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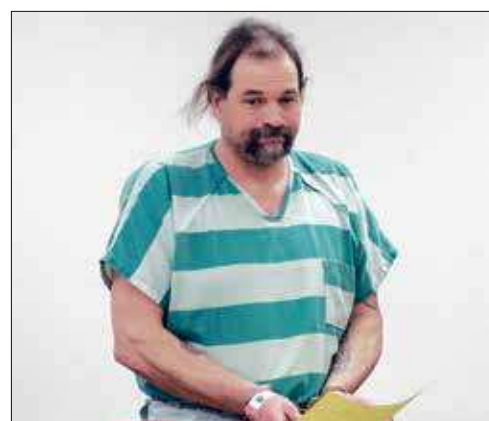
PRIOR OFFENSES: Investigators Say Man Walked Back to Castle Rock After Death of Motorcyclist

By Natalie Johnson
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A Castle Rock man was arrested Tuesday after he allegedly admitted to fleeing the scene of a crash that killed a Chehalis motorcyclist, then setting his truck on fire to avoid arrest. David L. Huisenga, 44, was charged Wednesday in Lewis County Superior Court with hit and run involving a death and second-degree arson. Lewis County

Chief Criminal Deputy Prosecutor Brad Meagher asked for \$75,000 bail at Huisenga's first appearance Wednesday, citing his efforts to conceal the crime by burning his truck after fleeing the scene of the crash. "This is not his first hit and run," Meagher added.

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David L. Huisenga makes his first appearance in Lewis County Superior Court.

Task Force Sets Plan for Six-Week Review of County Government

FIRST MEETING HELD: Group Will Evaluate the Current Form of Lewis County Government and Assess Others Across the State

By Justyna Tomtas
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A task force responsible for evaluating how Lewis County government is operated held its first meeting on Tuesday and began to form its direction as the five members try to determine if there are better ways for the county to be managed. Given just six weeks to evaluate county government, they plan to meet two times a week to compile data and information on how other counties operate in order to come up with a recommendation for the commissioners.

To catch everyone on the task force up to speed, the next meeting will focus on the current organization of the county, the budget and major issues currently taking place. The meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Tuesday. On Wednesday, the group will share what they learned from various studies

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Protecting a Link to Territorial History

Jackson House Renovation Project Aims to Protect Historic Structure



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Joe Herrle, right, and Jeremy Hess prepare to measure a log on the backside of the Jackson House on Wednesday afternoon near Mary's Corner south of Chehalis.

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More than 100 years after the newly rebuilt Jackson House was purchased by Washington State Parks, the agency has embarked on a project to give the log cabin a facelift. "It's a link to our territorial

history," said Alex McMurry, historic preservation planner for Washington State Parks. "It's really just state heritage we're preserving."

The project is budgeted at \$150,000 and is expected to be completed in June.

McMurry was at the site along Jackson Highway north

of Toledo Wednesday talking with carpenters from Logs & Timbers LLC, a contractor that specializes in restoring log buildings, about new problems they'd discovered in the house.

"This is a log-repair project, primarily," he said. "We're still adjusting the scope of the log repairs to the conditions we're

finding."

The logs are in various states of disrepair. They also need new chinking to make the building more resistant against air and water.

The project includes rehabilitating the cabin's windows,

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Common Ground Toledo



Effort Aims to Beautify City and Attract Visitors Downtown / Life 1

United Victory



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Deaths

Byers, Douglas, 98, Chehalis
Hancock, Phillip "Randy," 60, Vader
Norwil, Gerald J., 78, Glenoma
Mattox, Sandra J., 80, Centralia
Preckwinkle, Stanley E., 84, Longview
Tobinski, Frank Basil, 80, Placerville, California
Baskin, Shirley E., 90, Centralia

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News of the Weird

Mayor Calls Ghostly Face Seen in Salem Streetlamp 'Eerie'

SALEM, Mass. (AP) — A Massachusetts city known for celebrating the occult is drawing attention after its mayor snapped a photo that appears to show a scowling face trapped in a streetlamp.

Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll shared the photo via Twitter on Wednesday. The Democrat asks if other people can see the face, which she calls "eerie."

Many on social media say it looks like a man's face, with a furrowed brow and parted lips. Some say they're spooked. Others say it should be no surprise in Salem.

The city of 43,000 residents was home to the 1692 Salem Witch Trials, which led to the executions of 20 people.

Salem's attractions include a witch museum, witchcraft shops and a Halloween party that claims to be America's biggest.

What's in a Name? Bronx Zoo Proudly Displays 'Snot Otters'

NEW YORK (AP) — It's a salamander by any other name — and some of those names are comical.

The Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo is now proudly displaying two Eastern hellbenders — also known as "devil dogs," "snot otters" or "old lasagna sides."

Eastern hellbenders have flattened heads and bodies, small eyes, and slimy, wrinkly skin. They're typically brown or reddish-brown with a pale underbelly.

There's also a serious side to the subject. Efforts are underway to conserve dwindling hellbender populations in the wild.

Adult hellbenders can be nearly 2 feet long. Only two larger salamander species are known to exist.

Bigfoot on the Lam: Sasquatch Statues Vanish From Ohio Store

NORTH LIMA, Ohio (AP) — Police in Ohio are on the lookout for Bigfoot after a gift shop own-

er reported that statues of the hairy creature vanished from outside her store.

Arlene Fitzer told WFMJ-TV in Youngstown that the three hand-painted, concrete statues disappeared from Farmer Dave's Gift Shop between Monday evening and Tuesday morning.

Fitzer suspects they were stolen but says they would have been difficult to lift and to hide. She's reviewing surveillance video for clues.

Two statues had been mounted on pedestals in front of her shop in Beaver Township, in rural northeast Ohio.

One is 3.5 feet tall. Another is 2.25 feet. The third is considered the "baby" Bigfoot.

Fitzer says they range in value from \$55 to \$150.

World's Last Male Northern White Rhino Gets Help From Tinder

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The world's last male northern white rhino has joined the Tinder dating app as wildlife experts make a last-chance breeding effort to keep his species alive.

"I don't mean to be too forward, but the fate of the species literally depends on me," the rhino's profile says. "I perform well under pressure."

The campaign called "The Most Eligible Bachelor in the World," by a Kenyan wildlife conservancy and the dating app, focuses on the rhino named Sudan.

The 43-year-old and his last two female companions are unable to breed naturally because of issues that include old age.

Ol Pejeta Conservancy and the app aim to raise \$9 million for research into breeding methods, including in-vitro fertilization, in an effort to save the species from extinction.

"We partnered with Ol Pejeta conservancy to give the most eligible bachelor in the world a chance to meet his match," said Matt David, head of communications and marketing at Tinder. "We are optimistic given Sudan's profile will be seen on Tinder in 190 countries and over 40 languages."

The conservancy's website had crashed by Tuesday evening.

Sudan lives at the conservancy, protected by guards around the clock, with the two females, Najin and Fatu.

Rainbow Over the Diamond



A Pe Ell-Willapa Valley batter prepares to swing as a rainbow appears during a Central 2B League softball doubleheader against Napavine on Wednesday. PWV won 21-3 in five innings. See additional coverage in today's Sports section and online at www.lewiscountysports.com or www.chronline.com.

Notable Quote



"I don't have to keep it quiet and I won't keep it quiet. If this is my final meeting it's fine with me."

Jim Haslett
Napavine city councilor
(see page Main 5 for the full story)

Today in History

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 27, 1967, Canada's Universal and International Exhibition, also known as "Expo 67," began a six-month run as it was officially opened in Montreal by Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson.

On this date:

In 1509, Pope Julius II excommunicated the Republic of Venice for refusing to give up lands claimed by the Papal States. (The pope lifted the interdict in February 1510.)

In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.

In 1777, the only land battle in Connecticut during the Revolutionary War, the Battle of Ridgefield, resulted in a limited British victory.

In 1822, the 18th president of the United States, Ulysses S.

Grant, was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio.

In 1865, the steamer Sultana, carrying freed Union prisoners of war, exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tennessee; death toll estimates vary from 1,500 to 2,000.

In 1925, the song "Yes, Sir! That's My Baby" by Walter Donaldson and Gus Kahn was published by Irving Berlin Inc. of New York.

In 1938, King Zog I of the Albanians married Countess Geraldine Apponyi de Nagy-Apponyi.

In 1941, German forces occupied Athens during World War II.

In 1950, Britain formally recognized the state of Israel.

In 1973, Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray resigned after it was revealed that he'd destroyed files removed from the safe of Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt.

In 1982, the trial of John W. Hinckley Jr., who had shot four people, including President Ronald Reagan, began in Washington.

In 1992, the new Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was proclaimed in Belgrade by the republic of Serbia and its lone ally, Montenegro. Russia and 12 other former Soviet republics won entry into the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Betty Boothroyd became the first female Speaker of Britain's House of Commons.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush and visiting Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe threatened stronger punitive actions against North Korea if it reneged on a promise to padlock its sole nuclear reactor. The government reported economic growth slowed to a near crawl of 1.3 percent in the first quarter of 2007.

The Weather Almanac

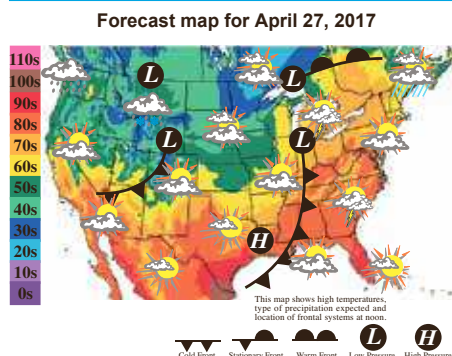
5-Day Forecast for the Lewis County Area

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Few Showers 57° 41°	Partly Cloudy 58° 39°	Partly Cloudy 60° 44°	Mostly Cloudy 58° 41°	Partly Cloudy 58° 42°

River Stages

Gauge	Flood Height	24 hr. Stage Change
Chehalis at Mellen St.	53.74	65.0 -0.06
Skookumchuck at Pearl St.	76.97	85.0 -0.07
Cowlitz at Packwood	3.22	10.5 +0.01
Cowlitz at Randle	7.94	18.0 +0.04
Cowlitz at Mayfield Dam	11.33	--- n/a

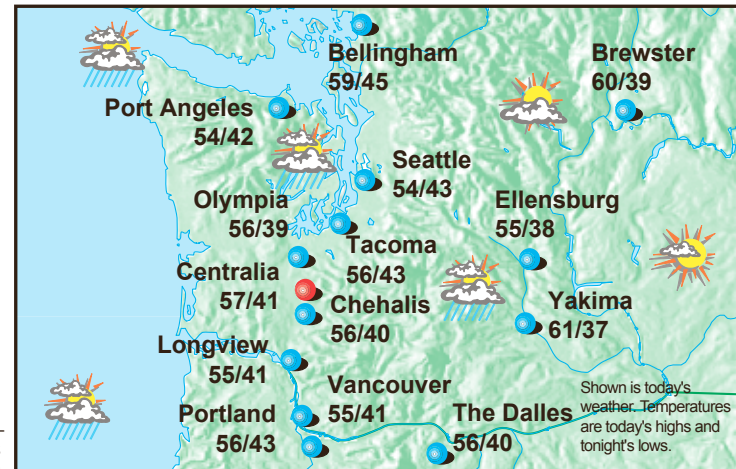
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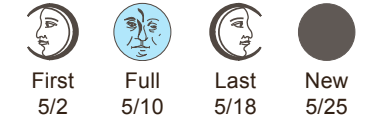
Data reported from Centralia
Temperature
 Yesterday's High 57
 Yesterday's Low 48
 Normal High 64
 Normal Low 43
 Record High 90 in 1947
 Record Low 29 in 1955
Precipitation
 Yesterday 0.03"
 Month to date 4.03"
 Normal month to date 3.06"
 Year to date 24.30"
 Normal year to date 20.01"

Regional Weather



Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:01 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 8:17 p.m.
 Moonrise 7:17 a.m.
 Moonset 9:59 p.m.



Pollen Forecast

Allergen	Today	Friday
Trees	High	Very High
Grass	Low	Moderate
Weeds	None	None
Mold	None	None

World Cities

City	Today		Fri.	
	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Baghdad	91/70	s	99/73	s
Beijing	82/57	s	88/59	s
London	55/45	sh	57/45	pc
Mexico City	82/55	pc	84/57	pc
Moscow	57/39	ra	43/43	ra

National Cities

City	Today		Fri.	
	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Anchorage	50/39	mc	51/38	mc
Boise	52/34	sh	54/34	pc
Boston	61/56	cl	75/59	mc
Dallas	80/65	s	86/71	pc
Honolulu	83/70	s	82/67	sh
Las Vegas	84/62	s	76/56	s
Nashville	72/53	t	85/65	t
Phoenix	90/67	s	87/57	s
St. Louis	65/53	s	73/58	t
Salt Lake City	47/37	rs	45/38	rs
San Francisco	66/51	pc	70/52	s
Washington, DC	85/66	s	84/67	s

Regional Cities

City	Today		Fri.		City	Today		Fri.	
	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx		Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Bremerton	55/43	sh	56/43	pc	Spokane	53/37	sh	56/37	sh
Ocean Shores	54/45	sh	54/44	pc	Tri Cities	63/40	pc	64/38	s
Olympia	56/39	sh	57/38	pc	Wenatchee	59/41	s	61/39	s

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'Finishing Touches' Currently Underway at TransAlta Commons

GRAND OPENING:

Community is Invited to Celebrate at the Grand Opening Event May 2

By Justyna Tomtas

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The finishing touches are currently underway at Centralia College's newest building as employees busy themselves with moving into the almost 70,000-square-foot TransAlta Commons building.

The building will serve as the new hub for student services and offices.

Furniture has already been moved in as the final checklist of items is being completed prior to the building's May 2 grand opening celebration.

Steve Ward, vice president of finance and administration, said he is starting to feel a sense of relief with the project quickly winding to a close.

"It feels like the day after tax day," he said with a laugh. "It's not quite done but the relief is setting in."

Comparing the construction process to "an epic mountain bike ride," he said the thing he is most looking forward to is being able to see how the building is utilized by students, staff and the community.

A large banquet area has already been booked for several events, the first of which is the annual Tri-Club Auction on May 12.

For Jessica Ramirez, student engagement specialist, she said the building presents endless opportunities.

"We were limited before but the building provides beautiful opportunities," she said, adding there are dedicated club areas, places to hold events and more storage space.

By the time of the May 2 grand opening celebration, almost everyone will be moved into the building with the exception of student services, which includes financial aid, registration and advising services. Those services are expected to be moved in by the third week of May.

Highlighted with the school's colors, blue and gold, accents are prevalent in almost every room. Ward said some of the more exciting features of the building include spaces where students can study and lounge in between classes. Those include areas on the esplanade, a third-story outdoor patio on the south side of the building, and various staircases that double up as hang-out spots.

Ward said he can picture himself grabbing a coffee and hanging out on some of the oversized chairs while taking in the view of the refurbished clock tower.

The building was designed to allow students to "flow through" the three stories. Much of the building is an open space concept, with sliding doors that can close off certain offices. Sliding doors also open the building up to the esplanade, which now helps tie the campus together, Ward said.

The first floor of the building houses student government offices, a multipurpose room, the banquet area, food services, the bookstore and a seating area dubbed "the pit," modeled after the one at Central Washington University.

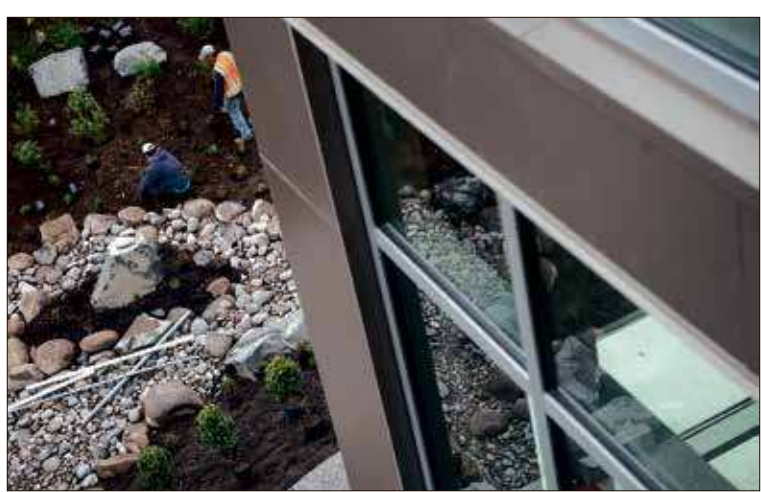
The second floor encompasses



Employees at Centralia College begin to move their offices into the TransAlta Student Commons while construction workers put the final touches on the new building on Tuesday in Centralia.



The northwest corner of the new TransAlta Student Commons building is seen from the Gordon Aadland Esplanade on the Centralia College campus on Tuesday.



Landscapers place bushes along the east end of the TransAlta Student Commons building at Centralia College on Tuesday.

es student services with financial aid, registration and advising services, as well as numerous student organizations.

On the third floor, there are several active learning class-

rooms, faculty offices and a writing center.

The community is invited to attend the grand opening celebration, where there will be music, activities and tours.



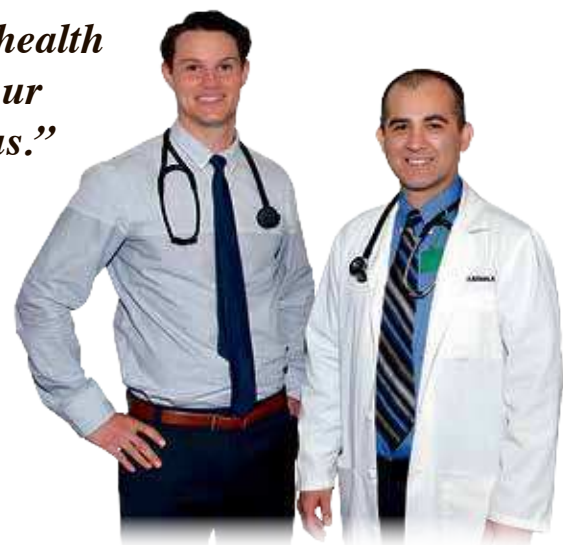
A construction worker walks into the 500-seat dining and meeting area on the first floor of the TransAlta Student Commons building on Tuesday afternoon at Centralia College.

ABOUT THE GRAND OPENING

The grand opening celebration will be from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 5 p.m. Tours, music, food and activities will be provided. The TransAlta Student Commons is located at the corner of West Pear Street and Washington Avenue on the Centralia College campus.

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Bill Requiring More Ballot Drop Boxes to Cost Lewis County Over \$52,000

SENATE BILL 5472: If Signed by the Governor, Lewis County Would Install Eight More Drop Boxes

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A bill that would require additional ballot boxes throughout Washington is currently awaiting Gov. Jay Inslee's signature. The legislation would bring eight more ballot drop boxes to Lewis County for a price of around \$52,000, plus the cost of servicing them.

Senate Bill 5472 requires county auditors to have a minimum of one ballot drop box per 15,000 registered voters. Lewis County is already below that threshold with its six drop boxes, which calculates out to one box per 7,700 voters, but additional wording in the bill means towns such as Mineral and Pe Ell will also get drop boxes.

The bill states each city, town and census-designated place in the county with a post office also must have a drop box, which would further improve the county's threshold to one box for every 3,300 voters.

That means drop boxes would be installed in Pe Ell, Napavine, Winlock, Vader, Mossyrock, Onalaska, Mineral and Packwood. For the box, decals and labor for installation, each ballot box will cost the county between \$6,000 and \$7,000, adding up to



In this Nov. 8, 2016, file photo, Lewis County Auditor Larry Grove, left, and Chief Deputy Auditor Tom Stanton collect ballots from a new, drive-by dropoff location on Chehalis Avenue in Chehalis.

around \$52,000, according to Lewis County officials.

County Auditor Larry Grove said that doesn't include the extra cost of labor to service the boxes, which he estimated will cost an additional \$5,000 a year.

Currently, it's a 105-mile round trip to service the six established drop boxes. The new route that would include the additional boxes totals 254 miles.

"That's twice the amount of labor and over twice the miles," Grove said.

During the 20-day voting period, two individuals would have to make the trip multiple times a week so that ballots aren't left in the drop boxes for an extended amount of time. The Auditor's Office services all of its drop boxes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during a weekday.

The bill will be effective 90 days after it is signed, so Lewis County is already preparing. Grove said his office is "gearing up" by talking to a vendor that supplies the boxes.

Currently, there are no funds available in the election budget to pay for the additional boxes, so Grove said his office will have to make a request to the county commissioners to secure the money needed to come into compliance.

Grove, who has led an effort to bring more drop boxes to Lewis County with the installation of four over the last two years, is supportive of adding even more, but said it would have been preferable if the state provided the

funds needed to become compliant with the bill.

Grove also said there may be issues with the location of some of the boxes since the county would likely require an easement that could cost more money.

The six drop boxes currently within the county are located on county-owned property with the exception of one at Centralia College. For the additional boxes that will be installed, the Auditor's Office has to find locations and obtain permission from the landowners prior to the installation.

"It's going to be challenging to put them in without some kind of phased-in timeline," Grove said. "If we look at the practical issue at the facilities department that already has a full plate and I ask them to put in eight drop boxes before the primary in August, to be perfectly honest I don't know how they can pull it off notwithstanding the fact that we find suitable locations and the landowner agrees to put the box there."

It could be a logistical nightmare, but Grove said having more drop boxes is a benefit for the voters of Lewis County.

"It's important to have (drop boxes) available in the community not just because of convenience but because of the encouragement to our voters to participate," Grove said. "There is no statistical data to prove or disprove there's an increase in participation if you put a drop box in a community, but what we've seen is people use the boxes."

News in Brief

Tenino Councilor Craig Lester Resigns, Plans to Move Out of City

By The Chronicle

Tenino City Councilor Craig Lester resigned on Tuesday because he purchased a house in Centralia and will no longer live in the Tenino city limits.

"My time as a Tenino city council member has been one of the most exciting and reward-

ing times of my life," Lester said in his letter of resignation. "I have never had any desire to be a politician. However, the bonds that have formed in my time on council make this a bittersweet decision."

Lester, who has served on the council for three years, said he is confident the new city leadership will help the city move forward and gain better financial standing.

Lester will continue to serve the Heritage House Food Bank

and will still be involved in community activities.

Leap the Levee 5K Planned for June 17 at Chehalis-Centralia Airport

By The Chronicle

The 2017 Leap the Levee 5k run/walk will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 17, starting at the Chehalis-Centralia Airport.

The race commences at the Scott Crossfield Building. The initial stage is south of the airport buildings. It then follows the levee to the north, eventually doubling back on the levee and returns to the start/finish line.

Awards will be presented to the top three males and females, winning masters runners and overall top male and female.

Preregistration (by June 2) cost is \$10, or \$20 with a T-shirt. Day of race registration is \$15, or \$25 with a T-shirt (pending

availability).

Early entries can be made by mailing an entry form to Chehalis-Centralia Airport, attn: Leap the Levee 5k, P.O. Box 1344, Chehalis WA 98532. Make checks payable to Chehalis-Centralia Airport. A form may be found at www.ci.chehalis.wa.us/airport.

Preregistration may also be made at the airport office, 900 NW Airport Road, Chehalis. The telephone number is 360-748-1230.



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Napavine Attorney Resigns Mid-Meeting; Split Council Votes to Fire Him Anyway

Council Meeting Marked by Heated Arguments Over Executive Session, Leak of Confidential Info, Attorney's Performance

By Natalie Johnson
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Much of the Napavine City Council's three-hour regular meeting Tuesday night was taken up with a free-for-all of shouting and finger-pointing punctuated by City Attorney Bill Hillier walking out after tendering a mid-meeting resignation.

"I told the mayor, I can't trust the council any longer because of the situation of (city Councilor Jim) Haslett giving confidential information to the press," Hillier told The Chronicle Wednesday morning. "He was so out of control. And what he did is so egregious that I can't be part of that."

The resignation means his law firm, Hillier, Scheibmeir & Kelly, will no longer serve as either city attorney or the city's municipal court prosecutor. The city holds municipal court hearings twice a month, with its next court date set for May 4.

Moments after Hillier left, the council voted 3-2 to fire the firm, despite Hillier's advice that, as an appointed position, Napavine's city code only grants the mayor the ability to fire the attorney.

Haslett called for the vote after leaking a packet of information the council discussed at an April 11 executive session to The Town Crier, a weekly newspaper based in Winlock. He asserted the session was an illegal meeting and argued Hillier and his firm gave the council bad advice. "It was illegal," Haslett said. "All it was was a way for the attorney to protect his job."

TUESDAY'S LENGTHY and winding debate about Hillier and his firm's representation of the council began when Councilor Scott Hamilton took a moment to address a leak of confidential information, which Hillier shared with the council prior to an April 11 executive session.

"You can imagine my surprise when I read in (The Town Crier) that information has been shared with the paper," Hamilton said.

The Town Crier reported in its April 26 edition that Hillier violated open public meeting laws by calling the executive session, based on Haslett's documents, accusing the firm of "using executive session as a veil of secrecy ..."

Town Crier writer Lynette Hoffman openly spoke out against



Natalie Johnson V/njohnson@chronline.com

Napavine city councilors Scott Hamilton, left, and Jim Haslett, right, had several tense exchanges during Tuesday night's council meeting after Haslett released confidential city documents discussed in an executive session to a member of the media.

Hillier at Tuesday's meeting.

As Hamilton spoke, he looked at each of his fellow councilors in turn, and did not suggest he knew who leaked the information.

"Regardless of the intent of whoever shared that information ... we as a council have to recognize the fact of the unintended consequence of the action."

At that point, councilor Jim Haslett outed himself as the source of the leak.

"I'm the one that did it," he said, holding his hand high in the air. "This was an illegal council meeting."

Under the state Open Public Meetings Act, public entities such as city councils can hold executive sessions, or closed-door meetings, in a specific set of circumstances, such as a discussion about real estate, collective bargaining agreements, personnel discussions or potential or pending litigation, among others.

The April 11 executive session was scheduled to discuss topics of potential litigation, Hillier told The Chronicle.

"You have to understand, attorneys can take their clients into private conversations for attorney client privilege matters as well," Hillier told The Chronicle. "The council had asked our office a number of questions. We were responding to those questions — all of that dealt with the potential for litigation."

Hillier said he couldn't disclose the exact topics discussed in the executive session because it would violate attorney-client privilege and was confidential.

"I can tell you, I don't know where Haslett was coming from," he said.

According to the state Attorney General's Office, "This provision is, in practice, often used as a justification for executive sessions, particularly because 'potential litigation' is suscep-

tible to a broad reading. Indeed, many things a public agency does will subject it to the possibility of a lawsuit."

The Attorney General's Office also states that the presence of an attorney at a meeting is not enough to justification to call an executive session.

HASLETT SAID HE believes the April 11 meeting focused on the city's Well No. 6, appointments of city councilors and other topics.

He said he released the information because he believed the meeting was illegal.

"I can bring this to the public because they want to hear it," he said. "I don't have to keep it quiet and I won't keep it quiet. If this is my final meeting it's fine with me."

Hamilton, however, argued that the release eroded trust among the council, and brought into question whether they could have a confidential conversation without information being leaked.

"These executive sessions are critical to the running of the city," he said. "We can't be a bull in a china closet ... doing things on our own outside the scope of the city council."

According to the Municipal Research and Services Center, jurisdictions often adopt rules providing sanctions for councilors who release confidential information discussed in an executive session.

Robert's Rules of Order, a set of guidelines by which many organizations conduct their meetings, states that a "member can be punished if he violates the secrecy of an executive session," according to information from MRSC.

Cities including Marysville and Renton have adopted ethics rules prohibiting the release of confidential information that includes civil penalties, such as fines, according to MRSC.

The ensuing back and forth argument between Hamilton,

Haslett, Hillier and various members of the audience and other councilors lasted for more than an hour.

Haslett complained at length about the quality of service the city has received from Hillier's firm, blaming legal counsel for allowing the city to operate with too few or illegally appointed council members.

"A lot of the problems we've had is because of lousy legal advice," he said.

Haslett called for a vote for the council to fire Hillier and his firm. However, Hillier said that the city attorney is an appointed position in Napavine's city code, meaning only Mayor John Sayers has hiring and firing power.

"The mayor wasn't about to fire us," Hillier said. "What Mr. Haslett was arguing was it was a contract position and the council deals with contracts."

Hillier advised the council to vote to amend the budget to reimburse payment for the firm's services if they wanted to fire him. The council declined to take his advice.

"Finally I said, 'Hey, I've had it. I'm just going to resign,'" Hillier said.

Councilor Larry Stafford called for the council to adjourn. The motion died for lack of a second. Moments later, as a city employee left the room for a trip to the restroom, the mayor called a 5-minute recess. At that point, Hillier gathered his things, tendered his resignation and left.

ALL FIVE OF Napavine's City Council positions are up for election this year. Recently appointed councilors Mike Wood, in position 1, Larry Stafford, in position 2, Scott Hamilton, in position 3, Shawn O'Neill, in position 4, and Jim Haslett, in position 5, will all have to defend their seats in November.

The Napavine City Council has seen significant upheaval in the past year. Council members LaVerne Haslett and Armondo Galaviz resigned Dec. 13 after the council was unable to pass a budget, leaving the council without a quorum.

Former councilor Craig Sullivan was sworn into a previously empty position, but was appointed outside of a 90-day-window, meaning the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners had to fill the seat. His appointment was invalidated, leaving only Jenifer Slem and Sayers on the Council.

Jim Haslett, O'Neill and Hamilton were appointed by the county commission in March. Sullivan and Slem resigned and were replaced by Stafford and Wood.

connectors."

The meeting, sponsored by the Association of Washington Cities, drew a crowd of 35 people, including Tenino Mayor Wayne Fournier and Thurston County Commissioner John Hutchings.

"I am very proud that Tenino was chosen as a host city and am grateful for the opportunity that an event like this presents," Fournier said. "It was a huge success."

Topics of discussion included wastewater treatment plants and septic systems, railroad rights-of-ways, changes to the Washington Public Records Act and various programs offered to small cities through the state Department of Commerce.

The AWC will host five similar meetings throughout the state this year.

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Coroner Releases Name of Man Killed in Rollover Crash Near Centralia

By The Chronicle

The Lewis County Coroner's Office released the identity and cause of death of a man killed in

a rollover crash Monday on Centralia-Alpha Road.

The man has been identified as John Halvorsen, 64, of Chehalis. His cause of death was blunt force injuries to the head and neck, according to the coroner's office.

Deputies from the Sheriff's Office received a report at 3:24 p.m. Monday of the crash in the 1400 block of Centralia-Alpha Road.

Upon their arrival, they found the 64-year-old male driver of the 2004 GMC Sierra truck was deceased.

According to the Sheriff's Office, a preliminary investigation showed the truck likely drifted off the road, hit a culvert and rolled multiple times.

Tenino Hosts City Leaders for 'Small Town Connectors' Meeting

By The Chronicle

Representatives of small cities from throughout the region gathered in Tenino last week to build relationships and to share information called "small town

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Centralia Council Shoots Down Licenses for Local Landlords

WORKSHOP: *Councilor Ron Greenwood Had Proposed an Inspection Process for Centralia Rentals*

By Graham Perednia
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The Centralia City Council held a workshop on Tuesday to discuss Councilor Ron Greenwood's proposal to require landlords to obtain business licenses to ensure the safety of tenants, but the idea was quickly opposed by other councilors.

Greenwood asked the council to convene the work session before the regular city council meeting to consider requiring landlords to have their rental properties inspected on a regular basis as part of a licensing process.

If landlords were consistently meeting state requirements, they

"No code is perfect. But I feel we have enough regulations on the books."

Peter Abbarno
councilor

wouldn't have to be inspected as often, Greenwood said.

About 60 percent of the residential properties in Centralia are rentals.

The idea, though, was met with opposition from all six other members of the Centralia City Council.

Councilor Peter Abbarno, an attorney, said Washington state has detailed landlord and tenant laws that largely favor the tenant. The first step in addressing any concerns should be to enforce the regulations currently in place and educate tenants on their rights.

"No code is perfect," he said.

