## Beavers Beat Rainier

**RAINIER** — Tenino's Kaylee Schow scored 27 points to lead the Beavers to a 43-27 win over Rainier in a nonleague girls basketball game here on Monday.

Schow added nine rebounds, and Rhian Mathis added eight points for Tenino.

"I think they played great, they hustled like crazy. I know I've said this time and time again, I'm so proud of how hard they work on both ends of the floor. We couldn't ask for anything more," Tenino coach Brandi Thomas said.

Tenino started off strong and led 17-9 after the first quarter and built a 27-13 lead at halftime. Rainier outscored the Beavers' 10-6 in the third quarter, but Tenino bounced back in the fourth quarter and outscored Rainier by six points to earn the win.

Tenino (1-2) hosts Vashon Island on Thursday at 4 p.m. in a nonleague girls-boys double-header.

## MLB

## Reports: Ohtani Eliminates Yanks, Others From Consideration; Mariners Considered a Finalist

By Ryan Divish

The Seattle Times

The pursuit of Shohei Ohtani has a few less suitors, including the perceived favorite being eliminated from consideration.

On Sunday evening, multiple reports from the East Coast emerged that the Japanese hitting and pitching phenom would not consider signing with the New York Yankees. General manager Brian Cashman confirmed to reporters that they were out of the bidding.

Besides the Yankees, multiple other teams were informed

that they were no longer in the running for Ohtani, including the Red Sox, Mets, Blue Jays, Pirates, Cardinals, Rays, Nationals, Diamondbacks, A's, Braves and White Sox. Both the Yankees (\$3.5 million) and Pirates (\$2.55 million) were among the top teams in terms of international bonus money to offer Ohtani. The Mariners have \$1.55 million. The Rangers have the most to offer at \$3.53 million. Since he's only age 23, Ohtani is subject to signing a minor league contract and can only be offered a bonus from a team's international pool.

Perhaps the most interesting

aspect was Cashman telling reporters that being a large-market team on the East Coast hurt the Yankees and that Ohtani seems to be favoring smaller market, West Coast teams.

Hmm ... a team like the Mariners?

Seattle general manager Jerry Dipoto has made it very clear that signing Ohtani was their top priority of the offseason, saying the organization would bring it's "A-game" to the process, including a multi-faceted presentation complete with a movie touting the city and the team.

Yahoo! Sports' Jeff Passan reported that the Mariners and

Giants are considered finalists. The Mariners would not confirm Passan's report or if they are headed to Los Angeles next week to meet with Ohtani. Every indication is that they want to be respectful of the process and Ohtani's wishes. But baseball sources confirmed Passan's report that the Mariners are a finalist in the process. The Padres and Dodgers also remain in contention per reports. The Angels are also in on the process.

The negotiating window runs till Dec. 22.

While much is being reported on the situation with Ohtani, sources conclude that under-

## Gonzaga's Zach Norvell Jr. Named WCC Player of the Week

By The Spokesman-Review

Gonzaga's Zach Norvell Jr., who had big games coming off the bench and as a starter, earned WCC player of the week honors.

Norvell made 7 of 10 shots and scored 17 points in a blow-out win over Incarnate Word. He also had five assists, four rebounds and two steals.

Norvell made his first career start, replacing Corey Kispert (ankle), in Friday's 91-74 victory over Creighton.

The redshirt freshman responded with a career-high 21 points, all in the second half. He made four 3-pointers, grabbed six rebounds and handed out three assists.

Norvell is averaging 10 points per game. He's one of six Zags averaging double digits. GU's Johnathan Williams was the WCC player of the week last week.

## Gonzaga Climbs to No. 12 in the AP Rankings

By The Spokesman-Review

Gonzaga keeps moving up in the AP college basketball poll and the Zags have an opportunity to make a big jump this week.

The Zags (7-1) climbed three spots to No. 12 in the Week 5 poll after wins over Incarnate Word and former No. 25 Creighton, which dropped from the rankings after falling 91-74 Friday at the McCarthy Athletic Center.

The Zags moved up one position in the USA rankings to No. 13.

Gonzaga faces its third ranked opponent of the season when it lines up against Villanova (8-0) in the Jimmy V Classic on Tuesday at Madison Square Garden. A victory would almost certainly push the Zags, ranked No. 18 in the preseason poll, into the top 10.

Nothing changed at the top of the AP poll. No. 1 Duke received all 65 first-place votes for the second consecutive week. The Blue Devils are followed by Kansas, Michigan State and Villanova.

Florida, which edged Gonzaga in double-overtime at the PK80 in Portland, moved up one spot to No. 5.

Wichita State, which defeated former No. 16 Baylor, climbed two spots to No. 6, followed by Texas A&M, Kentucky, Notre Dame and Miami.

The Zags sit between No. 11 North Carolina and No. 13 Xavier. Gonzaga picked up 856 points, 143 behind North Carolina and 88 in front of Xavier. The Musketeers moved up eight spots following wins over Baylor and Cincinnati.

No. 16 Arizona State (7-0) is the highest ranked Pac-12 team USC (4-2) slipped 11 spots to No. 25.

Four teams made top 25 debuts or returned to the rankings after falling out. Seton Hall moved in at No. 19, Purdue is No. 21, Nevada is No. 22 and Tennessee is No. 24. Villanova defeated Tennessee 85-76 in the Battle 4 Atlantis semifinals.

Nevada is back in the poll for the first time since 2006-07.

Creighton received 53 votes, fourth most among teams in the receiving votes category. Saint Mary's, which dropped out of the rankings last week, didn't receive a vote. The Gaels had five votes in the Week 4 poll.

standing what Ohtani is ultimately looking for in a team isn't a given. It's considered speculation at best. And that really only Ohtani and his agent Nez Balelo truly know what he's looking for in a team and playing scenario.

On the first episode of the Mariners' new organizational podcast, "The Wheelhouse," general manager Jerry Dipoto made it clear Seattle would pursue Ohtani aggressively.

Passan reported Saturday that Ohtani had begun to schedule meetings with teams for this week. The negotiating window runs through Dec. 22.

Saturday's State Football

# Title Game Woes Continue for Tumwater in Loss to Hockinson

By Lauren Smith  
The Olympian

This loss will sting for a while, and Tumwater High School coach Bill Beattie knows that.

He addressed his players near midfield on Saturday afternoon at the Tacoma Dome, moments after the second-ranked T-Birds came up just short of the Class 2A state title, and said as much.

For the fourth time in six years, and ninth time in program history, Tumwater advanced to the state championship game.

But for the fourth consecutive year the T-Birds were defeated at the final stage, this time in a crushing 35-22 loss to third-ranked Hockinson, in the first-ever meeting of two Southwest District teams in the 2A championship game.

"They were ready to play," Tumwater lineman Cy Hicks said. "They were prepared. We came out ready to play, then we stagnated, and we couldn't afford that. They just executed better."

For the first several minutes it appeared the T-Birds could be well on their way to the sixth title in program history, but Hockinson steadily climbed back.

Tumwater methodically moved the ball on the opening drive — with four consecutive carries for 54 yards by fullback Dylan Paine — eventually reaching Hockinson's 10.

Zane Murphy then bounced to the outside and scampered in for a 10-yard score, and the Hawks fumbled the ensuing kickoff, again setting the T-Birds up inside the red zone.

Four plays later, Nathan Seaman connected on a season-long 45-yard field goal to give Tumwater a 10-0 edge less than five minutes into the game.

"We were off doing the things we wanted to do, but give Hockinson credit," Beattie said. "They came right back and didn't get down."

Hockinson rallied to score



PAUL DUNN / For The Chronicle

Hockinson High School quarterback Canon Racanelli runs for yardage in the fourth quarter Saturday against Tumwater High School during the WIAA 2A football championship at the Tacoma Dome.

twice in the second quarter on touchdown passes from Canon Racanelli to Sawyer Racanelli (3 yards) and Bailey Jones (17), and took a 14-10 lead it never lost into the break.

"We had a couple of miscues at the beginning," Canon Racanelli said. "We came back, battled through it, and we really started putting points on the board in the second half."

Tumwater's defense stalled Hockinson's first two drives in the second half inside the 35-yard line, and batted down several passes in the end zone.

But the Hawks completed a 75-yard touchdown drive on their next attempt, with Sawyer Racanelli catching the 11-yard score with 10:48 remaining to push the lead to two scores.

Jakob Holbrook answered on the T-Birds' next possession, capping an 80-yard, 16-play drive

with a 3-yard run to the edge.

The drive took nearly six minutes off the clock, and had Tumwater trailing 21-16 with 4:50 to go.

Then, disaster struck. Little more than a minute later, Sawyer Racanelli took a reverse 48 yards to the end zone for his third touchdown of the game.

"It was set up perfectly," he said. "We just talked about it being there the entire game, and eventually we ran it."

"Just the way they were flowing so hard, we kind of knew that play coming back was going to be big," Hockinson coach Rick Steele said.

Tumwater tried to hurry its offense on the following drive, but Aidan Mallory picked off Elias Polito on fourth down, and ran in for the 45-yard score to give the Hawks a 35-16 cushion.

Holbrook scored his second

touchdown with 1:27 remaining on a 6-yard scamper to the outside, but it was too late.

Tumwater finished with 304 yards of total offense (268 on the ground), but had trouble moving the ball on several drives, and were shut out in the second and third quarters.

"They were tough," Paine said. "They didn't gas out like most teams we've played this year. They stayed energetic, and didn't let down to us."

Paine finished with a game-high 105 rushing yards on 22 carries, and finished his sophomore season with 312 carries for 1,803 yards and 24 touchdowns.

But it was the Racanelli brothers that stole the show for Hockinson, leading the Hawks to the first state title in program history — and first team title the school has won since it opened in 2003.

"It's been a life-long dream of ours to win a state championship together, and it came true," Sawyer Racanelli said.

Both brothers also moved up in several categories in the state's all-time record books for 11-man high school football.

Sawyer Racanelli, a sophomore, finished with 12 catches for 135 yards and the three total touchdowns on Saturday.

He is now fourth all-time for receiving yards in a season (1,766) and receiving touchdowns in a season (27).

Canon Racanelli was 27 of 45 passing for 316 yards and three scores against Tumwater. Both his passing attempts and completions were Gridiron Classic records for the 2A title game.

"He's a rock," Steele said. "He told a lot of people back in August we were going to play 14 games, and we were going to win a state championship. When that kid tells you that, you believe it."

The senior quarterback finishes seventh on the career passing list (9,970 yards), leapfrogging former Lake Stevens star Jacob Eason, who is now at Georgia.

He also jumped former Lincoln quarterback Jordan Kitna, now at TCU, finishing with 56 touchdown passes this season.

Canon Racanelli is also seventh all-time in career passing touchdowns (124) and 11th in career completions (593).

"Not many kids talk about him, but that kid is one of the best quarterbacks, if not the best quarterback in the state of Washington," Steele said.

Hockinson (14-0) is the first team currently playing in the 2A Greater Saint Helens League to win a state championship since Ridgefield won the 1A title in 1995.

Tumwater (11-3) last won a state title in 2010. That win and its previous four — 1987, 1990, 1991, 1993 — all came under coaching legend Sid Otton, who retired last season.

## Big Day by Wetmore, Including Key Interception, Makes Kalama's Day — and Season — Perfect

By Chase Hutchinson  
The News Tribune

If two touchdowns weren't enough, Tucker Wetmore needed to make one more play to make sure Kalama High School would capture its first state football championship since 1998.

Wetmore came through. His late interception helped seal his team's 28-27 victory over Liberty of Spangle, 28-27, in the 2B championship game Saturday at the Tacoma Dome.

"I saw (James Heer) look downfield a little bit so I cheated off the ball a little bit more than I

usually did and I ended up backpedaling behind him," Wetmore said. "Then I jumped up and grabbed the ball over him ... and it was nice to seal off the game with that."

Wetmore had a big game, scoring twice and recording 97 receiving yards to go with his game-clinching interception for the Chinooks.

"I just wanted to win, I didn't care how well I did," Wetmore said. "I said it earlier in the week, I didn't really care how well I did I just wanted a ring so I'm glad we're here."

The Chinooks built a 14-0

first-quarter lead. They scored on their first drive with quarterback Alex Dyer hitting Jacob Herz from 11 yards out for the touchdown. Herz then connected with Wetmore from 30 yards out on the second TD.

But Liberty would rally behind Heer, who finished with 106 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

"That big 33, he can run the ball," Kalama coach Sean McDonald said of Heer. "We put six men down on the line and then we had two more in the box; we stacked eight in the box and (fortunately) it worked."

Liberty led, 27-21, with 5:37 to play on Heer's 3-yard TD run and two-point conversion.

But Kalama answered, eventually punching it into the end zone when Elijah Haynes took a handoff up the middle and bounced it to the outside for a 16-yard TD run with 2:31 to play, giving Kalama a 28-27 lead.

Then Wetmore's game-sealing interception with 1:54 to play.

"In the end, we came out on top and that's all that matters," Kalama coach Sean McDonald said. "In the end of the season, these kids are so ... resilient. [They] played in two overtime

games and came out on top. Just to be 14-0, just to play through adversity at all times and come out on top at the end of the season in the state championship is huge."

It wasn't easy. But stopping the Lancers in the red zone and on a two-point conversion run by Heer on Liberty's first touchdown provided the difference.

"Probably holding them in the red zone (helped) like quite a bit," Wetmore said. "We did pretty good in the red zone so that was a big part."

## Richland Shines Through Woodinville's 'Dark Side' Defense, Claims 4A State Title

By Jayda Evans  
The Seattle Times

TACOMA — For one half, Richland was every bit of its moniker Saturday night.

The Bombers decimated Woodinville's game plan by half-time and tried to pick over the remnants to close out the Class 4A state championship game.

But the Tacoma Dome game clock was unmerciful. It allowed Woodinville to find new life despite being down 28-0 at half-time, but not enough time to pull off a comeback. Falcons senior quarterback Jaden Sheffey's final pass was an interception, giving

Richland a 28-21 win.

Richland (14-0) took home its first state title since 1999 and third overall.

"It was relief in my heart," said Richland quarterback Cade Jensen of watching teammate Adam Weissenfels grab the interception to end Woodinville's possible game-winning drive. Weissenfels had three picks against Woodinville, which tied a Class 4A state title game record.

"I'll be honest, I was surprised it was 28-0 at halftime," Jensen continued. "We knew this game was going to be a grind. We knew it wasn't going to be a

blowout. When they stopped the run in the second half, we had to battle and got the win."

The Falcons (13-1) played in their second state-championship game in school history (2005). It made headlines throughout the season behind its "Dark Side" defense. But the once-menacing defense was visibly gasping for air midway through the second quarter as Woodinville's offensive struggles kept putting them back on the field.

Richland constantly had good field position. It opened the scoring with a 9-yard touchdown pass from Jensen to Weissenfels

with 2:33 left in the first quarter.

The Bombers scored three touchdowns in the second quarter. The final was after Sheffey fumbled the snap to give Richland the ball at the 17-yard line. Jensen used two plays to set up a 15-yard touchdown pass to Sammy Cervantes with 2:14 left in the half.

"They (Woodinville) had jitters for being in a game like this; we (were) there last year," said Richland coach Mike Neidhold, whose team lost the title to Camas last season. "In a state-championship game like this with a good team like Woodinville, it

wasn't going to hold. This wound up just like I thought it would."

Woodinville scored on a 1-yard run by senior Brett Accimus with 8:14 left in the third quarter. The Falcons used a trick play to get their second touchdown and a Sheffey scramble for the third to make the score 28-21 with 3:26 left.

However, the revived defensive play and execution on offense hit a dead end late in the fourth quarter. Richland ran out the clock and once the teams congratulated each other, Sheffey was the last to pull himself from the Tacoma Dome field.

## Royal Adds One More 1A State Championship to the List With Victory Over Meridian

By Rodney Harwood  
Columbia Basin Herald

TACOMA — The 1A clash of the titans turned out to be everything it was billed to be Saturday afternoon in the Tacoma Dome, going right down to the last man standing.

