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**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:**  
*Dedication to Public Service Projects Highlighted*

By Justyna Tomtas  
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After surviving the economic downturn and changes in the construction field, a local business that started as a small home office has weathered the tough times and established itself as a successful company in the community.

RB Engineering, a civil engi-

neering business, was honored for its perseverance and dedication to public service projects at the annual Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce banquet Friday, receiving the title of Business of the Year.

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Robert Balmelli, owner of RB Engineering, hugs Chamber Director Alicia Bull after accepting the title of Business of the Year Friday night.

# Sizeable Investment From State on Flooding Would Pay Off, Leaders Say



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J. Vander Stoep speaks at a Washington Waters Task Force public hearing on Friday afternoon on the Capitol campus in Olympia.

**LEGISLATURE:** *Chehalis Basin Work Group Leader Says Local Solution Would Cost up to \$600 Million, but the Benefits Would Be Greater*

By Kaylee Osowski  
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Representatives of various organizations interested in flood and stormwater issues in the state addressed the Washington Waters Task Force in Olympia Friday.

The groups laid out the issues facing the region, or people they represent, and how the problems could be addressed if the state committed \$1 billion to each over 10 years.

Representatives from the

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Washington Waters Task Force Co-Chair Rep. Richard DeBolt, R-Chehalis, gestures during Friday's hearing in Olympia.



## Centralia College Trustees Eye Return of Walton

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**  
*Former Campus President to Potentially Return on Interim Basis After Firing of Robert Frost*

By Justyna Tomtas  
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After the firing of Centralia College President Robert Frost late last year, the board of trustees has decided to ask former President James Walton to fill the interim position as the college searches for a full-time leader.

Following executive session at the board's monthly meeting Thursday, Board of Trustees member Stuart Halsan moved to allow the chair of the board to contact Walton to see if he is available and willing to serve as the interim president of the college. The five-member board unanimously supported the motion.

Walton was the college's president for 12 years. He retired from the position in 2014.

Chairwoman Joanne Schwartz said it was evident at meetings with staff and other groups that people wanted someone who was familiar with the college.

"It was made loud and clear ... that people did not want an unknown," she said at the meeting.

Other board members also conveyed that although there was a list of external names

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## Packing at the Capitol



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# News of the Weird



In this Jan. 5 still image from WJAR-TV video, Sue Stenhouse, left, executive director of the Senior Enrichment Center, speaks alongside a man dressed as an elderly woman, right, during a news conference in Cranston, R.I., to promote a program for school children to help senior citizens shovel snow during the winter.

## Middle-Aged Man Dresses as Old Woman for Official's Photo Op

CRANSTON, R.I. (AP) — A city official who wanted to include an elderly woman in a photo op about a snow shoveling program persuaded a middle-aged man to dress up in a wig, earrings, lipstick and a dress.

The man stood next to the mayor of Cranston at a news conference touting the program and wore a name tag that said "Cranston Senior Home Resident." WJAR-TV uncovered the ruse in reports this week.

It is unclear why officials decided to use a stand-in for a woman during the Jan. 5 news conference, which was held at the senior center where the man worked as a van driver.

Sue Stenhouse, the city's director of senior services, organized the news conference. She resigned last week, according to Rob Coupe, the city's director of administration. Stenhouse, a 2006 Republican nominee for secretary of state, did not return messages requesting comment.

Coupe refused to explain what happened, saying it was a personnel matter.

Mayor Allan Fung, the 2014 Republican nominee for governor, did not return a phone message seeking comment.

People who answered the phone at the senior center said they had no comment.

Two city councilmen told The Providence Journal they believe the stunt was meant to deceive the public. City Council President John Lanni said he

would ask the mayor for an explanation. Meanwhile, a hair salon owner told WJAR-TV that she unwittingly supplied the wig for the caper to David Roberts, the van driver who transports seniors to the salon.