"But I feel we have enough regulations on the books."

Under state law, the rights and responsibilities of both the landlord and the tenant are outlined and avenues for reporting violations are provided, Abbarno said. Free legal council is also available for those who cannot afford it, he noted.

Greenwood, who represents the downtown area and the northeast part of city, said he has spoken with several renters in his district who have serious issues with their rentals. He said in some cases their landlords have either ignored them or the renters will not report the problems

due to fear of retaliation in the form of eviction or rent increases. He compared it to a domestic violence victim who is scared to report abuse out of fear of retaliation.

Many of the people Greenwood spoke to were at first willing to write a report, he said. Then, a few days later, they were no longer willing, he said.

He added that some of the houses were not up to living standards and safety codes, but they represent a very small portion of the total rental properties in the city.

"It is not the majority of landlords, it is a few," Greenwood said.

Councilor Joyce Barnes, who owns rentals in Centralia, said her tenants don't have any problems and that the additional regulations are unnecessary because tenants have the option to report the landlord to the authorities.

"There is another option. They can move to another house or

move to another town," Barnes said.

Mayor Bonnie Canaday suggested the city have an informational handout, available in both English and Spanish, to be provided to residents when utilities are transferred into their name.

No official vote was taken because the discussion took place at a work session meeting and not a regular city council meeting. However, the majority of the council agreed the city should provide educational material to tenants for six months before addressing the issue as a council again.

Numerous landlords were in attendance at Tuesday's meeting and the majority agreed with the council's consensus.

"I've had units for 30 years and haven't had any problems," local landlord Steve Freeman said after the meeting. "I don't think we need a government club over our head to increase their finances."

Future Flooding Discussed at Transportation Meeting in Centralia

DISCUSSION: *Washington State Transportation Commission Holds Day-Long Meeting at Centralia City Hall*

By Graham Perednia
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Floods in the Chehalis River Basin are predicted to become more severe over the next half century due to climate change, according to data from a University of Washington climate research group.

That prediction was the focus of a presentation to the Washington State Transportation Commission in Centralia on Wednesday. It was just one topic discussed as local leaders met with the commission for a day-long session at Centralia City Hall.

Along with talk of flooding and its impacts on infrastructure, there were also sessions focused on local city and county transportation, public transit, tourism, economic development and tribal government.

Each year, the Washington State Transportation Commission meets four times in cities across the state to provide a forum for discussion on transportation issues, and this year Centralia was among the stops.

Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority facilitator Jim Kramer told the commission and attendees the predicted level of the 100-

"The problem is significant and is predicted to get much worse."

Jim Kramer
Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority facilitator

year flood will rise to more than 70,000 cubic feet of water per second instead of 50,000 cubic feet of water per second as previously thought. Over the next 50 years, the rate will increase by 60 percent, he said.

The levels are not expected annually, but are the worst case scenario flood that, in theory, would only occur once every 100 years. The predictions are based on the highest flood level recorded in the Grand Mound area, Kramer said.

"The problem is significant and is predicted to get much worse," he said.

Storms will become worse

and generate more precipitation, which will lead to greater volumes of water flowing through the basin, said Bart Gernhart, Washington Department of Transportation southwest region assistant administrator.

The five worst floods in history have occurred in the past 30 years, Kramer said. The worst was in 2007 with a peak flow rate of 80,000 cubic feet of water per second. During the 2007 flood, Interstate 5 was closed for a number of days.

After the 2007 flood, then-Gov. Christine Gregoire created the Governor's Work Group after the launch of the Chehalis River

Basin Flood Authority to create a long-term strategy for reducing flood damage. Gov. Jay Inslee continued the group, which is set to disband this summer when the Office of the Chehalis Basin is permanently established in the Department of Ecology.

The work group has been studying numerous projects throughout the basin, with four alternatives presented by the Department of Ecology last year after intensive environmental studies. The options include a dam near Pe Ell, an improved system of levies and even the relocation of many residents of the floodplain to nearby hillsides, among other options. Upper basin governments largely favored the dam while tribes and some lower basin residents supported the relocation option, which calls for returning the floodplain to its natural state.

Other options include restoration of portions of the Chehalis River and a series of walls and levees along Interstate 5 to

prevent the roadway from flooding. Other community projects include raising structures to protect them from floods and building farm pads, which are elevated structures for livestock and heavy equipment to be stored out of the water.

The state Legislature has yet to pass a final capital budget that would provide funding for projects in the basin and allow for the start of the permitting process on a project.

The work group suggested \$50 million be allocated to the basin, and the House of Representatives' version of the budget includes that amount. The Senate version of the budget has \$42 million allocated toward basin projects. Regardless of the amount of funding from the state, the region will receive \$10 million in federal funds to restore salmon and aquatic habitat. Both chambers of the Legislature must approve the same budget before it can be signed by Inslee.

News in Brief

Lewis County's Unemployment Rate Drops to 7.6 Percent

By The Chronicle

Lewis County's unemployment rate dropped to 7.6 percent in March from 8 percent in February.

The unemployment rate is more than a percentage point lower than it was this time last year when it was 8.7 percent.

The statewide unemployment rate was 4.9 percent in March, which is down from 5.2 percent in February. The county with the lowest unemployment is King County, with 3.1 percent, and the highest in the state is Ferry County, with 13 percent.

According to the latest data, Grays Harbor County is at 8.2 percent, Pacific County is at 7.8 percent, Thurston County is at 5.3 percent and Cowlitz County is at 6.7 percent.

Workshop on Hay Quality Is Tonight

By The Chronicle

A workshop for farmers called "Growing and Buying Quality Hay" will be 6-8 p.m. tonight at the Lewis County Courthouse.

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Thurston County Commission Makes Small Step in Resolving Gopher Issue

DECISION: County to Act as Third Party Inspector for Individual Conservation Plans

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Thurston County commissioners provided some relief for a small number of building permit applicants on Tuesday by deciding to allow the county to inspect habitat easements for landowners where Mazama pocket gophers are found.

The decision allows property owners on parcels of 10 acres or less to create their own habitat mitigation plan on their prop-

erty, County Manager Ramiro Chavez said. If the plans are approved by the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife, the county will act as the third-party monitor to ensure the owner is maintaining the mitigation. The county will inspect it annually and report any violations to USFW. The county will not perform any maintenance or enforcement.

"It is just one step in trying to deal with a very complex issue," Commissioner Gary Edwards said.

This will affect only a few people in Thurston County, Edwards said. The only residents he knew of are Deborah and Steve McLain. Deborah McLain told The Chronicle in March she was

considering a hunger strike because she had not been issued a permit in a year.

The McLains have been working with USFW directly to develop an easement plan. Under federal regulation, a third party has to inspect the easement. Until Tuesday, the county did not have a policy to allow it to act as the third party, which is why the new policy was adopted.

This new policy will give individuals an avenue to get their permit and start building, Chavez said. The policy will be in place for two years or until the county has developed a countywide habitat conservation plan with USFW.

Once a countywide habitat

conservation plan has been adopted, individuals as well as industrial and commercial developers, depending on the overall size and cost of the plan, will be issued permits with some of the fees from those permits going to the maintenance of the conservation plan.

Negotiations between the county and the federal government are ongoing, Edwards told The Chronicle.

In early April, the commissioners were presented with two possible scenarios for a habitat conservation plan. The scenarios that covered all activities, not just single family homes and public entities, costs \$66 million over a 30-year period. This fig-

ure is down from the originally estimated \$131 million over the same period.

Edwards said he is not pleased in the way the issue is being addressed, but is happy some progress has been made. He still questions the need to protect the gopher because of the limits it imposes on property owners.

"We are not yet living in a communist country, we should still be able to do something," Edwards told The Chronicle in early April. "Soon only the affluent will be able to live in rural America on their fancy estates and pay all this regulation overhead and the rest of us will have to live in the ghetto if we are not as affluent."

Long Beach Lands Clam Dig, Bonus Bag Limit for Festival Weekend

WDFW: Domoic Acid Scare Washes Away in Time for Four Beach Opening

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The tides of fortune turned just in time for the Long Beach Razor Clam Festival to include actual clam digging this year. After months of doubt induced by a persistent bout of domoic acid toxicity, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife was finally able to give the go-ahead to the six-day coastal clam dig that began on Wednesday.

The digging opportunities, which include dates at Twin Harbors, Mocrocks and Copalis, come with an added bonus for diggers headed to the Long Beach Peninsula, where the daily bag limit has been increased from 15 clams to 25 clams per person.

"We wanted to provide diggers with some additional opportunity at Long Beach since we know there are plenty of clams

there for harvest," said WDFW Coastal Shellfish Manager Dan Ayres in a press release.

Aside from a short opening earlier this month, Long Beach has been closed to clam digging since the end of last spring. Those setbacks included a last-minute cancellation of the first two days of this week's dig when fears of spiking domoic acid levels again surfaced last week.

Domoic acid is a naturally occurring marine toxin caused by the decay of certain types of marine algae. It can cause illness or even death if consumed in large enough quantities. Last week, large quantities of that marine algae were observed moving into Washington's coastal areas, which prompted the cancellation of the first two proposed digging days and a wait-and-see approach for the remainder of this week's digs. Ultimately, marine toxin testing on the coastal beaches revealed that those clams are safe for consumption.

"The latest round of test results indicate we're in the clear

for digging at all four beaches," Ayres said in the press release.

The rare digging opportunity, coupled with the Razor Clam Festival and an increased bag limit, will likely result in a booming effort for the succulent bivalve on the Long Beach Peninsula this week. Over at the sporting goods desk at Sunbirds in Chehalis, Jerry Barr said the early results indicate that the clam diggers at Long Beach are unlikely to come home disappointed this week.

"I heard from some guys down at Long Beach and they did really well down there," said Barr. "Everyone was getting quick limits, and that's with an increased daily limit."

At all other beaches outside of Long Beach, diggers are still subject to the daily bag limit of 15 clams. Diggers are required to keep each clam they dig regardless of size or condition and each harvester must keep his or her own clams in a personal container. All clam diggers age 15 and older are required to have a valid

2017-18 fishing license in order to harvest clams on any beach.

The remaining digs approved by the WDFW are scheduled on the following beaches, dates and morning low tides:

- April 27, Thursday, 7:55 a.m.; -1.5 feet; Twin Harbors, Mocrocks, Long Beach
- April 28, Friday, 8:42 a.m.; -1.8 feet; Twin Harbors, Copalis, Long Beach
- April 29, Saturday, 9:32 a.m.; -1.7 feet; Twin Harbors, Mocrocks, Long Beach
- April 30, Sunday, 10:24 a.m.; -1.3 feet; Twin Harbors, Copalis, Long Beach
- May 1, Monday, 11:20 a.m.; -0.8 feet; Long Beach

THE WDFW expects to make a decision regarding potential digging opportunities in May after additional marine toxin tests are conducted next week.

Each spring, state wildlife managers ask that all beachgoers, including clam diggers, make an effort to avoid disturbing the nesting grounds of snowy plovers

and streaked horned larks. Those birds prefer to lay their delicate eggs in the soft, dry sand away from the waterline, particularly at Leadbetter Point on the Long Beach Peninsula and the southern section of Twin Harbors. Officials urge people to avoid the dunes and other areas suitable for the birds' habitat. Anyone driving on the beach should be sure to use designated access points and stay on the hard-packed sand at or below the high tide line.

The snowy plover is a small bird with gray wings and a white breast. The lark is a small bird with a pale yellow breast and brown back. Male larks have a black mask, breast band and "horns."

The Long Beach Razor Clam Festival will include a pair of chowder cookoffs, clam digging tutorials and a menagerie of informational booths. The festival will take place on Saturday and Sunday. Additional information is available online at <http://longbeachrazorclamfestival.com/>.

State Patrol Graduates Record-Large Class of Cadets After Lawmakers Approve Big Trooper Pay Raises

By Walker Orenstein
The News Tribune

A graduation ceremony for Washington State Patrol cadets at the Capitol on Wednesday was more crowded than usual this year. The newest class of troopers — 49 in total — was the largest in modern history, according to patrol officials.

Sporting traditional bow ties and campaign hats, the cadets were a visual representation of improvements the agency says it has made in recruiting troopers, in part thanks to a promise of bigger paychecks from state lawmakers.

The patrol lost an average of nine troopers a month in 2015, many of whom bailed for higher salaries elsewhere. The agency also struggled to hire new officers.

In response, the Legislature gave troopers a 5 percent raise in the 2016 legislative session and promised to bring trooper pay in line with the top six local police departments around the state.

Lawmakers delivered on the pledge last week when they approved a transportation bud-



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New Washington State Trooper Christopher Huhta, left, is embraced by Cpl. Mitch Bauer after Huhta was announced as the Core Values Award recipient at the patrol's graduation ceremonies in the Capitol rotunda, Wednesday in Olympia.

get that would hike salaries for troopers another 11 percent in July and 3 percent in 2018, said Patrol spokesman Kyle Moore. Sergeants will get an additional 15 percent pay hike this year and a 3 percent bump in 2018.

"I think right now this is going to be a huge boon for us," Moore said, "not only to bring troopers through the door but to

retain troopers that we have and prevent them from jumping to other law enforcement agencies."

A January 2016 report showed entry level pay for troopers was far behind their peers. Those who had completed the academy training course were making about \$51,500 to \$56,600 a year.

A comparable officer in the Pierce County Sheriff's Depart-

ment would make \$59,800 a year, according to the report. In Seattle the discrepancy was even greater: A similar officer makes about \$69,200 a year.

Moore said the Legislature's pay raises won't make the troopers the highest earners in the state, but they will be competitive.

Before that happens, Gov. Jay Inslee still has to approve the raises. Jaime Smith, a spokeswoman for Inslee, said he's reviewing the transportation budget. But given the governor negotiated the salary hikes as part of a collective bargaining agreement with state employees, Smith said a veto isn't likely.

"It's hard to imagine that we'd veto the pay raises we're fighting so hard for," she said.

The pay hikes have had bipartisan support, too.

State Sen. Curtis King, the Republican-led Senate's transportation leader, told media in January that significant pay raises were "pertinent to the success of the State Patrol."

Last year's pay raises — and anticipation of more — have al-

ready had an effect beyond the sizable cadet class, Moore said. The department lost about five troopers a month in 2016. So far in 2017, the patrol has lost just 14 troopers, and nearly all because of retirement.

Departmental changes including management strategies, new recruiting strategies and updated uniforms get credit for an improved staffing outlook at the patrol, too.

The pay raises also help, Moore said.

"We are losing people," he said. "But at a much slower rate than we have been in the past."

On Wednesday, the new troopers were sworn in by Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Fairhurst. The officers lined the steps of the rotunda in the state's Legislative Building, their final hurdle to clear after 33 weeks of training. Inslee, Patrol Chief John Batiste and others addressed them, giving encouragement and advice while an audience looked on.

"I hope you realize you are not just servants of safety," Inslee said. "You are servants of democracy."

News in Brief

Cantwell and Montana Senator Introduce Legislation for Wildland Firefighters

By The Chronicle

U.S. Sens. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., and Steve Daines, R-Mont., introduced two bipartisan pieces of legislation to protect and recognize wildland firefighters on Wednesday.

The Wildland Firefighter Recognition Act requires the federal government to provide special designation to call wildland firefighters by that title rather than their current designation of forestry technicians.

"Providing wildland firefighters with the proper title will improve recruitment efforts and morale and also give due recognition to those brave individuals who risk their lives to protect others and their property," according to a press release from Cantwell's office.

The act also addresses several technical problems wildland firefighters face. Many wildland firefighters are seasonal workers, meaning they can only work

1,040 hours per year. As a result, wildland firefighters often have their fire seasons cut short, which, according to the release, jeopardizes public safety.

Under current law, their workers' compensation pay excludes overtime pay, which can represent a substantial portion of their total compensation because of long hours during fire season. Wildland firefighters who are injured and take another position within the Forest Service must currently cede the 20-year retirement track they earned from serving in a hazardous job role.

The act addresses both points by establishing a five-year pilot program that would exclude fire staging time from seasonal wildland firefighters' 1,040 hour limit, would require overtime pay be considered for calculating workers' compensation and would allow those injured to retain their 20-year retirement track if kept in an equivalent position.

"Firefighters on the front lines and those who gave their lives to protect us deserve fair treatment from their government," Cantwell was quoted in the release. "I am pleased to be teaming up with Sen. Daines to intro-

duce this bipartisan bill which addresses some of the issues important to our firefighters and I urge my colleagues to support its swift passage."

Homeschoolers to Perform 'Little Women'

By The Chronicle

Performing Arts to Homeschoolers advanced theater class will be giving performances of "Little Women" Thursday-Saturday, May 18-20, at Centralia's Oakview Grange.

"Little Women" is the timeless classic about the March sisters' journey from childhood to maturity during the Civil War.

The sisters are Meg, the eldest; Jo, the high-spirited tomboy; Amy, the self-centered beauty; and gentle Beth, as well as their beloved Marmee and Father. Together the March family learns to endure both good times and bad as they share the joys and pains of growing up.

This adaptation compresses the novel while still including milestones such as Meg's declaration of independence from the tyranny of Aunt March, Amy's trip to

Europe and even Beth's death.

The play ends with Jo's realization of her life's work the publication of her first novel. "Little Women" was penned by Louisa May Alcott 140 years ago. The play was adapted by Scott Davidson.

The Thursday and Friday shows are at 7 p.m. Saturday's performances are 2 and 7 p.m. The Oakview Grange is located at 2715 N. Pearl St., Centralia.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available online at brownpapertickets.com/event/2940399.

Online sales will end 12 hours prior to the start of the show. Tickets will be available at the door pending availability.

Fairgrounds to Accept Spring Youth Fair Non-Animal Entries

By The Chronicle

The Southwest Washington Fairgrounds will be accepting all non-animal entries for the Spring Youth Fair 4-8 p.m. Tuesday. There is a fee of 50 cents per entry.

The 2017 edition of the Spring Youth Fair is May 5-7.

The fairgrounds office is at 2555 N. National Ave., Chehalis.

More information is available at springyouthfair.org or by calling Lee Coumbs, 360-736-9758.

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Water-Rights Ruling Leaves Rural Washington High and Dry

By The Seattle Times Editorial Board

Despite this historically wet winter, there is a huge political fight underway about the scarcity of water.

The state Legislature failed to resolve it before blowing through its regular session; it is now in overtime. Before lawmakers leave Olympia for good this year, they must clean up the mess left by an October state Supreme Court ruling and restart smart development in Washington's economically challenged rural counties.

At issue are Washington's Byzantine water laws. The law tenuously balances century-old

Other Views

water claims for municipalities and farmers with tribal rights to fish in healthy rivers. The law grants limited exemptions for well drilling too.

The Supreme Court ruling knocked that balance askew. In a decision known as the Hirst ruling, the justices put extra scrutiny on — and dramatically raised — the price of drilling wells that are exempted from the water-rights law.

Rural home building has relied on that exemption, and at times abused it. But the state Department of Ecology has a co-

herent system of managing water rights in oversubscribed watersheds, and the Supreme Court's decision to run roughshod over those regulations is causing serious economic damage.

Water is the lifeblood of development, so several counties stopped issuing rural home building permits after the Hirst ruling. That means properties that owners were counting on as investments or retirement funds suddenly became worthless with the court's ruling.

Skagit County is in the vanguard, having struggled with water rights for years. In recent years, 785 parcels have lost \$20

million in value, and the county has seen a cumulative economic loss of \$157 million, according to legislative testimony from Laura Berg of the Washington Association of Counties. "We think this is coming to a county near you," she told lawmakers in February.

Fixing the Hirst decision requires navigating between the Growth Management Act, which regulates rural development; Native American tribes; and water-rights holders, who have a legitimate interest in ensuring their taps don't run dry because of overzealous well drilling.

But the economic damage to rural Washington — which lags extensively behind the superheated central Puget Sound economy — is too great to ignore. It is also too important to be used as a political bargaining chip. The Republican-led Senate passed a Hirst fix with bipartisan support, but the bill was held up in the Democratic-led House.

The Legislature is now back in special session, working to write a two-year budget which finally fully funds education. The House must act. Fixing the Hirst ruling is on the must-do list before lawmakers adjourn for good.

COMMENTARY: I Was Just Thinking ...

Are the Rough Edges of a Local Curmudgeon Starting to Wear Off?

Two top-notch musical events occurred recently. The first was the sold-out performance by Charlie Albright in Centralia College's Corbet Theatre. I was able to attend the second, the most recent performance of the Northwest Wind Symphony, which I considered to be in the "fantastic" category. Alright, so I belong to the "I know what I like" school of criticism, but you already knew that.

I've had personal criticism of the latter's programs in recent years, but let's not pummel a deceased equine's remains, as

W.C. Fields might have said 80 or 90 years ago. It does appear to me, though, that the number of empty seats has slowly increased over the years.

Don't say it's because we don't have a large population. Hundreds of people travel to Quilcene on summer weekends to hear music no better than we have at Corbet Theatre. I've seen many more — probably thousands — at music events in the tiny town of Jacksonville in rural southern Oregon, to say nothing of the horde that invades Ashland every summer.

The problem with attendance for the Northwest Wind Symphony isn't the size of our community. I wonder if it isn't that our local concerts haven't had the wide publicity given those just mentioned? The solution may be to somehow increase the knowledge of its existence throughout other music communities in our Pacific Northwest, maybe through recordings released to FM classical music radio stations. The quality of the performances merits it.

It didn't always. The morning after the recent performance, I dug around and found an old cassette tape of one of the early concerts. (Yes, I still have an ancient radio that plays such things.) Remember that when Carolyn Vian formed the orchestra many years ago, it consisted of primarily local musicians who were earnest and sincere, but not always proficient on their respective instruments.

Now, however, the orchestra consists of musicians from areas throughout the Northwest, musicians who are acknowl-

edged masters of their instruments. That old cassette tape showed the difference.

The most recent concert had one other factor that pleased this old grouch: There were scattered flashes of recognizable melodies, a feature that made the original orchestra so popular in its beginning.

Enough critical thinking. The April 15 performance had one — no, two — featured musicians who brought an unnamed card-carrying curmudgeon to his feet in a rare standing ovation, the first in a long time. The first soloist was once a local boy from Chehalis. Trumpeter Tristan Hurd, who is now based in Los Angeles, is an arranger and educator who performs in all parts of our nation.

His mastery of the instrument is beyond my capacity to describe. And, to top it off, he was later joined by his father, Dane Hurd, in the most intricate and coordinated display of artistry on two coronets I ever expect to hear.

Lewis County is not lacking in talent: The previous week's concert by Charlie Albright proved that. And Angela Meade is no slouch when it comes to singing with the Metropolitan Opera, either, just to name a few!

Now to a different, but related, topic, my oft-repeated woe about being able to hear music perfectly well, but not the spoken word, which sometimes taints my appreciation of evenings in large auditoriums such as Corbet Theatre.

This is particularly noticeable in comments about each forthcoming musical selection. Yes, I've tried the stereo headphones that the auditorium provides, but with one deaf ear, I get only half of the sound, and it's still garbled.

I've read that in some opera houses a translation of the original language into English is flashed on a strip above the stage. I wonder if the same sort of closed captioning could be feasible on a local scene — perhaps for plays since we haven't had many operas lately. I can't be the only one who would welcome such a solution. Wouldn't it be a nicer world if I were?

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By Bill Moeller



Letters

Mother in 2012 Made the Right Choice: Daughter Is Living Proof

"The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members" — Mahatma Gandhi.

In 2012, a young girl in Seattle was saved from an injustice that claims the lives of thousands of women every year. Her mother was homeless, drug-addicted, African-American, and could barely care for herself, let alone her daughter.

The girl had no idea who her father was. In fact, she didn't have the mental capacity to comprehend much about her life.

Underdeveloped vocal chords made it impossible to speak in her own defense; and because she was unable to walk, it was impossible to escape those who wanted to harm her. She was arguably society's "most vulnerable member."

But at least she was in Seattle, where the many defenders of social justice would come to the aid of a vulnerable woman like her, right? Wrong. Unfortunately, she had the one deficiency that placed her outside the protection of social justice activists: She was unborn.

It didn't matter that her natural eye-hair-skin colors, height, sex and adorable laugh were decided the moment she was conceived. Nor that all her vital organs, including her brain, had been functioning perfectly for many months. It didn't matter that scientific fact had declared her both human and alive at conception.

Because she had not made the trip down the birth canal, nearly all of society had condemned her as unwanted, unloved and sentenced to death. All but one, that is. Her mother: the homeless, drug-addicted, African-American hero of my daughter's story.

Her self-sacrifice on behalf of one of society's most vulnerable women speaks volumes.

Her message to all of us is summed up in a single word, the word she spoke when doctors asked her the name of her baby: "Marvelous." My adopted daughter is truly marvelous.

Hardly a day goes by where she has not brought joy, smiles and laughter to complete strangers; and been fought over by a crowd of siblings! She is one-of-a-kind, wanted and irreplaceable, just like the 60 million who have died by the tragedy called "choice."

Like tens of thousands of other families, we waited years for the chance to give Marvelous a home, and would gladly have done so for other abortion survivors.

Standing outside of Planned Parenthood the

past 40 days, we saw and heard many things. But no one was willing to defend what we were standing against: abortion. If you consider yourself pro-choice but not pro-abortion, please recognize that pro-choice equals pro-abortion. The choice you are defending is the choice to kill an innocent baby like Marvelous.

This is the most deadly social injustice in America; and the multi-billion-dollar abortion industry will do anything to hide this fact with deceptive slogans and personal attacks.

If you've been on the wrong side of this issue, if you've been victimized by "pro-choice" deception, we want to help. We'll help you find truth, hope and healing, no matter what.

Please contact us through <https://40daysforlife.com/centralia/>.

TED BOWES
Mossyrock

Albright Helps Maintain Arts Presence in This Community

Famed pianist Charlie Albright returned to his hometown recently to play a benefit concert for Centralia College music scholarships and the Charlie Albright Piano Fund.

Those of us lucky enough to be in the audience for the sold-out event became like one happy family as we listened in awe to his gifted performance of a variety of music — from Schubert, Chopin, Strauss, the Kapustin Variations Op. 41 — which at times sounded like music from jazz pianist Oscar Peterson — to boogie from Liberace's songbook, and — for an encore — "Great Balls of Fire!"

There's an old song that goes, "Forget Your Troubles, C'mon, Get Happy." It seemed to me that we had all checked our "troubles" at the door Saturday night as we enjoyed Charlie's light-hearted introductions to each composition, and his exquisitely sensitive, breath-taking artistry. We were happy!

Sincere thanks to Julie Johnson and the Centralia College Foundation, and to President Robert Mohrbacher and the administration for arranging this concert, and for recognizing that, in addition to a focus on science, technology, engineering and math, society also needs the arts to complete the well-rounded individual.

My slogan would be, "Let's STEAM ahead, Centralia College!"

AUDREY KIMBALL
Centralia

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Yakima Police Point to Gangs Amid Recent Violence

By Miles Jay Oliver

The Yakima Herald

Yakima police blame rising gang tensions for at least some of the recent violence that's marred the city in the last few weeks.

"Once you have just one incident it then sparks retaliation," police Chief Dominic Rizzi Jr. said. "When you have two sects, it's easy to get retaliation just based on if you're wearing a certain color. I believe there is tension and retaliatory action."

His comments came at a Tuesday news conference called by city officials one day after 14-year-old Kabin Smith was fatally gunned down while walking near the corner of Cornell Avenue and West King Street.

"For many, the sense of safety in our community has been tested," Mayor Kathy Coffey said. On April 6, a clerk was fatally shot during a robbery at a Yakima Avenue convenience store. Nine days later, a 26-year-old man was critically wounded after being shot in the head while sitting in a car on North Eight Street. On Monday, Kabin



Shawn Gust / The Yakima Herald

Susie Smith and Derek Robert, the mother and brother of 14-year-old Kabin Smith, are comforted by friends and family during a vigil in Yakima on Tuesday. Smith was killed during a drive-by shooting on Monday.

Smith's death marked the sixth homicide this year in the city of Yakima.

City officials said they will consider increasing the 43 percent of Yakima's operating budget now spent on law enforcement but also pleaded for help from residents, saying such in-

formation is critical in solving crimes.

The majority of crimes are solved with tips from the public, said Rizzi, encouraging anyone with information to call the police department.

A friend of the 14-year-old said Smith was walking home

from school and wearing a red hat and hoodie when he was shot, but police are hesitant to say if he was involved in a gang.

"The last thing we want to do is portray the victim of a homicide as an offender in this," Rizzi said. "You have to have tattoos, be self-admitting, have gang paraphernalia; you need to have a number of things to show you are an active gang member."

At a candlelight memorial on Tuesday at the site of the shooting, family and friends said the teen had troubles in the past but was never a gang member.

His brother, Derek Roberts, tearfully recalled that the day before he died Kabin was cutting his cousin's hair and that the two were laughing and joking so much that he accidentally cut too much off.

The slain teenager would have turned 15 on May 9 and his family was planning to take him camping at Rimrock to celebrate, said Jere Stephens, who considered Kabin his adopted brother.

He'd recently gotten a girlfriend and began attending ser-

vices at CrossPoint Church with his family, Stephens said.

At the memorial, plans were discussed for a T-shirt and memorial run to honor the teen. Fourteen red balloons, one for each year of his life, were released.

Red was Kabin's favorite color, according to friends and family.

Rizzi said residents who live in neighborhoods where they think there may be gang activity should consider extra precautions in choosing to wear certain types of blue or red clothing favored by gangs. The Nortenos, like red, while their rival gang, the Surenos, wear blue.

"You want to not wear something that could mistakenly put you in a position that someone thinks you're a gang member," Rizzi said. "If you're wearing a blue work shirt that's different than if you're wearing a baby blue hoodie, pants and a bandana."

"Just because I wear red, I'm not in a gang. This has got to stop in our community," Roberts said.

Man Who Killed Parents, Brother at 16 Could Get a New Sentence

COURT OF APPEALS: Brian Bassett and Friend Murdered His Family in McLeary 22 Years Ago

By The Daily World

Brian Bassett, who was 16 in 1995 when he and his friend murdered Bassett's parents and 5-year-old brother at their McLeary home, may get a new sentence in light of a state Court of Appeals decision Tuesday that life without parole is cruel and unusual punishment for someone so young at the time of sentencing.

Grays Harbor Prosecuting Attorney Katie Svoboda said Tuesday that she will meet with fellow prosecutors then decide whether to ask the state Supreme Court to review the ruling, or to go through another sentencing hearing for Bassett in Grays Harbor.

Bassett already had a previous resentencing hearing in January 2015 as a result of a higher court ruling that said when a juvenile is sentenced to life without parole, the judge must consider mitigating factors such as the defendant's age and upbringing and progress made while in prison.

Grays Harbor Superior Court Judge David Edwards heard from

Bassett but essentially reinstated the original sentence of life without parole. That is the decision Bassett appealed. He also asked for a new judge to conduct the sentencing. The Appeals Court agreed that the sentence was cruel and unusual, but said Edwards made no mistakes in his ruling and denied the request for a new judge to hear the matter.

In the 2015 hearing, Edwards agreed with Svoboda, saying he found no evidence Bassett's crime was an impulsive act. Edwards said he believed Bassett was well aware of the consequences he would face based upon his actions.

"He (Bassett) did several things to try to reduce his risk," said Edwards referring to Bassett's use of a silencer when shooting his parents and his attempts to clean up blood from inside of his house after the murder.

Edwards said, too, that he wasn't convinced Bassett's progress in prison gave any indication that he wouldn't be a danger to society when on the outside. "I don't find his committing these crimes was evidence of the adolescent brain taking over his decision making. They were cold, calculated and very well-planned with the goal of eliminating his family from his life."



Aaron Lavinsky / The Daily World

Brian Bassett listens in during a preliminary hearing in Grays Harbor County Superior Court on Monday, June 16, 2014, in Montesano.

Bassett had been kicked out of his family's home in 1995, returning days later to shoot his parents, Michael and Wendy Bassett, while his friend Nicholas McDonald waited outside. McDonald also shot Michael Bassett. Brian Bassett's 5-year-old brother was a witness and either Bassett or McDonald

drowned the boy in a bathtub.