Defense does in fact win championships.

Eastern Washington commit Simon Burkett of Meridian sent the final pass of the afternoon high and deep into the end zone with hopes for some kind of Aaron Rodgers-like result. Royal senior Corbin Christensen tracked it like Guillermo Heredia chasing down a ball into the gap at Safeco Field. The 6-foot-3 senior, who was a part of the previous two state championships, broke

up the pass as time ran out.

With the ball safely on the ground, the Knights (14-0) were finally able to start their celebration with a 33-27 victory over previously unbeaten Meridian (13-1) for their third consecutive 1A state championship and 41st consecutive victory dating back to the 2014 state quarterfinals.

With the victory, Royal became the seventh school in Washington state history to win three or more consecutive WIAA titles at the same level, and just the second 1A school to do it.

"This is a three-peat and it's good to go out on a win in my last game. Burkett is a heck of a player. He came out and put on a show. He tore us up a lot, but we responded in the end," said Christensen, who caught a

touchdown and passed for one. "It was the best game in the four years I've been here. It was so fun."

Royal coach Wiley Allred has seen a few tight games in his 19 years of coaching, but Saturday's championship was one for the ages and his Knights snapped Meridian's 13-game win streak to get to the promised land one more time.

"Everything was changing so fast at the end of the game. I thought if we didn't the first down, I'd leave it on our defense," said Allred (217-26), who passed longtime coach Frank Naish for 15th-most all-time winning percentage (89.3) for Washington state coaches with 200-plus victories. "It's stressful. The kids showed some guts and it's great

right now. But I'm glad it's over."

Burkett was the guy when it came to Meridian's offense. He finished the day completing 22-of-47 for 305 yards, and either threw for or ran in each of the team's touchdowns. His 10-yard run to start the fourth quarter tied the game at 27-27. Meridian rolled into town on a 13-game winning streak and played some defense of its own, shutting down Royal's seven-play drive on fourth-and-goal on the 10 to take over on downs with just under seven minutes remaining.

But then the Royal defense came alive. On the Trojans ensuing possession, Alonso Hernandez sacked Burkett for an 8-yard loss and Jack Diaz sacked him again and the Knights took over on downs.

"We started with six-man pressure and finally changed to five and had a spy," said Allred, who has coached Royal to seven of its eight state championships.

Sawyer Jenks, who was 16-of-33 for 180 yards and a touchdown, led the Knights for what proved to be the winning touchdown. Hernandez carried the rock and the team as Royal pounded the ball inside, daring the Trojans to try and stop the 5-10, 190-pound junior. Hernandez, who carried 24 times for 143 yards and three touchdowns, gave Royal its final lead on a 7-yard burst with 2:44 left.

The Royal three-peat went right to the wire and their 41st win of the season was the sweetest.

## College Football

# 'Bama Edges Ohio State to Join Clemson, Georgia and Oklahoma in College Football Playoffs

By Matt Murschel  
Orlando Sentinel

For the first time in the four-year history of the College Football Playoff, two teams from the same conference qualified for the final four semifinals.

Alabama (11-1), which lost to SEC West winner Auburn, moved up into the fourth spot just ahead of Big Ten champion Ohio State (11-2). It's the second consecutive season the Big Ten champion failed to qualify for the playoff. Last season, Penn State won the title but was left out in favor of the Buckeyes.

No. 1 Clemson, No. 2 Oklahoma and No. 3 Georgia join the Tide in the four-team playoff group vying for a national title.

The playoff committee's decision to pick Alabama over Ohio State is bound to be a lightning rod for criticism and debate in the coming days and weeks.

Ohio State thought it had done enough at Big Ten champ to earn a return trip to the semifinals with three quality wins over ranked teams, including Penn State, Michigan State and Wisconsin. But the team couldn't overcome two losses, including an embarrassing 52-44 defeat against Iowa on Nov. 5.

The knock on Alabama was its lack of quality wins, with its sole quality wins coming over LSU and Mississippi State.

"The selection committee just favored Alabama's full body of work over Ohio State," playoff selection committee chairman Kirby Hocutt said on ESPN while explaining the rankings. "The selection committee believed Alabama was the better football team."

Clemson (12-1) remained in

## College football playoffs 2017

These teams will meet in semifinals on New Year's day — winners will play for the National Championship in Atlanta, Jan. 8



the top spot after its impressive 38-3 win over Miami in the ACC Championship Game. The defending national champions will travel to the Sugar Bowl to take on Alabama, a rematch of last season's national title game.

"It's going to be a heckuva game, I don't have any doubt," Tigers coach Dabo Swinney said on ESPN after his semifinal matchup was set.

Swinney later added he was grateful not to have to travel cross country to California for the Rose Bowl with just seven days between the semifinal and the title game this year. Instead, Clemson will play in the Sugar Bowl for the first time in 59 years.

Swinney is upbeat about his close-knit team's chances of repeating as national champions. He noted his Tigers were not picked to win their ACC division, but they worked to enter the playoff as the No. 1 ranked team in the country.

"These guys believe they can win because of the preparation they put in," he said.

Alabama coach Nick Saban said he trusted the committee would put the best teams in the

playoff.

"I really do believe based on the total body of work that our team deserved to be in," Saban said.

Oklahoma (12-1) moved up a spot to No. 2 after its 41-17 win over TCU in Dallas in the Big 12 title game. The Sooners will head to the Rose Bowl for the first time since 2003 to take on Georgia (12-1), which defeated Auburn 28-7 in Atlanta. It will be the first meeting between these two programs.

The winners will meet in the national championship game on Monday, Jan. 8, at the new Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta.

The selection committee is composed of 13 members, including chair Kirby Hocutt, Frank Beamer, Jeff Bower, Herb Deromedi, Chris Howard, Tom Jerstedt, Bobby Johnson, Jeff Long, Rob Mullens, Dan Radakovich, Gene Smith, Steve Wieberg and Tyrone Willingham.

Three committee members recused themselves as the top six teams were set because of their teams to programs vying for playoff spots.

# Georgia Beats Auburn, Wins SEC Title

By Chip Towers  
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

ATLANTA — The Georgia Bulldogs won and they're not done.

That was the battle cry of the No. 6-ranked Bulldogs on Saturday after they defeated No. 2 Auburn, 28-7, to win their first SEC championship in 12 years.

Nothing is official until the College Football Playoff selection committee announces its four participants for the national semifinals in the selection show Sunday afternoon. But after knocking off Auburn in their highly-anticipated rematch and winning the SEC, the consensus is that Georgia could not possibly be denied a place in the playoffs.

In only their second season under coach Kirby Smart, the Bulldogs improved to 12-1 on the season, winning at least a dozen games in a season for just the fourth time in history.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs completed the business they came to Mercedes-Benz Stadium to transact. Playing for the SEC title for the first time since 2012, Georgia scored 20 unanswered points after falling behind 7-0 quickly to start the game.

The three plays that will be remembered in UGA history were all made by the Bulldogs' nationally-renowned defense.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Lorenzo Carter knocked the ball loose from Auburn running back Kerryon Johnson, and linebacker Roquan Smith scooped it up and returned it to the Auburn 39. That set up a four-play scoring drive that ended with touchdown and 2-point conversion passes from Jake Fromm to Terry Godwin. That gave Georgia a 21-7 lead with 13:06 to play.

Early in the third quarter, Georgia's DaQuan Hawkins-Muckle blocked the 31-yard field goal attempt of three-time Goza Award finalist Daniel Carlson.

Two minutes into the second quarter, Davin Bellamy's sack-and-strip of quarterback Jarrett Stidham thwarted an Auburn drive that had reached the Georgia 14 and gave the Bulldogs' offense a chance to turn the tide. They did, driving 84 yards in seven plays to score on Fromm's TD pass to Isaac Nauta.

Those plays helped keep Georgia perfect in what has been characterized as its Revenge



Georgia Bulldogs wide receiver Terry Godwin (5) catches a touchdown pass in front of Auburn Tigers defensive back Javaris Davis (13) during the second half of the SEC Football Championship Saturday in Atlanta.

Tour of 2017. The Bulldogs handily beat four teams they lost to in 2016 and now Auburn. The Tigers beat then No. 1-Georgia 40-17 on Nov. 11 at Jordan-Hare Stadium, meaning the result Saturday represented a 45-point turnaround.

Auburn's cause was hurt by the injury to Johnson. The SEC's leading rusher, who had 233 total yards and a touchdown in the first meeting, injured his right shoulder in the win over Alabama last week and was well under 100 percent on Saturday, though he started and played most of the game. Johnson finished with 44 yards on 13 carries.

## Big Ten: Ohio State Runs Over Wisconsin for Title

INDIANAPOLIS (TNS) — All season long, Wisconsin faced questions about the strength of its schedule, a regular season that included only a couple of low-ranked opponents.

On Saturday night at the Big Ten Conference championship,

those questions got answered. Sort of.

The No. 4 Badgers put up a gutsy fight against No. 8 Ohio State, but fell just short in a last-minute comeback attempt, losing 27-21 at Lucas Oil Stadium.

It was the first loss of the season for Wisconsin (12-1) and almost certainly knocked the Badgers out of a College Football Playoff spot.

The Buckeyes (11-2), meanwhile, put themselves in the middle of a tricky conversation about which four teams should play for the national title.

"We have two wins over two Top 4 teams," Coach Urban Meyer said. "We're the conference champions ... we deserve a shot."

Ohio State faced a big question of its own coming into this game.

Quarterback J.T. Barrett had recently aggravated a knee injury when a photographer bumped into him on a crowded sideline at Michigan. He underwent arthroscopic knee surgery last week.

# UW to Play in Fiesta Bowl Against Penn State; Huskies No. 11 in Final College Football Rankings

By Adam Jude

The Seattle Times

The Washington Huskies, ranked No. 11 in the season's final College Football Playoff rankings released Sunday morning, earned an at-large bid to the Fiesta Bowl where they will play No. 9 Penn State.

The Fiesta Bowl is set for a 1 p.m. PT (2 p.m. MT) kickoff on Saturday, Dec. 30 at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz.

This will be UW's first trip to the Fiesta Bowl.

UW coach Chris Petersen brought Boise State to the Fiesta Bowl twice (after the 2006 and 2009 seasons), winning both times, including a stunning upset of Oklahoma 11 years ago.

The Huskies, who earned their first CFP playoff berth a year ago, finished the regular season with a 10-2 record this year. This marks the first time that UW will play in a "major" bowl game in consecutive seasons since 1990-92 (when UW played in three consecutive Rose Bowls).

Against Penn State, the Huskies will face one of the nation's most touted running backs in Saquon Barkley, who has rushed for 1,134 yards and 16 touchdowns.

The Huskies enter the bowl game with the nation's No. 1 rushing defense, allowing 92.3 yards per game and 2.63 yards per rush.

No. 8 USC, which defeated Stanford in the Pac-12 championship game on Friday night, will play No. 5 Ohio State in the Dec. 29 Cotton Bowl.

The Huskies initially appeared to be headed to Dallas for the Cotton Bowl, but because Ohio State has played in the Fiesta Bowl the past two years the Fiesta and Cotton swapped matchups. That could be a nice change for UW fans, who are more likely to travel the closer bowl destination in Arizona.

Earlier Sunday morning, the CFP committee released its top four playoff teams. No. 1 Clemson vs. No. 4 Alabama in the Sugar Bowl, and No. 2 Oklahoma will play No. 3 Georgia in the Rose Bowl.

## No. 18 Washington State Gets a Repeat Holiday Bowl Bid, This Time Against No. 16 Michigan State

By Stefanie Loh

The Seattle Times

For the second year in a row, Washington State is headed to sunny San Diego for bowl season.

"We're excited to go back to the Holiday Bowl," WSU interim athletic director John Johnson said Sunday afternoon. "It's really a tribute for our program, and to play such a storied program as Michigan State is wonderful as well."

After finishing 9-3, the Cougars earned a repeat trip

"He's just one of the toughest human beings I've ever come across in my career," Meyer said before the game. "And a guy that's all in."

Barrett played and, on the Buckeyes' second possession, looked nimble enough scrambling for a first down. That set up his 84-yard touchdown pass to Terry McLaurin for a 7-0 lead.

There would be other highlights for Ohio State as the senior threw for a second long touchdown and rushed for a third score after running back J.K. Dobbins burst up the middle for 77 yards.

Dobbins ended up with 17 carries for 174 yards.

The game might have gotten out of hand if it weren't for Wisconsin linebacker Andrew Van Ginkel.

Late in the first quarter, Van Ginkel leaped to intercept a Bar-

### FINAL CFP RANKINGS:

1. Clemson
2. Oklahoma
3. Georgia
4. Alabama
5. Ohio State
6. Wisconsin
7. Auburn
8. USC
9. Penn State
10. Miami
11. Washington
12. Central Florida
13. Stanford
14. Notre Dame
15. TCU
16. Michigan State
17. LSU
18. Washington State
19. Oklahoma State
20. Memphis
21. Northwestern
22. Virginia Tech
23. Mississippi State
24. NC State
25. Boise State

to the 40th annual Holiday Bowl to face Mark Dantonio's 16th-ranked Michigan State team at San Diego County Credit Union Stadium on Dec. 28 (kickoff slated for 6 p.m., Fox Sports 1).

Michigan State finished 9-3, with a 7-2 Big Ten record, and was third in the loaded Big Ten East Division. The Spartans' biggest win came in a 27-24 upset over then-No. 7 Penn State, but they lost games to Notre Dame and Northwestern earlier in the year, and were annihilated 48-3 by No. 13 Ohio State on Nov. 11.

WSU coach Mike Leach is the first coach in school history to lead the Cougars to four bowl games in six seasons, and to three-straight bowl games.

Even though Leach reportedly interviewed for a job with Tennessee last Thursday, Johnson said Sunday, "Mike's our coach today, and we expect him to be our coach at the bowl game. I know he's excited to be our coach in the bowl game."

Johnson's comments on Leach were the first public comments WSU administrators have been about their head coach's reported dalliance with the Vols. Johnson said he's exchanged some texts with Leach since Leach's meeting with Tennessee, but that, "he's been busy recruiting and I've had other responsibilities as well."

WSU was ranked 18th in the final College Football Playoff rankings that were released Sunday morning, and going into this week, the Foster Farms Bowl in Santa Clara appeared to be the most likely postseason destination for the 9-3 Cougars.

But, lucky for WSU, the College Football Playoff committee selected two Pac-12 teams for New Year's Six Bowl games instead of one. Even though the Pac-12 was shut out of the four-team playoff, conference champion USC, ranked eighth, was sent to the Cotton Bowl to face No. 5 Ohio State, which won the Big Ten championship but was passed over for a playoff spot.

rett pass and rumbled nine yards for a touchdown. Later, he recovered a fumble to set up a 28-yard field goal that made the score 21-10 at halftime.

These teams had met under similar circumstances before.

In 2014, the Badgers came into the conference championship as slight favorites and were dismantled, 59-0, by Ohio State.

The margin of victory gave the fifth-ranked Buckeyes enough juice to leapfrog Texas Christian in the rankings and qualify for the inaugural College Football Playoff.

They ended up winning the national title game against Oregon that winter.

This time, Wisconsin Coach Paul Chryst understood the gravity of the situation.

"It's all about winning the Big Ten Championship," he said. "And that's huge."

## NFL

## By Grounding Eagles, Seahawks Show Rest of NFL They're Still Contenders

K.J. Wright tried to warn everybody. When the Seahawks linebacker learned his team opened up as six-point underdogs — an unprecedented number for a home game in the Russell Wilson era — he sent out a cautionary message.

"Don't sleep on us," Wright said. "We can be the best of the best. We are the best of the best."

You think anyone is sleeping on the Seahawks now? That 24-10 win over the Eagles was a bucket of ice water poured over every football fan and critic in the country.

It wasn't the byproduct of a few bad calls and lucky bounces. It wasn't the result of a depleted Philadelphia roster.

This was just Seattle manhandling the NFC Super Bowl favorites like they were the practice squad.