## Prosecutor: Man Walked \$1.6M in Pills Across Border on Sled

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — Authorities say a Canadian man was arrested while pulling a sled carrying more than 180 pounds of prescription pills across the border into the United States.

The U.S. attorney's office says 21-year-old Cedrik Bourgault-Morin was apprehended early Wednesday after he crossed the border from Quebec along a railroad line into North Troy, Vermont.

Prosecutors say Bourgault-Morin was wearing white camouflage and Border Patrol agents were alerted to his presence when he triggered a sensor.

Prosecutors say agents found 300 vacuum-sealed bags of anti-anxiety Xanax pills in a duffel bag on the sled. They say the pills had a street value of \$1.6 million.

## UK Police Seek Burglar Who Stole \$21,500 in 1-Pound Coins

LONDON (AP) — British police are seeking a burglar who may have a heavy conscience — or pockets — after stealing 15,000 pounds (\$21,500) in 1-pound (\$1.43) coins.

Greater Manchester Police said Friday that three houses in a street in Ashton-Under-Lyne, northwest England were robbed on Jan. 1. The culprits stole designer handbags, jewelry, a Range Rover and the trove of coins.

It wasn't clear why the coins were kept in the house. Constable Dinesh Mistry said the haul weighed "the same as two average-sized women, or almost 10 cases of wine."

He said police have asked local businesses to keep an eye out for a large number of pound coins. He said "it is hard to miss 15,000 pounds in pound coins so we believe someone must know something about this crime."

## Daily Outtake: Fans in Focus



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Fans make their voices heard during a free throw attempt in Evergreen 2A Conference action between Centralia and W.F. West on Thursday in Chehalis. Read the story and see more photos in today's Sports section. Additional photos can be found online at [www.lewiscountysports.com](http://www.lewiscountysports.com).

## Notable Quote

**"The irony of a student standing behind the First Amendment to wear a hammer-and-sickle shirt is excellent. 'It's a free country, man! ... Yeah I know what this stick and choppy thing means, why are you laughing?'"**

Aaron VanTuyll  
columnist

(see page Main 9 for the full commentary)



## Today in History

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 16, 1991, the White House announced the start of Operation Desert Storm to drive Iraqi forces out of Kuwait. (Allied forces prevailed on Feb. 28, 1991.)

### On This Date:

In 1920, Prohibition began in the United States as the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect, one year to the day after its ratification. (It was later repealed by the 21st Amendment.)

In 1978, NASA named 35 candidates to fly on the space shuttle, including Sally K. Ride, who became America's first woman in space, and Guion S. Bluford Jr., who became America's first black astronaut in space.

In 2003, the space shuttle

Columbia blasted off for what turned out to be its last flight; on board was Israel's first astronaut, Ilan Ramon. (The mission ended in tragedy on Feb. 1, when the shuttle broke up during its return descent, killing all seven crew members.)

Ten years ago: "Brokeback Mountain" won four Golden Globes, including best motion picture drama; "Lost" won best dramatic television series while "Desperate Housewives" won for best musical or comedy series.

Five years ago: "The Social Network" won top movie honors at the Golden Globes with four prizes, including best drama and director; "The Kids Are All Right" won for best musical or comedy. Top TV honors went to "Boardwalk Empire" and "Glee."

One year ago: President

Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron met at the White House; Obama argued that a resurgent fear of terrorism across Europe and the United States should not lead countries to overreact and shed privacy protections, while Cameron pressed for more government access to encrypted communications used by U.S. companies. The NCAA agreed to restore 112 football wins it had stripped from Penn State and Joe Paterno in the Jerry Sandusky child-molestation scandal and to reinstate the venerated late coach as the winningest in major college football history.

Today's Birthdays: Hall of Fame auto racer A.J. Foyt is 81. Country singer Ronnie Milsap is 73. Talk show host Dr. Laura Schlessinger is 69. Movie director John Carpenter is 68.

