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Senate Hearing Will Probe Half-Million Missing Fish From Cowlitz River

FISHING FOR ANSWERS:
Sen. Kirk Pearson Anxious to Grill WDFW Leadership in Meeting Today in Olympia

By Jordan Nailon
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It turns out that when a government agency loses more than half a million fish, people are bound to notice. The fish in question, as was first reported in The Chronicle on Jan. 20, went missing from the Cowlitz Trout hatchery late last spring and early summer. That report sent shockwaves through the region, and the most recent party to take notice and demand answers is none other than the Washington State Senate.

"When I read your story I was incensed. I didn't know if it was true or not, and then reading what they said, I thought it was total mismanagement," said Sen. Kirk Pearson, chairman of the Natural Resources and Parks Committee. "They didn't even say 'I'm sorry. I screwed up.' I'm pretty passionate about things like that."

On Thursday the Senate's Natural Resources and Parks Committee will hold a hearing, set for 1:30 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 3 at the Capitol Campus, in order to probe officials from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for answers as to how so many fish can go missing and why it took so long for the rampant rumors of the loss to be confirmed to the public.

The hearing was arranged by Pearson, a Republican from Monroe. Both WDFW director Jim Unsworth and WDFW deputy assistant director Kelly Cunningham are expected to attend the meeting in order to field questions from the committee.

"I believe, especially with the department pushing increased fees in hunting and fishing licenses this year and yet we have fewer hunting and fishing opportunities, they need to come and explain to us how in the world do you lose a half million

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Bucoda Highway Resident Loses Livelihood in Burglary



James Huner stands in front of his storage unit next to his home at the Skookumchuck Mobile Manor on Wednesday evening. Last weekend thieves stole upwards of \$10,000 worth of firefighting and tree-climbing equipment from the unit, leaving Huner without a way to support his family.

THEFT: Items Stolen Include \$10,000 in Tree Climbing and Firefighting Gear

By Natalie Johnson
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When burglars made off with two plastic storage bins secured in a locked shed off Bucoda Highway over the weekend, they might have only been looking to make a few bucks off the loot.

However, resident James Huner said the bins' contents, amounting to about \$10,000 in firefighting and tree-climbing equipment, has left him without a way to support his family, in-

cluding the two grandchildren he is raising.

"I need some help. I don't know what I'm going to do," he said. "They nailed me at the worst possible time."

Huner, 54, said he first noticed the break-in to the shed he rents near his residence in the 21000 block of Bucoda Highway just north of the Lewis County line around noon on Saturday. The theft could have happened as early as Thursday, he told The Chronicle.

According to a report from a responding deputy from the Thurston County Sheriff's Office, Huner reported that the shed was previously secured

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Historic pictures of Centralia founder George Washington hang on the bulletin board in Jim Stafford's studio on Saturday in Adna.

A Party 200 YEARS in the Making



Jim Stafford, a local bronze sculptor, looks into the furnace where a crucible containing liquid bronze is heated to 2,150 degrees prior to pouring the metal into molds on Saturday afternoon at his shop in Adna.

STATUE: George Washington Bicentennial Celebration Committee Busy Cooking Up Big Birthday Plans

By Jordan Nailon
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Last week a touched-up version of the 30-year-old painted mural of George Washington was hung back in its rightful place on the west side of Pearl Street in downtown Centralia. With Centerville's founder returned to his rightful perch overlooking the heart of the city with his trusty sheepdog by his side, some folks are looking for an excuse to party.

It's a party that's been 200 years in the making, actually.

George Washington, the African American founder of what would later become Centralia, was born Aug. 15, 1817, and the George Washington Bicentennial Celebration Committee is working up plans to throw the best posthumous birthday party this side of Christmas. The evolving plan imagines a

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Crash Kills Power



Semi Catches Utility Pole on Pearl Street
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Going Too Far



Monitoring Company 'Approves' Vacation, Inmate Pays the Price
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Deaths

Wolbert, Mary Elizabeth, 85, Olympia
Brown, Jane, 70, Ryderwood
Trotter, Thomas A., 45, Chehalis

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News of the Weird



Keith Srakocic / The Associated Press

Groundhog Club handler John Griffiths holds Punxsutawney Phil, the weather predicting groundhog, during the annual celebration of Groundhog Day on Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pa. The handlers of Pennsylvania's most famous groundhog announced six more weeks of winter at sunrise, just before 7:30 a.m. on Thursday.

Pennsylvania Groundhog's Handlers: Phil Predicts More Winter

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. (AP) — The handlers of Pennsylvania's most famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, said the furry rodent has "predicted" six more weeks of winter after seeing his shadow at dawn today.

The top hat-wearing members of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club's Inner Circle reveal Phil's forecast every Feb. 2, based on a German legend surrounding Candlemas. The legend says if a furry rodent casts a shadow that day, winter continues. If not, spring comes early.

Thousands of people gathered overnight to await the forecast. They were treated to folk music and a Star Wars-themed fireworks display under cloudy skies, with temperatures just below freezing, while they waited.

The groundhog's prediction is typically contained in a short poem, sometimes referencing current events or — when the nearby Pittsburgh Steelers are participating — a comment on the Super Bowl, which usually follows a few days later.

But this year, Phil stayed on message and didn't reference football, President Donald Trump or anything other than the weather.

"It's mighty cold weather, you've been braving. Is it more winter or is it spring that you're craving? Since you've been up all night and starting to tottle, I, Punxsutawney Phil, shall not dawdle," the proclamation read. "My faithful followers, I could

clearly see a beautiful, perfect shadow of me. Six more weeks of winter, it shall be!"

Records dating to 1887 show Phil has now predicted more winter 103 times while forecasting an early spring just 18 times.

Moose Rescued After Fall Into Idaho Basement

KETCHUM, Idaho (AP) — Authorities say a female moose is safe after she fell through an unlatched window into the basement of an Idaho home.

The Idaho Mountain Express reported that the moose spent about three hours in the Hailey basement early Sunday morning.

Law enforcement officers and those from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game tried to shoo the moose upstairs beginning at about 2:30 a.m. A Fish and Game officer arrived from Twin Falls at about 5:30 a.m. and shot the moose with a tranquilizer dart.

Homeowner Julie Emerick said eight officers carried the approximately 600-pound animal up the stairs. Emerick says the moose got up and ran off about 15 minutes later.

Tinder for Apes? Dutch Orangutans Test Out Computer Dating

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — How does a primate find a date when they're confined to an urban jungle?

Orangutans in a Dutch zoo may get a high-tech helping hand thanks to a research project that is being likened to a Tinder dating app for apes.

The research at the Apenheul primate park, on the outskirts of the Dutch city of Apeldoorn, is investigating the emotional responses of orangutans and bonobos to images of the same species they are shown on a touch screen.

Biologist Thomas Bionda said Wednesday the screen could help determine an ape's preference between prospective mates as part of a breeding program.

"We want to help our animals and maybe other zoos' animals to make a choice," Bionda said in a telephone interview. "Animals have to like each other."

Hands Up for Free Shirts



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Members of the Centralia College baseball team reach up for T-shirts thrown into the crowd during the Lady Blazers' home women's basketball game against Grays Harbor on Wednesday in Centralia. **More photos from Wednesday's game are available to subscribers at www.chronline.com.**

Notable Quote

"We just think it's an opportunity to show how the fair has affected people's life."

Tamara Hayes

Southwest Washington Fair manager
(see page Main 3 for the full story)

Today in History

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 2, 1887, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, held its first Groundhog Day festival.

On This Date:

In 1653, New Amsterdam — now New York City — was incorporated.

In 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the Mexican-American War, was signed.

In 1914, Charles Chaplin made his movie debut as the comedy short "Making a Living" was released by Keystone Film Co. The musical "Shameen Dhu," featuring the song "Too Ra Loo Ra Loo Ral," opened on Broadway.

In 1925, the legendary Alaska Serum Run ended as the last of a series of dog mushers brought a life-saving treatment to Nome, the scene of a diphtheria epidemic, six days after the drug

left Nenana.

In 1932, Duke Ellington and His Orchestra recorded "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)" for Brunswick Records.

In 1942, a Los Angeles Times column by W.H. Anderson urged security measures against Japanese-Americans, arguing that a Japanese-American "almost inevitably ... grows up to be a Japanese, not an American."

In 1959, public schools in Arlington and Norfolk, Virginia, were racially desegregated without incident.

In 1964, Ranger 6, a lunar probe launched by NASA, crashed onto the surface of the moon as planned, but failed to send back any TV images.

In 1971, Idi Amin, having seized power in Uganda, proclaimed himself president.

In 1980, NBC News reported the FBI had conducted a sting

operation targeting members of Congress using phony Arab businessmen in what became known as "Abscam," a codename protested by Arab-Americans.

In 1990, in a dramatic concession to South Africa's black majority, President F.W. de Klerk lifted a ban on the African National Congress and promised to free Nelson Mandela.

In 1992, longtime "Miss America" emcee Bert Parks died in La Jolla, California, at age 77.

Ten years ago: Tornadoes killed 21 people in central Florida. A grim report from the world's leading climate scientists and government officials said that global warming was so severe, it would "continue for centuries" and that humans were to blame. Texas Gov. Rick Perry issued an order making Texas the first state to require that schoolgirls get vaccinated against HPV.

The Weather Almanac

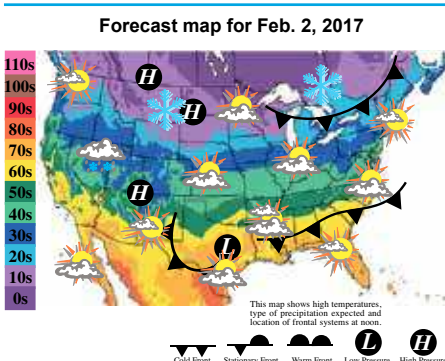
5-Day Forecast for the Lewis County Area

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Mostly Sunny 40° 27°	Rain Likely 43° 36°	Rain Likely 47° 36°	Cloudy 46° 37°	Cloudy 42° 38°

River Stages

Gauge	Flood Height	24 hr. Stage Change
Chehalis at Mellen St.	51.24	65.0 -0.03
Skookumchuck at Pearl St.	74.50	85.0 -0.02
Cowlitz at Packwood	1.66	10.5 -0.01
Cowlitz at Randle	5.30	18.0 -0.02
Cowlitz at Mayfield Dam	7.03	--- -0.99

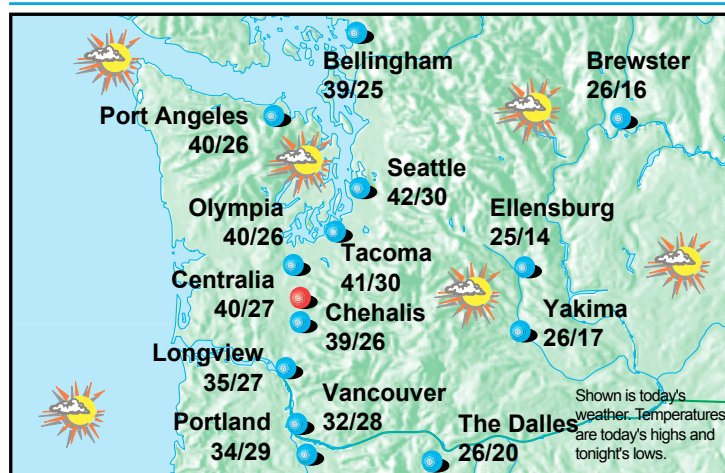
National Map



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Data reported from Centralia
Temperature
Yesterday's High 45
Yesterday's Low 30
Normal High 49
Normal Low 36
Record High 66 in 1962
Record Low 2 in 1950
Precipitation
Yesterday 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.21"
Year to date 3.23"
Normal year to date 6.71"

Regional Weather



Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 7:32 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:18 p.m.
Moonrise 10:36 a.m.
Moonset Next Day

Phase	Date
First	2/3
Full	2/10
Last	2/18
New	2/26

Pollen Forecast

Allergen	Today	Friday
Trees	None	None
Grass	None	None
Weeds	None	None
Mold	None	None

World Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Baghdad	46/32 s	54/32 s
Beijing	39/21 pc	43/28 s
London	54/48 ra	52/45 pc
Mexico City	70/46 s	72/46 s
Moscow	14/-2 s	9/3 cl

National Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Anchorage	22/4 s	24/12 s
Boise	34/32 sn	40/36 rs
Boston	38/21 s	32/19 s
Dallas	53/41 mc	55/45 mc
Honolulu	77/62 pc	78/62 s
Las Vegas	69/48 s	68/49 s
Nashville	46/31 s	42/27 mc
Phoenix	73/51 s	74/51 pc
St. Louis	36/22 s	34/21 pc
Salt Lake City	40/28 rs	42/29 mc
San Francisco	59/52 ra	58/49 t
Washington, DC	46/27 s	42/24 mc

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Regional Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Bremerton	41/31 s	44/39 ra
Ocean Shores	44/34 ra	43/39 ra
Olympia	40/26 pc	43/34 ra
Tri Cities	25/16 s	26/19 sn
Wenatchee	25/15 s	31/25 sn

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Are you having an event and have posters made?

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Rochester American Legion Post Renamed for Local Veteran

FALLEN SOLDIER:

*Christopher Nelson
Died in Iraq in 2007*

By Jordan Nailon
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The American Legion is an organization committed to serving the needs of military veterans and their families. On Jan. 22, Rochester American Legion Post 49 honored that commitment by officially renaming its charter in honor of Rochester native Cpl. Christopher J. Nelson, who was killed while on military deployment to Iraq in 2007.

The newly named post, which was first opened in February 2016, is now known as the American Legion Corporal Christopher J. Nelson Post 49.

According to post commander Bob Clark, the dedication ceremony was attended by about 300 people, including Thurston County Sheriff John Snaza, who was making his first public appearance since suffering a serious motorcycle accident last year.

"It was a ceremony that, I can tell ya, I'm still getting phone calls from people who were there. I didn't realize that it had touched so many people," said Clark, who noted that two members of Nelson's combat platoon were also in attendance. "That was a very sentimental thing to have those guys who knew him in combat present for the ceremony."

Nelson graduated from Rochester High School three years prior to his death in Iraq on Nov. 18, 2007, and the rural south Thurston County communities of Rochester, Gate and Grand Mound were all well-



Courtesy Photo

The Rochester American Legion Post 49 honored Rochester native Cpl. Chris Nelson on Jan. 22 by renaming the post in Nelson's honor. Nelson, shown here in a framed photograph, was killed while on military deployment to Iraq in 2007.

represented at the ceremony in Swede Hall. Those in attendance also included officials from Joint Base Lewis McChord, civic and Tribal leaders of the surrounding communities, national and local representatives of the American Legion, the Gold Star Wives Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars and other service organizations, as well as Nelson's surviving family members.

Clark said that Nelson's family, including his wife, Angela Marquez Nelson, was especially moved by the outpouring of support at the dedication service that came nearly 10 years after his death.

"They were just touched and heartfelt. That's all they kept saying," said Clark. "They appreciated it and just seeing the community come together was neat."

When the American Legion Doughboy Memorial Post 138 color guard presented the new post colors honoring Cpl. Nelson, those in attendance let out a round of applause and cheers.

Nelson was one of 4,491 servicemen and women who were killed in Iraq. Clark hopes that anyone who has lost a friend or family member to military service knows that the American

Legion is eager to help in whatever way possible, although he's not eager to wade through so much heartache so close to home any time soon.

"I always tell everyone, you don't have to be a member in order to be a part of our American Legion family," said Clark. "It was a great service, but hopefully I'll never have to do another one."

Fair Manager Takes Comments, Ideas From Public for 2017 Fair

EVENTS: Many Attendees at Tuesday Night Meeting Said They Would Like to See More Wine and Sporting Activities in 2017

By Aaron Kunkler
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A clearer picture of what to expect at the 2017 Southwest Washington Fair is coming into focus following public comment and engagement between the fair board, the county and community members on Tuesday night.

Fair Manager Tamara Hayes said a meeting that was attended by roughly 75 people representing a wide range of community and county interests attended for a brainstorming session on ways to improve the fair.

"We're ready and willing and open to listen to, and hear, their recommendations," Hayes said. "We'd really like to get all different aspects of the community involved with the fair."

Hayes said they received direction on what people enjoyed about past fairs, what they would like to see in the future and how to accomplish those goals.

Lewis County Commissioner Bobby Jackson also attended the meeting and said it was productive.

"We floated a lot of ideas about moving forward," he said.

Some popular ideas to emerge were retaining favored traditions, growing the wine department and a call for motocross events, among others.

Themes of supporting community, family, tradition, youth, agriculture, food, education and local music were also brought up.

As far as strategies to achieve these, Hayes said she's always looking for more community involvement and volunteers. She hopes to increase social media campaigns, improve communication between the fair executives and the community and to host more public meetings like the one on Tuesday.

No solid plans have been made but Hayes said there will be more meetings in the future, with details released as they become available.

"I'm A Fair Kid" was also selected as the theme for 2017, and Hayes said she hopes it will lead to a link to the past.

Southwest Washington Fair Announces New Theme for 108th Event

By The Chronicle

Each year a new theme is chosen for the Southwest Washington Fair and this year it is "I'm a Fair Kid!"

The fair is the area's largest, longest-running community event, according to a press release.

The fair's standard Little Miss Friendly logo will continue to appear in print media and online, but this year a new element is being added to the theme.

Southwest Washington Fair and Events Manager Tamara Hayes said the fair theme is partly for marketing purposes, but also serves as an inspiration for

decorating, entries and contests within the departments.

"We also want to use the 'I'm a Fair Kid!' theme to capture the history and stories of people — young and old — who have participated in the fair and especially how the fair has contributed to their lives," Hayes said in the release. "We want to hear and capture youthful fair experiences from folks of all ages. The fair would love to get 'then and now' photos too, to match up to these stories."

The goal of the "then and now" photos, according to Hayes, is to use some of them in this year's marketing.

Fair dates for the 2017 year are Aug. 15 to Aug. 20. For more information on the Southwest Washington Fair or interim events, call 360-740-1495 or go online to www.southwestwashingtonfair.org.

"We want to capture that kind of history with people," she said.

She encouraged people to send in pictures of them as children at the fair, especially if they grew up in Lewis County, along with stories of how the fair affected them.

There could also be the opportunity for an interactive exhibit at the fair where photos could be submitted and displayed.

"We just think it's an opportunity to show how the fair has affected people's life," she said.

In previous coverage from The Chronicle, Hayes has also said the fair will likely push more agrotourism education and a new website.

While a big-ticket musical act likely isn't in the cards this year due to budget constraints echoed by both Hayes and the county commissioners, there will be other staple events.

These include a rodeo, demolition derby, comedy acts and other entertainment groups.

Hayes was hired last year to run the fair after she replaced Lee Coumbs, who managed the fairgrounds on an interim basis after the commissioners fired former manager Gale Sobolesky. This year's fair will be the first one where she is in charge, though she had experience working with Coumbs at the 2016 event.

Photos and stories can be

submitted to swwfair@lewis-countywa.gov or at their office located at 2555 N. National Ave. in Chehalis.

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News in Brief

Herrera Beutler's Dungeness Crab Bill Passes U.S. House of Representatives

By The Chronicle

On Tuesday, the U.S. House of Representatives passed Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler's bill designed to permanently extend a fishery management agreement relating to the state's Dungeness crab fishery.

Washington, Oregon and California cooperatively manage the West Coast crab fishery in federal waters under an agreement that Congress first authorized in 1998. The bill would make the existing agreement, which was set to expire in 2016 without a renewal, permanent.

The agreement allows fishery managers to coordinate between the states to ensure management and conservation goals are achieved in regards to the crab populations, which can vary greatly between years, a press release from Herrera Beutler's office said.

"I'm working to support senate efforts to follow suit and also pass the bill, so it can be signed into law and we can end the uncertainty for the West Coast crab fishery as soon as possible," Herrera Beutler said in a press release.

The release said the state's Dungeness crab industry brings \$61 million to the state's economy annually and that crab fishermen harvest an average of 9.5 million pounds of crab per year which supports more than 60,000 maritime jobs.

New Lewis County PUD Commissioner Steps Into His Position

By The Chronicle

A new commissioner assumed his responsibilities for the District 3 Public Utility District position on Jan. 10. Tim Courner will represent the southern and eastern parts of Lewis County.

Courner was raised in east Lewis County and graduated from Morton High School, a press release from the District said. He continued his education at Centralia College and Central Washington University, graduating with a bachelor of science in accounting degree.

Courner served as the chief financial officer at Morton General Hospital for more than 12 years and has been working as the chief executive officer for Forks General Hospital for the last two years.

He lives in Mossyrock with his wife and enjoys spending time with his family as well as fishing, hunting and being outdoors.

He was elected in November to the position for a six-year term, replacing former Commissioner Charles TenPas and joins sitting Commissioners Dean Dahlin and Ben Kostick.

Napavine School Board Plans Friday Meeting

By The Chronicle

The Napavine School Board will be holding a special meeting at 4 p.m. Friday in the district office boardroom.

The board will immediately adjourn into executive session to evaluate the qualifications of applicants for employment.

At the conclusion of the executive session, the board will return to public session. Action regarding the selection of a finalist may be taken.

Disabled persons may contact the Superintendent's Office at 360-262-3303 so that arrangements can be made for their participation in School Board meetings.

More information may be obtained by calling the district office, 360-262-3303.

Napavine Funtime Festival Organizers to Meet Tonight

By The Chronicle

The Napavine Funtime Festival is holding a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Napavine City Hall.

Anyone who is interested in helping with the Funtime Festival is encouraged to attend. The group will be planning for the



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Workers from the Washington State Department of Transportation look into the electrical box attached to a traffic light pole that was hit by a semi truck on Tuesday evening at the corner of Pearl Street and Cherry Street in Centralia. The truck, which turned right off of Pearl Street onto Cherry Street, cut the corner and knocked over the traffic pole. Power to the traffic lights at the intersection was out for hours.

Semi Catches Overhead Light Pole, Cuts Power to Centralia Intersection

By The Chronicle

A semi truck pulling a long trailer took a right turn at the intersection of South Pearl Street and West Cherry Street

too tight Tuesday night, hitting an overhead traffic light pole.

The mishap was reported at 3:50 p.m. on Tuesday. The semi was on South Pearl Street and

attempted to turn right at West Cherry Street.

The truck's long trailer hit the pole and dragged it several feet away from its original lo-

cation, disabling the traffic lights for the intersection.

The lights for the intersection were still not operational as of Wednesday morning.

annual festival, which will be held July 14-16 this year.

Two Lewis County Republicans Will Represent the Party's 3rd Congressional District

By The Chronicle

Lewis County Republican Party Chairwoman Olga Miller and former county Commissioner Ron Averill were each elected to the state party's statewide executive board for the 3rd Congressional District for a two-year

term following a meeting last weekend in Ellensburg.

The state Republican Party Committee met in Ellensburg to elect the state chair, vice chair and adopt their bylaws and budget and elect executive board members.

The male and female executive board members are elected from each congressional district region by their respective three-person county leadership, a release from the Lewis County Republicans office said.

The 3rd Congressional District includes Klickitat, Skamania, Clark, Wahkiakum, Pacific, Cowlitz and Lewis counties. The executive board is responsible for conducting the affairs of the

Republican Party between state committee meetings.

Additional responsibilities include recommending to the state committee the state chair's proposed political, fundraising and

budget plans and executing them, as well as confirming appointment of the party's executive director and adopting resolutions, among other responsibilities, the press release said.

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Twin Transit Receives Grant from TransAlta's Energy Technology Board

FIRST GRANT FROM BOARD:
The \$37,810 Grant Will Pay for Installation of Electric Charging Station

By Justyna Tomtas
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As Twin Transit prepares to include its first electric bus to its fleet, the Centralia Coal Transition Energy Technology Board has awarded a \$37,810 grant for the installation of an electric charging station.

The grant is the first one to be awarded by the energy technology board, one of three boards tasked with allocating \$55 million over 10 years to ease the impacts as TransAlta shifts away from coal.

The plan, according to Twin Transit General Manager Rob LaFontaine, is to house the electric charging station at the transit office. In order to do that, high-voltage electricity has to be routed to the bus storage yard at the Locust Street property.

The total cost of the installation will be about \$48,000 — with Twin Transit paying for about \$10,000 of the project. Travers Electric will be paid approximately \$32,000 for the installation of the charging station, while another \$16,000 will go to the Centralia City Light Department to bring the needed electrical capacity to the property.

LaFontaine sincerely thanked the TransAlta board for the grant.

"We are thankful that they recognize the work we are doing to improve efficiency and the environment here in our community and we're just grateful they were supportive of our project," he said.

Mike Gudeman, a board member of the energy technology board, said they were pleased to assist Twin Transit in updating their operation.

"Using the latest technology will benefit Twin Transit in low-



Courtesy Photo

Twin Transit received a \$37,810 grant from the Centralia Coal Transition Energy Technology Board for the installation of an electric charging station. The station will be used to charge Twin Transit's first electric bus, which is tentatively expected to arrive at the end of February.

More About Twin Transit

Twin Transit is the business name of the Lewis Public Transportation Benefit Area which was established by local voters in 1976 to provide public transportation in Centralia and Chehalis. Bus service began in November 1977. Each year Twin Transit records approximately 230,000 passengers utilizing the bus services to access employment, school, media, shopping and social services.

ering fuel costs and provide a positive impact on our environment and community," he said. "Making a positive impact to the environment is one of our missions as a board."

According to LaFontaine, the electric bus will save between \$50 and \$70 a day, depending on the current price of diesel. He also said the area Twin Transit services is a great environment for an electric bus to perform well, citing flat roads, routes with speeds of 35 miles or less, and a temperate climate, among other factors.

"If you factor all that together,

it's kind of the model environment for an electric bus," LaFontaine said.

TWIN TRANSIT EXPECTS to tentatively receive the 100 percent electric bus by the end of February. The bus is a zero-emission vehicle that operates each day on a single electric charge to its collection of battery cells.

The total cost of the bus was \$569,000. That cost included the electric charging station. Approximately \$297,000 of the purchase was funded by a federal grant, with the remainder coming from local funds.

The order for the bus has already been submitted, and Twin Transit is currently waiting for it to be delivered, LaFontaine said. If all goes well, Twin Transit will likely look to add more electric buses to its fleet in the future.

"Part of the investment from TransAlta, which we are extremely grateful for is, adding the infrastructure we need here at Twin Transit to accommodate future electric bus service," LaFontaine said.

The electric charging station will have the capacity to charge

two electric buses.

The electrical service will be installed and the charging station will be fully operational with bus daily services beginning in February, according to a press release from TransAlta.

THE ENERGY TECHNOLOGY board was formed as a result of the 2010 agreement between TransAlta and the state of Washington to transition the Centralia plant away from coal-fired operations with one unit shutting down in December 2020, and the second unit in December 2025.

The other boards include the weatherization board and the economic and community development board. Annual payments for the funding boards have been made for the past five years with the last payment due Dec. 31, 2023. The opportunity to start funneling money into projects became effective Dec. 31, 2015.

For more information on the Centralia Coal Transition Funding boards, go online to cct-grants.com.

No Changes to Lewis County Sheriff's Office Immigration Enforcement

BUSINESS AS USUAL: Snaza Says LCSO Not About Questioning People on Their Immigration Status

By Aaron Kunkler
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In light of a recent federal ban on refugees and immigrants seeking to enter the U.S. from seven primarily Muslim countries, and President Donald Trump's promises to cut off funding for so-called "sanctuary cities," Lewis County Sheriff Rob Snaza said his department will continue conducting business as usual.

"Sanctuary cities" are not

legally defined, but generally denote cities where local law enforcement is barred from explicitly working with federal immigration authorities, according to the Associated Press. Lewis County has historically worked with federal authorities in a passive manner.

"We're going to keep doing what we're doing, and I think we do a pretty good job," he said Tuesday. "We are not going to go out and question people on their immigration status. That is not what we're about. We're about community."

Snaza said questioning people about their immigration status could result in fewer members of immigrant communities calling law enforcement when

they are needed. Making sure the community has open lines of communication and feels comfortable talking with law enforcement is important, he said.

"We want to be out there if anyone, regardless of what your legal status is, we're going to be out there to help you," he said.

Snaza said when they make an arrest, they ask the person where they were born. If the detainee says they were born in a foreign country, their information is sent to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers.

If ICE has a detainer on the person, the Sheriff's office will still release them unless an ICE agent picks them up first — unless there is a federal warrant, in

which case the person will always be held for federal agents.

"I don't want them to be fearful of the sheriff's office, or any law enforcement office in this county," Snaza said.

Snaza said his office has no plans to actively seek out residents with green cards or undocumented immigrants.

"This is a great community, and this community is built on all races and all ethnicity and all religions, and that's what makes this area a great community," he said. "We're just fortunate right where we live."

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County 911 Communications at 360-740-1105.

Chehalis Police Department.

According to the report, "Robert C." Jackson was driving a white 2004 Chrysler Pacifica west on Northwest State Street when he reportedly rolled through a stop sign and hit another vehicle, a silver 2007 Saturn Vue SUV driven by a Chehalis resident, which was traveling southwest on NW Cascade Avenue.

No injuries were reported.

Jackson was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign. Jackson declined to comment on the collision.

Tenino Doctor Joins Valley View

By The Chronicle

Dr. Leyton Jump will be joining Valley View Health Center this spring as he continues to serve the Tenino community.

Jump has run the Tenino Family Practice since 1985. Valley View Health Center's Community Board of Directors unanimously voted to step into the community and bring Jump and Tenino Family Practice into their organization.

Valley View provides health care services to the community in the area they live.

"Dr. Jump and Valley View Health Center are committed to ensuring ongoing, quality patient care through this merger," a press release said.

A date for the transition is not set, but the press release said all parties are hoping for a merger this spring.

County Commissioner Cited After Collision, No Injuries Reported

By The Chronicle

Lewis County Commissioner Bobby Jackson was cited for failing to yield at a stop sign after a collision in Chehalis Jan. 19, according to a report from the

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'Active Searches' Stop for Des Moines Man Last Seen Near Toledo

By The Chronicle

"Active searches" for a Des Moines man who reportedly went missing while fishing along the Cowlitz River near Toledo over the weekend have been suspended after several days of unsuccessful efforts, according to the Lewis County Sheriff's Office.

Prathana Nammavong, 43, was last contacted Friday morning when he communicated with friends by a cell phone, according to the Sheriff's Office.

His vehicle was located in the parking lot at the Blue Creek boat launch on the Cowlitz River in Toledo by two friends who came to fish with him Saturday morning.

Investigators and search dogs went over the area with no success.

"At this time we are not conducting any active searches," Chief Dusty Breen said in a report to media on Wednesday.

Breen said there are some areas of the Cowlitz River where investigators hope to take a closer look.

"We are trying to evaluate how we can safely do that with the appropriate resources," Breen said.

Anyone with information or who contacted Nammavong after Friday is encouraged to contact the Lewis County Sheriff's Office at 360-748-9286 or Lewis

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Man Granted Suspended Sentence for Illegally Shooting Deer, Shoving Witness

PETER P. PETTA: *Chehalis Resident Pleaded Guilty to Three Counts*

By Natalie Johnson
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A Chehalis man accused in October of shooting a deer twice with handguns, then allegedly threatening a witness to the incident pleaded guilty Wednesday in Lewis County Superior Court, saying he was sorry for doing a "stupid" thing.

"I think you hit the nail on the head. This was a moment of stupid," Superior Court Judge James Lawler said. "I have a lot of con-

fidence you won't be back. It's an expensive lesson."

Peter P. Petta, 59, of Chehalis, pleaded guilty Wednesday to fourth-degree assault, second-degree hunting of big game and unlawful hunting or retrieving wildlife from the property of another.

He was originally charged in November with one count of tampering with a witness, second-degree unlawful hunting of big game, unlawful hunting or retrieving of wildlife from the property of another and unlawful hunting of big game with a firearm with a barrel length of less than 4 inches.

He was sentenced Wednesday

to 364 days in jail with all suspended on the first two counts and 90 days suspended on the third.

He also must pay a mandatory \$2,000 fine and forfeit his firearms.

Chief Criminal Deputy Prosecutor Brad Meagher noted that Petta has no criminal history.

"One wonders how he found himself in this situation, nevertheless he did," Meagher said.

On Oct. 11, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife officers responded to the 3300 block of Jackson Highway in Chehalis to a report of a person illegally shooting a deer.

A man reported that his wife

heard two gunshots in the field next to their house, which is private property marked with a "No Hunting" sign.

The property owner returned home to find an unknown man standing in his field next to a dead buck. Officers noted that the 2 by 1 buck was lying dead in the field with a gunshot wound to its neck and another to the top of its back. The deer's throat had also been cut. The shooting was also out-of-season, according to court documents.

The property owner confronted the man, who identified himself only as "Gary," according to court documents. Gary was later identified as Petta.

The property owner told officers he attempted to use his phone to take a picture of the suspect's license plate and the suspect tried to push the phone out of his hand, then threatened to "get his gun to defend himself."

Meagher said after talking with the alleged victim, the Prosecutor's Office believed fourth-degree assault was a more appropriate charge than witness tampering.

Attorney Jakob McGhie, representing Petta, said his client had been out of work for some time and killed the deer out of an urge to be productive.

In Home-Monitoring Company Approves Vacation, Inmate Pays Price

JUDGE: *Situation 'Utter Failure of EHM'*

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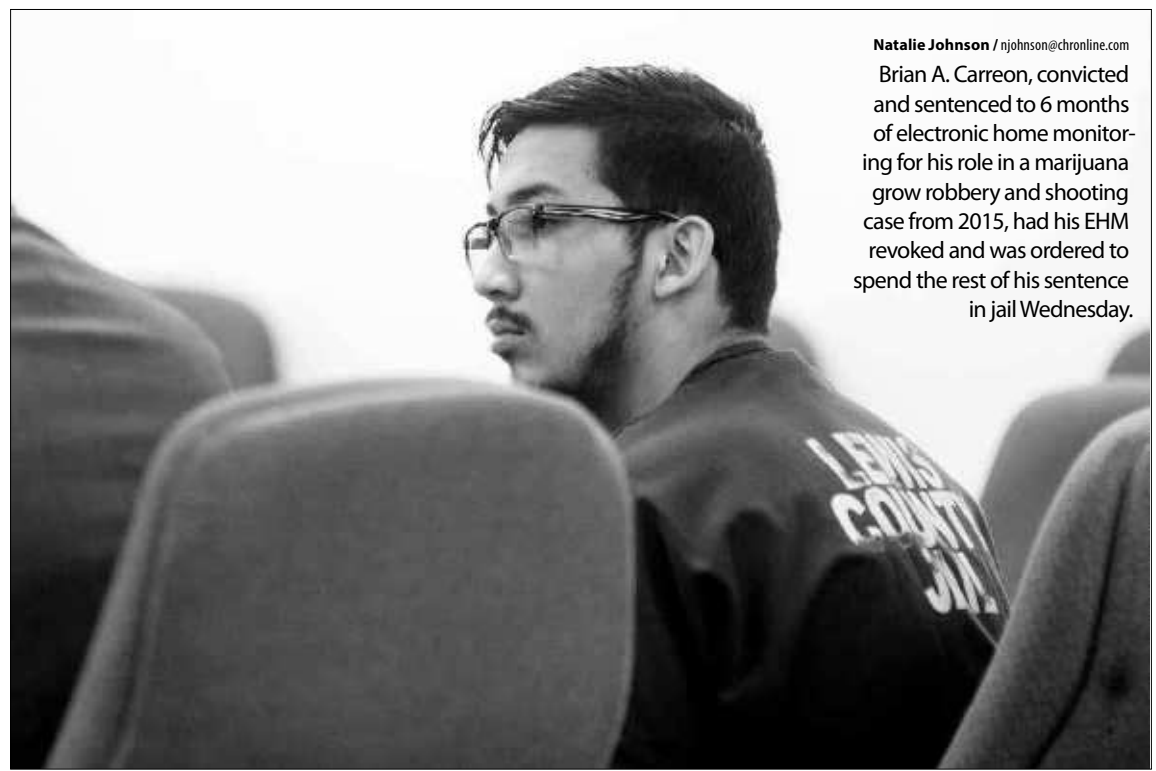
A Centralia teen sentenced to six months of electronic home monitoring for his role in a Feb. 2015 robbery and shooting at a marijuana grow will spend the rest of his sentence in jail after a Lewis County judge found Wednesday that he violated the terms of his release by taking a Christmas trip to visit family in Vancouver.

"It was a privilege to be able to do EHM on this," Superior Court Judge James Lawler said. "Enough is enough as far as I'm concerned."

Brian A. Carreon, 19, of Centralia, pleaded guilty in October to one count of first-degree rendering criminal assistance in the robbery. He was sentenced to six months of electronic home monitoring.

In January, Carreon's ex-girlfriend requested a temporary no-contact order from the court, and reported to the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office that Carreon violated the terms of his EHM by traveling to the Vancouver/Portland area for Christmas and by smoking marijuana and drinking alcohol.