"To have us as underdogs by that much, it was pretty idiotic. Just absurd," said Seahawks tight end Luke Willson. "In my mind, we're still the team to beat, and we showed that tonight."

A win is a win whether it's by three points or 30. But the nature of Sunday's victory had to be encouraging for the Seahawks (8-4).

It would have been one thing had they survived a 45-42 thriller — but to hold Carson Wentz and the NFL's No. 3 offense to 10 points? Suddenly playing in February doesn't seem inconceivable.

Seattle has played three games sans Kam Chancellor and Richard Sherman. They've given up just 57 points over that stretch, and in their loss to Atlanta, yielded an underwhelming 195 yards to Matt Ryan.

That's hardly a suggestion that they're as good without two of the best defensive backs in football, but they've proven they can't be bullied whenever an opponent wants to do so.



By Matt Calkins  
Seattle Times



BETTINA HANSEN / The Seattle Times

Seattle Seahawks defensive end Frank Clark celebrates his sack on Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz with a raised fist in the first half on Sunday at CenturyLink Field in Seattle.

Wentz was the leading candidate for NFL MVP coming into this game. He has been the driving force behind the Eagles' 10-2 record. And even though he finished with 348 yards passing, the fact that it took him 48 throws to do it speaks to a formidable Seattle D.

"Word was getting around that we're not the same defense," said Seahawks safety Bradley McDougald, who replaced Chancellor as the Seahawks' starting strong safety. "Guys are taking that personally."

The Eagles also entered Sunday with the No. 2 rushing offense in the league, averaging 147.5 yards per game and 4.6 yards per carry. They finished with 98 yards on 26 carries Sun-

day, good for 3.8 per rush.

Whether Seattle can sustain this level of excellence against other offensive juggernauts such as the Rams is to be determined, but anyone suspecting a significant drop-off amid injuries was proved wrong Sunday night.

Of course, people cast similar doubts on the Seahawks' offense earlier this season, but they have averaged 25.7 points in the seven games since their bye week. Quarterback Russell Wilson has played the principal role in the production, as he entered the game accounting for nearly 86 percent of the team's yards from scrimmage.

Wilson was his usual efficient, elusive self Sunday, throwing for 227 yards and three touchdowns

while rushing for 31 yards on six carries. His most impactful play came on a third-down lateral, when he ran six yards and flipped it to Mike Davis, who got the first down that led to Seattle going up 24-10 in the fourth quarter.

That was reminiscent of the pixie dust that used to cover the Seahawks during their Super Bowl years. So was defensive tackle Sheldon Richardson stripping Wentz on the 1-yard line in the third quarter, which prevented a game-tying touchdown as the ball bounced out of the end zone for a touchdown.

Call it good fortune if you want to, but those two moments were playmaking at its finest. They exemplified the phrase

"you make your own luck."

After the game, reporters revisited with Wright, who didn't hedge on his confidence. Asked what his team showed people who were snoozing on the Seahawks, he gave as frank a quote as you're gonna get.

"We just showed them that we're the best," Wright said. "We're still a Super Bowl team."

As for the rest of the season? "We should run the table," Wright said.

Feel free to be skeptical of the prediction. This football team still has flaws.

But sleep on the Seahawks at your own peril. Doing so usually leads to nightmares.

## It's December, So Russell Wilson is Peaking and the Seahawks Are Soaring

Carson Wentz rolled into CenturyLink Field on Sunday as the NFL's new "it" quarterback, a sophomore revelation who had galvanized the Eagles to the league's best record while earning frontrunner status in the MVP race.

On Sunday night, Wentz was the second-best quarterback on the field.

Give considerable credit for that to the Seahawks' defense, which harassed Wentz right out of his comfort zone, causing him to miss some key passes in the first half and then make a huge fumble

(courtesy of a Sheldon Richardson strip) while diving toward the end zone in the third quarter.

"I feel like we did exactly what we needed to do," rookie cornerback Shaquill Griffin said. "They thought Wentz was going to have just this incredible day. The receivers thought they were just going to run past us. I'm glad we stepped up to the challenge and showed exactly what we were about."

And so, critically, did quarterback Russell Wilson, who carries such a disproportionate load of the Seahawks' offense that a stellar game is a virtual necessity to beat a powerhouse such as Philadelphia. Wilson not only outplayed Wentz but had one of his best games in the Seahawks' 24-10 triumph, according coach Pete Carroll — a statement that strategically was not echoed by Doug Baldwin.

"No, I'm not going to give him that," Baldwin said. "This year? Yeah, I'll give him this year. But I've been better from him in the past. I don't want to pump him up too much. I know you guys can do that, and will do that. I just want him to continue to keep going, because we need him at his best for us to continue this run."

If it's December, it must be



By Larry Stone  
Seattle Times



BETTINA HANSEN / The Seattle Times

Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson scrambles for seven yards but can't convert on third down in the second quarter against the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday at CenturyLink Field in Seattle.

Wilson peaking, and the Seahawks soaring. He is 18-5 for his career in December, with 46 touchdowns, 15 interceptions and a 103.7 passer rating — the highest rating in the month since the 1970 merger (minimum five starts). And Wilson thrives in the figurative December of a particular game, with 15 touchdown passes this season in the fourth quarter (including one to J.D. McKissic on Sunday).

That ties him with Eli Manning in 2011 for the most in NFL history, with four games to play. The Seahawks, meanwhile, are 21-5 in December under Carroll, whose coaching philosophy, micro and macro, is predicated on finishing strong.

With the Seahawks depleted and fighting for their playoff lives, you could practically see them get their sass back Sunday. They were clearly bristling at the perception that the defense has been diminished by season-ending injuries to cornerback Richard Sherman and strong safety Kam Chancellor. So all they did was hold the league's top-scoring offense 20 points under its aver-

age.

"I don't really pay attention to a lot of media, I don't read Twitter. I don't really listen to the things guys say on other teams," said strong safety Bradley McDougald, Chancellor's replacement. "But word did get back to me, and they did say some things that we're not the same defense, we're nothing to worry about. I think we kind of came out and proved otherwise."

Wilson, meanwhile, is the engine that drives the Seahawk offense, and he was at his best Sunday, a combination of poise, improvisation and will.

"He's a human joystick," Eagles safety Malcolm Jenkins marveled.

That was personified in the fourth quarter after the Eagles had closed the gap to 17-10. On third-and-8 from the Seahawks' 42-yard line, Wilson scrambled up the middle for seven yards, then just as he was about to be tackled flipped the ball to his right to running back Mike Davis (and just barely backward enough to convince Philadelphia coach Doug Pederson not to

challenge that it was a forward lateral). Davis scampered another 17 yards, and two plays later Wilson hit McKissic with one of his three touchdown passes.

"Everything you've ever done in sports leads you to the moment to make that decision, and then do it and execute it like that," Carroll gushed. "Basketball, baseball, football, everything he's ever done. It was an amazing play."

Baldwin described it as Wilson being "in the zone" on that play, and throughout the game.

"I told him whatever that felt like, he's got to hold onto it, because we need him to be in that mode for the rest of the season," Baldwin said. "If he does that, we're going to be unstoppable."

You can bank on the Seahawks to keep fueling themselves on whatever skepticism still surrounds their playoff chances. It's what they do, but now with a twist, Baldwin said.

"I think since I've been here, we've always built some momentum off being slighted, being doubted," he said. "I wouldn't say it's overstated. But for the most

part, I think we've matured to the point we're not just trying to prove everyone wrong; we're trying to prove ourselves right."

Wilson being Wilson, he didn't concede he was trying to prove anything in the head-to-head matchup with Wentz, who may stand between him and the league's MVP award. Instead, Wilson talked about how much he loves watching Wentz play, how he admires his faith, and a postgame exchange in which he asked the young quarterback to send him a version of the "cool" T-shirt he wore repping his foundation.

"He's going to be one of the best quarterbacks for a long time," Wilson said. "But I think for me, it's really just doing my job and trying to do it really, really well. And trying to make the other 10 guys better. That's really all I ever focus on, and that's all that I ever have focused on."

Wentz passed for 348 yards and had some remarkable moments in the game, particularly on the Eagles' lone touchdown drive. He threw a 53-yard bullet, under extreme duress, to Nelson Agholor, then went across the field to Agholor for a 27-yard score. But he also missed some open passes and hurried throws under the heat of Seattle's pass rush.

Wilson, on the other hand, was close to flawless — "spectacular," "phenomenal" and "amazing," in Carroll's words.

"That was Russell showing you everything that he was all about," he said.

The good news for Seattle is that December is when Wilson traditionally shows his best — a tantalizing thought during a season in which he has carried a disproportionate load of the Seahawks offense.

"I don't want to give him too much credit, because I believe he's really good right now, but he has so much more potential he hasn't tapped yet," Baldwin said. "So I'm looking forward to him doing that so he can light up the league for a number of years. However many years he wants to do it."

## NFL

# Is Mike Davis a Long-Term Solution at Running Back for the Seahawks?

By Todd Milles

The News Tribune

SEATTLE — Seahawks tailback Mike Davis wants the world to know three things.

He can run.  
He can catch.  
And he can juke.

All three of those traits showed up in a big way Sunday night in Seattle's nationally-televised 24-10 victory over Philadelphia at CenturyLink Field.

For the first time in his NFL career, Davis eclipsed the 100-yard mark in total offense — a career-high 64 rushing yards, and 37 receiving yards on four catches.

It is safe to say the third-year pro out of South Carolina will remain the team's starting running back for the foreseeable future.

"We've been waiting for him to get going for the long run," Seattle tailback J.D. McKissic said. "He finally has his opportunity. We knew he was going to take off."

Davis was brought in off waivers from San Francisco last May, but was no better than the No. 4 tailback through training camp behind returner Thomas Rawls, newcomer Eddie Lacy and rookie Chris Carson.

Needing a spark in the rushing attack, coach Pete Carroll turned to Davis, who had been on the practice squad, as the starter against Atlanta on Monday Night Football late last month.

Davis showed glimpses, but



BETTINA HANSEN / The Seattle Times

Seahawks running back Mike Davis makes a 22-yard rush in the third quarter on Sunday during a win over Philadelphia.

went out in the second half with a groin injury.

After missing last week's game at San Francisco, Davis was immediately reinstated as the starter against the Eagles.

Late in the third quarter, he turned in the best run of the season for any Seattle tailback.

Going to his right, Davis jitters-bugged past Jalen Mills and Rodney McLeod, then scooted past Malcolm Jenkins on a hard-running 22-yard gain that got the Seahawks offensive huddle pumped up.

"I was on the practice squad 10 weeks. I've been cut twice,"

Davis said. "I always have a chip on my shoulder. I am always angry."

Then on Seattle's decisive drive early in the fourth quarter, Davis went out on a pass route, then saw quarterback Russell Wilson darting up the right side.

Something told Davis to keep up.

"With Russ, you never know," Davis said.

After gained 6 yards, Wilson pitched it to Davis on his right. The running back gained an additional 17 yards before being tackled at the Eagles' 35.

It was just Davis' 16th career

NFL game — and 12th game in which he received at least one rushing attempt.

His previous career-high was 34 rushing yards in his first game as a 49ers rookie against the St. Louis Rams.

## McKISSIC GETS IN ACT

As the team's change-of-pace back, McKissic tallied Seattle's biggest touchdown of the night with 7:29 to go.

Lined up on the left side, he faked as if he was going to run an inside route. Philadelphia linebacker Mychal Kendricks bit on it, and McKissic changed direc-

## Sheldon Richardson Shows Yet Again Why Seahawks Need to Make Re-Signing DT a Priority

By Gregg Bell

The News Tribune

SEATTLE — Sheldon Richardson's been doing this for months.

Changing games.

Back in September, just one week into his Seahawks debut season, defensive coordinator Kris Richard was already saying his tackle was "a difference maker."

What a difference Richardson made Sunday night against Philadelphia.

Usually, it's been more subtle. Oh, the athletic, 6-foot-3, 295-pound lineman who was a four-sport letterman in high school in St. Louis had an interception that helped his Seahawks beat the Rams in early October. But Richardson has been affecting games by dominating the line of scrimmage, tying up and shoving around blockers and freeing All-Pro middle linebacker Bobby Wagner to have a season worthy of NFL defensive player of the year.

Sunday night in the reviving victory over the Eagles, Richardson impacted Seattle's best win this season almost as much as Russell Wilson.

And in this season of Wilson's do-it-all magic, that's saying something.

The former Pro Bowl defensive lineman with the New York Jets who arrived in a September trade fought through a block and stripped the ball from Carson Wentz just before the Eagles' NFL MVP-candidate quarterback got to the goal line for a touchdown in the third quarter. Richardson ripped the ball



MIKE SIEGEL / The Seattle Times

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz (11) fumbles the ball near the goal line and into the end zone as Seattle Seahawks' Earl Thomas (29) and Sheldon Richardson (91) move in during the second half.

from Wentz so forcefully the ball bounded 12 yards, beyond the back line of the end zone. Instead of a 10-10 game, the Seahawks had a touchback and possession at the 20-yard line.

"That's an amazing play," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. "To knock that football out right there is an incredible play."

"I think that one really was the turning point in the game."

"Twas. Wilson's touchdown pass to Tyler Lockett on the ensuing drive made it a 17-3 Seahawks. The Eagles never got closer in losing for the first time in 10 games.

"Just coming off the block, saw him," Richardson said on a night Seattle's front four defensive linemen hit Wentz nine times and sacked him twice.

"He's a quarterback. He's not used to being hit down in and down out. So taking care of the

ball is something he's still a little foreign to."

Richardson made a similarly athletic and impressive play in the second quarter. Eagles running back LeGarrette Blount took an outside stretch play around left end and was bullying untouched for a 15-yard touchdown run. Richardson — again, a defensive tackle — sprinted from over the center out onto the left edge and almost 20 yards in all to pull down Blount from behind short of the goal line. The play came back because of an Eagles holding penalty, and Philadelphia ended up with a field goal to trim Seattle's lead to 10-3, so it's easily to forget. But Richardson's coaches and teammates sure noticed, and were about to again on Monday when they reviewed the game film. It's a play most defensive tackles don't — and can't — make.

## NFL Briefs

land. Spagnuolo is the only other member of the Giants staff with head coaching experience (Rams, 2009-12) and was a candidate for the job when McAdoo was hired to replace Tom Coughlin in 2016.

## Chargers Hold Off Browns 19-10, Move Into Tie for First in AFC West

CARSON, Calif. (MCT) — There are few indignities in sports that would've matched this.

A second straight loss to the winless Cleveland Browns in two-straight years would be worse than all the airballs, all the groundballs that roll through the wickets, all the missed empty-netters and all botched penalty kicks. Combined.

But thanks to more mastery from Keenan Allen, who made history, and a defense that forced a timely turnover, the Chargers avoided embarrassment in a 19-

10 victory at StubHub Center.

And while the win over the Browns was likely — the Chargers spent most of the week as almost two-touchdown favorites — it gave them an unthinkable distinction.

Thanks to the Kansas City Chiefs' loss to the New York Jets earlier on Sunday, the victory put the Chargers in a tie for first place in the AFC West.

## Rams Win Over Cardinals Ensures First Winning Season Since 2003

GLENDALE, Ariz. (MCT) — The Los Angeles Rams' road to next week's marquee matchup proved a little tougher than expected.

They had shut out the Arizona Cardinals in Week 7, and on Sunday were playing a depleted edition of the same team at Uni-

versity of Phoenix Stadium.

The offense did not have a prolific day, but the Rams created and took advantage of turnovers en route to a 32-16 victory that sets up a showdown with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Jared Goff passed for two touchdowns, Alec Ogletree returned an interception for a touchdown and Greg Zuerlein kicked four field goals as the Rams improved to 9-3 heading into next Sunday's game against the Eagles at the Coliseum.

Goff, chosen over Wentz with the No. 1 pick in the 2016 draft, completed 21 of 31 passes for 220 yards and two touchdowns, with an interception, on Sunday as the Rams ensured their first winning season since 2003.