## The Weather Almanac

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

Today	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Rain Likely 50° 41°	Rain Likely 48° 37°	Mostly Cloudy 48° 38°	Mostly Cloudy 46° 37°	Mostly Cloudy 45° 37°

### River Stages

Gauge	Flood Height	24 hr. Stage Change
Chehalis at Mellen St.	53.27	65.0 -0.14
Skookumchuck at Pearl St.	75.58	85.0 0.00
Cowlitz at Packwood	1.18	10.5 -0.03
Cowlitz at Randle	6.47	18.0 -0.03
Cowlitz at Mayfield Dam	7.76	--- +0.02

### National Map

Forecast map for Jan. 16, 2016

### Almanac

Data reported from Centralia

**Temperature**

Yesterday's High ..... 50  
 Yesterday's Low ..... 39  
 Normal High ..... 47  
 Normal Low ..... 35  
 Record High ..... 58 in 1958  
 Record Low ..... 11 in 1947

**Precipitation**

Yesterday ..... 0.09"  
 Month to date ..... 1.22"  
 Normal month to date ..... 3.20"  
 Year to date ..... 1.22"  
 Normal year to date ..... 3.20"

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### Regional Weather

Port Angeles	49/39	Bellingham	48/40	Brewster	34/28
Olympia	50/42	Seattle	51/44	Ellensburg	34/29
Centralia	50/41	Tacoma	51/43	Yakima	36/31
Chehalis	50/41	Longview	49/42	The Dalles	43/35
Portland	49/41	Vancouver	49/41		

### Sun and Moon

Sunrise today ..... 7:51 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight ..... 4:52 p.m.  
 Moonset ..... 11:33 a.m.  
 Moonset ..... Next Day

Phase	Date
First	1/16
Full	1/23
Last	1/31
New	2/8

### Pollen Forecast

Allergen	Today	Sunday
Trees	None	None
Grass	None	None
Weeds	None	None
Mold	None	None

### World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo Wx	Sun. Hi/Lo Wx
Baghdad	63/45 s	64/45 s
Beijing	30/18 pc	27/12 s
London	39/27 s	37/28 s
Mexico City	70/46 cl	72/41 s
Moscow	18/18 cl	28/3 fl

### National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo Wx	Sun. Hi/Lo Wx
Anchorage	26/22 pc	35/22 pc
Boise	41/30 rs	42/35 ra
Boston	42/28 ra	36/24 pc
Dallas	47/32 rs	53/33 s
Honolulu	83/70 ra	82/70 s
Las Vegas	56/41 mc	62/45 pc
Nashville	41/26 mc	41/13 s
Phoenix	61/43 pc	65/46 s
St. Louis	32/17 pc	22/5 sn
Salt Lake City	39/32 rs	42/33 mc
San Francisco	57/52 ra	57/51 ra
Washington, DC	51/31 ra	41/22 mc

### Regional Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo Wx	Sun. Hi/Lo Wx
Bremerton	50/43 ra	49/39 ra
Ocean Shores	51/46 ra	51/43 ra
Olympia	50/42 ra	48/36 ra

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# 'Unfortunate Circumstances' Led to Chehalis Police Dog Biting Innocent Resident, Chief Says

**BITE:** Glenn Schaffer Says Dog Was Acting on Training; Victim Says Not Enough Investigation Has Been Done

By Natalie Johnson  
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A Chehalis Police Department officer says he thought he was about to be attacked Sunday.

A resident, unaware of a search for a suspect in the area, mistook the sound of the officer for a prowler and emerged from a garage yelling and wielding a hammer.

The result was "an unfortunate set of circumstances" that led to Joshua Putman being bitten in the stomach by police dog Reign, according to the Chehalis Police Department.

Putman and family members told The Chronicle Friday they don't believe enough has been done to address the issue.

"If my dog bit someone in their house, it wouldn't be ok," Putman said. "I'm just kind of still in shock."