Meagher said Carreon told



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Brian A. Carreon, convicted and sentenced to 6 months of electronic home monitoring for his role in a marijuana grow robbery and shooting case from 2015, had his EHM revoked and was ordered to spend the rest of his sentence in jail Wednesday.

his office that Friendship Diversion, the company that manages his electronic home monitoring, told him he could go to Vancouver and Portland.

Meagher said Carreon's sentence explicitly prohibits that kind of travel, and said the EHM company has no authority to give him that permission, and that Carreon should have known better.

"It's jail in your living room," Meagher said. "You don't get to

go to Vancouver."

Carreon was arrested on a warrant regarding the violation in January and has been in jail since. He started his EHM in November.

Meagher asked Lawler Wednesday to revoke the EHM and have Carreon serve the rest of his sentence, 75 days, plus another 30 days for the violation.

Carreon's attorney, Shane O'Rourke, argued that Friendship Diversion was primarily

responsible for Carreon's trip to Vancouver. Carreon disputed the allegations of drinking and marijuana use, and O'Rourke chalked them up to the testimony of a "disgruntled ex."

Both called witnesses and made arguments in front of Lawler in an about 40-minute hearing Wednesday.

Lawler called the situation an "utter failure of the EHM" and said plenty of blame should go to Friendship Diversion, but

ordered Carreon to serve the 75-day remainder of his sentence in jail. He did not approve the additional 30 days requested by Meagher.

Carreon was arrested in 2015, several months after a robbery and shooting at a medical marijuana grow in the 1200 block of Marion Street in Centralia.

On Feb. 19, officers responded to the residence after receiving reports that several suspects entered a residence with guns, demanded money and marijuana and fired several shots at the two residents, killing a dog.

Three other suspects have pleaded guilty and were sentenced in the case.

At Carreon's sentencing hearing in October, Meagher said his office reduced the teen's original charge from first-degree robbery to first-degree rendering criminal assistance in part due to his cooperation with the investigation. Carreon's attorney, Shane O'Rourke, told the court his client got caught up with a bad crowd.

Carreon was apologetic during his sentencing hearing, but victim Dustin Palermo told The Chronicle he felt Carreon got off with too light a punishment.

Carreon was sentenced to six months on EHM. The agreement allowed him to go to work at the Centralia Factory Outlets, and school.

Chehalis Shooting Suspect Andrew Skyberg Sentenced to 12 Years

By The Chronicle

A Chehalis man who pleaded guilty last week to firing a gun at a woman before hiding from police for a week was sentenced Tuesday to spend more than 12 years in prison.

Andrew C. Skyberg, 36, pleaded guilty Jan. 26 to second-degree assault with a firearm and first-degree unlawful possession

of a firearm.

He was originally scheduled to be sentenced Wednesday, but the hearing was conducted a day early.

He was sentenced to a total of 152 months, including a 36-month sentencing enhancement for the firearm, pursuant to a joint recommendation by the prosecution and defense.

The shooting was first reported early in the morning of Oct. 7 in the 600 block of William Avenue in Chehalis.

Skyberg and a woman were reportedly having a dispute when Skyberg fired several shots in the air, then two in the direction of the victim, who was not injured, according to court documents.

Skyberg fled the scene before police arrived. Police spent several hours searching for him the following day. He was eventually arrested after a short standoff with Lewis County's SWAT team Oct. 14 at a house in the 800 block of Southwest 20th Street in Chehalis.

Skyberg has been in custody since his arrest on \$500,000 bail.

Felicia D. Lane, 28, and Bryan K. Butts, 32, were both charged in Lewis County Superior Court in October with first-degree rendering criminal assistance for allegedly helping Skyberg after the shooting. Both pleaded guilty in November. Lane was sentenced to 17½ months in prison and Butts was sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for 47 served.

Two Charged After Separate Scuffles at Centralia Hospital

By The Chronicle

Two men were charged Wednesday in Lewis County Superior Court after allegedly violent outbursts at Centralia Providence Hospital Tuesday.

Michael A. Hilton, 33, a transient, was charged Wednesday in Lewis County Superior Court with two counts of third-degree assault. He was granted \$25,000 bail and his next court date is scheduled for Feb. 9.

According to court documents, police responded to the hospital's emergency department Tuesday after a nurse called 911 and requested an officer.

The officer arrived and reported he saw approximately nine hospital staff members attending to Hilton, who was strapped to a bed.

Hilton reportedly threatened to "kill all the nurses with a bomb," and spit in one nurse's eye.

Hilton allegedly continued to scream and make threats and allegedly struck the officer in the eye and spit on him.

Hilton was booked into the Lewis County Jail at 10:27 p.m., according to jail records.

Earlier that day, police responded to Providence Centralia Hospital for a malicious mischief

complaint against a different patient.

Joseph E. Leyva, 35, of Centralia, was charged Wednesday with one count of second-degree malicious mischief.

According to court documents, Leyva was transported to the hospital Tuesday morning for a psychological evaluation after he complained of getting some "bad dope."

Hospital staff placed him in a "safe room" after he became "unruly," according to court documents.

Leyva allegedly smashed the room's glass door.

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Michael A. Hilton made his first appearance Wednesday in Lewis County Superior Court on suspicion of punching a police officer and spitting on a nurse in the Providence Centralia Hospital ER.



Man Faces Felony for Actions in Jail After Misdemeanor Arrest

By The Chronicle

A man arrested on a misdemeanor assault is now facing a felony charge after allegedly trashing his holding cell at the jail.

Lucas J. Davis, 33, of Centralia, was arrested on Tuesday evening on suspicion of fourth-degree assault for allegedly punching a person he knew in the face, according to the Centralia Police Department.

Later that evening, deputies from the Lewis County Sheriff's Office responded to the Lewis County Jail after receiving a report of malicious mischief.

Davis, while in a holding cell, allegedly destroyed phones and cameras and began throwing things around the cell. Davis was removed from the cell because of the broken glass, according to court documents.



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Lucas J. Davis made his first appearance in Lewis County Superior Court Wednesday on suspicion of damaging property at the jail after being arrested on an unrelated charge.

Deputies reported that the cell was "uninhabitable" after the incident, according to court documents.

Davis was charged Wednes-

day in Lewis County Superior Court with one count of first-degree malicious mischief, a felony.

He was released on \$10,000 unsecured bail.

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Senior Center Transition Team Decides to Move Forward As One Group

FURTHER STEPS: Next Meeting to Focus on Creating Subcommittees

By Aaron Kunkler
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A transition team formed to transfer Lewis County senior centers out from under county ownership decided Wednesday to work as a unified group instead of branching off into individual centers.

The senior centers are currently run by the county but, due to a focus on reducing non-mandated expenditures by the commissioners, the county's portion of their budgets will likely be cut at the end of 2017. There are five senior centers throughout the county in Winlock, Chehalis,

Morton, Packwood and Toledo. A sixth meals program operates out of a rented Pe Ell church.

Many options for moving forward were discussed at the meeting, said Glenda Forga, the transition team facilitator.

These included having the centers operate as a block. One main justification for this was the fact that if the centers split up into five separate nonprofit entities, they would likely be competing for the same grants.

The other reason the members identified as a benefit to working as a single organization was that the Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging, which receives federal money to fund nutrition programs, prefers to work with a single entity in each county to provide meals,

Forga said.

The transition team's secretary, Michelle Whitten, said other options for funding the centers were discussed, including the possibility of creating special levy tax districts, a possible continuance of partial county funding and partnering with cities in the county to secure funding.

The idea of opening up senior centers to other activities and reimagining them as also serving as broader community centers to raise funds was also floated, Forga said.

"Looking at that, if we didn't do just senior centers, but did community centers, what would that look like," Forga said.

While the two past meetings of the team have been held at the county courthouse in Chehalis,

the next meeting will be held on Feb. 15 at the Winlock Senior Center and on March 1 at the Morton Senior Center, both of which are scheduled for 1 p.m.

The team also expressed interest in bringing in representatives from other counties' senior center programs, which are not run by local governments, to speak about how they function. Forga will be seeking to book at least two representatives for the next meeting.

Subcommittees dedicated to looking at specific issues during the transition will also be created next meeting, along with the various issues they will be tasked with examining.

The cost of operating the senior centers is slightly more than \$700,000, with the county fund-

ing approximately \$376,000 of it. Currently, the county is planning to eliminate that funding at the end of 2017. The transition team is comprised of local business, community and government leaders and representatives of the senior centers to identify ways to smoothly transition the centers while keeping them open and functioning.

The five dedicated centers offer both nutrition programs, which encompass meals provided through the Area Agency on Aging, but also enrichment programs which encompass all other social and communal activities.

While the county contributes \$376,000 toward their operation, the centers themselves raise the remaining amount.

Port Announces Grocery Distribution Center to be Constructed in Centralia

GALVIN ROAD: Business Would Bring Significant Jobs, Add to Tax Base

By Justyna Tomtas
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Port of Centralia commissioners have waived their right of first refusal on a property owned by Benaroya that will become the future site of a grocery distribution center and is expected to bring in 200 to 400 jobs.

The property is located at 4002 Galvin Road in Centralia.

"They've received and entered into a contract with a third party for a portion of approximately 53 acres of property," Kyle Heaton, executive director of the port, said at a meeting Wednesday. "... The jobs are significant and this is a significant amount of capital that would be built in the community and so obviously that adds to the tax base."

Although Benaroya owns the property, it is located within the port district, so port commissioners have the option to purchase the property prior to it being sold to someone else.

According to Heaton, the port waives its right of first refusal 90 percent of the time.

Heaton said he has seen a basic site plan, but once an official site plan is submitted, the port would have to review it.

The name of the grocery distributor has not been disclosed at this time.

The 1 million-square-foot building would have to be constructed on the Galvin Road site.

Benaroya officials did not return a request for comment prior to deadline.

IN OTHER PORT news, Heaton told commissioners the port had received notification from Zev Technologies that they reached terms to acquire Mega Arms. Heaton said it would not result in a decrease in building envelope since they still need both buildings. Zev manufactures pistols, while Mega Arms manufactures rifles. Heaton said the move makes sense for both manufacturing and marketing purposes since instead of competing, the businesses will augment one another. The businesses combined have about 100 employees. When

Mega Arms first started, they only had 30. At the next meeting, commissioners will be presented more formal documentation for approval.

PORT COMMISSIONERS also approved a 7-foot fence with barbed wire to be constructed at Lineage Logistics in Centralia. Heaton said regulations have changed since the facility was built, so it now needs to be fenced. The fence will make the facility more secure for the food the company works with on the inside, Heaton said.

'Murder at the Winery' Director Hopes to Provide Fun, Interactive Experience While Fundraising

By The Chronicle

An interactive murder mystery dinner is coming to Chehalis in March in an annual event that its director says should provide an engaging experience for participants.

JB Herren is the director of this year's Twin Cities Rotary Mystery Dinner, and he said he's excited to put it on.

"It's a lot of fun because it's audience participation," he said.

"It's never predictable how it works out."

Herren said the show will be broken up into three acts with a cocktail hour at the beginning, followed by dinner and a show.

During the performance, actors will mingle with the crowd as they act out the script and the audience tries to figure out who the murderer is.

A casting call took place on Tuesday, and Herren said find-

ing actors and actresses to fill the cast and push them toward living in their roles is rewarding.

"Being able to draw incredibly fun characters out of the actors that show up to participate," is his favorite part of the job, Herren said.

Jakob McGhie is also involved with the event, and said the net proceeds will go to Centralia College Foundation scholarships, local literacy projects

and Business Week.

McGhie also said a prize will be awarded to whoever correctly identifies the murderer.

Tickets for the event are \$50, while couples tickets are \$90 and bundles of six tickets go for \$275.

It will be held on March 3 with cocktail hour beginning at 6 p.m. at the Washington Hotel in Chehalis and the dinner will be catered by Once Upon A Thyme of Chehalis.

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WHEN: March 3 at 6 p.m.
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Veterans Center to Host Open House on Feb. 3

By The Chronicle

There will be an open house in the Veterans Center on Centralia College's campus on Friday.

Interested individuals are able to walk in at any time between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Veterans Center is located in Kemp Hall, Room 103.

Four people will be at the open house to answer questions.

Those include Pat Zandecki, with West Care, which mainly deals with homeless veterans and provides assistance with rent, gas and utilities; Catherine Gish, with Vocational Rehab, who can provide answers about how to apply to the program and funding; Kelly Worthey, the VA School Certifying official, who can answer questions about VA educational benefits and classes on campus; and Heidi Palmer, Vets Corps Navigator, who can provide resources for outside agencies that can't make it, and community based outreach programs like Got Your 6 Fishing, which provides free fishing trips for veterans and active duty soldiers. Palmer can also speak to programs like Rainier Therapeutic Riding, which uses horses for therapy to help veterans and active duty soldiers for free, as well as Mission Continues, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

For questions directed at the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs concerning disability services, a time and date can be set up to meet with a representative.

If someone is unable to come in person, but has a question, contact Heidi Palmer, Vet Corps Navigator, at 360-623-8466.

Cantwell Votes 'No' on Sessions Nomination for Attorney General as Washington State Files Lawsuit Challenging Trump's Immigration Orders

The Chronicle

U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell announced Tuesday she would not be voting to confirm President Donald Trump's pick for attorney general, who was approved Wednesday in an 11 to 9 vote along party lines, with Republicans backing Sen. Jeff Sessions' nomination.

In a press release, Cantwell said her concerns lay in past actions by Sessions that she said blocked efforts to safeguard voting rights, an unwillingness to protect women from domestic violence and opposition to LG-BTQ rights.

Cantwell also said she is concerned about his opposition to the Supreme Court decision affirming a woman's right to abortions in the Roe v. Wade decision, as well as what Cantwell said was opposition to criminal sentencing and immigration reforms.

"Given his record, I am concerned that if Senator Sessions is confirmed to the U.S. attorney general, he and the Trump Administration may not uphold current protections for all Americans. Therefore, I will be voting 'no' on Senator Sessions' confirmation," she said in the press release.

If confirmed by the Senate Judiciary Committee, a vote to approve Sessions would move before the larger, Republican controlled Senate.

If approved there, Sessions would assume the role of attorney general following the firing of Acting Attorney General Sally Yates on Monday evening, shortly after she declared the Justice Department would not be enforcing controversial immigration and refugee bans enacted by the White House.

Trump's move to replace Yates followed a second week-

end of protests nationwide and around the world in opposition to executive orders signed by the president.

On Saturday, thousands of people around the nation rallied at airports to protest the ban and detention of refugees and travelers seeking to enter the country from seven Muslim-majority nations.

Washington state also became the first to file a lawsuit against the Trump administration on Monday, challenging his executive order on immigration, according to the Associated Press, and the American Civil Liberties Union has been filing lawsuits on behalf of affected individuals.

Free Tax Help Available at Centralia College

By The Chronicle

Accounting students will be available at Centralia College to help people complete their 2016 tax returns. The free service will be available through April 15.

Centralia College's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program is offered as a service to the community, according to a press release from the college.

The accounting students volunteer their time and skills, while gaining critical experience working in real world situations.

"For student volunteers who run the VITA program, this opportunity means hands-on practice outside the classroom," Otto Rabe, accounting professor, said in the release. "Second-year students help complete tax forms under the supervision of third- and fourth-year students, who provide quality control. It's a powerful learning experience and a great community service. A lot of people are intimidated by income taxes. We're here to help."

The service is open to all local residents. Those who require an IRS Schedule C are only eligible if the self-employment income is \$25,000 or less, according to the release.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program will operate weekdays through April 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Washington Hall Tax Lab, Room 110.

Small Cities Program Awards \$10,000 to Bucoda and Tenino

By The Chronicle

The Port of Olympia announced it had funded the cities of Bucoda, Tenino, Rainier and Yelm through their Small Cities Program at a rate of \$10,000 each in 2016.

The intent of the program, according to a press release from the port, is to assist with projects that will contribute to local economic development and the program requires a matching fund from each city.

Small cities are defined as incorporated cities in the county with a population of 10,000 or less.

In Bucoda, the funds were used to continue the renova-

tion of the historic Oddfellows Building into a community center serving residents and visitors. Included in the grant were funds for purchasing and installing acoustic sound suppression panels.

Tenino used its funds to highlight the entrance to the city park from the downtown historic business district as well as the entrance to the business district to park visitors and county trail users.

In Rainier, the funds were used to install wider sidewalks, bulbouts and landscaping along the Binghamton Street to build downtown character.

And in Yelm, the funding was used to conduct pavement rating and conditions of its streets, neighborhood collectors and arterials.

The 2017 Small Cities application deadline is April 1.

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Move Washington's Primary So Votes Matter

By The Seattle Times

Last year, Washington's process for picking Democratic presidential candidates was shown, again, to be a frustrating, confusing mess.

While refusing to use the state's presidential primary, Democrats held party caucuses March 26, which disenfranchised thousands due to poor execution. Those participants picked Bernie Sanders.

Republicans had to wait until May 24 for a statewide presidential primary — so late that Donald Trump was already cruising toward the nomination, yet Ted

Other Views

Cruz, John Kasich and Ben Carson remained on the ballot. The GOP had supported an effort to move the primary earlier so it could have a more influential result, but Democrats refused.

Interestingly, Democrats also got to vote in the May primary. Those voters picked Hillary Clinton — a meaningless result because their caucuses had already awarded delegates to Sanders. Good grief.

The state Legislature should be moved by the debacle and clean up the process. Secre-

tary of State Kim Wyman has bipartisan support for a smart proposal, which moves up the statewide presidential primary from the fourth Tuesday in May, as it is now set in law, to the second Tuesday in March.

That date would come just a week after Super Tuesday. It would assure that Washington citizens cast votes for presidential nominees when it still matters. That would assure candidates campaign in Washington — learning, for example, about our unique reliance on trade and our decades-long fight with the feds to finally clean up

Hanford — and not just treat the Puget Sound as an ATM.

An earlier Washington state primary could also be timed with other Western states, for a so-called Pac-12 primary. Wyman is talking with other states about an earlier, multi-state primary, but Washington's Legislature needs to help her out and actually move up the date.

Democrats have been the problem here, preferring clubby caucuses on a Saturday in March, which is difficult for many shift workers and voters with families.

While the Legislature is at

it, they would do voters a favor and allow independent voters a chance to make their preference known in the presidential primary. Currently voters must choose ballots by party affiliation. Adding an independent ballot would reflect the party-splitting nature of many Washington voters. This last presidential election clearly showed that party matters less when flawed candidates are the only choices.

Moving up the primary will not be a hedge against bad outcomes in the 2020 presidential election. But it's a start.

COMMENTARY: I Was Just Thinking

Understanding Donald Trump: Work in Progress

It's taken awhile, but I've figured out why I feel so uncomfortable with the present leader of our country. Of course I disagree with his plans for us in the next four years, but there's another reason for my feelings.

It's because of his facial expressions throughout the campaign and now in the White House. He can't seem to say anything without looking like a very bad amateur actor. Watch him next time he's on TV and see if you don't agree.

He resorts to acting methods that were introduced back in the 1800s, where each emotion had a corresponding facial and hand gesture to express it. Many were even given numbers for the absolute neophyte in the craft. Our leader has apparently studied them well.

Face No. 1 could be called "are you serious" and consists of tilting the head back and looking at the sky. A slight shake of the head is optional.

No. 2 would be "You're an Idiot," and is similar to No. 1, but substitutes a stare for the head shake.

No. 3 is "I'm trying to teach you something," and involves pulling the sides of the mouth closer together and exaggerating the movement of the lips.

No. 4 is the well known, "You're fired," as practiced back when he was a TV star.

No. 5 is a scowl, used whenever referring to Democrats.

No. 6 is a semi-sneer, used when referring to any woman other than his daughter or most recent wife.

Those expressions of his remind me of a second-rate comic doing an imitation of President Nixon saying "I am not a crook!" followed by waving two fingers of each hand.

I'm sure you can add some of your own. I will say, though, that I recently saw him smile as if he meant it. It didn't last long, and was discarded when he apparently realized what he had done.

I could add more, but I have no ambition to be arrested by the Secret Service and waterboarded.

Changing the subject, my daughter occasionally slips a Starbucks credit card into my birthday or Christmas cards. She knows I enjoy reading the Sunday Times with a 12-ounce vanilla cappuccino at my elbow. There was an extra bonus, a chuckle, last Sunday. Walking into the store, I spotted a large sign advertising a new Cascara Latte, and couldn't help thinking that they should have picked a better name.

A well-seasoned gentleman next to me muttered, "I sure wouldn't drink that." Why, you ask? Well, you had to have been around the Northwest woods back in the 1930s when some families kept starvation at bay by stripping the bark from cascara trees and selling it to pharmaceutical firms. You'd be hard put to find a cascara tree growing today. If it wasn't cut down, stripping off all its bark usually did the job.

What made it so popular? Well, it was just one of the many ways in which we learned things from Native Americans. Just as chewing a small green branch of a willow tree released a source of the painkiller used in aspirin, cascara bark was considered to be a very effective and powerful laxative.

The sign advertising the Cascara Latte did say that it was made from the berries of the coffee cherry, but I still wouldn't take a chance on drinking it.

One last item: I spotted Herman, the hummingbird, at his favorite feeder earlier today after an absence of at least two weeks. He must be a ferocious guardian of that particular feeder, because the sugar-water level hadn't gone down one bit while he was gone!

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Letters

Retired Administrators Criticize Bond Opponents

We feel privileged to have taught, coached and been principals to many, if not most, of the under 65 generation in Toledo. We have a combined total of 119 years of service to the Toledo School District.

Our children were all educated in the Toledo schools and we are proud of them, proud of our schools and proud of our community. Although now long retired, we have all chosen to remain in this wonderful community.

A majority of Toledo School Board members, past and present, are Toledo High School graduates. They are our friends and neighbors, some are our ex-students, all are committed to do what is best for our schools, students and community. We recognize and appreciate the many years and hours they have donated and the sacrifices they have made on behalf of kids and community.

We were humbled to have received the responsibilities and confidence past school board members placed on us to administer the school district. We worked hard, made decisions to the best of our abilities, cared for our buildings, and were conservative and prudent with district funds.

To this day, we maintain a strong commitment to the youth of Toledo and our schools. We now recognize that same commitment and competence in the current school district administrators and board members.

We find the recent Chronicle letters from Bob Reid, Alfred Carlson and Bernie Rodgers in opposition to the upcoming Toledo School District bond confusing and disturbing. They demean the district's board of directors and administrators, accuse the district of "misleading propaganda," "years of neglect," abusing and "fleecing taxpayers" and ignoring building maintenance.

Wow! We can say unequivocally none of that is true. Mr. Reid has selectively quoted from the district's

Study and Survey (an independent state required document) to bolster his claims of propaganda and poor maintenance. Perhaps he did so to convince readers of his credibility.

What Mr. Reid failed to share with readers, possibly by accident but more probably because it did not support his assertions, was Chapter 9 of that document. Chapter 9 states clearly, "The Toledo School District has not deferred any maintenance of its facilities."

We have known Mr. Reid for many years and consider him to be the troll that pops up from beneath the bridge every time Toledo School District proposes an M&O levy or bond issue. We understand that he believes he has the school district afraid of him — shaking in their boots.

Wrong! He has long ago squandered any credibility he may have once had. We do not know Mr. Carlson nor Mr. Rodgers, but suggest they seek a more honest source for their school related information.

If these three gentlemen don't want to pay taxes, and want to encourage others to join them in voting no, just say so. People can understand that. We can understand that. But, attacks on good people doing a difficult job for the benefit of our kids and community are disingenuous.

We have proudly voted yes on the school bond and for our students!

GARY SPRINGER, DENNIS CLARK,
MICK FILLA, TOM LAHMANN
retired TSD administrators
Toledo

Good Schools Improve Area's Economic Climate

I am writing in support of the Centralia School District bond measure. As a 2011 graduate of Centralia High School, I saw first-hand the condition of the building, and the resulting effect it had on our education.

I remember there being issues of overcrowding, and several teachers simply had no classroom. They would

jump from room to room throughout the day.

I am also concerned about the condition of our schools when it comes to our local economy. When a company like Tesla looks at our community for a huge manufacturing site that would create thousands of jobs, we need to take notice. These companies look at so many factors during their searches. Labor, permitting, infrastructure, utility costs and the education of what could be their future employees, among many others.

Now, I'm proud of our schools and our teachers, but what will these companies think when comparing Centralia's schools to, say, Aberdeen's or Longview's.

Like him or not, President Donald Trump has put a big emphasis on reviving U.S. manufacturing jobs. If he's successful, many companies will be looking to expand, and I think Centralia has a chance to take advantage of that.

We have the location between Portland and Seattle, the easy access to Interstate 5 and BNSF rail line, Centralia College's workforce training programs, the dedicated folks at the Lewis County Economic Development Council, our ports and the Industrial Park at TransAlta.

What I'm concerned about is our schools. I think modern school buildings are a wise investment when it comes to our economic future. I truly believe we can land a new company or industry that can change our economy for the better, and create opportunity for our citizens.

Centralia isn't perfect, no town is, but it's my home, and I want to see our community thrive. Having new, modern school buildings, I believe, is an excellent start. If you agree, then please join me in voting yes on the Centralia School District bond proposal by Feb. 14.

CHARLES SNELL
Centralia

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Port Commissioners Back TBD Ballot Item

Recently, the Port of Chehalis commissioners voted unanimously to encourage a yes vote on the upcoming Transportation Benefit District ballot measure in the city of Chehalis.

This measure, if approved by the voters, would increase the local sales tax by 2/10ths of 1 percent. The money raised, about \$850,000 annually, would be used exclusively for Chehalis street maintenance and construction.

Why would our pro-business port vote in support of a local tax increase? Because we believe the benefits to our community far outweigh the costs. In fact, those benefits are much more than just \$850,000 in new funds for roads.

The city can use those funds as “match” for state and federal grants, which often require local partners to chip in 20 percent of the total project cost. So \$100,000 in city funds, for example, could bring in \$400,000 in outside funds to complete a \$500,000 road project.

This equates to millions of dollars of funds over the 10-year life of the tax increase, funds that could go a long way toward repairing and rebuilding parts of our road network that are in bad shape.

Over the last decade the city wisely prioritized the reduced funds they had available to them due to the Great Recession. Their money rightly went to higher priority issues like maintaining police services and the water and sewer systems we all rely on. But after a decade of Band-Aids and temporary fixes, our city streets are showing their age.

Every one of us knows of a nasty pothole or a rutted street somewhere in Chehalis that needs some work, but right now the funds just aren't there to fix them. Our neighbors in Centralia wisely passed the same ballot measure 2 years ago and they have made great headway in fixing up their streets since.

Are we, as a community, satisfied with “poor” streets or do we want something better? We at the port believe the Chehalis community has a long history of investing in ourselves for our future benefit. The port, the school bond, our STEM program, the pool, the library, the Chehalis Foundation — these are all instances of Chehalis residents investing in ourselves because sometimes the things you want cost actual money.

Our businesses rely on a solid transportation system to move goods, and investments in roads attract new businesses and jobs. For these reasons and others, the Port of Chehalis encourages you to vote yes on the upcoming city of Chehalis TBD ballot measure.

RANDY MUELLER
chief executive officer
Port of Chehalis

Yes Vote Urged on Mossyrock Levy

It is that time again to make the decision if you will support another school levy or if you will vote no. I urge a yes vote for Mossyrock School District.

Our students deserve to have the necessary funding that it takes to run all aspects of a school. Maintenance and operations levies help offset the lack of funding from the state to help with the daily operations of the district.

What are those, you may ask yourself. Well they include things like heat, fuel, food service, transportation, support staff such as para-educators, office personnel, principals, superintendents, teachers who are not fully funded by the state, athletics, extracurricular activities, and the list goes on and on.

I believe that these are all vital items in making sure that our students in having a well-rounded education. If you take away any one aspect of the list above you will find a school that does not run well.

I have worked at a school district when a levy was not passed by the community, and I will tell you the one year that we did not have that funding took many years of cuts and lack of essential supplies to get us back on track.

Our students do not deserve for our school to fall off track and be detoured from the amaz-

ing things our district is doing for students. When you go to mark your ballot, please remember our kids matter and they deserve your yes vote.

APRIL KAECH
Silver Creek

Former CHS Student Notes School Problems

Growing up in Centralia, I never knew of any type of schools other than the ones I attended: Fords Prairie, Oakview, Centralia Middle School and Centralia High School.

After graduating from CHS in 2014, I went on to attend Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, where I am a junior pursuing a double major in political science and psychology. Here at Swarthmore I interact daily with people from all over the world and hear stories about their lives and educational experiences.

The differences between the schools they attended and the schools in Centralia are dramatic. Students should never have to be concerned about leaking roofs, inadequate space or dangerous lacks of security. In order for our students to succeed the way students across the rest of the country are succeeding, we must have structures in place that allow for high-quality education.

I loved my time at CHS, and I think that was evident by how involved I was. I served as student body president, yearbook editor and tennis captain, among other activities. The feeling of satisfaction I received by staying involved in the campus and community is something I still strive for now.

The result of this bond matters deeply to me because every student deserves the opportunity to get as much out of CHS as I was able to. The high school, like many of our elementary schools, is not large enough to handle increased class sizes. When classrooms are cramped, students cannot receive the level of individual attention they deserve and require in order to fully succeed.

Successful public schools are vital to a thriving community. One of the main responsibilities of K-12 education is to prepare students for life after graduation. For some students that means applicable skills that can be taken directly into the workforce. For others, it means college prep help for standardized tests and applications.

Whatever paths students want to pursue, they need dedicated buildings and resources that do not currently exist.

Our school district has to serve thousands of students with a diverse set of skills and interests. Without the improvements that this bond would provide for our schools, all students will continue to struggle to reach their full potential.

I am proud to be a product of Centralia, and I want graduates to be able to say that for many, many years to come. Please vote yes on the Centralia School District bond.

ANNA SCHEIBMEIR
Galvin

New Technology Has Bypassed Toledo HS

On Feb. 14, Toledo voters will be asked to support a capital bond for improvement in our schools.

I have been a lifelong resident of Toledo and attended the Toledo School District, as did my two sons.

When Toledo High School was constructed in 1975, it was considered state of the art. However, in 2017 it is now showing its age. Not so much on the outside, but on the inside.

In 1975, there was no technology as we know it today. The technology age has taken over and our high school is not equipped to handle what is needed.

When built in 1975, was it constructed to withstand a serious earthquake? With its cinder-block construction, I highly doubt it. The structural needs must be dealt with. The leaking ceiling, creating an atmosphere for mold rot, and the continuing disintegrating materials all need to be taken care of.

The plumbing needs are way out of control. The single paned

glass windows do not stand up to the needs of the building, letting heat out in the winter and too much heat in during spring.

I know the district has done a remarkable job of trying to keep things going at all the schools here in Toledo, but they can do just so much, and then it is time for the public's help. While it sounds here like it would be only the high school needing improvements, they will also be made at the elementary and middle schools. All schools will benefit from this new bond.

As a concerned citizen and one interested in our schools, I urge all Toledo citizens to think long and hard and vote their conscience.

DIANA HAUG
Toledo

School Head Selection Should Involve Citizens

As former superintendent of the Napavine School District (1989-2008), I am encouraging school patrons and parents to be aware and get involved in the ongoing selection of the new superintendent.

I can attest to the two most important requirements of a school superintendent: instructional leadership and experience in running a school district.

The school board is in the process of selecting and interviewing finalists for the job. They swear to an oath of office that as an individual they will conduct themselves and their affairs as a board member in a manner that reflects what is best for students.

I would expect that when they cast their vote for the new superintendent they will carefully and responsibly weigh that choice.

The retiring superintendent, Rick Jones, has done a commendable job. The superintendent search consultant, Rick Anthony, is one of the best in the business. The final outcome is up to the school board.

They need to be expected to select the best candidate for the job. The one with the best experience and proven record for instructional leadership.

It is important to keep our schools as student-focused as possible. Be involved and help the school board select the best, most qualified new superintendent.

GEORGE M. CRAWFORD
Retired superintendent
Napavine School District
Napavine

It's Been 30 Years: Pass Centralia Bond

I am writing in support of the Centralia School District bond.

There is a need for newer and remodeled school buildings in Centralia as the last bond was passed in 1986, 30 years ago. That measure allowed for the remodel and update of the middle school and Edison Elementary.

Those buildings were updated, but the buildings on the list this time were not on the “to do” list at that time. Last summer was my 50th class reunion. The two elementary buildings in the discussion this time were built to house those of us in the “baby boom.” Certainly the times and needs have changed since I was in grade school in the 1950s.

Just consider what gadgets you have today, and find indispensable, that were not available 10 or 20 years ago let alone 50 years ago. Just like you, schools and education must continue to change, adjust, remodel and grow. Training students for their adult lives is no easy task as we try to predict what will be the needs in 10 or 20 years.

We know now that certainly STEM learnings (science, technology, engineering and math) are crucial for student employment and community prosperity in the future. The ditch digging jobs that were available when I attended grade school have disappeared. As we look into the future, the building needs in Centralia will not go away with some wishful thinking.

If history is to be believed, the cost of these building needs will stay the same or increase. The Centralia School District has run bond measures several times since the last successful one 30 years ago. I trust that those who work and learn in the buildings

provided by the Centralia community will continue to request funds to update and upgrade facilities until a measure finally is successful.

Although there is a match from the state of Washington, the community must step up to say it believes in the need.

Students learning in these buildings must be convinced that the people in this community value education and the student effort necessary on their part to be successful graduates.

Coming through outdated, deteriorating buildings may signal to some students that Centralia does not value a high school diploma.

I believe it is time to bite the bullet and provide for today's students and those of the future. Building schools also builds the community and provides a base for a prosperous future.

THORLEA KIRTZ
Centralia

Mossyrock Grad Backs Yes Vote on Levy

I am writing in support of the Mossyrock School District's maintenance and operations levy.

As a graduate of Mossyrock High School, a long-time resident of Mossyrock and someone who has had children and grandchildren graduate from our school district, I see the necessity of continuing school funding through the levy process.

This is a replacement levy only, funds collected are used for basic daily operational needs. Strong schools help to make a strong community. I am proud of our school and community and believe this is a good investment.

In 2016, 73 percent of the schools in our county collected much higher tax rates than Mossyrock. The statewide average general fund levy rate in 2016 was \$2.51 per \$1,000 assessed value. With the passage of this replacement levy our district will collect \$2.16 or less per \$1,000 assessed value in 2018-19.

For our students, faculty and staff, and community, I respectfully ask registered voters in the Mossyrock School District to support high quality schools and vote “yes” for the M&O levy by Feb. 14.

SHERI HENDRICKS
Mossyrock

People Mulling Move Look at School Quality

I am writing to you to encourage support for the upcoming maintenance and operations levy for the Mossyrock School District.

Currently, the district is seeking a replacement levy. This is not a new levy, but a “to be continued” levy. The taxpayers in the past have agreed to an ongoing levy to keep our schools, their programs, staff and facilities in the forefront of our great community. This replacement levy will be collecting taxes for the 2018-19 tax years.

I am a Realtor, and have worked in Lewis County in the real estate and mortgage industries since 1997. The Mossyrock School District is a major drawing point for people moving into or considering moving into our area. The pride that has been taken maintaining the grounds and structures has sold homes in the district alone.

The quality of the programs, the faculty and the educational values of our schools have not gone unnoticed. Moving families to our community, welcoming them with a great school, a clean school with education distinctions and continued student success is to add value to all of our homes and properties.

Passing this levy and proudly keeping our community schools at their best is in the end helping all of us. It adds value to your homes as well. With the recent reductions in the tax assessed values of the properties for the next four-year cycle, the amounts to be collected will be actually less than we have been paying with the higher assessments.

For example, a home previously assessed at \$200,000 has been paying \$418 per year at the current levy rate of \$2.09. That same house with a new assessed value or \$185,000 will be paying

\$399 per year with the anticipated new rate of \$2.16 per \$1000.

Also, for those taxpayers who are eligible for reduced taxes or exemptions, such as senior citizens or those with disabilities, you will see no changes to your taxes. Your exemptions stay in place, at no cost to you and your community thanks you for your support!

I am supporting this levy and as levy chairwoman, I encourage all of you to support your schools, and vote yes by Feb. 14. As the Mossyrock levy chairwoman, I can be reached at lorirashoff@lewiscounty.com with any questions regarding the current levy or voting process.

LORI J. RASHOFF
Silver Creek

Chehalin Says Motorists Should Record Cops

While browsing through YouTube videos the other night, I came across some that bothered me. But they really don't surprise me. They have to do with the militarization of what was once called law enforcement here in Lewis County.

I recall one time when going to Rite Aid in Chehalis, I was in the left turn lane off of Market Boulevard waiting for the green arrow when a sheriff's car pulled up next to me.

I noticed the officer kept glaring at me with outright disdain. It was obviously an attempt to intimidate me so I'd make a mistake and they could stop me for some trumped-up reason.

On one of the YouTube videos I saw, a Centralia cop stopped a car. The first thing the cop said was “Turn that camera away!” Obviously the cops in Centralia, and probably all of Lewis County, don't like being recorded by the public.

My advice to people is always record the cops, and never talk to them. Answer questions and state you want a lawyer! Our freedom is going down the toilet here too.