The Bassetts were well known in the East County area and the killings shocked the small community.

The two teens were captured in Oregon the day after the killings, when McDonald, who was 17, turned himself into police while Bassett slept.

News in Brief

Cantwell Co-Sponsors Legislation to Raise Federal Minimum Wage

By The Chronicle

U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., has joined Sens. Patty Murray, D-Wash., and Bernie Sanders, I-Vermont, in introducing legislation that would raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour.

Eighteen Senate Democrats have signed onto the bill, which would raise the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2024 and would be indexed to the median wage growth thereafter, according to a press release from



Sen. Maria Cantwell
D-Wash.

Cantwell's office. The federal minimum wage has not increased since 2009. "Washington state has been a leader in putting workers first — including raising the minimum wage," Cantwell said in the release. "Washington has the nation's highest minimum wage at \$11 and is one of the fastest growing economies in the country. Our state is proof we can grow our economy and provide Americans a living wage."

Cantwell said it is time for

Congress to raise the national minimum wage, putting workers before corporations.

"I'm proud to join Sen. Sanders and Sen. Murray in being a voice for working families," Cantwell said.

The legislation would give more than 41 million low-wage workers a raise, increasing the wages of almost 30 percent of the nation's workforce. A \$15 minimum wage by 2024 would generate \$144 billion in higher wages for workers, benefiting their local economies, according to the release.

The bill would gradually eliminate the loophole that allows tipped workers and workers with disabilities to be paid less than the federal minimum wage.

It would also phase out the youth minimum wage, which allows employers to pay workers under 20 years old a lower wage for the first 90 calendar days of work.

The bill will soon be introduced in the Senate.

Thurston County Declares Emergency Medical Services Week

By The Chronicle

Thurston County commissioners on Tuesday declared the week of May 21-27 to be Emergency Medical Services week.

The issued proclamation, read by Commissioner John

Hutchings, stated EMS workers are vital to public safety and serve as a "safety net for America's health care system."

Emergency Services Director Kurt Hardin said 37 percent of the men and women in Medic One are volunteers, which adds up to over \$10 million a year in volunteer service.

"I'd hate to think what kind of shape we would be in if we didn't have folks like you," Commissioner Gary Edwards said to Hardin.

EMS week is an opportunity for the community to recognize the services provided by firefighters and emergency responders, the proclamation states.

Crash

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Huisenga was twice convicted of hit and run in 1998 and also has a reckless driving conviction.

Defense Attorney Rachael Tiller, representing Huisenga at his first appearance, asked for \$25,000 bail, noting his lack of recent criminal history, stability and the presence of supporters at court.

"He's very compassionate," Theresa Huber, Huisenga's girlfriend, told The Chronicle before the hearing. "This is such a shock."

District Court Judge R.W. Buzzard, presiding over Superior Court for the day, imposed \$100,000 bail, also raising concerns about the actions Huisenga

Huisenga told police he saw the motorcycle topple and knew the rider could not survive, but fled the scene.

took to avoid arrest.

The Washington State Patrol received a report just after 5 a.m. Tuesday of a crash involving multiple vehicles at Exit 80 of northbound Interstate 5 in Centralia.

According to a report from the State Patrol, Michael T. Fields, 57, of Chehalis, was driving northbound when his motorcycle tipped over and slid across his lane into the shoulder. He was ejected and hit by a 2018

Freightliner semi truck and was killed at the scene.

The State Patrol learned that a red 2001 Chevrolet Silverado truck was in some way involved in the crash, but the vehicle reportedly left the scene. Detectives asked members of the public to come forward with any information they might have about the crash.

A license plate belonging to the truck, registered to Huisenga, was found at the scene of the

crash, according to court documents.

Meanwhile, at about 9:15 a.m. that morning, a Washington State Department of Transportation worker saw smoke coming from an area near Exit 63 of I-5 south of Chehalis.

Fire crews responded and found a vehicle on fire. While the vehicle was destroyed, crews found a license plate matching the one left at the scene of the crash.

Fire investigators determined the truck was intentionally set on fire, according to court documents.

At 2:40 p.m. on Tuesday, Huisenga walked into the Castle Rock Police Department to report his truck stolen. However, during an interview with police, Huisenga recanted the theft report and admitted to leaving the scene of the crash.

According to court documents, Huisenga told police he was driving north on I-5 in the right lane when he noticed a motorcycle coming up quickly behind him. He told investigators he merged to the left lane in an attempt to let the motorcycle continue past him. However, when he merged, he hit the motorcycle, according to court documents.

Huisenga told police he saw the motorcycle topple and knew the rider could not survive, but fled the scene. He reportedly drove back by the scene on southbound I-5 before stopping his truck off Exit 63, which is at the freeway's intersection with state Route 505.

He then reportedly walked about 15 miles south to the Castle Rock Police Department.

Huisenga's next court appearance is scheduled for Thursday.

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CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Tools Stolen in Burglaries

• At 7:03 a.m. on Tuesday, tools were reported stolen from a shed at a business in the 300 block of Galvin Road in Centralia. The theft reportedly occurred the previous weekend.

• At 7:09 a.m. on Wednesday, a burglary was reported at a business in the 300 block of South Tower Avenue. Unknown suspects broke a window and stole thousands of dollars worth of "high-end" power tools, according to the police department.

Woman Cited for Brass Knuckles

• At 8:10 a.m. on Tuesday, police cited Jody L. Forga, 22, of Centralia, in the 100 block of West Maple Street on suspicion of possession of a dangerous weapon after she allegedly tried to bring a pair of brass knuckles into Centralia Municipal Court.

Juveniles Arrested on Assault Charge

• At 5:56 p.m. on Tuesday, police arrested a juvenile male on suspicion of second-degree assault in the 900 block of Atherton Street in Centralia. He allegedly hit a family member with a baseball bat during a dispute.

• At 8:16 a.m. on Wednesday, police responded to a report that a juvenile male assaulted another juvenile male after a dispute over money in the 800 block of

Eshom Road. The suspect was arrested and released and will be referred for possible charges to Lewis County Juvenile Court.

Merchandise Stolen From Retail Stores

• At 12:38 p.m. on Tuesday, police received a report of a theft of merchandise from a retail store in the 1400 block of Lum Road.

• At 12:40 p.m. on Tuesday, jeans and shoes were reported stolen from a retail store in the 1200 block of Lum Road.

Vehicle Slides into China Creek

• At 5:27 p.m. on Tuesday, police responded to a report of a crash in which a vehicle slid off a roadway and into China Creek at the intersection of Gold Street and Ham Hill Road. The passengers were able to exit the vehicle with minor injuries. The driver was issued an infraction for negligent driving, according to the police department.

Alleged Shoplifter Cited for Giving False Name

• At 8:10 p.m. on Tuesday, police cited William C. Swager-Larson in the 500 block of South Tower Avenue on suspicion of third-degree theft and providing false information. Swager-Larson allegedly gave a fake name

to officers after being arrested on suspicion of shoplifting.

Phone Stolen

• At 6:10 p.m. on Tuesday, a cellphone was reported stolen in the 400 block of West Main Street.

Teen Arrested on Heroin Possession, Warrant

• At 11:45 p.m. on Wednesday, police arrested a 16-year-old juvenile male in the 1200 block of Mellen Street on an outstanding warrant. Officers discovered the teen was allegedly in possession of heroin, and arrested him on that charge as well.

Men Dine and Dash

• At 12:06 a.m. on Thursday, police received a report of a theft of food in the 1000 block of Harrison Avenue. Two men reportedly ordered food at a business, ate the food, but didn't pay for it.

CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT Hit and Run

• At 9:07 a.m. on Tuesday, police received a report of a hit and run in the 1200 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue.

Scam Reported

• At 12:47 p.m. on Monday, police received a report of

a scam from the 1600 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue. A person reported she was told she would win a Publishers Clearing House sweepstakes if she bought a prepaid card.

Counterfeit \$20 Spotted

• At 1:18 p.m. on Tuesday, police received a report of a person attempting to use a counterfeit \$20 bill at a store in the 100 block of Southwest Interstate Avenue.

Longboard Stolen

• At 6:56 p.m. on Tuesday, police received a report of a theft of a longboard in the 1600 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue.

LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE Driver Cited After Chehalis Crash

• At 11:25 a.m. on Saturday, deputies with the Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a crash in the 200 block of Romerman Road in Chehalis. The 37-year-old female driver was cited for driving with wheels off the road. The driver reported

she was heading west when she drove into a ditch to avoid another vehicle, overcorrected and crashed. Two children in the vehicle, aged 9 and 10, were not seriously injured, but one had small cuts to the face from broken glass.

Charge Decreased for Man Accused of Taking Wood

• At noon on April 13 deputies responded to a reported burglary in progress in the 200 block of Stearns Road in Chehalis. Jeffery Pickett, 47, of Centralia, was arrested on suspicion of second-degree burglary after deputies arrived to find him taking wooden boards from a barn. Lewis County Superior Court declined to charge him with the felony. Instead, he was charged in Lewis County District Court with third-degree theft.

By The Chronicle Staff

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Death Notices

• **DOUGLAS BYERS**, 98, Chehalis, died Monday, April 24, at Logan Street Manor 2, Chehalis. A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Claquato Cemetery, Chehalis. Arrangements are under the care of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary, Centralia.

• **PHILLIP "RANDY" HANCOCK**, 60, Vader, died Friday, March 24, at Providence Centralia Hospital. A memorial service-celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Vader Assembly of God Church. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

• **GERALD J. NORWIL**, 78, Glenoma, died Saturday, April 1, at Morton General Hospital. A potluck celebration of life will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Glenoma Fire Hall. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

• **SANDRA J. MATTOX**, 80, Centralia, died Wednesday, April 19, at home. A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Mountain View Cemetery, Auburn. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

• **STANLEY E. PRECKWINKLE**, 84, Longview, died Sunday, April 23, at Park Royal Health and Rehabilitation Center, Longview. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

• **FRANK BASIL TOBINSKI**, 80, Placerville, California, formerly of Centralia, died Sunday, April 23, at home. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

• **SHIRLEY E. BASKIN**, 90, Centralia, died Monday, April 24, at Providence Centralia Hospital. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Friday at Sticklin Funeral Chapel, Centralia. A graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Sunset Hills Memorial Park, Bellevue. Arrangements are under the care of Sticklin.

• **GARY D. HOLGATE**, 75, Chehalis, died Thursday, March 9, at Providence Centralia Hospital. A celebration of life will be 3-6 p.m. Saturday at Riverside Golf Club, Chehalis. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

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In Remembrance

JANICE "NOVA-LEE" HILL

On April 16, 2017, Janice passed away peacefully at her daughters home in Rochester. She was born March 6, 1963, to Frank and Gladys Shortridge of Morton.

April 1, 2017, she was diagnosed with stage four bone cancer and sadly, it was too late for treatment. Janice chose to come home to live with her daughter, Terrie Alverto, with the help of Assured Home Health and Hospice.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Gladys Shortridge; father, Frank Shortridge; brother, Terry Shortridge; husband, William "Bill" Hill; and grandparents, Emery and Eula Allen.

Janice is survived by her daughter, Terrie Alverto and son-in-law, Elio Alverto and their children, Izabella, Mario and Cristiano; son, Duane Goble and his daughter, Ranezmay; brothers, Duane (Renee) Shortridge, Jeff Shortridge, Rodney (Lorrie) Shortridge and Stan Mezyk; sisters, Bonnie Madara and Leda Stounburg; and many loved aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

A service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 29, 2017, at the Jesus Name Pentecostal Church, Glenoma, Wash. Viewing will be at 12 p.m. A potluck will follow the graveside service at Rainey Valley Cemetery, in Glenoma.

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

JAMES "JIM" PEDER CLEVINGER

James Peder "Jim" Clevenger of Chehalis, WA was called home to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on April 21, 2017, while at Providence St. Peter Hospital, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He is preceded in his passing by his parents, Josh David Clevenger and Delores Carol Clevenger.

Jim is survived by his wife, Yvonne Clevenger; children, William David Clevenger, Juliann Carol (Andre) Dean, James M. Clevenger and Haley Elise (Chester) Hammer; siblings, Jay Clevenger, Karen Clevenger and spouse, John Stachowiak, Ed (Teri) Clevenger and Jody Clevenger; mother-in-law, Bonna Millus; grandchildren, Dacy (Shelby) Spahr, Brian Parker, Zander Rammage, Tristin Clevenger, Andrew Clevenger, Blaine Wass, Alex Clevenger, Jill Clevenger, Dominik Dean and Jaxson Dean; great-grandchild, Jayden Spahr; In-laws, Mark and Wanda Fletcher and Ken and

Connie Kinder; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jim was born in Chehalis, WA on January 3, 1955 and lived there most of his life. He graduated from W. F. West High School in 1973 and proudly served in the United States Navy from 1973-1978. He went on to work for the City of Chehalis Water Department. From there, he began his career with the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union 23 until he retired in 2015. Jim loved to bowl and was on a league for many years. Fishing was also one of his favorites. He enjoyed repurposing furniture and other items into wonderful pieces. But most of all, he loved his family. Jim was very well loved and will be greatly missed.

Visitation may be made Friday, April 28 between the hours of 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM at Sticklin Funeral Chapel.

A Funeral Service for Jim Clevenger is scheduled to begin at Noon on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at Sticklin Funeral Chapel in Centralia. Interment with Navy Military Honors will follow at Fern Hill Cemetery, Bishop Rd., Chehalis.

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South Lewis County Park Pond Scheduled to Close Before Derby

LOWLAND LAKES: Trout Season is Off to a Hot Start in Local Waters

By Jordan Nailon

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On Tuesday the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife announced South Lewis County Park Pond, often called Wallace Pond by locals, will be closed in advance of the Toledo Lions Club youth fishing event on Saturday, May 13.

The closure will allow hatchery workers to deposit thousands of rainbow trout into the Cowlitz River backwater that fills the gravelly guts of an old rock quarry while also providing time for the fish to acclimate to their new environment prior to the event in hopes of providing a better bite for the young bobber watchers.

The closure will begin at 12:01 a.m. on May 11 and extend through 2 p.m. on May 13. The fourth annual Lions Club youth derby will begin at 8 a.m. on May 13 and conclude at 1 p.m. During the derby, only youths 14 years old and younger who are registered in the event will be allowed to test their luck in the pond.

Lowland lake fishing season officially opened last Saturday, and according to Jerry Barr at the sporting goods desk at Sunbirds in Chehalis, the results have been nothing to scoff at so far. "Swofford Pond is alive and well. They're doing real well over there. Same with Toledo (South County Park) Pond and Carlisle Lake," said Barr, who noted that Mayfield Lake has also been fishing hot near the Mossyrock Hatchery.

Barr added warming waters have been giving bass fishing prospects a serious boost in recent weeks as well, particularly in East Lewis County at Riffe Lake and Swofford Pond. At Swofford, Barr says the bass bonkers have been having the best luck using spinner baits and split tail grubs.

On Riffe Lake the majority of the bass action has been happening on the west end of the reservoir nearest to the spillway, where Barr recommended free drifting nightcrawlers. Hatchery fish at South County Park Pond typically have a preference for bright colored power baits.

Additional information on the Toledo Lions Club youth fishing event can be obtained by emailing Penny Lancaster at penny_lancaster@msn.com.

News in Brief

Coroner's Office Confirms Camas Teen Found Dead in Chehalis

By The Chronicle

The Lewis County Coroner's Office confirmed Wednesday night that a body found in a car in Chehalis last week was a missing Camas teen.

Cole Burbank, 16, of Camas, was reported missing April 17. His family confirmed earlier this week that he was found dead in Chehalis Friday.

The Coroner's Office waited to confirm the identity until Wednesday evening pending examination of his dental records.

The cause and manner of his death have not been released pending toxicology reports.

According to the Chehalis Police Department, a black Honda Accord associated with the missing teen was found Friday evening in the parking lot of a shopping center in the 1500 block of Louisiana Avenue in Chehalis.

A body of a young male was found inside. Foul play is not suspected, according to the Chehalis Police Department. Police from the Camas area also responded to the scene.

Timberland Regional Libraries to Close for Day in May

By The Chronicle

All Timberland Regional Libraries will each be closed one day during May for staff training. Following is the schedule for closures in Lewis County, Tenino and Oakville.

Centralia — May 24
Chehalis — May 18
Mountain View (Randle) — May 24
Packwood — May 10
Salkum — May 25
Winlock — May 17
Tenino — May 9
Oakville — May 25

Washington Orthopaedic Center to Open Location in Olympia

By The Chronicle

The Washington Orthopaedic Center has announced it will open an additional location in Olympia on June 1.

All of the center's surgeons from the Centralia location, including Keith Anderson, Scott Slattery, Keith Birchard, Michael Dujela and Mark Morishige, will be practicing at the new location.

According to a press release, the accessibility and ease of scheduling will prevent long wait times to see a doctor.

The same services will be provided at the new clinic and include arthritis care, total joint replacement, fracture care and foot and ankle services, among others.

The Olympia clinic will be located at 150 Dennis St. SW, Suite B. Appointments are currently being accepted. To learn more, go online to www.waortho.com or call 1-800-342-0205.

Thurston County to Honor All Employees Next Week

By The Chronicle

On Tuesday, Thurston County commissioners declared next week, May 1-7, to be public service recognition week.

All government employees, ranging from assistants and road crews to accountants and attorneys, will be honored, and the commissioners will be serving ice cream and root beer floats to them throughout the week.

Commissioner Gary Edwards said he deeply appreciates the work staff does because they are often the ones who hear the grievances of the public first-hand.

Staff is following the procedure put in place by a former commission, so it has no control over it, Edwards said. When they get a chance to work with the public and explain the process they can work something out. Most recently, they resolved an issue of a resident near Yelm.

"Thurston County residents are served every single day by public employees who serve in many valuable ways, helping to make life better and striving to meet the challenging needs of a diverse population in a rapidly changing environment," the proclamation states.

Centralia College Professor to Lead Wildflower Walk at Seminary Hill

By The Chronicle

Take a walk in the woods and stop to smell the flowers during the popular Wildflower Walk at the Seminary Hill Natural Area at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3.

Lisa Carlson, botany professor at Centralia College, will guide this free nature walk, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Seminary Hill Natural Area.

Carlson will teach attendees to identify native wildflowers

and enjoy the beauty of spring in this century-old native forest just blocks from downtown Centralia.

The walk begins at 6:30 p.m., rain or shine. Meet at the Barner Drive entrance to the natural area at the eastern end of Locust Street.

The next event at the natural area will be the "Flora & Fauna of Seminary Hill" at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 3, led by Washington Elementary teacher Joe Mano.

Follow all the activities at the Seminary Hill Natural Area at facebook.com/SeminaryHill, twitter.com/GoSeminaryHill, or instagram.com/GoSeminaryHill.

Tenino Farmers Market Launches Season on May 6

By The Chronicle

Opening day for the Tenino Farmers Market in the city's downtown historic district on Olympia Street will be 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 6, with a Mother's Day Market.

This season, marketgoers will find familiar returning vendors and new vendors, with flowers and baskets, vegetable starts, baked goods, farm-fresh produce, USDA meats, jewelry, soaps, pottery, candles, lotions, fiber and fabric handiwork, kettle corn, woodworking and whimsy.

The Tenino Farmers Market takes place every Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 6 through Sept. 30. Following are other special events:

June 3 — Farmers Market Senior Nutrition Program (applications available at the market)

June 10 — Kids Day at the Market

July 22 — Blue Ribbon Pie Contest, Oregon Trail Days Market

Aug. 6-12 — National Farmers Market Week

Sept. 30 — Closing day, vendor appreciation, Great Pumpkin Contest

Visit teninofarmersmarket.org for a complete list of vendors, sponsors, more information about the market and the season's event schedule.

View the Facebook page TeninoFarmersMarket for weekly updates.

Seattle Officer Wounded in Shoot-Out Released From Hospital

SEATTLE (AP) — A Seattle

police officer who was seriously wounded after exchanging gunfire with a robbery suspect downtown last week has been released from the hospital.

Seattle police said the 30-year-old male officer previously reported to be in serious but stable condition after he was shot in the face was discharged from Harborview Medical Center Wednesday. Police say his recovery continues.

Two other officers suffered

lesser physical injuries in the Thursday afternoon shoot-out which happened after a robbery at a convenience store. Police say 19-year-old Damarius Butts opened fire and that police returned fire. Butts died of gunshot wounds.



Sherild Ann Birdwell



Sherild Ann Birdwell, 77, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and dear friend, passed away April 24, 2017, with her devoted husband, Leonard Birdwell, at her side.

She was born and grew up in Onalaska, where she met and married her high school sweetheart. They celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary August 2016. She is the

first of 11 children born to George and Edythe Blair.

Sherild is survived by her husband, Leonard Birdwell; four children, Melinda West (Paul) of Coos Bay, Ore., Don Birdwell of Onalaska, Wash., Dale Birdwell (Vicky) of Vader, Wash., and Denise Birdwell of Phoenix Ariz.; brothers and sisters, Kathy Phillips (John) of College Grove, Tenn., Bill Blair (Dee) of Chehalis, Wash., John Blair (Susan) of Tenino, Wash., Aletha Bailey (Kenny) of Bone Gap, Ill., Rob Blair (Diana) of Auburn, Wash., George Blair of Coos Bay, Ore., and Tom Blair (Andra) of Onalaska, Wash.; grandchildren, Tawndi Hemion, Kelly West (Sheldon), Nick West (Heather), Tyrell Birdwell (Michelle), Autumn Rolfe (Josh), Kayla Birdwell (Allan), Shana Hunter (Greg), Jamiee Osborn (Greg), Cody Birdwell (Daniela) and Tanner Birdwell; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Edythe Blair; sister, Margaret Blackshear; brothers, Pat Blair and Stan Blair; granddaughter, Kinzy Birdwell.

Sherild's life was filled with adventures. She loved traveling, trail riding, camping, hunting, gardening and country and gospel music. Most of their years, they lived in Onalaska, but they did venture out to Montana for the military service, Alaska for family fishing business and Hawaii, Arizona, Oregon, Oklahoma and Tennessee to visit family, the Grand Ole Opry and Elvis' home. She loved her family, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren gave her special joy.

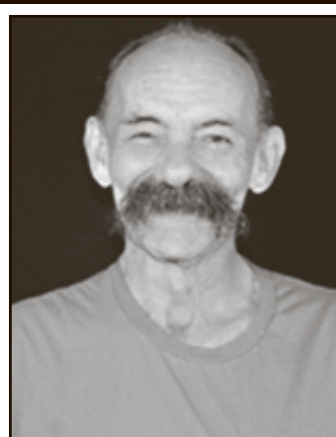
A funeral service will take place at 11 a.m., Friday, April 28, 2017, at New Beginnings Community Church, Salkum, Wash. With a reception to follow.

Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock. Please visit our website at cattermolefh.com.

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



Raymond Monroe Whiteman Jr.



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Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, Leanell L. Heard and Raymond Whiteman Sr.

He is survived by a daughter, Rebecca M. Colvin of Olympia, Wash.; sisters, Sandy L. Leveritch of Montesano, Wash., Rosemary McCall and Marlene Black of Davenport, Okla.; brothers, Richard Rinker of Diamond Bar, Calif., Frank Carey of Paris, Tenn., Stanley Smith of Tampa, Fla., and Waylon Whiteman, of Aberdeen, Wash.; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services in Oklahoma and Washington are pending.

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

Raymond Monroe Whiteman Jr. was born Feb. 5, 1953, in Centralia, Wash. He last resided in Davenport, Okla., with his sisters, Rosemary and Marlene. He died April 13, 2017, in Chattanooga, Tenn.

He worked in the construction industry as a

In Loving Memory of Pauline (Pat) O. Cass Thacker

Pauline (Pat) O. Cass Thacker, 91, of Skamokawa, Wash., died at the Frontier Rehabilitation and Extended Care Center in Longview, Wash., April 16, 2017, after a short illness.

She was born in Salkum, Wash., May 11, 1925 to Ernest C. and Pauline (Muz) A. Batterson Harmanson. Pat spent her childhood with her only sibling, sister LaWana, in Onalaska, Wash., and graduated from Mossyrock High School.

When Pat married Stanley Cass in 1946, she welcomed his beloved daughter, Penny, into her heart. They adopted a family of three boys and one girl and went about daily living on their dairy farms in the Skamokawa area. Stan died in 1996, 1 month short of their 50th wedding anniversary. After the passing of their spouses, Pat and Hoby Thacker's friendship continued, then deepened, resulting in their marriage Feb. 1, 2003. With that union, she gained another family who loved her very much. She especially enjoyed all the little ones as they came along.

Pat wore many hats

throughout her life, daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, godmother, grandma, dairy farmer, collector, painter, gardener, store clerk, mail lady, flea market entrepreneur, stocking hat maker and frog lover. She had a lifelong curiosity about everything in this world, always interested and wanting to know how, why and what.

Pat was a faithful churchgoer and wholeheartedly believed in hard work and doing the right thing. "Good deeds," were done quietly without wanting any acknowledgment in return. She will be truly missed by everyone she touched.

Pat is survived by her loving husband of 14 years, Hoby; daughter, Penny Frase; son, Jeffrey Cass; daughters-in-law, Becky Thacker, Linda (Leon) Gollersrud; son-in-law, Michael Thacker, Patrick (Carol) Thacker; niece, Candy Pfeifer; nephew, Randy (Waverly) Lorenez; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister; first husband;



daughter, Linnie (Pixie) Polston; sons, Dwight Cass and Royal Cass; and grandson, Michael Frase.

The Thacker Family would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the entire staff at Frontier Rehabilitation and Extended Care Center, during this stressful and traumatic time.

A celebration of her life will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 29, 2017, at contributions may be made to the Skamokawa United Methodist Church Fund.

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

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Nation in Brief

Bell Tolls as Police Ambush Killer Gets Death Sentence

MILFORD, Pa. (AP) — The bell atop the Pike County Courthouse last tolled the fate of a condemned killer in the 1980s.

On Wednesday, it rang again. Eric Frein, the would-be revolutionary who shot two Pennsylvania troopers in 2014, one fatally, in a late-night attack at their barracks, was sentenced to death late Wednesday. The jury's decision that Frein should die by lethal injection brought a shouted "yes!" from a gallery that included high-ranking state police brass, the slain officer's mother and the trooper who suffered debilitating injuries after Frein shot him with a high-powered rifle.

"Jurors have delivered full justice in this case and issued the penalty that is so richly deserved by Eric Frein," said District Attorney Ray Tonkin.

Frein, 33, did not react visibly to the sentence.

White House Backs Off as Lawmakers Work to Avert Shutdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers are nearing agreement on sweeping spending legislation to keep the lights on in government, after the White House backed off a threat to withhold payments that help lower-income Americans pay their medical bills.

It was the latest concession by the White House, which had earlier dropped a demand for money for President Donald Trump's border wall. Even with Republicans in control of both chambers of Congress and the White House, the Trump administration is learning that Democrats retain significant leverage when their votes are needed on must-pass legislation.

A temporary funding bill expires Friday at midnight, and GOP leaders late Wednesday unveiled another short-term spending bill to prevent a government shutdown this weekend, something Republicans are determined to avoid.

Coulter's Berkeley Speech Canceled; Police Prep for Violence

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Ann Coulter said Wednesday that she was forced to cancel her speaking event Thursday at the University of California, Berkeley amid concerns of violence but might still "swing by to say hello" to all her supporters.

Police and university officials said they were bracing for possible trouble whether Coulter comes to campus or not, citing intelligence and online chatter by groups threatening to instigate violence.

In emails to The Associated Press, Coulter confirmed that her planned speech on illegal immigration, followed by a question-answer session, was canceled. But she remained coy about what she might do instead. "I'm not speaking. But I'm going to be near there, so I might swing by to say hello to my supporters who have flown in from all around the country," Coulter said in an email. "I thought I might stroll around the graveyard of the First Amendment."

Police: Captive Woman Found Crying in Pit in Neighbor's Shed

BLANCHESTER, Ohio (AP) — A man with mental health problems kidnapped a neighbor who had reported receiving harassing phone calls from him and kept her trapped in a small pit in his backyard shed, where her cries for help alerted others and led to her rescue, police said.

Police in Blanchester, about 40 miles northeast of Cincinnati, said the owner of the shed, Dennis Dunn, was arrested Wednesday morning and was jailed. They said Dunn has a history of mental health issues.

Trump Says US Won't Leave NAFTA — for Now

By Jill Colvin

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said he has told the leaders of Mexico and Canada that he will not pull out of the North American Free Trade Agreement at this time, but could still withdraw if he concludes a renegotiated pact is not "a fair deal for all."

Trump tweeted early Thursday that he has agreed to remain a partner in the much-discussed trade agreement in calls he received from Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. The White House released a statement late Wednesday saying only that Trump had assured the two leaders in phone conversations that the U.S. would not withdraw from NAFTA at this time.

In his Twitter post, Trump called America's relationships with the two hemispheric neighbors "very good" and said the prospects of a renegotiated deal are "very possible." But he also said that his consent to remaining in NAFTA for now is "subject to the fact that if we do not reach a fair deal for all, we will then terminate NAFTA."

The White House statement said, "President Trump agreed not to terminate NAFTA at this time and the leaders agreed to proceed swiftly, according to

"President Trump agreed not to terminate NAFTA at this time and the leaders agreed to proceed swiftly, according to their required internal procedures, to enable the renegotiation of the NAFTA deal to the benefit of all three countries."

White House statement

their required internal procedures, to enable the renegotiation of the NAFTA deal to the benefit of all three countries."

The statement came hours after administration officials said Trump was considering a draft executive order to withdraw the U.S. from the deal — though administration officials cautioned it was just one of a number of options being discussed by the president and his staff.

SOME SAW THE THREAT as posturing by Trump to gain leverage over Mexico and Canada as he tries to negotiate changes to the deal. Trump railed against the decades-old trade deal during his campaign, describing it as a "disaster."

Senior White House officials had spent recent days discussing steps that could be taken to start the process of renegotiating or withdrawing from NAFTA before the end of Trump's first 100 days in office, according to

a person familiar with the president's thinking. But the person, along with an administration official, said a number of options remained on the table, and stressed discussions are ongoing about the best way to proceed.

Both spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss internal deliberations.

White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer declined to comment on the order, which was first reported by Politico. "The president has made addressing the problems of NAFTA a priority throughout the campaign, and once the president makes a decision about how he wants to address that, we'll let you know," he said.

The administration appeared divided Wednesday over how and when to proceed, as officials balanced a newfound cautiousness with the desire to rack up accomplishments before Trump's 100th day on the job.

World in Brief

India Bans Social Media Sites to Quell Unrest in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — Authorities in Indian-controlled Kashmir have banned 22 social media sites in an effort to calm tensions in the disputed region after videos depicting the alleged abuse of Kashmiris by Indian forces fueled protests. But the sites remained online Thursday as the local telecom company struggled to block them.

The government said Wednesday that the one-month ban was necessary for public safety because social media were being "misused by anti-national and anti-social elements."

"It's being felt that continued misuse of social networking sites and instant messaging services is likely to be detrimental to the interests of peace and tranquility in the state," the public order said.

Pranesh Prakash, policy director for the Indian advocacy group the Center for Internet and Society, called the ban a "blow to freedom of speech" and "legally unprecedented in India."

China Bans List of Islamic Names in Restive Xinjiang Region

BEIJING (AP) — Authorities in China's Xinjiang region are prohibiting parents from giving children some Islamic names in the latest effort to dilute the influence of religion on life in the ethnic Uighur minority heartland.

"Muhammad," "Jihad" and "Islam" are among at least 29 names now banned in the heavily Muslim region, according to a list distributed by overseas Uighur activists.

An official at a county-level public security office in Kashgar, a hub in southern Xinjiang with strong Islamic influences, says some names were banned because they had a "religious background." It is unclear how widespread the ban is or whether it is tightly enforced. The official refused to identify herself, as is common with Chinese officials.

The naming restrictions are part of a broader government effort to secularize Xinjiang, which is home to roughly 10 million Uighurs, a Turkic people who mostly follow Sunni Islam.