Chehalis Police Department Chief Glenn Schaffer said the dog was acting in accordance with its training when it bit the Centralia man Sunday while tracking another person suspected in an interrupted vehicle prowler.

He said there has been a thorough review of the incident. While he regrets the injuries to Putman, he said the dog was acting on his training.

"Reign was protecting (his handler) in that circumstance — it wasn't that Reign randomly bit somebody walking down the street," Schaffer told The Chronicle Thursday. "It's a very unfortunate set of circumstances, none of it has been taken lightly, but I don't know if there's a place to place the blame."

**AT 6:49 P.M. SUNDAY**, police responded to a report of an interrupted vehicle prowler in the 900 block of North Washington Avenue in Centralia. The Chehalis Police Department responded to assist the Centralia officers.

According to the Chehalis Police Department, witnesses thought the suspect to be in the area of Third Street and North Washington Avenue — about a block away from Putman's house.

Putman and his sister, Kristian Pickard, and a few other people were in their detached garage in the 500 block of West Fourth Street when they heard someone outside.

"We're out in our garage and we hear a commotion outside, a noise," Putman said.

Pickard said at one point they heard a sound resembling a zipper being zipped. Not knowing police were searching the area for a suspect, they assumed a prowler was snooping around the property.

Putman said he grabbed a hammer and opened the door, yelling, trying to scare off whoever was outside.

"As soon as I opened the door, the dog charged," he said.

The dog bit Putman in the stomach, leaving heavy bruising and scratches through his sweatshirt.

According to a Chehalis Police Department report filed by Reign's handler, Warren Ayers,



Chehalis K9 Reign notifies Chehalis Police Department Officer Warren Ayers that he found an object planted in the tall grass during a training session at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in 2013.



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Joshua Putman was bitten Sunday in the doorway to his garage by Chehalis K9 Reign while the dog was tracking a vehicle prowler suspect in Centralia. Putman opened the door to confront what he thought was a prowler in the neighborhood to find Reign and his handler outside the door.

Reign was checking the area near Putman's garage and giving "negative" signs, meaning the dog was not smelling the suspect.

Ayers wrote he was 4 to 6 feet from the dog, which was standing next to the garage, and moving backward when Putman came out of the garage door.

"I had just passed the detached garage's door when the door burst open and I observed one male subject in a camouflage sweatshirt screaming and yelling," Ayers wrote, saying that he believed he was about to be assaulted.

Ayers wrote that he gave Reign the command to apprehend the individual — Putman. Ayers wrote that Reign lunged at Putman, his head entering the garage.

"There was a good period of time when we feel the police should have announced they were there," Pickard told The Chronicle.

Schaffer said a review of the incident showed the dog acted to protect its handler.

"This wasn't a case of an individual just opening a door and standing there ... I'm not blaming the individual that was bit at all. He thought somebody was prowling on his property. He opened the door aggressively. When he did that, he was in very close proximity to Officer Ayers

and to Reign," Schaffer said. "Officer Ayers and Reign are looking for a felony suspect and a person comes out the door in that aggressive nature, they don't know that that's the homeowner. They don't know that that's the suspect hiding in the garage."

Putman was never a suspect in the vehicle prowler.

**SCHAFFER SAID** the department investigates bites involving police dogs as it would any police use of force. Ayers wrote a report for Chehalis regarding the bite, and a supplemental report for the Centralia Police Department regarding the unsuccessful track of the vehicle prowler suspect. Schaffer said he reviewed the reports, talked to the officer and consulted Chief Carl Nielsen, of the Centralia Police Department, a police dog trainer who volunteers time training Lewis County K9 units.

"We would want to look at proper use of the dog, proper handling of the dog ... that the dog didn't do anything outside of its training, which it did not," Schaffer said.

Ayers wrote that he called the dog off and spoke to Putman about his injury. Pickard said officers offered to call an ambulance for Putman, but she later drove him to the hospital herself.