## Raiders Tied for First in AFC West After Beating Giants, 24-17

OAKLAND, Calif. (TNS)

tions to the outside. Wilson hit him with a 15-yard pass for his third touchdown of the season.

"Easy work," McKissic said with a grin. "Russ gave me the signal, and we got it done. It was great to finally do it on the big stage."

## A NEW FULLBACK?

Rookie offensive lineman Jordan Roos was active for just his third game, and already he has a new role.

Roos lined up for his first career offensive snap at fullback.

After Tre Madden (calf) was placed on injured reserve on Nov. 7, the team has not had a fullback. But Roos was put there this week — and entered the game early in the second half for Davis' carry from the Eagles' 1 that was stopped.

"Obviously we don't have a fullback right now," said Roos, who admitted he has never played fullback in his life. "I went back there, and I knew I was going to be in a collision."

## EXTRA POINTS

As has been the case for many games this season, defensive lineman Michael Bennett and seven of his teammates sat during the national anthem. Offensive tackle Duane Brown kneeled next to them. ... Actor Chris Pratt raised the 12th Man Flag before the game Sunday night, and also appeared as an on-site studio guest with NBC Sports.

— and wisely dived left to extend Philadelphia's drive.

Richardson's play has made wide receiver Doug Baldwin agreeing to free \$5.2 million under the salary cap to fit Richardson's deal onto Seattle's books so September's trade could happen look like one of the best moves by a Seahawk this season. Seattle sent wide receiver Jermaine Kearse and a second-round draft choice to the Jets to get Richardson.

It's not as if the Seahawks fleeced the Jets. Kearse, the former Lakes High School star and Washington Husky, had nine more catches for 157 yards Sunday in New York's win over Kansas City — including this gem:

Kearse has 51 catches so far this season for the Jets. That's already his career high. His five touchdown receptions tie his career high from the Seahawks' 2015 season.

Richardson's been as good for Seattle — just in the more subtle, overlooked ways of a defensive tackle.

Each game Richardson controls up front is another reason the Seahawks should be making re-signing the 27-year old this offseason a priority. His contract ends after this season; he could become a free agent in March.

It's going to take more than the \$8,069,000 he's earning — and I mean earning — this season, with a multiyear deal and hefty guarantee up front to keep him. Seattle may need to shed a guy or three to make it happen.

Yet Sunday night showed, again, how Richardson is worth it.

— Whatever happened at the Coliseum on Sunday hardly resembled football for the majority of the afternoon, let alone football played by one team now tied for first place in its division. Yet that's exactly where the Raiders (6-6) sit after a 24-17 win over the Giants (2-10). It was ugly, but it's a win. And now, we get a Raiders-Chiefs tilt next Sunday in Kansas City, Mo., with both teams sitting at .500, neither those two teams nor the Chargers seemingly with any desire to run away with the division.

Despite the mess this one devolved into, the game started anything but for the Raiders.

Marshawn Lynch reached his fifth-highest rushing total of the season in just three carries. He took the Raiders' first three plays from scrimmage 60 combined yards on the ground, the third 51 yards to the house to open the scoring.

Soccer

# One Year After Iconic MLS Cup Save, Sounders Keeper Stefan Frei Hopes Another Miracle isn't Needed From Him

By Geoff Baker

The Seattle Times

Sounders goalkeeper Stefan Frei doesn't plan to watch the dozens of replays of "The Save" that will inevitably make their way on to Canadian television this week.

Frei's iconic save off a Jozy Altidore header late in last year's MLS Cup championship game helped secure a title for the Sounders over hometown Toronto FC. It also broke the hearts of a Toronto fanbase Frei had spent his first several seasons playing in front of before a 2014 trade.

The Sounders head back to Toronto on Wednesday afternoon and Frei plans to make himself scarce as the week progresses. He also hopes the game's decisive moment doesn't come down to him having to make another miraculous stop.

"I'm going to try and do the same thing as last year and at some point really zone out with you (media) guys and social media and just focus on the game," Frei said Monday. "Hopefully, I don't have to make another save. I would really appreciate it if one of our strikers could come through."

Chances are, the Sounders won't go an entire match without a shot on goal this time. The team is far more healthy and high-powered on attack than the defensive-minded gang that gutted its way to a title a year ago on penalty kicks.

"We know every game is its own beast," Frei said. "So, it's not like we're going to go up there and be like 'Oh, we'll just do the same thing we did last year.' Obviously, there are different factors in play."

The biggest factor is the Sounders won't catch anybody asleep this year. They haven't come out of nowhere to make the final, but rather, just blew



Lindsey Wasson / The Seattle Times

This Stefan Frei save off Jozy Altidore in overtime kept the Sounders alive against Toronto FC in the MLS Cup final before they eventually won it on penalty kicks.

out the Houston Dynamo in the conference championship round. Toronto FC has waited an entire year to avenge the title loss on its home field and now has that exact chance.

"They're going to be hungry to try to make amends for what happened last year," Frei said. "By the same token, they also have to be aware that another defeat at home would be a disaster. I think there are multiple factors that play in to it. For us, we're just very, very happy with the work we've put in and having a chance to now get repaid and put a trophy in the case."

Frei feels the Sounders found "a strong identity as a possession-based team" that manifested itself after an initial struggle in the season's opening months. A club record 13-game unbeaten streak mid-summer, followed by a shut-

out run now at six games and counting has seen the team play some of its best soccer since the franchise began in 2009.

Part of that has been the way the Sounders have played the ball forward from the back. During their struggles, the Sounders possessed the ball but had trouble pushing it ahead.

But the mid-summer acquisitions of right back Kelvin Leerdam and midfielder Victor Rodriguez seemed to increase the team's ability to move the ball up and down the field as well as side-to-side. Then, the installation of Nouhou at left back allowed Jovelin Jones to bump up as an attacking midfielder and give the Sounders equal speed and passing ability on both flanks.

"It does start with the back and the movement in front of the back five (defenders) — in front

of my four guys and in front of me," Frei said. "We can pass amongst ourselves as much as we want, but if there's no movement in front of them, then we can't advance the ball. So, I think we've worked really well on movement off the ball, on timing, on spacing. All of those things have been a pretty dominant feature in our practice sessions to try to get better at it."

With center back Roman Torres due back in the lineup after a one-game red card suspension, Sounders coach Brian Schmetzer has a big lineup decision to make. There's obviously going to be an odd-man-out from the starting eleven that throttled the Dynamo last week. The most apparent choice would be sitting rookie Nouhou, who, at age 20, would be playing his first MLS Cup game against an explosive

Toronto attack and isn't as polished defensively as Jones. But again, using Nouhou at left back has enabled Jones to open up the attack down the left flank as a midfielder and given the Sounders a look they'd waited all season to attain.

Schmetzer could also keep Nouhou in the starting lineup and bump defensive midfielder Gustav Svensson to the bench. But Svensson, who filled in at center back for Torres last week, has been among the most valuable Sounders this playoff run.

"These are the types of decisions you always have to make as a coaching staff," Schmetzer said. "We'll take a look at what plays out best and make the call."

Still, that's a better choice than a year ago, when Schmetzer was reduced to throwing any healthy bodies he could find out there. As Frei alluded to, the two MLS Cup teams may be the same, but the situations surrounding this year's game are vastly different.

## Wrestling

Continued from Sports 1

will be a very solid team," Centralia coach Scott Phillips said.

McAllister's only loss came against a 4A opponent, and Adamo's lone loss came against the eventual champion, Phillips pointed out.

Jacob Reyna (113) took fifth, Eddie Matias (120) took fifth, and Tristan Dickey (170) took fifth for the Tigers.

Centralia hosts the Centralia Holiday Classic tournament on Saturday.

## Centralia's Salazar Wins in Yelm

YELM — Centralia's Taryn Salazar won in her first action of the season on Saturday, finishing first at Yelm's Jump On In wrestling tournament.

Salazar, in the 100-pound bracket, pinned Shelton's Julia Ragsdale in the semifinals in 1 minute, 19 seconds, then pinned Todd Beamer's Halle Agustin in 1:22 in the finals.

The event featured wrestlers from 45 schools and over 400 athletes.

Napavine's Kaitlyn Bornstein (145) won her first two matches by pin, lost a 6-2 decision in the semifinals, and won in 42 seconds in the consolation semifinals to finish tied for third.

First-year Napavine wrestlers Pearl Cave and Desaree Brower each finished second in the JV tournament. Both notched the first pins of their careers in the event.

# Sounders Head into MLS Cup Rematch With a Stacked Roster That's Prepared for a Hostile Reception

By Geoff Baker

The Seattle Times

Things have changed for Jordan Morris and the Sounders over the past year since they went in to Toronto and shocked everybody by winning their first MLS Cup championship.

Morris spent his second season battling injuries and hadn't played since September when the Sounders got him in to the final 14 minutes of the Western Conference title win over the Houston Dynamo. Partly due to his and other injuries, more than half the starting 11 for the Sounders in that Houston match

weren't part of last year's championship stunner on penalty kicks against Toronto FC.

But despite the new faces, Morris feels the experience the remainder of the squad picked up last December gives it an edge heading back to BMO Field for a rematch in what will again be hostile conditions.

"Obviously, the new faces have done unbelievably well for us," Morris said Sunday after the team's first training session since clinching a return to the final. "They are ready to go and have faced environments like that before. So, it's nothing new."

As for the rest of the team:

"We've been there last year, so we know what to expect a little bit. And they (Toronto) are going to be out for some revenge and wanting to win. And they're a very good team."

Toronto FC coach Greg Vanney raised some eyebrows Friday by suggesting the Sounders might not be ready for the "intensity" of an MLS Cup final. Vanney told reporters the top five MLS teams were in the Eastern Conference and that the intensity of his team's playoff rounds were of a level the Sounders may not have experienced yet.

On Sunday, Sounders coach Brian Schmetzer, while praising

MLS Coach of the Year winner Vanney, laughed off the suggestion his team might not be ready.

"You could say the pressure is on them," Schmetzer said. "There's no pressure on us. They're at home...If he's saying that to get his guys traction, somehow, some way, that's his business. Greg's a good guy and a good coach."

Schmetzer also said he has nothing against Vanney's quote and won't be using it as locker room bulletin board material.

"If you guys think, or anybody thinks that we need locker room blackboard material, then you guys are sadly mistaken," he said.

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Shrek, played by Sean Patrick McNeal, sings during a dress rehearsal Wednesday evening at R.E. Bennett Elementary School in Chehalis.

## Fairy Tales Like You've Never Seen Them

### SHREK: W.F. West Brings the Big Green Ogre to the Stage

By Carrina Stanton  
For The Chronicle

What you know about fairy tales is about to be turned on its head as W.F. West Theatre & Music presents "Shrek The Musical."

The show opens Thursday in the R.E. Bennett auditorium. The tale is the story from the 2001 DreamWorks animated film, which spawned a 2008 Broadway musical, of Shrek the big, green ogre (portrayed by Sean Patrick, 14, a freshman) who lives in isolation in his swamp.

But when the fairy tale creatures residing in the town of Duloc are banished to his swamp, Shrek strikes a deal with the evil Lord Farquaad (portrayed by Chris Bolduc, 18, a senior) to get his swamp back. He must rescue the lovely Princess Fiona (Josie Williams, 16, a junior) and Farquaad will return Shrek's swamp. Though Shrek is used to being hated and feared he finds an unlikely friend in his quest in Donkey (portrayed by Taylor Gonia, 18, a senior). Along the way in this farcical romp get to know a host of entertaining fairy tale creatures as the three pigs, witches and the wolf.

"It's really fun to watch," said Jordyn Watson, 15, a freshman, who plays Pinocchio in the tale. "Even just myself watching my fellow actors it's really funny."

But unlike most fairy tales, this one takes a few unexpected turns along the way. Shrek learns to open himself to friendship and Fiona learns that not all happily ever afters look the same.

"It's not like your average fairy tale. It's an ogre and a princess," Williams said. "It's a funny story and it's a great, family-friendly musical."

"It's a great story how the princess finds love, not through looks but through heart," Gonia added.

Director Brian Adams said he has wanted to produce this Broadway show since it first became available about four or five years ago but he was waiting for the right mixture of actors and actresses to make it possible.

"The hardest part is you have to have a really good male lead for

Shrek and male actors are kind of at a premium," Adams said. "I had the right people at the right time."

The story line is the same in both the movie and the Broadway show of "Shrek." Audience members who have seen only the movie will notice the music being the differing factor between the two. Other than the iconic "I'm a Believer" all the other songs in the Broadway musical are original for that piece.

"The songs are really catchy," said Patrick, who said it was quite the challenge to not only learn songs and choreography but also how to sing and talk with a Scottish accent.

There are 31 actors and actresses in "Shrek The Musical," including fifth and sixth graders from St. Joseph Catholic school, who will play the villagers of Duloc. There are also 15 musicians providing the show with live music from the pit. Another 15 students and community members make up the crew, whose work included hand making costumes, sets and props for the show. Adams said he takes very little credit for the show because of the tremendous number of other workers who make it happen.

"It's a student-run production," Adams said. "They're doing all of it. We give them the tools and they go."

On a historical note, Adams said that "Shrek The Musical" may be the final W.F. West Theater performance held at the Chehalis elementary school, which is slated to be replaced by Lintott Elementary in the fall of 2018. Plans for future use of the surplus school are still up in the air but Adams said he would love to see it turned into an arts center that could continue to benefit efforts like this theater production.

#### IF YOU GO

**What:** W.F. West Theatre & Music presents "Shrek The Musical"  
**When:** 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7-9  
**Where:** R.E. Bennett Elementary auditorium  
**Cost:** \$8 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the W.F. West High School ASB office or at the door  
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Lord Farquaad, played by Christian Bolduc, takes center stage during a dress rehearsal Wednesday evening at R.E. Bennett Elementary School in Chehalis.



Pinocchio, played by Jordyn Watson, scowls during a dress rehearsal Wednesday evening at R.E. Bennett Elementary School in Chehalis.



The three little pigs dance on stage during a dress rehearsal Wednesday evening at R.E. Bennett Elementary School in Chehalis.



From left to right, Josie Williams as Fiona, Taylor Gonia as Donkey, and Sean Patrick McNeal as Shrek, gather on stage during a dress rehearsal.

# How to Drink Smart During Holidays Without Worrying About Calories

By Michael Austin

Chicago Tribune

It's party season, friends. Calories count, so count your calories.

Actually, don't count every calorie unless you have a serious weight problem. In that case, it's probably a good idea to count them all. For everyone else, at holiday get-together time, vigilant calorie-counting is the death of fun. A general awareness, though — that's just smart partying.

We'll get to wine calories soon enough here — because you're going to be drinking some wine this month — but first let's address your attitude going into this glorious party season. We know what happens. You eat and drink fairly sensibly most of the year, and then you take your eye off the prize for a few weeks and, as the saying goes, the wheels fall off the truck.

I can think of two approaches here, and the first one is: Go at it with your mind. Develop a strategy. Give up a few things here and there outside of the party sphere. Reining yourself in at a party is a lot more confining than reining yourself in at lunch during a busy workday. You won't even remember the healthy salad and extra 16 ounces of water you consumed on an anonymous Tuesday — but the memories of the wine and fellowship you shared at a holiday party might stick with you for years.

Don't think of your prepping as "dieting" so much as "training." Deprive yourself where indulging vs. discipline is not that big of a divide (i.e., in the routine days leading up to your parties), and it will make those celebratory sips feel earned and all the more satisfying. The recommended normal consumption of wine is two glasses a day for men, and one glass for women. Fine. But come on, now, we're talking about a party — you're just getting started at two glasses. Just keep reminding yourself that it is indeed a party and not a Roman orgy, and maybe you don't need a second dessert to go with your glass of tawny port. Maybe the wine is enough. Ask yourself what you



Joseph Hernandez / Chicago Tribune

It's a party. You may want an extra glass of wine, and that's OK. The memories of the wine and fellowship you shared at a holiday party could stick with you for years.

would rather have, if the calories matched up: a couple of scoops of buffalo chicken-blue cheese dip or an extra glass of pinot noir?