France: Analysis Shows Syrian Government Behind Sarin Attack

PARIS (AP) — France said that the chemical analysis of samples taken from a deadly sarin gas attack in Syria earlier this month "bears the signature" of President Bashar Assad's government and shows it was responsible.

Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault said France came to this conclusion after comparing samples from a 2013 sarin attack in Syria that matched the new ones. The findings came in a six-page report published Wednesday.

In Damascus, Syrian opposition activists and a monitor reported Thursday that a large explosion rocked the Syrian capital, followed by a fire near Damascus airport.

Venezuela Goes Through With Threat to Leave the OAS

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela's government announced Wednesday it will go ahead with its threatened withdrawal from the Organization of American States, the regional body whose leader has been one of the fiercest critics of embattled socialist President Nicolas Maduro.

Foreign Minister Delcy Rodriguez called for the OAS withdrawal after a brief but contentious meeting at the group's Washington headquarters in which its permanent council voted in favor of holding a special session to evaluate Venezuela's crisis, adding to mounting international pressure for Maduro to schedule delayed elections and free detained political activists.

Venezuela Protests



Ariana Cubillos / The Associated Press

Opponents of President Nicolas Maduro take cover behind homemade shields during clashes with security forces blocking them from marching to the ombudsman's office in downtown Caracas, Venezuela, Wednesday. Hundreds of thousands of Venezuelans have flooded the streets over the last month to demand an end to Maduro's presidency.

United Raising Limit on Payments to Bumped Passengers to \$10,000

By David Koenig

AP Airlines Writer

DALLAS — United Airlines says it will raise the limit — to \$10,000 — on payments to customers who give up seats on oversold flights and will increase training for employees as it deals with fallout from the video of a passenger being violently dragged from his seat.

United is also vowing to reduce, but not eliminate, overbooking — the selling of more tickets than there are seats on the plane.

The airline made the promises Thursday as it released a report detailing mistakes that led to the April 9 incident on a United Express plane in Chicago.

United isn't saying whether ticket sales have dropped since the removal of a 69-year-old passenger by three airport security officers, but the airline's CEO admits it could be damaging.

"I breached public trust with this event and how we responded," Oscar Munoz told The Associated Press. "People are upset,

and I suspect that there are a lot of people potentially thinking of not flying us."

To head off customer defections, United had already announced that it will no longer call police to remove passengers from overbooked flights, and will require airline crews traveling for work to check in sooner. On Thursday, it added several other new policies including:

- Raising the limit on compensation to \$10,000 for customers who give up their seats starting Friday. That is a maximum — it's unclear how many, if any, passengers would see that much. The current limit is \$1,350. Delta Air Lines earlier this month raised its limit to \$9,950.
- Sending displaced passengers or crew members to nearby airports, putting them on other airlines or arranging for car transportation to get them to their destinations.
- Giving gate agents annual refresher training in dealing with oversold flights. Munoz said he also wants agents and flight attendants to get more help

at de-escalating tense situations.

While not a factor in this month's incident, United also said that starting in June it will pay customers \$1,500 with no questions asked if the airline loses their bag.

For United, the timing of the viral video could hardly have been worse. The airline struggled badly after a 2010 merger with Continental, enduring several technology breakdowns that angered customers. In the past year, however, the airline has flown more on-time flights and lost fewer bags. It recently rolled out plans for expanding service this summer.

Instead of being commended for those signs of progress, however, it has faced more than two weeks of withering criticism and mockery. David Dao, the passenger injured when he was yanked from his seat, is almost certain to file a lawsuit.

Munoz apologized again and faulted his own initial response, in which he defended airline employees and called Dao belligerent.

Gov. Inslee Lowers Bar to Clear Prostitution Convictions

SIGNED: Governor Says new Law Removes Barrier for Those Caught in Sex Trafficking

By Alexis Myers
The Associated Press

OLYMPIA — A bill that would allow victims of sex trafficking to clear a prostitution conviction even if they've committed other crimes as a result of being trafficked was signed Tuesday by Gov. Jay Inslee.

"This is important in our fight against human trafficking because it removes a significant barrier to leaving prostitution," Inslee said at the bill signing ceremony.

Current law doesn't allow victims to vacate prostitution convictions if other crimes exist on their criminal record.

The new measure states any motion filed to vacate a prostitution conviction must prove "by a preponderance of the evidence" that the applicant's conviction, along with any other crimes committed, was a result of being a "victim of trafficking, promoting prostitution in the first degree or promoting commercial sexual abuse of a minor."

The new statute would apply to minors and adults who received convictions in Washington state.

Democratic Sen. Rebecca Saldaña, of Seattle, the bill's sponsor, said she hopes the legislation will clarify and simplify the process so survivors can file suit and are able to access housing, education and job opportunities without being held back by a prostitution conviction and the stigmatism that comes with it.

"They made it through and overcame such difficult hurdles only to be retriggered and to find



Rachel La Corte / The Associated Press

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee signs a measure to make it easier for victims of sex trafficking to vacate prostitution convictions, Tuesday in Olympia. Current law doesn't allow victims to vacate prostitution convictions if other crimes exist on their criminal record.

doors close on them," she said, pointing out the flaws in the previous law. "The hurdles were so high that not a single person had been able to access what was supposedly their right."

Valiant Richey, a King County senior deputy prosecuting attorney, says the legislation is a good start.

"Rarely does a single piece of legislation fix all problems," he said. "However, this is a really positive step in the right direction of understanding where the

responsibility for exploitation lies." Richey said "johns" are responsible for sexually exploiting and trafficking men, women and children and have become the justice system's main priority.

He pointed out the number of people caught patronizing a prostitute in King County has nearly doubled since 2009, whereas the number of prostitution convictions has reduced to about a fifth of what they were several years ago.

At least 27 states have created

procedures for survivors to expunge, vacate or seal criminal records related to being trafficked, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

During the legislative session, lawmakers pushed to allow victims to submit an affidavit to avoid the courtroom, but the final version states any motion to clear a conviction must be "supported by the sworn testimony of the applicant at a hearing before the court."

Robert Beiser, the executive director of Seattle Against Slav-

ery, a coalition that fights against labor and sex trafficking, said it's difficult to say how many people would benefit from the legislation because trafficking is such a hidden crime. But he says hundreds of people every year receive services related to prostitution and trafficking.

"This will help people move on with their lives and not let their trafficking situation hold them back from getting back to their lives, safety and freedom," Beiser said.

Inslee Does Partial Veto of School Siting Bill

OLYMPIA (AP) — Gov. Jay Inslee vetoed part of a bill Wednesday that would allow school districts to build outside of urban growth areas. Inslee made an exception for school districts in Pierce County, which he said would ultimately affect one school.

Inslee suggested making changes to the bill that would force school districts to evaluate the land, costs and utility services and environmental impacts before considering expansion. He says the school district, county and the affected cities must agree there are no other feasible alternatives within the urban area.

Inslee says he is confident his office and legislators can come up with a plan during the current special session that can to serve schools but doesn't create any additional developments that would obstruct the value system of the growth management act.

Governor Signs Measure Expanding Prison Education Programs

OLYMPIA (AP) — Gov. Jay Inslee has signed a bill that would expand education programs for inmates.

Senate Bill 5069 authorizes the state Department of Corrections to partner with community and technical colleges to provide associate degree programs. The measure signed Tuesday by Inslee would expand existing programs at the state's prisons that provide basic education and job training.

Priority for the programs would be given to inmates with-

in five years of release. Those serving sentences of life without parole, or who are on death row, would be ineligible.

Audit Says EPA-Funded Campaign Didn't Violate Lobbying Rules

OLYMPIA (AP) — A federal audit has found that a Puget Sound clean-water campaign funded by the Environmental Protection Agency did not violate federal lobbying rules.

The EPA's inspector general said in a report Monday that the EPA properly funded the What's Upstream campaign, which aimed to raise awareness of clean-water issues surrounding agricultural pollution.

A congressional committee had asked for the audit, saying it appeared that the EPA has improperly funded an advocacy campaign that urged people to contact lawmakers. Some critics

called it an anti-farmer.

The EPA awarded nearly \$16 million to the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, which allocated to the Swinomish Indian Tribe in northwest Washington. The tribe used about \$570,000 on the campaign.

The Seattle Times reported the audit concluded that the EPA and the fisheries commission followed the laws.

The tribe said Monday the report clearly confirms that the campaign complied with all applicable laws.

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Morton School District's \$10.5 Million Bond Failing at 54.26 Percent

By The Chronicle

The only measure in the April 25 special election is currently failing as the Morton School District's \$10.5 million bond did not reach the 60 percent supermajority vote needed for approval in initial counts. Preliminary election results

from Tuesday night show 325 people, or 54.26 percent of the voters, favored the bond, while 274 voters, 45.74 percent, voted against the measure.

The bond would have upgraded Morton's secondary school so it could also house elementary students and would have replaced

the district's bus garage.

Superintendent John Hannah previously told The Chronicle the elementary school was built in the 1940s. Since the cost to remodel the school was too large, the district decided to instead renovate the secondary school, which houses middle

school and high school students, to consolidate the K-12 district into one building.

The secondary school has five vacant classrooms, and four more would have been needed.

The aging bus barn would have also been replaced with the approval of the bond. Hannah

said the building could be declared a health hazard in coming years, stating the walls are tipping outward and the roof is starting to cave in.

The next ballot count will be held Friday, April 28. The special election will be certified on May 5.

Task

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distributed at the initial meeting.

Those include information on how other Washington counties operate, along with information from the Municipal Research and Services Center and two studies compiled by the state Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development and the National Center for the Study of Counties.

Lewis County commissioners kicked off the meeting on Tuesday, thanking those on the committee for being part of the process.

"Your task is to take a look at county government," Commissioner Edna Fund said, adding the task force will look at what

NEXT MEETINGS

The next meetings of the Blue Ribbon Task Force will take place from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. The first meeting took place in Room 121 in the Lewis County Courthouse, but the location may change.

county government administrators and the commissioners' jobs in terms of managing the county.

She said those who were appointed by the commissioners to serve on the task force were chosen because of the experience they have and because they have "no stake in the game."

Commissioner Gary Stamper said the task force will measure the success of county government.

"I want to see all the different options and if it would be feasible to do that," he said of the different ways counties are managed. "You also have to look at the financial impact of that."

The task force will compile a report with recommendations, what the best practices are and how to move forward.

Larry McGee was selected to serve as the chairman of the task force. McGee has an undergraduate degree in engineering and a master's degree in business. He spent 25 years in the glass business and later worked for IBM for 11 years.

Former county commissioner Lee Grose was selected as the vice chairman of the taskforce. Grose was a county commissioner for eight years and has been a private business owner since 1985.

Other task force members include Anil Puri, Tony Briggs and Lonnie Willey. Central Services Director Steve Walton was selected as the board liaison.

"I think it's obvious why we are here. There's been a pretty steady drumbeat in The Chronicle about being critical of things, decisions and the way they were being made and not made," McGee said. "Then we all know I think that there has been several meetings of people who said, 'We think this is worth exploring.'"

At later meetings, the task force plans to interview commissioners and councilors from various counties as well as the Washington Association of Counties.

"We have to get ourselves educated then quickly go out and pull information from others and then ask ourselves about what we

think," McGee said. "... We need to do this right so we can all stand up and be responsible. No matter what we recommend some people aren't going to think it's right. We need to do our homework and do the thinking."

McGee also stressed the importance of keeping the entire process transparent, and keeping the community informed of the process. He said the task force's job is important because the issue is one the public has recently become interested in.

Grose said his biggest goal is to determine what will be best for the people of Lewis County.

"My big thing is how are the people of Lewis County going to be better represented whether it's a council, a charter, a commission or a manager," he said.

House

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replacing the porch, roof and outer porch columns and resolving issues with water pooling behind the chimney.

"We're replacing things in kind generally," McMurry said. "We are making a couple changes to make the building last longer."

The logs were last chinked with cement. They'll now be chinked with a modern foam material. Originally, they would have been touched up each year with mud and natural materials.

"They were building with what they had, which wasn't much," he said.

Workers from Logs & Timbers are using hand tools available during the time period the cabin was built to replace damaged logs, all solid Douglas-fir.

The cabin will get a new finish to repel water and the building will get a gutter system.

The project will also add new interpretative panels and a new wooden fence around the property. A concurrent project will add a pathway connecting portions of the State Parks property.

JOHN R. JACKSON built his first cabin on the property that now sits along Jackson Highway in 1845. He married his wife Matilda, who already had four boys, a few years later, and in 1850 built a larger cabin, which became the historic meeting place and courthouse known as the Jackson House.

The building that currently bears the name of the Jackson House Historic Site is actually a

1915 reconstruction of Jackson's 1850 cabin.

After John Jackson's death, Matilda moved off the property in 1882, McMurry said. The cabin was abandoned and fell into a state of disrepair.

Seeing the dilapidation of the building, used as a home as well as a courthouse and county seat, the St. Helens Club of Chehalis, a women's organization, decided to tear down and rebuild the structure.

"It's not completely accurate in terms of representing what Jackson built ... but it's an important building for its association with Jackson and an early women's association," McMurry said.

The 1915 building was not all brand new, he said.

"There are pieces of Jackson's 1850 house that are in this building," McMurry said. "The stairway is original."

The 1850 building was taller and had a different slope to its roof, he said.

The house has been the subject of continuing preservation work since 1915, McMurry said.

The house is part of the second state park acquired by the state of Washington, McMurry said.

In 1922, the Washington State Historical Society added a stone wall and archway in front of the house. The archway is no longer there, but part of the current restoration project is to replace it, McMurry said.

In the 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps worked on the property.

The house was formally added to the National Register of Historic Places in January.



Joe Herrle, left, and Jeremy Hess, of Logs and Timbers, LLC, remove a long log from a work bench on the south side of the historic Jackson House on Wednesday afternoon south of Chehalis.

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Joe Herrle, left, carves out marks where he plans to saw into a log to create a notch for one corner of the log cabin at the Jackson House, which they are in the middle of restoring on Wednesday.

Voices

Columns, Celebrations,
Community Conversations

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 "Task Force Holds First Meeting on County Gov't Structure:"

Harvey Means: Which means more salaries and more staff. Or does Ms. Fund plan on taking the existing salary for the three commissioners and staff and spreading it out over five seats plus staff? Who are you planning to tax, or as you say in politcalese "generate additional revenue"?

Chronicle Facebook followers respond to post of "Driver Who Fleed Fatal I-5 Crash Allegedly Set Fire to Truck, Reported It Stolen:"

Ruth Crear: A person runs for a reason and then lies. Must have played a big part in this man's death. May you forever R.I.P. Mike.

Selina Passage: Wow, I'm sure he wasn't purposely trying to hit the guy on the motorcycle but to flee the scene knowing he wrecked it definitely not OK and a huge crime. He may be at fault on this death. Sounds like this guy is already a criminal. Just sad and horrible.

Joshua Brooks: Rest in peace, Mr. Fields. I hope this suspect gets what's coming to him.

Chronline Comments

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

• Story: Problems Remain at Troubled Western State Hospital

USERNAME: OhMightyOne88

I am so sick and then sorry to hear about the conditions at Western State Hospital. My son was in there May to June 2015 and was dead 10 weeks later. He'd been stabbed, and Seeley Lake Park still has no arrests. I feel that he had problems there with staff, perhaps other patients by what I'm discovering. I hope things change. Thank you for all your information. It is so appreciated. I've been looking and looking for 21 months to get more information on my son's evaluation and his stay during that 30 days. He said that he never saw a doctor but I was told his doctor was a doctor named. Clinton Wyatt. I have no reports on what happened during that 30 days and I have medical power of attorney and I'm very concerned that Daniel may have been retaliated against. Of course this is circumsppection but that's the only thing that makes any sense. He had no enemies but he did resist being drugged.

• Story: Driver Who Fleed Fatal I-5 Crash Allegedly Set Fire to Truck, Reported It Stolen

USERNAME: ExDir

"He's very compassionate," Theresa Huber, Huisenga's girlfriend, told The Chronicle before the hearing. All the compassionate people I have ever known would have stopped after knocking a motorcyclist off his bike.

• Story: 'Citizens Town Hall' Rallies Constituents Unhappy With Herrera Beutler

USERNAME: national

First of all, these folks have every right to assemble as they did. The empty chair was appropriate, as Rep. Jaime Herrera-Beutler attends town halls as often as FIFA hosts World Cup soccer events. On the other hand, the way this event played out ALMOST served as cover for why Rep. Beutler-Herrera and other Republicans routinely duck them, or are there Dems who are experiencing similar group shout-downs across the nation? Debate and disagreements are vital to a healthy representative democracy, but so are civility and a willingness to listen (no matter which party is in power). I see precious little of either these days.

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Kicking Off the Angling Season



Photograph submitted by Margaret Beck, Centralia Lions Club

Cadin Carver, left, Chehalis, shows the fish he caught during the Centralia Lions Club Fishing Derby. Carver also won a fishing pole during the drawing held after the derby. Dakota Adams, right, Bucoda, landed a hefty trout.

Kids Flock to Fort Borst Pond for Annual Lions Club Fishing Derby

One-hundred eighty five kids braved rainy and breezy weather to try their luck at the Centralia Lions Club Fishing Derby Saturday at Fort Borst Park Pond.

Numerous prizes were awarded to the young anglers in three age groups, 3-6, 7-11 and 12-14. The prizes were given out through a drawing, not based on the size of fish caught.

Providing the prizes were Centralia Firefighters Union Local 451, Sunbird Shopping Center, Centralia Lions Club, and Fuller's Shop'n Kart.

The Marine Corps Auxiliary handled registration, and Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife employees checked limits. Also, Riverside Fire Authority personnel were on hand for emergencies unless they had to respond to a call.

Following are the prizes awarded in the drawing:

Age 3-6

Bicycle — Isabella Smith, Centralia

Tackle box — Mary Wright, Chehalis; Adrian Paseka, Chehalis

Fishing pole — Perla Castorena, Centralia; Evalynn Owen, Port Orchard; Isabella Gonzalez, Centralia; Madison Harding, Centralia

Sleeping bag — Camila Silvestre, Centralia

Lantern — Asher Lagerquist, Tenino

Chair — Ayden Medina, Centralia

Age 7-11

Bike — Sebastian Williams, Napavine

Soft tackle box — Charles Miles, no town listed; Ryan Faber Jr., Rochester

Fishing pole — Maddison Faber, Rochester; Blair Arthur, Chehalis; Collin Torres, Chehalis; Michael Haas, Chehalis; Cadin Carver, Chehalis

Fishing net — Rachel Torres, Chehalis

Pole holder — Camber Graham, Centralia

Tackle box — Kylee Smith, Winlock

Sleeping bag — Cobain Kennedy, Centralia; Braden Alderman, Rochester

Age 12-14

Bicycle — Alexander



Parker Cline, Centralia, poses with the fish he caught at the Lions Club Fishing Derby.

Kennedy, Centralia

Fishing bag — Austin Burpee, Rochester; Luis Quinteros, Centralia

Fishing pole — Melanie Silvestre, Centralia; Haley Rosenberg, Chehalis; Daulton Childers, Chehalis

Fishing net — Zakk Bradley, Chehalis

Sleeping bag — Joshua Kunkel, Chehalis; Sean Carson, Centralia

Tackle box — Devin Burpee, Rochester

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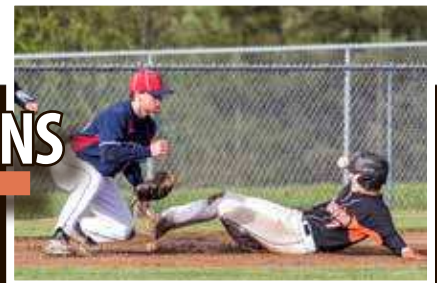


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Tuesday's 1A Boys Soccer



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United's Gustavo Barragan, center, celebrates with teammates after scoring against White Salmon during a 1A Trico League soccer game on Tuesday in Winlock.

UNITED BLANKS BRUINS TO WRAP UP TRICO TITLE

TRICO CHAMPS: Barragan Scores Twice for Toledo-Winlock in 3-0 Win Over White Salmon

By Matt Baide

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WINLOCK — Gustavo Barragan scored two goals — one in each half — to lead United to a 3-0 win over White Salmon in a 1A Trico League boys soccer game here on Tuesday.

The win locks up the league title for the Toledo-Winlock combo squad, after King's Way Christian and La Center tied in a scoreless game on Tuesday.

"This is one of the best performances we've had against White Salmon since I've been here, so I'm happy," United coach Horst Malunat said. "We've just rode this wave. It's not one person that does it; it's a team effort."

This is the second league title in the program's history, following up the 2015 Trico championship.

"It's weird because we did win, but we got help from other people. Otherwise we still would have had to win one more game," Malunat said. "We're pushing down the gas pedal really confident and knowing we can go full speed now without a lot of speed bumps."



United's David VanVleck clears the ball from a White Salmon forward during a 3-0 win in Winlock on Tuesday.

"We're just there to win. We don't have to worry about anything else. We're in control of everything now," the coach added.

It was a scoreless game until the 27th minute. Andreas Malunat lobbed a through ball to Barragan, who sprinted past the defense and beat the goalkeeper that put United up 1-0 at halftime.

Barragan struck again in the 46th minute. He took the ball up the right side, dribbled through a few White Salmon

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United goalkeeper Alan Contreras stops a shot during the Toledo-Winlock squad's 3-0 win over White Salmon on Tuesday.

2A Baseball

Guerrero's No-Hitter Highlights Bearcats' Sweep

By The Chronicle

Tyson Guerrero threw a no-hitter and Tysen Paul hit a walk-off homer in Game 1, and W.F. West cruised in a 10-0, 19-5 sweep of Rochester on Wednesday in Chehalis.

The wins take the Bearcats' Evergreen 2A Conference-leading record to 9-1.

Guerrero, a junior left-hander, faced 17 batters in five innings, issuing one walk and striking out 11. Austin Emery went 2 for 3 at the plate with a double and an RBI, and Paul's two-run homer to left field in the bottom of the fifth inning put the 10-run mercy rule in play.

Adrian Boites had a double and drove in two runs, and Kolby Steen had a hit and an RBI for the winners.

Rochester led 5-3 after three innings in Game 2, but the Bearcats scored four in the fourth and nine in the top of the seventh to pull away. Guerrero went 4 for 6 with five RBIs and a triple, Nole Wollan went 3 for 4 with four RBIs, and Tyler Palas was 3 for 4 with a double and three RBIs. Boites added a hit and knocked in three runs.

Paul came on in relief in the fourth inning and closed out the game, striking out four over the course of four no-hit innings.

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1A Baseball

Cannon's Big Day Helps Beavers Past Grizzlies

By The Chronicle

TENINO — Miles Cannon had a big day for Tenino here on Wednesday, hitting a walk-off home run in Game 1 and earning a win on the mound in Game 2 to help the Beavers sweep Hoquiam in a 1A Evergreen League doubleheader.

The first game was the completion of an April 14 rainout, which started in the third inning. Tenino earned the win, 12-10, in 10 innings.

In the bottom of the 10th, Cannon stepped up to the plate with a runner on and took the first-pitch fastball over the fence.

"We've been working on his swing in the cage. There were a couple little things he needed to focus on and we saw those changes take stride and figure it out at the plate," Tenino coach Conner Hogue said. "We had a lot of runners left on base in the last few extra innings. Tons of respect to Hoquiam, it was a good high school baseball game."

Cannon was 4 for 6 at the plate with three RBIs and Rob Wall, Jace Griffis and Spencer Brewer each had two hits for the Beavers.

Game 2 was also close, with Tenino edging Hoquiam 3-2. Cannon pitched a complete game on with four strikeouts in the win.

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2B Softball

Titans Sweep Napavine for C2BL Title

By The Chronicle

NAPAVINE — Pe Ell-Willapa Valley was unstoppable at the plate, collecting 28 total hits in two games to sweep Napavine in a Central 2B League softball doubleheader here on Wednesday.

The win secured the Central 2B League title for the undefeated Titans, a first for PWV's three senior starters Dakota Brooks, Abby Hodel and Railey Smith.

"We've waited four years for this. Every game, it was like we need to get to this spot and we finally made it. It's awesome," Brooks, the defending C2BL MVP, said. "It means a lot to the girls, and my dad is a coach, so it means a lot to be able to win it with him and for him."

It's also the first title for Titan head coach Ken Olson at PWV.

"It feels awesome. It's been awhile," Olson, who won a few league titles during his long run

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Pe Ell-Willapa Valley's Dakota Brooks (24) is greeted at home plate after a home run in Game 2 of a doubleheader against Napavine on Wednesday in Napavine.

ALSO INSIDE...

Tumwater sweeps Centralia in an EvCo baseball doubleheader:
SEE SPORTS 4

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THE SPOKEN WORD

"Every game, it was like we need to get to this spot and we finally made it."

DAKOTA BROOKS,
 Pe Ell-Willapa Valley senior pitcher

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Preps

Local Prep Schedules THURSDAY, April 27

Baseball
 Wahkiakum at Toledo (DH), 3 p.m.
 Toutle Lake at Mossyrock (DH), 3 p.m.
 Onalaska at Adna (DH), 3 p.m.
 Aberdeen at W.F. West, 4:30 p.m.
 Tumwater at Centralia, 4:30 p.m.

Softball
 Onalaska at Adna (DH), 3 p.m.
 W.F. West at Centralia (DH), 4:30 p.m.
 Aberdeen at Rochester, 4:30 p.m.

Boys Soccer
 King's Way Christian at United, 6 p.m.
 Elma at Tenino, 7 p.m.
 Black Hills at Rochester, 7 p.m.
 Aberdeen at Centralia, 7 p.m.
 W.F. West at Tumwater, 7 p.m.

Boys Golf
 Adna, NW Christian at North Beach, 3:30 p.m.

Girls Tennis
 Tenino at Montesano, 3:30 p.m.

Track & Field
 Adna, Kalama, Mossyrock, Toledo, Winlock at Morton-White Pass (Morton), 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 28

Baseball
 Montesano at Tenino, 4 p.m.
 Winlock at Ilwaco, 5 p.m.
 W.F. West at Aberdeen, 4:30 p.m.
 Centralia at Black Hills, 4:30 p.m.
 Tumwater at Rochester, 4:30 p.m.

Softball
 Adna at Morton-White Pass (DH), 3 p.m.
 W.F. West at Aberdeen (DH), 3:30 p.m.

Girls Tennis
 W.F. West at Aberdeen, 3:30 p.m.
 Tumwater at Centralia, 3:30 p.m.

Track & Field
 Centralia, W.F. West at Panther Twilight, Washougal, 4 p.m.

Local Results

Tuesday's Results

Baseball
At Hoquiam
BEAVERS 17, GRIZZLIES 6 (5 inn.)
 Tenino (10)13 21 — 17 16 2
 Hoquiam 330 00 — 6 3 3
Batteries: Tenino — Alex Bratton, Logan Brewer (2) and Spencer Brewer; Hoquiam — McAllister, Bradley (1), Rivera (1), Spradlin (3), Dunn (5) and Folkers

Wednesday's Results

Baseball
At Tenino
BEAVERS 12, GRIZZLIES 10 (10 inn.)
 Hoquiam 103 310 200 0 — 10 15 5
 Tenino 204 120 100 2 — 12 13 3
Batteries: Hoquiam — Dunn, Bradley (4) and Folkers; Tenino — Dylan Stakelin, Rob Wahl (7)

Game 2
BEAVERS 3, GRIZZLIES 2
 Hoquiam 000 011 0 — 2 3 2
 Tenino 001 020 X — 3 10 1
Batteries: Hoquiam — Bennett and Folkers; Tenino — Miles Cannon and Spencer Brewer

At Chehalis
Game 1
BEARCATS 10, WARRIORS 0
 Rochester 000 00 — 0 0 1
 W.F. West 000 19 — 10 9 1
Batteries: Rochester — Cole Wintrip and Chase Edminster; W.F. West — Tyson Guerrero and Tysen Paul

Game 2
BEARCATS 19, WARRIORS 5
 W.F. West 111 403 9 — 19 16 1
 Rochester 221 000 0 — 5 6 3
Batteries: W.F. West — Gabe O'Neil, Tysen Paul (4) and Kolby Steen; Rochester — Bryce Lollar, Brycen Kugan (4), Curtis Ebeling (6), Dylan Urvina (7), Aaron Huff (7) and Chase Edminster

At Tumwater
Game 1
THUNDERBIRDS 13, TIGERS 0 (5 inn.)
 Centralia 000 00 — 0 2 2
 Tumwater 11(10) 1X — 13 13 0

Batteries: Tumwater — Logan Chase and Jackson Davis; Centralia — Raul Lopez, Conner Spencer (3), Kolby Baird (3) and Jerod Frias

Game 2
THUNDERBIRDS 5, TIGERS 4
 Tumwater 300 101 0 — 5 7 1
 Centralia 000 000 4 — 4 5 4
Batteries: Tumwater — Justin Barber, Wesley Swick (7), Landen Jordan (7) and Jackson Davis; Centralia — Noah Thomas, Jeremy Wood (7) and Jerod Frias

At Napavine
Game 1
TIGERS 14, TITANS 1 (5 inn.)
 Pe Ell-WV 000 01 — 1 1 4
 Napavine 653 0X — 14 8 1
Batteries: Pe Ell-Willapa Valley — Ryan Shepherd, Frank Roonsburg (3) and Kaelin Jurek; Napavine — Wyatt Stanley, Jordan Purvis (5) and Dawson Stanley

Game 2
TIGERS 8, TITANS 2
 Pe Ell-WV 001 010 0 — 2 7 1
 Napavine 100 412 X — 8 14 2
Batteries: Pe Ell-Willapa Valley — Cub Bair, Max Smith (6) and Kaelin Jurek; Napavine — Garrett Shannon, Sam Fagerness (4) and Dawson Stanley

At Toutle Lake
INDIANS 3, DUCKS 2
 Toledo 001 100 1 — 3 12 1
 Toutle Lk. 010 000 1 — 2 3 1
Batteries: Toledo — Dakota Robins, Dylan Hoiseck (7) and N/A; Toutle Lake — Zach Vetter, Ridge Moss and N/A

At Rainier
Game 1
MOUNTAINEERS 14, TIMBERWOLVES 2 (5 inn.)
 Morton-WP 002 00 — 2 4 0
 Rainier 662 0X — 14 13 0
Batteries: Morton-White Pass — Tyler Brown, Brayden Webb (2), Kade Gillispie (4) and Kade Gillispie, Brody Fuchs (4); Rainier — Lofgren and Coleman

Game 2
MOUNTAINEERS 5, TIMBERWOLVES 2
 Morton-WP 000 011 0 — 2 5 1
 Rainier 001 112 X — 5 7 2
Batteries: Morton-White Pass — Kaleb Rashoff and Brody Fuchs, Kade Gillispie (6); Rainier — Pericic and Coleman

Softball
At Napavine
Game 1
TITANS 19, TIGERS 1 (4 inn.)
 PWV 342 10 — 19 12 0
 Napavine 001 00 — 1 1 7
Batteries: Dakota Brooks and Grace Hodel; Napavine — Paxton Cooley, Taylor Denault (2) and Abbi Music

Game 2
TITANS 21, TIGERS 3 (5 inn.)
 PWV 434 64 — 21 16 1
 Napavine 102 00 — 3 7 2
Batteries: Kamryn Adkins, Katie Adkins (4) and Grace Hodel; Napavine — Abbi Music, Paxton Cooley (3), Ada Williams (4), Music (5) and Courtney Oster

At Rainier
Game 1
TIMBERWOLVES 22, MOUNTAINEERS 0 (3 inn.)
 Morton-WP (14)26 — 22 20 0
 Rainier 000 — 0 0 9
Batteries: Morton-White Pass — Zoe McCoy, Chloee Justice (3) and Hannah Smathers; Rainier — Hannah Simpson and Katelyn Thompson

Game 2
TIMBERWOLVES 25, MOUNTAINEERS 3 (5 inn.)
 Morton-WP 940 39 — 25 19 0
 Rainier 200 01 — 3 5 12
Batteries: Morton-White Pass — Zoe McCoy, Haley Senderak (2), Shaylee Peters (4), Chloe Justice (5) and Hannah Smathers, Jayden Linder (3); Rainier — Hannah Simpson and Katelyn Thompson, Morgan