Joshua Putman took a photo of the bruise this week resulting from a bite from Chehalis K9 Reign Sunday. The dog bit Putman in the door of his garage while tracking a suspect in a vehicle prowler.

"He had a large bite wound on his stomach. I've never seen many dog (bite) wounds," she said. "You could see all the individual teeth marks."

Pickard said her brother didn't need any stitches, but said doctors cleaned the wound and gave him a tetanus shot.

Putman said he felt like officers were accusatory toward him after the incident, and said he disputes some of the facts asserted in the Ayers report. For example, he noted that the report said Ayers was 4 to 6 feet from the garage and backing up, but then said Putman was "within arm's reach" when he opened the

garage door.

"I feel horrible about the individual getting bit, but they were just the circumstances," Schaffer said. "We're not taking it that nonchalantly."

Reign is a Belgian malinois/German shepherd mix that the department purchased in 2013. Schaffer said the dog gets about 16 hours of continued training each week.

Putman said people have asked him if he's considered a lawsuit.

"I don't know. I can't say it hasn't crossed my mind," he said. "It doesn't feel like something I should have to do."

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## Auditor's Office: 17,870 Ballots to Be Mailed Next Week for Special Election in Lewis County

By The Chronicle

Lewis County voters in multiple districts can expect to find ballots for the Feb. 9 special election in their mailboxes soon.

About 17,870 ballots will be mailed to registered voters on Wednesday in the Chehalis, Morton, Napavine, Oakville, Onalaska, Pe Ell and Rochester school districts, in addition to Lewis County Fire District 10 in Packwood.

If an expected ballot has not arrived by Jan. 30, voters can get a replacement ballot by calling the county elections department

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# Fireworks Industry Speaks Against Proposed Bill to Prohibit Fireworks, Outdoor Burning in 2016

**'AN ENTIRE INDUSTRY WOULD FALL INTO DEBT':**

*Thurston County Search and Rescue Would Be Eliminated Without Fundraisers Selling Fireworks, Member Says*

By Kaylee Osowski

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A proposed bill to prohibit fireworks and recreational fires next summer did not get a warm reception from fireworks businesses in an Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee hearing Thursday in Olympia.

House Bill 2310, sponsored by Kevin Van De Wege, D-Sequim, calls for the sale, purchase and use of consumer fireworks to be prohibited from June 1 to Sept. 30 of this year.

It also would require people to get permits to burn outdoors July 1 through Sept. 30, but not allow agencies to permit outdoor burning "unless the burning is necessary to protect life or property, or necessary for the public health, safety or welfare."

Van De Wege joked that people may want to call him "Representative Fun Killer" due to the bill.

But with the wildfire destruction and cost in the last two years, which amounts to about \$250

million, he said he feels something substantial needs to be done, but he is open to amending and paring down the bill however the committee sees fit.

The act would expire on Oct. 1. Van De Wege said he hopes that similar legislation would be considered yearly depending on the modeling and forecasts.

The majority of public testimony heard by the committee came from fireworks businesses or from organizations who sell fireworks as a regular fundraiser.

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"We already have our product now. If this ban goes into effect, retailers would be out of anywhere from \$10,000 to \$150,000," Westall said. "... An entire industry would fall into debt."

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Kevin Van De Wege, D-Sequim, introduces House Bill 2310 to the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on Thursday afternoon in Olympia. One person testified in support of the bill, while over a dozen people testified in opposition of the bill.

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## Legislature 2016



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Joel Cowart, owner and operator of Pyroland Fireworks, testifies in front of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on Thursday afternoon concerning House Bill 2310, which would ban the sale, purchase, use and discharge of fireworks in Washington from June 1, 2016, to Sept. 30, 2016.

said.

To do that would cost lives, he said. The nonprofit organization has helped with rescue efforts at Mount St. Helens, on the Chehalis River and other events.