So sad.

TERRY BARR
Chehalis

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CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Man Booked on Malicious Mischief Charge

• At 11:13 a.m. on Tuesday, police arrested Joseph E. Leyva, 35, of Centralia, in the 900 block of South Scheuber Road on suspicion of second-degree malicious mischief. He allegedly broke a glass panel on a door at a health care facility.

Juvenile Referred for Marijuana Charge

• At 1:37 p.m. on Tuesday, police referred a juvenile in the 800 block of Eshom Road to prosecutors on suspicion of possession of marijuana.

Suspects Arrested After Assaults at Health Care Facility

• At 5:51 a.m. on Wednesday, police arrested and released Mahlon L. Wigginton, 61, of Centralia, on suspicion of third-degree assault on allegedly assaulting security staff at a health care facility. He is being referred for charges to the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office.

• At 1:52 p.m. on Wednesday, police arrested Amanda B. Smith, 24, of Centralia, in the 900 block of South Scheuber Road on suspicion of third-degree assault. Smith was accused of assaulting two security staff at the health care facility.

Centralia Man Booked After Alleged Threats

• At 6:54 a.m. on Wednesday, police arrested Patrick R. Lytle, 40, of Centralia, on suspicion of felony harassment in the 1000 block of Belmont Avenue. Lytle was accused of displaying a knife and threatening to kill another person.

Vehicle Prowl

• At 8:14 a.m. on Wednesday, police received a report of a vehicle prowling in the 1200 block of North Pearl Street.

• At 8:29 a.m. on Wednesday, a vehicle prowling was reported in the 1200 block of North Pearl Street. A computer and backpack were stolen.

• At 4:57 a.m. on Thursday, police received a report of a vehicle prowling in the 800 block of E Street in Centralia. Gasoline was stolen.

Death Notices

• **MARY ELIZABETH WOLBERT**, 85, Olympia, formerly of Chehalis, died Wednesday, Jan. 25, at Garden Courte Memory Care, Olympia. No services are planned. Arrangements are under the care of Woodlawn Funeral Home, Lacey.

• **JANE BROWN**, 70, Rydewood, died Monday, Jan. 30, at home. At her request, no services will be held. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

• **THOMAS A. TROTTER**, 45, Chehalis, died Wednesday, Jan. 25, at Bailey Boushay House, Seattle. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Claquato Cemetery, Chehalis, followed by a celebration of life at the Adna Grange. Arrangements are under the care of Brown Mortuary Service, Chehalis.

Lotteries

Washington's Thursday Games

Powerball: 09-43-57-60-64, Powerball: 10, Power Play: 2
Next jackpot: \$206 million
Mega Millions:
Next jackpot: \$20 million
Lotto: 03-04-12-13-16-19
Next jackpot: \$1.6 million
Hit 5: 19-21-26-31-39
Next cashpot: \$250,000
Match 4: 02-05-07-17
Daily Game: 9-1-4
Keno: 06-07-09-13-20-22-23-26-34-41-43-46-52-55-58-59-67-71-78-80

Commodities

Gas in Washington — \$2.72 (AAA of Washington)
Crude Oil — \$54.01 per barrel (CME Group)
Gold — \$1,222 (Monex)
Silver — \$17.64 (Monex)

Corrections

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Sirens

Wallet Stolen

• At 12:08 a.m. on Thursday, a wallet was reported stolen in the 1300 block of Belmont Avenue.

CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT Shoplifters Reported

• At 11:44 a.m. on Monday, police received a report of a theft of apparel and makeup in the 1000 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue. No arrests were made.

• At 3:34 p.m. on Monday, three shoplifters were reported in the 1000 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue.

• At 4:01 p.m. on Monday, police received a report of a theft of tools from the 100 block of Northeast Hampe Way. The suspect reportedly ran away and

later dropped the items.

• At 5:49 p.m. on Monday, police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 1000 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue. Christopher M. Hartsook, 29, of Olympia, was cited and released on suspicion of third-degree theft for allegedly shoplifting \$81.56 in merchandise.

• At 4:25 p.m. on Tuesday, police received a report of a theft from a store in the 500 block of South Market Boulevard.

• At 6:17 p.m. on Tuesday, police received a report of a subject shoplifting liquor in

the 1000 block of South Market Boulevard.

• At 7:36 p.m. on Tuesday, police received a report of a shoplifter in the 1000 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue.

Green Hill Inmate Allegedly Kicks Staff

• At 12:52 p.m. on Monday, police received a report that a student at Green Hill School in Chehalis kicked a staff member. The case is under investigation.

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Marvin Allen Turner PEE WEE



Marvin Allan "Pee Wee" Turner, 56, of Pampa, Texas, died Jan. 25, 2017, in Pampa.

Marvin was born April 18, 1960, in Brewster, Wash., to Marvin and Bobbie Turner. In 1979, he graduated from Centralia High School, in Centralia, Wash. He served his country for six years in the U.S. Navy. Marvin married Mary Williams, June 1, 1990, in Chehalis, Wash. He worked for Washington Home Center for 16 years as a service manager, before moving to Pampa.

In August of 2006, he moved to Pampa and began his career with Energy Transfer, where he worked up until his death. Marvin loved cooking, fishing, hunting and spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Marvin Turner.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Turner of the home; two daughters, Shila Rae Turner of Pampa and Amaris Denise Cruz of Canyon; son, Zachary Allan Turner of Pampa; mother, Bobbie Turner of Centralia, Wash.; grandson,

Corbin James Cruz of Canyon; brother, Norm Turner and wife, Leslie of Chehalis, Wash.; sister, Mona Weickum and husband, Dave of Rochester, Wash.; two nieces, Tara Withrow and husband, Tyler and Jamie Turner, both of Olympia, Wash.

Memorials may be made to Good Samaritan Christian Services, 309 N. Ward Street, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Services will be at a later date. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

To view the obituary, please go to chronline.com/obituaries.

Vera Francis Hugill

June 22, 1919 - January 27, 2017

Vera, 97, passed away Friday, Jan. 27, 2017, at her daughter, Sharon's home, in Auburn, Wash. She was born June 22, 1919, in Huntsville, to John R. Heether of Chicago and Elizabeth Ann (Bickle) Southern of Mary-On-Tyne, England.

Vera married Kenneth Roy Hugill in 1938, in Everett, Wash., later returning to the Centralia area. They were married 52 years before Ken's passing in 1990. Vera's early childhood was in Huntsville. The family later moved to the Grand Mound area on Oregon Trail Road, to live with the Bickle family, while her father worked at Centralia Creamery and mother at the telephone company.

She was a graduate of Grand Mound grade school and Centralia High School, excelling in cursive writing with state awards.

This led to post high school employment as secretary and house manager to the Martin family of Centralia.

During her youth, she had many fond memories of traveling with her father, the county Fuller Brush salesman.

Farm experience created a lifetime appreciation of flower and vegetable gardening, inclusive of God's creative ability and gift to instill this in her pursuits.

Vera also enjoyed traveling throughout the states to view and talk with others, about all topics.

She especially enjoyed, "over the fence" chats.

Vera was preceded in death by sisters, Eleanor Jones and Elizabeth Mayhew.

God has now claimed her for celestial entry, a worthy advocate, confirmed as Episcopalian, St. John's, Centralia, Dec. 25, 1932.

She is survived by son, Kenneth of Chehalis; daughters, Claudia North and Sharon Stablein of Auburn and Helen Klauk of Olympia, Mary Steelhammer of Las Vegas; and numerous grand and great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017, at 11 a.m. at Mountain View Cemetery, in Centralia, Wash.,

presiding Rev. June Johnson of St. Timothy Episcopal Church, Chehalis.

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In Memory of Sharon Mae Clements (Combs)



Sharon Mae Clements (Combs) passed away from complications of heart surgery Jan. 27, 2017, at the University of Washington in Seattle. She was born in San Bernardino, Calif., Dec. 10, 1959, being eight of nine children and the youngest daughter to her parents, Raymond Delvis Combs and Betty Lou Combs. She moved with her mother and eight siblings to Centralia in June 1965 from Hinkley, Calif., one year after her father died. Sharon graduated from Centralia High School in 1978, following her two ornery sisters, Oleta and Yvonne.

She married Robert Emmett Clements in July 1988. They had four children, Brieana, Scott and twins, Robert (Bobby) and Desiree. Sharon loved spending time with her family, especially

loving on her grandchildren, Brandon and Destiny Warren, as well as her furry four-legged granddogs, DooDoo, Tookie and Jax and her two cats, Meow and Kendra.

She was preceded in death by her father, Raymond; mother, Betty; husband, Bob; grandchildren, Summer and Zoe; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Sharon is survived by her children, Brieana (Jonathan) Barlock, Scott Clements, Robert Clements and Desiree (Gannon) Warren, as well as her siblings; Delvis (Wilma) Combs, Ramona (Eugene) Horst, Clint (Deborah) Combs, Mark (Mary) Combs, Stanley (Sherry) Combs, Oleta Fitch, Yvonne (Jesse) Garcia; and Robin Combs Sr.; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

There will be a celebration of life Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017, at Borst Park Kitchen #2, at 5 p.m. Please bring your favorite dish.

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Tech Innovations Help Washington's Blind Lieutenant Governor Oversee Legislature

MOVING IN: Washington Senate Installed Braille System to Help Cyrus Habib Navigate the Chamber

By Joseph O'Sullivan
The Seattle Times

OLYMPIA — On Friday, Washington Lt. Gov. Cyrus Habib stood at the rostrum in the state Senate chambers, banging a gavel while keeping his other hand near a device that looks like a keyboard.

Beneath him on the Senate floor were state lawmakers — his peers as of a few months ago.

GOP Sen. Joe Fain of Auburn and Democratic Sen. Marko Liias of Lynnwood — their parties' respective floor leaders — engaged in an battle of obscure procedure. With the chamber temporarily tied after the resignation of a GOP senator, Democrats sensed an opening to try to push through an education-funding bill.

The skirmish underscored the challenge of a closely divided Senate trying to overhaul school funding this year — and Habib's challenge in managing the debate.

As the drama on the Senate floor unfolded, the 35-year-old lieutenant governor, president of the Senate, had to call on Fain and Liias before they could speak.

But Habib cannot see them. He lost his eyesight to a cancer called retinoblastoma, first in his left eye, then his right. By age 8 he was blind.

While presiding over the Senate, Habib sometimes sets the gavel down and brings both hands to the keyboard device. From the gallery above, it looks like he's tapping out an email.

It's a Braille keyboard, used

to alert Habib to whoever is looking to speak. It's the latest innovation in the Senate chambers, installed to help the newly elected lieutenant governor navigate his role.

With the chamber's desks wired up to the system, a senator presses a button that displays refreshable Braille on the keyboard, real-time information delivered to Habib's fingertips.

The technology is part of a suite of digital tools — including his iPhone's VoiceOver system, which allows Habib to navigate the phone by ear — that he uses to keep pace in the busy life of politics.

"I always believed that there would be a way to do it," Habib said in an interview, referring to the new job he won in November's election.

One option could have included having someone on the rostrum spotting senators for him. But with new technology, he said, the Senate is showing "it's not some stodgy, behind-the-times" institution.

The Challenges Ahead

From the challenges of parliamentary rulings to serving as a symbol for immigrant communities, Habib finds himself navigating different roles.

On Sunday, he attracted widespread attention with an emotional speech at a downtown Seattle demonstration against President Trump's executive order temporarily banning all refugees and immigrants from seven majority Muslim countries.

Habib, the highest-ranking Iranian-American elected official, told protesters that Trump's executive order would have stopped his parents from entering America.

"Nobody loves this country like the people who leave everything behind to earn their place in this country," he told the crowd.

During the grind of the legislative session, political life may be more mundane — but the challenges are real.

On the Senate floor, Habib must preside while a power struggle unfolds in the closely divided chamber, with some Republicans concerned that the former state senator from Bellevue is too partisan for the job.

In Washington, the Senate — by a one-vote margin — is the GOP's strongest lever of power. The chamber even experienced a recent temporary tie before a replacement could be announced for Sen. Brian Dassel, R-Republican, who resigned to join the Trump administration.

As president of the Senate, Habib can cast a tiebreaking vote, and must make rulings on procedural questions, which can be obscure but important.

Republicans worry, because on the campaign trail last year, Habib was an outspoken advocate for funding K-12 education to satisfy the McCleary order, a state Supreme Court ruling that said the state was underfunding schools.

Even outgoing Lt. Gov. Brad Owen, also a Democrat, expressed concern about Habib's statements that he wouldn't sign a bill he viewed as unconstitutional — which could include a budget bill that he might believe doesn't comply with the McCleary decision.

In his defense, Habib has said that withholding his signature on a passed bill wouldn't actually veto the measure.

Last month, before Habib had even been sworn in, a handful of

GOP senators supported changing the Senate's rules to block him from chairing the Senate Rules Committee, a traditional role for the lieutenant governor.

The Rules Committee is a powerful body — it approves which bills go to the Senate floor for a vote.

The proposal failed. But Fain, who did not support the rules change, and other Republicans remain wary.

"Those fears are still there," Fain said. But he added later, "I'll give him every opportunity to succeed."

Habib downplayed that vote, and said he's committed to being fair. When Dassel resigned, Habib urged the Republican Party to move quickly to fill the seat. And he said he was "committed to doing my part to help ensure a productive and collaborative legislative session."

But Habib recognizes the role reversal of going from a lawmaker who once tried to force GOP senators into voting to recognize climate change to now managing the Senate.

For Republicans, "They're getting to know me in this mode," he said. "It'll take a little time" to earn their trust.

Friday's Senate dust-up may have helped. The lieutenant governor made his first on-the-job ruling, stopping a Democratic procedural move intended to help advance their education-related bill.

New Technology

Habib's entire visual memory comes from the 1980s. It includes the Baltimore cityscape where he grew up, and MTV videos he watched.

To him, "everyone still looks like Cyndi Lauper and Boy

George," he joked.

On the whole, technology has been a boon for Habib — but it can be fickle. As a kid, he learned how to use a computer with a keyboard, only to be upended by the introduction of the mouse.

Later, on the East Coast as a college student, he recalled the conundrum when taxicabs moved to credit-card payment machines. The cabdriver would have to climb into the back of the cab to work the system.

"Which is just awkward," Habib said.

With the Senate chambers empty one recent day, Habib showed off the Braille technology.

Behind the rostrum is a slender white keyboard where the refreshable Braille pops up. It alerts Habib when a senator, seeking to speak, has pressed a button at his or her desk. The system and its installation cost about \$70,000.

"So far his ability to recognize senators when they wish to speak has been great," Fain said.

There was a glitch, the day senators were making speeches to honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., according to Habib.

The system's software was updating, making it briefly unavailable, he said. Senate staff quickly came up and helped by spotting the members looking to speak.

"A situation like that," Habib said, showed "we can be resilient until we get the situation figured out."

As Habib talked, Sen. Kevin Ranker, D-Orcas Island, skipped onto the empty Senate floor, leading a tour of Seattle elementary-school students.

"I was just telling the kids," Ranker said, "how amazing is it that someone could read with their hands."

Centralia Doctor Reappointed as National Chairman of the Education and Scientific Affairs Committee

By The Chronicle

Dr. Michael Dujela, a foot and ankle surgeon at Washington Orthopaedic Center in Centralia, has been reappointed as the national chairman of the Education and Scientific Affairs Committee for the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.



Dr. Michael Dujela
foot and ankle
surgeon

Dujela is a frequent lecturer and instructor on foot and ankle surgery at medical conferences across the nation. He teaches surgical techniques to other physicians.

The committee he was recently reappointed to is the world's largest foot and ankle surgical organization that represents over 7,400 surgeons around North America. The group, according to a press release, develops and implements surgical education to advance and refine techniques on a regional and national level. National level foot and ankle expertise is offered at Washington Orthopaedic Center.

Realtors Support Affordable Housing Legislation in State Senate

By The Chronicle

Washington Realtors have supported a piece of legislation in the state Senate designed to address homelessness and the lack of affordable housing due to low inventory and steep increases in home prices.

Senate Bill 5254 seeks to change growth management planning in an attempt to en-

sure sufficient buildable land for housing demand, a property tax exemption to preserve affordable housing for low-income households, and extension of the document recording surcharge and flexibility of the use of the real estate excise tax for homelessness programs, a press release from the Realtors said.

The bill also seeks to reduce the amount of land required for development, increasing density in urban growth areas.

SB 5254 would also prove the option for cities and counties to adopt a property tax exemption program to preserve affordable housing that meets health and quality standards for very low-income households.

Applicable units would be below market rent levels and affordable to households with an income of 50 percent or less of the county's median family income, adjusted for family size, a bill summary said.

Qualified properties would be exempt from taxes proportional to the value of the property for 15 successive years, except for taxes levied by the state. The exemption could be extended to 18 years for properties meeting energy and water efficiency standards.

For more information, visit <https://app.leg.wa.gov/CMD/Handler.ashx?MethodName=getdocumentcontent&documentId=hxQ0B4UIP40&att=false>.

Centralia College Foundation Seeks Nominations for Exceptional Faculty Awards

By The Chronicle

The Centralia College Foundation is now accepting nominations for the 2016-17 Exceptional Faculty Awards.

Each year, the college and the foundation recognize two outstanding faculty members who have shown excellence in their primary assignment, service to students, service to their profes-

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sion, and people who have made professional contributions to the college and the community.

"This is your opportunity to recognize a faculty member who makes a positive impact on students," Julia Johnson, director of donor services and alumni relations, said in a press release. "This is your chance to say 'thank you' to a faculty member who is making a difference."

Nominations must be submitted by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15. Nomination forms are available online on the foundation's website at foundation.centralia.edu.

For more information, contact the foundation office at 360-623-8942.

Centralia College Accepting Applications for Bachelor of Science Programs

By The Chronicle

Centralia College is accepting applications for its Bachelor of Applied Science programs for the 2017 fall quarter. The priority application dates are from Feb. 1 to March 15.

According to the application packet, admissions into the BAS programs is competitive and merit-based.

The college has four BAS programs which include applied management, diesel technology, information technology: application development, and teacher education.

Application packets, with instructions, forms and further information can be found online at <http://bachelors.centralia.edu/docs/ApplicationPacket.pdf>.

Seattle Proposal to Divest From Wells Fargo Moves Forward

SEATTLE (AP) — A committee of the Seattle City Council on Wednesday voted to end its contract with banking giant Wells Fargo over its role as a lender to

the Dakota Access pipeline project and other business practices.

The proposal now moves to the full Seattle City Council for consideration Monday. If approved, the measure would direct the city not to renew its contract with Wells Fargo and also require the city take into account a company's business practices and social responsibility factors when awarding city contracts.

Wells Fargo manages more than \$3 billion of the city's operating account, including a bi-weekly payroll of \$30 million for about 12,000 employees, The Seattle Times reported.

Hundreds gathered outside the committee hearing urging the city to cut ties with the bank and show support for the Standing Rock Sioux tribe and other opponents of the proposed 1,200-mile oil pipeline that would carry North Dakota oil through South Dakota and Iowa to an existing pipeline in Illinois.

"Wells Fargo is proud of the support we have diligently and professionally provided the City of Seattle as its operating bank since 1999," said Wells Fargo spokesman David Kennedy said in a statement.

He said the bank is one of 17 involved in financing the pipeline and its loans represent less than 5 percent of the total.

The ordinance is aimed at strengthening policies to ensure the city works with partners that are committed to fair and responsible business practices. The proposal calls out Wells Fargo for its business practices, noting that regulators fined the San Francisco-based bank \$185 million for opening more than two million unauthorized accounts.

School of the Arts to Offer Dinner Theater

By The Chronicle

Bethel's School of the Arts will be hosting another dinner theater Saturday, Feb. 18, at Bethel Church in Chehalis.

Performances will be at 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

The performance will take

the audience into the 1950s for food, music and fun at "Uncle Phil's Diner."

Tickets for the event are \$15 per person or \$110 for a table of eight. A meal and dessert are included.

Online tickets are available at www.bethel-church.com or <https://squareup.com/market/bethel-churchschool-of-the-arts>

Ticket sales will close Feb. 15. Proceeds from the event will help provide stage lighting for Bethel Downtown/School of the Arts' Liberty Theater stage upgrade at 413 N. Tower Ave, Centralia.

For more information, contact School of the Arts at 360-669-6355, sota@bethel-church.com or www.bethel-church.com/sota.

Police Arrest 'Naked and Disorderly' Robbery Suspect in Centralia

By The Chronicle

Police arrested a Marysville man Wednesday night on suspicion of a robbery in which he allegedly severely beat another man.

At 8:50 a.m. on Wednesday, police responded to the 200 block of North Railroad Avenue to a report of a "beaten and bloody" man, according to the Centralia Police Department.

The alleged victim reported that he was assaulted by a man, who he described as being bald and possibly accompanied by two other men. The victim was transported to Providence Centralia Hospital for treatment.

Later that night, police responded to a homeless shelter, which was not identified in the initial report to the media, where they were asked to remove a "naked and disorderly" man.

The victim identified the man as his assailant, and said he also robbed him of property.

Police arrested the suspect, identified as William F. Adams, 40, of Marysville, and booked him into the Lewis County Jail on suspicion of first-degree robbery and possession of meth.

Sirens

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Trespasser Reported

• At 1:10 p.m. on Monday, police received a report of a person trespassing in the 500 block of South Market Boulevard.

Green Hill Teens Suspected of Assault

• At 2:24 p.m. on Tuesday, police received a report of a second-degree assault between inmates at Green Hill School in the 300 block of Southwest 11th Street. Two students, identified as 19-year-old males from Olympia and Spanaway, allegedly ganged up on a third stu-

dent, identified as a 16-year-old Arlington boy. The case is still under investigation.

Gasoline Stolen

• At 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday, police received a report of a theft of gasoline from a vehicle in the 300 block of Northeast Adams Avenue.

LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE Antiques Stolen From Storage Building

• At 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, deputies responded to a report of a burglary taking place between Jan. 24 and Tuesday in the 4800 block of Galvin Road. The victim, a 73-year-old Centralia man, reported that a lock

on a storage building was cut, and antique items including a camping kit and typewriter were stolen. The case is under investigation.

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By The Chronicle Staff

Please call news reporter Natalie Johnson with news tips. She can be reached at 807-8235 or njohnson@chronline.com.

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Trump Puts Iran 'on Notice' After Ballistic Missile Test

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump said Thursday his administration has put Iran “on notice,” echoing comments from his top national security adviser that the U.S. will act against Iran unless it stops testing ballistic missiles and supporting Houthi rebels in Yemen. Trump and his National Security Adviser, Michael Flynn, didn't elaborate on what retaliatory actions the U.S. could pursue.

Trump tweeted, “Iran was on its last legs and ready to collapse until the U.S. came along and gave it a life-line in the form of the Iran Deal: \$150 billion.”

DeVos Nomination on Thin Ice With 2 GOP Senators Opposed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump's nomination of school choice activist Betsy DeVos as education secretary is on thin ice after two Republican senators vowed to vote against her.

DeVos, a billionaire Republican donor who spent more than two decades promoting charter schools, has emerged as one of Trump's most controversial Cabinet picks facing fierce opposition from Democrats, teachers unions and civil rights activists. With Sen. Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska in opposition, the nomination could die if DeVos loses the support of one more Republican — and all Democrats vote against her.

If all other GOP senators support DeVos, and all Democrats oppose her, she would end up with a 50-50 vote in the Senate and Vice President Mike Pence would have to break the tie to confirm her.

GOP Pushes 2 Top Cabinet Picks Through to Full Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans jammed two of President Donald Trump's top Cabinet picks through the Senate Finance Committee with no Democrats in the room Wednesday after suspending a rule that would have otherwise barred them from taking the vote. The tactic seemed a warning shot that they might deploy brute political muscle in the upcoming fight over the Supreme Court vacancy.

With a near-toxic vapor of divisiveness between the two parties across Capitol Hill, nasty showdowns broke out elsewhere as well. One Senate panel signed off on Trump's choice for attorney general only after senators exchanged heated words, and another committee postponed a vote on the would-be chief of the Environmental Protection Agency after Democrats refused to show up.

Busting through a Democratic boycott of the Finance panel, all 14 Republicans took advantage of Democrats' absence to temporarily disable a committee rule requiring at least one Democrat to be present for votes.

They then used two 14-0 roll calls to approve financier Steve Mnuchin for Treasury secretary and Rep. Tom Price, R-Ga., to be health secretary.

Authorities Arrest 76 Oil Pipeline Protesters

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Authorities say they arrested 76 Dakota access oil pipeline protesters after they refused to leave a camp set up on private land.

Morton County Sheriff's Office spokesman Rob Keller says they repeatedly warned the protesters to leave the camp.

On Wednesday afternoon, officers moved in and evicted the protesters. They were transported to several county jails.

Law enforcement officials say they have made 696 arrests during protest activity since August, 2016.

One Dead After Prison Inmates Take Hostages

DELAWARE: Department of Correction Worker Dies; Building Secured After Uprising

By Randall Chase
The Associated Press

SMYRNA, Del. — Delaware prison officials say one hostage is dead and a second is alert and talking after authorities entered a building at the state's largest prison where inmates had taken staff members hostage.

Officials announced in a statement Thursday morning that they had secured the building at the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center where the disturbance occurred. The prison is in Smyrna, about 15 miles north of the state capital of Dover. Officials say after authorities breached the building, one Department of Correction worker was found unresponsive and later pronounced dead.

The inmates took four corrections department workers hostage Wednesday morning, prompting a lockdown of all Delaware prisons. The inmates released one staffer in the afternoon and another Wednesday night. At least one of those staffers had injuries that were not considered life-threatening.

A news release from the Delaware Department of Correction said 14 more inmates were re-

leased about 12:30 a.m. Thursday from the building where the hostages had been held and were being held elsewhere at the prison. The news release said a total of 46 inmates had been released from the building since the hostage situation began.

Delaware Gov. John Carney said the priority now is to determine what happened and why.

In a statement released Thursday, the new Democratic governor said officials will “hold accountable anyone who was responsible” for taking the hostages. He said officials will “make whatever changes are necessary to ensure nothing like it ever happens again.”

THE INMATES TOLD a local newspaper that concerns about their treatment and the leadership of the United States had prompted their actions.

The hostage situation drew dozens of officers and law enforcement vehicles and prompted a statewide lockdown of all prisons. One hostage was released Wednesday afternoon and another was released hours later.

A preliminary investigation suggests the disturbance began about 10:30 a.m. when a correctional officer inside Building C, which houses more than 100 inmates, radioed for immediate assistance, Delaware State Police spokesman Sgt. Richard Bratz

said. Other officers responded to help, and the employees were taken hostage, he said.

Robert Coupe, secretary of the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security, said authorities don't know “the dynamics of the takeover” or whether inmates had been held against their will.

One of the freed employees was taken to a hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening, authorities said. The condition of the second wasn't immediately available.

Earlier in the day, inmates reached out to The News Journal in Wilmington in two phone calls to explain their actions and make demands. Prisoners funneled the calls to the paper with the help of one inmate's fiancée and another person's mother. The mother told the paper that her son was among the hostages.

In that call, an inmate said their reasons “for doing what we're doing” included “Donald Trump. Everything that he did. All the things that he's doing now. We know that the institution is going to change for the worse.”

That caller said education for prisoners was the inmates' priority. They also said they want effective rehabilitation for all prisoners and information about how money is allocated to prisons.

World in Brief

Israeli Leader Vows New Settlement as Outpost Is Dismantled

AMONA, West Bank (AP) — Israel's prime minister on Thursday vowed to establish a new West Bank settlement “as soon as possible,” promising to make up for the court-ordered demolition of an illegal settler outpost.

Benjamin Netanyahu's announcement was his latest step to expand Israeli settlement construction in the wake of President Donald Trump's inauguration. Trump has signaled a far softer line toward the settlements, which are considered illegal by most of the international community.

Netanyahu spoke just as Israeli security forces were completing the evacuation of Amona, where they broke into a synagogue earlier on Thursday to remove 200 Israeli protesters who had barricaded themselves inside.

More Than 120 Injured in Fire at Philippines Factory Complex

GENERAL TRIAS, Philippines (AP) — More than 120 workers, including two Japanese, were injured and at least one was missing in a fire at a huge factory south of the Philippine capital that sent thousands of employees running to safety, an official said Thursday.

The fire at House Technology Industries was under control but had not been fully extinguished nearly 24 hours after it started in General Trias town in Cavite province south of Manila, Gov. Jesus Crispin Remulla said.

Firefighters hoped to enter and inspect the gutted factory, which occupies 15 acres of land, later Thursday.

About four of the injured remained in critical condition, Remulla told reporters, adding that some employees jumped from windows to escape the blaze at the three-story building, where prefabricated house parts are manufactured for export to Japan.

Myanmar Police Arrest 2nd Suspect in Lawyer's Assassination

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Myanmar police have arrested a man they say is a conspirator behind the assassination of a long-time legal adviser of the country's leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

Myint Swe was arrested on Monday in southeastern Karen state that borders Thailand. Police alleged he hired the suspected gunman, Kyi Lin, who was arrested right after he shot Ko Ni in the head at close range at the Yangon airport on Sunday and tried to flee.

Ko Ni was a prominent Muslim lawyer who advised Suu Kyi's ruling National League for Democracy party. He specialized in constitutional law, criticizing army interference in politics and advising Suu Kyi's party how to try to get around statutes in the army-imposed constitution that gave the military undue power in the government democratically elected in 2015.

Australian PM, Trump Offer Mixed Messages on Refugee Deal

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Australia's prime minister insisted Thursday that a deal struck with the Obama administration that would allow mostly Muslim refugees rejected by Australia to be resettled in the United States was still on, despite President Donald Trump dubbing the agreement “dumb” and vowing to review it.

The conflicting messages came hours after The Washington Post published a story detailing a tense exchange between Trump and Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull during their first telephone call as national leaders.

The newspaper reported that during the call, an angry Trump dubbed the agreement “the worst deal ever” and accused Turnbull of seeking to export the “next Boston bombers” — a reference to Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, U.S. citizens born in Kyrgyzstan, who set off two bombs at the 2013 Boston marathon.



Ben Margot / The Associated Press

Protesters watch a bonfire on Sproul Plaza during a rally against the scheduled speaking appearance by Breitbart News editor Milo Yiannopoulos on the University of California at Berkeley campus on Wednesday. The event was canceled out of safety concerns after protesters hurled smoke bombs, broke windows and started a bonfire.

Breitbart Editor's Berkeley Talk Nixed Amid Violent Protest

By Jocelyn Gecker
The Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — A crowd protesting a far-right commentator's appearance at the University of California at Berkeley hurled smoke bombs, broke windows and sparked a massive bonfire, prompting officials to call off the event.

The decision came two hours before Wednesday's talk by Milo Yiannopoulos, a polarizing editor of Breitbart News, after some 1,500 people had gathered outside the venue.

But officials said it was a smaller group of protesters dressed in black and in hooded sweatshirts that showed up as night fell to break windows, throw smoke bombs and flares, and start the raging blaze outside the building.

“This was a group of agitators who were masked up, throwing rocks, commercial grade fireworks and Molotov cocktails at officers,” said UC Berkeley Police Chief Margo Bennet.

Bennet said police determined at that point they couldn't guarantee security, canceled the event and evacuated Yiannopou-

los from the building. There were no immediate reports of arrests or serious injuries, she said.

President Donald Trump took to Twitter on Thursday morning to comment, tweeting: “If U.C. Berkeley does not allow free speech and practices violence on innocent people with a different point of view - NO FEDERAL FUNDS?”

Prior to the burst of violence, hundreds of peaceful demonstrators carrying signs that read “Hate Speech Is Not Free Speech” had been protesting the appearance for hours.

As the evening wore on, crowds of protesters cleared away from outside the building. By 8 p.m. the crowd had thinned and at least 100 protesters that remained danced to a brass band playing music and marched off campus and into a main avenue.

Yiannopoulos, a 32-year-old right-wing provocateur, is a vocal supporter of Trump and a self-proclaimed internet troll whose comments have been criticized as racist, misogynist, anti-Muslim and white supremacist. He was banned from Twitter

after leading a harassment campaign against “Ghostbusters” actress Leslie Jones.

His visit to Berkeley was sponsored by the campus Republican club. The university has stressed it did not invite him and does not endorse his ideas but is committed to free speech and rejected calls to cancel the event.

“The event has been cancelled,” Yiannopoulos posted on his Facebook page. “I'll let you know more when the facts become clear. One thing we do know for sure: the Left is absolutely terrified of free speech and will do literally anything to shut it down.”

The Berkeley College Republicans said its “constitutional right to free speech was silenced by criminals and thugs.”

“Their success is a defeat for civilized society and the free exchange of ideas on college campuses across America,” it said in a statement.

The university, which had requested assistance from police in nine UC campuses, sent a notice to all students earlier Wednesday that warned of crowds near the student union, where the 500-seat, sold-out event was scheduled.

Washington Senate Approves Education Funding Plan

OLYMPIA (AP) — The Senate on Wednesday narrowly approved an education funding plan that seeks to replace local school levies with a statewide uniform rate earmarked for schools.

The chamber passed the Republican proposal on a 25-24 vote, with no Democrat — except one who caucuses with Republicans to give them their majority — voting in favor of it. The measure now heads to the Democratic-controlled House, where it will be negotiated as both sides continue to work toward a compromise.

Lawmakers are working to comply with a 2012 state Supreme Court ruling that they must fully fund the state's basic education system. Lawmakers have already put more than \$2 billion toward the issue since the ruling, but the biggest piece remaining of the court order is

figuring out how much the state must provide for teacher salaries. School districts currently pay a big chunk of those salaries with local property-tax levies.

"This proposal recognizes that every student in our state has value, that every child has unique needs," said Republican Sen. John Braun, the key budget writer in the Senate. He said that that equal property taxes around the state will be "reliable and dependable for our students."

The GOP-proposed levy changes are expected to bring in \$2 billion a year for education, and the state would also spend an additional \$700 million per year to backfill to ensure that each school district has a minimum of \$12,500 per student, with higher per-student funding to address issues like poverty or special education.

Republicans say they can pay for the backfill with existing re-

sources. The plan would raise the local school levy in some places, like Seattle, and decrease it in others, something Democrats have argued is unfair.

"Does this legislation help all of our students in Washington state?" asked Democratic Sen. Kevin Ranker. "Unfortunately, the answer to that question is no."

The proposal also delays a deadline for a reduction in the amount of money school districts can collect through local property tax levies. The whole plan put forth by Republicans, except for the levy deadline delay bill, would be subject to a referendum by voters in November.

Democrats introduced six amendments that were all rejected, including one that would have stripped the whole bill except for the section related to the levy deadline delay.

The Republican plan allows

school districts to enact new local levies at lower rates by 2020 if they get approval from the state Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. However those additional levies could only be spent on programs that are education enhancements that are not considered "basic education."

Under the measure, the new statewide property tax rate would be transitioned in starting next year, but would not be fully implemented until Jan. 1, 2019.

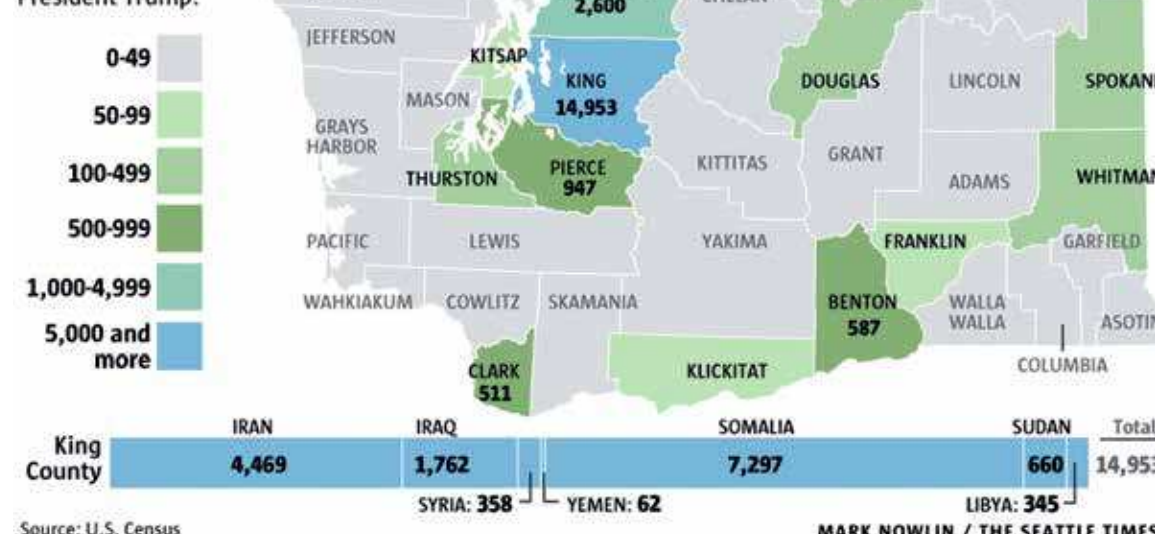
Democrats have estimated that the state will need to spend more than \$7 billion over the next four years on schools.