As someone told you when you were a child, life is all about choices. Don't give up everything — just some things. It's hard, I know. I'm not suggesting that trading a few meat lover's subs for salads will transform your body. I'm just encouraging you to get your mind in the right space as the holiday season approaches. Put some calories in the bank, via self-deprivation, and then when the time comes to enjoy yourself, don't sweat every delicious wine calorie.

This brings us to the second approach: Go at it with your gut. Tell yourself that it's a party, and it's the holidays, and you're seeing old friends and family, and life is short. Maybe you don't hold back as much on the things you like: the dips, the desserts. Maybe you live in the moment and then ready yourself for the

reckoning. Promise yourself — really promise — that you'll do damage-control when the season comes to an end, either through reduced calorie intake or increased exercise. It's hard, I'll say it again. But we do it for the wine, friends. As someone also told you when you were a child, everything worth doing takes effort.

Both approaches reassure your commitment to enjoying wine not only in your daily life but also on special occasions like holiday parties. There's a distinction there. It's not just about "having" wine on a special occasion — it's about really enjoying it and maybe allowing yourself to enjoy a little more of it. You could call this the Live And Let Live approach. The Now or Never approach. The Get Up and Do Something About It if You Gain a Few Pounds approach.

OK, now, there's nothing wrong with knowing what you're getting into — what you're up against. So here are a

few tips on weight-smart wine consuming. No matter which approach you take — relying on your head or your gut — consider that wine calories come from alcohol content. The higher the alcohol percentage, the more calories you're ingesting.

Obviously, serving-size matters too. A standard 5-ounce pour of dry table wine, either red or white, at about 12 percent alcohol, is going to come in at around 125 calories, give or take. A dessert wine could be double that, but not necessarily because it's sweet, although that does play in a little bit. The higher calories in many dessert wines come from their higher alcohol content (some hovering around 20 percent). Then again, we usually pour smaller portions of those wines, so at 2 ounces, your glass of port would be close in calories to your 5-ounce glass of red or white. Generally, warmer climates produce higher-alcohol wines, and New World wines are more potent than their Old

World counterparts. Those are just guidelines, not guarantees by any means.

You've probably already decided that your approach is going to take cues from both your head and your gut. I like that. I like feeling out a situation and not letting either extreme win the night. It's party season. Let it flow, but not just for the sake of letting it flow. We drink wine all year long. If we're going to do it right during party season, let's really do it. Let's try something new or arrive with a special bottle to share.

And when it comes time to make those choices, look around, do the math and remind yourself, as I often do, of the wisdom my brother-in-law The Dinger used to love to impart (even if Oscar Wilde or someone before him said it first): "Everything in moderation, including moderation."

# Cod, Pineapple Rice Dish Blends Texture, Taste

By Linda Gassenheimer

Tribune News Service

The subtle flavor and crunchy texture of pecans blend with the delicate flavor of cod in this quick dinner. The nut crust seals in the juices keeping the fish moist.

Fresh pineapple cubes add a tropical flavor to brown rice in the side dish. Serve sliced tomatoes or open a bag of washed, ready-to-eat salad to complete the meal.

### Helpful Hints:

— Any type of fish fillet such as flounder or tilapia can be used.

— Chopped walnuts can be substituted for pecans

— Fresh pineapple cubes can be found in the produce department.

— For quick preparation, chop nuts in a food processor with the breadcrumbs.

### Countdown:

— Prepare all ingredients.

- Make rice and set aside.
- Make cod recipe,
- Slice tomatoes.

### Shopping List:

**To buy:** 1 package unsalted pecans, 1 package plain breadcrumbs, ¾ pound cod fillet, 1 package microwave brown rice, 1 small container fresh pineapple cubes, 2 medium tomatoes

**Staples:** olive oil, egg, reduced-fat oil and vinegar dressing, salt and black peppercorns.

### Pecan Crusted Cod

*Recipe by Linda Gassenheimer*

¼ cup chopped, unsalted pecans

¼ cup plain breadcrumbs

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 egg white

¾ pound cod fillet

4 teaspoons olive oil

Mix chopped pecans and breadcrumbs together. Add salt and pepper to taste. Lightly beat the egg white. Dip the cod into the egg white and then

into the nut mixture, making sure all sides are covered. Heat the oil in a nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the cod and saute 3 minutes, turn and saute 2 minutes for ½-inch thick fillet. Saute another 2 minutes for ¾-inch thick fillet. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste.

Yield 2 servings

Per serving: 373 calories (50 percent from fat), 20.6 g fat (2.5 g saturated, 10.1 g monounsaturated), 72 mg cholesterol, 35.1 g protein, 11.7 g carbohydrates,

1.9 g fiber, 216 mg sodium.

### Pineapple Rice and Sliced Tomatoes

*Recipe by Linda Gassenheimer*

1 package microwave brown rice (to make 1 ½-cups cooked rice)

½ cup fresh pineapple cubes

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

2 medium tomatoes, sliced

2 tablespoons reduced-fat oil and vinegar dressing

Microwave rice according to

package instructions. Measure 1 ½ cups rice and reserve remaining rice for another time. Add pineapple cubes and salt and pepper to taste. Mix well. Divide between 2 dinner plates and place sliced tomatoes on the side. Drizzle the dressing over the tomatoes and rice.

Yield 2 servings.

Per serving: 250 calories (10 percent from fat), 2.8 g fat (0.5 g saturated, 1 g monounsaturated), 1 mg cholesterol, 6 g protein, 51.9 g carbohydrates, 5.2 g fiber, 20 mg sodium.



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# Let's Learn to Love Leftovers and Fight Food Waste

By Gail Rosenblum  
The Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

There's nothing like Thanksgiving leftovers.

And I mean there's nothing like 'em.

While we Americans are rock stars with post-Thanksgiving turkey melts, Day Three turkey quiche and maybe even Day Four turkey salad, we simply refuse to tap our culinary creativity any other time of the year.

Instead, we toss — as much as 400 pounds of food per person per year.

This leerness toward leftovers is costing us, and costing our planet in overburdened water and energy supplies, and greenhouse gas emissions. Consider:

— Up to 40 percent of food in the United States never gets eaten. For eye-opening proof, visit your kid's school cafeteria or your grocery store's expansive salad bar just before closing time.

— Ninety percent of us throw away food too soon. That's partly because "best by" dates are confusing, subjective and not federally regulated.

— A four-person family loses \$1,500 a year on wasted food.

"What family can't come up with a better way to spend \$1,500?" asked JoAnne Berkenkamp, a Minneapolis-based senior policy advocate for the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), a food and agriculture program whose mission is to reduce food waste in homes, restaurants and grocery stores.

"Saving that food would be like giving yourself a raise," she said.

The NRDC is reaching out at this food-centric time of year to encourage us to make simple changes to turn the tide. Among them:

— Keep leftovers at the front of the fridge in clear containers.

— Resist BOGOs (buy-one-get-ones) if you really don't need the second package.

— Freeze.

— Plan ahead.

Because, while we point fingers at restaurants and grocery stores, hospitals and schools, the



Dreamstime

We toss as much as 400 pounds of food per person per year.

biggest food wasters are us on the homefront. Most commonly, we toss out fruits and vegetables, particularly if they're not perfect, or when they become soft or discolored, instead of freezing them for future smoothies or a decadent pie.

Leftovers from a previous meal or restaurant are our second most discarded group.

"We need a cultural shift," Berkenkamp said. "We need to make leftovers hip again."

For the record, some of us love eating leftovers, perhaps too much. I've been asked more than once in my kitchen, "You're still eating that? From last week?"

Hey, all I have to do is heat it up and, besides, it's free.

We leftover lovers welcome your membership. To join our club, please consider backing off a bit from a perceived need for culinary variety every day. Yes, eating out options are ubiquitous and relatively cheap.

But you have tuna/roast beef/cheese/bread/apples in your pantry. And that pizza from last night. And half of your kid's

PB&J from yesterday's lunchbox. Why not eat that?

Berkenkamp takes her own advice. Before she throws anything out, she takes a brief moment to ponder her decision.

"I ask myself, 'What am I throwing away? Why am I throwing it out?' And, 'What did I pay for this?' It's a good way to become a little more conscious."

To be fair, Americans know we need to be better. Studies show that we're aware we're wasting money. We know there are people in our community who don't have enough. (Read NRDC's "Wasted" report, released in August at [tinyurl.com/zggcnwe](http://tinyurl.com/zggcnwe).)

And we're hardly unique.

The United Kingdom is addressing food waste with a government-funded charity called Wrap UK. Its goal is to cut waste and greenhouse gas emissions associated with food by at least 20 percent per person by 2025.

The French have passed laws around food waste in homes, as well as in grocery stores and restaurants.

Australia has a Facebook page called Leftover Lovers, which began in 2016 as a project between friends. It's grown to become a host for public discussions around food waste.

(One note: Be careful when searching for Leftover Lovers on other sites. On Pinterest, for example, you'll end up with someone else's rejected boyfriend. But he might, in fact, enjoy a tasty day-old turkey sandwich.)

Another important shift is unifying and simplifying food expiration labels. Consumers need to understand that those dates suggest peak freshness — not when a food item becomes unsafe.

"People are throwing food out that is perfectly good," Berkenkamp said.

Her advice: "Take a look, smell it."

And think about how much food you really need. Marketers want us to overbuy, but we can reject their tactics. We can, instead, ask ourselves, "How much food do I really need?"

Berkenkamp's organization

### HOW MUCH WASTE?

Americans throw out nearly 400 pounds of food annually per person, even though much of it is still fine to eat.

- 52 percent of vegetables and fruits
- 50 percent of fish and seafood
- 38 percent of grain products
- 22 percent of meat
- 20 percent of milk

Want to stop the waste? For simple tips to help our planet, go to [savethefood.com](http://savethefood.com)  
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

is eager to help, with a nifty calculator, called the Guest-imator ([savethefood.com](http://savethefood.com)). Plug in how many guests are coming, and whether they're small or big eaters, and you'll have the perfect amount of food.

And, when I say "perfect" amount, I mean enough for everyone to feel pleasantly stuffed.

And me to have leftovers for a day. Or three.

## Puzzle One

Find answers to the puzzles here on Puzzle Two on page Life 4.

### Crossword

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- Humdinger
- Web habitue
- Use a rotary phone
- Up in the air
- Fictional governess
- Flower droplet

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## Sudoku

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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			8	7	3			2
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### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

7	4	2	1	5	9	3	8	6
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8	2	5	6	3	1	4	7	9
9	1	4	8	7	5	6	2	3
2	6	9	3	8	4	7	1	5
1	3	8	5	2	7	9	6	4
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**HOW TO PLAY:** Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

## Celebrity Cipher

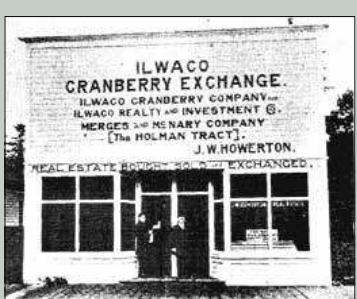
Today's clue: H equals V

"WJSZLWP RJA OJ YFESLIAVFEVR DFSSCEG.  
NAS L'D WJS GAEC SZFS'G F PECFS CMIAGC  
TJE OJLWP LS YJJEVR." — XJZW DFVBJHLIZ

**PREVIOUS SOLUTION:** "An archaeologist is the best husband a woman can have; the older she gets the more interested he is in her." — Agatha Christie

# WASHINGTON STATE HISTORY

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Ilwaco Cranberry Exchange Building, Ilwaco, ca. 1915.

## Ilwaco Cranberry Company Incorporates

On Dec. 5, 1914, the Ilwaco Cranberry Company incorporates under the laws of the State of Washington. The firm sought to capitalize upon the available bogland and climate in the vicinity of the Pacific County town to turn otherwise economically useless land into cash crops. Ilwaco Cranberry Company will not last long but the bogs will eventually be turned into the state's major cranberry producing region and one of the few places outside New England where cranberries are grown commercially.

### Cranberry Syndicate

Trustees of Ilwaco Cranberry Company were John W. Howerton, Robert M. Watson, and Ernest F. Saylor, all of Ilwaco. The corporation issued 25,000 shares of stock at a par value of \$1.00 each.

The notarized articles of incorporation were filed for the record of the Secretary of State on Dec. 11, 1911. Promoting the sale of nearby land that was suitable for commercial cranberry cultivation began immediately. John Howerton (1863-1929) was a real-estate dealer who also ran the Sprague Hotel. Robert Watson (b. 1852) owned the Pacific Tribune. Ernest Saylor was president of the North Shore Light and Power Compa-



Photo by Barry Brown

Cranberry Bog, Ilwaco, Aug. 2, 2008.

ny. Other early shareholders included Dr. Lee W. Paul (b. 1882), a physician who also served as Ilwaco's mayor; R. S. Jennings (b. 1877), an accountant who was also the dispatcher for the Oregon, Washington Railroad and Navigation Company; and George Clark, a builder.

Ilwaco Cranberry Company's purpose, as stated in the incorporation papers, was "To engage in, superintend, and carry on the business of developing, planting, growing, and marketing cranberries, and other fruits and agricultural products, and to can, preserve, and otherwise prepare the same for market, and in conducting and carrying on said business to buy, sell, option, contract for, and act as agents, for other corporations and individuals, in the selling, buying, packing, canning, preserving and marketing of such products" (Article I, "Articles of Incorporation").

Howerton served as Ilwaco Cranberry Company's main salesperson. He kept an office in the modest Ilwaco Cranberry Exchange Building.

### Cranberry History

Commercial cranberry harvesting on the Long Beach Peninsula began in 1883 using vines imported from New Jersey. Cranberries grow in marsh environments, requiring acid peat soil and a moist climate. The fruit flourishes in only a few areas of the United States, primarily in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Washington, and Oregon. Native peoples consumed wild cranberries both as food and as medicine.

The 1883 plantings were made on property owned by Anthony Chabot, Canada-born

but by then living in California. Chabot's brother-in-law apparently visited Pacific County, saw a resemblance to Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and advised Chabot to acquire property for commercial cranberry cultivation. Anthony Chabot's nephew, Robert Chabot, moved to Ilwaco to oversee operations, assisted by Massachusetts native Bion A. Landers. The bog land was located in the middle of the peninsula, in a long north/south strip. The operation did well for over a decade, but Robert Chabot's departure in 1892 to start his own cranberry business in Copalis (Grays Harbor County), followed by Landers' exodus, rendered the Chabot farm leaderless. By the early 1900s, the weed-ridden property was no longer being cultivated.

Portland resident J. M. Arthur leased the Chabot cranberry bog in 1904, purchasing it in 1910. Arthur's business operated as Pacific Cranberry Marsh Company. Portions of the land were then sold off. Only a few farmers near Ilwaco raised cranberries over the following few years, and none of those made cranberries their sole crop.

### Bogged Down

A 1983 article in Pacific County Historical Society's journal, *Sou'wester*, sums up reasons for the slow growth of the commercial cranberry industry on the Long Beach Peninsula in its first several decades: "1) The demand for cranberries in those days was confined to the Thanksgiving-Christmas holidays, and the market was already adequately supplied by established bogs in the Northeast and Midwest; 2) The cost of marketing the berries during such a short period of time was greater because of the Peninsula's isolation; 3) Farmers found that preparation of marshland for commercial harvesting required a tremendous first-year investment of money and labor, and the investment could not be recouped for a period of four to six years; 4) Farmers imported eastern vines for planting and often found them infested with pests,

mildewed in shipment, or unable to withstand the vagaries of Northwest frost; and 5) Absentee landowners accounted for a large number of marshland owners. Unable to tend their bogs properly, they abandoned them to weeds. Some found the profits unequal to the taxes they were paying for farmland. It was easier on their pocketbooks to let the bogs revert to swamp and marsh" (p. 45).

Beginning in the 1910s, land speculators specializing in the sale of marshland for cranberry farms formed syndicates. Many of these were financed by out-of-state investors. Ilwaco Cranberry Company, however, had local owners.