Jon Salzman, with Edgewood Fireworks Inc. in Bellevue and the Northwest Pyrotechnics Association, said the bill is just a "bandaid" fix and hurts the fireworks industry in Washington.

At the same time as the hearing on HB2310, there was a hearing on House Bill 2348 to give local governments the ability to prohibit or restrict fireworks beyond the state's laws.

Current code states that if cities or counties approve more restrictive fireworks ordinances than the state, the local rules don't go into effect until one year after adoption. HB2348 would eliminate the one-year wait time.

Forty lawmakers have signed on to sponsor HB2348, includ-

ing Van De Wege and Rep. Brian Blake, D-Aberdeen.

This summer's drought sparked a conversation about banning or further restricting fireworks in cities and unincorporated Lewis County.

This fall, the city of Winlock approved increased fireworks restrictions limiting discharge dates to July 2, 3 and 4 and Dec. 31 until 1 a.m. on Jan. 1.

Due to the one-year wait time, Winlock's increased restrictions won't be in effect for this summer's Fourth of July. The town will follow the state's rules.

The changes would be effective for New Year's Eve 2016.

Centralia City Councilor Max Vogt in October proposed the city consider increased restrictions when it comes to fireworks.

Currently, the city operates under the state's law, which allows fireworks only be sold from



Chair of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Brian Blake, D-Aberdeen, listens to testimony concerning House Bill 2310 on Thursday afternoon in Olympia.

June 28 to July 5, and Dec. 28 to Dec. 31 and discharged June 28 to July 5, New Year's Eve and from midnight to 1 a.m. New Year's Day.

Lewis County commissioners and some local fire chiefs urged residents to forgo personal fireworks on the Fourth of July this year. The county commissioners imposed a burn ban prior to July 4 this summer.

While public testimony focused on fireworks at Thursday's hearing, Van De Wege said Department of Natural Resources and counties putting burn bans in place at different times caused confusion for people, and the bill would help with that.

Representatives from DNR and the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife also spoke on the bill, and while they appreciated the bill's intent, they had specific points they wanted to see addressed.

Bob Johnson, wildfire division manager for DNR, said he is uncertain how exactly the bill

would affect DNR.

The outdoor burning restriction as written could shut down fire training and prescribed burning for forest health, he said.

Ensuring compliance with the bill would require more DNR resources than the agency currently has available or in its budget proposal.

Madeline Goodwin, an environmental studies graduate student at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, spoke in support of the outdoor burning ban portion of the bill.

"Not only do we not have perhaps the financial and personnel resources for combatting wildfire, we also may just not have the water to fight these fires," Goodwin said.

She said while she enjoys campfires, accidents happen.

"I would rather roast my marshmallows over a camp stove or ... wait until the rains are here than fun roasting a marshmallow and then, 'Oh, oops I just lit the forest on fire.'"

## News in Brief

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Street. For information, contact the library at (360) 736-0183.

### Centralia Library Visitors Can Make Valentine's Day Postcards

By The Chronicle

People are invited to drop into the Centralia Timberland Library any time on Saturday, Jan. 30, during library open hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., to create handmade postcards in time for Valentine's Day. The library will provide all supplies except postage stamps.

The "drop-in" structure of the program, said librarian Chris Chrzan, was created to allow people to find the time that best fits their schedules. The craft itself is also "family-friendly," designed for adults but welcoming children who want to join the fun.

Library patrons are invited to check out adult coloring books, attend crafts programs for all ages and get tips on writing and editing their own short fiction.

The Centralia Timberland Library is located at 110 S. Silver

### Mid Winter Arts Fest to Feature Area Artisans in Onalaska

By The Chronicle

An exhibition of 10 artisans in this region will be on display during the Mid Winter Arts Fest 4-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Newaukum Healing Arts, Onalaska. Artists whose works will be on display include:

- Christopher Hodge, woodworking
- Diane Newby, glass
- Gary and Gary Jr. Verona, fine wood boxes
- Hannah Johnson, mixed media
- Jai Bhagwandin, beadwork
- Jennica Burnett, acrylics
- Koya Johnston, watercolor
- Maia Johnson, textiles
- Miriam Feldman, acrylics

The free event will include snacks and refreshments. Artists' works will be available for purchase. Newaukum Healing Arts is located at 1770 state Route 508.