While the Democrats haven't offered specifics on how to pay for it, they have noted several potential sources of revenue, including closure of tax exemptions, changes to the state property and business and occupation taxes and a new capital gains tax. But they don't seek to make significant reductions to the local levy system.

The state Supreme Court has said that the state has until Sept. 1, 2018 to fully fund education, but that the details of how to do that — as well as how lawmakers will pay for it — must be in place before the Legislature adjourns this year.

Thousands in state born in countries affected by travel ban

More than 21,000 Washington residents are immigrants or refugees from the seven Muslim-majority countries under the temporary ban on travelers ordered by President Trump.



More Than 21,000 Washington Residents Are From Countries Named in Trump's Ban

By Gene Balk
The Seattle Times

President Trump's executive order temporarily banning entry to the United States by citizens of seven majority-Muslim countries sparked chaos at many airports this weekend, including Sea-Tac. For local families traveling from banned countries, it was a harrowing experience.

But that sense of anxiety was not only confined to the travelers caught up in the unfolding drama. It also was felt in the communities of the more than 21,000 Washingtonians who are immigrants or refugees from the seven banned countries: Somalia, Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Syria, Libya and Yemen.

"We are fearful," said Mehdi Nakhjiri, of Kirkland, who was born in Iran. He has lived in the U.S. since 1973, and is a dual citizen.

"We are not used to this language," he said of some statements on Muslims by the current administration. "This new narrative is very scary."

Nakhjiri, a structural engineer for Boeing, is one of more than 7,000 state residents who were born in Iran. Of the seven banned countries, only Somalia has a larger representation in the state, at about 7,800 people.

There are also about 3,500 living in Washington who are

natives of Iraq. From each of the other four banned countries, there are less than 1,000 in the state.

All together, 70 percent of the state residents born in the banned countries live in King County.

The executive order bars entry to the U.S. for 90 days by visitors from the seven designated countries. The order indefinitely blocked refugees from Syria from entering the U.S., while refugees from elsewhere in the world are also blocked for 120 days.

The restrictions do not apply to green-card holders or legal permanent residents from the countries covered by the executive order.

Those with any travel plans are facing uncertainty.

Nakhjiri thinks he may be directly affected by political fallout from the ban. He has an upcoming trip to Iran planned, but says that the government there now is considering retaliatory measures in response to Trump's executive order.

"They are talking about banning citizens of the United States to travel to Iran. It's tit-for-tat," he said. "And who do you talk to? The governments aren't responding to each other."

He isn't sure how that might affect a dual citizen of the United States and Iran, such as himself.

Lawmaker From Gig Harbor Disputes He Mistreated Staff

By The Olympian

A Gig Harbor lawmaker is fighting allegations that he mistreated staff after the state House moved to restrict him from dealing with his legislative assistants for at least a year.

In a Facebook post Tuesday, Republican state Rep. Jesse Young wrote: "Of the claims made about me, none are true."

The Associated Press reported Monday that Young was notified in a Dec. 13 letter from a House attorney that the chamber was taking actions to address a "pattern of hostile and intimidating behavior" toward staff.

The Republican won't be able to have a supervisory role over a replacement legislative assistant. The assistant will instead report

to the House Republican Caucus, the letter says.

Young also will not be able to operate an office in his home district for the next year, the letter says, because "many of the issues complained of took place in the district office."

The letter from the House doesn't name the staffers involved or provide further detail about the allegations against Young.

On Facebook, Young claimed he couldn't go into detail about why the allegations weren't true since "lawyers are involved."

But he objected to the notification process, claiming he wasn't allowed to see "the exact allegations" made against him before he was notified of the House action.

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Theft

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with a padlock, but that the lock was now gone and the door was unsecured. Huner said the thieves made off with a box full of tree-climbing gear, which he uses while working with tree-cutting services, and firefighting equipment

he uses as a federal contract firefighter. "Everything was in boxes because I'm on call," he said. The firefighting gear includes three pairs of fire-proof boots valued at \$500 each and a fire-proof shelter valued at \$1,000, Huner told The Chronicle. "None of it's cheap," he said. None of the stolen items are covered under insurances and none will be replaced by his

employer, he said. Huner was working early this week to come up with a complete list of items stolen. He said together the value likely reached \$10,000. Huner recently recovered from serious medical issues and has been trying to get back on track, he said. "It's just one thing after another and I'm tired," he said. The deputy who responded reported that he could not find

usable fingerprints or handprints in the shed and was not able to see obvious tire or footprints. Neighbors reportedly did not witness the incident. Huner informed the deputy of a person he suspected, but the deputy noted in his report that he was unable to find any evidence corroborating that suspicion. Lt. Tim Rudloff of the Thurston County Sheriff's Office said it is difficult to recover stolen

items. The climbing gear might be easy to sell, but the firefighting equipment could raise eyebrows. "Where are you going to unload that?" he said. "I would say that is our best bet if somebody is trying to pawn off some firefighting equipment." Huner noted that his boots are size 14, and wondered who else might find use for them.

Party

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year-long celebration that will begin this August, and everyone is invited. Often confused with the first president of the United States, the George Washington who founded Centerville in the 1800s was actually born as a slave in Virginia before working his way west and building his dream city with the help of his wife Mary Jane. Today, Centralia is the largest city in the nation founded by an African-American couple.



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Members of the George Washington bicentennial committee, Pastor Alan Woods, left, talks with Brian Mittge, left-center, Centralia Mayor Pro Tem Lee Coumbs, right-center, and Cathy Cavness, talk about their hopes of creating a statue of Washington on Saturday afternoon in Adna.

2018, with the unveiling of a newly-minted bronze statue of George and Mary Jane Washington. The sprawling party plans in between those two dates are very much up for discussion, and the Bicentennial Celebration Committee is eager for additional members and input. The free-form group meets every other Monday at the Centralia Library and more than 20 people showed up to their last gathering.

Andy Skinner, former executive director of the Lewis County Historical Museum, is one of the many local community members who has gotten involved in the project after being contacted by Mittge about six months ago.

"We kind of started brainstorming and realized that this is beyond us because we needed other voices. It's a community project," said Skinner, who noted the wealth of information on the Washington's pioneering efforts that is stored at the museum, including newspaper clippings, books, and an oral history composed of interviews by Washington's family. "We have all sorts of information at the museum if anyone's interested. Most of our collection and research is opened up to anyone who would like to do research on George Washington."

Through all of his own research over the years Skinner said there was one anecdote that has stood out to him above all the others.

"During the Panic of 1893 homes were being foreclosed on and he actually went down to Portland and basically took

a couple of wagons back up full of rice and supplies for the community and handed it all out," said Skinner. "When people at one point were losing their homes and being foreclosed he would either go in and pay off the debts or if they went to auction he would buy them back and then give them back to the family. That sense of community has always been very impressive to me. It shows that he very much wanted a city here to thrive and succeed and he didn't want a profit off of it."

The education component of the project is very important to Canaday, who lamented that the fact that over the years Washington's story may have become lost in the shuffle for some Centralia youths.

That sentiment was captured perfectly in one of Mittge's newspaper columns, in which he wrote: "Washington's grave site, in the center of the cemetery he donated to the city, is a quiet reminder of all those whom he loved. He dedicated obelisks there to his wife, Mary Jane, as well as his beloved step-parents. There is also a heartbreaking memorial for the son of his old age, also named George."

"Those headstones are crumbling and wearing away with time. Some are barely readable now. In a few decades, they will be bare stone. It's up to us to renew his legacy."

Canaday noted that there will be dual fundraising efforts for the project in order to raise money for the statue and to facilitate engaging history lessons at area schools.

"In actuality there's a whole bunch of things in history books, like the Wobbly war. It's in history books all over the United States but not necessarily here in Washington," said Canaday. "There's plenty that we're going to be able to teach the kids about our history, including George Washington."

In a statement composed by Mittge for The Chronicle he noted that, "The bicentennial project has been very exciting for those of us who knew of George, but didn't know much about him. His life story is remarkable and inspiring. Pastor

Alan Woods of Trinity Christian Fellowship pushed us to look beyond a simple 'great man' opinion to really look deeper at his life and why we're honoring it. The conclusion we came to — We're proud of our founder, of his initiative and decency, his generosity and his ability to push through obstacles."

With all of those attributes to consider there are numerous ideas on the table for the 365-day celebration of the city's founder. However, the proposed statue has understandably drawn a quite a bit of the initial attention. It also comes with a lofty price tag.

Last week members of the Bicentennial Celebration Committee went out to watch Jim Stafford work with molten bronze for another, much smaller, project at his home shop near Adna. The group liked what they saw and Stafford has now signed on to produce the memorial statue in time for the planned August, 2018 unveiling.

Wouldn't you know it, Old George's biggest fan — Todd Watson from Spectrum Painting — couldn't wait to get the ball rolling on that considerable fundraising effort. On the same day Watson and his crew rehung the George Washington mural on Pearl Street, Watson

whipped out a check in order to donate \$500 to the fledgling founder's statue fund.

"Basically I'm challenging my business friends, family and clients to give whatever they can to help fund the statue," explained Watson, who donated his company's services to the mural restoration project. He says he finds Washington's story to be inspiring and he wants to help share that message with as many people as possible.

The next Bicentennial Celebration Committee meeting is scheduled for Feb. 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the Centralia Library. All of the meetings and subsequent events are open to the general public, no matter what town, county or state one hails from.

"We want to get as many people as we can to these meetings so we can talk about what we actually want to do," said Skinner.

There is an ongoing group discussion about the bicentennial celebration that can be found by searching for "George Washington 2017." For access to that group or for more information about the project email GWcentralia@gmail.com. The project also has a Twitter account at www.twitter.com/GWCentralia.

Fish

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fish," said Pearson. "I believe the director will be in front of my committee explaining and I have a lot of questions. We have some management problems at the (Fish and Wildlife) department."

The loss of those summer steelhead and cutthroat trout smolt represents about 70 percent of the summer stock that was supposed to be released last year. The loss will likely hit the popular Cowlitz River steelhead fishery hard beginning in 2018 when the first big run of those steelhead would have begun to make their return from the ocean to the river as adult fish. The cutthroat trout that were lost would have begun returning this summer.

Pearson noted that fisheries in his district have also been negatively impacted by actions taken both by, and against, the WDFW in recent years so he is particularly sensitive to the economic, recreational and ecological impact of the the lost fish.

"When I see this on the Cowlitz I'm going, 'Good lord!' This is serious. It seems like I didn't see the level of urgency I would expect. It just sounds like they are kind of whining," said Pearson. "I want to make sure my kids and grandkids, and everybody's kids and grandkids, have the chance to fish in the future."

Pearson noted that he has wide-ranging concerns that were brought to the surface by comments made by WDFW policy coordinator for the Columbia River, Cindy Le Fleur, in the original story.

In a "fact sheet" drafted by Le Fleur, no definitive cause was pinpointed. Instead the blame was spread around to a number

of theories including bird predation, disease, miscounting and premature escape from lake net pens. In one instance Le Fleur, who noted that the counting equipment is essential for managing the lake-reared trout populations, said that she does not believe the equipment used by the WDFW on the Cowlitz River is accurate.

"I don't think it's reliable, like if two fish go through at the same time. The counting equipment just isn't perfect," said Le Fleur, who noted that lake debris such as sticks and grass sometimes wind up being incorrectly counted as fish.

Le Fleur admitted that she was not sure of the vintage or origin of the counting equipment used by the WDFW, or if it is the most accurate option available on the market.

That statement in particular caught Pearson's attention.

"It makes me wonder if all the counting equipment that the Fish and Wildlife uses is inadequate," said Pearson.

According to Pearson, the issues at hand go beyond the interests of anglers or fish lovers. He sees a need for accountability from government officials, especially those using public funds to manage public resources. He wonders why it took so long for the WDFW to acknowledge the loss of half a million smolt, even amid direct speculation.

"The department has a lot of explaining to do and they need to take their job a little more seriously," said Pearson. "People want transparency in government and how can you be transparent when you are pulling garbage like this."

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Voices

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Voice of the People

Chronicle readers share their thoughts every day through social media, including Facebook, Twitter and the comment section of Chronline.com. Here are some of the recent highlights of conversation.

Chronicle Facebook followers respond to post of "No Changes to Lewis County Sheriff's Office Immigration Enforcement."

Geneva L. Price: I am very happy to hear this and proud of Lewis County for not actively participating in this immigration enforcement. My family immigrated here too. And when it wasn't as hard to get citizenship as it is now. It's a much harder task to achieve at the moment.

Leanne Wachter: Doesn't set a very good example. Only obeying laws you agree with. Well I disagree with the speed limit laws. Is it OK if I drive faster?



Photograph submitted by Ann Vander Stoep, Seattle

A verbal confrontation breaks out between two people attending the inauguration of Donald Trump.

Chronline Comments

The following comments were submitted by readers of www.chronline.com. All stories are available for reading online.

• Dear WDFW: They're Not Your Resources; Response on Missing Fish Unacceptable

USERNAME: Cowlitzfisherman

Their excuse will likely be "force majeure" But in this case, it would not hold water under the terms of our WDFW and TPU public agreements of their license! In their own legal agreement, "force majeure" is defined as "causes beyond the reasonable control of, and without the fault or negligence of, any party or any entity controlled by that party, including its contractors and subcontractors (to the extent said contractor was acting under the control or direction of the licensee), including but not limited to acts of God, or sudden actions of the elements, including fire. Force majeure does not include the financial inability of any party to complete the work or increased cost of performance." Both Lewis and Cowlitz County commissioners should immediately have their counties file a joint lawsuit against both WDFW and Tacoma for negligence and loss of income to the people of Lewis County. It's a stated fact by the WDFW that each sport caught "hatchery" steelhead generates about \$1,000 to the local community that they are caught at. It's stated so in the WDFW's own Statewide Steelhead Management Plan (SSMP) states: "... The primary objectives of hatchery programs are to enhance harvest opportunities or to provide wilds stock recovery, or conservation benefits. Hatchery origin steelhead provides substantial recreational and economic benefits to Washington residents. Recreational anglers have harvested an average of 99,000 steelhead per year since 1995. The vast majority of these were hatchery fish. It is estimated that during that time, steelhead anglers spent \$99 million per year or almost \$1,000 per fish in Washington communities (Scott, et al., 2006)." That adds up to millions and millions of lost dollars and income to our local communities who depend on these sport fishing generated dollars. These problems are known standing problems to both Tacoma Power and the WDFW for many years now. Someone (either WDFW or Tacoma, or both need to mitigate for their join negligence and loss of income to our counties and its people who have trusted them to do their jobs. If ever our commissioners had a foot to take these two agencies on, the time is now! This was not what they call a "force majeure" act. The question now is : What are our Lewis and Cowlitz County commissioners waiting for? Please encourage both counties commissioners to take legal measures to ensure that we get full mitigation for Tacoma's and WDFW clear negligence. This loss of our fish should have never occurred and was preventable. Thank you editorial board for bring this loss to the eyes of our people!

• Our Views: Abundant Reader Opinions Help Drive Important Discussions

USERNAME: SandyJean62

When there is a staff shortage, there will be problems. Why not look behind the real reason for staff shortages? Some of the wards qualify for "hostile environment" but nothing is ever done about the bullying staff. Despite the shortage, people get fired a couple times a month. What's really going on? You need to examine their culture deeply and talk to the oldtimers (most, but not all, bullies).

• Our Views: Braun's Approach to Funding Education Innovative, Promising

USERNAME: randydutton

Supporting and encouraging homeschooling, and virtual schools such as Washington Virtual Academy, would save a lot of money. Our kids' experience with WAVA and homeschooling was outstanding! And most of the WAVA teachers preferred teaching online over teaching at the brick-and-mortar schools. Most had masters degrees and liked the teaching flexibility and avoidance of NEA union politics. Parental acceptance was 96 percent for WAVA, much higher than any traditional school. Online schools also have advantages in offering more AP and unique classes; and benefit mobile students (homeless or bedridden).

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Part Two: Remembering the Inauguration

By Ann Vander Stoep

Seattle

Editor's note: Ann Vander Stoep is a Chehalis native. She is an associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences/epidemiology at the University of Washington. This is the second part of a two-part series on her trip to the inauguration. The entire story can be found at www.chronline.com.

I wander across the rubber mats until I find a rowdy multi-family group. Two adult women, three sons between them, one in military uniform, one late high school age, and a pubescent 14-year-old.

"Hi, I'm Ann. I'm conducting a survey so I can write an article for my hometown newspaper." "Where you from, Ann?" "Washington state. I grew up in Lewis County." "Oh, yeah, I've heard of that," says the 14-year-old. His mother eyes him skeptically. "How about you?" "We live in Maryland." "OK, my first question is, 'Which of our new president's ideas are you most excited about?'" "Oh, definitely that he is going to cut taxes for middle-class families," announces the soldier. Heads nod in agreement. "And we agree with his stance on firearms," contributes a mother.

"What is the worst thing going on in America right now?" The soldier resumes the role of multi-family spokesman. He starts a riff about the Federal Reserve, mortgage loans, banks, currency. As far as I can follow the gist is that banks are never having to actually come up with the money they loan to people.

I feel a bit sheepish, but not quite into fragile territory, as I think about how I don't even balance my checkbook. "I'm not sure I follow, but it does sound bad." "Oh, you see, the banks, the loans, the Federal Reserve." In a friendly tone, he takes another tack.

"He talks about this a lot," his mother interjects. Her son shifts gears, "Also, as a country, the United States can't disrespect Israel. We already left Vietnam before we were finished, and we shouldn't do that again to our best ally."

I KEEP THE BALL rolling, "What is the greatest thing that has happened in America in your lifetime?" Without batting an eye, the young teen exclaims, "Starting the Iraq War." A stunned pause. Jaws drop. "What?" his mother yells. Brother gives him a shove and calls him a "moron." Everyone groans. Mother offers, "Maybe you mean killing Bin Laden," and continues, "And in my lifetime there was landing on the moon. And when the Iron Curtain came down."

"I know," the indomitable teen recoups his nerve, "Brexite!" I glance across the Mall at my little Nebraska family. Mother's arm still wrapped around daughter's shoulder, her shoulders still heaving.

With their sons' opining, the two women are not getting much floor time. They move me into closed women's circle formation. "I'm Amy. I'm a social worker for DHHS. I have to say that I felt great hope eight years ago when Obama was elected. I thought he had lots of good

ideas. But he wasted his chance. He pretty much sat there and did nothing."

Her friend chimes in, "Yeah, and I like Melania better than Michelle. She'll be a really nice addition to the White House. I don't exactly dislike Michelle, but, I don't know, there was just something about her I couldn't relate to. I think Melania will be very kind to people."

My teeth are bearing down on my tongue so as nearly to draw blood. As if on cue, the outgoing president's helicopter chops overhead. "Can we pause a second here?" the group petitions. "Sure," I respond. Each of the five makes a gesture, a thumb on the nose. A "good rideance."

"Finally, it's over." My heart is breaking. The soldier exclaims, "Have fun spending all that money, Barack!" Are they referring to the big salary that President Trump won't need? Or Wall Street speeches?

Amy has an idea. "I know, Ann, what if I ask you the questions? I'm interested in what you would say." "OK, I guess that's only fair." I hand Amy my clipboard with a fresh interview sheet. She reads, "Alright, which of President Trump's campaign promises are you most excited about?"

I'm thinking fast on my feet. "Hmmm ... I would say that the thing I am most excited about is that he is giving voice to people who feel they have been overlooked." "What is the greatest accomplishment in the U.S. in your lifetime?" I channel my dear, departed teacher-husband and his teacher-father. "Introducing special education programs so that all children, those who are in wheelchairs, those who are really anxious or disruptive, blind, deaf, hard of hearing, developmentally disabled ... all children in our country can have access to public education."

THERE IS A PAUSE. Both women nod. "Yes, that's important, but don't get me started on the public schools." I have struck a raw nerve. "That one over there, in kindergarten they told me he was autistic. By second grade I had to send him to a private Catholic school. And we're Jewish. The school counselor said my other son, the one in the Army, had ADHD."

"Mine, too," says her friend. "He was on Adderall and that other drug. Yeah, for both of us public schools were a true nightmare." Now the second helicopter is hovering, and everyone smiles and waves. The soldier salutes. We three hug. Amy writes down her email address and asks me to send her the article.

"Nice to meet you, Ann. And, I have to say, you're really quite adorable." I grin, "Aw shucks." As I begin to walk away, they call out, "One more thing, Ann. This is really important. Don't read newspapers or watch the news on TV. Very misleading. If you want trustworthy news, always go online."

I take a deep breath. Maybe it is time to interview a person who is standing alone. How about that short man in a wool camel coat with crooked teeth? "Hi, my name is Ann." He is

a friendly sort, "I'm Gary." I launch into my spiel. "The best thing about Trump, well, there are actually three best things about Trump. The first is that he is going to get people who have lost hope fired up and working again. That will ignite the economy."

I try to keep oxycodone addiction from entering my mind. "And another thing, he comes to Washington free from all the favors most politicians owe to those who have gotten them elected. Trump doesn't owe anyone a cent." I try to keep his building crews from entering my mind. "And finally, he's rich, he's worth billions. He is the perfect poster child for the American dream. And that will really inspire people to be like him."

I try to imagine 99 percent of Americans as billionaires. "That would be cool," I say. "And how about you," Gary queries, "did you vote for Trump?" "No." "Were you a Hillary fan or a Bernie fan?" "All the above," I reply. "My daughters were Hillary fans," Gary offers, "if she'd won, they both would have been here today."

I TAKE MY LEAVE of Gary and return to my daughters, who are still standing huddled close together in the middle of an empty field of white rubber. "How'd it go?" they ask. "Good," I say, "I'm finished."

Just then a 40-year-old man approaches us. "I've been watching you," he smiles shyly. We grin back sheepishly, anticipating some expression of disapproval for our Inauguration speech behavior.

"I just came to say that you three have the most beautiful eyes." "What a kind thing to say. What brings you to the Inauguration?" my eldest daughter asks, relieved. "I'm a music teacher, and I'm here with my high school band. They are marching in the parade this afternoon."

"That's cool. We've come from Washington state." "Me, too," he exclaims, "I'm from Tacoma. Are you going to the March tomorrow?" We nod. "I'm going to try to get my band there." Old home week.

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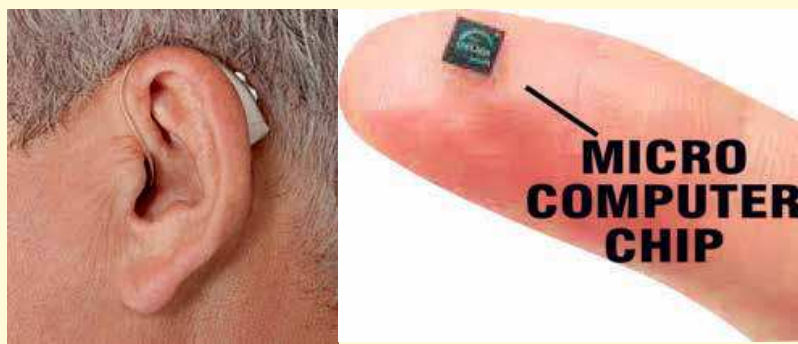
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Prep Basketball

Quick and Dirty Guide to District Playoffs

By Aaron VanTuyl
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The slog that is the final two weeks of the regular basketball season is over, and now — finally — the playoffs begin.

And playoff basketball is a blast. Sure, it's way too long; if you're a good local 2B basketball team the "playoff season" could last 27 days. That's basically a month, if that month is February, and in this case it is. The regular season's barely two months, with Christmas break in the middle! But, when you consider a team could play six district games (and again, this is at the 2B level), and then a regional game, and four more state games ... That's a whopping 31 games in a season, 11 of which are playoff contests.

Compare that to football (best case: a crossover and four state playoff games over the course of a month, which only two teams get) or baseball (medium-sized district tournament, two loser-out regional games, and four more state games). Or softball, where there's a ton of playoff games but it's all crammed into four days — two at districts and two more at state (weather permitting, of course).

But as far as scheduled madness goes, nothing beats basketball. Here's a quick guide to the District 4 tournaments, which are the jumping-off point for the next month of action.

Important Notes

C2BL SPLIT: The Central 2B League has been split into two divisions this year, though that has little bearing on the district tournament; the top nine of 12 teams will be seeded into the tournament based on their records through 16 league games. The standings don't reflect the two divisions.

RPI: Let's just get this out of the way here. The district tournaments determine who goes to state, but — and this is the change — not in what order. The WIAA's Ratings Percentage Index will be used to seed the teams for regional matchups and first-round state games. It will not take into account a team's performance at districts, other than to determine who qualifies. So, if Team X is 20-0 in the regular season and has the top RPI in its classification, and then finishes third at districts, it'll still be the top seed in the regional games. Confusing? Sure. Perfect? Not really. A fun talking point? Definitely!

2B Girls

IMPORTANT DATES: Starts Monday, with the top four teams in the Central and Pacific hosting games; ends with a championship game Saturday, Feb. 18 at W.F. West High School.

WHO GOES: The top nine from the Central (Wahkiakum, Kalama, Adna, Napavine, Toutle Lake, Mossyrock, Onalaska; Pe Ell, Toledo and Morton-White Pass could wind up in a pigtail situation on Saturday) and the top seven from the Pacific (Ilwaco, Raymond, Life Christian, North Beach, Ocosta, South Bend and NW Christian); the top six move on to regionals.

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Tuesday's 2A Girls Basketball



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Rochester's Paige Winter looks for a pass while surrounded by three Black Hills' defenders during an Evergreen 2A Conference basketball game on Tuesday in Rochester.

Black Hills Overpowers Rochester

By The Chronicle

ROCHESTER — Black Hills led by 16 points after the first quarter and never looked back, defeating Rochester 56-29 in an Evergreen 2A Conference basketball game here on Tuesday night.

Rochester was led by Paige Winter with 19 points and 8 rebounds.

The Wolves went ahead 22-6 after the first quarter, and pushed the lead to 32-13 at half-time. The Warriors had a better second half, but not enough to overcome the deficit.

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College Basketball



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Centralia's Sydnie Cole-Vogler tries a finger roll during an NWAC West Division basketball game against Grays Harbor on Wednesday in Centralia.

Lady Blazers Rout Grays Harbor 91-55

DOMINANT: Kylie Smith Scores 19 With 11 Rebounds as Centralia Improves to 6-1 in West Region Play

By The Chronicle

Centralia had three players score in double figures and only had 13 turnovers, dominating Grays Harbor 91-55 in an NWAC West Region women's basketball game in Centralia on Wednesday.

Centralia was led by Kylie Smith, who recorded a double double with 19 points and 11 rebounds.

"That's a direct correlation to the time she (Smith) spends in the gym," Centralia coach Caleb Sells said. "The unseen hours. We practice for about an hour and a half every day, (but) she doesn't practice for an hour and a half every day. I've got a few kids on this team that put in the time outside. Tonight, when she's knocking down those 3s and driving to the hoop, I think



Centralia's Kylie Smith looks for room in the paint on Wednesday against Grays Harbor.

we're the only ones who aren't surprised because we see her do it all the time on her own."

Tamika Etherly added 15 points and Tianno Hanohano chipped in 12 points. Grays Harbor was led by Jaylin Brasher-Norwood with 15 points and Alexia Thrower scored 10

points for the Chokers.

The Blazers created 23 turnovers which led to 31 points. Centralia also had a good night shooting, making 43 percent of their shots while the Chokers only converted 26 percent of their field goal attempts.

"Last two days of practice

have probably been our best two practices all year long," Centralia coach Caleb Sells said, citing a tight win on Saturday at Green River as the motivation. "We really had to come through and toughen up a little bit as a young team to win that game. It was nice to see it carry over to the practice Monday, practice Tuesday. They came out focused today."

Centralia started off strong with a 19-8 lead after the first quarter, and built a 44-22 lead at halftime before pouring it on in the second half.

"The first few minutes were a little rough getting the ball in the hoop, but once we stopped settling for 3s and really started attacking, it just changed the mentality of our kids and it changed the way they all played," Sells said.

The Centralia bench also played a great game, outscoring the Grays Harbor reserves 40-14.

Centralia (13-8, 6-1 league) has a week off before playing at Highline on Wednesday.

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"I think we're the only ones who aren't surprised because we see her do it all the time on her own."

CALEB SELLS,
 CC women's basketball coach, on Kylie Smith

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Preps

Local Prep Schedules

THURSDAY, Feb. 2
Girls Basketball
 Pe Ell at Adna, 7 p.m.
 Wahkiakum at Mossyrock, 7 p.m.
 Napavine at Rainier, 7 p.m.
 Morton-White Pass at Onalaska, 7 p.m.
 Toledo at Kalama, 7 p.m.
 Toutle Lake at Winlock, 7 p.m.
 Rochester at Aberdeen, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, Feb. 3

Boys Basketball
 Rainier at Napavine, 7 p.m.
 Pe Ell at Adna, 7 p.m.
 Morton-White Pass at Onalaska, 7 p.m.
 Kalama at Toledo, 7 p.m.
 Mossyrock at Wahkiakum, 7 p.m.
 Winlock at Toutle Lake, 7 p.m.
 Forks at Tenino, 7 p.m.
 Aberdeen at Rochester, 7 p.m.
 Centralia at W.F. West, 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, Feb. 4

Girls Basketball
 W.F. West at Aberdeen, 7 p.m.

Wrestling
 Centralia, Rochester, W.F. West at Evergreen Conference Sub-Regional Tournament, TBD
 Adna, Napavine, Onalaska, Toledo, Winlock at Sub-Regional Tournament, Centralia HUB, 9 a.m.

Local Results

Tuesday's Results
At Pe Ell
TROJANS 34, MOUNTAINEERS 23
 Rainier 2 6 4 11 —23
 Pe Ell 2 2 17 13 —34

Rainier (23) — Hasen 1, McCann 7, Francis 7, Holmes 6, Miles 2
 FG: 7 of 46 —.152 FT: 7 of 19 —.368 Reb: 33 (Francis 9)
Pe Ell (34) — Justice 3, Zock 6, Baldwin 1, Brooks 16, Elliott 3, McCarty 5
 FG: 12 of 50 —.240 FT: 7 of 18 —.389 Reb: 33 (Brooks 10)

At Onalaska
TIGERS 54, LOGGERS 24
 Napavine 22 14 13 5 —54
 Onalaska 3 5 6 10 —24
 Napavine (54) — Beeson 3, Sevilla 8, Stewart 4, Olson 22, Snaza 3, Lee 14
 FG: 21 of 62 —.338 FT: 10 of 13 —.769 Reb: N/A
 Onalaska (24) — Hoyt 5, H. Pannkuk 5, Bogar 7, Berara 2, Glenn 3, Walters 2
 FG: 9 of 51 —.176 FT: 2 of 11 —.181 Reb: 32 (Bogar 10)

At Randle
PIRATES 62, TIMBERWOLVES 24
 Adna 24 16 21 1 —62
 Morton-WP 6 4 8 6 —24
Adna (62) — Glover 7, Lorton 15, Humphrey 7, Foster 8, Kleemeyer 16, Elwood 7, Trotter 2
 FG: 26 of 76 —.342 FT: 5 of 18 —.278 Reb: 34 (Kleemeyer 7, Elwood 6)
Morton-White Pass (24) — Nilius 9, Hampton 2, Collette 2, Goble 4, Dotson 4, Salguero 3
 FG: 9 of 41 —.220 FT: 6 of 11 —.546 Reb: 15 (Salguero 5)

At Winlock
VIKINGS 54, CARDINALS 33
 Mossyrock 11 19 6 18 —54
 Winlock 9 11 7 6 —33
Mossyrock (54) — Fried 11, Grose 16, Hadaller 5, Moorcroft 6, Edgar 2, Anderson 4, Nelson 5, Carlson 5
 FG: 19 of 49 —.387 FT: 12 of 25 —.48 Reb: 33
Winlock (33) — Albritton 2, Whitehead 18, Howsden 2, Dunlap 2, Squibb 8, Jones 1
 FG: 12 of 41 —.292 FT: 4 of 8 —.500 Reb: 33 (Howsden 7, Squibb 7)

At Toutle
DUCKS 52, INDIANS 47
 Toutle Lake 11 16 14 11 —52
 Toledo 18 16 2 11 —47
Toutle Lake (52) — Donald 2, Wason 16, Dean 16, Studebaker-Smith 7, Perrigo 11
 FG: 20 of 58 —.344 FT: 10 of 17 —.588 Reb: N/A
Toledo (47) — Holmes 2, Bacon 5, Tauscher 16, Richardson 8, Tyner 2, Schaplow 10, Olson 4
 FG: 19 of 55 —.345 FT: 7 of 12 —.583 Reb: 34 (Tauscher 8)

At Rochester
WOLVES 56, WARRIORS 29
 Black Hills 22 10 12 12 —56
 Rochester 6 7 11 5 —29
Black Hills (56) — N/A
 FG: N/A FT: N/A Rebs: N/A
Rochester (29) — Hahn 3, Sederberg 4,

Warren 2, Winter 19, Elkins 1
 FG: 10 of 56 —.178 FT: N/A Rebs: 24 (Winter, Sederberg 8)

At Tumwater
BEARCATS 61, THUNDERBIRDS 50
 W.F. West 16 13 19 13 —61
 Tumwater 14 6 18 12 —50
W.F. West (61) — Strasser 15, Brumfield 14, Johnson 14, Bennett 6, Steen 5, Lofgren 5, S. Haakenson 2
 FG: 22 of 57 —.386 FT: 11 of 22 —.500 Reb: 28 (Brumfield 13)
Tumwater (50) — Snyder 16, Hare 12, Koelsch 10, Cunningham 8, Smith 2, Fields 2
 FG: 20 of 41 —.488 FT: 7 of 10 —.700 Reb: 13 (Hare 5)

At Centralia
TIGERS 58, BOBCATS 25
 Centralia 19 14 15 10 —58
 Aberdeen 3 12 4 6 —25
Centralia (58) — Poore 2, Petrino 3, Jensen 2, Wilkerson 9, Alviar 5, Porter 11, Kaut 16, Corwin 10
 FG: 19 of 45 —.422 FT: 13 of 19 —.684 Reb: 25 (Corwin 10)
Aberdeen (25) — Glanz 2, Walsh 2, Swor 7, Jones 12, Roberts 2
 FG: 9 of 41 —.219 FT: 7 of 13 —.538 Reb: 21

At Tenino
EAGLES 69, BEAVERS 49
 Elma 14 24 16 15 —69
 Tenino 10 12 15 12 —49
Elma (69) — Sackrider 4, Elliott 13, Sutherby 10, Neary 1, Johnson 2, Mikel 18, Heller 6, Johnston 9, Rambo 6
 FG: 21 of 50 —.420 FT: 24 of 36 —.666 Reb: N/A
Tenino (49) — Bailon 5, Antill 5, Duncan 1, Letts 3, Mathis 7, Wachter 2, Schow 21, Homann 5
 FG: 9 of 43 —.209 FT: 13 of 20 —.650 Reb: 28 (Homann 11)

Boys Basketball
At Rochester
WOLVES 66, WARRIORS 35
 Black Hills 13 10 24 19 —66
 Rochester 15 4 8 8 —35
Black Hills (66) — Crumley 24, Brewer 13, Walker 8, Carter 7, Glenn 9, Kindell 3, Lovelless 2, Z. Crumley 1
 FG: N/A FT: 16 of 26 —.615 Rebs: N/A
Rochester (35) — Goldrick 21, Escott 6, Lollar 5, Cabrera 2, Robinson 1
 FG: 11 of 34 —.323 FT: 5 of 13 —.384 Reb: 28 (Lollar 7)

At Aberdeen
TIGERS 73, BOBCATS 61
 Centralia 10 20 23 20 —73
 Aberdeen 14 8 22 17 —61
Centralia (73) — Trevino, Pertzborn 11, Thomas 6, Bailey 35, Ashmore 7, Shute 6, Edwards 8
 FG: 25 of 52 —.480 FT: 18 of 21 —.857 Reb: 35 (Thomas 10, Edwards 8)
Aberdeen (61) — Roiko 6, Dublanko 7, Troy 3, Collett 10, Gomez 18, Metke 3, Castleberry-Taylor 14
 FG: 22 of 55 —.400 FT: 9 of 10 —.900 Reb: 16

At Mossyrock
CARDINALS 62, VIKINGS 55
 Winlock 14 10 21 17 —62
 Mossyrock 13 8 11 23 —55
Winlock (62) — Whitehead, Dean 19, Miller, Patching 14, Steveson 2, Weinert 5, Hall 22, Coleman
 FG: 22 of 53 —.416 FT: 11 of 20 —.550 Reb: 36 (Hall 13, Dean 14)
Mossyrock (55) — J. Gootgeld 22, Mendoza 9, E. Gootgeld 6, Johnson 1, Clevenger 15, LaMott 2, Stanley
 FG: 20 of 63 —.317 FT: 9 of 13 —.692 Reb: 30

At Adna
PIRATES 75, TIMBERWOLVES 47
 Adna 22 17 9 27 —75
 MWP 8 13 15 10 —47
Adna (75) — Rigdon 14, Young 19, Weed 6, Metzberg 2, Davis 26, Terry 5, Ashley 3
 FG: 32 of 57 —.561 FT: 0 of 0 —N/A Reb: 23 (Young 6)
Morton-White Pass (47) — Morris 3, Rashoff 6, Gillispie 5, Collette 18, Elkins 8, Lewis 5, Storey 2
 FG: 17 of 36 —.472 FT: 3 of 9 —.333 Reb: 16

At Toutle
INDIANS 60, DUCKS 55
 Toledo 14 17 17 12 —60
 Toutle Lake 12 9 18 16 —55
Toledo (60) — Hansen 6, Arroyo 5, D. Marcil 5, J. Wallace 6, R. Wallace 28, Robles 7, Fuentes 3
 FG: 17 of 37 —.459 FT: 22 of 34 —.647 Reb: 28 (Arroyo 7)
Toutle Lake (55) — Jorgenson 6, Graben-

horst 9, Swanson 4, Hoff 17, Buck 4, Vetter 2, Adams 13
 FG: 21 of 49 —.428 FT: 8 of 15 —.533 Reb: 28

At Napavine
TIGERS 62, LOGGERS 30
 Napavine 27 18 10 7 —62
 Onalaska 6 5 8 11 —30
Napavine (62) — Subitch 3, D. Stanley 6, W. Stanley 10, P. Stanley 15, Purvis 11, Lantz 7, Filley 6, Kinswa 4
 FG: 24 of 48 —.500 FT: 8 of 13 —.615 Reb: 31 (W. Stanley 13)
Onalaska (30) — Swett 4, Cooper 18, Huffman 4, Beck 4
 FG: 10 of 33 —.303 FT: 10 of 17 —.588 Reb: 19 (Huffman 6)

At Chehalis
THUNDERBIRDS 58, BEARCATS 47
 Tumwater 11 9 20 18 —58
 W.F. West 8 9 12 18 —47
Tumwater (58) — Marty 13, Geathers 10, Otton 14, Koukal 5, Drayton 9, Kibler 5, Weller 2
 FG: N/A FT: N/A Reb: N/A
W.F. West (47) — Yarter 8, Forgione 3, Dobyns 2, Thornburg 3, Bull 4, Hawkins 5, Speck 5, B. White 8, C. White 4, Cooper 4
 FG: N/A FT: N/A Reb: N/A

At Rainier
MOUNTAINEERS 67, TROJANS 47
 Rainier 11 19 22 15 —67
 Pe Ell 8 10 13 16 —47
Rainier (67) — De. Stancil 23, Carlson 16, Di. Stancil 10, MacFarland 6, Duhon 2, Coleman 10
 FG: 28 of 56 —.500 FT: 7 of 9 —.777 Reb: N/A
Pe Ell (47) — Jurek 7, Gutierrez 5, Blankenship-Todd 16, McCalden 12, Shepherd 5
 FG: 17 of 48 —.354 FT: 13 of 22 —.590 Reb: N/A

Womens Basketball
At Centralia
BLAZERS 91, CHOKERS 55
 Grays Harbor 8 14 17 16 —55
 Centralia 19 25 27 20 —91
Grays Harbor (55) — Brisbios 5, Begay 4, Wilson 5, Thrower 10, Sikora 9, Brasher-Norwood 15, Salazar 7
 FG: 19 of 73 —.260 FT: 9 of 14 —.643 Reb: 47 (Wilson 9)
Centralia (91) — Etherly 15, Harris 9, White 7, Howard 8, Cole-Vogler 2, Smith 19, Zaragoza-Jones 3, Brooks 8, Hanohano 12, Kemble 8
 FG: 32 of 74 —.432 FT: 18 of 25 —.720 Reb: 54 (Smith 11)

Mens Basketball
At Centralia
CHOKERS 83, BLAZERS 78
 Grays Harbor 47 36 —83
 Centralia 43 35 —78
Grays Harbor (83) — Hickle 9, Rowland 11, Redmond 9, Robinson 4, Leslie 12, Rainey 14, Phillips 12, Hayes 3, Bean 9
 FG: 28 of 63 —.444 FT: 15 of 21 —.714 Reb: 35 (Hickle 8)
Centralia (78) — White 15, Price 10, Curry 17, Broughton 8, George 4, Hannold 16, Dorsey 8
 FG: 28 of 64 —.438 FT: 14 of 17 —.824 Reb: 41 (Curry 7)

Prep Basketball
Washington State Basketball Poll
By The Associated Press
Girls Basketball
Division 4A

School	Record	Points	Prev.
1. Central Valley (10)	18-0	100	1
2. Kentridge	19-2	85	3
3. Bellarmine Prep	18-1	78	4
4. Sunnyside	16-1	61	2
5. Kentlake	19-2	59	5
6. Bothell	16-2	51	6
7. Moses Lake	14-3	42	8
8. Glacier Peak	16-1	36	7
9. Todd Beamer	18-2	23	9T
10. Auburn Riverside	15-5	12	9T

 Others receiving votes: Lake Stevens 3.