### Cranberry Fever

The real-estate efforts of the Ilwaco Cranberry Company, like those of other cranberry syndicates operating during the second decade of the twentieth century, quickly met with success. By the end of the decade, the number of acres of cranberries harvested in the state (mostly in Pacific County) had increased from five to 306.

Getting into the cranberry business was one thing, and staying in it was quite another. For many who followed the cranberry siren's call in search of easy money from a Pacific County cranberry farm, disappointment followed. Self-proclaimed cranberry farmers — many of whom were complete neophytes — contended with the same problems that earlier growers had encountered. By 1922, Ilwaco Cranberry Company was no longer operational.

Not until 1922, when plant pathologist D. J. Crowley (1889-1978) arrived to study how local conditions differed from those encountered by East Coast cranberry growers, did Washington's cranberry industry take its first real steps toward achieving success. Over subsequent decades, experiments undertaken at Crowley's Cranberry Research Station in Long Beach yielded information that directly aided Washington's cranberry industry. As of 2010, the state's cranberry crop value was \$6,720,000.

## Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Reopens Stampede Pass Line

On Dec. 5, 1996, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad resumes regular train service across Stampede Pass. Service over the 78-mile line that connects Auburn with Cle Elum and Eastern Washington ended in 1983, but increases in traffic through the Ports of Seattle and Tacoma demanded more trains than the Stevens Pass and Columbia River lines could handle. Resumption of service will create auto traffic congestion in Auburn, Kent, Yakima, and other cities. Auburn will sue to get the railroad to pay the costs of resolving traffic problems, but the courts will side with the railroads, citing the preemption of interstate commerce over local interests.

The Northern Pacific Railroad's Stampede Pass first connected Auburn to Cle Elum in 1888. In 1983, the Burlington Northern Railroad (successor to the Northern Pacific) ended service over the line to save money, but did not abandon the right of way. The Burlington Northern sold 350 miles of Eastern Washington trackage to the Washington Central Railroad.

The City of Tacoma opposed efforts to make the line into a hiking trail because the line transited its watershed. In 1991, the Washington State Legislature approved \$5.2 million to buy the tunnel and tracks, but the Burlington Northern declined to sell.

The increased use of containerized freight and Seattle and Tacoma's greater importance in time-sensitive trans-Pacific shipping made reopening the line feasible. Stevens Pass handled up to 25 trains a day and increased traffic on that line created environmental problems. The Burlington Northern Santa Fe (successor to the Burlington Northern) merged with the Washington Central, and refurbished the tunnel with greater height, new snow sheds, and improved communications facilities.

# Puzzle Two

Start on Puzzle One on page Life 3. Answers to the puzzles here will be published in Thursday's paper.

## Sudoku

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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## Crossword

### Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 3

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Sheik's bevy
  - 6 Toys on strings (hyph.)
  - 11 Ravel classic
  - 12 Border town
  - 13 Pedro's flirts
  - 14 Van Gogh painting
  - 15 Pantyhose brand
  - 16 Bamboo stalk
  - 17 Chatty starling
  - 18 Oxygen source
  - 19 Eggy drinks
  - 23 Screws things up
  - 25 Not fresh
  - 26 Stun
  - 29 Top story
  - 31 Lilac or lavender
  - 32 Youngster
  - 33 Safari sight
  - 34 Ballpark figure
  - 35 Objects to
  - 37 Hoarfrost

- 39 Miles away
  - 40 Cable channel
  - 41 Bird's abode
  - 45 Henri's aits
  - 47 Not legit
  - 48 Soft purples
  - 51 Nickels and dimes
  - 52 Very strong
  - 53 Tolloed
  - 54 Spleen, for one
  - 55 Charger
- DOWN**
- 1 Comfy-cozy
  - 2 Adjust the tires
  - 3 Jamaican music
  - 4 Important decades
  - 5 Wks. and wks.
  - 6 Sea dog's tale
  - 7 Use a compass
  - 8 Oui, in New York
  - 9 Poetic tribute
  - 10 "Titanic" message

- 11 Salve
- 12 Polygraph flunker
- 16 Rainwater catchers
- 18 Affected
- 20 Surfing mecca
- 21 Morose
- 22 Ooze out
- 24 Bleacher shouts
- 25 Telemarketing danger
- 26 Soprano — Gluck
- 27 Very thin model
- 28 Ms. Ferber
- 30 No future
- 36 Compelled
- 38 Odorless gas
- 40 Trial balloon
- 42 Mountain chain
- 43 Crept
- 44 Took a gander
- 46 Provide temporarily
- 47 Hypodermic injection
- 48 Auto-sticker info
- 49 Email provider
- 50 Actress — Hagen
- 51 "60 Minutes" ailer

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### Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 3

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4	7	2	1	5	6	3	9	8
5	6	8	7	3	9	4	1	2
3	1	9	2	8	4	5	7	6

**HOW TO PLAY:**  
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

## Celebrity Cipher

Today's clue: W equals V

"LI NUG'KH DLWHY DLIFV UK MCHVVLYDV LY NUGK CLIH, LF'V GA FU NUG FU OHCA FOH DGN EUZLYD GA MHOLYS NUG."

— BLZZN VZLFV

**SOLUTION TO PUZZLE ON PAGE LIFE 3** "Nothing you do particularly matters. But I'm not sure that's a great excuse for doing it poorly." — John Malkovich

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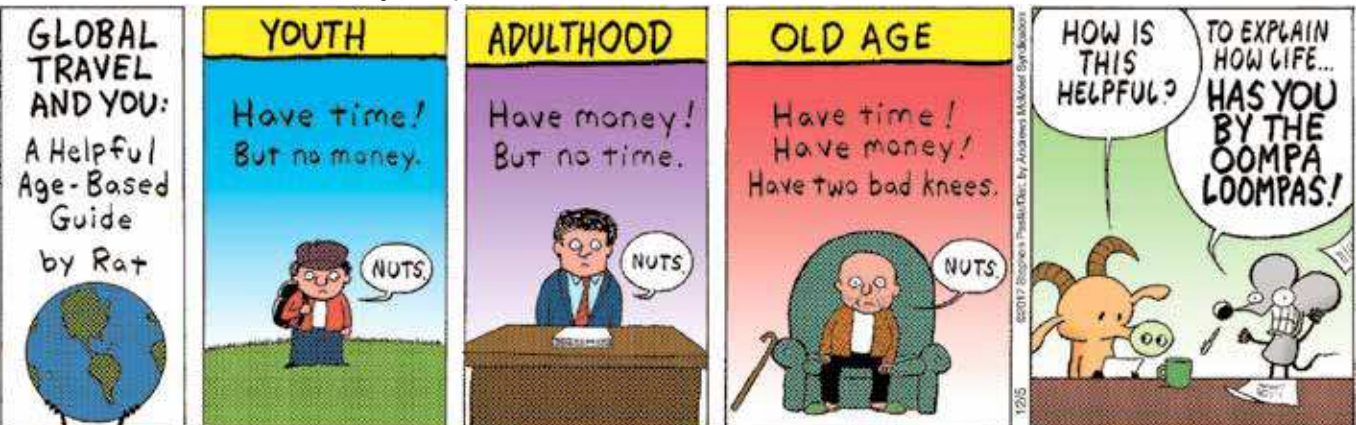
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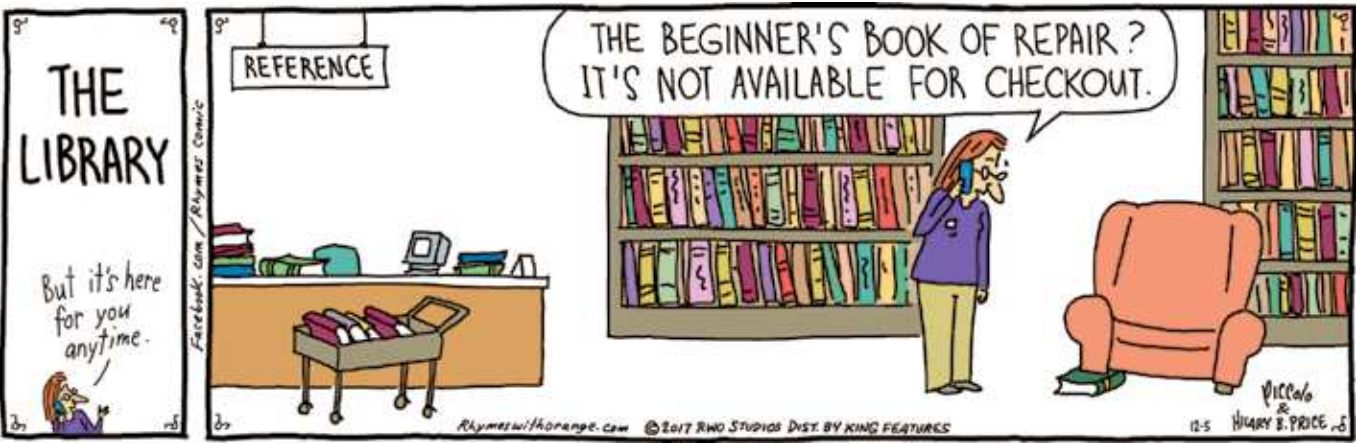
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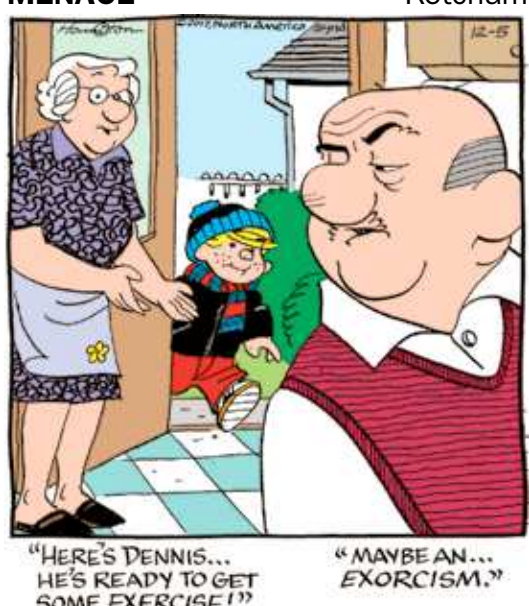
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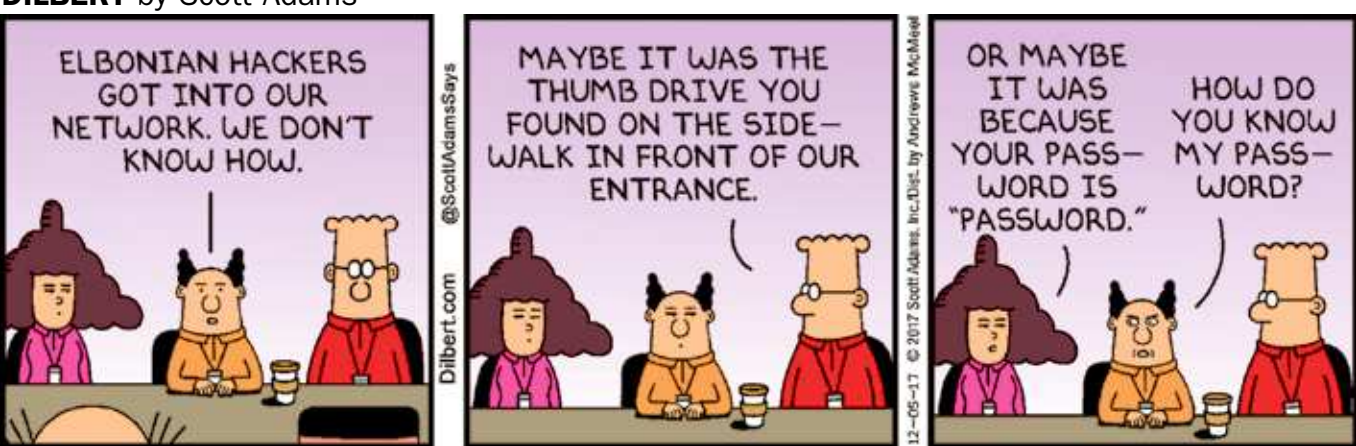
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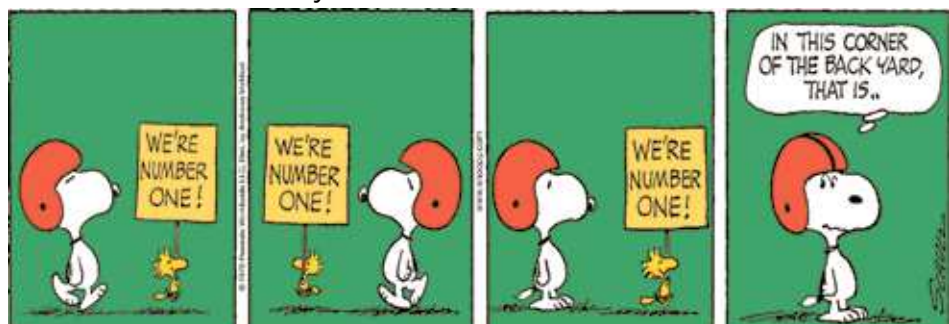
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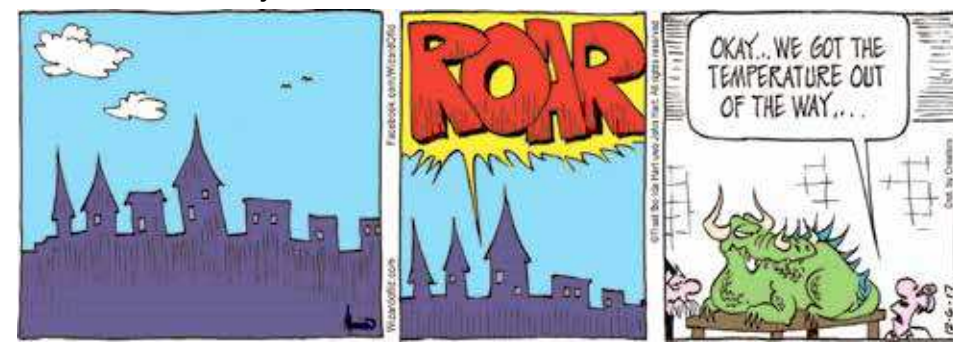
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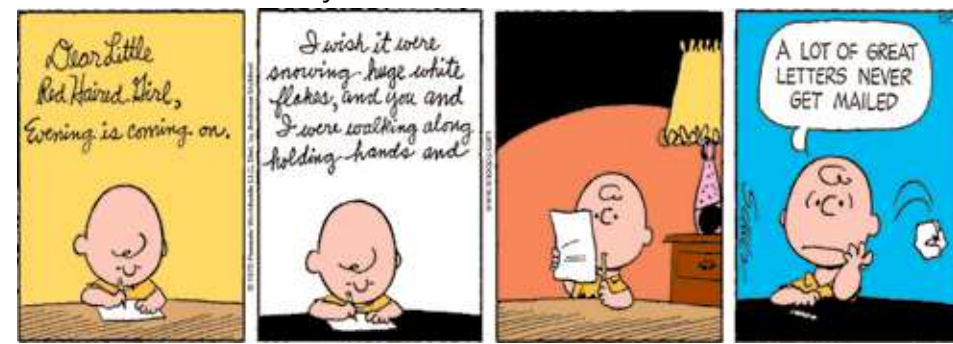
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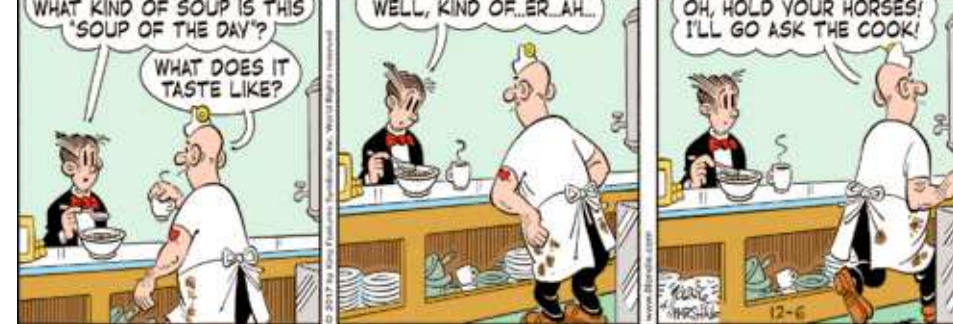
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Mark Vancleave / Minneapolis Star Tribune

At Hans' Bakery, the Texas Doughnut is the size of your head.