### Meeting Focuses on Highly Capable Students

By The Chronicle

The Lewis County Patrons of Gifted Organization will hold a meeting for parents, guardians and teachers of gifted or highly capable students.

The meeting will provide those in attendance the opportu-

nity to brainstorm ideas to support teachers and parents of gifted and highly capable students.

It will take place on Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. in room 202 at Centralia Middle School.

Attendees should bring a pencil, calendar and ideas.

More information on Lewis County POGO can be found on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/LewisCountyPOGO/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/LewisCountyPOGO/).

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### Lewis County School Retirees Group to Meet Monday

By The Chronicle

The Lewis County Retirees' Association will be meeting at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Woodland Estates, 2100 SW Woodland Circle, Chehalis.

The group, affiliated with the Washington State School Retirees' Association, offers teachers who belong to the association the chance to apply for grants each year. Teachers submit proposals for books, science equipment, incentive awards for outstanding classroom work, physical education equipment, funds to allow students to go on field trips and other needs.

The LCSRA also provides college scholarships. Students planning to become educators should also consider applying for a scholarship through WSSRA. Applications for this funding are available online at the WSSRA website. LCSRA also provides donations of school supplies, materials and clothing to local schools.

# County Commissioners Considering Proposal to Do Away With District Court in Morton

**ALTERNATIVES:** East Lewis County Residents Could Mail Testimony or Travel to Chehalis

By Kaylee Osowski  
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Lewis County commissioners are interested in hearing from East Lewis County residents about whether it's worth the district court resources and taxpayer's money to hold court in Morton once a month.

The district court judges proposed discontinuing the court to the commissioners in late 2015, and the elected officials have decided to hold two public meetings on the idea on Jan. 28.

The first meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. at the Randle fire station and the second will be at 7 p.m. at the Bob Lyle Community Center in Morton.

District court is held the first Wednesday of every month in the community center for traffic infractions only. About 15 to 20 people attend each month.

Costs to hold court include a \$400 monthly lease fee to the community center, as well as the judge's, clerk's and probation officer's time and travel.

Judge Wade Samuelson questioned whether that is the best use of resources.

"Do citizens want to spend



**"It's a financial impact to the citizens because they will have to drive to Chehalis."**

Dan Mortensen  
Morton mayor

money on court? If they do, I don't mind going to Morton," Samuelson said.

Some officials, including Morton Mayor Dan Mortensen, say if the court is dissolved the financial burden will shift to the people attending court. For residents who live in Packwood, the drive to court in Chehalis is 85 to 90 miles.

"It's a financial impact to the citizens because they will have to drive to Chehalis," Mortensen said.

The community center would also lose out on \$400 each month to pay for its expenses.

Samuelson said he's not against having court in Morton, he just thinks that options should be considered and if it is

going to continue that upgrades should be made.

He said security is a concern of the judges', and that if the court does continue in Morton, some changes to security and technology would need to be made.

Mortensen, who is also the town's former police chief, said an officer has always been available for court security if necessary.

Samuelson said they regularly see knives on people's belts in court in Morton, and while there's never been a significant issue, there are no knives in Chehalis courtrooms.

In Chehalis, people leave their knives outside or in a locker at the door.

The judges don't have a panic button like they do in their Chehalis hearing rooms. There also isn't a metal detector, Internet or a push-button phone.

"So if the court goes forward,

it's the future cost to modernize," Samuelson said. "Just the fact that it's old doesn't bother me, it's just that it doesn't work that well."