Division 3A

School	Record	Points	Prev.
1. Blanchet (10)	18-0	100	1
2. Kamiakin	17-1	81	2
3. Gig Harbor	15-3	65	6
4. Prairie	15-3	63	4
5. Mt. Spokane	16-2	62	3
6. Lincoln	15-4	42	5
7. Stanwood	15-3	40	7T
8. Bellevue	18-2	37	9
9. Mercer Island	17-3	25	10
10. Garfield	12-4	16	7T

 Others receiving votes: Lynnwood 7, Shorewood 6, Rainier Beach 4, Seattle Prep 1, Bethel 1.

Division 2A

School	Record	Points	Prev.
1. Black Hills (9)	17-1	116	1
2. White River (2)	18-2	108	2
3. Wapato	16-2	93	3

4. W. F. West (1) 15-2 76 6
 5. Lynden 14-4 72 5
 6. Prosser 15-3 65 4
 7. Archbishop Murphy 14-3 45 7
 8. North Kitsap 16-3 31 8
 9. East Valley (Spokane) 13-6 24 9
 10. Washougal 11-4 18 10
 Others receiving votes: Burlington-Edison 6, Eatonville 4, Mark Morris 1, Renton 1.

Division 1A

School	Record	Points	Prev.
1. Cashmere (9)	19-0	107	1
2. Lynden Christian (2)	18-1	97	2
3. Columbia (Burbank)	18-0	85	3
4. Okanogan	15-3	72	4
5. Montesano	16-3	64	5
6. LaCenter	18-0	56	6
7. Granger	18-1	50	7
8. Zillah	14-4	27	8
9. Mount Baker	14-3	21	9
10. Bellevue Christian	14-4	15	10

 Others receiving votes: La Salle 5, Medical Lake 3, Seattle Academy 2, Meridian 1.

Division 2B

School	Record	Points	Prev.
1. Dayton (7)	16-1	96	1
2. Wahkiakum (3)	19-0	86	3
3. Liberty (Spangle)	16-2	80	2
4. Kalama	16-3	60	7
(tie)St. George's	16-2	60	4
6. Davenport	16-2	47	5T
7. Ilwaco	16-3	39	5T
8. Raymond	16-2	35	8
9. Adna	18-2	30	9
10. Brewster	15-3	9	10

 Others receiving votes: Colfax 4, LaConner 2, Tonasket 2.

Division B

School	Record	Points	Prev.
1. Colton (6)	16-2	84	1
2. Republic (2)	19-1	82	2
3. Almira Coulee-Hartline17-3	64	3	
4. Sunnyside Christian	14-3	55	4
(tie)Tacoma Baptist (1)	20-0	55	5T
6. Cedar Park Christian	16-1	39	8
7. Selkirk	17-3	37	7
8. Oakesdale	15-3	33	9
9. Pomeroy	12-5	24	5T
10. Neah Bay	15-3	9	NR

 Others receiving votes: Entiat 4, Tulalip Heritage 4, Evergreen Lutheran 2, Pateros 2, Clallam Bay 1.

Boys Basketball
Division 4A

School	Record	Points	Prev.
1. Federal Way (10)	20-0	100	1
2. Gonzaga Prep	17-1	87	2
3. Kentwood	18-2	75	4
4. Curtis	17-2	62	6
5. Union	16-3	54	3
6. Ferris	14-4	51	5
7. Davis	14-3	40	7
8. Glacier Peak	16-2	34	8
9. Central Valley	13-5	22	9
10. Bothell	15-4	13	10

 Others receiving votes: Kamiak 8, Skyview 3, Camas 1.

Division 3A

School	Record	Points	Prev.
1. Nathan Hale (10)	20-0	100	1
2. Garfield	16-3	86	2
3. Lincoln	19-0	81	3
4. West Seattle	15-4	63	5
5. Rainier Beach	15-4	59	4
6. Stanwood	17-1	47	6T
7. Shadle Park	15-3	35	6T
8. Seattle Prep	14-5	30	8
9. Shorecrest	17-1	22	9
10. Cleveland	14-5	10	10

 Others receiving votes: Capital 5, Prairie 5, Squallicum 4, Kelso 2, Eastside Catholic 1.

Division 2A

School	Record	Points	Prev.
1. Clarkston (9)	17-2	117	1
2. Foss (2)	15-5	107	2T
3. Anacortes (1)	15-2	100	2T
4. Selah	16-3	76	5
5. Lynden	13-5	61	7
6. North Kitsap	17-2	56	6
7. Mark Morris	13-5	49	4
8. Tumwater	13-4	40	8
9. River Ridge	14-6	22	9
10. Pullman	13-5	17	10

 Others receiving votes: Wapato 14, Olympic 1.

Division 1A

School	Record	Points	Prev.
1. Zillah (9)	17-1	112	1
2. Freeman (1)	18-1	105	2
3. King's (2)	15-3	102	3
4. Lynden Christian	14-5	63	4
4. Mount Baker	15-4	63	5
6. Northwest School	15-2	62	6
7. LaCenter	12-3	57	7
8. Chelan	12-4	35	9
9. Medical Lake	12-7	21	8
10. Seattle Academy	13-5	16	10

 Others receiving votes: Overlake School 9, Wahluke 5, Warden 4, Cashmere 3, Charles Wright Academy 3.

Division 2B

School	Record	Points	Prev.
1. Life Christian (6)	19-1	101	1
2. Napavine (1)	17-0	97	2
3. Northwest Christian (2)17-1	80	4	
(tie)Kittitas (2)	17-0	80	3

5. Brewster 18-1 70 5
 6. Adna 14-4 44 6
 7. Toutle Lake 14-4 43 8
 8. Ilwaco 15-4 35 9
 9. Chief Leschi 15-4 19 10
 10. DeSales 12-5 17 7
 Others receiving votes: Kettle Falls 8, Toledo 6, St. George's 3, Colfax 1, Oroville 1.

Division B

School	Record	Points	Prev.
1. Lummi (7)	15-3	94	1
2. Sunnyside Christian (2)16-1	90	2	
3. Almira Coulee-Hartline18-2	78	3	
4. Taholah	16-2	60	4
4. Neah Bay (1)	15-3	60	6
6. Yakama Tribal	14-5	53	5
7. Pomeroy	16-1	39	7
8. Cedar Park Christian	15-3	30	8
9. Muckleshoot Tribal	11-3	22	9
10. Seattle Lutheran	15-2	9	NR

 Others receiving votes: Wellpinit 5, Selkirk 4, Puget Sound Adventist 3, Waitsburg 1, Entiat 1, Crosspoint Academy 1.

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2A Boys Basketball

Rochester Can't Keep Up With Black Hills

By The Chronicle

ROCHESTER — Black Hills and Rochester played a close first half, but the Wolves scored 24 points in the third quarter to pull away and earn a 66-35 win in Evergreen 2A Conference boys hoops win here on Tuesday.

Joe Crumley led all scorers with 24 points, and Noah Brewer added 13 points for the Wolves. Rochester was led by Keegan Golfrick's 21 points.

Rochester had the shooting touch early, as Goldrick hit four 3s in the first quarter to push the Warriors in front 15-13. Black Hills locked down on defense in the second quarter and took a 23-19 lead into the locker room.

In the third quarter, the Wolves broke the game open. Rochester couldn't buy a basket while Black Hills scored 24 points to lead by 20 after three quarters.

"Their half court pressure took us out of what we wanted to do off," Rochester coach Mark Goldrick said. "We were able to keep up because we were hitting those (3s). We stopped hitting them and that's where the gap widened."

Rochester shot the ball well from behind the arc, but only made three shots inside the arc.

"When you're scoring all your points from the perimeter, if they ever cut that off, you have to work to get some 2-point baskets," Rochester coach Mark Goldrick said. "That's what they did. It just tells you we're not be-



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Rochester's Noah Escott shoots between three Black Hills' defenders during an Evergreen 2A Conference basketball game on Tuesday in Rochester.

ing aggressive enough."

Rochester (3-15, 0-8) hosts Aberdeen on Friday in an EvCo 2A game for senior night.

Wednesday's Results

Centralia Holds Off Aberdeen

ABERDEEN — Hodges Bailey scored 35 points to lead the Tigers to a 73-61 win over Aberdeen in an Evergreen 2A Con-

ference basketball game here on Wednesday night.

Bailey's 35 consisted of shooting 4 of 7 from behind the arc and a perfect 13 of 13 from the free throw line. Layne Pertzborn added 11 points, and Jordan Thomas scored 6 points and a team high 10 rebounds. Victor Gomez led Aberdeen with 18 points. Braden Castleberry-Taylor chipped in 14 points and Josh Collett added 10 points.

Aberdeen jumped out to a 14-10 lead after the first quarter, but the Centralia defense locked down in the second quarter to take a 30-22 lead at halftime. Both teams got into a rhythm in the second half, but the Tigers were able to hold off the Bobcats for the win.

"The first time we played them, they looked to push the ball a little bit. Tonight, in their last couple games, they tried to

pick their tempo up and we got caught flat footed starting the game," Centralia coach Kyle Donahue said. "We didn't execute off in the first quarter. We didn't get off the bus to start the game, but in the second quarter, we did a much better job finding guys defensively. We started making our shots in the second. We missed a lot of shots early on."

Centralia (12-6, 5-3 conference) is back on the court on Friday against twin city rival W.F. West in an EvCo 2A contest.

Tumwater Too Much for W.F. West

Tumwater kept its perfect Evergreen 2A Conference record intact with a 58-47 win over W.F. West Wednesday night in Chehalis.

The Thunderbirds scored 20 points in the third quarter to take an 11-point lead, and held off the Bearcats the rest of the way to improve to 8-0 in EvCo play.

Cade Otton led Tumwater with 14 points. Brian Marty added 13 and C.J. Geathers chipped in 10.

Brandon White and Troy Yarter led W.F. West with 8 points apiece.

W.F. West (9-9, 3-5 league) hosts rival Centralia on Friday night in the second half of a boys-girls doubleheader. Tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m., with the girls game starting at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday's 2B Boys Basketball

Hall, Dean Lead Cards Past Mossyrock

By The Chronicle

MOSSYROCK — Winlock got a pair of monster games from the boys down low and held off Mossyrock, 62-55, here Wednesday in Central 2B League boys hoops action.

Dawson Hall scored 22 points with 13 rebounds, and Wyatt Dean scored 19 with 14 boards for Winlock.

The Cardinals held a slim 24-21 advantage at halftime, but scored 21 in the third quarter to build a bit of breathing room.

Mossyrock, though, heated up in the fourth to keep it interesting.

"They made a few deep 3s on us to cut it down," Winlock coach Nick Bamer said. "It was never a moment where we were safe. We stretched the lead out a few times, but they just kept fighting."

Mossyrock cut the lead to 4 points with just over 30 seconds left, but turned the ball over after a steal and saw their shot at closing the gap further slip away.

Justin Gootgeld led Mossyrock with 22 points and Taylen Clevenger added 15.

Nicholas Patching added 14 points for the Cardinals.

Winlock (8-12, 6-9 league) plays at Toutle Lake to close out the regular season on Friday. The Cardinals will enter District 4 tournament play on Tuesday with a road game against a Pacific 2B League team.

Mossyrock (4-14, 2-13 league) wraps up the season at Wahkiakum on Friday.

"They played some man to man but they also played quite a bit of zone. They'd had some success with it at their place so we kind of knew we'd have to adjust to that," explained Salme.

The adjustment plan? Let Davis do his thing.

"Good luck finding a better 3-point shooter than Blake Davis. We told him going in to just shoot it if you're open, buddy. We'll take 8 of 12 shooting any day," said Salme.

The win clinches a second-place finish in the C2BL for Adna, which closes out the regular season at home on Friday with Pe Ell. The Pirates will host Ocosta on Tuesday in the first round of the District 4 tournament.

Rylan Collette led Morton-White Pass with 18 points and Jonathan Elkins chipped in 8 points.

Morton-White Pass (11-8, 8-7 league) will travel to Onalaska on Friday. The Timberwolves are locked into sixth place in the standings, which means a district opener Tuesday night, most likely at Chief Leschi.

Tigers Torch Loggers

NAPAVINE — A stifling Tiger defensive effort kept Onalaska bogged down in the brush all night Wednesday as Napavine claimed a 62-30 victory in Central 2B League boys basketball action.

Napavine held Onalaska under 10 points in three of four quarters including just 5 points in the second frame. In the face of that pressure the Loggers made even numbers of field goals and free throws, knocking down 10 of 33 of the former and 10 of 17 of the latter.

On the flip side, Napavine knocked down 24 of 48 field goals and 8 of 13 tries from the charity stripe. The Tigers were paced in scoring by Peyton Stanley's 15 points. Wyatt Stanley chipped in a neat double-double with 10 points and a game-high 13 rebounds, while Jordan Purvis added 11 points to the Tiger tally.

"I was just happy with our focus and the way we started the game. We were able to jump on them with a comfortable lead and get a lot of guys playing time," said Napavine coach Rex Ashmore. "Everybody contributed. It was one of those games."

Onalaska was led in scoring by Cody Cooper's 18 points, while Matt Swett, Zach Huffman and Jack Beck added 4 apiece. Huffman also grabbed a team-high six rebounds.

Napavine (18-0, 15-0 league), which has clinched the league title, will play at home on Friday versus Rainier for senior night. Onalaska (3-12, 5-14 league) will host Morton-White Pass on Friday. The Loggers are currently sitting in 9th place in the Central 2B League. The Tigers and Loggers will have a rematch on Tuesday in Napavine in the first round of the District 4 tournament.

Toledo Hangs On Against Toutle Lake

TOUTLE — Reece Wallace scored 28 points and hit key free throws down the stretch, helping the Indians earn a 60-55 win over Toutle Lake here in Central 2B League basketball on Wednesday.

Wallace was 17 of 20 from the free throw line. Junior Arroyo added 5 points and a team-high seven rebounds. Nate Hoff led Toutle Lake with 17 points and Michael Adams chipped in 13 for the Ducks.

The teams had almost identical statistics, except for the Indians were able to get to the free throw line 34 times, converting 22 of those opportunities.

Toledo held a 2-point lead after the first quarter, but padded their lead in the second quarter, holding the Ducks to 9 points en route to a 31-21 halftime lead. The Indians led by as much as 14 in the second half, though Toutle cut the deficit to 4 in the final frame, but Toledo held on for the win.

"That second quarter, I thought our defense really stepped up," Toledo coach Grady Fallon said. "It was off rotations where we didn't rotate quick enough. We were able to get stops and pull away a little bit. It was a good game, it was fun, close the whole way."

Toledo (15-4, 12-3 league) hosts Kalama on Friday in a Central 2B League regular season finale. Toledo can lock up third place with a win, but will be in a three-way tie for third with a loss.

Rainier Eclipses Trojans

RAINIER — A 32-minute long defensive lapse by the Trojans allowed the Mountaineers to get the best of Pe Ell Wednesday night by a score of 67-47 in Central 2B League boys basketball.

"No defense tonight. That was our problem," said Pe Ell coach Rich Mendes. "We got our first win the other night and I think they cashed it in after that and quit working hard. That's alright. It is what it is."

Rainier shot 50 percent from the field and knocked down 7 of 9 free throws to gain the advantage on the scoreboard. They were led in scoring by Devan Stencil's 23 points and Keaton Carlson's 16 points.

For Pe Ell Zander Blanken-

ship-Todd lead the way with 16 points.

Kaleb McCalden added 12 points for the Trojans and Kaelin Jurek posted 7 points.

Pe Ell (2-17, 1-14 league) will wrap up their season at Adna on Friday.

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Rochester

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"We went out with the attitude that we don't have a whole lot to lose," Rochester coach A.J. Easley said. "They're a fantastic basketball program, they've got a long road ahead of them and we went out and said let's play as hard as we can for 32 minutes and I thought our kids played well. They're a really good basketball team...but our kids played hard and they didn't back down."

Rochester (3-14, 0-8 league) hits the road to face Aberdeen in an EvCo 2A matchup on Thursday.



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Rochester's Lexi Sederberg grabs a loose ball in front of Black Hills' Rachel LaBelle during an Evergreen 2A Conference basketball game on Tuesday in Rochester.

Bearcats Drop Tumwater 61-50

TUMWATER — Lexie Strasser scored 15 points and W.F. West used a big second quarter to hold off Tumwater, 61-50, here Tuesday in Evergreen 2A Conference girls basketball action.

The Bearcats led 16-14 after a quarter, but held Tumwater to 6 in the second frame to lead 29-20 at the intermission and slowly pulled away from there.

Erika Brumfield added 14 points and 13 rebounds, and Ju-

lia Johnson added 14 points with six steals. Strasser added six rebounds, Brumfield tallied four steals.

Sierra Snyder led Tumwater with 16 points, while Brooke Hare added 12 on 5 of 7 shooting.

Kiara Steen added 5 points, four assists and three steals for W.F. West.

The Bearcats (15-2, 6-1 league) host rival Centralia on Friday with a 5:30 p.m. start time as part of a boys-girls doubleheader.

Tigers Trounce Bobcats

Centralia held Aberdeen to single-digit scoring in all but one quarter Tuesday night en route to a 58-25 victory in Evergreen 2A girls basketball action in Centralia.

Carissa Kaut knocked down 3 of 5 three point attempts in the first quarter to spark the Tigers' early effort and finished with a game-high 16 points. Hannah Porter added 11 points for Centralia and Ellie Corwin posted a 10-point, 10-rebound perfor-

mance that was just two blocks shy of a triple-double.

"Corwin did a great job. She was getting double teamed and was 6 of 6 from the line," noted Centralia coach Doug Ashmore.

The Tigers shot 13 of 19 from the charity stripe for the game, for a 68-percent clip.

It was the defensive effort that allowed Centralia to run out to such a commanding lead, though. Besides the second quarter when the Bobcats score 12 points, their largest output was 6 points in the final frame. Ashmore gave much of the credit to Corwin and her fly-swelling, glass-cleaning effort, as well as his sophomore guard Porter.

"Porter is just doing a phenomenal job for us defensively," said Ashmore.

Tuesday night was senior night for Centralia and the Tigers' two seniors, Maddy Alviar and Kiana Poore, added 5 and 2 points, respectively.

"It was nice to get a win for our seniors tonight," said Ashmore.

Centralia (10-8, 4-4 league) will play at W.F. West on Friday in a Swamp Cup doubleheader, with the girls game tipping off at 5:30 p.m.

Eagles Fly Past Beavers

TENINO — Tenino's Kaylee Schow scored 21 points, but

it wasn't enough to defeat the Eagles, as Elma earned a 69-49 win over Tenino in Evergreen 1A League girls basketball here on Tuesday.

Schow's 21 points included converting 4 of 8 shots from behind the arc. Emma Homann added 5 points and 11 rebounds for the Beavers.

Quin Mikel led Elma with 18 points. Peyton Elliott added 13 and Brooke Sutherby scored 10 for the Eagles.

Tenino kept it close in the first quarter, but Elma scored 24 points in the second to break the game open.

Elma was able to get to the free throw line 36 times, converting 24 of those opportunities. Tenino had trouble shooting on Tuesday, going just 9 of 43 from the field.

"We were defensive pressuring them the whole game, but once they broke our press, they did a good job of converting," Tenino coach Brandi Thomas said. "We broke their press and didn't convert as much as they did. They got to the line quite often, that showed in the long run."

Tenino (10-8, 1-6) hosts Forks on Friday in a boys-girls doubleheader, with the girls game tipping off at 7 p.m.

Tuesday's 2B Girls Basketball

Trojans Wake Up in Second Half to Beat Rainier 34-23

By The Chronicle

PELL — The first half was less than spectacular for the Trojans, but the third quarter more than made up for it.

Pe Ell trailed 8-4 at the break here Tuesday, but scored 17 in the third quarter to come back and beat Rainier 34-23 in Central 2B League girls basketball action.

The win pushed the Trojans into contention for a spot in the District 4 2B Girls Basketball Tournament.

"We lacked some confidence in the first half because we missed a lot of bunnies," Trojan coach Chris Phelps said. "From that point on, we looked to pass instead of attack, and in the second half we finally got some shots to fall."

Chloe Zock was a big part of that shift, hitting a pair of 3-pointers in the third quarter to spark the Trojans' offense.

"We attacked the basket and got to the free-throw line and built some momentum," Phelps said. "At that point we played with courage that we lacked, and that's something we've been waiting to see for some time."

Dakota Brooks led the Trojans with 16 points — all in the second half — and pulled down 10 rebounds. Alli Justice was a standout defensively, Phelps added.

Pe Ell (5-14, 4-11 league) plays at Adna to conclude the regular season on Thursday. If Morton-White Pass beats Onalaska, Toledo loses to Kalama and Pe Ell loses to Adna, the teams will finish in a three-way tie for eighth place, and a pigtail tiebreaker will be held on Saturday to determine which two teams move on to districts.

Note: Tuesday's game was senior night for the Trojans, who honored Brooks, Railey Smith, Chloe Zock, Alicia Baldwin, Danielle McCarty, and Sudie Blankenship, who was unavailable to play due to an illness.

Tigers Claw Through Loggers 54-24

ONALASKA — Napavine scored 22 points in the first quarter, paving the way for a 54-24 win over Onalaska in Central 2B League hoops action here on Tuesday.

Mollie Olson led all scorers with 22 points, and Melissa Lee added 14 for the Tigers.

Abigal Bogar led the Loggers with seven points and 10 rebounds.

Onalaska couldn't find their shot on Tuesday, shooting just 9 of 51 from the field, including 1 of 16 from behind the arc.

"We had a tough first quarter. We did not shoot well, we had a really hard time putting the ball in the basket today," Onalaska coach Dracy McCoy said. "They ran the ball well, Olson and Lee. We had a hard time getting back."

Napavine led 22-3 after the first quarter, and the Tigers padded the advantage to 36-8 at halftime to cruise to the win in the second half. Lucy Sevilla added 8 points and shot well for the Tigers, according to coach Jeremy Landram.

Onalaska (7-12, 6-9 league) hosts Morton-White Pass on Thursday in C2BL game. Napavine (11-8, 11-4 league) closes out the regular season at Rainier on Thursday.

Pirates Start Hot to Down MWP

RANDLE — The Pirates used a 24-point first quarter to put plenty of space between themselves and the Timberwolves in a 62-24 C2BL girls hoops win here Tuesday night.

Devanie Kleemeyer paced Adna with 16 points and seven rebounds. Kenya Lorton added 15 points and five boards, and Sam Foster chipped in 8 points.

The Pirates' pressure was too much for MWP, according to coach Tom Griffith.

"We don't handle the pressure very well, and turned the ball over a lot of times," Griffith said. "And then you couple that with our poor shooting percentage and it just kind of snowballs on you."

Adna led 24-6 after a quarter and 40-10 by halftime.

Taylor Niluis led MWP with 9 points, but the Timberwolves shot just 22 percent (9 of 41) from the field. Adna held a 34-16 rebounding advantage in the win.

Morton-White Pass (6-13, 3-12 league) plays at Onalaska on Thursday. Adna (18-2, 13-2 league) hosts Pe Ell on Thursday.

Vikings Vex Cards

WINLOCK — Laine Grose led the way for Mossyrock Tuesday night with 16 points as the Vikings downed Winlock by a score of 54-33 in Central 2B League girls basketball.

Winlock was able to hang around for most of the game and trailed by just nine points headed into the final frame but the Vikings used an 18-6 fourth quarter to seal the deal.

For the game Mossyrock made 19 of 49 field goal attempts and 12 of 25 free throws while Winlock sank 12 of 41 shots and just 4 of 8 freebies.

Grose scored all 16 of her points in the first half and shot 11 free throws in the second quarter alone for Mossyrock.

"We let her get a little hot in the second quarter by letting her get to the free throw line," said Winlock coach Tori Nelson.

Stephanie Fried added 11 points for Mossyrock while Paige Moorcroft netted 6.

"I think the score is worse that it really was," said Nelson, who noted that the end of the fourth quarter got a little sloppy. "We

didn't quite come ready to play. We hung with them in the first half a little bit and then struggled to score in the second half and really didn't take care of the basketball."

Winlock's Rianna Whitehead led all scorers with 18 points while Cheleena Squibb notched 8 points and seven rebounds. Maggie Howsden also gathered seven boards for Winlock.

Nelson said she was proud of a few gritty defensive plays from her team, particularly from Squibb and Kaitlyn Dunlap.

"Shaleena and Kaitlyn took a couple of charges, which is something that we're pretty proud of," explained Nelson. "We play hard every game, sometime we just don't play very smart."

Winlock (4-14, 2-14 league) hosts Toutle Lake on Thursday.

Toledo Takes Aim, Misses Ducks

TOUTLE — A dud of a third quarter prevented Toledo from hatching out a victory in the Fighting Ducks' Nest as Tou-

tle Lake prevailed 52-47 in their Central 2B girls basketball contest here Tuesday night.

Heading into that fateful third period Toledo actually held a 34-27 advantage when a paltry two point quarter allowed Toutle Lake to take a five point lead. It was a margin would hold out for the rest of the game.

"Well we had probably our best first half of the season and then came out in the third quarter and I think we were playing not to lose instead of playing to win," said Toledo coach J.B. Ewers. "We were really just hesitant in that third quarter and Toutle Lake turned up their defense on us and we did not respond very well."

Toutle Lake was led in scoring by Kelsey Wason and Ashlynn Dean 16 points each and Michelle Perrigo added 11 points. The Ducks were without star guard Britzy Hockett.

Ewers said a hit and miss rebounding effort contributed to his team's ultimate demise.

"We gave up a lot of second chance points especially to Perigo. She's a 6 foot center for them

and probably all of her points were on putbacks," said Ewers. "We did fairly well just too many second chance points."

Anna Tauscher paced Toledo with 16 points and eight rebounds while Kal Schaplow chipped in 10 points and Rylan Richardson added 8 points and six rebounds.

"Rylon Richardson really came alive for us today," noted Ewers. "We're always needing that second or third scorer and today Rylon was the one who came out and helped us out."

Toledo (6-13, 4-11 league) will travel to Kalama on Thursday.

NOTE: Wahkiakum beat Kalama, 56-53, in Kalama on Tuesday night to improve to 17-0 in league play (19-0 overall) and seal the Central 2B League championship. Peyton Souvenir led the Mules with 22 points, 13 rebounds and four assists, while Kaelyn Shipley led Kalama with 25 points. Parker Esary added 19 points and 15 rebounds for the Chinooks, who dropped to 13-2 in league play.

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Districts

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FAVORITE: Wahkiakum. The Mules are the only undefeated 2B team in the state (19-0), though you wouldn't know it by their comically low RPI (seventh until Tuesday's win over Kalama, which moved them up to third). Senior point guard Peyton Souvenir — bound for Lewis-Clark State College — runs the show and is probably one of the best two or three players in the state. She already set a single-game Mule scoring record this year (44 points against Rainier) and hints at a triple-double every time she's on the floor.

TEAMS TO WATCH: Kalama's twin towers Parker Esary and Kaelyn Shipley make the Chinoooks an automatic contender in the district and state conversation. ... Ilwaco's got an impressive resume, but the Fishermen have been mostly beating up on a weak P2BL. A 63-11 win over Ocosta and a 63-16 win over North Beach are balanced out with a 51-43 loss to Raymond, as well as quality losses to Kalama (52-44) and 1A powerhouse Montesano (64-57). Juniors Makenzie Kaech (19.7 ppg), Madi Jacobson (15.4 ppg) and Eliza Bannister (11 ppg) lead the offense. ... Adna won the C2BL North Division and only lost two league games, to Kalama (55-45) and Wahkiakum (63-55). Point guard Kenya Lorton leads the team with 17.1 points a game, while Devanie Kleemeyer adds 14.1 points and 7.5 rebounds a night and post Isabella Elwood is averaging 12.8 points and 10.8 boards. ... Napavine's still a dark horse, finishing in the top four despite missing star Mollie Olson for a few games early in the season. Olson's averaging 18.5 points, 6.9 rebounds and 5.2 assists a game while shooting nearly 55 percent from the field, and teammate Melissa Lee is scoring 20.4 points a game. Beyond those two and guard Becca Snaza, though, the Tigers are short on varsity experience, which could be a big factor during the playoffs.

SURPRISE TEAM: Mossyrock! The Vikings finished above .500 in the regular season just a year after going 1-17 in league play. Juniors Stephanie Fried, Laine Grose, Ava Nelson and Paige Moorcroft are veterans by this point and give Mossyrock a nice balance.

MVP WATCH: The North and South divisions get their own All-League teams, and with that should get their own MVPs. The South Division MVP will go to Souvenir; the North MVP is between Lorton and Lee. Lee's got better numbers (20.4 points, 10.8 rebounds, 3.9 steals, 2.9 blocks) and carried the Tigers with Olson injured; Lorton's averaging 17.1 points, 5.8 rebounds, 4.1 assists and 5 steals a game, and her team's undefeated against the rest of the league. It's a classic "best player on the best team" versus "most important player on a playoff team" argument. The last four C2BL MVPs, by the way: Toutle Lake's Sam Woodley and Wahkiakum's Peyton Souvenir (split), 2016; TL's Woodley, 2015; Morton-White Pass' Ashley Kelly, 2014; Pe Ell's Alissa Brooks-Johnson and Onalaska's Autumn Durand (split), 2013. Given the recent history, I think we're looking at a split vote here.

2B Boys

IMPORTANT DATES: Starts Tuesday, with the top four teams in the Central and Pacific hosting games; end with a championship game Saturday, Feb. 18 at W.F. West High School.

WHO GOES: The top nine from the Central (Napavine, Adna, Toledo, Toutle Lake, Kalama, Morton-White Pass, Rainier, Winlock and Onalaska) and the top seven from the Pacific (Life Christian, Ilwaco, Chief Leschi, Raymond, Willapa Valley, NW Christian and Ocosta); the top six move on to regionals.

FAVORITES: Life Christian and Napavine. Life Christian's only loss was to 3A Spanaway Lake back on Dec. 3. The Eagles have been at or near the top of both the AP poll and the RPI board most of the season, and with good reason: They're averaging 74.6 points a game and, as a team, shooting 50 percent from the field. They've also got Luke Lovelady, who is A) a 6-foot-8 guard/forward, B) the coach's son, C) a lock to win his third-straight Pacific 2B League MVP award, and D) averaging 23.2 points, 13.4 rebounds, 6.2 assists, 4.4 blocks and 2.9 steals a game. Life Christian's been in the Pacific 2B League for three years without losing a game.

Napavine's averaging over 70 points a game, which is a lot considering coach Rex Stanley's perfectly happy slowing

it down and playing "first-to-40" games. The Tigers are undefeated, balanced (Austin Filley, Wyatt Stanley and Peyton Stanley all score in double figures), defensively sound and can win close games (3-0 in overtime games).

These two teams met in last year's regional round, with Life Christian winning on a missed Tiger buzzer-beater. This year their common opponent has been Adna; Napavine beat the Pirates 80-66 on Jan. 9 and then 67-66 in overtime on Jan. 25. Life Christian beat Adna 61-58 at the Chelan Holiday Tournament. Outside of that Adna win, though, the Eagles have played exactly one game closer than 10 points either way — a 68-60 win over Chief Leschi in November.

TEAMS TO WATCH: Adna! The Pirates are, by all accounts, an overachieving, fun team. Their four losses were to 2A Ridgefield in November, and the three aforementioned losses to Napavine and Life Christian. They start five guards, with Tanner Rigdon (15.8 ppg), Cody Young (13.7 ppg) and Blake Davis (11.3 ppg) doing most of the scoring. ... Toledo and Toutle Lake would also surprise no one by making the semifinals. The Indians, as usual, have a pair of Wallaces leading the way (Reece averages 13 points a game, while Joe scores 12; Carmen Robles adds 13 a game) and Toutle Lake has played everyone tough. Nate Hoff leads the Ducks with 14 points a game and Cam Swanson adds just over 12.

SURPRISE TEAM: Winlock! The Cardinals are in the playoffs, in any boys sport, for the first time in four years (not counting Toledo-Winlock soccer). Wyatt Dean, Dawson Hall and Nicholas Patching all score right around 13 points a game.