# Doughnuts the Size of Your Head Are Being Served Up at a Minnesota Bakery

By Sharyn Jackson  
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

ANOKA, Minn. — Cat pics. Colorful cocktails. Gym selfie. Certain types of photos are pretty much guaranteed to get all the Instagram “likes.” Lately, there’s another photo that’s been popping up in any self-respecting grammer’s feed: the doughnut-the-size-of-your-head photo.

At Hans’ Bakery, customers have always gobbled up the classic sweet shop’s Texas doughnut — a giant raised ring that comes either chocolate-frosted or glazed. Kelly Olsen, who has owned the place since 2014, believes it goes back to Hans’ 1970s origins.

But now, in the age of shareable media, the massive pastry — about five times the size of a normal doughnut — has taken on a new life. People are trekking to this northern suburb specifically to showcase the massive treats in front of their faces.

“The size of the doughnut is hard to see; you need context,” Olsen said. “We started telling people it’s as big as your head.”

Lo and behold, people decid-

ed to prove it with photographic evidence.

The Texas doughnut from Hans’ Bakery is the latest over-the-top food to be featured in our video series, Outta Control. Watch past videos about a vegan version of a Big Mac here and another about a meter-long bratwurst here.

The doughnut is as classic as they come — the only difference is that it’s delivered to customers in a plastic container meant to hold a whole pie.

Kitchen manager Al Kugler, who has been in the bakery business for 35 years, dunks the still-warm doughnuts in homemade chocolate glaze and tops with sprinkles, or drags a trough of clear “honey glaze” over a tray of the freshly fried rings.

Kids line up after school along the bakery’s ample display case, making these doughnuts afternoon rituals.

One of Olsen’s favorite memories was coming to the bakery as a child, and indulging in the giant doughnut.

Olsen was working in real estate in 2008 when the housing market collapsed. Around the

same time, her husband was killed in a crash with a drunken driver.

“I needed something to pour that energy into,” she said.

When the original Hans’ Bakery closed in 2010, she flirted with the idea of bringing it back. It took her four more years to pull the trigger, and when she did, the Food Network followed, trailing her through a painstaking remodel and earning the establishment instant popularity. Olsen tracked down all the original Hans’ recipes, and kept the place old-school.

“I wanted a place where people could slow down and spend time with people they care about,” she said.

If anything could slow down an eater, it’s a doughnut the size of their head.

On a recent day off from school, Jacob Eisenbrei of Blaine sat with his family for a midmorning snack. He lifted the white-frosted and sprinkled Texas doughnut to his lips and took a barely noticeable nibble. The doughnut teetered in his two small hands.

“It’s so hard to hold!” he exclaimed, then went in for another bite.

## ADVICE: Dear Abby

### Woman Is Ready To Hang Up On Constantly Calling Husband

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I argue more than I’d like. I am pretty easygoing and passive; he likes his feelings to be known. Over time I have become worn down, and my patience has worn thin.

We are starting to rebound from what I call “the year from hell.” His drinking and poor choices nearly put us on the street, and I was ready to walk. Things are starting to get better, but what we can’t seem to agree on is communication during the day.



By Abigail Van Buren

Abby, I am on the phone for a living. I cannot stand being on it more than I must be. He calls and/or texts me up to 12 times a day. I can’t stand it. Even when I’m busy or give him a time certain when I will call him back, he beeps in before I have the chance.

I am now at the end of my rope. With all that I have dealt with, worked through and put up with, this is something I will not compromise on.

I feel it’s more than sufficient to talk on my way in to work, maybe check in around lunch, then on the way home. He feels that because I don’t feel the need to call or talk that much that I don’t love him. I can’t stand listening to the dead air or breathing because there is nothing to talk about. Am I being petty for letting this be the thing that will break us? — TALKS TOO MUCH IN TEXAS

DEAR TALKS TOO MUCH: If you want to save your marriage after everything you have been through, make

the time for marriage counseling. What may destroy your marriage isn’t your husband’s talking; it’s his neediness, insecurity and insensitivity.

Frankly, what you have described strikes me as controlling rather than loving behavior. After the struggles you have described, you have already proven your love for him. Being at his beck and call during the workday should not be an additional requirement.

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law is extremely allergic to cats. We have six cats, but live 1,000 miles away from her. When her 8-year-old son comes to visit, he has a Ziploc bag full of clean clothes that he puts on before he goes home. The clothes he wore here are sealed up at the end of his trip to be washed.

I’m OK with this. But I need some advice for an upcoming big family holiday gathering. We have all been courteously asked to wash our clothes before coming, to vacuum our vehicles and to limit our contact with cats before arriving. Am I wrong to feel like it’s her problem, not ours? — WHOSE PROBLEM IS IT

DEAR WHOSE PROBLEM: Yes, you are wrong. When a family member has a health problem that can be triggered by the others, it becomes everyone’s problem. If the steps needed to keep her safe are too much for you, you should stay home.

DEAR ABBY: Is it cheating to proofread your college-aged child’s final before he/she turns it in? — WONDERING IN ORANGE, CALIF.

DEAR WONDERING: To read it? No. To correct it, yes.

## Puzzle Three

### OATMEAL WORD SEARCH

G N I D N I R G F T R A E H L R S V U U  
 U F A F F N M L O R R B P Y H U I C F V  
 C S P V I C A C E L P H R T F Y G M I R  
 L V T A H P S N A O O E E E I P G P L E  
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 B M I J E F I K G H T C T F O Y A R Y N  
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 G A A W R N N G A G R U E L U L K S E W  
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 W J E P I T T A U B S H D S R A G U E S  
 O O H M J N A V V I V R O A T C A K E S  
 R Y O B C M S O G E L O Y O I W S B U S  
 V M T L E P I C E R O N O M A N N I C P

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

### WORDS

- BREAKFAST
- CARBOHYDRATE
- CHOLESTEROL
- CINNAMON
- COOKED
- COOKIES
- DELICIOUS
- DIGESTION
- DOCTOR
- ENJOY
- FIBER
- FILLING
- FLAPJACK
- GRAIN
- GRINDING
- GRUEL
- HAGGIS
- HEALTHY
- HEART
- HOT
- HUSK
- INGREDIENT
- LUNCH
- MEALS
- MICROWAVE
- OATCAKES
- OATMEAL
- PACKAGE
- PORRIDGE
- RAISINS
- RECIPE
- STATIN
- SWEETENER
- WARMTH

### CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

- Solve the code to discover words related to humor. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 3 = o)
- A. 4 21 15 20 26  
Clue: Show amusement
  - B. 22 3 25 1  
Clue: Humorous story
  - C. 6 3 13 1 7 24  
Clue: Professional entertainment
  - D. 23 15 8 8 24  
Clue: Amusing

Answers: A. laugh B. joke C. comedy D. funny

### WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to glaucoma.

C D R O T O

□ □ □ □ □ □

Answer: Doctor

### Guess Who?

I am an actress born on April 9, 1990 in California. Although I appeared in some films during my youth, my big break came when I was cast in the film trilogy for the popular “Twilight” series of books.

Answer: Kristen Stewart

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Movies Sports Kids Bets

December 6, 2017

Table with 12 columns: Channel, Time, Program Name, Description, and other details for Wednesday evening programming.

THURSDAY EVENING

Movies Sports Kids Bets

December 7, 2017

Table with 12 columns: Channel, Time, Program Name, Description, and other details for Thursday evening programming.



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#17A10253

Bicycle in the 500 block  
of W. Main St.  
#17A5337

Bicycle in the 600 block  
of Jackson St.  
#17A11981

Bicycle in the 1100  
block of Harrison Ave.  
#17A10517

Bicycle in the 1500  
block of Johnson Rd.  
#17A13862

Bicycle in the 1300  
block of Harrison Ave.  
#17A13859

Bicycle in the 300 block  
of W. Iron St.  
#17A12320

Bicycle in the 900 block  
of Goff St. #17A14068

Bicycle in the 1200  
block of Harrison Ave.  
#17A13953

Bicycle in the 1300  
block of N. Pearl St.  
#17A2478

Please call the  
Centralia Police  
Department  
and claim,  
360-330-7680

## PERSONALS

**EASY GOING GUY** seeks  
friendly gal, 55 to 70 with  
slim/average build to share  
quiet times. I like trips,  
walks, nature, moonlight  
and cuddling. Write Greg,  
P.O. Box 3013, Arlington,  
WA 98223.

## SPECIAL NOTICES

**APPIAN WAY  
HAIR CARE**  
has moved to a  
new location!  
22134 Old Hwy 99  
Centralia, WA 98531  
1 block north of  
country line.  
For appointment,  
James 360-269-3055  
Nonie 360-736-7703

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You WANT Your  
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Loaded On  
www.chronline.com  
IMMEDIATELY!

ONLY: \$5 more



## CARE SERVICES

## CHILDCARE

WANT TO reach local  
families with advertising?  
Contact Lindy at:  
360-807-8219!

## EMPLOYMENT

## HELP WANTED

**PROPANE DRIVER  
\$3000 Sign on Bonus!**  
Local route propane driver  
needed in Kelso. Great  
compensation & benefits,  
Class B license. Apply at  
www.gotoapp.com

Remember to  
check your ad  
for errors and  
report any  
changes  
the first day.  
(360) 807-8203.

## HELP WANTED

### HARDWARE SALES

Retail hardware sales &  
support position, part-time.  
Driver's License required,  
background check & drug  
testing required for pur-  
poses of financial integrity &  
safety. For more informa-  
tion apply online via Lewis  
County WorkSource or re-  
sume to MossyrockHardware  
@gmail.com



**DRIVERS**  
We are expanding our  
fleet. Scot Industries is  
hiring a full time OTR  
driver. Class A CDL &  
clean driving record are  
required. Must possess an  
enhanced license or pass-  
port. Home on weekends.  
We offer competitive pay,  
profit sharing, & insurance,  
paid holidays, & paid vaca-  
tion. Please apply in per-  
son with complete drivers  
abstract, Monday-Friday,  
8am-5pm @ 3020 Foron  
Rd., Centralia, WA 98531.  
NO PHONE CALLS  
PLEASE.

Federal law prohibits employment  
discrimination based on race, color,  
religion, sex, national origin or age.  
The law states that publishing or  
printing discriminatory advertise-  
ments or causing the printing or  
publishing of such advertisements  
constitutes an unlawful employment  
practice. Employment advertise-  
ments must not indicate preferen-  
ces, limitations, or discriminate  
based on race, color, religion, sex,  
national origin or age, except when  
religion, sex or national origin is a  
bona fide occupational qualification  
for employment.

We will not knowingly accept any  
advertising for real estate which is  
in violation of the law. All persons  
are hereby informed that positions  
advertised are available on an equal  
opportunity basis.

\*Note: The Chronicle  
suggests you  
describe the position  
you are hiring for,  
not the person you wish to hire.

### INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICIAN

Cascade Hardwood in  
Chehalis, WA, a leading  
producer of hardwood  
lumber, has an immediate  
opening in the electrical  
department for an industrial  
maintenance electrician.  
Candidate must have a  
background in PLC's, mo-  
tors & motor controls, &  
electrical construction.  
Computer skills in MS  
Excel & Word, knowledge  
of hydraulic & pneumatic  
systems, & a minimum  
EL-07 Washington State  
Electrical license desired.  
Position is responsible for  
maintaining, troubleshooting,  
& repairing mill electri-  
cal control systems. Mini-  
mum three years experi-  
ence. Shift work is re-  
quired. We offer a competi-  
tive wage & benefit pack-  
age, and an opportunity to  
work for an established  
company. Equal Employer  
Opportunity & a Drug Free  
Workplace.  
Send Resume to  
HR Department,  
Cascade Hardwood LLC  
PO Box 269,  
Chehalis, WA 98532.  
Fax: 360-740-5118  
email: hr@chwa.com



### MATERIAL HANDLER

Scot Industries is hiring a  
full time material handler.  
We offer competitive pay,  
profit sharing, insurance,  
paid holidays & paid vaca-  
tion. Please apply in per-  
son Monday-Friday,  
8am-5pm at 3020 Foron  
Rd., Centralia, WA 98531.  
NO PHONE CALLS  
PLEASE.

### MOSSYROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT

is accepting  
applications for the  
following position:  
  
• Assistant High School  
Fastpitch Coach  
  
Apply online at:  
mossyrockschools.org  
Closes Wednesday  
December 6, 2017  
at 5:00 p.m.

### OPTOMETRIC ASSISTANT/TECHNICIAN

Seeking a full time optom-  
etric assistant/technician  
who enjoys working with  
patients of all ages in a  
busy Centralia office. Pre-  
vious optometry or optical  
experience a plus but  
willing to train the right  
person. Send cover letter  
and resume to: burghart.  
office@gmail.com

**SILVASEED COMPANY**  
Help wanted at the Silva-  
seed Company, \$12/hour,  
Monday - Friday, 7am -  
3:30pm. Apply in person,  
317 James St., Roy, WA  
98580.

Ads with no  
abbreviations get  
better results!

## HANDY HELP

### HANDYMAN FOR HIRE

Miscellaneous home re-  
pairs, remodel, painting,  
pressure washing, yard  
projects, etc.  
360-278-3426

### FOR RENT RENTALS

### RENTAL WANTED

### LOOKING FOR FARMLAND TO RENT IN CHEHALIS AREA

Primarily raise small  
grains/specialty  
vegetable seed.  
Irrigation preferred  
but not required  
competitive rates  
payed. 360-624-2415

### RENTAL HOMES GENERAL



All real estate advertised  
herein is subject to the  
Federal Fair Housing Act,  
which makes it illegal to  
advertise "any preference,  
limitation, or discrimination  
because of race, color,  
religion, sex, handicap,  
familial status, or national  
origin, or intention to make  
any such preference, limi-  
tation or discrimination."

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persons are hereby in-  
formed that all dwellings  
advertised are available on  
an equal opportunity basis.



**QUALITY RENTALS!**  
Homes, apartments &  
commercial viewed at  
Bezy.com  
Se Habla Espanol  
360-748-8800

### RENTAL HOMES CENTRALIA

### MOVE-IN READY!

3 bedroom, 1 bath, remod-  
eled, wood floor, tile, no  
smoking/pets, fenced  
backyard, detached 1 car  
garage & yard, \$1050,  
\$1000 deposit. 360-269-  
1976

### RENTAL HOMES CHEHALIS

4 bedroom, 2 & 1/2 bath  
home, fenced yard, in a  
nice area, available 12/1,  
\$1,400/month. 360-388-  
6559

### RENTAL DUPLEXES CHEHALIS

### NEW TODAY!

2 bedroom duplex, washer  
& dryer included, \$685,  
\$685 deposit, \$35 non-  
refundable background  
check, no pets/smoking.  
360-740-1524 or 360-  
269-8150

**BRAND NEW duplex for  
rent, starting 12/1/17! 3  
beds, 2.5 bath, no pets, no  
smoking. \$1,200 monthly  
rent, \$1,200 security de-  
posit. Call for a showing!  
360-219-6751**

### ROOMMATE WANTED

**FULLY FURNISHED**  
private room with key for  
rent. Clean & sober  
house, \$430 per month.  
Utilities & some supplies  
included. Call  
360-508-5075.

**SMALL FURNISHED  
ROOM FOR  
RENT IN SALKUM**  
Includes TV & wifi.  
360-880-4600

### ROOMS FOR RENT

**CENTRALIA**  
In the college area,  
\$450/month, females only,  
utilities included in rent,  
ASAP. 360-523-5408

### WANT TO RENT

51 YEAR OLD  
HANDICAP  
FEMALE SEEKS  
RENTAL  
  
\$450 or less, needed by as  
soon as possible. Please  
call 253-226-8030 or  
360-324-9818.