Quackenbush (3)

Girls Tennis
At Chehalis
W.F. WEST 5, BLACK HILLS 0
Singles
 1. Sidney Cameron (W) vs. Hope Johnson; rained out
 2. Joelle Chung (W) def. Anna Justice, 6-2, 6-0
 3. Lexi Akins (W) def. Rachel McLeray, 6-2, 6-3
Doubles
 1. Megan Wilks/Mya Davis (W) def. Selma Ryser/Abbi Calvert, 6-0, 6-3
 2. Morgan Lakey/Ashley Werner (W) def. Ainslee Campbell/Emily Sichade, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3
 3. Kiara Steen/Tina Chen (W) def. Sidney Sims/Emma Prydylski, 6-3, 6-3

At Aberdeen
CENTRALIA 6, ABERDEEN 0
Singles
 1. Rachel Wilkerson (CENT) def. Aleeta Pratt, 6-3, 6-0
 2. Claire Davis (CENT) def. Kane Courmoyer, 7-5, 6-0
 3. Ruth Hopkins (CENT) def. Hannah Erwin, 6-0, 6-3
Doubles
 1. Hannah Jeffries/Elle Corwin (CENT) def. Adriann Vasquez/Amanda Braditz, 6-1, 6-1
 2. Tavana Keahey/Carissa Kaut (CENT) def. Rachel Tagueant/Kyle Knodel, 6-2, 6-1
 3. Maryanna Wu/Sophie Hansen (CENT) def. Sonya Dominguez/Vicky Courmoyer, 6-3, 6-3

Girls Golf
At Newaukum Valley
W.F. WEST 88, ROCHESTER 47
W.F. West (88) — Carly Noble 26, Kate Balmelli 24, Delanie Calkins 14, Abbey Link 11, Haley Simmons 13, Whitenee Herr 7
Rochester (47) — Matti Ashton 9, Allison Beagley 12, Nicole Fry 10, Shelby Baird 5, Elizabeth Miller 10, Alex Anderson 6

At Riverside Golf Course
BLACK HILLS 85, CENTRALIA 19
Black Hills (85) — McKenna Canty 32, Emma Darling 16, Nikki Jones 11, Jacelynn Tyner 13, Taylor Reed 13
Centralia (19) — Lydia Anderson 5, Natalie Elwanger 4, Lacey Duffy 8, Lilly Johnson 2, Emily Meyer

MLB

All Games PDT AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	14	6	.700	—
New York	12	7	.632	1½
Boston	11	9	.550	3
Tampa Bay	11	12	.478	4½
Toronto	6	14	.300	8
Central Division				
Cleveland	11	9	.550	—
Chicago	11	9	.550	—
Detroit	11	9	.550	—
Minnesota	10	11	.476	1½
Kansas City	7	14	.333	4½
West Division				
Houston	14	7	.667	—
Los Angeles	11	12	.478	4
Oakland	10	11	.476	4
Texas	10	12	.455	4½
Seattle	9	13	.409	5½

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

Washington	15	6	.714	—
Philadelphia	10	9	.526	4
Miami	10	9	.526	4
New York	8	12	.400	6½
Atlanta	7	12	.368	7
Central Division				
Chicago	12	9	.571	—
Milwaukee	12	11	.522	1
Cincinnati	10	12	.455	2½
St. Louis	9	11	.450	2½
Pittsburgh	9	12	.429	3
West Division				
Colorado	14	8	.636	—
Arizona	14	9	.609	½
Los Angeles	10	12	.455	4
San Diego	9	14	.391	5½
San Francisco	8	14	.364	6

Tuesday's Games
 Houston 4, Cleveland 2
 Tampa Bay 2, Baltimore 0
 N.Y. Yankees at Boston, ppd.
 Detroit 19, Seattle 9
 Minnesota 8, Texas 1
 Chicago White Sox 10, Kansas City 5
 Toronto 6, St. Louis 5, 11 innings
 L.A. Angels 2, Oakland 1, 11 innings
 Chicago Cubs 1, Pittsburgh 0
 Miami at Philadelphia, ppd.
 Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, ppd.
 Milwaukee 9, Cincinnati 1
 Washington 15, Colorado 12
 Arizona 9, San Diego 3
 L.A. Dodgers 2, San Francisco 1

Wednesday's Games
 Chicago White Sox 5, Kansas City 2
 Cleveland 7, Houston 6
 Baltimore 5, Tampa Bay 4, 11 innings
 N.Y. Yankees 3, Boston 1
 Seattle 8, Detroit 0
 Texas 14, Minnesota 3
 Toronto at St. Louis, ppd.
 L.A. Angels 8, Oakland 5
 Milwaukee 9, Cincinnati 4
 Philadelphia 7, Miami 4
 Pittsburgh 6, Chicago Cubs 5
 Atlanta 8, N.Y. Mets 2
 Washington 11, Colorado 4
 San Diego 8, Arizona 5
 San Francisco 4, L.A. Dodgers 3, 10 innings

Thursday's Games
 Seattle (Iwakuma 0-2) at Detroit (Verlander 1-2), 10:10 a.m.
 Toronto (Latos 0-0) at St. Louis (Martinez 0-3), 10:45 a.m., 1st game
 Houston (Fiers 0-1) at Cleveland (Kluber 2-1), 3:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 2-1) at Boston (Sale 1-1), 4:10 p.m.
 Toronto (Lawrence 0-2) at St. Louis (Wainwright 1-3), 4:15 p.m., 2nd game
 Oakland (Graveman 2-0) at L.A. Angels (Nolasco 1-2), 7:07 p.m.
 Miami (Volquez 0-2) at Philadelphia (Hellickson 3-0), 10:05 a.m.
 Atlanta (Dickey 1-2) at N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 1-1), 10:10 a.m.
 Washington (Gonzalez 2-0) at Colorado (Senzatela 3-0), 12:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Urias 0-0) at San Francisco (Moore 1-3), 12:45 p.m.
 San Diego (Weaver 0-1) at Arizona (Walker 2-1), 6:40 p.m.

Friday's Games
 Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 4:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Toronto, 4:07 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Boston, 4:10 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 4:10 p.m.
 Seattle at Cleveland, 4:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Texas, 5:05 p.m.
 Oakland at Houston, 5:10 p.m.
 Minnesota at Kansas City, 5:15 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at Washington, 4:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Miami, 4:10 p.m.
 Atlanta at Milwaukee, 5:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati at St. Louis, 5:15 p.m.
 Colorado at Arizona, 6:40 p.m.
 Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers, 7:10 p.m.
 San Diego at San Francisco, 7:15 p.m.

NBA

Playoff Glance (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

FIRST ROUND
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Boston 3, Chicago 2
 Sunday, April 16: Chicago 106, Boston 102
 Tuesday, April 18: Chicago 111, Boston 97
 Friday, April 21: Boston 104, Chicago 87
 Sunday, April 23: Boston 104, Chicago 95
 Wednesday, April 26: Boston 108, Chicago 97
 Friday, April 28: Boston at Chicago, 5 p.m.
 x-Sunday, April 30: Chicago at Boston, TBA

Washington 3, Atlanta 2
 Sunday, April 16: Washington 114, Atlanta 107
 Wednesday, April 19: Washington 109, Atlanta 101
 Saturday, April 22: Atlanta 116, Washington 98
 Monday, April 24: Atlanta 111, Washington 101

Wednesday, April 26: Washington 103, Atlanta 99
 Friday, April 28: Washington at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.
 x-Sunday, April 30: Atlanta at Washington, TBA

Toronto 3, Milwaukee 2
 Saturday, April 15: Milwaukee 97, Toronto 83
 Tuesday, April 18: Toronto 106, Milwaukee 100
 Thursday, April 20: Milwaukee 104, Toronto 77
 Saturday, April 22: Toronto 87, Milwaukee 76
 Monday, April 24: Toronto 118, Milwaukee 93
 Thursday, April 27: Toronto at Milwaukee, 4 p.m.
 x-Saturday, April 29: Milwaukee at Toronto, TBA

Cleveland 4, Indiana 0
 Saturday, April 15: Cleveland 109, Indiana 108
 Monday, April 17: Cleveland 117, Indiana 111
 Thursday, April 20: Cleveland 119, Indiana 114
 Sunday, April 23: Cleveland 106, Indiana 102

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Golden State 4, Portland 0
 Sunday, April 16: Golden State 121, Portland 109
 Wednesday, April 19: Golden State 110, Portland 81
 Saturday, April 22: Golden State 119, Portland 113
 Monday, April 24: Golden State 128, Portland 103

San Antonio 3, Memphis 2
 Saturday, April 15: San Antonio 111, Memphis 82
 Monday, April 17: San Antonio 96, Memphis 82
 Thursday, April 20: Memphis 105, San Antonio 94
 Saturday, April 22: Memphis 110, San Antonio 108, OT
 Tuesday, April 25: San Antonio 116, Memphis 103
 Thursday, April 27: San Antonio at Memphis, 6:30 p.m.
 x-Saturday, April 29: Memphis at San Antonio, TBA

Houston 4, Oklahoma City 1
 Sunday, April 16: Houston 118, Oklahoma City 87
 Wednesday, April 19: Houston 115, Oklahoma City 111
 Friday, April 21: Oklahoma City 115, Houston 113
 Sunday, April 23: Houston 113, Oklahoma City 109
 Tuesday, April 25: Houston 105, Oklahoma City 99

Utah 3, L.A. Clippers 2
 Saturday, April 15: Utah 97, L.A. Clippers 95
 Tuesday, April 18: L.A. Clippers 99, Utah 91
 Friday, April 21: L.A. Clippers 111, Utah 106
 Sunday, April 23: Utah 105, L.A. Clippers 98
 Tuesday, April 25: Utah 96, L.A. Clippers 92
 Friday, April 28: L.A. Clippers at Utah, 7:30 p.m.
 x-Sunday, April 30: Utah at L.A. Clippers, TBA

NHL

Stanley Cup Playoffs
Second Round (Best-of-7)
Wednesday, April 26
 Nashville 4, St. Louis 3, Nashville leads series 1-0
 Edmonton 5, Anaheim 3, Edmonton leads series 1-0

Thursday, April 27
 N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 4 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Washington, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 28
 Nashville at St. Louis, 5 p.m.
 Edmonton at Anaheim, 7:30 p.m.

SPORTS ON THE AIR

THURSDAY, April 27 COLLEGE BASEBALL

4:30 p.m.
 ESPN2 — LSU at Alabama

GOLF
9 a.m.
 GOLF — LPGA Tour, Volunteers of America Texas Shootout, first round, at Irving, Texas

12:30 p.m.
 GOLF — PGA Tour, Zurich Classic of New Orleans, first round, at Avondale, La.

7:30 p.m.
 GOLF — European PGA Tour, Volvo China Open, second round, at Beijing

11:30 p.m.
 GOLF — European PGA Tour, Volvo China Open, second round, at Beijing

MLB BASEBALL
10 a.m.
 MLB — Regional coverage, Atlanta at N.Y. Mets OR Seattle at Detroit
 ROOT — Seattle at Detroit

4 p.m.
 MLB — Regional coverage, N.Y. Yankees at Boston OR Houston at Cleveland (6 p.m.)

NBA BASKETBALL
4/5 p.m.
 NBA or TNT — NBA Playoffs, Eastern Conference, first round, Game 6, Toronto at Milwaukee (if necessary)

4/6:30 p.m.
 TNT — NBA Playoffs, Western Conference, first round, Game 6, San Antonio at Memphis (if necessary)

6:30 p.m.
 TNT — NBA Playoffs, Western Conference, first round, Game 6, Houston at Oklahoma City (if necessary)

NHL HOCKEY
4 p.m.
 CNBC — Stanley Cup Playoffs, NY Rangers at Ottawa

4:30 p.m.

NBCSN — Stanley Cup Playoffs, Pittsburgh at Washington

NFL FOOTBALL
5 p.m.
 ESPN & NFL — 2017 NFL Draft, first round, at Philadelphia

SOCCER
Noon
 NBCSN — Premier League, Manchester United at Manchester City

5 p.m.
 FS1 — FIFA Beach World Cup, Bahamas vs. Switzerland, at Nassau, Bahamas

FRIDAY, April 28
AUTO RACING
4 a.m.
 NBCSN — Formula One, Russian Grand Prix, practice, at Sochi, Russia

8:30 a.m.
 FS1 — NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, Toyota Owners 400, practice, at Richmond, Va.

10 a.m.
 FS1 — NASCAR, Xfinity Series, ToyotaCare 250, practice, at Richmond, Va.

Noon
 FS1 — NASCAR, Xfinity Series, ToyotaCare 250, final practice, at Richmond, Va.

1:30 p.m.
 FS1 — NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, Toyota Owners 400, qualifying, at Richmond, Va.

COLLEGE BASEBALL
5 p.m.
 FS1 — TCU at Texas Tech

DRAG RACING
4 p.m.
 FS1 — NHRA, Four-Wide Nationals, qualifying, at Concord, N.C. (same-day tape)

GOLF
9 a.m.
 GOLF — LPGA Tour, Volunteers of America Texas Shootout, second round, at Irving, Texas

12:30 p.m.

GOLF — PGA Tour, Zurich Classic of New Orleans, second round, at Avondale, La.

MLB BASEBALL
4 p.m.
 MLB — Regional coverage, Chicago Cubs at Boston OR N.Y. Mets at Washington
 ROOT — Seattle at Cleveland

NBA BASKETBALL
Times TBA
 ESPN or ESPNEWS — NBA Playoffs, Eastern Conference, first round, Game 6, Boston at Chicago (if necessary)

ESPN or ESPNEWS — NBA Playoffs, Western Conference, first round, Game 6, Washington at Atlanta (if necessary)

ESPN or ESPNEWS — NBA Playoffs, Western Conference, first round, Game 6, L.A. Clippers at Utah (if necessary)

ESPN or ESPNEWS — NBA Playoffs, Western Conference, first round, Game 6, Golden State at Portland (if necessary)

NFL FOOTBALL
4 p.m.
 ESPN & NFL — 2017 NFL Draft, second & third rounds, at Philadelphia

5 p.m.
 ESPN2 — 2017 NFL Draft, second & third rounds, at Philadelphia

NHL HOCKEY
4:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs, Eastern/Western Conference, semifinal, teams TBA

5 p.m.
 USA — NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs, Eastern/Western Conference, semifinal, teams TBA

SOCCER
11:30 a.m.
 FS2 — Bundesliga, Bayer Leverkusen vs. Schalke

TRACK & FIELD
2:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — Penn Relays, at Philadelphia

NFL

Sneaky Seahawks Need to Crown Huskies' King

With their first-round pick in the 2017 draft, the Seattle Seahawks will ... well, they'll probably do something you probably never expected.

They seem to take joy in doing that. They love going against the grain, mocking the mocks, trading their way out of the round.



By Dave Boling

The News Tribune

I see it making so much sense that the Seahawks use the No. 26 pick in the first round to invite Husky cornerback Kevin King to cross Lake Washington. So much sense, in fact, that they probably won't do it.

Too predictable. GM John Schneider reminded us this week that in two of the past three drafts the Hawks traded down to teams that wanted a low first-round quarterback (2016 Denver, Paxton Lynch; 2014 Minnesota, Teddy Bridgewater).

Such could be the case this year if there's a quarterback-desperate team loving the idea of having the fifth-year contract option that goes with a first-round pick.

Last year, after trading down to Denver's pick at 31, they ended up selecting tackle Germain Ifedi and in the process picking up tight end Nick Vannett with the



ELAINE THOMPSON / The Associated Press

UW cornerback Kevin King's size (6-foot-3, 200 pounds) and athleticism (4.43 seconds in the 40-yard dash, 39.5-inch vertical jump) have him projected as a potential first-round pick in this week's NFL draft.

third-round pick they gained.

They're traditionally very eager, though, to trade back up for the next pick they really desire, as they did last year for Jarran Reed and in '15 to get Tyler Lockett.

So there's a pattern, but the targeted prospects sometimes

come out of left field.

After they took Russell Okung and Earl Thomas in the first round of Schneider's first draft (2010), pretty much every player they drafted with their first pick has been viewed as a reach or a dicey pick for some reason.

Successively, James Carpenter, Bruce Irvin, Christine Michael (second round), Paul Richardson (second round), Frank Clark (second round) and Ifedi were each questioned by national analysts as players who would have been available in later rounds or who had red flags on character or off-field comportment.

As Schneider likes to say, they draft for their purposes, not based on any consensus of other teams or media. Look, for instance, at that pipsqueak of a quarterback they took in the third round of 2012. Nobody else saw that value in Russell Wilson.

Meanwhile, if a player of dubious behavior is good enough and available when it's their turn to pick, they'll investigate and go ahead and take the chance he'll straighten out when he gets in the fold.

Schneider was asked an interesting question about the effects of proximity to a prospect. For instance, might they be lured too strongly to a Washington Husky because they see them so much?

Schneider said it might actually work the other way, you can tend to get too picky, and it's something to guard against.

To me, that sounds like an endorsement for King.

The first time I really watched King, the obvious takeaway was that he sure looks like a Seahawks cornerback. In fact, he's almost identical to Richard Sherman.

At 6-3, 200 pounds, King is the same height as Sherman and

5 pounds heavier. Their arm length is the same (32 inches), but King is faster (4.43 in the 40 to Sherman's 4.56) and has a 39.5-inch vertical jump compared with Sherman's 38.

How to tell if King has the "raggedy-dog" motivation that Sherman said drove him from being a fifth-round pick to All-Pro? No way, really.

Let's just say this: In his last 28 games at UW, King was beaten only once for a touchdown.

His one-handed, touchdown-saving interception against Arizona State last season looked like something out of an Odell Beckham Jr. highlight reel.

Whether Sherman is traded or finishes up with the Seahawks, the fact is they still need a top-flight cornerback.

Nobody knows how the draft will shake out as it nears the bottom of the first round. King's combine numbers surely have attracted a great deal of attention. But there is a fairly tall stack of quality of cornerbacks in this draft, and King might be available.

I've argued every year for the past 10 seasons or so that the Hawks need to draft to upgrade their offensive line. They've spent a lot of draft capital there, but without consistent results.

They might be tempted again, but it doesn't look like there's enough quality tackles to make a first-round pick worthy this season.

So if King's there, they need to take him.

2A Girls Tennis

Bearcat Netters Shut Out Wolves 5-0

By The Chronicle

W.F. West won all five of the completed matches on Wednesday for a 5-0 Evergreen 2A Conference girls tennis victory over Black Hills.

The first singles match, between W.F. West's Sidney Cameron and Hope Johnson, was rained out in the second set.

Joelle Chung and Lexi Akins both won in two sets in the No. 2 and 3 singles matches.

Megan Wilks and Mya Davis won 6-0, 6-3 in the top doubles contest, and Kiara Steen and Tina Chen won 6-3, 6-3 at No. 3 doubles.

Morgan Lakey and Ashley Werner, meanwhile, won 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 at No. 2 doubles.

"I'm really happy," Bearcat coach Jack State said of the No. 2 doubles win. "The second and third set they stepped in and kept it away from the net girl, and finished when they had their opportunities."

W.F. West (4-3, 2-2 league) plays at Aberdeen on Friday.

Centralia Sweeps Aberdeen on Road Trip

ABERDEEN — Centralia had an impressive day on the court here on Wednesday, as the Tigers swept Aberdeen in an Evergreen 2A Conference girls tennis match.

In singles action, Rachel Wilkerson defeated Aleeta Pratt, 6-3, 6-0, and Claire Davis took down Kane Cournoyer 7-5, 6-0. No. 3 single's Ruth Hopkins defeated Hannah Erwin 6-0, 6-3.

Centralia's Hannah Jeffries and Ellie Corwin topped Adriann Vasquez and Amanda Braditz, 6-1, 6-1. Taviania Keahey and Carissa Kaut made quick work of Rachel Tagueant and Kyle Knodel, 6-2, 6-1, and Maryanna Wu and Sophie Hansen completed the sweep for Centralia, defeating Sonya Dominguez and Vicky Cournoyer, 6-3, 6-3.

"It was another great team win. Maybe it was the sunshine, but the girls as a team really seemed to enjoy playing tennis today," Centralia coach Deb Keahey said.

Centralia hosts Tumwater on Friday in an Evergreen 2A Conference matchup.



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United's Andreas Malunat dribbles the ball away from three White Salmon defenders during a 1A Trico League soccer game on Tuesday in Winlock.

United

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defenders to get to the top of the box and ripped a shot into the top right corner of the net for a 2-0 lead.

"I think the way we play and communicate with each other just makes us have a good offense and make more goals," Barragan said. "I feel really good about this win because last year, they beat us at home and this year we were able to beat them, so it feels pretty good. I think I liked my second one better because it gave us a 2-0 lead — a comfortable lead."

United capped the scoring in the 52nd minute, as a corner kick created a scramble in front of the net and found the foot of Brandon Cruz, who booted it into the goal to secure the win for United.

Alan Contreras spent all game in the net for United, making a handful of big saves to earn his ninth clean sheet of the season and third in a row.

"The defense helps a lot in the back. I've had a few opportunities where I've had to come out and get some shots saved," he said. "But most of all, the teamwork that we've had and, basically, I just do my job."

With the toughness of United's defense, teams tend to play more physical to try and get into the head of United players.

"We have been tough to score on, and I think it frustrates them," Malunat said. "I think one of their players was jumping into people and pretty soon, they start fouling, because they just get frustrated because we're possessing the ball. They're trying to figure out how to stop us and they just start fouling."

White Salmon has been kryptonite for United in years past, but that's changed of late. United has won four straight against the Bruins, including a 3-1 win in last season's District 4 tournament and two wins this season.

The win pushes United's league record to 9-0. The combo squad has outscored their opponents 41-1 in nine league games

this season; the lone goal allowed came against Stevenson on April 15, in an 8-1 United win.

"We want to be firing on all cylinders going into the playoffs. I don't know if we'll go undefeated in league. It'd be nice, but it's tough to do," Malunat said. "The possibility is there."

Malunat thanked his coaches and volunteers — Rob Potestio, Rich Shepherd, Pablo Jimenez and Noel Vazquez — for their work this season.

United (12-1, 9-0 league) faces King's Way Christian on Thursday for senior night festivities in Winlock.

Note: Tumwater defeated Centralia 2-1 in an Evergreen 2A Conference game on Tuesday.

W.F. West Beats Rochester 6-2

W.F. West mixed up its lineup and saw immediate results on Tuesday in a 6-2 win over Rochester in Evergreen 2A Conference boys soccer action in Chehalis.

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Calkins added 14.

Haley Simmons scored 13 points and Abbey Link added 11 points, and Whitnee Herr rounded out W.F. West's scores with seven points.

Allison Beagley led Rochester with 12 points, followed by Nicole Fry and Elizabeth Miller each with 10 points.

Mati Ashton chipped in nine points, Alex Anderson added six points and Shelby Baird was the final Rochester scorer with five points.

W.F. West is back on the links

next against Black Hills on Tuesday at Tumwater Valley Golf Course, while Rochester will finish up a match against Aberdeen on Friday at Riverside Golf Course.

Canty Leads Wolves Over Centralia

McKenna Canty notched 32 points and Black Hills beat Centralia, 85-19, on Wednesday in an Evergreen 2A Conference girls golf match at Riverside Golf

Course.

Canty shot a 41 to earn match medalist honors, while Lacey Duffy's 8 points led Centralia.

All five Black Hills golfers scored in double figures, using the Stableford scoring system.

"We're still kind of trying to grasp even playing nine holes at a time," Centralia coach Hal Gronseth said, referencing this spring's wet weather. "We'll get better."

Centralia hosts Tumwater on Monday.

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with Centralia, said. "I told them at the start of the season I thought we had the pitching to do it, and I thought we had the defense and the offense. The offense showed it today. ... They're just a great group of kids and I enjoy coaching them."

The Titans won Game 1, 19-1, in four innings with 12 hits and 10 runs in the fourth inning to end the game early. Brooks tossed a complete game, allowing just one hit.

Game 2 was a similar story, as the Titans scored at least three runs in each inning while collecting 16 hits total for a 21-3 win in five.

The Titans hit five home runs over the course of the afternoon, with Brooks, Abby Hodel, Sid Pollard, Katelyn McGow and Britney Patrick all leaving the park.

"We're swinging the bats well right now, and (we had) pretty good pitching today," Olson said. "(Napavine's) Abbi Music is one of the best pitchers in the league, and we put the ball in play hard so I'm proud of our kids for stepping up."

Paxton Cooley was 2 for 3 in Game 2 with a double for the Tigers.

"That's the best team we're going to see this year, without a doubt," Napavine coach Chad Williams said, noting that the team was able to work in a new pitcher but lost another player to a back injury. "Yeah, we got smashed twice, but they do that to a lot of people. You don't learn a lot from wins, you learn a lot more from losses and we will



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Pe Ell-Willapa Valley's Kamryn Adkins pitches against Napavine on Wednesday in Napavine.

definitely come out tomorrow and work on some things."

Pe Ell-Willapa Valley (14-0, 14-0 league) has four games left, but only two league games remaining as the Titans travel to Onalaska on Tuesday for a C2BL doubleheader.

"We still have two tough games against Onalaska," Olson said. "When you get into post-season, you just have to keep doing what you're doing when you're having success. I can't change what's working."

Napavine (9-6, 9-5 league) travels to Randle on Monday to face Morton-White Pass in a C2BL doubleheader.

MWP Dominates Rainier in Sweep

RAINIER — The Timberwolves racked up 39 hits in eight innings for a 22-0, 25-3 Central 2B League sweep of Rainier here Wednesday.

Zoe McCoy and Chloe Justice combined for a three-inning no-hitter in Game 1. Justice was also 3 for 3 at the plate with a double, while Emily Hazen went 4 for 4 and doubled and Carly King hit a pair of doubles and went 3 for 3.

The nightcap was more of the same. King homered, dou-

bled and went 3 for 3, Tayla Pierson was 2 for 2 with a triple, Haley Senderak was 2 for 2 with a double, and Chloe Goble went 3 for 4 for the winners. Morton-White Pass led 13-2 after two innings, though Rainier's Sandra Miles launched a first-inning home run.

"Our defense played well. We didn't have any errors and we hit the ball great tonight," MWP coach Rob Hazen said. "It was an all-around performance, I thought."

Morton-White Pass (6-6, 6-6 league) hosts Adna on Friday in Morton.

2A Track & Field

Bearcat Boys, Girls Each Win 13 in Dual With Centralia

By The Chronicle

Troy Yarter won two events to lead a balanced Bearcat boys track team, while Kendra Bottenberg won three for the Bearcat girls in a dual meet at rival Centralia on Wednesday.

W.F. West piled up 13 wins on each side of the Evergreen 2A Conference dual meet.

Yarter won the long jump (18 feet, 9 inches) and the triple jump (40-05), and W.F. West also got wins from Lafe Johnson (pole vault, 12 feet); Colby White (high jump, 5-08); Zach

Sloan (shot put, 44-02); Cory Davis (300-meter hurdles, 45.99 seconds); Kody Deskins (110 hurdles, 17.46); Dallas Taylor (800, 2:10.94); Ka'imi Henry (400, 53.86); Jasper Ellingson (200, 23.98) and Lane Douglass (100, 11.56). Douglass, White, Henry and Ellingson won the 4x100, and Henry, Taylor, Mason Morones and Jack Mallonee won the 4x400.

Vance Voetberg won the 1600 (4:48) and the 3200 (10:38) for Centralia, which also got wins from Mario Munguia (discus,

119-01) and Nathan Yahn (javelin, 151-0).

Bottenberg swept the girls throwing events, with a win in the shot put (35-05.5), the discus (94-0) and the javelin (136-06).

Allie Haakenson won the long jump (15-07.5), Madison Marquez and Megan Flexhaug tied for a win in the pole vault (8-06), Megan Nowels won the 300 hurdles (58.17), Emma Moon won the 1600 (5:46), Erika Brumfield won the 800 (2:36), Courtney Bennett won the 200 (28.65) and Kaelen Bach won the

100 (13.90) for W.F. West.

Marquez, Bennett, Ashley Abbott and Emma Thornburg won the 4x100, and Bach, Bennett, Abbott and Thornburg won the 4x200 and the 4x400.

Centralia got wins on the girls side from Anastasia Urigg in the triple jump (32-04), Kelaiah Iselin in the high jump (4-04), Kary Sathre in the 100 hurdles (17.05), and Makayla Erickson in the 3200 (13:21).

W.F. West and Centralia both run in Washougal's Panther Twilight Invite on Friday.

Tuesday's 2B Track & Field

Host Adna Wins Both Sides of Pirate Invite

By The Chronicle

ADNA — Adna's boys and girls track teams both came out top here Tuesday at the nine-team Pirate Invite meet.

The Adna boys tallied 118 points to edge runner-up South Bend, while the Pirate girls scored 129 points to top second-place Willapa Valley.

Sophomore Austen Apperson led the way for the boys, winning the 400 meters in 54.33 seconds and taking the 800 by 10 seconds in 2:05.30.

Clayton Dunnagan added a win in the javelin (141 feet) for Adna, and took third in the shot put. Luke Wellander was second in the 110 hurdles and third in the 300 hurdles, with a second-place finish in the triple jump, and Hayden VonBargen was second in the 3200.

Pe Ell's Tyler Justice won three events, finishing first in the 110 hurdles (16.42 seconds), the 300 hurdles (40.43) and the 200 (24.47), with a second-place finish in the 100 — just three hundredths of a second behind

winner A.J. Sanchez of South Bend (12.01).

Tenino's Jack Burnham won the shot put (43-05) and took second in the discus, with teammate Jacob Gilbreth finishing second in the javelin. Chase Blankenship won the triple jump at 39-01.5 for the Beavers.

Kenya Lorton won the long jump (15-06) and the triple jump (32-0) for the Pirate girls, while Devanie Kleemeyer, Emma Manning and Tori Lange went 1-2-3 in the high jump. Kleemeyer was also second in the long

jump. Lange was also second in the 300 hurdles, Isabella Elwood added a second-place finish in the javelin, and Rachel Burke took second in the 100 for Adna.

Tenino's Lara Kershaw won the 400 in 1:05.69, and ran legs of two winning relays. She teamed up with Ashley Adams, Alanna Dowies and Rhian Mathis to win the 4x100, and worked with Mathis, Karissa Bowman and Charlie Letts to win the 4x200.

Adna will run in a seven-team Central 2B League meet at White Pass on Thursday.

MLB

Mariners' Felix Hernandez, Mitch Haniger Placed on DL

By Ryan Divish

The Seattle Times

DETROIT — On Wednesday came a myriad of Mariners roster moves following their worst day of the 2017 season. Less than 24 hours after they were drubbed by the Tigers 19-9, losing both Felix Hernandez and Mitch Haniger to injuries, the Mariners had to try and regroup with roster reinforcements to replace what was lost and what wasn't working.

In all four players are coming up, two are going back to Tacoma and two are headed to the disabled list.

• Mitch Haniger, OF, placed on 10-day disabled list with strained right oblique.

• Felix Hernandez, RHP, placed on 10-day disabled list with right shoulder inflammation.

• Chase De Jong, RHP, recalled from Triple-A Tacoma.

• Casey Fien, RHP, selected from Triple-A Tacoma.

• Ben Gamel, OF, recalled

from Triple-A Tacoma.

• Dillon Overton, LHP, recalled from Triple-A Tacoma.

• Chris Heston, RHP, optioned to Triple-A Tacoma.

• Evan Marshall, RHP, optioned to Triple-A Tacoma.

"We've got some healthy bodies," manager Scott Servais said. "Hopefully they spark us, that would be great."

Obviously, the first two moves are the most important. Haniger figures to be out at least four weeks with most oblique strains taking that long and sometimes longer. Hernandez goes on the disabled list for the second straight season, but this is his first disabled list stint for something arm related since 2007.

Servais had no timetable for their return. Both players received treatment in Detroit on Wednesday afternoon and are flying back to Seattle later in the day. Since they were placed on the disabled list, there isn't a

need rush them back to Seattle immediately. They will undergo tests to determine the extent of their injuries.