MVP WATCH: The North MVP, theoretically, should have been a debate between Napavine's Wyatt Stanley and Morton-White Pass' Matt Poquette. Stanley's the best player on a good team (and a good team full of Stanleys), with 14.4 points, 13.6 rebounds, 5.2 assists and 3 steals a game; Poquette was putting up ridiculous numbers (24 points, 15 rebounds a game) on a young, decent team before an injury against Mossyrock knocked him out of the lineup. The C2BL boys coaches, however, almost always go with the best player on the best team, so Stanley's the easy pick.

The South MVP, meanwhile, is up for debate: Toledo's Reece Wallace and Toutle Lake's Nate Hoff are the favorites, and the plot only thickens as the teams split games during the regular season.

2A Boys

IMPORTANT DATES: The tournament starts on Saturday, Feb. 11, with the championship game Friday, Feb. 17, at St. Martin's University.

WHO GOES: The top four from the Evergreen 2A Conference (Tumwater, Black Hills, Centralia and W.F. West or Aberdeen) and the Greater St. Helens 2A League (Mark Morris, Woodland, Ridgefield and Columbia River or R.A. Long); the top three advance to regionals.

FAVORITES: Tumwater and Mark Morris, though the Monarchs' reign has a blemish with last week's loss to rival R.A. Long. The Thunderbirds have a nice balance without a glaring weak spot; Mark Morris has Will Burghardt, the presumptive GSHL MVP with a 22.5 scoring average.

TEAMS TO WATCH: Centralia, which took Tumwater to overtime and has shown flashes of brilliance on both ends of the court. The Tigers are a complete team, with Hodges Bailey leading the EvCo in scoring, Tyler Ashmore adding an outside threat, Layne Pertzborn, Cale Shute and Nick Edwards playing well inside and Jordan Thomas emerging as arguably the best defender in the league.

QUIRKS: W.F. West and Aberdeen split games, meaning the Bearcats need a win over either Centralia (Friday) or Black Hills (Tuesday), or the Bobcats to lose to both Rochester (Friday) and Tumwater (Tuesday) to avoid a tie in the final standings.

MVP WATCH: The debate should come down to Tumwater's Brian Marty (19.1 ppg) and Centralia's Hodges Bailey (25.3 ppg). Marty's on the better team, but Bailey's numbers are hard to pass up — and, as TJ Mickelson's MVP award with Black Hills last year showed, the EvCo coaches aren't above giving the honor to the best player on a team that doesn't win the league title. It's hard to look past anyone scoring over 25 points a game, so maybe this is the year Bailey — who has committed to play college ball at The Master's

University in Santa Clarita, Calif. — gets the nod.

2A Girls

IMPORTANT DATES: The tournament starts Friday, Feb. 10, with the championship game a week later at St. Martin's University.

WHO GOES: The top four from the Evergreen 2A Conference (Black Hills, W.F. West, Tumwater and Centralia) and the Greater St. Helens 2A League (Washougal, Mark Morris, Woodland and Columbia River or Hockinson); the top three advance to regionals.

FAVORITES: Black Hills and W.F. West are arguably the top two 2A teams in the state and the odds-on favorites to meet in the championship game at St. Martin's. If neither team wins the district title it'll be something of a shocker. Black Hills does everything well, and the Bearcats are fast and balanced — Julia Johnson, Shasta Lofgren and Kiara Steen all score in double figures — with two sound post players (Lexie Strasser and Erika Brumfield) who contribute a surprising amount for a team that plays at that pace. Both teams should wind up in Yakima with first-round byes.

TEAMS TO WATCH: Washougal could be an interesting dark horse. The Panthers beat W.F. West in a wild come-from-behind win to eliminate the Bearcats in last year's district tournament, and Beyonce Bea — who scored 33 in that game — is now a sophomore guard/forward averaging 18 points a game. Mason Oberg adds 15.7 a game, though the Panthers lost 59-35 to Black Hills back on Dec. 5.

MVP WATCH: Black Hills' Emma Duff shared the honors with Centralia's Madi Crews last season. Crews is now playing for Lower Columbia College, and Duff's the best player on what's regarded as the best team in the state and a Western Washington University signee. She's the odds-on favorite, particularly given W.F. West is so balanced no one's really sure who's the best player in the lineup.

College Basketball

Centralia Comes Up Short, 83-78, Against Grays Harbor

By The Chronicle

Centralia tried to earn its second West Division win of the season on Wednesday, but came up just short, falling to Grays Harbor 83-78 in NWAC

men's basketball in Centralia on Wednesday.

Centralia was led by Austin Curry with 17 points and 7 rebounds. Braden Hannold added 16, Jaden White chipped in 15

and LaBrandon Price added 10 points for the Blazers.

Jacob Rainey paced Grays Harbor with 14 points. Kodi Leslie and Jordan Phillips each had 12 points and Keeandre Rowland

pitched in 11 points.

Centralia turned the ball over 21 times, which led to 31 Grays Harbor points. The Chokers shot 12 of 24 from behind the arc while the Blazers managed to

shoot 8 of 23.

Centralia (4-17, 1-6 division) faces Highline on the road next Wednesday in a West Division contest.

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Outdoors

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Hunting & Fishing Report

Training for Spring: Don't Let the Fickle Signs Fool You, Winter Clings Like Dog Hair to Fleece Jackets

In only 11 days hope will once again spring eternal in the land of grapefruits and cacti as professional baseball begins its annual perfunctory exercise known as spring training.

With snow and ice largely disappeared from our range it is easy to believe that we too are on the brink of a welcome seasonal shift toward the light. But where hope dares to raise its supple fuzzy head reality waits in the wings like a masked executioner swinging a blood spattered double-bladed ax.

Still, there have been plenty of sights for sore and seasonally affected eyes as of late.

On the western horizon a dangling crescent moon hangs in cluster formation with the planets that men and women are rumored to come from. Mars and Venus hover as if connected by a shoestring in the crisp evening air as easter egg colors dissipate into the cold black nothingness of midnight.

In the morning, while ice crystals still cling to flora and chilled bone fauna cuddle beneath lean-to shacks with dopey eyes and the season's first rose lifts its head and sings the praises of the promise of spring. A fleet of charging crocuses crack the earth's skin and thrust their green flesh spikes toward the heavens, impatiently awaiting their chance to blossom in full like their overlord thorned neighbor.

Midwinter piglets scamper about the barnyard, learning to fear mamma sow's heavy clodhoppers while simultaneously yearning for her nourishing underbelly spigots. Strung together like hand stuffed sausages they arrive in the middle of the night while haggard old pallets crackled in the flickering bonfire. Sometimes bumbling sudsoaked farmers get lucky and stumble upon the right place at the right time in spite of themselves. Living life in apparent hyper timelapse the little piggies quickly figure out how to get along in the barn and wrestle for the spot closest to the heat lamp. In no time at all they will be coated in oily showshen and strutting their rippling flanks and hamhocks in front of fat pocketed bidders at the County Fair.

This time of year, when the contents of the dusty pantry grow sparse with everything but apples and potatoes, my mind drifts to the sweet crunch of fresh plucked and hot boiled golden corn on the cob and green peas plucked fresh from the vine. The rainbow buffet bounty of spring and summer beckons like siren songs while the evening's dinner looks to be 51-shades of gray and beige.

When the sun shines, even in the dead of winter, it can bring to life those things that should still be sleeping. At the top of that list is the sweet honeybee. The sun warms their hive and enlivens the colony with aspirations of more. Emboldened by the distant sun they adventure from the safety of the hive in search of new food stores but besides that solo rose their options are largely non-existent. Filling up on last summer's honey stores they fly to and fro, burning up tomorrow's sustenance for the uncertain promise of today's bounty. When the failed and dejected workers return to the hive with empty bellies and limp pollen sacks their best intentions prove to be a blow to the hive's chances of survival. They scrape at waxen comb for sweet nectar and together cluster and pray for better days and a reprieve from the suffering threat of starvation.

"We're going to keep a sharp eye on the indicators in the weeks ahead."

Ron Roler

WDFW Columbia River Fishing Manager



By Jordan Nailon
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Remember, even on the sun soaked baseball diamonds of Florida and Arizona, this only a time to train for spring. Here in the Evergreen state, it's time to ration your apples and feed the bees. Together we will make it through to a better tomorrow.

FISHIN'

The ashes continue to smolder at the Cowlitz River trout hatchery since it was confirmed that 70-percent of the 2016 summer steelhead and cutthroat smolt mysteriously vanished. With 514,000 fish missing in action the WDFW, which runs the hatchery for Tacoma Power, will have much explaining to do beginning with a Washington State Senate Natural Resources and Parks committee hearing on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the state capitol. The proceedings will be broadcast on TVW.org

Out on the water, last week the WDFW noted 28 bank anglers with two keeper steelhead to show. A total of 286 coho adults, 12 jacks and 11 winter-run steelhead that were counted at the salmon hatchery separator, and river flow at Mayfield dam was reported at roughly 5,200 cubic feet per second with a water temperature of 42.1 degrees fahrenheit on Monday.

Downriver though signs are pointing towards a turning of the tide as hungry pods of pinnipeds have begun to accumulate in the lower Columbia near Rainier, Oregon and in the lower waters of the Cowlitz near Gearhart Gardens. The arrival of the marine mammals is a prime indicator that smelt and salmon runs are on the way. A decision was expected to be handed down from the WDFW this week regarding sport smelt fisheries and a sport sturgeon fishery but limited data pushed that final word by at least a week.

"In both cases, we just don't have enough data to make an informed decision," said Ron Roler, a Columbia River fishing manager for the WDFW, in a press release. "We're going to keep a sharp eye on the indicators in the weeks ahead."

So far, Washington has held off from recommending any tributary smelt fisheries. Instead they are waiting to see if there is an average daily net of 150 pound per commercial vessel on the lower Columbia River as a means of triggering any opening the Cowlitz River. A likely outcome could be a one day six-hour opening on Feb. 11 or Feb. 16, similar to 2016. Likewise, Oregon is not yet recommending a recreational fishery on the Sandy River. Commercial netters will be restricted to three zones over eight days for a total of 56 hours on the lower Columbia, which is similar to the past three seasons, and limited tribal fisheries are likely to occur on the Cowlitz and Sandy rivers.

On the lower Columbia River the salmon and steelhead bite is nearly non-existent, with a few boat anglers bonking steelhead in The Dalles Pool standing out as the only exception. Boat anglers at Bonneville and bank anglers at The Dalles had some luck with legal size sturgeon last week and boat anglers in all three dam pools have been catching some walleye. The action was slow on most lower Columbia tributaries as well. On the Coweeman 17 anglers released one hatchery steelhead and two unmarked steelies, 37 anglers on the Kalama released two unmarked steelies and kept one hatchery coho while 32 anglers on the Lewis River released two unmarked

steelies. No boating anglers, anywhere, had any catch to report.

There was no report of angler success on the trout scene but on Jan. 25 the WDFW planted 18 ten-pound steelhead at Horseshoe Lake and 35 ten-pound steelhead at Kress Lake in Cowlitz County. Kress also received 35 ten-pound steelhead on Jan. 23.

HUNTIN'

The Washington Outdoor Women are accepting applications for their annual introduction to waterfowling workshop. The workshop, held near Monroe, will happen on March 28 and is expected to fill to capacity. No walk-up participants will be accepted. The registration fee is \$125 and includes all instruction, gear, meals, and participation gifts. Participants must be at least 18 years old but no prior experience is required.

Hunters in training can expect to learn about the tradition, techniques, safety and ethics of hunting waterfowl from certified instructors and experienced hunters. Lessons will include setting decoys, shooting clays, duck calling and the importance of bird dogging.

Registration can be taken care of online at <http://www.washingtonoutdoorwomen.org/workshops-waterfowl.htm>. Additional information can be obtained by calling WOW director Ronni McGlenn at 425-455-1986, or emailing wowomen@gmail.com.

A massive die off of 1,2000 ducks in the Tri-Cities area has been confirmed to have been caused by avian cholera, while tests for avian influenza came back negative.

Avian cholera is one of the most common diseases to afflict North American waterfowl and can cause death within six hours of infection. Bacteria can then be spread in the environment and to previously healthy birds from dead and dying birds.

"As a result, avian cholera can spread quickly through a wetland and kill hundreds of thousands of birds in a single outbreak," said Kyle Spragens, WDFW waterfowl manager, in a press release. "The bacteria are hardy and can survive in water for several weeks and in soil for several months."

Because of the infectious nature of the bacteria wildlife managers are encouraging any waterfowl hunters who spent time in Walla Walla, Franklin or Benton counties to clean and disinfect their gear, including waders and decoys. A 10-percent bleach solution can be used to clean gear and vehicles carrying mud from wetlands should be taken through a commercial carwash.

"Humans are not at a high risk for infection with the bacterial strain causing avian cholera, though infections in humans are possible," said Katie Haman, a wildlife veterinarian for the WDFW, in a press release. "We advise people to avoid handling sick or dead birds, and to report any they find."

Reports can be filed online at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/viewing/observations/sgcn/>, by email at Wildlife.Health@dfw.wa.gov, or by calling 1-509-545-2201.

Out in the field all local goose hunting openings wrapped up as of Jan. 29, as did seasons for ducks, snipes and coots. Bobcats, fox, raccoon, cottontail rabbit and snowshoe hare hunts will continue through March 15, and of course, coyotes are always fair game in Washington. Bea-

vers, badgers, weasels, martens, minks, muskrats and river otters can be harvested through trapping efforts only.

Cougar hunts are also still open in many areas around the state but each area is subject to closure based on harvest numbers. Most cougar areas will continue to be open through Apr. 30 but hunters should be sure to check with the WDFW for up to date information.

A two day youth spring turkey hunt will kick off the spring season on April 1-2 with a statewide wild turkey hunt running from April 15 through May 31.

The WDFW is accepting master hunter permit applications through Feb. 15. Master hunters are used by the WDFW for controlled special hunts in order to remove problem animals that cause property damage and other problems.

"To qualify for the program, applicants must demonstrate a high level of skill and be committed to lawful and ethical hunting practices," said David Whipple, WDFW Hunter Education division manager, in a press release.

There are currently 1,650 master hunters registered in Washington.

A set of four orientation meetings will be hosted by the WDFW between Feb. 4-15 at locations around the state. The most local meetings are scheduled for:

- Feb. 9 - Tacoma Sportsman's Club, 16409 Canyon Rd E, Puyallup, 7-9 p.m.
- Feb. 15 - Cowlitz Co. PUD building, 961 12th Ave, Longview, 7-9 p.m.

Aspiring master hunters will be required to pay a \$50 application fee, pass a criminal background check and a written test, demonstrate shooting proficiency, provide at least 20 hours of approved volunteer service as well as additional qualifications outlined by the WDFW.

CLAMMIN'

On Wednesday the WDFW approved a six-day razor clam dig that will begin on Feb. 7. The digs were approved after marine toxin tests showed that the clams on the approved beaches are safe for consumption.

Twin Harbors, which has been shuttered since November due to elevated domoic acid levels, was one of those beaches approved for the digs that will begin next week.

"Toxin levels have been dropping over the last several weeks at Twin Harbors and now meet public health standards," WDFW coastal clam manager, Dan Ayres, in a press release. "This is great news for razor clam diggers."

The upcoming dig is approved on the following beaches, dates and evening low tides:

- Feb. 7, Tuesday, 3:53 p.m.; -0.1 feet; Copalis, Mocrocks, Twin Harbors
- Feb. 8, Wednesday, 4:46 p.m.; -0.6 feet; Copalis, Mocrocks, Twin Harbors
- Feb. 9, Thursday, 5:33 p.m.; -0.9 feet; Copalis, Mocrocks, Twin Harbors
- Feb. 10, Friday, 6:16 p.m.; -1.0 feet; Mocrocks, Twin Harbors
- Feb. 11, Saturday, 6:57 p.m.; -0.8 feet; Mocrocks, Twin Harbors
- Feb. 12, Sunday, 7:34 p.m.; -0.5 feet; Mocrocks, Twin Harbors

Mocrocks and Twin Harbors will be open all six days while Copalis will be open for only the first three dates. Typically the WDFW opens Mocrocks and Copalis in conjunction because of their proximity to each other.

"We're able to provide more opportunities by opening Mocrocks separately for a few days this dig," Ayres explained in the press release.

Copalis beach includes Ocean Shores, Oyhut, Ocean City and Copalis areas while Mocrocks includes Iron Springs, Roosevelt

Beach, Seabrook, Pacific Beach and Moclips.

CLIMBIN'

Popular permits required for climbing above 4,800 feet on Mt. St. Helens during the summer months went on sale on Wednesday.

"As you know, these permits are quite popular and most summer dates sell out on the first on-sale day," noted Ray Yurkewycz, executive director of the Mount St. Helens Institute, in an email.

The summer permits cost \$22, and the funds generated are used for services and maintenance throughout the National Volcanic Monument. Hikers who attempt their ascent between April 1 and Oct. 31 are required to obtain their permits in advance due to the popularity of the climb.

Five hundred permits are issued per day for the days of April 1-May 14, while only 100 permits per day are issued from May 15-Oct. 31. From Nov. 1 through Mar. 31, climbing passes are available at no charge at the climber's register.

A National Forest Recreation Pass is required for parking at the Climber's Bivouac but is not included with the climbing permit. A National Forest Recreation Pass is not required at Marble Mountain Sno-Park from April 1 through Oct. 31, but a Washington State Sno-Park Permit is required from Dec. 1 through March 31.

In a press release, the Mount St. Helens Institute noted the slopes of the mountain that lie above the treeline are traditional cultural property of the Cowlitz and Yakima tribes. The mountain has been an integral place to their culture for thousands of years and was utilized for many purposes including gathering wild resources and sending young people out for customary spiritual and physical sojourns. That history has helped to make the flanks of the mountain a place that is charged with rare energy and the Mount St. Helens Institute requests that, "When you cross above the Loowit Trail into the region where the climbing permit is required, please conduct yourself in a manner that is respectful of both Tribal interests and this special place."

The Mount St. Helens Institute operates under a special use permit from the USFS Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Additional information can be obtained by calling 360-449-7883.

National Forest Recreation day passes are for sale online at <http://www.discovernw.org/passes> and Washington State Sno-Park passes are available for sale online at <http://parks.state.wa.us/130/Winter-Recreation>.

Summer season climbing permits for Mount St. Helens can be purchased online at www.mshinstitute.org.

WILDLIFERS

The WDFW is seeking comments on their recommendation to list the yellow-billed cuckoo as an endangered species.

Yellow-billed cuckoos are medium sized birds with grayish-brown bodies, white underbellies and curved yellow bills. The western population has been listed on the federal Endangered Species Act since 2014 and is considered to be distinct from their eastern counterparts. About 680 breeding pairs of the birds, which is slightly more than half of the estimated national population, are believed to range from the Pacific Northwest to northern Mexico. Previously the birds were known to nest in Grays Harbor, Pierce, Clark, King, Skagit and Whatcom counties but there have been only 20 sightings of the white bellied yellow billed cuckoos since the 1950's. The WDFW believes it is possible that a few pairs still

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Outdoors

Age is No Limit for Cascadian Member Ted Gamlem

By Luke Thompson

Yakima Herald-Republic

YAKIMA, Wash. — Physically slowing down with age might be impossible to stop entirely, but that doesn't mean it's not worth trying.

This is the mindset of Ted Gamlem and his fellow Cascadian members as they remain determined to stay young while enjoying the great outdoors activities the Pacific Northwest has to offer. It's why Sept. 9 of last year, with his 80th birthday on the horizon, Gamlem decided to go on a 100-mile bike ride on Idaho's Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes between Wallace and Harrison.

He posted his plans on the website of the Cascadians, a group he joined some 15 years ago to help him stay active in retirement. Not surprisingly, at least 20 people from what Gamlem calls "a special group of people" agreed to meet Gamlem on the trail to help celebrate his Jan. 12 birthday.

"Ted is a really loved guy and he's been an inspiration to all of us," said Carol Fletcher, one of seven to make the entire round trip along with her husband, Evans. "When he first started hiking with us, he set a pace that we could barely keep up with. We just have a lot of admiration for him because he is so devoted to getting out there and doing things."

The ride began at 7 a.m. and

included a stop at halfway point, where the former Cascadian president and current president of the board for the Cowiche Canyon Conservancy rewarded anyone who made it by buying ice cream at Harrison Creamery and Fudge Factory. A few hours later, he finally crossed the "century ride" off of his bucket list.

A Cascadian tradition

While others might celebrate significant birthdays with relaxing parties, the Cascadians prefer to spend the day outside working up a sweat.

Gamlem said for quite some time, it's been common for members to ride their bike the number of miles equal to their age. Two years ago Jean McKetrick celebrated her 80th birthday with an 80-kilometer ride, and Gamlem remembers joining Gib Smith for an 80-mile birthday ride in November six to eight years ago.

"He's a spry guy," Gamlem said. "He's always been really active, kind of a guy that I've sort of thought of as a mentor."

Just as many members look to Gamlem for inspiration, he recalled admiring Smith's energetic spirit and willingness to do anything. Around his 80th birthday, Smith went downhill skiing for the first time, setting a pattern Gamlem said he always wanted to follow.

He hadn't biked much at all since childhood when he joined the Cascadians, and now it's just one of several activities he does frequently on his navy blue re-

cumbent bike. Every Tuesday, sometimes as the group's leader, Gamlem goes hiking, snowshoeing, skiing or anything else with the Trekkers, the group who travels farther and faster than any other in the club.

Even though he's not as fast as when he joined and occasionally needs to take advantage of a small electric motor on his bicycle, the Cascadians' bike committee chair, Bob Pavlina, said Gamlem remains "in pretty dog-gone good shape" considering his age.

Phil Bird joined Gamlem in learning to ski about four years ago, and both of them enjoyed a tremendous amount of support from the Cascadians. When Bird hits his 80th birthday in about four years, he can count on Gamlem being there to encourage him and join another long Cascadian ride.

"He's done a tremendous amount of work for them and he's also worked for other agencies," Bird said. "He'll go out to use his GPS to spot Flora and Fauna."

Gamlem enjoys a variety of different interests, and Carol Fletcher said he's an excellent and creative artist. The former veterinarian and owner of Animal Medical Center in Selah makes Christmas presents each year for his children and has donated a home made bird feeder for a Cascadian event drawing. Fletcher Evans said Gamlem still easily keeps up with other group

members, most of whom are several years younger.

Reason for riding

Cascadian president Bill Dezelle points to two primary reasons so many people were willing to travel close to 300 miles and spend two nights in Idaho for Gamlem's big trip.

"No. 1, he's a well-liked guy," Dezelle said. "No. 2, he picked an outstanding location. The trail of the Coeur d'Alenes is known for its striking beauty."

The first 10 miles heading west towards Harrison go slightly downhill, partly following the South Fork Coeur d'Alene River. Gamlem said the views become even more spectacular and they saw deer, eagles, moose and bears after Osburn, when the trail joins the Coeur d'Alene River.

From there, it runs through Kellogg and continues through Smeltonville, occasionally leaving the meandering river and even crossing it on three occasions before getting to Cataldo. Finally, after hugging the river, then leaving it and coming back for several miles, the trail goes alongside Cave Lake and Black Lake before following the northwestern border of Anderson Lake into Harrison.

Gamlem's group left at 7 a.m. with the goal of finishing the difficult last 10 miles of uphill in time to arrive at City Limits Pub and Grill for a celebration for the big dinner rush. With only minimal help from his "electric as-

sist," Gamlem finished with his friends at about 3 p.m., his GPS showing 100.6 miles and a total ascent of 801 feet at an average of nearly 10 miles per hour.

"Every different sport I do there's some discomfort involved," Gamlem said. "In that case, when I got back, I got off the bike and it was hard to walk. Those legs were just, they didn't want to cooperate."

Of course, thanks to friends and beers, those aches and pains didn't last long. They certainly haven't stopped him from returning to the bike and many other activities.

After retirement, Gamlem worked for 12 years as a long-term care ombudsman, where he saw many people who seemed resigned to the toll of aging. He also made the only long hospital visit of his life for a prostrate surgery, and those combined experiences helped him realize the importance of staying healthy and always eager for adventure.

In fact, Gamlem and his wife, Barbara, agreed the century ride won't even count for his birthday, since it came before the actual date. He's already thinking about how he's going to celebrate turning 80 — again.

"I'm not going to ask anybody to go out there in this weather and do it, but this spring I'm going to do an 80-mile ride," Gamlem said. "I've got a couple guys and it's going to be local. Maybe we'll even get more people involved."

Washington Considers Strengthening Measures to Protect Waters From Aquatic Invasive Species

By Rich Landers

The Spokesman-Review

Bad news is knocking at the door and Washington is behind the curve on dealing with aquatic invasive species.

State officials say there's an urgency to get up to speed after the alarming developments in Montana last year.

Quagga and zebra mussel larvae were found in the Missouri River system of Montana last fall. In a separate incident, an invasive parasite killed thousands of fish and prompted temporary closure of 183 miles of the Yellowstone River and tributaries.

Invasive mussels discovered in the lower Colorado River system in 2007 sent chills through Northwest states. The exotic species' demonstrated their potential to multiply rapidly and damage beaches, clog boat motors, irrigation systems and dams, harm fish and wildlife and foul infrastructure.

Northwest states could boast of being invasive mussel-free — until last year. Washington Fish and Wildlife officials are promoting legislation this year to get more money for protection. The additional \$1.3 million per year would come from increased commercial boating fees and the state general fund.

An invasive species sticker

program for recreational boats, similar to Idaho's, is likely to be considered in another year, officials say.

"This has to be a multi-state compact because the issue affects region," said Bill Tweit, of the Washington Fish and Wildlife Department's Columbia River Policy office. "We shudder at the thought of invasives taking over the Columbia system."

"We've gone from being one of the first states taking action with one of the highest aquatic invasive species budgets to being one of the poorest funded programs," he said.

The department's aquatic invasive species unit has only two full-time inspectors for ballast water on large ships that arrive in Washington.

"We were one of the first and that's why Puget Sound is cleaner than some other systems," he said. "But while the problem has grown, our program has not. The damage mussels could do to the hydropower infrastructure and salmon recovery is not pleasant to contemplate."

"We spend less than \$1 million a year on ballast protection. A competent program would cost about \$5 million a year. California spends \$8 to \$9 million a year."

"Montana is stepping up and Idaho is spending twice as much

as us and they're just dealing with mussels, not other aquatic invasives we're including in our program, such as African clawed frogs and keeping northern pike from expanding in the Columbia River.

"We are now the weak link in the defense against aquatic invasives," Tweit said.

Washington has been relying heavily on Idaho and Montana to catch contaminated boats before they arrive at Washington borders. However, Washington provides the decontamination facility and trained staff in Spokane to deal with fouled boats cited in Idaho.

"Idaho and Montana are guarding the perimeter to keep the Columbia Basin mussel free," Tweit said. "But they are permeable. There's a need for a second-level perimeter."

Washington also is vulnerable from it's ocean coast. "When we started finding invasives attached to tsunami debris (from Japan) we created rapid response team to decontaminate stuff that washed up on beaches," he said.

Education needs to be a higher priority, he said.

"We need to get staff out to boating events, sportsmen shows, to clubs and other groups to teach the basics," he said, noting that the message to recreational boaters has been boiled down to

three words: "Clean, drain, dry."

The lesson already has been learned in this state with invasives such as spartina, a non-native cordgrass introduced to Washington saltwaters nearly a century ago.

"It can be a big problem for shellfish growers and salmon estuaries," Tweit said. "The problem was recognized in the 70s, but we dithered and didn't control it when it might have been easy. Now, some \$35 million later, it's been knocked back to less than half of a percent of its former range, but we'll have to be forever vigilant."

"The best way to control these things is to keep them out."

Northern pike that have filtered down from illegal introductions in Montana are a huge concern to salmon managers in the Columbia River system, Tweit said.

"We're working to convince some sportsmen that pike are a problem, not an opportunity," he said. "We would have preferred if they never had gotten here." The pike apparently were illegally introduced in Montana and came down the Flathead and Clark Fork river systems to the Pend Oreille.

"While few people question the mission to keep quagga mussels out, some anglers want to make an exception for trophy

northerns, which grow to trophy sizes."

Washington has an Invasive Species Council, which is separate from the Fish and Wildlife Department and works on a wider range of invaders from apple mites and weeds to feral pigs.

The office has listed a "Top 50" list of species that are major concerns. They have the potential to have expensive impacts on economic sectors such as farming, ranching, recreation and timber.

The Fish and Wildlife Department's legislative funding request focuses on aquatic invasive species, a category that is in itself a huge plate of issues.

Eurasian watermilfoil, for example, is a problem that tends to be in the realm of the Department of Ecology, although Fish and Wildlife helps with enforcement, Tweit said.

The path forward is not clear on milfoil, he said. Even if more funding were to be available for controlling the plant that clogs boat launches and swimming areas, the treatment is controversial. Mechanical means of cutting away the weed may just spread the problem and chemical treatments are almost always opposed by someone.

Fish

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breed in Washington but considers that prospect to be unlikely.

Threats to the birds include loss of riparian habitat and pesticide use. There are currently forty-three species of fish and wildlife listed as endangered,

threatened or sensitive in Washington.

Additional information can be found online at http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/endorangered/status_review/, and comments can be submitted through April 30 by email to TandEpubliccom@dfw.wa.gov or by mail to Hannah Anderson, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 600 Capitol Way N., Olympia, WA 98501-1091.

Lastly, the WDFW is seeking candidates for their Wolf Advisory Group. If chosen the members would serve three year terms on the citizen committee that advises the WDFW on wolf recovery and management.

The group was formed in 2013 with nine members and has since increased to 18 members. WDFW Director Jim Unsworth will appoint three new members to the group from the applica-

tions and nominations.

"This advisory group has been extremely helpful in advising the department on the challenging issue of recovering and managing gray wolves in our state," Unsworth said in a press release. "We are looking for candidates who can work cooperatively with others to develop management recommendations that reflect a diversity of perspectives."

Applications must be received

by 5 p.m. on Feb. 17 and can be sent by email to Donny.martorello@dfw.wa.gov or by standard mail to Martorello at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 600 Capitol Way N., Olympia, WA 98501-1091.

Additional information about the Wolf Advisory Group is available at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/advisory/wag/>.

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W.F. West athletic director Jeff Johnson speaks to the audience in front of (left to right) Michael Anderson, Drew Forgione, McKenna Moon, Will Alexander and Kim Frazier before the five athletes signed their letters of intent to play collegiate athletics at W.F. West High School in Chehalis on Wednesday. Anderson signed to wrestle with University of Great Falls. Forgione signed to play baseball and Moon signed to play soccer, both at Centralia College. Alexander signed to play golf at Spokane Falls Community College, and Frazier signed to play softball at Southwest Oregon Community College.



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W.F. West's (L to R) Michael Anderson, Drew Forgione, McKenna Moon, Will Alexander and Kim Frazier sign their national letters of intent to play collegiate athletics at W.F. West High School in Chehalis on Wednesday.



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W.F. West's Drew Forgione (left) and Michael Anderson celebrate with members in attendance after both signed their national letters of intent to play collegiate athletics at W.F. West High School in Chehalis on Wednesday.

College Basketball

Zags' Secret to Success? They Like Each Other

By Rob Curley

The Spokesman-Review

This isn't their first rodeo.

Gonzaga knows exactly what it's like to be the No. 1 team in the nation. And when it happened the first time back in 2013, the naysayers couldn't wait to shake their heads and talk about strength of schedule and whole bunch of other numerologically based hoops hokum that sounds a little like one of those uncomfortable medical tests where you're told not to eat the night before.

Today's sports world is obsessed with all sorts of these crazy-issued that try to predict how a team will do when playing a road game on a Monday night, during a leap year, while in a state whose name ends in an "a."

Everything has to be compared, quantified, processed and pasteurized.

But Monday's top ranking by the Zags in both the AP and USA Today polls feels different. And not just here in Spokane.

Yeah, being the last unbeaten team is a big part of it. But it's also because the numbers support it. Both the Washington Post and New York Times wrote stories Monday afternoon about why this Gonzaga team deserves its seat atop college basketball's weekly throne. They made the case. The stats back it up.

Even elitist newspapers with obvious East Coast biases can see that the math adds up this year for the Bulldogs.

Yet they still aren't seeing what we're seeing. And being



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Gonzaga guard Johnathan Williams (#3) and Pepperdine forward Chris Peves (#14) in actions during an NCAA college basketball game between Gonzaga and Pepperdine on Saturday in Malibu, Calif.

honest, it's hard to spot until it's pointed out to you. You know how when you learn a new word, and you swear you've never heard it before, then you hear it three or four times in the next day? It's almost like magic.

Well, that's a little like this team's secret; it's all you can look at every time the Zags take the court from the moment you're told about it. You can't unlearn it. And here it is ...

These guys really like each other. They're friends who care about each other. They play as a team. And that's because they are a team ... in the truest sense.

It's called chemistry. And this year's edition of the Zags have it by the bucketloads.

It is exactly the sort of intangible that statisticians and those who love measurability really hate.

You see, it's hard to see heart in a box score. And it's downright impossible to see brotherhood in an excel spreadsheet. Unless you know what you're looking for.

Earlier in the season, after another easy win at the Kennel, Gonzaga Athletic Director Mike Roth explained the magic that was unfolding in front of us.

Well, he did it in his "Andy Griffith of major college basketball" kinda way. And for him, the numbers show more than just the new No. 1 team in the nation -- they show character. "Look at how they always

throw one more pass, or are always looking to see if their teammate has a better shot," he says, looking at, ironically, that night's box score. "Look at all of the assists that these guys are getting."

Roth pauses for a second, trying to find the right words, trying to explain what the numbers tell him.

"This is such a special group and you can see it just by the way they play together. When they're together, you can see the chemistry and camaraderie."

What does chemistry look like in a basketball box score?

Through 22 games, seven different players have been Gonzaga's leading scorer.

Yes, you see the gentle giant

who might also be the best seven-foot point guard in the world. There's a junior transfer guard who waited patiently for more than a year to get to wear this team's jersey. And a freshman who's taller than the Golden Arches.

And all of those assists that Roth marvels at?

This team is averaging close to 17 a game, which -- as you might have guessed -- is more than most Gonzaga teams. Seven times this season, the Bulldogs have had 20 or more.

That's impressive, but it has to be more than that.

How does a team loaded with transfers and freshmen become so close so quickly, when teams that grow up together don't? That's where magic disguised as a seemingly unimportant moment explains what science and stats can't.

After the Pepperdine game, Przemek Karnowski hinted at this.

"During the winter break when everybody left, all the students left, we were together and hanging out for a month together," he said. "I thought that really helped us gel together."

Then he mentioned that back in September, the team went on a retreat together in North Idaho. Yes, there were all sorts of team-building activities. There's even a photo of them all together. Some are smiling. Some look tough. Karnowski's carrying an ax in those super-soft hands of his.

Each player wrote about their leadership philosophy.

Life

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Matt Noren, owner of Pacific Sports Spa, looks on as Andrew Pullin, a minor league baseball player and Centralia High School graduate, stands inside a cryotherapy chamber on Thursday, Jan. 26, in Chehalis. The cryotherapy chamber, which exposes individuals to extremely cold, dry air, is the only one of its kind between Bellevue and Portland, according to Noren.

USING PRO TECHNOLOGY FOR PRO RESULTS

PACIFIC SPORTS SPA:

Chehalis Facility Offers Equipment Not Normally Available to the Public

By Carrina Stanton

For The Chronicle

Matt Noren loves sports, especially the local kind. Look at the walls of his Pacific Sports Spa and you'll see that passion play out loud and clear in the photos that cover the walls.

And while about 75 percent of his clients are athletes, Noren is quick to point out that the whole reason he opened the spa in November is to help a variety of people in the community.

"My big thing is you don't have to be an athlete to use this stuff," Noren said.

The inspiration for Pacific Sports Spa, located at the Chehalis Thorbeckes FitLife Center, started with Noren's medical staffing company he has owned for six years. Two years ago, he was researching the use of hyperbaric chambers for wound care. A hyperbaric chamber, also sometimes called an altitude chamber, is a machine that simulates the effects of higher altitudes on the body. During his research, Noren learned that many pro athletes also use them to speed recovery. Noren said this information was a revelation to him.

"People rely on medication so heavily," Noren said. "There's other ways professional athletes and high level college athletes are able to train and prepare without pharmaceuticals. They've just never been available to the public before."

Noren grew up in the Willapa Valley and played football, basketball, baseball and also participated in track and field. His passion for sports has stayed with him to this day, including acting as sports reporter for the Pacific County Press. He said his original idea was to create a space to help local athletes, especially student athletes, prepare for and recover from training. He originally found a piece of land on which to build but when the property sale fell through he found a partnership with Thorbecke's FitLife Center in Chehalis.

"I wanted to be associated with Thorbeckes and when this opened up I thought what better place to be than in Thorbeckes," Noren said. "This is the exact clientele we work with."



Andrew Pullin, a minor league baseball player and Centralia High School graduate, stands inside a cryotherapy chamber on Thursday, Jan. 26, in Chehalis.

PACIFIC SPORTS SPA partially opened in late November. Noren said his original plan was to be open sometime in early 2017 but he started getting requests from local student athletes who wanted to use the equipment there and so he decided to let them.