## RENTAL OFFICES



**PROFESSIONAL  
OFFICE AVAILABLE**  
1815 & 1821 Cooks Hill Rd.  
Centralia  
Across from Providence Hospital  
2000-5300 sf; rents from  
\$12-\$20 per sf NNN;  
BROKERS WELCOME  
Call Greg (509) 735-2255

### FARM & AGRICULTURE

### FEED, SEED & HAY

**HAYLAGE HAY  
FOR SALE!**  
Wrapped bales in  
Chehalis, 1,200lbs, \$40.  
360-219-5922

### LIVESTOCK & PETS

### PET & PET SUPPLIES

### CHESAPEAKE BAY RETRIEVER

1 male, 5 months old,  
shots 1st, 2nd & 3rd, great  
pup full of energy & very  
smart. Excellent back-  
ground, Grand Champions  
on both sides, \$850. Call  
Duke, 360-574-5479

### PET CONNECTION IT IS THE TIME TO FIX YOUR ANIMALS!

For a limited time  
we will  
have coupons for a  
\$20 discount on  
CATS and  
a \$40 discount on  
DOGS!!

With a generous  
donation from  
Jack & Sharon  
Tipping,  
Pet Connection can  
offer a \$10 rebate on  
cats & \$20 rebate on  
dogs, in addition to  
the above discount!

360-748-6236

### PET SITTING

Call The Chronicle  
at 360-807-8203  
and place your ad  
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We also publish  
advertisements from  
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and individuals.  
For your own protection,  
ask to see the  
contractor's license when  
hiring. It is the advertiser's  
responsibility to be aware  
of Federal, State and Local  
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call 1(800)647-0982.

## THE CHRONICLE IS SEEKING CARRIERS FOR THE FOLLOWING ROUTES

- WALKING/BIKING ROUTES**
- CENTRALIA - ROUTE #8472**  
22 Chronicle subscribers located on Belmont Ave.,  
Jensen Ave., Johnson Rd., Linda Ln., View Ave.
- CENTRALIA - ROUTE #8072**  
30 Chronicle subscribers located on Bailey Rd.,  
Bennett Rd., Emily Ln., Foron Rd., Margaret  
Meadows Dr., Taylor St., Van Wormer St.
- CENTRALIA - ROUTE #8452**  
43 Chronicle subscribers located on Borst Ave.,  
Elizabeth Ct., McKinley Ct., Prill Rd., Rotary Ln,  
Sharon St.
- CENTRALIA - ROUTE #8192**  
32 Chronicle subscribers located on Brock St., S  
Iron St., S Oak St., S Pearl St., S Silver St., S  
Washington Ave., W Cherry St., W Chestnut St.
- CENTRALIA - ROUTE #8142**  
32 Chronicle subscribers located on Courtland St.,  
Elm St., Hemlock St., Lakeshore Dr., Lewis St.,  
Marsh Ave., S Cedar St., Tilley Ave., W Cherry St.,  
W Chestnut St., W Pear St., W Plum St., W Walnut  
St., Yew St.

Must be 11 years or older.

For more information:  
Amanda Curry  
360-736-3311 x1277



Please apply in person at  
321 N. Pearl St.,  
Centralia, WA 98531

# HOROSCOPES

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017

- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**  
Emotions will be difficult to control  
when dealing with money, health and  
legal matters. Don't act in haste when  
you should be doing everything in your  
power to get ahead.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Getting together with old friends or  
attending a reunion will bring back fond  
memories. Revisit a relationship that  
you left unfinished or a proposed joint  
venture you have yet to start.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)**  
Don't wait for a situation to backfire or  
until you lose money or suffer damage  
to your reputation. Speak up and offer  
truth, justice and a solution that will  
prevent an unnecessary feud.
- PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)**  
Be careful whom you choose to  
compete against. An emotional reaction  
will be met with a similar response that  
could end up costing you a friendship or  
a significant chunk of change.
- ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
You'll face an unstable situation when  
dealing with partnerships. Take a back  
seat and let others air their grievances.  
Once you know where you stand, it will  
be easier to offer workable solutions.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
Problems at home will erupt if you are  
spending too much time at work. Aim  
to achieve greater balance in your life.  
Being receptive to suggestions will help  
you avoid discord.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
You'll face bullying or pressure if you get  
into a discussion with a colleague or an  
authority figure. Do your best to remain  
calm and avoid making an impulsive  
decision.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
A relationship with someone you know  
through work will escalate quickly. Make  
sure you are clear about what's being  
offered before you share your thoughts  
or feelings.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Your emotions will surface and  
excitement will set in. Enjoy spending  
time with the people you care about  
most. Make improvements to your  
appearance or to certain special  
relationships.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Making home improvements or  
preparing your living space for the  
festive season is encouraged, but stay  
within your budget or someone will  
complain about your spending habits.  
Romance is encouraged.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**  
You'll face opposition if you haven't  
abided by the rules or stuck to your  
budget. Be prepared to explain  
your point of view. Your power of  
persuasiveness will be required.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**  
Be careful sharing information. Make  
sure your facts are straight and do your  
best not to upset someone who is likely  
to cause problems for you in the future.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017

- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**  
A personal investment will pay off.  
Celebrate your good fortune with  
someone you love. An emotional  
promise will lead to benefits and a  
positive change in lifestyle.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Showing empathy and offering  
suggestions should be the extent of the  
help you offer a person or cause if you  
want to avoid being taken advantage  
of or donating more than you rightfully  
should.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)**  
Keep your life simple and your emotions  
controlled. Don't be tempted to get  
involved in someone else's plans,  
especially if it will cost you. Romance  
will improve your personal life.
- PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)**  
Don't take chances when it comes to  
how you earn your keep. Be straight  
about what you can offer, and work  
hard to build a good rapport with your  
affiliates.
- ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
Trust in yourself and your ideas if  
you want to move forward with your  
long-term plans. Your knowledge  
and intelligence will help you win any  
debate you face. Personal change looks  
promising.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
An emotional situation based on half-  
truths will leave you in a quandary.  
Look for unusual ways to compensate  
someone being left out or hurt by what's  
transpired.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
A business or personal relationship  
will take an upward turn. Discuss your  
thoughts and you will be able to iron  
out any difference and set your plans in  
motion.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
A business trip or educational pursuit  
will help you decide what direction you  
should pursue. Follow your dreams and  
let your heart be your guide.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Attend networking functions or work-  
related festivities that will give you a  
chance to show off what you have to  
offer. Your intelligence and confidence  
will not go unnoticed.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
An investment, bonus or gift will come  
from an unexpected source. Visitors or  
changes to your living arrangements will  
make life complicated. Someone from  
your past will surprise you.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**  
Pay more attention to the way you look  
and feel. An update or makeover will  
lift your spirits and help you prepare for  
the upcoming festivities. Romance is  
highlighted.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**  
Offer peace and love instead of  
overreacting to someone's story that  
may or may not be true. Be patient,  
listen and observe in order to avoid a  
mishap.

**\$100 OR LESS**

Pewter collection, 20+, pitcher to oyster server, \$24. 360-736-3631

Rainbow vacuum with attachments, \$75/offer. 360-508-5922

Relive the 60s! First 5 years of Mother Earth News with index, near mint condition in hard cover bindings, 60 issues, \$100. 360-736-7211

**NEW TODAY!**

Seahawks purses, \$25 each. Will return all calls, 360-736-2124.

**NEW TODAY!**

Space saving, twin size trundle bed, 3 drawers, bookcase headboard, \$100. 360-520-4704

**MISCELLANEOUS WANTED**

WANTED: older Kubota or similar diesel tractor, 4WD with loader. Cash paid any condition! Call Dan, 360-304-1199.

**FREE ITEMS**

FREE: Muscle Builder Weider 8920 with weights. 360-736-3631

**FUEL & WOOD**

**NEW TODAY!**

**FIREWOOD**  
Good quality clean firewood, \$160 cord. 360-749-2923

**GARAGE SALES CENTRALIA**

**NEW TODAY!**

**VISIT VISITED GARAGE SALE!**  
Fri & Sat, December 8 & 9, 10-4. 885 SE Washington Ave, Chehalis, WA 98532. Christmas decorations, wreaths & more!

The Chronicle classifieds is the best place to buy and sell. Call (360) 807-8203 today.

**BAZAARS**

**NEW TODAY!**

**HOLIDAY Bazaar**

**ANNUAL VINTAGE BAZAAR!**

Fri & Sat, 9-3:30, December 8 & 9.

1590 N. National Ave., Chehalis, WA 98532.

- \* Christmas Gifts
- \* Bake Sale
- \* Food Booths
- \* Arts & Crafts

**HOLIDAY Bazaar**

**Centralia United Methodist Church Holiday Bazaar & Turkey Luncheon!**

506 S Washington Ave, Centralia, WA 98531.

Friday, December 8, 10-2.

- † Holiday Gift Items
- † Crafts
- † Baked Goods

We have tables available for outside crafters, \$20 for a 6' table. Contact the church's office to reserve a table. Payment for tables will be due before you set up. Set up is between 9-9:45. Call 360-736-7311 for information about tables & directions!

**WE NOW HAVE BAZAAR SALE PACKAGES AVAILABLE!**

\*\*\*\*\*  
Packages include 2 laminated signs, 4 sheets of pricing stickers, 3 sale sheets, a sharpie and balloons! packages are only \$5 with the purchase of a classified ad.

Looking for employees? Advertise your open positions in the Chronicle classifieds.

**BAZAARS**

**HOLIDAY Bazaar**

**SHARON CARE CENTER**

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

Friday, December 8, 9-4.

1509 Harrison Ave, Centralia, WA 98531

**SPORTING & RECREATION**

**BOATS, MOTORS & TRAILERS**

**NEW TODAY!**

1986 Clackcraft drift boat, trailer, 6HP motor, 14' Magnum, excellent condition, 3 swivel seats, front anchor plus rear anchor system, rebuilt trailer (new axle, bearings, tires, coupler, lights, roller on rear) 4 stroke Tohatsu motor, 10hrs. \$2,900. Call Steve, 360-508-6958 or 360-520-4704

**GUNS & ACCESSORIES**

**NEW TODAY!**

**Gunshow**

**GUN & KNIFE SHOW**  
December 9 & 10, Centralia Fairgrounds Saturday 9-5 & Sunday 9-3 Admission \$7 For more information call 503-363-9564 [wesknodelgunshows.com](http://www.wesknodelgunshows.com)

Remember to check your ad for errors and report any changes the first day. (360) 807-8203.

**GUNS & ACCESSORIES**

**LOOK**

Lots of ammo, gun cleaning supplies & knives. Make offer on all. 360-273-2095

**AUTOMOTIVE**

**TRUCKS**

1993 Dodge Dakota 4X4, V8 canopy, automatic transmission, good tires, high miles but runs good, \$2,300/offer. 360-736-2019

**ANTIQUÉ CARS**

1981 GMC Caballero, 94,300 miles, 350 motor upgrade, teal green, matching canopy, \$5,000. Call/leave message 360-736-2109.

**LEGAL NOTICES**

101447 Braelyn Allen

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS JUVENILE COURT DIVISION IN RE THE DEPENDENCY OF BRAELYN ALLEN DOB: 10/08/16 No. 17-7-00250-21 NOTICE AND SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION (Dependency) TO: Unknown Biological Father;**

A Dependency Petition was filed on May 31, 2017; A Fact Finding hearing will be held on this matter on **January 11, 2017 at 1:30pm at Lewis County Superior Court, 345 W. Main St., Chehalis, Washington 98532. YOU SHOULD BE PRESENT AT THIS HEARING. The hearing will determine if your child is dependent as defined in RCW 13.34.050(5). This begins a judicial process which could result in permanent loss of your parental rights. If you do not appear at the hearing, the court may enter a dependency order in your absence.**

To request a copy of the Notice, Summons, and Dependency Petition, call DSHS at 360-807-7081 or 1-800-562-6926. To view

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information about your rights, including right to a lawyer, go to [www.atg.wa.gov/DPY.aspx](http://www.atg.wa.gov/DPY.aspx).

DATED this 16th day of November, 2017. SCOTT TINNEY, County Clerk Trisha Auman, Superior Court Deputy Clerk

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101514 CCL-17-34GS 115 kV Switch Invitation to Bid

**INVITATION TO BID 115 kV VERTICAL BREAK DISCONNECT SWITCHES FOR CITY OF CENTRALIA FORDS PRAIRIE SUBSTATION CONTRACT NO. CCL-2017-34GS**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for five (5) 115 kV Vertical Break Disconnect Switches, as described in the Technical Specifications, will be received by the Centralia City Clerk, 118 Maple Street, P.O. Box 609, Centralia, WA 98531 until 10:00 AM, local time, on December 21, 2017, at which time all complying bids shall be publicly opened and read out loud.

The Contract Documents may be obtained after November 28, 2017 by registering on the City's Website: <https://www.ebidexchange.com/Centralia/> and downloading the bid documents. Companies wishing to register may do so by clicking the "Register" tab, entering the required information, and selecting the appropriate categories.

Bids shall be submitted on the Bid Proposal form contained in the Contract Documents, addressed and mailed, or delivered in a sealed envelope plainly marked "SEALED BID: CCL-2017-34GS; FORDS PRAIRIE SUBSTATION 115 kV VERTICAL BREAK DISCONNECT SWITCHES" along with the name and address of the bidder and the date and time of the bid.

A surety bond, cashier's check or certified check of the bidder, made payable to City of Centralia, for five percent (5%) of the bid must accompany each bid. Bid security of all, except the lowest bidder, will be returned upon execution of the contract by the successful bidder.

The City of Centralia reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularities, and to accept any bid deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

Bids submitted with site of manufacture in a country with United States Travel Warning(s) posted, will be considered non-responsive.

The City provides reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities. We invite any person with special needs to

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contact the City Clerk at (360) 330-7670 at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the bid opening to discuss any special accommodations that may be necessary.

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101529 CCL-17-35GS CVT Invitation to Bid

**INVITATION TO BID 115 kV CAPACITOR VOLTAGE TRANSFORMERS FOR CITY OF CENTRALIA FORDS PRAIRIE SUBSTATION CONTRACT NO. CCL-2017-35GS**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for three (3) 115 kV Capacitor Voltage Transformers, as described in the Technical Specifications, will be received by the Centralia City Clerk, 118 Maple Street, P.O. Box 609, Centralia, WA 98531 until 10:30 AM, local time, on December 21, 2017, at which time all complying bids shall be publicly opened and read out loud.

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101662 Current Expense

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Before the LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held before the Lewis County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) in the Historical Courthouse, 351 NW North Street, Chehalis, Washington, on the 18th day of December, 2017. The hearing will be held on or after 10:00 a.m. to consider an amendment to departments within the 2017 budget for Current Expense and various funds.

All those wishing to speak for or against the amendment shall be afforded the opportunity to be heard. This amendment proposes increasing expenditures for various funds and the General Fund for a total in the amount of \$3,055,651, increasing revenue in the amount of \$2,567,524 with a use of fund balance in the amount of \$488,127. Said amendment can be obtained from the Budget Department, Room 209-351 N.W. North St.-Chehalis, WA. Phone: (360)740-1198, Email: [beckybutler@lewiscounty.wa.gov](mailto:beckybutler@lewiscounty.wa.gov). Written comments will be submitted to the BOCC prior to or during said hearing.

This meeting site is barrier free. People needing special assistance or accommodations should contact the Clerk of the Board 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Phone: (360) 740-1419

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. T S No.: WA-16-746405-SW APN No.: 031143-001-007 Title Order No.: 8668319 Deed of Trust Grantor(s): DAVID PAUL CHRISTIAN, TAMARA SUE CHRISTIAN Deed of Trust Grantee(s): COUNTRYPLACE MORTGAGE, LTD Deed of Trust Instrument/Reference No.: 3276066 I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 12/15/2017, at 10:00 AM At the North entrance of the Lewis County Courthouse, located at 351 NW North St, Chehalis, WA 98532 sell at public auction to

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