Hernandez didn't want to discuss his injury, saying "they said everything already."

Asked in passing if he was scared, he replied, "yeah."

Servais said that Hernandez didn't have any signs for the shoulder issue coming into the start on Wednesday.

"Often times, with pitchers in their routines and work in between starts, they won't feel great, maybe a little soggy or whatever term you want to use," Servais said. "He didn't feel real great warming up last night. That happens a lot and guys will still go out there and give you five, six, seven innings and a great outing. He went out for the second inning and just didn't feel great, just dead. No sharp pain, nothing like that. Just the ball wasn't coming out and wasn't feeling good. He

certainly didn't look good from where I was sitting."

De Jong will take Hernandez's spot in the rotation and start Sunday in Cleveland. He pitched four innings of scoreless relief on Saturday in Oakland.

"We liked the way Chase threw the ball the other day when he came in for the long relief appearance the other day in Oakland," Servais said. "He moved the ball around very well. He's more of a starting pitcher type. You saw him, it takes a little while for him to get ready out of the bullpen. He's got more of a routine there. So we'll give him the first shot to take that start."

Gamel's call-up was happening before the injury. The Mariners were going to add another bench players and go away from the eight-man bullpen. He was hitting .288 with a .419 on-base percentage, a double, a triple, a homer, 12 walks and eight RBI for the Rainiers in 18 games.

Bearcats

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Chase Edminster had two hits and drove in two runs for Rochester, and Rylee Sommer added two hits with an RBI.

W.F. West (12-2 overall) hosts Aberdeen on Thursday. Rochester (2-10, 1-9 league) hosts Tumwater on Friday.

Tumwater Puts Away Tigers Twice

TUMWATER — Centralia made things interesting in the nightcap, but couldn't complete a rally and wound up on the short end of a 13-0, 5-4 sweep against Tumwater here Wednesday in Evergreen 2A Conference baseball action.

Logan Chase was dominant on the mound for the Thunderbirds in Game 1, working all five innings with eight strikeouts and two walks. Isaiah Trevino and Jeremy Wood had Centralia's only hits.

Game 2 was a bit closer, with Centralia scoring four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to make it a one-run game. Singles from Broc Selstrom and Wood, a hit batter, an error and an RBI double from Hodges Bailey put four quick runs on the board, but Centralia couldn't make the most of a one-out, bases-loaded situation.

"We definitely had a chance, but the disheartening thing is we sat around for six innings and basically did nothing offensively," Centralia coach Rex Ashmore said. "I was definitely disappointed in our approach today. We didn't play with a whole lot of excitement or energy."

Bailey finished 2 for 4 in Game 2, and starter Noah Thomas worked into the seventh inning.

"He was mixing in his breaking ball and he definitely deserved better than what he got," Ashmore said. "It was one of the better games he's thrown for us, and they hit the ball real well."

Centralia (6-4, 5-4 league) hosts Tumwater on Thursday in a rematch.

Tenino

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Tenino racked up 10 hits total, including three hits from Wall and two hits from Brewer. Coulson Chambers had an RBI single in the fifth to give the Beavers the lead.

"We weren't getting hits when we needed to, but we executed well with baseball plays and did the little things right," Hogue said. "We got runners into position, but we couldn't get that big hit, but we played great defense so it balanced out. They didn't waver, kept battling, and it was nice to see us execute to get to that position."

Tenino (6-7, 5-4 league) hosts Montesano on Friday in a showdown of the top two teams in the Evergreen.

Beavers Hammer Hoquiam 17-6

HOQUIAM — Tenino played in its third-straight 10-run game, coming off a pair of losses to Montesano and Elma to pound Hoquiam 17-6 here Tuesday in 1A Evergreen League baseball action.

Riley Wright went 3 for 3 with three runs and two RBIs, and the Beavers scored 10 in the top of the first inning.

"It's just a different mindset with these kids," Tenino coach Conner Hogue said. "They just need to feel good about themselves and get out there and get it done."

Coulson Chambers was 3 for 4 and drove in three runs, Robbie Wall went 2 for 2 and scored four times, and Jace Griffis was 3 for 3 for Tenino.

Alex Bratton and Logan Brewer combined to hold Hoquiam to three hits in the win.

The Beavers have now played in five 10-run games this season, with a 12-2 win over Rainier, a 20-0 win over Elma, and 12-2 losses to Montesano and Elma last week.

"It's a strange year," Hogue said. "I feel like teams are evenly matched. It's moreso which kids came to play, which kids are going to handle the adversity well, and if they can, I really believe any team can win."

MLB

Paxton Stymies Tigers in Mariners' 8-0 Victory

By Ryan Divish

The Seattle Times

This is what a team's ace does. With his team reeling on a trip and still feeling the effects of an emotional and embarrassing gut punch of a loss the night before and the knowledge of two key players being placed on the disabled list before that day's game, an ace goes out there and redirects a listing team and provides stability needed with a solid performance.

For the better part of a decade, Felix Hernandez had that title locked up for the Mariners. But he's headed back to Seattle with an ailing shoulder.

By process of elimination and perhaps the natural order of things like talent and performance, James Paxton is now the de facto Mariners' ace in the interim, and possibly moving forward. And he delivered a performance commensurate of his elevated status in the Mariners' 8-0 victory against the Tigers in Detroit.

Paxton tossed seven shutout innings, allowing just four hits while striking out nine with a walk to improve to 3-0 and lower his earned-run average to 1.39.

On a day when the Mariners placed Hernandez and hot-hitting outfielder Mitch Haniger on the disabled list and Kyle Seager was out of the lineup with hip issues, Paxton made sure a very Cactus League-looking lineup playing behind him didn't need to worry much about run support.

Not all seven of his innings were simple, but they were scoreless. The closest the Tigers came to scoring against him was in the second inning when Victor Martinez singled and former Mariners' prospect John Hicks slammed a double to deep right-center that bounced off the wall. If it were any other Tigers player on the roster, a run would have been scored. But Martinez and his beat up and pieced-together



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Seattle Mariners' Danny Valencia (26) slides safely into home plate past the tag of Detroit Tigers catcher James McCann (34) in the ninth inning of a baseball game in Detroit on Wednesday.

knees simply wouldn't allow him to score from first. He had to stop at third. Paxton came back to strike out James McCann and Dixon Machado to end the frame.

Two more times, the Tigers put runners on first and second with one out. In the fourth, Paxton struck out Hicks and McCann to end the threat, while in the seventh, his final inning of work, he got Machado to hit into a double play to end the inning and his outing.

There has never been a question about Paxton's talent. Selected in the fourth round of the 2010 draft, he was always considered one of Seattle's best pitching prospects, thanks largely to a fastball that could touch the upper 90s. But his path to this new

level has been as varied as the veins of the intricately designed maple leaf tattoo on his forearm — a symbol of pride in his Canadian heritage.

But coming into this season, the kid, who once looked hopelessly lost and socially out of place after signing late in his first big-league camp, and somewhat passive in years that followed, is now carrying himself like a pitcher who expects to be good every time he takes the mound.

In late January, in front of large group of assembled media at the Mariners' pre-spring training luncheon, Paxton embraced expectations — something he wasn't as comfortable to do in past seasons filled with them.

"This is my season to take off,"

he said. "I'm ready to be who I can be, and what I think I can be."

The Mariners need him to be that and more with Hernandez out for an unknown amount of time, lefty Drew Smyly out till July with a flexor strain in his forearm and a remaining rotation of pitchers that can't match his talent or potential.

Even with the absence of Haniger for possibly a month, the promise of decent run support for Paxton and the rest of the staff is attainable.

While he needed a minimal amount on Wednesday, his teammates provided ample offense.

Seattle jumped on Tigers starter Daniel Norris in the second inning, scoring three runs on an RBI single from Jean Se-

gura and a two-run homer from Guillermo Heredia.

The Mariners continued to add to the total. In the fifth inning with bases loaded, Ben Gamel, who was called up earlier in the day and playing in his first big-league game of the season, fell behind 0-2 and then worked a seven-pitch walk to make it 4-0.

Nelson Cruz made it 6-0 with his fifth homer since April 10, pushing his American League-leading RBI total to 19.

Segura notched his third hit of the night with an RBI double in the seventh to make it 7-0, giving him six hits in two games since returning from the disabled list. It became 8-0 on a hustling play from Danny Valencia to score after a Tigers error in the ninth.

2B Baseball

Tigers Take Two from Pe Ell-Willapa Valley

By The Chronicle

NAPAVINE — The Tigers left little up for debate in Game 1 and kept rolling in the nightcap for a 14-1, 8-2 sweep of Pe Ell-Willapa Valley here Wednesday in a Central 2B League baseball doubleheader.

Wyatt Stanley pitched four no-hit innings and struck out 10 with one walk to get the win in the opener, which featured eight Napavine hits. Seth Butler went 3 for 3 with a double and drove in four runs, Dawson Stanley had a hit and three RBIs, Sam Fagerness had a double and an RBI, and Ben Woodrum and Mason Butler each drove in two runs.

The Tigers were coming off a split at Onalaska on Friday.

"You know, coming off the way we performed at Onalaska, I was really happy with the way the kids played today," Napavine coach Brian Demarest said. "I think they bounced back nicely."

Ryon Ashley had PWV's lone hit in Game 1.

The Tigers pounded out 14 hits in Game 2, with Mac Fagerness going 3 for 3 with an RBI and Mason Butler, Seth Butler, Dawson Stanley and Wyatt Stanley each recording two hits with an RBI.

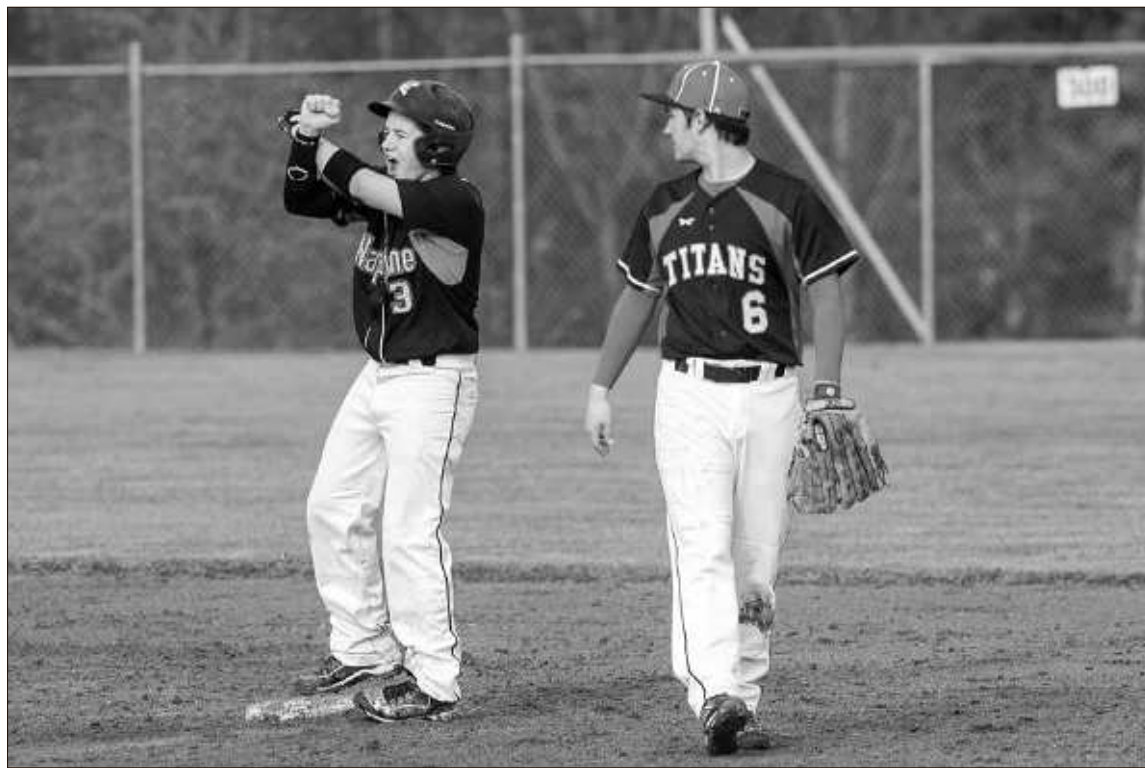
Garrett Shannon pitched the first three innings, striking out one, walking three and allowing one earned run, and Sam Fagerness worked the next four — with a walk, four strikeouts and no earned runs — to get the win.

Seth Butler, who was 5 for 5 on the day with four RBIs, was a bright spot, Demarest added.

"He was a stud. He hit the ball hard in both games," the coach added. "He had good at-bats, and he hit well with runners in scoring position."

Frank Roonsburg, Kaelin Jurk and Luke Gerow each had two hits for PWV.

Napavine (12-2, all league games) plays Morton-White Pass in Morton on Monday. Pe Ell-Willapa Valley (7-10, 5-9 league) closes out the regular season at Onalaska on Tuesday.



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Above: Napavine's Seth Butler (3) celebrates as Pe Ell-Willapa Valley's Dawson Duncan (6) looks on Wednesday during a C2BL baseball game in Napavine. **Below:** Cub Bair pitches for Pe Ell-Willapa Valley on Wednesday.



Toledo Salvages Belated Split With Toutle Lake

TOUTLE — Dakota Robins was dominant on the mound, and Toledo picked up a tight 3-2 win over Toutle Lake here Wednesday in the second half of a rain-delayed Central 2B League baseball doubleheader.

Robins worked 6 1/3 innings, striking out 11 with three hits, a walk and one earned run. Dylan Hoiseck took over when Robins

reached the 105-pitch limit and faced three batters to close out the game and get the save.

Robins went 2 for 3 to help his own cause, and Hunter Eaton, Cody Towns and Dalton Yoder each had two hits and an RBI for the Indians.

The doubleheader started last Thursday, with Toutle Lake winning the first game 8-2.

Toledo (4-11, 3-8 league) hosts Wahkiakum for a doubleheader on Thursday.

Rainier Bounces Morton-White Pass Twice

RAINIER — The Mountaineers took two games from Morton-White Pass here Wednesday, sweeping the Timberwolves 14-2 and 5-2 in Central 2B League baseball action.

Rainier pitcher Zach Lofgren held MWP to four hits — from Kade Gillispie, Duece Kolb, Gavyn Higdon and Tyler Brown — in the Game 1 win, which the hosts led 12-0 after two innings.

The nightcap was much closer, with MWP scoring runs in the fifth and sixth inning to pull within 3-2.

Kaleb Rashoff, Brody Fuchs, Brayden Webb, Dylan Richards and Reid Worden all had hits for MWP in Game 2, and Rashoff worked all seven innings on the mound without issuing a walk.

Morton-White Pass (4-12, 2-12 league) hosts Napavine in Morton on Monday.

Note: In other C2BL action on Wednesday, Kalama swept Winlock, 10-0 and 9-0.

Tigers Cruise to 19-9 Rout of Mariners

DETROIT (TNS) — The best part of being back at home, Tigers manager Brad Ausmus said, is sleeping in his own bed. The second-best part, then, would be what the Tigers did to the Mariners on Tuesday evening at Comerica Park.

After a nine-game road trip in which players dropped like flies and more things went wrong than right, everything came up roses in the team's homecoming. Well, almost everything: Jordan Zimmermann is still getting hit hard.

But the right-hander received a month's worth of run support as the Tigers exploded offensively to beat the Mariners, 19-9.

It marked the first time the team has scored 13 or more runs in consecutive games since 1993, according to Baseball-Reference.com. The game was put out of reach with a nine-run fifth inning, the team's highest single-inning output since 2008.

They have done so without first baseman Miguel Cabrera, who is currently on the 10-day disabled list with a right groin strain.

Top-to-bottom, the Tigers' lineup starred offensively.

Ian Kinsler went 4-for-5 with four runs scored and two RBIs. Tyler Collins drove in three runs. Nick Castellanos drove in two more. Even Victor Martinez legged out a double.

Once again, the Tigers' catching duo continued to crush.

Down a run early after Zimmermann allowed two in the top of the first inning, James McCann hit his fifth home run of the season to give the Tigers a lead they wouldn't lose. McCann's opposite field shot off Mariners ace righty Felix Hernandez was his third home run to give the Tigers a lead this season.

Hernandez, who made his major league debut at Comerica Park in 2005, was not long for this one. He allowed four runs in two innings, marking the third-shortest start of his career. The Tigers were on him early.

Outdoors

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Hunting & Fishing Report

Sad Reflections From a Mud-Puddled False Spring Field

A great stench permeated the air, like a dead dog buried too shallow and warmed by a sinister summer sun. But the sun did not shine and summer seemed as if it would never come. Marrow scavenging balding birds of prey circled in transient blue skies while hard charging black clouds chased hope from the horizon.

A hollow soul-zipper wind whipped callously across soft butter flesh and turned tough-talking young guns into misfiring malcontents. Mommies dutifully deliver Gatorades and candy bars in a mindless procession as if electrolytes and nougat can cure mental incontinence.



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The bones and sinew of a local legend rest in torment on the hill while ghostly fever dreams penetrated what should be the safe waking hours. Metal spikes stomped his memory. Thick tears fell from a confused sky. The familiar darkness of night brought none of the desired respite.

A merciless onslaught from an unforgiving foe flowed downhill like torrential mudslides and greasy barnyard manure. Stagnant water coagulated in bubbling cesspools and saturated paper mache feet. A potato bug drowned upside down trying to ford third base.

The spirits of yesterday haunted the ghosts of tomorrow while dead eyed actors go through the motions. A curtain dropped. A hammer, too. The crowd groaned in nauseated throes of disbelief. Disappointment was masked as nonchalance.

Will the rain ever stop? Will the nightmare continue? Will the sun end it all in a blazing supernova of compassion? A wise-eyed barkeep advised that the beatings are likely to continue.

Lightning cracked steaming asphalt in the distance. Thunder rumbled twisted snake guts. A deep breath leaves burning lungs empty as another shoe drops soulless on the pudding pie turf. Turning away from the commotion a madman screams into the void of life, stopping only to listen for the evasive echo.

Silence resonated off of metallic benches. Orbs pulsated like supernova stars behind shuttered eyes. A baby whimpered. A dog barked and doves cried. Cherry blossoms flutter aimlessly in a busted snow globe and grandpa goes home alone to die.

CLAMMIN'

A six-day razor clam dig that began on Wednesday includes an increased bag limit for long frustrated clam gatherers at Long Beach. The openings include Twin Harbors, Mocrocks and Copalis as well, with the openings in Long Beach coinciding with the town's annual razor clam festival.

"We wanted to provide diggers with some additional opportunity at Long Beach since we know there are plenty of clams there for harvest," said Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife coastal shellfish manager Dan Ayres in a press release.

The temporary increased bag limit will allow clam hounds on the Long Beach Peninsula to harvest up to 25 clams per day. All other diggers will be held to the standard limit of 15 clams per day. As always diggers are required to keep each clam they dig until they reach their limit regardless of shell condition or size. In other words, no high grading is allowed and each digger must keep their clams in a personal container.

Aside from a short opportunity earlier this month Long Beach has been shuttered to razor clam digging since last spring due to

elevated levels of domoic acid. The most recent marine toxin tests along the Washington coast have shown that the waters are under the toxin threshold and the clams are safe to eat.

"The latest round of test results indicate we're in the clear for digging at all four beaches," Ayres said.

Last week the WDFW acted to suspend the first two days of this week's dig after increased amounts of marine algae known to cause domoic acid was observed along the coast. The toxin can cause illness or even death if consumed in sufficient quantities.

The upcoming dig is approved on the following beaches, dates and morning low tides:

- April 26, Wednesday, 7:09 a.m.; -1.1 feet; Twin Harbors, Long Beach
- April 27, Thursday, 7:55 a.m.; -1.5 feet; Twin Harbors, Mocrocks, Long Beach
- April 28, Friday, 8:42 a.m.; -1.8 feet; Twin Harbors, Copalis, Long Beach
- April 29, Saturday, 9:32 a.m.; -1.7 feet; Twin Harbors, Mocrocks, Long Beach
- April 30, Sunday, 10:24 a.m.; -1.3 feet; Twin Harbors, Copalis, Long Beach
- May 1, Monday, 11:20 a.m.; -0.8 feet; Long Beach

All clam diggers age 15 and older must have a valid 2017-18 fishing license and wildlife officials are asking all beachgoers to be aware of nesting snowy plovers and streaked horned larks. Those birds prefer to lay their eggs in the dry soft sand away from the water, particularly at Leadbetter Point on the Long Beach Peninsula and the southern section of Twin Harbors.

The Long Beach Razor Clam Festival is slated for Saturday and Sunday, April 29-30. A complete guide to the festival is available for review at <http://longbeachrazorclamfestival.com/>.

FISHIN'

South Lewis County Park Pond will be closed to the general public for three days in May in order to accommodate the annual Kids Fishing event hosted by the Toledo Lions Club.

The ponds will close to fishing at 12:01 a.m. on May 11 and reopen to the public at 2 p.m. on May 13 at the conclusion of the youth derby. Beginning at 8 a.m. on the morning of May 13 children 14 years of age and younger will be allowed to fish so long as they are registered participants in the derby, which is slated to close at 1 p.m.

South Lewis County Park Pond is located in Toledo in the footprint of an old rock quarry alongside the Cowlitz River. The closure has been scheduled in order to allow for several thousand rainbow trout to be stocked in the pond and begin the acclimation process on May 11. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Penny Lancaster by email at penny_lancaster@msn.com.

Lowland lake fishing season opened up last Saturday, April 22 and the WDFW says they have planted 16 million trout and kokanee in lakes across the state in preparation for the six month season. That total includes 2.3 million catchable size trout averaging about two and a half fish per pound, nearly 150,000 triploid trout weighing close to a pound each and some 13 million smaller trout have been growing in their new waters since last year.

Steve Thiesfeld, WDFW inland fish manager, noted that most of the triploid trout have been averaging about a pound each but added that there are several thousand lunkers mixed in tipping the scales at 3 pounds or more.

"These are all high-quality fish that are significantly larger than our regular catchable trout, and those three pounders are outstanding fish," said Thiesfeld in the release. "We expect these larger fish are going to make some kids very happy."

Last Thursday, about 175 pounds of those foot-long triploids were dropped in at Fort Borst Park Pond and another 100 pounds of the large trout were plopped into Plummer Lake just across I-5. Last Tuesday the trout truck was also at Fort Borst Park Pond using its high tech pump and hose system to dump 3,325 rainbow trout into the 5-acre pond. Those fish typically weigh just under a half pound each, or what the WDFW calls "catchable size."

"It's the end of the pond so there's going to be a lot of small ones," said Mario Troche, a hatchery specialist from the Mossyrock Trout Hatchery, as he made the deposit on April 18.

Troche noted that in addition to stocking the lowland lakes with rainbow trout he and other hatchery crew members have also been heading high up in the hills in order to plant brown trout in alpine lakes. He says that survival rates and environmental preferences dictate the destination of the different trout species.

Plenty of other Lewis County locations have been loaded with hatchery trout in recent weeks as well. Plummer Lake was scheduled to receive 3,600 catchable size rainbow trout on April 20. In Onalaska the Old Mill Pond, or Carlisle Lake, was planted with 9,601 catchable size rainbows on April 17 and Davis Lake in Morton received 1,125 catchable size rainbow trout that same day. On April 3, East County's little known, one-acre Siler Pond was planted with 450 catchable size rainbow trout. To the north Mineral Lake received two shipments of catchable size rainbow trout. The first shipment arrived on April 10 and consisted of 10,800 fish, while the second visit came one week later and brought twice as many fish. Mineral Lake also received a shipment of 3,000 catchable size brown trout on April 10. Long Lake, Knuppenburg Lake and Chambers Lake were all slated to receive 1,000 catchable size brown trout in advance of Saturday's lowland opener.

In Cowlitz County, Silver Lake was stocked with 7,200 catchable size rainbow trout on March 1 and Lake Sacajawea was also planted with 7,200 catchable size rainbows on April 3. An additional 2,500 trout were expected to be planted in Lake Sacajawea, Longview's crowning centerpiece on April 21. During a pair of plantings on April 3 and April 10, Kress Lake was planted with 5,850 catchable size rainbows and Horseshoe Lake received 9,440 catchable size rainbows on April 3. Also on April 3, Lake Sacajawea, Kress Lake and Horseshoe Lake were all planted with 2,000 catchable size brown trout.

Adding a little intrigue to the six-month fishery, the WDFW made sure to tag 1,000 of the recently stocked trout in order to facilitate a state-sponsored season long fishing derby. Anglers who catch a hatchery trout with one of those tags will be able to turn the tag in for a prize donated by sponsors from around the state. The total value of those prizes equals \$25,000. WDFW employees and their immediate families are not eligible to claim fishing derby prizes but are allowed to fish the stocked lakes on their free time.

Lewis County lakes with prize fish include Carlisle Lake, Fort Borst Park Pond, Mineral Lake and South Lewis County Park Pond. In Thurston County, Summit Lake, Clear Lake, Deep Lake, Long's Pond, Offut Lake, Pattison Lake, Summit Lake and Ward Lake all have prize eligible fish. Grays Harbor County bodies of water with derby prize fish include Duck Lake, Failor Lake, Lake Aberdeen, Sylvia Lake, Vance Creek Pond 1 (Bowers Lake), and Vance Creek Pond 2 (Inez Lake), and Cowlitz County Lakes with prize fish include Horseshoe Lake, Kress Lake, Lake Sacajawea and Silver Lake.

A complete list of lakes with prize fish and details on how to

claim prizes is available online at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/derby>. Anglers over the age of 14 are required to have a valid fishing license in order to angle for trout.

The Chehalis and Lower Columbia rivers are currently shuttered to salmon fishing but effort has remained more or less consistent on the Cowlitz River. Last week the WDFW sampled 29 bank anglers with a haul of three adult springers and two jacks along with two steelhead. Another 23 boat anglers kept two adult springers, four steelhead and released one steely. At the salmon hatchery Tacoma Power minions recovered 505 adult spring Chinook, 26 jacks, 371 winter steelhead, one jack, and two summer steelhead. Water temperature was recorded at 44.6 degrees on Monday with visibility of only five feet.

HUNTIN'

Hunters hoping to snag a special hunt permit for deer, elk, mountain goat, moose, bighorn sheep and, or wild turkeys next fall will have until May 24 to submit their applications. Corresponding permits, which allow hunters to hunt at times and locations outside of general seasons, will be awarded through a random drawing conducted in June.

In order to apply for a special permit for deer or elk hunters must first purchase a hunting license for those species and submit their application with their preferred hunting choices. Applications are available at licensed vendors, online at <https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/> or by phone at 1-877-945-3492.

Most special hunt permit applications will cost residents \$7.10 while out of states will have to cough up \$110.50. Permit applications for youths un-

der 16 years of age cost just \$3.80. However, residents purchasing an application for mountain goats, bighorn sheep, moose and "quality" categories for deer and elk will be charged \$13.70. Additional information is available at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/permits/faq.html>.

In a press release Anis Auoude, WDFW game division manager, reminded hunters to update their phone number, email, and mailing address when purchasing special hunting permit applications and licenses. Each year, hundreds of special hunting permits are returned due to invalid addresses.

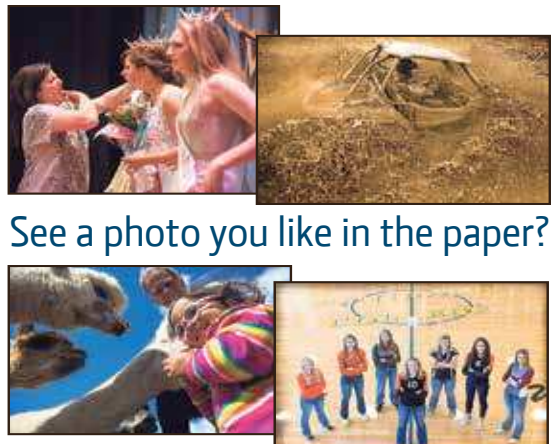
Results from the special permit drawing will be available online by the end of June and winners will be notified by mail or email by mid-July.

Away from the bouncing lottery balls and out in the field, the general spring turkey hunting season is in full strut and will run through the end of May. The limit for the season is three birds per hunter. Only two turkeys may be taken in eastern Washington, with the exception of Chelan, Kittitas and Yakima counties where only one bird may be harvested. Hunters are allowed only one turkey per year from western Washington, with the exception of Klickitat County where two birds may be harvested per year. Only male turkeys are those with visible birds may be taken.

Long running cougar hunts are also still open in many areas but locations are subject to closure based on updated harvest numbers. All cougar areas are scheduled to be closed at the end of the day on Sunday, April 30 but hunters should check with the WDFW for up to date information.

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Valerie Madas, of Seattle, left, and Morgan Kemp, visiting from Illinois, relax after setting up camp at Ancient Lakes. Soak up the Grant County sunshine in coulee country. It's a great destination for a day hike, or you can camp for the night.

A Hike and a Happy Hour: Trek to Ancient Lakes, Trot to Iron Horse Brewery

GETTING OUT: *A Day Hike to the Columbia Basin is a Perfect Escape From Western Washington's Fickle Spring Weather*

By Caitlin Moran
The Seattle Times

THE HIKE: Ancient Lakes, Columbia Basin Wildlife Area

Venture through a desert landscape unlike anything found west of the Cascades on this flat and easy trek. You'll hike across a desert plain ringed with towering basalt cliffs formed by ancient lava flows and ice-age flooding. After two short miles, arrive at the head of a coulee dotted with three lakes and a small waterfall.

There are multiple ways to access this area; the description below begins in the Northwest corner of the coulee and is accessible to hikers of all ages and abilities. The wide path is also used by equestrians and mountain bikers — be aware of your surroundings and share the trail when needed.

FACILITIES: There's a portable toilet plus parking for about 25 vehicles at the trailhead. Be sure to bring plenty of water, as some of the lakes are fed by agricultural irrigation and may not be safe to drink, even after filtering.

THE ROUTE: We're not in Western Washington anymore, Toto. The stark contrast between hiking in the mountains and the desert becomes apparent before you reach the trailhead for Ancient Lakes, as you drive alongside orchards and vineyards in rural Grant County.

Part of the Potholes Coulee area, the current landscape near Ancient Lakes was formed some 12,000 to 15,000 years ago by catastrophic flooding that stripped out billions of tons of basalt, leaving jagged cliffs and



MARK NOWLIN / THE SEATTLE TIMES

towers in its place. It might not be the American Alps, but the geological features in this part of Washington are sure to impress

even the most ardent mountain enthusiast.

Set out from the parking area along a wide trail that cuts

through sweet-smelling sagebrush. From the beginning, you'll be treated to wide-open views that get more dramatic the farther you roam. About a half-mile in, look to your left to see the first small waterfall glistening down over a cliff high above.

Another sign you're far from home? The sun. There's almost no shade on this hike, and I found myself repeatedly applying sunscreen on a partly sunny afternoon that was cool and cloudy on the other side of the pass. Bring a hat if you're sensitive to prolonged sunlight exposure (aren't we all these days?).

The path splits and merges back together at a few points — it seemed like all the variations led to the same place, but I generally stayed left on what appeared to be the most-traveled path.

After about two miles, you'll arrive at the first lake. Continue on any of the numerous side-trails to explore the other lakes and hillsides. The farthest lake, nestled under a picturesque waterfall, serves as a scenic spot to rest and refuel.

Fit and experienced hikers can access the waterfall via a narrow trail and boulder field along the northern shore of the lake. A short, steep bootpath connects the upper and lower sections of the falls. Don't attempt this side trip unless you're wearing sturdy footwear and are comfortable with loose dirt and rocks on the way back down.

RESTRICTIONS: A Discover Pass is required at the trailhead (purchase in advance online or at a nearby vendor). Camping is allowed at the lakes; practice Leave No Trace ethics and camp only in established sites.

DIRECTIONS: From Seattle, travel east on Interstate 90 for 149 miles. Cross the Columbia River and exit onto Highway 281 at the town of George. Head north to White Trail Road, then

turn left and follow the rural road as it heads west and then north through agricultural fields and orchards. Turn left at Road 9 Northwest, and then left again at Ancient Lake Road Northwest, following it until the road turns to gravel and eventually ends at the trailhead. Travel time is about 2½ hours with light traffic.