"I made the decision to open earlier and start exposing people to this stuff," Noren said.

Much of the equipment at Pacific Sports Spa has previously not been available to non-professional athletes or anywhere near Chehalis. One of the more unusual offerings is the Cryotherapy equipment from Cryo USA. Either targeted or for the whole body, the equipment uses liquid nitrogen to create temperatures of negative 240-250 degrees Fahrenheit.

For the whole-body cryotherapy, the person stands in a chamber with only their head above the cold for a period of about 2-3 minutes. Noren explained that in typical cold environments, the body sends blood to the extremities to protect them. In this extremely cold environment the body sends blood instead into the body's core, actually raising your core temperatures. People use cryotherapy to treat sore muscles, chronic inflammation, poor sleep and even depression in some parts of the world. For Noren, added energy is the benefit he has experienced.

"I do it about twice a week first thing in the morning and, for me, it's like a cup of coffee that doesn't wear off all day," he said.

Many people are initially apprehensive about cryotherapy because of how cold it gets, Noren said. He explained the low temperatures are actually safe.

ABOUT THE BUSINESS: PACIFIC SPORTS SPA

Address: 91 SW Chehalis Ave. No. 105, Chehalis

Hours: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat.-Sun.

Info: (360) 557-3961 or pacificsportsspa.com

He always cautions that Pacific Sports Spa is not a medical facility so clients, especially those with chronic health conditions, should always consult their physician for medical advice. But Noren said clients who try it seem to like it and many return for more.

"Most people are cracking up when they do it for the first time," he said.

Another popular piece of equipment is the Normatec pulse recovery, air-filled sleeves that work in much the same way as a massage to compress the muscles and push out blood and lactic acid. Similar is the Game Ready cold therapy compression sleeve that offers the benefit of both compression as well as a very cold temperature. Noren explained the Game Ready system is great for areas like shoulders, hips and groins where icing is difficult.

"Plus, you're not getting wet from an ice pack or wasting a package of frozen peas and it stays a constant temperature the whole time," he said.

The BOD POD, an assessment tool that quickly and accurately measures body composition, is only available to the public in two other places in Washington, Noren said. The 5-minute test does not require you to get wet like many other



Hodges Bailey, a basketball player at Centralia High School, uses the Normatec Pulse Recovery System while relaxing on a chair at the Pacific Sports Spa in Chehalis on Thursday, Jan. 26. Bailey, who injured his wrist in a game the day before, regularly utilizes a variety of resources at the spa to help his recovery from various injuries throughout the basketball season.



An athlete runs inside a HydroWorx therapy tank at Pacific Sports Spa on Thursday, Jan. 26.

methods and provides a variety of useful information from body fat percentage to thoracic capacity.

Coming soon is the HydroWorx aquatic therapy, one of only 30 in the world. It is a treadmill housed inside a tank that can be filled with 1 to 3 feet of water that is heated to 93 degrees. The treadmill can run anywhere from 1 mile per hour to 10 miles per hour and the water protects joints from the stress of running. There are also handles on the side or in front so you can run in a traditional way or as Noren put it, more like pushing a sled in football practice.

"You can use it for interval training or just for a completely different way to work out," Noren said.

Noren was also quick to stress that while Pacific Sports

Spa's general clientele are athletes (about 75 percent of which are student athletes) their equipment can be helpful for people of many needs. For example the Normatec compression sleeves can be useful for people with circulation issues. And the HydroWorx treadmill could be useful for someone with joint issues who wants to gain more mobility. Since it is housed in a private room he also pictures it possibly helping someone who wants to lose weight but for whom going to the public pool might be uncomfortable.

While it may not be as exciting as the other tools at Noren's disposal, the piece of equipment he is most proud of is the IMPACT concussion evaluation tool. The FDA-approved, computerized test is given to athletes

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Community Calendar

Thursday, Feb. 2

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

Timberline District Boy Scouts of America, annual dinner, 6 p.m., Washington Hotel, 545 Market Blvd., Chehalis, guest speaker Lewis County Sheriff Rob Snaza, no charge, fundraiser, RSVP to 360-304-8536

Art Conversations, aspect of composition and photo tips, 10:30 a.m., White Pass County Historical Museum, 12990 U.S. Highway 12, Packwood

Public Agencies

Twin Transit board, 8:15 a.m., Twin Transit office, 212 E. Locust St., Centralia, 360-330-2072

Libraries

Book Babies and Playgroup, for children birth-24 months, 10:30 a.m., Centralia

Family Storytime, for all ages, 10:30 a.m., Randle

PageTurners Book Discussion, for adults, "Everything I Never Told You," by Celest Ng, noon, Chehalis

Around the World in 80 Bites, for teens, 3:30 p.m., Tenino

The Knitting Circle, for teens and adults, 4 p.m., Salkum

Organizations

American Legion Post 508, potluck and meeting, 6 p.m., Silver Creek Ethel Grange, corner of Brim Road and U.S. Highway 12, 360-485-2852, 360-978-5368

Onalaska American Legion Post 508, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting, Onalaska First Church of God, 360-978-5368

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

Support Groups

"Up From Grief," for those grieving the loss of a loved one, 1-2:30 p.m., Assured Home Hospice, 2120 N. Park St., Centralia, 360-330-2640

Overeaters Anonymous, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1209 N. Scheuber Road, Centralia, 360-269-1649

NAMI Lewis County Connections, 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

Friday, Feb. 3

Harvey Nelson and Swing Stuff Band, country/western, 7-9:30 p.m., Twin Cities Senior Center, \$6, 360-350-2423

Radio 80, 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m., Craft-house, Lucky Eagle Casino, Rochester, 1-800-720-1788

"Passengers," 7 p.m., Roxy Theater, Morton, rated PG-13, adults \$9, students and seniors \$8

Libraries

Family Storytime, for all ages, 10 a.m., Salkum

Preschool Storytime, for children 3-6 years, 10 a.m., Chehalis

Family Storytime, for children, 10:30 a.m., Winlock

PageTurners Book Discussion, for adults, "Americanah," by Chimamanda Adichie, 12:30 p.m., Winlock

Organizations

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, hopedirector@hotmail.com

Celebrate Recovery, dinner 6 p.m., large group 7 p.m., small groups 8 p.m., Grace Foursquare Church, 3030 Borst Ave., Centralia, 360-736-0778, www.gracefoursquarechurch.com

Diabetic Support Group, 10:30-11:30 a.m., The Gathering Place, Stillwaters Estates, 2800 Cooks Hill Road, Centralia, 360-748-3177 or 360-736-9679

Saturday, Feb. 4

Friends of Seminary Hill to Hold Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Seminary Hill Natural Area will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Centralia United Methodist Church.

This is the single meeting held each year by the group that holds public nature appreciation events and handles much of the maintenance and improvements at Centralia's 70-acre natural area.

HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE PUBLIC TO?

Submit your calendar items to Newsroom Assistant Doug Blosser by 5 p.m. Friday the week before you would like them to be printed. He can be reached at calendar@chronline.com or (360) 807-8238. Please include all relevant information, as well as contact information. Events can also be submitted at www.chronline.com

As always, there will be free cookies and refreshments.

"Anyone with a love for nature is welcome to join us at this meeting," said Brian Mittge, president of the Friends group. "New visitors and longtime members all quickly become friends as we plan out a fun year in our hillside forest."

There will be T-shirts, greeting cards, necklaces and copies of the guidebook "Walking With Rufus" available for purchase.

Contact GoSeminaryHill@gmail.com or call 360-861-6570 to learn more. On social media, visit twitter.com/GoSeminaryHill or facebook.com/SeminaryHill.

Club Mom Children's Clothing Bank and Exchange, 1-3 p.m., Chehalis First Christian Church, 111 NW Prindle St., 360-269-0587 or 360-748-3702

Dance, Country Four and More, 7 p.m., South Union Grange, 10030 Tilley Road, near exit 99 off I-5, free lessons at 6 p.m. with admission, 360-352-2135

Steam Train Ride and Museum Visit, Mt. Rainier Railroad and Logging Museum, Elbe-Mineral, 10 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 1-888-STEAM-11

Pancake breakfast, 7:30-10 a.m., Twin Cities Senior Center, \$5, (206) 948-2979

Radio 80, 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m., Craft-house, Lucky Eagle Casino, Rochester, 1-800-720-1788

"Passengers," 7 p.m., Roxy Theater, Morton, rated PG-13, adults \$9, students and seniors \$8

Serger class, by Lewis County Clothing & Textile, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Whalen Quilt Works, 404 S. Tower Ave., Centralia, \$40, includes kit, preregistration required, 360-827-0125, more information, 360-736-5079

Libraries

Sensory Friendly Storytime, for children age 3-sixth grade on autism spectrum or other special needs, 10:30 a.m., Centralia

Birds of Prey, for teens and adults, 2 p.m., Chehalis

How to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse: An Author Talk by John O'Brien, for teens and adults, 2 p.m., Tenino

Sunday, Feb. 5

Bingo, doors open 5 p.m., bingo starts 6:30 p.m., Forest Grange, 3397 Jackson Highway, Chehalis

Dancing, Swing Stuff, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Swede Hall, Rochester, 360-350-2423

Community meal, 1-3 p.m., Rotary Riverside Park, Centralia, free, sponsored by Jesus Name Pentecostal Church, Chehalis, 360-623-9438

Steam Train Ride and Museum Visit, Mt. Rainier Railroad and Logging Museum, Elbe-Mineral, 10 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 1-888-STEAM-11

Big Game Bash, with Big Lo and former Seahawks running back Chris Warren, 2:30 p.m., Lucky Eagle Casino, Rochester, tickets start at \$20, must be 21, 800-720-1788

Support Groups

GriefShare, a video seminar focusing on helping people who have lost a loved one, 12:30-2 p.m., Shoestring Valley Community Church, 104 Frase Road, Onalaska, 360-870-2782, http://svchurch.com/griefshare/

Monday, Feb. 6

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

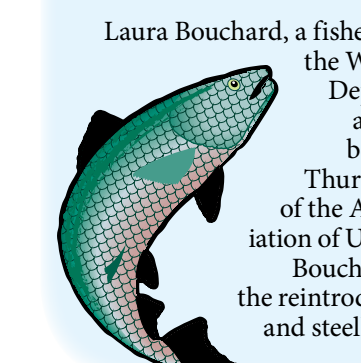
"Passengers," 7 p.m., Roxy Theater, Morton, rated PG-13, adults \$8, students and seniors \$7

Paint Night, 6-8:30 p.m., Washington Hall 116, Centralia College, led by Sue Wachter and Joan Hitchcock, theme is Rustic Barn Doors, \$25, wine available for those over 21, 360-623-8445 or staci.jacobson@centralia.edu

Public Agencies

Lewis County Commission, 10 a.m., BOCC board room, second floor, Lewis County Courthouse, agenda available at http://goo.gl/agwWM, 360-740-1120

Lewis County Community Network



Board, 3:30-5 p.m., second floor conference room, Lewis County Public Health & Social Services Building, 360 NW North St., Chehalis

Libraries

Learn About Your Library Card, for all ages, noon, Centralia College East, 701 Airport Way, Morton

Organizations

Lewis County Republican Central Committee, dinner, 5:30-6:30 p.m., meeting, 6:30 p.m., Chehalis Eagles, 1993 S. Market Blvd., Chehalis, 360-736-4500

Centralia Bridge Club, noon, Unity Church, 800 S. Pearl St., Centralia, 360-748-1753, hraj@localaccess.com

Writer's Forum, 7-9 p.m., 4162 Jackson Highway, Chehalis, 360-262-0525

Tuesday, Feb. 7

County Planner to Speak at Meeting in Onalaska

Fred Evander, Lewis County long-range planner, will be speaking to residents of Onalaska and the surrounding area Tuesday about redesignating Onalaska as an urban growth area.

This discussion will take place at the monthly community meeting hosted by the Onalaska Alliance. The meeting will be held 6-7 p.m. at Onalaska High School Room 408.

In July 2016, Evander spoke to Onalaska residents about general priorities for the county as a whole, and general priorities for the Onalaska area. Evander said, "From that discussion, we came to the conclusion that the county should conduct additional planning for the Onalaska area and ultimately pursue an urban growth area, which would allow some additional development in the community."

At the February meeting, Evander will be focusing on the creation of an urban growth boundary for Onalaska within the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan. He hopes to get community feedback on boundaries and road, pedestrian and park improvements.

Currently, Onalaska is designated a limited area of more intensive rural development. That designation does not allow for expansion or further development. An urban growth area is essentially an area of more urban types of growth.

To find out more about the updates being made to the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan, visit http://lewiscountywa.gov/comprehensive-plan-update.

Learn more about Onalaska Alliance at www.onalaskaalliance.org.

Bingo, Chehalis Moose Lodge, doors open at 4:30 p.m., game starts at 6:30 p.m., food available, 360-736-9030

Health and Hope Medical Outreach, free medical clinic, 5:30-8:30 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

Dinner special, cook's choice, 5-7 p.m., Chehalis Eagles, 1993 S. Market Blvd., Chehalis, 360-748-7241

Public Agencies

Napavine Planning Commission, 6 p.m., 407 Birch Ave. SW, Napavine, 360-262-3547, ext. 213

Lewis County Interlocal Organization of Fire Districts 2, 15 and 7, 7 p.m., Fire District 15 (Winlock) main station, 360-864-2366

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

Pe Ell Town Council, 6 p.m., City Hall, 360-291-3543

Libraries

Preschool Storytime and Playgroup, for children 3-6 years, 10:30 a.m., Centralia

Tech Help, for adults, 2 p.m., Oakville Homeschool Meet 'n' Greet, for all ages, 3 p.m., Tenino

Editor's Best Bet

WDFW Biologist to Speak at AAUW Meeting

Laura Bouchard, a fisheries biologist at the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, will be giving a talk Thursday at a meeting of the American Association of the University Women. Bouchard will discuss the reintroduction of salmon and steelhead in the upper

Cowlitz River Basin and the ongoing efforts to recover their populations.

The meeting will be at The Gathering Place, Stillwaters Estates, 2800 Cooks Hill Road, Centralia. Use the entrance off Scammon Creek Road on Colonial Drive. The gate is open until 7 p.m. Visitors and guests are welcome.

For more information, contact Kristi Nelson, 360-748-4203 or Jan Snider, 360-807-8391

Organizations

Centralia Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., Unity Church, 800 S. Pearl St., Centralia, 360-748-1753, hraj@localaccess.com

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

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

Chehalis PTA, 6:30 p.m., Olympic Elementary library, 360-748-6838

Chehalis-Centralia Optimists, 6:30 p.m., Twin Cities Senior Center, 360-807-4733

Onalaska Alliance, 6 p.m., Onalaska High School, Room 408, 360-978-5668

Support Groups

Support for mothers, 9:15-11:15 a.m., Bethel Church, for mothers with children pregnancy through 6 years old, sponsored by Chehalis MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers), 360-520-3841 or 360-864-2168, email chehalismops@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/chehalismops

NAMI Lewis County Family Support Group, 6-7:30 p.m., Vernette Smith Chehalis Timberland Library, 360-736-5319 or sherry500us@gmail.com

NAMI Lewis County Connections, recovery support group for adults with mental illness, 5:30-7 p.m., Twin Cities Senior Center, 2545 N. National Ave., Chehalis, 360-785-9668

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

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

Al Anon, Fellowship in Unity, 6-7 p.m., Unity Church, 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

Wednesday, Feb. 8

Seattle School Official to Speak About African-American History

Dan Johnson, dean of students at South Seattle College, will be speaking about African-American history during a Lyceum presentation Wednesday at Centralia College called "African-American History 101."

Johnson's talk will point out that African-American history did not begin in the 20th century, but rather "Before the Mayflower."

The Lyceum will be at 1 p.m. in Washington Hall 103

Bingo, doors open 5 p.m., bingo starts 6:30 p.m., Forest Grange, 3397 Jackson Highway, Chehalis

Young Professionals Lewis County Networking Social, 5-8 p.m., Riverside Golf Club Roof Top Bar, Chehalis, 206-293-6126

Open mic, 6-10 p.m., Jeremy's Farm to Table, 476 W. Main St., Chehalis, 360-748-4417

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

Burger Nite, Chehalis Eagles, 5-7 p.m., 1993 S. Market Blvd., \$2, Chehalis, 360-748-7241

Worm Composting, 6 p.m., Fort Borst Park Kitchen 1, Centralia, preregistration required, 360-740-1216, sponsored by WSU Lewis County Master Recycler Composters

Public Agencies

Riverside Fire Authority Board of Commissioners, 7:30 p.m., Headquarters Station, 1818 Harrison Ave., Centralia, 360-736-3975 or sslorey@riverside-fire.net

Libraries

Family Storytime, for children, 10:15 a.m., Tenino

Acrylic & Watercolor at the Library, for adults, 10:30 a.m., Oakville

Toddler Time and Playgroup, for children age 2, 10:30 a.m., Centralia

Preschool Story Time, for children 3-6 years, 11:30 a.m., Packwood

LEGO Club, for children, 3 p.m., Tenino

Writer's Workshop, for teens and adults, 5 p.m., Packwood

Teen Takeover Night, for teens, 5:30 p.m., Winlock

Organizations

Friendly Neighbors Garden Club, 11 a.m., call for meeting locations, 360-748-6189

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

Cowlitz Prairie Grange, potluck dinner 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m., 360-864-2023

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

Zonta Club of Centralia-Chehalis, noon, Elks Lodge, 1732 S. Gold St., Centralia, 360-330-0564

Good Sam Tri-Mountain Wanderers, 10 a.m., The Restaurant, by Sunbird Shopping Center, 360-785-4139

Support Groups

Domestic violence support group, 5:30-7 p.m., 125 NW Chehalis Ave., Chehalis, sponsored by Human Response Network, 360-748-6601

Widows and Widowers Lunch, 11 a.m., The Restaurant, 1757 N. National Ave., Chehalis, presented by Sticklin Funeral Chapel and Brown Mortuary Service, 360-736-1388

Emotions Anonymous, 12 Step Club, 8 p.m., Yard Birds, 360-304-9334

Bereavement support, 10-11 a.m., Morton General Hospital conference room, 360-496-3591 or 360-807-7775

Thursday, Feb. 9

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

Public Agencies

Centralia Planning Commission, 6 p.m., council chambers, City Hall, 118 W. Maple St., Centralia, 360-330-7671

Libraries

Book Babies and Playgroup, for children birth-24 months, 10:30 a.m., Randle

Family Storytime, for all ages, 10:30 a.m., Randle

Crafternoon: Heart Hall Hanger, for adults, 2 p.m., Tenino

Junior PageTurners, for children grades 1-3, "If the Shoe Fits," by Gary Soto, 3:30 p.m., Winlock

The Knitting Circle, for teens and adults, 4 p.m., Salkum

Organizations

Bucoda Rebekah Lodge 144, 7 p.m., Bucoda Odd Fellows Community Center, 101 E. Seventh St., second floor, Bucoda, 360-736-6717

United Women in Business, 5:30 p.m., Kit Carson banquet room, Chehalis, 360-388-5252

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

Pinochle, 6 p.m., Chehalis Eagles, 1993 S. Market Blvd., Chehalis, 360-520-0772

Lewis County Beekeepers Association, 7 p.m., Washington Hall, Room 103, Centralia College, 360-740-1212

Support Groups

"Up From Grief," for those grieving the loss of a loved one, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Morton Community Methodist Church, Fourth and Main, Morton, 360-330-2640

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TV is There for a Divided Country

By Ellen Gray

Philadelphia Daily News

PASADENA, Calif. — If you think the cultural elites who make and run TV are out of touch with America, think again.

Individual actors, producers and network executives may be as surprised as anyone by the outcome of the presidential election, but television as a medium has known for some time how divided this country is.

The fragmented audience that last year had a choice of a record 455 scripted shows has made it as hard to produce a viewer-uniting hit, scripted or unscripted, as it is to choose a leader that a majority of Americans can agree on.

On the plus side, there are now more points of view in the programming.

During the recent Television Critics Association meetings, the question that came up again and again was this: How will Donald Trump's presidency change TV?

ABC's "Black-ish" has weighed in on the results. But, really, who can say what will happen next that TV will feel the need to respond to?

Already, though, conspiracy-minded fiction like ABC's "Designated Survivor" and "Scandal" feels less escapist than it did before we were told of Russia's attempts to interfere with a real U.S. election.

"Homeland," which hedged its bets many months ago by writing in a female president-elect (Elizabeth Marvel, "House of Cards") who's at odds with the intelligence community, looks smarter than ever.

But a show doesn't have to be set in the world of politics to be political, or prescient.

"Outsiders," on basic cable's WGN America, is a drama about the Farrells, a large extended family living off the grid atop a mountain in Kentucky whose way of life is threatened when a mining company acquires the land they've occupied for generations.

Below the mountain sits a town full of out-of-work coal miners and their families, who are as important to the story as the Farrells.

"The world that we've created, you have a population of basically sort of disenfranchised, unemployed, desperate, rural people who are angry and they need jobs and they need money and they're angry at a group of people that have even less than they do," "Outsiders" creator Peter Mattei told reporters.

"These two groups are kind of at war with each other, and at the top of it and kind of benefiting, ultimately, from this (are) ... some corporate billionaires working with the state government. So I think that's a pretty decent metaphor for the whole country right now," he said.

This season, responding to



JoJo Whilden / Showtime

Claire Danes as Carrie Mathison and Claire/McKenna Keane as Franny in a scene from the television series "Homeland" on Showtime.

some fatal encounters last season with the Farrells — led by a character played by David Morse, who looked to be a goner in the season finale — the authorities' next idea will be to build a very long fence to contain them.

"We came up with that story point a month before there was ever any talk about a fence going up anywhere else," said executive producer Peter Tolan.

Maybe so, but a second-season story line about the crushing cost of illness, even for someone who manages to get access to health insurance, seems particularly timely, illustrating the hopelessness of people who may never see their situations reflected in an episode of "Grey's Anatomy."

Health-care concerns could also explain one appeal of the Farrells' lifestyle. Their home-grown remedies may not be more effective than modern medicine, but at least the family doesn't have to fight with insurance companies for the right to try them.

Most people we see on television aren't struggling as much as those on "Outsiders," but economic diversity does exist in shows such as ABC's "The Middle" and CBS's "Mom," Showtime's "Shameless," and Netflix's new "One Day at a Time," where money's not an abstract concept.

The third season of ABC's anthology series "American Crime," which premieres March 12, looks to be a deep dive into human trafficking, immigrant labor, and the economics of farming, set in North Carolina.

Creator John Ridley, who explored a racially charged murder in Modesto, Calif., in the show's first season and the consequences of a sexual assault in its second, set in Indianapolis, didn't need the November election to know there were stories to be told about places far from Hollywood. ("Shots Fired," a forthcoming Fox drama about the aftermath of a fatal police-involved shooting, is also set in North Carolina.)

"Irrespective of who's in office, I've always wanted to tell stories that had a bit of urgency," Ridley said. "If people look at things through a slightly different lens, based on what's going on, that's not necessarily a bad thing."

There have always been "electric moments" in politics, he said. "But if all we're doing is addressing things that are happening in the moment ... as opposed to addressing the larger infrastructure that seems to have been in place for decades and decades, then I think we're missing the bigger picture, and I think we're missing bigger opportunities."

On the other side of the economic divide, one opportunity television won't be missing in a Trump administration is to tell more stories about billionaires.

The tech billionaire who's trying to revolutionize medicine in CBS's "Pure Genius" will have a counterpart on Fox beginning Feb. 6, when "APB" premieres, with Justin Kirk playing a tech billionaire who privatizes a po-



Kelsey McNeal / ABC Television Network

Anthony Anderson in a scene from the television series "Black-ish" on ABC.

lice precinct in Chicago after his best friend is murdered.

Showtime's "Billions" got there first.

Returning for a second season Feb. 19, it stars Damian Lewis as Bobby Axelrod, a financial wizard whose disdain for regulation puts him in the crosshairs of U.S. Attorney Chuck Rhoades, played by Paul Giamatti, who also happens to be a producer on "Outsiders."

Even before a billionaire was elected president, "Billions" showrunners Brian Koppelman and David Levien say, they were interested in America's fascination with the ultra-moneyed.

"Why is it that someone on

TV, on a reality show, that ... the primary thing they've done is earn a lot of money, and they're charismatic, why do we forgive everything else, as a culture, and celebrate these people?" Koppelman said. "We were asking that question a year before the election, and we're asking the question in a more penetrating way in the second season."

"Billions" is not directly about national politics. But what it is about is the kind of person who allows ambition, and the need to dominate, to drive a lot of their behavior. And so the resonances are there," he said adding, "The show's still funny. We didn't get on a soapbox."

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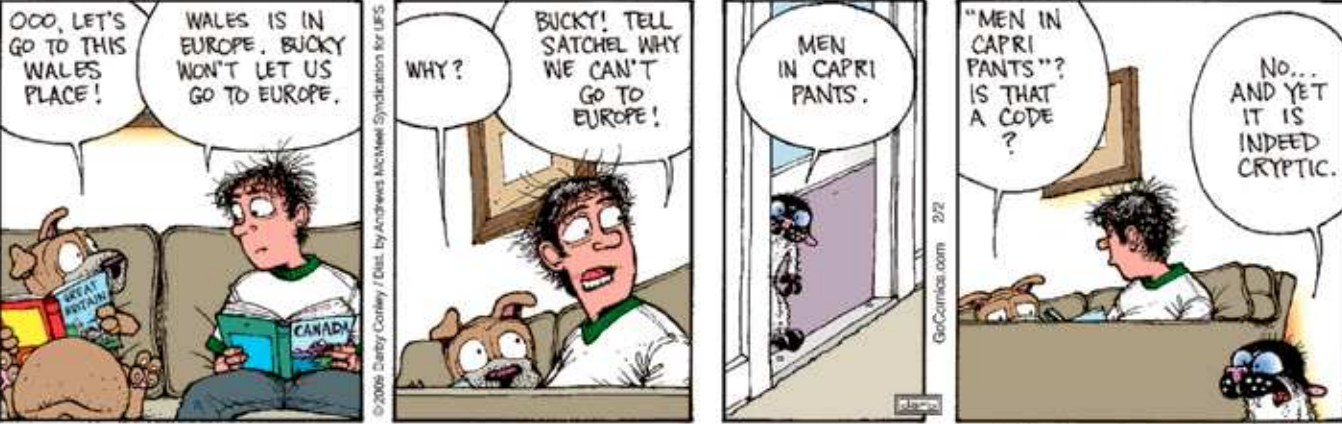
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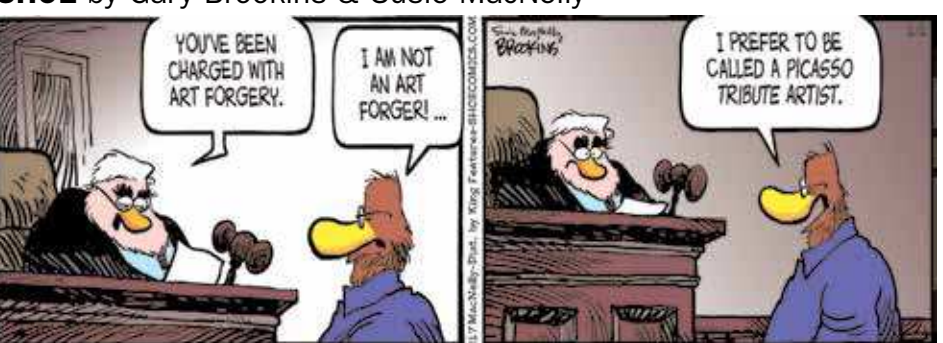
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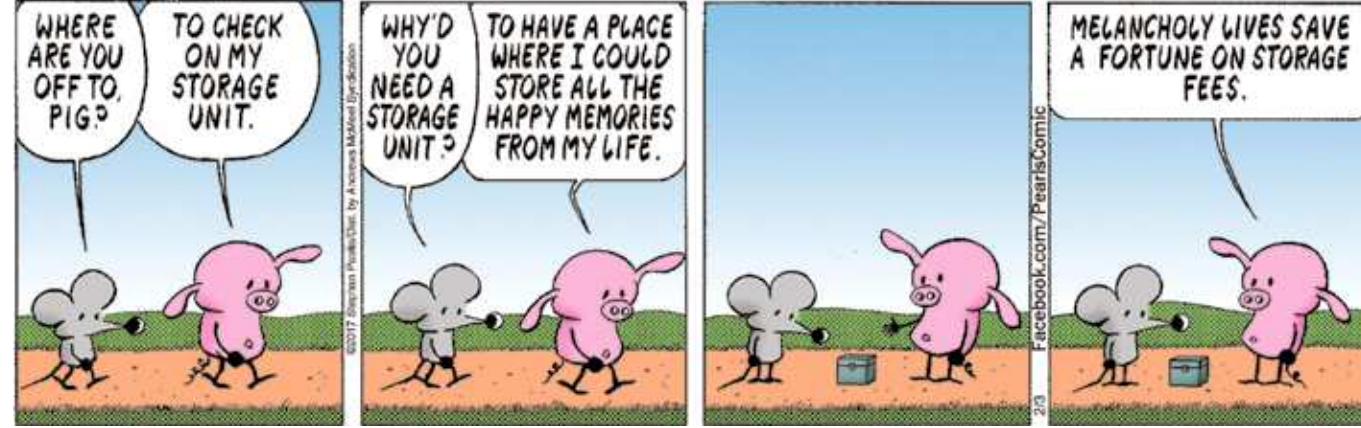
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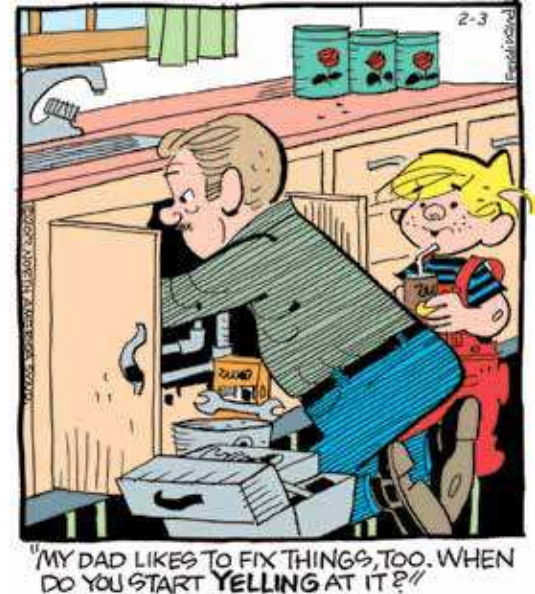
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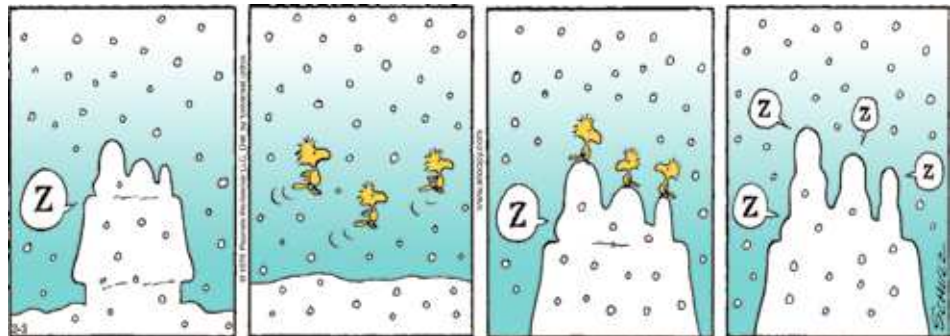
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Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce Monthly Newsletter

January is always a special month for the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce

January is always a special month for the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce. On the third Friday of every January the Chamber celebrates together at our annual banquet. We celebrate our members and our community.

It is a coming together of people with various backgrounds, various businesses and organizations, and various positions. It is a coming together to support one another and to show unity. We were excited that our banquet was a sold out event, it is always humbling to have that many amazing people in front of you.

The evening held some wonderful surprises. One was the announcement and celebration that McMenamins Olympic Club was named The 2016 Business of the Year by the Chamber. Their dedi-



This year's Evergreen Award winner Richard DeBolt and Business of the Year Award winner recipient Matt Osborne from Olympic Club pose for a photo with Chamber Executive Director Alicia Bull, Amy DeBolt, and Chamber board president Todd Chaput.

cation to revitalizing the Centralia Downtown has been nothing less than stellar. Their unique establishment is a tourism hub. It is a draw from people near and far. The experience as you set foot

into The Oly Club is a beautiful eye full of history. The restaurant and bar are only a sliver of their business. A hotel, theater, and meeting rooms are all additional attributes that are very valuable

to our community. Matt Osborne, local McMenamins property manager, accepted the award and shared a thought provoking acceptance speech that I felt honored to hear. Congratulations McMenamins Olympic Club and the local staff that works so hard to provide a very special attribute to our community.

The second announcement was the Evergreen Award. This award is only given every other year by the Chamber. The award was actually established in 1998 by the Chamber while a young newcomer named Richard DeBolt was the Chamber Executive Director. The tagline for the award reads: "The community is like a root system: The stronger the roots, the stronger the tree." The award is given to an exemplary individual, family or business for providing our communities with a strong foundation. The award came full circle at our banquet this year as Richard DeBolt himself was surprised with receiving the award. Mr. DeBolts contributions to the com-

munity have been expansive and very impactful. His work, his volunteering, his dedication to our community is at a level that most aren't able to achieve in a lifetime, and he's not slowing down with his drive to improve things in Lewis County. It's impressive and we were excited to honor him with the award.

The Rob Fuller Scholarship Auction brought in an all time high of over \$4,600. 100% of this money goes directly to local seniors for scholarships for higher education. The scholarships are awarded in May at the Top 25 Luncheon sponsored by the Chamber. We are really excited to be able to give more money and support to these kids heading off to college. It's important to our organization to support our youth.

The evening was a beautiful night together and we send a big thank you to The Red Barn Studio and to our several event sponsors for making it extra special. Each and every one of our members are valued and appreciated.

Upcoming Events

Ribbon Cutting - February 3rd, 12:15pm. Sparkles & Spurs is celebrating the Grand Opening of their new storefront, Country Bridal! Join the fun at 1208 Lum Rd., Centralia.

Ribbon Cutting - February 7th, 12:15pm. The Lewis County Business Showcase is kicking off their event with a ribbon cutting! Come show your support! This event will be held at The Loft, 547 NW Pacific Ave, Chehalis.

Lewis County Business Showcase - February 7th, 10am-4pm. Booths are available to promote your business and connect with potential customers. Chamber members receive 25% off of booth rentals. This event will be held at The Loft, 547 NW Pacific Ave, Chehalis.

Forum - February 13th, 11:30am-1:00pm at O'Blarney's downtown Centralia. Dan Kay, Manager at Lewis County PUD will be speaking on

the Public Utility Department, its history and its connection to the community.

Ribbon Cutting - February 15th, 12:15pm. Join Visiting Nurses - Centralia for a ribbon cutting to celebrate the Grand Re-Opening of their storefront. See you there! 222 S. Pearl St., Centralia.

Business After Hours - February 16th, 5pm-7pm. Join us at the Chehalis Theatre for a great networking opportunity. 558 N. Market Blvd., Chehalis.

****52nd Annual Home & Garden Show - May 19th, 20th & 21st.****
Save the date! This years Home & Garden Show will be at the NW Sports Hub in Centralia again. Visitors travel from far and wide to find inspiration for indoor and outdoor. Now accepting vendors. Visit www.ChamberWay.com or call (360) 748-8885 for more info.

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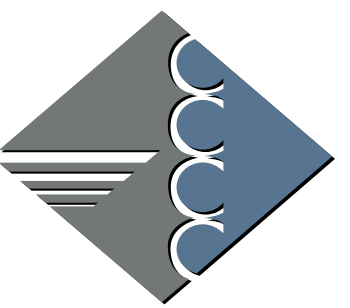
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St. Timothy Plans Lenten Activities

Please join us at St. Timothy Episcopal Church, 1826 SW Snively, in Chehalis, for the Lenten season. We will begin with our men's group's annual Shrove Tuesday pancake feed, 5-6 p.m. Feb. 28. Enjoy pancakes, sausage and all the fixings. There is no cost to eat but donations are accepted. Ash Wednesday services will take place March 1 at noon and 7 p.m. A Lenten Soup Supper gathering and Stations of the cross will take place Wednesdays March 8-April 5 at 5 p.m. Other planned services are; 10 a.m. April 9 Palm Sunday procession; 7 p.m. April 13 Maudy Thursday; 7 p.m. April 14 Good Friday; 7 p.m. April 15 Easter Vigil; and 10 a.m. April 16 Easter morning celebration followed by brunch. Info: (360) 748-8232 or sttimothychehalis.org.