A STOP ON THE WAY HOME

THE PUB AT IRON HORSE BREWERY: 412 N. Main St., Ellensburg; ironhorsebrewery.com/the pub

WHAT: A pub located in the heart of historic Ellensburg, off Interstate 90 at Exit 109.

WHY: It's pretty rare to find a full-service restaurant within a small-town brewery, but after some recent upgrades, Iron Horse is now equipped to satisfy post-hiking hunger and thirst.

Nosh on sweet-and-savory appetizers such as roasted acorn squash wedges drizzled with coconut oil, cloves and molasses (\$5) or "A Date With Kevin Bacon," bacon-wrapped dates stuffed with almonds and blue cheese (\$9). Entrees include standard pub fare such as bratwurst sourced from nearby Cle Elum (\$8), along with several non-traditional options such as Korean shortribs with kimchee (\$16) and the vegetarian-friendly Oaxaca quinoa (\$9).

Just here for the beer? Choose from widely-distributed Iron Horse favorites including the extra-potent Irish Death dark ale and seasonal brews like the Hop Lube Pale Ale, dry-hopped with El Dorado hop oil.

On a sunny day, grab a pint of the refreshing High Five Hefe, a wheat beer with ginger and honey, and head out to the patio for a game of cornhole.

WHEN: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, 4 to 9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 2 to 10 p.m. Thursday and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. No kids, dogs or outside food allowed

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Reign Wins Mason County Mayhem Tourney



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The Sandberg Reign 14U baseball team won the Mason County Mayhem Spring Kickoff tournament last weekend in Shelton, going 4-0 and giving up six runs during the tournament. Pictured in the back row, from left to right, are coach Kyle Miller, Levi Gates, Austin Johnson, Aiden Herrick, Joey Unger and Cameron Erickson. In the middle row, from left, are Nolan Eyles, Carter Olson, Eli Brown, Aaron Lano, Jesse Perez, K.J. Miller and coach Shannon Bean. In the front row are Crystian Bean and Cooper Wall.

NFL



BEN MARGOT / The Associated Press

In this Oct. 22, 2015, file photo, Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch (24) runs against the San Francisco 49ers during the first half of an NFL football game in Santa Clara, Calif. A person familiar with the deal tells The Associated Press that the Oakland Raiders have agreed to a two-year contract to bring running back Marshawn Lynch out of retirement. The person says the sides have agreed on the terms pending a physical for Lynch on Wednesday, April 26, 2017. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the contract has not been finalized.

Raiders, Marshawn Lynch Agree to Contract and Finalize Trade With Seahawks

By Jimmy Durkin
East Bay Times

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Beast Mode is back.

The Raiders and Marshawn Lynch announced Wednesday afternoon that they've agreed to a deal and finalized a trade with the Seattle Seahawks that will allow the Oakland native to come out of retirement and play for his hometown team.

In a message posted on Twitter, Lynch said he was "thankful" and had "hella fun" during his time in Seattle, but he's "really really really from Oakland" and considerably fired up to join the Silver and Black.

Lynch and the Raiders agreed to a two-year deal that will reportedly pay him a base salary of \$3 million and could earn him as much as \$8.5 million. There is a \$2 million bonus if he tops 1,000 rushing yards. NFL Media was the first to report the news that Lynch and the team later confirmed.

Lynch returned from a trip to Haiti on Wednesday and was at the Raiders facility in Alameda — sprinting into the building — for a physical, which he passed in order for the move to become official. In a video posted by the team, he seems downright giddy as he's handed his Raiders helmet, which he wore as he exited the building.

Lynch's return to his hometown should at the very least create some buzz with East Bay fans still stewing over the team's planned 2020 move to Las Vegas. The Raiders will play at least the 2017 season in Oakland and hold a lease option to remain at the

Coliseum in 2018. He reportedly will hold an autograph signing and block party on Thursday, although details have not been announced.

The Seahawks and Raiders agreed to swap late-round draft choices in the 2018 draft. The Raiders will send their fifth round pick in exchange for Seattle's sixth rounder.

The Raiders have been in talks with Lynch for more than a month as the former Oakland Tech High star contemplated returning to the NFL after sitting out the 2016 season. He visited the facility on April 5 to meet with coach Jack Del Rio, general manager Reggie McKenzie, quarterback Derek Carr and other members of the organization. "Every indication I got was that he was excited to play for the Oakland Raiders," Del Rio said last week.

McKenzie and the Raiders had made the start of Thursday's NFL draft their soft deadline for getting a deal done. Without Lynch on board, they would've needed to target a power back to replace the departed Lataavius Murray and go along with 5-foot-8 speedsters DeAndre Washington and Jalen Richard. The 5-foot-11, 215-pound Lynch now assumes that role.

Carr was among the first to welcome Lynch aboard via Twitter and said last week that he was excited about the possibility of adding the five-time Pro Bowl selection.

"He's one heck of a football player and I hope to play with him," Carr said. "Anyone would want Marshawn Lynch. Any quarterback in the NFL."

Lynch is expected to wear his familiar No. 24 that was last donned by Raiders great Charles Woodson. Lynch's mom, Delisa Lynch, was on the 95.7 The Game Wednesday afternoon and said Woodson gave permission, through her, for him to wear No. 24 should he come out of retirement.

After starring at both Oakland Tech and Cal, Lynch was the No. 12 overall pick by the Buffalo Bills in 2007. After back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons to start his career, Lynch was suspended for the first three games in 2009 for violating the league's personal conduct policy related to a weapons charge. By late in the season, Fred Jackson had taken over the starting job and Lynch was traded to the Seahawks early in the 2010 season.

That further launched his career. Starting with his first full year in Seattle in 2011, Lynch rattled off four straight years with at least 1,200 yards and 11 touchdowns and was part of the team's Super Bowl XLVIII victory.

Since joining the NFL, Lynch's 74 rushing touchdowns are the second-most in the league, behind Adrian Peterson. In nine NFL seasons, Beast Mode has accounted for 9,112 yards rushing and, per Pro Football Focus, his 245 broken tackles since 2013 lead the NFL — and that's with him not playing at all in 2016 and just seven games in 2015. Tennessee's DeMarco Murray is next on that list with 179.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. is Retiring, and We Should Be Thankful

By Scott Fowler

The Charlotte Observer

Dale Earnhardt Jr. announced Tuesday that he would retire from racing at the end of the 2017 NASCAR season. Like a lot of race fans, I will be sorry to see him leave, but I am glad that he is opening that door on his own terms.

Earnhardt Jr. has long been one of my favorite athletes to cover. He has a self-deprecating sense of humor, he never lords it over other people because of who his father was and he's as honest and compelling of an interview subject as you will ever find.

Here are four things I am very thankful for as Earnhardt prepares to leave the NASCAR stage for good (although he's got a lot of rocking-chair gifts in his future, since NASCAR's season stretches until November):

• **He's leaving because he wants to, not because he has to.**

The concussion issues that made Earnhardt miss the second half of the 2016 season could have forced him from the sport permanently. But he wanted to race one more season.

As Dale Jr. said in Charlotte before this season began: "All I've ever said is that I wanted to be able to make that decision myself. I don't know when I'm going to stop racing, but I want to be able to make that choice and not have it made for me." He's doing that now.

• **He's funny.**

How often do you find an athlete of Earnhardt's caliber who consistently makes you laugh out loud? Here's Earnhardt's Twitter biography: "Retired dealership service mechanic. Former backup fullback for the Mooresville Blue Devils varsity soccer team. Aspiring competition BBQ Pitmaster. Beer!"

Long ago, in one of the occasional one-on-one interviews I have had with Earnhardt over the years, we were talking about TV shows. He started waxing very poetically about the then-new American version of "The Office" and basically would not let me leave the interview until I promised to start watching it. With that promise, he gave me dozens of hours of comedic bliss.

• **He has preserved — and updated — his father's legacy.**

It is both a burden and a blessing to have the name "Dale Earnhardt Jr." and be the namesake of perhaps the greatest stock-car driver who has ever lived. Dale Jr. has long known he will never be the driver his father was. While Junior has won more than two dozen races at NASCAR's highest level, his father won seven overall championships at that same Cup level. Dale Jr. has never won a single overall title and won't this year, either — although I believe his career is ultimately worthy of a spot in the sport's hall of fame.

But Earnhardt Jr. has always talked openly about his dad, the great moments they shared together and what he went through when Dale Sr. died in a last-lap crash at the 2001 Daytona 500. In the meantime, Earnhardt Jr. has always appealed to a younger,

hipper crowd while staying true to his Kannapolis roots.

There has been that off-and-on feud with his stepmother, Teresa.

Earnhardt Jr. told me in 2006 — back when Teresa Earnhardt still owned the car he drove — that sometimes he wished he didn't share his father's name because of all the drama involved in trying to gain rights to it.

"If I didn't have the same name — and I kind of wish I didn't sometimes — I wouldn't have to be worrying about it," he said then.

In 2016, in another one of our interviews, Dale Jr. publicly took sides with his half-brother Kerry in Kerry's ongoing legal dispute against Teresa Earnhardt about the usage of the Earnhardt surname for business purposes.

Like his father, Earnhardt says what he feels at the time and spends his money on what he wants (for Dale Jr., it has been the vintage Western town he has had built on his own property). Unlike his father, he has the sort of crossover appeal to appear in countless rock and country music videos and on every late-night TV show you can name. He also doesn't care about what people decide is cool — he told me once he liked Barry Manilow's music very much and didn't care what other people thought of that.

• **He's kind.**

For all of Dale Jr.'s fame, he is often at his best in quieter moments. An introvert by nature, he can work a crowd whenever he needs to but is much more at home in smaller, more intimate settings.

Any high-profile athlete can do something nice for a terminally ill child once, all the while making sure through his PR folks that the TV cameras are there to document what a nice guy he is.

But Earnhardt? He is one of only a handful of athletes who has facilitated more than 200 wishes through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. I mean, 200?! Think how many days in his life that has involved. Dale Sr. did similar sorts of things for children, mostly under the radar as well.

If Dale Sr. were alive today, he would be very proud of Dale Jr. And I imagine he would bark something at him like: "You're dang right it's time to retire, son! You just got married on New Year's Eve! You're 42 years old. You're wanting to have a family. What the ---- are you waiting for?"

Now I just hope Dale Jr. has an injury-free, happiness-filled final season. I also will go on the record and predict here that he's going to win at least one more Cup race before it's all over. The racing gods — or the officials at NASCAR (wink, wink) — will make sure of it.

And then, with his wife, Amy, and his favorite cold beverage by his side, Dale Jr. can take a drive into the sunset going whatever speed he likes, heading toward a lifetime of fatherhood and barbecue and whatever else he wants.

He deserves that, and much more.

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Gary Whiteside, founder and president of Common Ground Toledo, is seen in the reflection of a window while flowers in one of the downtown's floral boxes soaks up some April showers on Monday afternoon.

Common Ground Toledo Helps City Bloom

Nonprofit Group Works with Vision Toledo on Beautifying Downtown, Attracting Visitors

By Natalie Johnson
 njohnson@chronline.com

It's been a year since the formation of Common Ground Toledo and the city's downtown core is already looking greener.

"We're not just about plants. We're about downtown development," said founder Gary Whiteside.

In the past year, the group has tended to several green spaces in Toledo, including a planted area near the Oregon Trail Marker and more than 30 planter boxes next to downtown businesses as part of a larger effort to beautify and improve Toledo.

"The towns I want to stop in are the towns that have trees ... nice parks ... I think part of all that is a layer of plants," Whiteside said. "To me, that tells us

the town is interested in itself and caring for itself."

Common Ground Toledo formed in April 2016 as a part of VISION:Toledo's nonprofit. Founder Gary Whiteside said he plans to have a separate 501(c)(3) tax status for Common Ground Toledo this year.

Whiteside and his wife, Kathy, moved to Toledo from Kalama in January 2016 and decided they wanted to become involved in the community.

They went to a VISION:Toledo meeting where members were brainstorming projects for the city. When they first came to the town, the Whitesides were surprised by the somewhat neglected state of planters and green areas in the town.

"It affected us when we drove into town," he said. "I figured if those planters were full and beautiful, it would affect other people as well."

He learned the 33 concrete planters scattered throughout downtown were once donated to

the city, but hadn't been maintained by any particular group for some time.

"I put my foot in my mouth," he said. "I said, 'Who is taking care of the planters, they look horrible' ... That's how it got started."

Since then, Common Ground Toledo, led by the Whitesides and a handful of other green-thumbed volunteers, have tackled projects including a garden at the Toledo Post Office's flagpole, the Oregon Trail Marker and planter boxes throughout town.

The planter areas have shared a common river theme, to honor the community's history.

"We're trying to connect with the individuality of the community," Whiteside said.

Many of the group's plants come from donations. It recently received a donation of 300 plants and tulip bulbs from the DeGode Bulb Farm and has received a steady stream of donations from

please see **TOLEDO**, page Life 8

Community Calendar

Thursday, April 27

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

Know Your Soils, 1 p.m., Community Center, Mossyrock, sponsored by WSU Lewis County Master Recycler Composters, preregistration required, 360-740-1216

Public Agencies

Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging, Council of Governments, 2 p.m., 2404 Heritage Court SW, Suite A, Olympia, 360-664-3162, ext. 112, 1-888-545-0910, ext. 112, or email Rebecca.Holmes@dshs.wa.gov

Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments, noon, Cowlitz County Administration Building general meeting room, 207 Fourth Ave. N. Kelso, 360-577-3041, ext. 2579

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

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

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

Lewis County Republican Club, lunch served at noon, Woodland Village, Chehalis, 360-740-9868

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

Zonta Club of Centralia-Chehalis, 6 p.m., Elks Lodge, 1732 S. Gold St., Centralia, 360-330-0564

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

Us Too Southwest Washington Prostate Cancer Support Group, 7-8 p.m., Mother Joseph Room, Providence Centralia Hospital, 360-388-6271

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

Friday, April 28

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

Music, 10:30-11:45 a.m., Twin Cities Senior Center, 360-748-0061

Harvey Nelson and Swing Stuff Band, country/western, 7-9:30 p.m., Twin Cities Senior Center, \$6, 360-350-2423

"The Boss Baby," 7 p.m., Roxy Theater, Morton, rated PG, adults \$9, students and seniors \$8, www.mortonroxy.org.

Arbor Day celebration, 1-2 p.m., between Walton Science Center and clock tower, Centralia College, cookies provided by Science Club, 360-623-8417

Pre-Cinco De Mayo ballroom dance party, 8-10:30 p.m., Aerle Ballroom, 219 S. Tower Ave., Centralia, \$7 per person, free cha cha lesson at 7 p.m., 360-880-5492

Libraries

Family Storytime, for children, 10:30 a.m., Winlock

Drop-in Computer and eBook Help, for teens adults, 3 p.m., Tenino

Organizations

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

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

Support Groups

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

Celebrate Recovery, dinner 6 p.m., large group 7 p.m., small groups 8 p.m., Grace Foursquare Church, 3030 Borst Ave., Centralia, 360-736-0778, www.gracefoursquarechurch.com

Saturday, April 29

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

Pacific Northwest Baby Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Southwest Washington Fairgrounds, 360-269-5563

Rumor 6, 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m., Craft-house, Lucky Eagle Casino, Rochester, 800-720-1788

Pancake breakfast, 7:30-10 a.m., Ole-

HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE PUBLIC TO?

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qua Senior Center, Winlock, \$6 per person, 360-785-4325

MMA, WFC 70, 8 p.m., Lucky Eagle Casino, Rochester, tickets start at \$45, must be 21, 800-720-1788

Pacific Northwest Baby Fair, 10 a.m., Southwest Washington Fairgrounds, free admission, guest speakers, raffle prizes, swag bags, gift bags

"The Boss Baby," 3 and 7 p.m., Roxy Theater, Morton, rated PG, matinee \$6, evening show adults \$9, students and seniors \$8, www.mortonroxy.org

Pancake breakfast or biscuits and gravy fundraiser, 7:30-10 a.m., Olequa Senior Center, 119 SW Kerron St., Winlock, \$6

Libraries

April is National Poetry Month!, for all ages, all day, Winlock

Big Book and Plant Sale!, for all ages, 9 a.m., Salkum

International Tabletop Day, for teens and adults, board games, 11 a.m., Centralia

Adult Art Series: Origami and Paper Flowers, for teens and adults, noon, Randle

Sunday, April 30

Bingo, doors open 5 p.m., bingo starts 6:30 p.m., Forest Grange, 3397 Jackson Highway, Chehalis

Community meal, 1-3 p.m., Rotary Riverside Park, Centralia, free, sponsored by Jesus Name Pentecostal Church, Chehalis, 360-623-9438

Dancing, Swing Stuff, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Swede Hall, Rochester, 360-352-2135

Singspiration, 6 p.m., Calvary Assembly of God, 302 E. Main St., Centralia, free, theme is "Easter, the Cross and Eternity," country Gospel, southern Gospel, vocal, instrumental, luncheon following, 360-508-4700

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, May 1

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

"The Boss Baby," 3 and 7 p.m., Roxy Theater, Morton, rated PG, adults \$8, students and seniors \$7, www.mortonroxy.org

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, May 2

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 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

Public Agencies

Napavine Planning Commission, 6 p.m., 407 Birch Ave. SW, Napavine, 360-

Editor's Best Bet

'Mrs. Doubtfire' Coming to Fox Theatre Screen

The Centralia Fox Theatre will be showing "Mrs. Doubtfire" at 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 29.

Troubled that he has little access to his children, divorced Daniel Hillard (Robin Williams) hatches an elaborate plan. With help from his creative brother Frank (Harvey Fierstein), he dresses as an older British woman and convinces his ex-wife, Miranda (Sally Field), to hire him as a nanny.

Mrs. Doubtfire wins over the children and helps Daniel become a better parent — but when both Daniel and his nanny persona must meet different parties at the same restaurant, his secrets cause trouble. The film is rated PG-13.

Admission for the movie is \$10 per person (\$8 for members) and \$25 per family (three to four persons).

Presale tickets are available locally at Book 'n' Brush in Chehalis, Holley's Place in Centralia and online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2907398.

For more information, contact the Fox Theatre at 360-623-1103. All proceeds from the event benefit the restoration of the Historic Fox Theatre.

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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

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., Vernetta 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 work book, 360-264-4482, (360) 785-3635, or

www.griefshare.org

Pre-diabetes/Diabetes Support Group, 10 a.m., Morton General Hospital, provided by Diane Hurley, 360-496-3591

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

Wednesday, May 3

Bunco Night to Benefit Pearl Street Pool

S.T.O.P. and Swim is hosting a Bunco Night Wednesday to raise funds in support of Centralia's Pearl Street Pool.

The event will be at 5:30 p.m. at the Chehalis Moose Lodge, 1400 Grand Ave., Centralia.

There will be prizes, hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar.

Admission is \$20. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or at Slusher's Rare Coins and The Jewelry Boutique in Centralia.

For more information, call Darlene Stewart, 425-501-1094.

Lyceum to Present 'I Am Ocean'

"I Am Ocean, the Difference You Make" will be the Lyceum presentation at Centralia College Wednesday.

"I Am Ocean" creates an interactive bridge across oceans and cultures through video snapshots of the people whose lives are deeply impacted by each ebb and flow.

The Ocean Media Institute integrates students' video footage into "video postcards" that serve as a direct call to action for stauncher protections of our seas.

This presentation is by Elise DuFour, who has more than 30 years working in ocean conservation and education.

The Lyceum, which is free, is at 1 p.m. at Washington Hall 103. It may also be taken as a one-credit humanities course.

For more information, call 360-623-8120.

Bingo, doors open 5 p.m., bingo starts 6:30 p.m., Forest Grange, 3397 Jackson Highway, Chehalis

Taco Night, 6-8 p.m., Centralia Eagles, hard-shell tacos, two for \$1, other menu items, 360-736-1146

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., United Methodist Church, Randle, sponsored by WSU Lewis County Master Recycler Composters, preregistration required, 360-740-1216

Public Agencies

Centralia Civil Service Commission, 5:15-6 p.m., City Hall, 118 W. Maple St., Centralia, 360-330-7671

Lewis County Citizens Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials, 5:45 p.m., County Meeting Room, 156 NW Chehalis Ave., Chehalis, 360-740-2747

Lewis County Veterans Advisory Board, 10 a.m., Lewis County Public Health & Social Services, 360 NW North St., Chehalis, 360-736-3327

Libraries

Book Babies, for children birth-2 years, 10 a.m., Chehalis

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

Teen Night, for teens, 5 p.m., Randle

Organizations

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

Seniors on the Go, potluck and meeting, noon, Onalaska First Church of God Fellowship Hall.

Tenino/Bucoda Community Coalition, 6-7:30 p.m., Tenino Elementary School, 360-493-2230, ext. 13

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

Napavine-Newaukum Lions Club, noon, Taste of Alaska Family Restaurant, Napavine, 360-748-4240

Experimental Aircraft Association, 7 p.m., Hangar D, Chehalis-Centralia Airport, 360-748-1230

Support Groups

Domestic violence support group, 5:30-7 p.m., 125 NW Chehalis Ave., Chehalis, sponsored by Human Response Network, 360-748-6601

Emotions Anonymous, 12 Step Club, 8 p.m., Yard Birds, 360-304-9334

Positive Lifestyles, prevention and management of chronic conditions and lifestyle diseases, 10 a.m., Morton General Hospital conference room, 360-496-3591

Mind, Body, Spirit: Self-Care Group, 2:30 p.m., Mossyrock Outreach Center, provided by Diane Hurley, 360-496-3591

"Up From Grief," for those grieving the loss of a loved one, 1-3 p.m., Assured Hospice, 2120 N. Park St., Centralia, 360-807-7776

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'Baywatch's' Dwayne Johnson Just Wants to Entertain You

By Lindsey Bahr

The Associated Press Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In 2000, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson was trying to break into Hollywood. He was off to an OK start. The pro wrestler already had a following, a role in "The Mummy Returns" and high-wattage charm. He also had no acting experience, no idea how Hollywood worked, and, besides a few idols in Harrison Ford, Clint Eastwood and Arnold Schwarzenegger, no blueprint for success.

"I couldn't say, 'Oh, let me just follow the half-black and half-Samoan actor who was also a wrestler. Let me follow his path.' That wasn't an option, that wasn't there. So I was forced to create my own," Johnson said recently. "I have an ideology that I always like to share with the inner group, and with some people on the outside, and I'll share it with you: I don't just want to play the game. I want to change the way the game is played."

And he did, becoming one of the world's biggest movie stars in the process, with a booming production company, a year-round filming schedule, 84.4 million followers on Instagram, 11.2 million on Twitter and a reported \$64.5 million salary in 2016 that put him at the top of Forbes' highest-paid actors list.

"Alone among his generation, Dwayne Johnson has aimed for middle of the road, broad, appealing, leading man status," said Richard Rushfield, who runs the Hollywood newsletter The Ankler. "While his peers have carved out more edgy, cool, of-the-moment profiles, Johnson has assiduously whittled down the rough edges of his ear-



Frank Masi / Paramount Pictures via AP

This image released by Paramount Pictures shows Dwayne Johnson, left, and Zac Efron in a scene from, "Baywatch" in theaters May 25.

ly 'The Rock' wrestling persona."

Simply, the 44-year-old superstar is an entertainment machine and, like Schwarzenegger before him, summer is his main stage. There's his pre-summer "Fast and the Furious" movies, which Johnson is credited as helping to revitalize. The latest is expected to cross \$1 billion globally this week. But Johnson has also proven himself to be a summer draw on his own in leading roles in the disaster pic "San Andreas" in 2015 and the buddy comedy "Central Intelligence" in 2016. This summer, he's betting on "Baywatch," out May 25, as a potential new franchise.

"I love being able to create big movies or TV shows that entertain people, that make them

happy. I know what it's like to earn a dollar. I know what it's like to live paycheck to paycheck and wonder how you're going to pay the rent. I know what it's like to be evicted. Money doesn't fall out of the sky. So if you're going to pay for your ticket, that inspires me to want to make a great movie," said Johnson, who remembers being evicted at age 14. "I always say to everyone, 'Hey, around the corner we're getting evicted. Get to work! I drive everyone crazy with that.'"

Johnson, who heads up the production company Seven Bucks with his ex-wife Dany Garcia, may be the purest expression of a global entertainer there is, aside from Tom Cruise or Will Smith. He thinks big. He

thinks globally. The audience is king. And he's going to put in the work to make sure they're smiling.

It's that thinking that led him to the "Baywatch" movie. Johnson was a teenager when the show was at the height of its popularity. He appreciated the "sexiness" of it, but also considered it kind of cheesy. Then, about five years ago, he was told it was the most successful television show of all time — an unparalleled global hit. And that settled it. Johnson would have to don the red trunks.

The film is not the television show, nor is it trying to be. There are still red suits, and the babes and the bodies and some of the same names (Johnson is Mitch

Buchannon, the role originated by David Hasselhoff), but he says their movie is funnier, raunchier, more action-packed and, well, more self-aware. The cast includes Zac Efron, Alexandra Daddario and Priyanka Chopra.

"I always say, I have one boss. Not the movie studios ... The audience. The people. They'll dictate if there's another one," Johnson said. "I think we have a good shot."

His philosophy for what works is pretty simple, too. Balance great action with genuine humor and you will usually send the audience home not just happy, but "floating."

"You know that cool feeling that you feel when you walk out of the theater thinking, 'That was the greatest movie!' And you're kind of floating and talking about it in the car? I like that kind of thing," he said.

And he'll do whatever it takes to achieve that, even if it means 4 a.m. wake up calls, promoting projects with the vigor of P.T. Barnum and working a 12-month shooting schedule two years in a row all while maintaining a personal life with his partner, Lauren Hashian, and 1-year-old daughter, Jasmine. He's already filming the arcade game pic "Rampage" and will go straight on to "Skyscraper," a hostage thriller from his "Central Intelligence" director. Suddenly, it'll be December and time to promote his big Christmas release "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle."

"What is this 'break' thing you speak of," Johnson said with a chuckle. "But it's a good time for me. There's a lot of good things going around."

Grateful Dead Fans Aren't the Only Ones Who'll Appreciate Documentary

By Robin Abcarian

Los Angeles Times

I can't imagine that anyone will walk away from "Long Strange Trip," Amir Bar-Lev's remarkable four-hour documentary about the Grateful Dead, without a newfound appreciation for the band's music and its place in American popular culture.

So much about the group, founded in 1965 with a heyday that lasted until Jerry Garcia's 1995 death, is a paradox.

The Dead hated the recording studio, but are the most recorded band in the world. (By fans, who obsessively circulated tapes.)

They had relatively few hits ("Touch of Grey," "Truckin'"), but have sold 35 million albums and played more than 2,350 live shows.

They had a leader, Garcia, but he refused to lead. "I was aware of the power," he says in the film. "If I thought about controlling it, it would be perilously close to fascism."

The band, as lyricist John Perry Barlow put it, was "a religion without beliefs."

"Every place we play is church," says bassist Phil Lesh. "Every concert is a spiritual experience."

Deadheads — whose legions never seemed to shrink — followed the band obsessively. Eventually, many were content just to soak up the vibes outside performance venues and not even go inside, ticking off local authorities who were overwhelmed by the crowds.

Band members such as Lesh wrote open letters begging people without tickets to stay away, but Garcia would have no part in telling people what to do.

"He was such an anti-authoritarian," says roadie Steve Parish. "He wouldn't do it."

It's hard to put a finger on what makes the Grateful Dead so special, and so uniquely Californian.

"What is the meta-myth of California? It is that you can bring all these influences together and launch yourself into a completely new space," said Steve Silberman, 59, a Deadhead who is featured extensively in "Long Strange Trip." "You can go out to California and nobody cares about you anymore and you can invent something new in your garage, whether it's a MacIntosh, or 'Howl' or the Grateful Dead."



NorthFoto / Zuma Press

The Grateful Dead is shown in concert on Aug. 3, 1994, in East Rutherford, N.J. From left are Phil Lesh, Bob Weir, Jerry Garcia and Micky Hart.

Unbound by musical rules, and virtuosic in their talent, the Dead, who formed in Palo Alto before becoming synonymous with San Francisco, created a new genre out of bluegrass, folk, rock, jazz and blues.

They never played a song exactly the same way twice, and their free-form concerts — fueled first by pot, then LSD mixed by their innovative sound engineer, Owsley Stanley — became (and still are) the stuff of legends.

"The Dead not only invented the whole jam band trip, but did it better than anyone else and took more risks than anyone else," said Silberman, who saw his first Dead show in 1973 in New York when he was 14.

"I got to the festival site a day early," he told me, "and they came out and played the

'Watkins Glen sound check,' 20 minutes of the most beautiful, improvised set that they ever played in their career. They just made up a bunch of gorgeous melodic themes. People say 'Well, they were influenced by Miles Davis,' but they went places that Miles never went."

Thirty-four years ago, to be close to the band, Silberman moved to San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury. He never left. In 1994, he co-wrote "Skeleton Key: A Dictionary for Deadheads." Five years later, he co-produced the box set, "So Many Roads" featuring mostly live recordings over the band's 30-year career.

These days, Silberman is a science journalist and author of the bestselling book about autism, "Neurotribes," whose concept was partly inspired by

the tribal vibe he experienced at 300 or so Grateful Dead shows, many while tripping on acid. There's a photo of him in the film, at a show, wearing a T-shirt that says, "Your hallucinations are my costume."

"I think there are a lot of Deadheads who would have been diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome later," Silberman said. "I am talking about Owsley himself — famously irascible, talented, precise, whether making LSD or the template for the modern sound amplification system. I think he was on the spectrum and I think some

of the most obsessive Grateful Dead tape collectors were too."

One of guitarist Bob Weir's slogans for the band, he noted, was "Misfit Power."

"Long Strange Trip" will have a theatrical release May 26, then will be available on Amazon Prime Video on June 2.

At one point in the film, a reporter asks, "Has success spoiled the Grateful Dead?"

"Yeah," Garcia replies.

"The huge crowd of people following them around, that's what destroyed them and made it impossible for Garcia to have a life," said Silberman. "You know, he couldn't go to the store. To me, that was a tragedy. It looked very lonely."

"Jerry was a messiah figure," says Weir, whose transformation from 16-year-old heart-throb to today's hirsute, haunted-looking man is jarring.

"I'll put up with it till they come for me with the cross and nails," Garcia once joked.

He died of a heart attack a week after his 53rd birthday, while secretly undergoing rehab in Marin County.

In February 1966, Garcia has an epiphany at the Watts Towers after performing at one of Ken Kesey's famous "Acid Test" parties where LSD was served like liquor. He realizes he has no desire to build something permanent. Instead, he wants to create something "flowing and dynamic," and "not so solid you can't tear it down."

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 - Thoughtful murmur
 - Isinglass
 - Sigh of relief
 - Pouch
 - Author's need
 - Holly, in botany
 - Tear

- DOWN**
- Alley yowler
 - Status
 - Rough file
 - "Green" prefix
 - Like Russian dolls
 - Lynx
 - Orbit extreme
 - Sulks
 - Major no-no's
 - Waiter's offering
 - Dough raiser
 - -relief
 - Colony member
 - Double helix
 - Duplicity
 - Weather phenomenon
 - Edible root
 - Ottoman title
 - Raton
 - Auction shout

- Worker's no.
- Crumbly soil
- Monsieur's nose
- Sets aside for
- Japanese dish

- Lucy's pal
- Gangplank
- Mandible
- Contented sighs
- Shrivels, as flowers
- Reporter's coup
- 1,101, to Brutus
- 24-hr. cashier
- "Citizen Kane" estate
- Gas pump option
- Hacienda material
- Diminish
- Creed "bulb"
- Reed instrument
- Make lace
- Cheat
- — step further
- Selene's sister
- Contractor's fig.