PUD Commissioners Announce the Appointment of Dan Kay as the New Manager of the PUD

The Commissioners of Lewis County PUD announce the retirement of Bob Geddes, Manager, at the end of the year. Bob has worked as the Manager of Lewis County PUD since December 2011. As Manager, Mr. Geddes oversaw all aspects of the operation of the PUD including the Cowlitz Falls Hydroelectric Project. Mr. Geddes came to Lewis County PUD from Pend Oreille PUD after serving as their Manager for about 12 years. The Commissioner and staff at Lewis County PUD wish Bob the best in his retirement. On December 20, 2016, during their regularly scheduled commission meeting, the Commissioners appointed Daniel Kay to replace Mr. Geddes to serve as the Manager of Lewis County PUD. Mr. Kay graduated from WSU with a Bachelor Degree in Electrical Engineering and Master's Degree in Business Administration. Mr. Kay became part of the PUD family in 1994 as its Electrical Engineer. In 1999, Mr. Kay obtained his Professional Engineer license and advanced to the System Engineer position at the District. Mr. Kay was further promoted in 2007 to the Engineering Manager position. As the Manager of Lewis County PUD, Mr. Kay serves under the direction of the three publicly elected PUD Commissioners. Mr. Kay is heavily involved in the community where he lives. Dan has served on Committees and/or Boards for Relay for Life of Lewis County, United Way of Lewis County, Southwest Washington Dance Center, Toledo Flying Club, Kiwanis Club, and the Center of Excellence for Clean Energy. Mr. Kay also serves on the DEED Board of the American Public Power Association. Mr. Kay resides in Chehalis with his wife LeAnn and daughter Abby.

Send Out Cards

Dear Local business members: Do you want more customers/clients? Do you want to save time appreciating them in a special way? Do you have a smartphone either iPhone or Android based. You can truly save time and money sending cards through our Awesome APP. Text message me at 253-670-4852 with this "Hi Brian, please send me the link to the APP!" I will show you how to create a custom

greeting card on the APP that is printed and mailed through the USPS to your client's mailbox. All for under \$2.00!! Add a box of brownies and the cost is under \$10.00 delivered!! And still under 2 MINUTES!! Looking forward to helping you create RAVING FANS and building better relationships for your business. There is a lucrative way to make money with this system as well. Ask me how. Brian Forrest, Business Consultant 253-670-4852.

Free Workshops:

Worm Composting (Pre-registration required 360-740-1216), February 8, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Borst Park Kitchen #1, Centralia. Vermiculture/worm box composting, is a process in which red wiggler worms and microorganisms convert kitchen fruit/vegetable waste into nutrient-rich humus, "black gold". Rose Care & Hands-on Pruning February 11, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM, Providence Place Demo Garden, 350 Washington Ave. SE, Chehalis. These tips are necessary for proper caring of a rose garden! Learn about buying, planting and care of roses! Spring Grape Care February 18, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM, Borst Park Demo Garden. Learn how to prune grapes and which grapes grow well in our climate. Free cuttings from the grapes at Borst Demo Garden will be available. Advanced Composting (Pre-registration required 360-740-1216), February 22, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Onalaska Elementary School (Multi-media room), 540 Carlisle Ave Onalaska. Composting Happens! No matter if you plan or don't plan your compost pile it will happen. Learn the Whys & Hows! Lewis County WSU Extension Master Gardener Program has year-round enrollment open to everyone! Mark your Calendars: Gardening for Everyone Mar 4, 2017! For more information, contact Art Fuller, Program Coordinator, WSU Lewis County Master Gardeners at (360) 740-1216 or art.fuller@lewiscountywa.gov.

Heritage Kung Fu & Tai Chi

Valentine's Kids Night-Parents here's your chance to have a date night. No need to hire a babysitter. Bring them to Heritage Kung Fu for an evening of fun, games, Bully proof, Kung Fu classes and part of a movie. Women's Self Defense Class-For women of all ages. Saturday, February 18th 10am-1pm at 249 NE Chehalis, WA 98532. Admission with \$10 donation to the Human Response Network. RSVP 360-520-9128, Space is limited, Call today! Using practical and effective techniques you will develop awareness, self confidence and be prepared. Also, its fun! Bring a friend. Girls 12-17 with a parent permission. Instructors: Sifu

Cindy Johnson, 3rd Degree and Sifu Michael Garner, 3rd Degree.

Upcoming event at Christopher and Banks in the Centralia Outlet

Sweet and Treats Event Saturday February 11th all day. 40% off one full price item -or if you bring a friend, you will each receive 40% off your "entire" full price purchase. (full price in outlets are items on sell for 30% off or less) Come in for the event, experience our beautiful spring fashion and have fun doing it. Looking forward to seeing you.

Valentine Sweetheart Dinner Train

We are excited to announce our first ever Valentine Sweetheart Dinner Train! Step aboard the Train this and be swept away! Saturday, February 11, 2017! Departs at 4:00 pm from Train Depot. Call Wednesday's and Friday's from 10am to 2pm 360-748-9593 for Reservations. Cost: Per couple \$105 and Individual \$55. Includes: Train ride, dinner and gratuity. Visit our website for more information and dinner options steamtrainride.com

Lewis County Commissioners to speak at Young Professionals Lewis County Networking

Young Professionals Lewis County Networking Event February 8th at Riverside Golf Club & Bistro between 5-7PM. Networking from 5-6PM with featured speakers, the Lewis County Commissioners, from 6-6:45PM. YPLC prides themselves on "Connecting Young Professionals in Lewis County" through building meaningful business, community or social relationships. Come network with YPLC!

Woodland Village

Woodland Village is the "happening place" as I overheard our fabulous exercise instructor, April Beauregard, express this week. We are brimming with change inside and out. This month our feature focus is our amazing activities director, Sharon Ripp. Her bright, energetic spirit constantly amazes with fun, thought-filled experiences that enhance our residents lives - from a fishing trip in the late Spring to creative cooking and computer classes, to bringing in fun entertainment like Brian Ledbetter, a popular magician, Buck & Elizabeth, a resident favorite, and the Ole' Time Fiddlers, as well as taking fun trips to the Casino, Olympia, and from the mountains to the coast! A Woodland Village highlight is our monthly cocktail hour and birthday night. . Baked Alaska anyone? Sharon is also putting

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together the "Woodland Stew: Residents' Culinary Favorites" cookbook due out late February. If you haven't visited Woodland Village lately, call Tanya @ 360-748-0095 for a personal tour of our Independent Living Community and feel welcome to join us at any of our community activities. As a Valentine's Special, bring in this article and receive \$250 off your first month's rent! (apartments or cottages) Woodland Village... bringing retirement to life!

Studio K Portraits and Events

514 N Market Blvd, Chehalis. 360-790-4906. Studiokportraits.com. New Hours: Thursday, Friday and Saturday 12-5pm- Valentine's Day Special. A 20 minute session and a 8x10 for \$75. We photograph Couples, Vintage Glamour, Families, Kids, Seniors, Weddings, Business Headshots and Pets. With a studio in Chehalis and Olympia, all sessions are by appointment. Call us to schedule your session. Looking for something fun to do? Check out our events calendar on studiokevents.com to see our monthly events. February events: Feb. 3rd Ladies Night 6-10pm; Feb 3rd-5th Three Day Shopping Event with Vendors 11-6pm, Feb. 11th Kids Art Day 12-2pm, Feb. 24th Live Music 7-10pm. We are looking for talented musicians to perform at our Studio every 4th Friday. If you are interested in performing, give us a call or stop by. Need a place to host your next event? We have a great space for birthday parties, business meetings and more. Come see us at our new boutique store inside our studio. You'll find a variety

of treasures inside "Treasure Box Boutique"; Jewelry, Vintage Items, Wood Signs, Color Therapy Cards etc, 3D National Geographic for Kids, Teeny Jewelry Notecards, Photographic Art, Avon Products and More!

SCJ Alliance Opens New Office in Downtown Centralia

In January, SCJ Alliance held a ribbon cutting for our new office in downtown Centralia at 212 N Tower Avenue. If you missed the event, join us for our Open House, as SCJ hosts the Chamber's Business After Hours on Thursday, March 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. Save the date! The office opened with a team of four: Principal Brandon Johnson, who manages the office; Project Manager Jim Gibson; Project Engineer Charlie Severs; and Senior Designer Lane Sater. SCJ serves private and public clients of all sizes, specializing in civil engineering and site development, transportation planning and design, environmental and urban planning, landscape architecture and public outreach. We're dedicated to helping communities grow and improve their quality of life, collaboratively creating solutions that energize and create new opportunities. We're already in the midst of a number of significant projects in the area, including the new Chehalis elementary schools, several projects at Centralia College including Trans Alta Commons, and the North Lewis County Industrial Access Study. In nearby Napavine, we've worked on the city's comprehensive plan up

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Thorbeckes and United Way of Lewis County are partnering to host an annual health fair in Chehalis Monday, Feb. 13 from 4 to 7 pm. Learn healthy tips, enter drawings, collect giveaways and meet experts in health care. The fair is part of a month-long focus on helping our community through the United Way of Lewis County. Raffle tickets, tee shirts and a yoga party (Feb. 17) will raise funds to go towards these wonderful efforts. The United for Health Fair has free admission and will be held on the indoor tennis courts of Chehalis Thorbeckes. 91 SW Chehalis Ave. 360-748-3744.

Country Bridal

Country Bridal is opening on February 3rd! Happily ever after starts here. Find the wedding gown of your dreams starting at \$279! Schedule an appointment and reserve your very own bridal suite for you and your party. What else will you find? You'll find bridesmaid gowns, flower girl dresses, mother of the bride gowns, wedding veils, and garters. Bridesmaid dresses can be customized by changing length or color with up to 50 color options! Create your veils by choosing your own lace pattern, color, and length. Looking for cowgirl boots? We have those too! We also offer a layaway plan to accommodate any budget. Here at Country bridal your find simple chiffon gowns, beaded gowns, lace gowns, camo accented gowns, and more. In house alterations are available as well. Call today and schedule your appointment at 360-736-5522, located at 1208 Lum Rd Centralia, WA 98531 next to Sparkles n Spurs boutique.

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Valentine's Day is coming! Pick up your sweetheart something they really want! Ladies love a new pair of jeans or a cute new outfit. We offer a wide range of purses including concealed carry purses! Mention this ad and save \$14 on any purse in stock! Jeans are available up to a women's size 21. You'll also find camo lingerie! Sparkles n Spurs also has things for the special man in your life. Pick up a rifle lamp or an antler frame! February sales: 40% off all prom dresses through the month of February when you mention this ad, Select jean 25%

off, Select clothing items 40% off. Sparkles n Spurs Boutique is located at 1210 Lum Rd Centralia, WA 98531 next to Country Bridal and AT&T. Join our VIP texting list by texting the number 57711 the phrase SPURS360 to opt in.

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Business Networking Follow ups

You may collect business cards at a Chamber After Hours or a weekly Action Networking meeting, but what to do with those contacts once you get home? Don't let those business cards just sit on your desk! Reach out to those contacts to keep that conversation going! If their social media pages are listed on their card, go there and make a connection. Like their page, or offer a recommendation. Share their website on your social media sites. Remember, networking isn't about just giving your card to as many people as possible, it's about creating relationships with others. Those relationships encourage business for both parties. You may not need the services of that person now, but in time you will know someone who does and with that relationship they will do the same for you. We at Action Networking invite you to join us Monday morning at

8:30 for fun business networking at Fiddler's Coffee on Mellon Street. I'm Jason Earrame with SeaWingDesigns.com, helping small businesses with website and graphic design. I look forward to meeting you.

Valentine's Day at O'Blarney's

Spoil your Valentine this year with a great night out at O'Blarney's at the Gibson House. O'Blarney's will not only be serving from our already popular menu but from Feb 10th- Feb 14th we will be adding a St. Valentine's Day special sheet including, Irish Baked Salmon over pasta, Citrus Caper Chicken, Seafood Cakes, Coconut Prawns and Pan-Seared Scallops. Beverage specials include half price on select bottles of wine. Located in beautiful downtown Centralia, call now to make your reservations 360-807-4581.

February Shopping at the Centralia Outlets

Find the perfect gift for your Special Valentine at the Centralia Outlets. Every woman would love a gift from Kay Jewelers, a beautiful hand bag from Coach Outlet or lovely lingerie from Hanes Brands. Wilsons Leather has an outstanding selection of leather goods for men and women. Don't miss adorable kids' clothes with heart motifs at Gymboree and The Children's Place. At Francesca's the sweetest gifts for your Valentine are now 50% off! The Centralia Outlets Presidents Weekend Sale is Feb. 17- 20. Don't miss the fabulous savings at all of the Outlets! Just in case you missed the news, Polo Ralph Lauren and Under Armour join Nike as the only CLEARANCE stores in Washington! That means you'll find savings 30% to 50% off the lowest ticket price at Polo Ralph Lauren and Under Armour every day! Don't miss the great deals!

Leadership Change at Lewis County Historical Museum

(Chehalis, WA)—The Board of Directors is disappointed to announce that Executive Director Andy Skinner will be stepping down from his position on Saturday February 11th. Skinner will be taking a position with another local non-profit and the Board would like to say thank you for his dedication to the Lewis County Historical Museum and the people of Lewis County. To ensure a smooth transition, Ted Livermore will be filling the position of Interim Director as the search com-

mences for a permanent full-time director. "I would like to say thank you to the Lewis County Historical Society Board, Lewis County Board of Commissioners, City of Chehalis, City of Centralia, and members of the local community for their support over the past four years." Says Skinner. "I wish the best to the Board, countless volunteers, and community members who have, and continue to support the museum." For additional information please contact Ted Livermore at (360) 748-0831 or Board President Peter Lahmann at (360) 870-0706.

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Thank You For a Successful Annual Banquet

Thank you to those that were able to come and celebrate the year we had with us as well as show continued support for the Chamber and our community. We had a fun night at the Red Barn Studio with a successful auction, delicious food catered by Ramblin Jacks, and the presentation of the Evergreen Award and Business of the Year Award. Congratulations to the Business of the Year Award winner, McMenamin's Olympic Club.

Congratulations to the Evergreen Award winner, Richard DeBolt. Thank you both for your hard work and dedication to our community and to the Chamber! **A Special Thank You to the Annual Banquet Sponsors:**
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Top: Engraved mugs by The Engraving Guy from Morton are displayed and given to all the 2017 Sponsors.



Right: The upstairs is set for dinner for the Annual Banquet at the Red Barn Studios before guests arrive.

Ribbon Cuttings



On January 12th, 2017, SCJ Alliance celebrated the Grand Opening of their Centralia storefront. Congrats!



The Chehalis River Basin Land Trust and the International Union of Operating Engineers 612 celebrate with a ribbon cutting before their open house they co-hosted later that evening.

Puzzle One

Find answers to the puzzles here on
Puzzle Two on page Life 11.

Sudoku

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6 Eight bits
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18 Sushi fish
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23 Untold centuries
24 Shriek bark
26 Inventor's spark
29 Moon goddess
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33 — out (withdraws)
35 Rudely ignore
36 Glove leather
37 Cheery tone
38 "Monster" lizard

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50 Male servant
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61 Sipping aid
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2 Shinto or Zen (abbr.)
3 Yoko —
4 Theater backer
5 Almost but not quite
6 Miniature tree

- 7 Birthday no.
8 Factual
9 Gael republic
11 Forensic sci. tool
12 Command to Fido

- 13 Penn. neighbor
17 Most sentimental
19 Immature
20 Tedium
22 Elvis, to some opposites
25 Puffin kin
27 Heroic tales
28 Cartographer's book
30 Skilled
32 DJ's supply
34 Hog haven
39 Leafy recesses
41 Twitters
44 Yours and mine
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48 River hazard
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51 Hi-fi records
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55 Chilly comment
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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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: S equals K

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "When I first looked back at the Earth, standing on the Moon, I cried." — Alan Shepard

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Ben Affleck Steps Away From Directing Solo Batman Movie

By Josh Rottenberg

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Ben Affleck, who was set to star in and direct a planned solo Batman movie for Warner Bros., has decided not to helm the project after all, though he remains committed to reprise his role as the Dark Knight.

"There are certain characters who hold a special place in the hearts of millions," the actor-turned-filmmaker said in a statement on Monday. "Performing this role demands focus, passion and the very best performance I can give. It has become clear that I cannot do both jobs to the level they require. Together with the studio, I have decided to find a partner in a director who will collaborate with me on this massive film. I am still in this, and we are making it, but we are currently looking for a director. I remain extremely committed to this project, and look forward to bringing this to life for fans around the world."

Variety first reported the news.

Warner Bros. has positioned Affleck — who first played the Caped Crusader in last year's "Batman v Superman" and recently finished work on the upcoming "Justice League" — as a key creative figure in both onscreen and behind the scenes as it builds out its DC Comics movie universe.

Still, his decision was not entirely unexpected. In recent months, Affleck had expressed hesitation about taking on such a high-stakes project as a director, noting the difficulty of living up to the standards set by Christopher Nolan's blockbuster "Dark Knight" trilogy.

"I think those are still the best superhero movies that have ever been made, so you're following in big footsteps," Affleck told The Times in an interview last month. "And there's a huge amount of attention and a huge amount of risk, so there's no real reason to do that unless you



Ezra Miller as The Flash, Ben Affleck as Batman and Gal Gadot as Wonder Woman in the film "Justice League."

have a story you're dying to tell.

"If it's not good enough, I'm not going to direct it," he continued. "If we don't get it there, I'm not just going to go, 'Well, it's kind of crummy but I should do it anyway just because I'm here.' It's not a movie to make just to make it. Because you'll just get destroyed if it's not great. The bar is so high."

Affleck, whose 2012 historical drama "Argo" won the Oscar for best picture, may be feeling particularly gun-shy after his most recent directorial effort, the period gangster drama "Live by Night," failed to connect with audiences. (The movie has grossed just \$10 million.) The critical lashing received by "Batman v

Superman" has ramped up the pressure that much higher.

Warner Bros., which also released "Live by Night" as well as last year's Affleck-starring action thriller "The Accountant," maintains a close relationship with the star. In a statement, the studio said that "Warner Bros. fully supports Ben Affleck's decision and remains committed to working with him to bring a standalone Batman picture to life."

Tentatively titled "The Batman," the solo Batman film does not yet have a release date.

While Warner Bros. searches for a new director for the film, it remains to be seen what Affleck will decide to do next.

But speaking to The Times last month, he said he feels a strong tug these days toward smaller, more intimate fare, referencing films like the Oscar-nominated drama "Manchester by the Sea," which was developed under the banner of Pearl Street Films, the production company he co-founded with Matt Damon.

"There's an appeal to getting to do that real storytelling where it doesn't have to be bound by, 'You can't do this, you can't say that, conventional wisdom dictates...'" Affleck said. "The idea of totally being unfettered by any of the stuff that comes with money and IPs, doing something completely new and fresh — that's the other appeal to me."

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Matt Noren, owner of Pacific Sports Spa, says the whole body cryotherapy chamber is the only one of its kind between Bellevue and Portland.

Spa

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prior to the start of the season and provides a baseline for their unique cognitive functions. If that athlete is ever suspected of a concussion the original test provides a baseline against which medical professionals can compare their current cognitive function for return to play protocols. Noren can bring the test to the school and administer to hundreds of student athletes in a matter of hours. Currently 11 schools contract with Pacific Sports Spa for the service including Pe Ell, Mossyrock, White Pass and Winlock. Noren also provided training in ImPACT for doctors at Riffe Medical Center in Mossyrock so they can administer the tests in their community.

Noren explained having a baseline for concussions is a helpful tool because of the more strict rules surrounding the statewide Zackery Lystedt concussion law that went into effect in 2009. Among the stipulations in that law, student athletes suspected of a concussion must be removed from play until evaluated by a medical professional.

"When I played in high school when you got hit it was 'when you're ready to go back out and play, you go play,'" Noren said. "Things have changed."

Noren said some schools are hesitant to use ImPACT because officials fear its use will keep athletes out of games longer. He stressed that having the baseline actually can get some athletes back on the field faster because the standard rule of thumb for a concussion diagnosis is usually two weeks off minimum.

"A lot of doctors have nothing to go on because they may be seeing that kid for the first time after a concussion," Noren explained. "This can be such a great piece to help doctors to properly diagnose when it is a concussion and if it is safe for them to go back or not."

Services at Pacific Sports Spa range in price from \$10 to \$25 for a first-time user and \$20 to \$40 per session thereafter with discounts for purchasing multiple sessions at a time. Noren said in setting his prices he attempted to keep them comparable to the cost of most insurance co-pays and while the spa does not accept insurance, payments from most health savings accounts are accepted.

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ADVICE: Dear Abby

Teen Twins Are Ready to Take Different Paths in New School

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old identical twin. My sister and I are sick of the whole "twin" thing and want to go to separate schools. We really want to be our own people. We have wanted this for a long time now. However, I'm not sure we can because, where I live, you have to go to the school in the town you live in.



By Abigail Van Buren

Do you have any suggestions on things we can do to make new, different friends, and how we can look different from each other? We are moving this year, so next fall we will be in a new school. — THE TWIN THING IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR TWIN THING: You and your sister are smart girls. What you want to do will be healthy for both of you, and I congratulate you for wanting to do it. It's important that each of you develop as individuals, and the move will give the perfect opportunity to start.

If you have been dressing alike, make a point of not doing it from now on. If you have been wearing your hair in the same style, change that too. When you enroll in the new school, join separate clubs, go out for different sports, etc. If you do, people will no longer perceive you as molded from the same cookie cutter. Good luck.

ute to the account by matching their contributions every year up to my \$1,000? Or would it be better to just tell them my plans and let them know they can also make deposits to the account? I don't know the financial situations of the others, and I don't want to offend anyone. Your thoughts? — ABOUT TO BE A GRANDPA IN ARIZONA

DEAR GRANDPA: I'm voting for your second idea, for the reason you gave. While the concept of an education fund for your grandbaby is laudable, making it a "challenge" might create financial stress for the other grandparents and be perceived as one-upmanship if they are unable to donate as much to the fund as you do.

DEAR ABBY: An older friend and I have exchanged emails since last spring. Hers have been mostly political and disparaging toward minorities. I asked her to please not send this stuff since we have opposite opinions on the subject, and I don't plan to change my mind. I enjoy our in-person talks because they are nothing like the emails she sends, which are "forwards" somebody else has put together.

I quit reading them, but is there a way to politely stop her from disseminating nasty propaganda? I have tried fact-checking and sending corrections to her and to those on the long list of people she has sent these emails. It doesn't work. — FACT CHECKER

DEAR FACT CHECKER: Because someone sends you emails does not mean you must read them all. Filter your email so that the political rants go into a special folder, then delete them en masse.

DEAR ABBY: As a baby shower gift for my (soon-to-be) grandson, I plan on opening up a UTMA (Uniform Transfers to Minors) account for his college education with a \$5,000 initial deposit. My idea is to add \$1,000 every year on his birthday for the first five years.

Would it be tacky to challenge, or encourage, his other three grandparents to contrib-

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Puzzle Two

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Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Kipling novel
 - 4 Gunk
 - 8 Essen exclamation
 - 11 Rochester's Jane
 - 12 Atmosphere
 - 13 Philosopher — -tzu
 - 14 Havens
 - 15 Elia and Boz (2 wds.)
 - 17 Bacon servings
 - 19 Wrecking-ball swinger
 - 20 Yale athlete
 - 21 New socialite
 - 22 Damsels
 - 25 Strand
 - 28 — be an honor!
 - 29 Ion honor
 - 31 Surprise attack
 - 33 Fe, commonly
 - 35 Livy's bones

- 37 Genetic letters
 - 38 Los —, N.M.
 - 40 Sony product (2 wds.)
 - 42 Hogan or Affleck
 - 43 Hush-hush org.
 - 44 White heron
 - 47 Descends a cliff
 - 51 Cocky
 - 53 Is in debt
 - 54 Hgt.
 - 55 Sprawl out
 - 56 Hold back
 - 57 NFL gains
 - 58 Former spouses
 - 59 Mexican Mrs.
- DOWN**
- 1 Actress — Sedgwick
 - 2 Exasperates
 - 3 Dovetailed
 - 4 — pants

Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 11

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- 6 Coffee dispenser
- 7 Chorus girl
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- 9 Normandy port

- 10 Nozzle site
- 11 Corn unit
- 16 Where roses climb
- 18 Movie lioness
- 21 Pond makers
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- 27 Softball team
- 30 Animated character
- 32 Not dis?
- 34 Local theaters
- 36 Take — — from me
- 39 Courage
- 41 Mist and fog
- 43 Telephones
- 44 Auction site
- 45 Fort Knox filler
- 46 Charlie Brown's word
- 47 Run the show
- 48 Jug
- 49 R2-D2's owner
- 50 Common ID
- 52 Henhouse raider

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Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 11

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Celebrity Cipher

Today's clue: H equals K

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SOLUTION TO PUZZLE ON PAGE LIFE 7: "We've got to take care of the resources we have on this planet, because there's no resupply possible." — Scott Carpenter

FRIDAY EVENING

Movies Sports Kids Bets

February 3, 2017

Grid of TV programs for Friday evening, including channels like ABC, NBC, CBS, PBS, MNT, CW, FOX, IND, ION, and AMC, with program titles and descriptions.

SATURDAY DAYTIME

Movies Sports Kids Bets

February 4, 2017

Grid of TV programs for Saturday daytime, including channels like ABC, NBC, CBS, PBS, MNT, CW, FOX, IND, ION, and AMC, with program titles and descriptions.

SATURDAY EVENING

Movies Sports Kids Bets

February 4, 2017

Main Saturday Evening TV schedule table with columns for channel, time, and program details.

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Main Weekday Daytime TV schedule table with columns for channel, time, and program details.

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Friday, February 3, 2017



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Keeping a steady pace will ensure that you don't lose sight of your goals, even if someone puts an emotional block in front of you. Be strong and do your own thing.



PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Do what needs to be done. Connect with someone from your past who has the knowledge and experience to help you reach your goals. Showing a little charm will lead to romance.



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Don't leap before you look. Your desire to get things done quickly needs to be handled correctly and channeled efficiently. Know your boundaries and make your move.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Your emotions must be tightly controlled. Delve into a creative project that will keep you occupied and help you avoid a showdown with someone trying to disrupt your plans.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Listen to what's being said or offered, but don't assume you are being told the whole truth. Dig deep and make your own assessment before you take action or respond.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Let your imagination take charge when it comes to creative projects, but not when it comes to dealing with others. Making an assumption or impulsive response will lead to trouble.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

A problem will surface if you are too open. Closely observe what's going on around you and learn from what others say and do. Information will give you the power to excel.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Mingle and meet new people. Get involved in pursuits that lead to greater self-awareness and personal growth. Open discussions will provide you with information that will influence your future.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

You need to pay more attention to what's going on at home. Review your personal papers and finances, and discuss issues with anyone who will be affected by the cutbacks you enforce.



SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Live your life your way. Don't fear being different. It's your unique nature and mysterious ways that make you so attractive. You should embrace who you are and aspire to reach your goals.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Call in a favor or reconnect with someone you have enjoyed working with in the past. An opportunity to meld the past with the present will result in a brighter future.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Tender, loving care will be valuable when it comes to home and family. Make amends with anyone who has been disgruntled or is feeling left out. Nurture what you have. Romance is encouraged.

Saturday, February 4, 2017



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Size up situations and make your move based on what you discover. Refuse to get involved in other people's problems or let anyone meddle in your affairs.



PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Thinking about days gone by will help you reflect on what and whom you miss from your past. If you plan a get-together for old friends, you'll encourage new beginnings.



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Do something that will make you and the ones you love happy. Plan a trip or an outing that will bring you closer together. Love and romance are featured.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Share your knowledge and learn from information offered to you in return. You'll be enlightened if you interact with people who come from a different background than you.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Be a Good Samaritan. Indulge in activities that are geared toward helping others in order to feel satisfaction as well as have the good fortune to meet people who will influence your future.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Don't expect everyone to agree with you. Arguing will not solve problems, but offering incentives and finding ways to compromise will help you reach your goals.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Travel, education and personal improvements are all highlighted. The way you present yourself will have a bearing on the people you attract. Romance is in the stars.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Protect your home, family and finances. Be smart when it comes to investments. Not all deals will be in your best interest. Travel and communication will lead to valuable information.



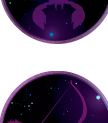
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Look for unique solutions to any problems that transpire. Getting along with your peers and your family or roommates will make the difference between success and failure.



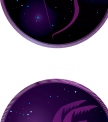
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Be brave and ready to express your feelings. You won't be able to clear up what isn't working if you aren't honest about what you want out of life.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Physical alterations to your surroundings or personal appearance will encourage you to bring about positive changes to your lifestyle. Love and romance will improve your existence.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Avoid excessive behavior or impulsive actions. A stable, steady pace toward a safe and happy lifestyle is in your best interest, regardless of what anyone else does. Distance yourself from self-destructive people.

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Note Dated: 1/25/2010
Note Amount: \$259,462.00
Interest Paid To: 8/1/2014
Next Due Date: 9/1/2014

PAYMENT INFORMATION
FROM THRU NO. PMT AMOUNT
9/1/2014 4/30/2015 8 \$1,739.08
TOTAL \$13,912.64
FROM THRU NO. PMT AMOUNT
5/1/2015 7/31/2016 15 \$1,623.46
TOTAL \$24,351.90
FROM THRU NO. PMT AMOUNT
8/1/2016 3 \$1,732.34
TOTAL \$5,197.02

ADVANCES/LATE CHARGES

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Corporate Advance	\$4,157.25
ESTIMATED FORECLOSURE FEES AND COSTS	
Trustee's Fee's	\$1,125.00
Posting of Notice of Sale	\$150.00
Record Appointment of Successor Trustee	\$15.00
Record Notice of Sale	\$79.00
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Trustee Sale # 040533-WA Title # 160112200 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE PURSUANT TO THE REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON CHAPTER 61.24 ET. SEQ. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date on this notice to pursue mediation. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission Telephone: 1-877-894-HOME(1-877-894-4663) . Web site: http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_counselors_foreclosure.htm The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Telephone: 1-800-569-4287 Web site: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fo/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dc> The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 Web site: <http://nwjustice.org/what-clear-1> NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, CLEAR RECON CORP, 9311 S.E. 36th Street, Suite 100, Mercer Island, WA 98040, Trustee will on 3/3/2017 at 10:00 AM at AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE LEWIS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 351 N.W. NORTH STREET, CHEHALIS, WA 98532 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable, in the form of cash, or cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Lewis, State of Washington, to-wit: THAT PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 12 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, W.M., LYING NORTH-WESTERLY OF SEARS ROAD. Commonly known as: 254 SEARS ROAD WINLOCK, WA 9 8 5 9 6 A P N.: 015203-001-001 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 1/15/2010, recorded 1/25/2010, as Auditor's File No. 3339854, records of Lewis County, Washington, from GARY JONES & APRIL JONES, HUSBAND & WIFE, as Grantor(s), to LEWIS COUNTY TITLE CO, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR METLIFE HOME LOANS, A DIVISION OF METLIFE BANK, N.A., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned to JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, under an Assignment recorded under Auditor's File No 3423292. II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust or the Beneficiary's successor is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows:

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 V. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$240,626.51, together with interest as provided in the Note from 9/1/2014, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 3/3/2017. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 2/20/2017, (11 days before the sale date) to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 2/20/2017 (11 days before the sale) the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured, and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 2/20/2017 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the or the Grantor's successor interest or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following address(es): SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "1" by both first class and certified mail on 2/10/2015, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS: The purchaser at the trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the grantor under the Deed of Trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the Deed of Trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. If you are a servicemember or a dependent of a servicemember, you may be entitled to certain protections under the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and any comparable state laws regarding the risk of foreclosure. If you believe you may be entitled to these protections, please contact our office immediately. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OB-

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TAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Dated: 10/28/2016 CLEAR RECON CORP, as Successor Trustee. For additional information or service you may contact: Clear Recon Corp. 9311 S.E. 36th Street, Suite 100 Mercer Island, WA 98040 Phone: (206) 707-9599 EXHIBIT "1"
NAME & ADDRESSES
 APRIL JONES
 254 SEARS ROAD
 WINLOCK, WA 98596
 GARY JONES
 254 SEARS ROAD
 WINLOCK, WA 98596
 Published: The Chronicle February 2 & 23, 2017
96133 Dinner Auction
 Sealed bid proposal will be accepted for the following:
Adna Scholarship Foundation Dinner Auction.
Adna Scholarship Foundation is hosting its annual dinner auction.
 Date: March 18, 2017
 Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Location: Adna Middle/High School, 121 Adna School Rd., Chehalis, WA 98532
 Number of Guests: 200-250
 Menu/Beverages: to include punch, coffee and water.
 The meal needs to include 2 meats, vegetable dish, salads, bread, and 3 desserts for guests to choose from.
RATE PROCEEDING NOTICE
 On March 7, 2017 and March 14, 2017 during the regularly scheduled Board of Commission Meeting for Public Utility District No. 1 of Lewis County public proceedings will commence at the District's Morton Auditorium located at 240 7th Street, Morton, WA and at the District's Chehalis Auditorium located at 345 N.W. Pacific Avenue, Chehalis, WA, respectively, to consider the adoption by the District of electric rates and to provide public comment pertinent thereto.
 Information concerning such electric rates will be available no later than February 24, 2017 on the District's website, www.lcpud.org and at the District's office at 321 NW Pacific Avenue, Chehalis, WA or at 240 7th Street, Morton, WA during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excepting holidays.
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 Any electric customer (or representative of an electric customer) desiring to have comments recorded in their entirety in the Minutes of the Rate

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No. 17-4-00010-21 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 John Panesko represents Sarah K. Haenke who has been appointed personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against Judy L. Haenke, before the time such claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, must serve a copy of their claim on or mail a copy to Sarah K. Haenke or John Panesko at the address below and file the original claim with the court within thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3), or (B) four months after the date of first publication of this notice, whichever is later. Except as provided in RCW 11.40.051 or 11.40.060, if the claim is not presented within this time, the claim will be forever barred. This bar is effective as to claims against both the probate and non-probate assets of the decedent.
 Date of First Publication: January 19, 2017
 Sarah K. Haenke
 c/o John Panesko,
 222 S.E. Spring St.
 Chehalis, WA 98532
 Published: The Chronicle January 19 & 26, 2017 & February 2, 2017
 96143 Rate Notice

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Proceeding must submit the comments in writing to the board preferably prior to commencement of the Rate Proceeding, but no later than the close of the Rate Proceeding. Public written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on March 17, 2017 and should be submitted to Stacy Davis, Executive Assistant, at execadmin@lcpud.org or by mailing the comments to PO Box 330, Chehalis, WA.
 Daniel E. Kay, Manager
 Published: The Chronicle February 2 & 9, 2017
 95918 Summons: Ward
SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS
 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., its successors in interest and/or assigns,
 Plaintiff,
 v.
 Unknown Heirs and devisees of Vernon Ward; Gayle Lynne Clouse; Cheryl Anne Wojtowicz; David Leslie Ward Sr.; John Allen Ward; Terrie L. Ward; United States of America; State of Washington; Occupants of the Premises,
 Defendants.
No. 16-2-0076521 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
 TO THE DEFENDANTS Unknown Heirs and devisees of Vernon Ward, Gayle Lynne Clouse, and Occupants of the Premises:
 You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty (60) days after January 19, 2017, and defend the real property foreclosure action in Lewis County Superior Court, and answer the complaint of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., ("Plaintiff"). You are asked to serve a copy of your answer or responsive pleading upon the undersigned attorneys for Plaintiff at its office stated below. In case of your

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failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the Clerk of said Court.
 The purpose of this lawsuit is to obtain a judgment, and if not immediately paid, to be satisfied through the foreclosure of real property located in Lewis County, Washington, and legally described as follows:
 Lots 11 and 12 and the Southerly 20 feet of Lot 13, Block 11, Wards Addition to Centralia, as recorded in Volume 3 of Plats, Page 5. Commonly known as: 1507 Oxford Avenue, Centralia, WA 98531 DATED this 13th day of January 2017.
RCO LEGAL, P.S.
 By /s/ Synova M. L. Edwards
 Synova M. L. Edwards, WSBA #43063
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 13555 SE 36th Street, Ste 300 Bellevue, WA 98006
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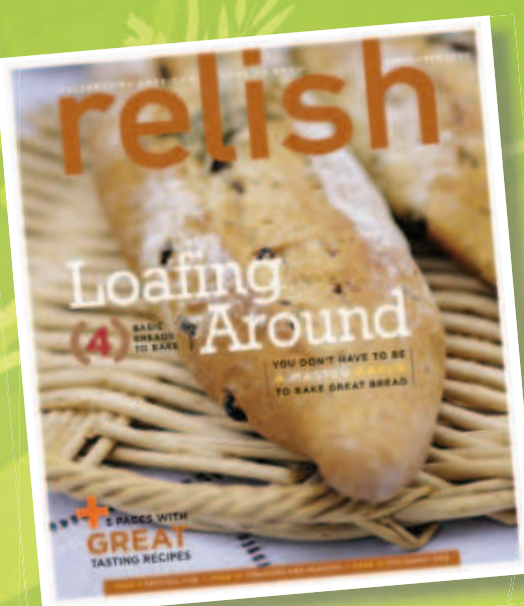
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