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Celebrity Cipher

Today's clue: L equals V

"AYS NFB UCFK F USBXKCX BHNC PYKXI FDYSR
 AYSKICMO, FBX AYS'MM YBMA KCZCZDCK RUC
 YBC DFX YBC." — FMHNHF LHEFBXCK

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings." — Eric Hoffer

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WASHINGTON STATE HISTORY

Deputy Sheriffs Again Find Liquor at Stensland Residence Near Redmond on April 27, 1926

The King County Sheriff's Department is issued a search warrant to look for liquor at the Ole Stensland residence located 1 or 2 miles east of Redmond. Deputies had raided and found moonshine in Ole Stensland's residence on March 26, 1926. This was but one of many raids carried out by the Sheriff's Department during Prohibition.

This time they find two gallon bottles, four quart bottles, and two pint bottles of moonshine.

Prohibition, outlawing the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages, took effect in Washington state in 1916. The year 1919 marked ratification of the "bone dry" Prohibition amendment to the U.S. Constitution, making the manufacture, transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages illegal throughout the nation. The Prohibition amendment was repealed in 1933.

PONCHO Holds Inaugural Fundraising Auction, to Benefit Seattle Symphony, on April 27, 1963

PONCHO (Patrons of Northwest Civic, Cultural and Charitable Organizations) sponsors the organization's inaugural event at the Seattle Center's Exhibition Hall.

In the wake of the Seattle Symphony's June 1962 performances of its first-ever opera production — Giuseppe Verdi's Aida — the symphony found itself with a serious budget defi-

cit of \$35,000. Local volunteers, led by prominent arts supporter Paul Friedlander (1912-1994), quickly responded by founding PONCHO and promoting an auction dedicated to erasing the symphony's debt.

The Auction

That first PONCHO event featured — for a whopping \$150 entry fee — dinner, drinks, live music and a chance to bid on an array of more than 200 auction items solicited from the public.

Among the notable lots auctioned that night were a hand-written letter by President James Madison (donated by Robert F. Kennedy), a newly built (\$45,000) mansion, a Polynesian vacation, two automobiles, a yacht cruise and a few puppies. Bidding was enthusiastic enough that the Symphony's Aida debt was more than covered and the community was inspired to make the auction an annual event.

For half a century, PONCHO continued on as a tradition with strong community support, in later years raising as much \$1 million annually to benefit Seattle's symphony, opera, ballet and theaters. PONCHO's signature gala fundraisers were discontinued in 2008, and in 2013, its 50th anniversary year, PONCHO announced it would close down all operations and set up a legacy fund within the Seattle Foundation.

Group Health Cooperative Board Approves the Hiring of 10 Midwives on April 27, 1983

The Group Health Cooperative Board of Trustees approves the hiring of 10 midwives on a permanent basis. The Group Health Women's Caucus first proposed the use of natural childbirth and trained midwives as a form of alternative care in 1977. In August of that year, 270 babies were born in Group Health's delivery rooms.

In response to the Women's Caucus proposal, the Board

of Trustees authorized a Midwifery Task Force, which began work in early 1978. In July 1978, the board authorized the Midwifery Project, a two-year program coordinated by Cathy Carr at Eastside Hospital.

In April 1983, the board evaluated the pilot program, found it effective, and approved the permanent hiring of midwives.

HUD Approves \$35 Million for New Housing at Tacoma's Salishan Housing Development on April 27, 2001

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development approves \$35 million to help replace deteriorating housing units at Tacoma's Salishan Housing Development. The Federal funding allows the leveraging of private resources for a total of \$200 million. The project is one element in Tacoma's renaissance of the late twentieth century.

On May 22, 2002, the Tacoma Housing Authority chose Lorig Associates to redevelop the neighborhood. The existing 817 low-income units built during World War II will be replaced by 1,200 new, subsidized units in a mix of new owner-occupied and rental units.

Salishan opened in 1942 as housing for war workers. After the war, the project was home to returning veterans and military personnel and their families. In 1954, the Tacoma Housing Authority purchased the remaining 900 units for low-income housing. By the 1990s, the structures were too old to rehabilitate and government policies encouraged replacement with a mix of low and mid income housing, and a mix of rentals and owner-occupied homes. Community facilities, a dental clinic, and an education/technology center would be included in the new Salishan.

First and, at One Time, Only Chehalis Bank



Submitted by Helen Knoechel / for Our Hometowns
 Coffman, Dobson and Co. Bankers was the first, and, at one time, the only bank in Chehalis. This man trained his bull to pull a wagon so he could come to town to do his banking in 1904.

Pettets and Sticklins Tour in First Car in Lewis County



Submitted by Daniel LaPlaut / for Our Hometowns
 Dr. Henry L. Pettet, Chehalis, and his wife Ella sit proudly in 1906 in the first touring car to grace the streets of Lewis County. In the back are Mrs. L.J. Sticklin, Mort Sticklin and Mrs. S.L. Sticklin. Behind them is the old Chehalis Senior High School.

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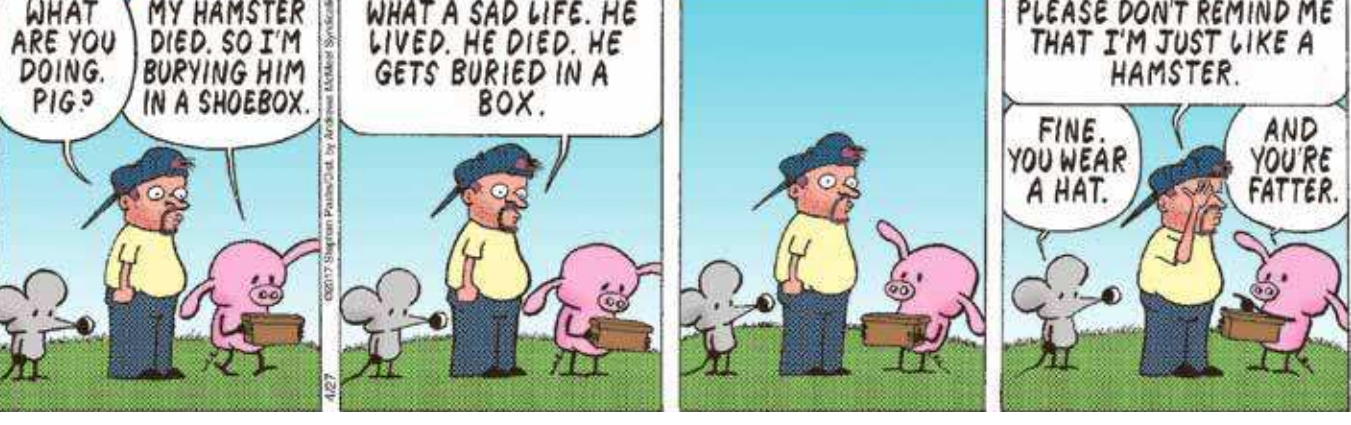
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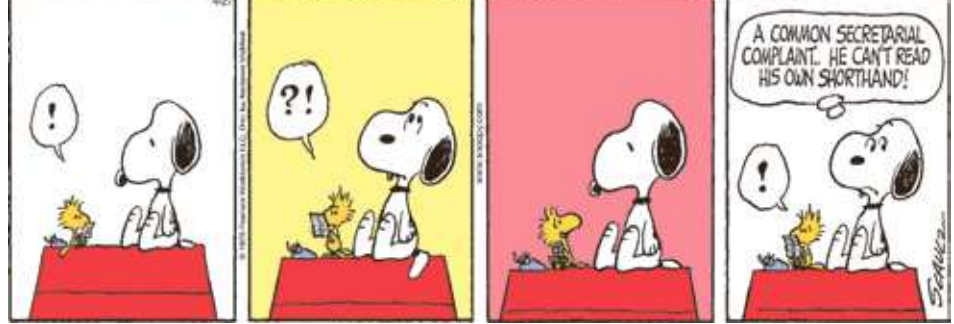
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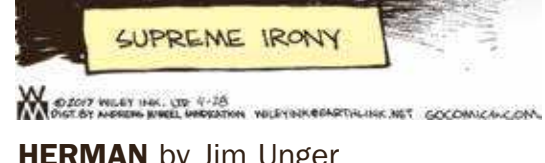
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Puzzle Two

Start on Puzzle One on page Life 4. Answers to the puzzles here will be published in Saturday's paper.

Sudoku

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Crossword

Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 4

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 - 25 Cafe — —
 - 28 Snooze
 - 29 Wedge
 - 31 Tamper with dice
 - 33 Bear constellation
 - 35 Eliot's "— Bede"
 - 37 Serenade, maybe
 - 38 Time of the mammals
- DOWN**
- 1 — hygiene
 - 2 Corduroy rib
 - 3 Tree sprites
 - 4 New shoot
 - 5 Pocket change
 - 6 Sitcom ET
 - 7 Happen to

- 8 1917 abdicator
- 9 Flaky
- 10 Davenport
- 11 Small ammo
- 16 Palace dweller
- 18 Bugle call
- 21 Jaguar kin
- 22 Wildebeest
- 23 Steakhouse order
- 24 Lhasa —
- 25 White House staffer
- 26 Plains state
- 27 New Mexico art colony
- 30 Suspend
- 32 Mother rabbit
- 34 Farm measure
- 36 Travel guides
- 39 Coarse
- 41 Went swimming
- 43 Fishing floats
- 44 Big hairdo
- 45 Show the way
- 46 Fork feature
- 47 Drat!
- 48 Colleen's home
- 49 Slothlike
- 50 Ave. crossers
- 52 Gambler's note

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Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 4

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Celebrity Cipher

Today's clue: A equals J

"XZ BLCEW ELG'O NJPK PXHCJOXLG HKNXGE ONKU, JGE J CKJT ZKKT XGF HKNXGE ONKU, ONKG ONKI'CK AVWO BLCEW." — DNJCTLOOK CJURTXGF

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE ON PAGE LIFE 4: "You can hear a hundred nice words about yourself, and you'll only remember the one bad one." — Alicia Vikander
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Dinging, Buzzing, Vibrating Phone Is Stressing You Out — And So Is Its Silence

By **Sammy Caiola**
The Sacramento Bee

Doug Ross, 31, wakes every morning to a screen full of notifications. He receives updates from news apps, chats from coworkers and emails from East Coast clients, all beckoning to be answered before the workday even starts. Working during the day as a consultant for the software company Adobe, the alerts pour in on a near-constant basis. He usually answers within seconds. "I never have it away from my person," said Ross, a Sacramento, Calif., resident, about his phone. "That gives me anxiety. It bothers me, because I know what is going to be on the phone when I get back to it, or what I'm going to miss."

Many people find the constant dings, rings, buzzes and beeps that come from their computers and cell phones impossi-

computer or smartwatch makes a noise, it produces mental and physical reactions in people, said Larry Rosen, a psychology professor emeritus at California State University, Dominguez Hills, and author of "The Distracted Mind: Ancient Brains in a High-Tech World." Their heart rates increase. Their skin tingles. They grow increasingly antsy with every minute they don't look at the screen.

"We've trained ourselves, almost like Pavlov's dogs, to figuratively salivate over what that vibration might mean," Rosen said. "If you don't address the vibrating phone or the beeping text, the signals in your brain that cause anxiety are going to continue to dominate, and you're

person checks their cell phone about 60 times per day, or nearly four times each waking hour, whether they hear a sound or not, according to one of his recent studies. That adds up to a total of 220 minutes per day.

"Almost exactly half of the check-ins have no alerts or notifications," he said. "It's your brain telling you to check in. It's your brain telling you 'I don't know if anyone new is following me.'"

Sometimes, people even hear "phantom rings," where they think their phone is going off but it isn't, said David Laramie, a Beverly Hills psychologist who coined the term "ringxiety."

Laramie said the mind is always anticipating alerts and people often imagine them to fill a void.

Ross said he sometimes feels a buzzing in his right pocket when he

knows his phone is in his left. "It's definitely a real thing," he said of the phantom rings.

The reasons for the obsession are manifold, experts said. When people could only communicate by land line, messages appeared on answering machines, with no expectation for a prompt response. Now, a cell phone is a constant companion that takes in thousands of emails as well as updates from social media networks including Facebook, Twitter and Snapchat.

"It's wonderful, powerful technology, but it's really seductive, and you need to be deliberate about how you use it," Laramie said.

Many people can't escape their technology because they rely on it for work, said Whitson Gordon, editor in chief of tech website "How to Geek." Gordon works remotely from his Los Angeles-area home, and said he used to panic over every sound his devices made, fearing it was an urgent question from a coworker when it was

tacts or to mute chat conversations temporarily.

When it comes to applications, most ask the user directly after download whether they'd like to receive notifications or not. Saying "no" can help, though many apps are constantly adding new features that result in a flood of notifications anyway, he said.

"In order to keep you on for as long as possible, they send you a notification to have you use it when you might not otherwise," he said. "If you're pruning those notifications properly and your phone's not buzzing every five seconds, it's about just filtering the stuff that's actually important."

Laramie said he works with many of his patients on how to decrease their screen time, whether it means putting the phone in another room or even just in another pocket.

"It becomes draining to always be on call, to always be concerned with the phone," he said. "It's just perpetual awareness."

Another solution, Rosen said, is to put yourself on a schedule, such as allowing yourself to check your phone for a few minutes every hour on the hour.

He also suggests an attention span test. Set a phone alarm for 15 minutes. Put your phone face down, somewhere near you. Get engaged in another task and keep doing it until the alarm goes off. Check your phone. Start over.

"Keep doing that until you get to a point where your alarm goes off and you say, 'Wait, I want to finish what I'm doing,'" he said. "Then you know you can focus for 15 minutes. The more invested you are in these apps, the more you'll struggle. It may be that the best you can get is 15 minutes of attention, and that's a sad thing to say about our attention spans."



really just a mundane notification from an app. One way to alleviate that stress, Gordon said, is to prioritize alerts into categories. Your coworkers, for example, could have a different ringtone than your friends. Phones also have options to silence certain con-

FRIDAY EVENING

Movies Sports Kids Bets

April 28, 2017

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Movies Sports Kids Bets

April 29, 2017

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SATURDAY EVENING

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CATTLE FOR SALE

★★★★★★★★★ DO you have cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or rabbits for sale? We have a special for you! 8 lines, 3 print days for \$10! Call customer service today @ 360-807-8203 ★★★★★★★★★★

PIGS, SHEEP & GOATS

NEW TODAY! 7 boar goats for sale! \$150/each if you take all 7, individual prices will vary. 360-520-7990

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The Chronicle's Printing Division is hiring for a PRESS HELPER to be part of a winning-team that processes high-quality products printed on a web press.

This position requires the employee to be: punctual, detail-oriented, able to become forklift and clamp truck certified, conscientious of all OSHA and company safety policies and procedures. Able to stand for long periods of time and lift up to 100 pounds.

Send resume to: Tim Brandner, The Chronicle Printing Division, 3802 Galvin Rd., Centralia, WA 98531 or email tbrandner@chronline.com Applications are also available at: 321 N. Pearl St., Centralia.

Benefits based on hours worked.

The Chronicle

(No telephone calls unless specified, please.)

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HOROSCOPES

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You'll encounter someone unique or have the chance to experience a different culture or way of doing things. What you learn will influence the way you do things in the future.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Control your emotions. Don't act out or make assumptions. It's important to gather all the facts before you take on someone or something daunting. Preparation is your greatest ally.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Dig deep, ask questions and don't feel the necessity to make a decision or lend a helping hand until you feel comfortable doing so. Exaggeration or false information is apparent.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
The help you offer others will give you a vantage point that will be difficult for your competition to deal with. Stay on top of your game and play to win.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Emotional matters will leave you confused. Ask questions and look for the source of the problem. Knowing what you are up against can help you avoid being manipulated or blamed for something you didn't do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Stay on top of matters. Don't let anyone intervene in your affairs. An emotional encounter with a co-worker should be dealt with openly and honestly to avoid rumors. Learn from experience.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Something will come to you from an unusual source. Emotional confusion and uncertainty will prompt questions. Find out all you can and keep moving forward. Accept the inevitable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
You can bring about positive personal change if you put a little muscle behind your plans. Use facts and experience to explain your actions if someone overreacts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Avoid making snap decisions or taking on responsibilities that don't belong to you. You can stabilize a situation by offering suggestions, but don't take on a burden that will stifle your goals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Be careful not to take on more than you can handle. Sticking to basics and ironing out any trouble spots before it's too late will help you reach your goal.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
You'll face opposition if you are too open about your feelings. Don't get into an argument over something that is based on an assumption.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Sign up for something that connects you to your past. Attending a reunion or gathering of old friends will encourage you to do things you used to enjoy.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Use your insight and experience to help you navigate your way through the confusion and uncertainty facing you. Trust in your instincts, not in someone else's.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You can bring about change and impress onlookers. A partnership will contribute to your success. Protect your assets. Join forces emotionally, mentally and physically, but not financially.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You'll be taken advantage of if you believe everything you hear. Take a step back and size up whatever information you are given before you agree to get involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Don't hold back when it comes to personal matters concerning a loved one, children or elders. Speak up and offer suggestions to bring about positive change. Romance is encouraged.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Money matters, if handled properly, can turn in your favor. Avoid joint ventures and people looking for handouts. Use your intelligence when making decisions that concern your home and personal expenses.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
A short trip or encounter with a friend, relative or someone you can learn from will help you make a decision regarding a partnership or family matter.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
When dealing with legal, financial or medical issues, use common sense and intelligence. The choices you make will have a big influence on your future. Take control of your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
An emotional situation will cause confusion and doubt. Focus on what you can do to make things better. Offering solutions will put you in control. Resolve issues with practical ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Do something that brings you joy or that you have been dreaming about for some time. Taking matters into your own hands and assuming responsibility for your own happiness is favored.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Have a garage sale or make alterations at home that will add to your comfort or raise the value of your property. Celebrate with someone you love. Romance is encouraged.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Emotional deception and misrepresentation can be expected. Don't trust anyone with secret information. Take care of your finances and personal paperwork in order to avoid being judged or penalized.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
A partnership will grow if you share ideas and plans. A trip to visit an old, familiar place will spark an interest in reconnecting with someone you miss.

PET & PET SUPPLIES

PET CONNECTION
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IT IS THE TIME TO FIX YOUR ANIMALS!

For a limited time we will have coupons for a **\$20 discount** on CATS and a **\$40 discount** on DOGS!!

With a generous donation from Jack & Sharon Tipping, Pet Connection can offer a \$10 rebate on cats & \$20 rebate on dogs, in addition to the above discount!

360-748-3643

JR. PET COLUMN

Border Collie mix, rescued, fenced yard necessary, very gentle, female, 7 years old. 360-785-4813

NEW-TODAY!

FREE: German Shepherd, purebred, neutered & shots up to date, free to a good home! 360-508-5994

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APPLIANCES

Range \$160, Refrigerator \$185, Washer & Dryer set \$275, Freezer \$160 & Dishwasher \$160. Cash only! Clean, all work well! 360-273-5779

FURNITURE & HH GOODS

Computer desk with pull out keyboard shelf, 35" w, \$25. 360-736-7581

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PIANOS & ORGANS

Kimball piano, upright, \$500/firm. 360-736-7055

\$100 OR LESS

NEW-TODAY!

500+ 45rpm records, by 100+ recording company's, \$22. 360-736-3631

NEW-TODAY!

Rocking chair, beautiful maple wood, \$45. 360-915-2896 or 360-273-9777.

NEW-TODAY!

SOLD!!
(It sold right away!) said J. Z. of CENTRALIA, about...

World War II Curio Japanese rifle, bolt action, 7.7mm, \$95. (phone #)

SOLD!

Call The Chronicle to place your **FREE** ad today! 360-807-8203

SOLD!!
(It sold right away!) said S. D. of Winlock, about...

6x12 utility trailer, torsion axles, d'ring tie down, 15" rims, low miles, rear folding ramp, \$1200/offer. (phone #)

SOLD!

Call The Chronicle to place your ad today! 360-807-8203

NEW-TODAY!

Weider #8920 arm, chest & leg exercise machine, \$22. 360-736-3631

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Ads with a price ALWAYS generate more qualified calls.

MISCELLANEOUS WANTED

WANTED
Old photos of Mossyrock before 1965, looking for its namesake, the rock. Any photos of Mossyrock are of interest. Please contact me at khgrdn47@live.com

NEW-TODAY!

IN SEARCH OF A MANNEQUIN!
Female torso only, for sewing/making clothing, with or without a stand. Please call/text 360-827-2006 with details and a price!

WANTED: OLDER Kubota or similar diesel tractor, 4WD with loader. Cash paid any condition! Call Dan, 360-304-1199.

FREE ITEMS

NEW-TODAY!

FREE: 300+ Popular Mechanics & Popular Science magazines, 1940s-1960s. 360-736-3631

PLANTS & NURSERY STOCK

Dahlia bulbs mixed colors & sizes, \$1 each. 360-748-0653

NEW

Grant's Towing & Automotive/Grant's Centralia/Grant's South Abandoned Vehicle Auction Every Friday 11:30 am at 915 Koontz Rd, Chehalis. Viewing every Friday beginning @ 8:30am. Call 360-330-2442 for current list.

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PLANTS & GARDEN AUCTION!

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GARAGE SALES GENERAL

VISIT VISITED

RYDERWOOD TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALES
April 28 & 29, 8-4. Ryderwood, WA. Maps at Cafe.

Super sale at Pinoneer Hall, Lunch at Community Hall, Look for sales on your way into town!

GARAGE SALES CENTRALIA

NEW-TODAY!

Ford Prairie

VISIT VISITED

5 FAMILY GARAGE SALE!
Saturday only, April 29, 9-3.
3388 Fords Prairie Ave, Centralia, WA 98531.
Large IKEA desk, ottoman, household, men's & women's clothing, shoes, coats, purses & jewelry, books, bath vanity with faucet & plumbing, lots of lighting, toolboxes, stroller, snowboard with hardware & boots, domed cat litter box, printer & more!

Jackson Hwy

VISIT VISITED

TOLEDO BIG GARAGE SALE!
Sat. & Sun., April 29 & 30, 2017.
5514-78 Jackson Hwy, Toledo, WA 98591.
Exit 63, off I-5, go towards Toledo, turn left at Jackson Hwy, turn left at sign 1/2 mile on gravel road. Kubota tractor, hand & power tools, garden tiller and much more!

GARAGE SALES CHEHALIS

North Fork

VISIT VISITED

GARAGE SALE!
Friday & Saturday, April 28 & 29, 9-5.
104 North Fork Rd., Chehalis, WA 98532.
Dressers, glassware, hunting & fishing! Lot to look at!

The Chronicle classifieds is the best place to buy and sell. Call (360) 807-8203 today.

Cathy Kane of the Randle UMC Pet Ministry says...

We can't thank you and The Chronicle enough, Amanda! We spayed, neutered and placed in good homes 100 kittens, cats and dogs last year. The majority of adoptions were a result of the Jr Pet Column ads placed in The Chronicle. Being able to place free ads makes all the difference since we operate solely through fundraisers and good will donations from the community.

Thanks so much for always being there for our group! You're the best!



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Pacific Northwest Daily Connection - A classified ad network of 31 daily newspapers in FIVE(5)states-AK, ID, WA, ORANDMT, reaching 9million+ readers per three-day run. The 25-word classified ad will run three (3) consecutive days; Thursday-Saturday or Friday-Sunday in each of the network newspapers - total of 93 ads - and the buy would cost \$5.80 PER DAY PER NEWSPAPER, or \$540 per month. Please call The Chronicle Customer Service 360-807-8203 for details.

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EVERY BUSINESS has a story to tell! Get your message out with California's PRMedia Release - the only Press Release Service operated by the press to get press! For more info contact Cecelia @ 916-288-6011 or <http://prmediarelease.com/california> (PNDC)

AUTOS WANTED

WANTED! Old Porsche 356/911/912 for restoration by hobbyist 1948-1973 Only. Any condition, top \$ paid! PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE (707) 965-9546 (PNDC)

Got an older car, boat or RV? Do the humane thing. Donate it to the Humane Society. Call 1-800-205-0599 (PNDC)

DONATE YOUR CAR, TRUCK OR BOAT TO HERITAGE FOR THE BLIND. Free 3 Day Vacation, Tax Deductible, Free Towing, All Paperwork Taken Care Of. CALL 1-800-401-4106 (PNDC)

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GARAGE SALES CHEHALIS

NEW-TODAY!

Rice

VISIT VISITED

GARAGE SALE!
Friday & Saturday, April 28 & 29, 9-5.
2253 Rice Rd., Chehalis WA 98532.
Spring cleaning! Some antiques, collectables & household items.

NEW-TODAY!

Vista

VISIT VISITED

GARAGE SALE!
Saturday, 8-2, April 29, 2017.
144 Vista Rd., Chehalis, WA 98532.
Tools, collectable toys & miscellaneous household items.

BAZAARS

You Asked, We Listened!!

The Chronicle will publish the Best Bazaars in 2017!
(A featured page to include bazaars in the area)

September 26, 28 & 30!

If you're having a bazaar, you won't want to miss getting your ad in this featured section!!

Pick up a bazaar form in our office at The Chronicle 321 N. Pearl St., Centralia OR email us at classifieds@chronline.com to request a form.

EARLY BIRD PRICE:
\$30 non-subscribers
\$25 subscribers

Note: Your ad will run in The Chronicle's Best Bazaars in 2017 featured page along with a classified ad running 1-3 days the week of your bazaar and it will also be included on our calendar page, on Thursday, the week of your bazaar. **DEADLINE: September 15 at noon.**

Questions, 807-8203

AUTOMOTIVE

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Watch the Eclipse!
2003 Tiffin motor home, 38', 37076 miles, excellent condition, \$38,000. 360-295-0887

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2004 TENT TRAILER

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1990 Ford F250 XL, 6.9ltr diesel, 5 speed, new engine & transmission, blue, \$3,200. 253-670-5417

DOMESTIC AUTOS

2002 Ford Explorer: v8, 4 wheel drive, body & interior excellent, auto transmission needs attention, \$3500. 360-736-3631

2012 Challenger R/T Classic: super track pack with tremec 6 speed, 14,700 miles & perfect condition, \$26,500/offer. Call 360-748-3975 before 9 p.m.

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96185 Trustee: Roco

Document Title:
Notice of Trustee's Sale
Grantor:
Eisenhower Carlson PLLC
Grantee:
Manuel N. Roco
Legal Description:
PT NH 36-15-3W
Reference No.:
3266656
Tax Parcel Nos.:
024006016001

LEGAL NOTICES

IN RE THE DEPENDENCY OF JEREMIAH LAMB DOB: 08/09/2016 No. 16-7-00218-21

NOTICE AND SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION (Dependency)

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER, OR ANYONE EXPRESSING A PATERNAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE-NAMED CHILD.

A Dependency Petition was filed on August 11, 2016; A Fact Finding hearing will be held on this matter on June 1, 2017 at 1:30 pm at Lewis County Superior Court, 345 W. Main St., Chehalis, Washington 98532. YOU SHOULD BE PRESENT AT THIS HEARING.

The hearing will determine if your child is dependent as defined in RCW 13.34.050(5). This begins a judicial process which could result in permanent loss of your parental rights. If you do not appear at the hearing, the court may enter a dependency order in your absence.

To request a copy of this Notice, Summons, and Dependency Petition, call DSHS at 360-807-7081 or 1-800-562-6926. To view information about your rights, in-

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cluding right to a lawyer, go to www.atg.wa.gov/DPY.aspx.

DATED this 18th day of April, 2017. SCOTT TINNEY, County Clerk Susan Wickert, Superior Court Deputy Clerk

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97484 Notice of Opportunity to Comment and Request a Hearing

State of Washington Notice of Opportunity to Comment and Request a Hearing

The Washington Department of Ecology is opening a public comment period on our recommendation to EPA to designate certain areas of the state as attainment or unclassified for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).

You may review and comment on the recommendation from April 26, 2017 through May 26, 2017. More information about area designations and the document is available at: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/sips/pollutants/NAAQS_SO2.htm

Public Hearing We will receive requests until May 26, 2017. If anyone requests a hearing, we will extend the comment period through June 5, 2017, and hold the hearing at 6 pm on May 31, 2017 at the Department of Ecology, 300 Desmond Drive SE, Lacey, WA 98503. You can find a map and directions on Ecology's website <http://w>

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www.ecy.wa.gov/contact.html. If you choose to attend the hearing, please refrain from wearing strong scented products as they may prevent people with allergies from participating in this public event. We will also have a webinar set up for those who would like to participate in the hearing remotely.

If we do not receive a hearing request, we will post a cancellation of the May 31 hearing on our public involvement calendar: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publiccalendar/>.

To comment: Online: <http://ac.ecology.com/mentinput.com/?id=98GVE> Email to AQComments@ecy.wa.gov

To request a hearing: Email: anya.caudill@ecy.wa.gov Call: 360-407-6783

Mail to: Anya Caudill Department of Ecology PO Box 47600 Olympia, WA 98504-7600

To request translation of the documents, interpretation at the hearing, ADA accommodation or materials in a format for the visually impaired, call Ecology at 360-407-6800, Relay Service 711, or TTY 877-833-6341.

Para información en español, manda un correo electrónico al equipo de español de Ecología a preguntas@ecy.wa.gov.

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97473 AOP

Public Notice Notice to the public is hereby given that the Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) has issued draft Air Operating Permit (AOP) SW10-16-R1 to Sierra Pacific Industries, Inc. - Centralia Sawmill. The AOP is a compilation of all applicable air quality requirements for the facility. The AOP does not modify existing permit limits.

The public has an opportunity to review and comment on the draft AOP. A copy of this AOP will be available on SWCAA's website at www.swcleanair.org. This AOP will be made available in other media, if necessary. All written or oral comments must be received by SWCAA within 30 days after this publication. If there is a demonstrated public interest, a public hearing may be held with the required 30-day notification. The material is available for review at 11815 NE 99th Street, Suite 1294, Vancouver, Washington, Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

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97470 John, Michael C & Ladonna M.

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF LEWIS

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U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT, Plaintiff

V. MICHAEL C. JOHN; LADONNA M. JOHN; BANK OF AMERICA, AS SUCCESSOR TO COUNTYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; TARGET NATIONAL BANK; CITIBANK, N.A.; FIA CARD SERVICES NA; CAPITAL ONE BANK; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1203 SALZER VALLEY ROAD, CENTRALIA, WASHINGTON 98531, Defendants.

Case No.: 16-2-01113-21 EXP PARTE ORDER GRANTING SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

A lawsuit has been started against you in the above-entitled Court by U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT (Plaintiff):

TO DEFENDANTS: MICHAEL C. JOHN; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1203 SALZER VALLEY ROAD, CENTRALIA, WASHINGTON 98531 You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after 27th day of April, 2017 and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for the plaintiff, Shannon K. Calt, at his office below stated; and in case of

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your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. The complaint is for judicial foreclosure.

ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP: Attn: Shannon K. Calt Plaintiff's Attorneys, 9111 SW Columbia Street, Suite 950, Portland OR 97201. Tel: (858) 750-7600, Fax: (503) 222-2260

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97478 Ordinances 967B, 968B

Ordinance No. 967-B Rezoning property at 1856 SW Hubbard Lane, Chehalis, WA from R-2 Medium Density Residential to CG Commercial General.

Ordinance No. 968-B Changing the position title of Airport Manager to Airport Director.

A copy of the complete text of said ordinances will be provided without charge to anyone making a request thereof at the office of the city clerk. Caryn Foley, City Clerk

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97504 Ordinance 2385

Ordinance No. 2385 An ordinance of the City of Centralia, Washington, amending the 2017 Budget by increasing the appropriations in certain funds from what was anticipated at the time said budget was adopted.

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97475 parcel 017535003000

Chehalis City Council Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Chehalis City Council will conduct a public hearing on an application to rezone "0" SW

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Armstrong Court (tax parcel 017535003000), Chehalis, WA from CG Commercial General to R-2 Residential Single Family Medium Density. Public comment on the proposed rezone will be taken during the public hearing in the Chehalis City Hall Council Chamber at 350 N Market Blvd., Chehalis, WA on Monday, May 8, at 5:00 pm. Copies of the proposal are available for public review at the Chehalis Community Development Office, 1321 S Market Blvd., Chehalis, WA, during regular business hours (M-F, 8-5), or by email upon written request to comdev@ci.chehalis.wa.us. Questions regarding the proposal may also be directed to the Chehalis Community Development Office. Caryn Foley, City Clerk

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