He said that the traffic infractions handled in Morton can be dealt with through the mail. People wishing to fight their tickets can fill out a form to either provide written testimony that they didn't commit the alleged infraction or admit to the infraction and ask to have the penalty reduced. The forms are available on the district court's website.

The judges have asked people at court hearings in Morton if they would be interested in filling out the forms instead of attending court, and Samuelson said many were interested in that alternative.

He said for some people, taking the time off of work to go to court in Morton to get their speeding ticket reduced is not cost-effective and that filling out the form at their kitchen table could be a better option for them.

County commissioners Bill Schulte, Edna Fund and Gary Stamper will ultimately make the decision.

Stamper, who represents East Lewis County, said he's currently neutral on the issue.

"Part of me says that we want to try to accommodate the people of East Lewis County for sure, but I see the judges' side also," he said.

# Chehalis Man Charged in Alleged Robbery in Centralia

**JAILED:** Kramer Lee Mitchell Accused of Punching B&D Market Owner and Attempting to Steal DVDs

By Natalie Johnson  
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A Chehalis man was charged Thursday in connection to a Centralia robbery two days earlier in which he allegedly punched a store owner in the face over a basket of DVDs.

Kramer Lee Mitchell, 26, was charged Thursday in Lewis County Superior Court with second-degree robbery and first-de-

gree trafficking in stolen property. Lewis County Deputy Prosecutor Kevin Nelson asked for \$10,000 bail.

"Normally with robbery in the second degree I would be asking for more, but he has no criminal history to speak of," Nelson said, adding that if Mitchell was not accused of punching the store's owner, he would only be charged with third-degree theft — a misdemeanor.

Superior Court Judge James Lawler granted the state's request.

"There's a lot of red flags here," he said.

At 2:34 p.m. on Tuesday, police received a report of a robbery at the B&D Market in the 600 block of North Tower Avenue in Centralia.

They learned from the store's owner that a man, later identified as Mitchell, took a basket full of DVDs from the store and ran out the back of the store.

The owner told investigators he and another employee followed Mitchell into the parking lot, where they told him to return the DVDs. The store owner reportedly reached into Mitchell's car to get the basket, according to court documents.

Mitchell then is accused of punching the store owner in the face, breaking his glasses.

The owner was able to hold onto the basket, which contained some of the DVDs and Mitchell's cellphone. The owner also gave police Mitchell's vehicle license

number. On Wednesday, officers located and arrested Mitchell at a house in Centralia with the help of the cellphone and license plate number.

According to court documents, Mitchell first told police he voluntarily gave the store owner the DVDs back. He later reportedly admitted taking the DVDs and said he pawned them for \$45, which he spent on gasoline and cigarettes.

Mitchell has no felony criminal history, but has a pending third-degree theft charge in Chehalis Municipal Court from an incident at Walmart in October, according to the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office.

# Tenino Remembers Officer Killed in Line of Duty 38 Years Ago

**HONORING:** Mayor Wayne Fournier Asks Community to Think of More Ways to Acknowledge the Sacrifice of Officer

By The Chronicle

The city of Tenino will fly its flags at half-staff and uniformed personnel in the service of Tenino will shroud their badges on Jan. 18 in remembrance of a local hero who was killed in the line of

duty 38 years ago. Tenino officer John H. Dowies died while on patrol in Tenino on Jan. 18, 1978. He was shot and killed with his own gun as he attempted to arrest a Navy deserter. He was 44 at the time of his death.

Mayor Wayne Fournier said that while Jan. 18 is an important day of remembrance for the nation, it is

also important for the city itself. "For the nation the day serves to mark the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., while in Tenino it is important to recognize Dr. King's contribution it is also important to recognize the service and sacrifice of one of our own local heroes, Officer John H. Dowies," he said in a release. "It is important for many reasons that our community keep this date and loss in mind."

Fournier asked that all uniformed personnel in service of Tenino shroud their badges for the day in Dowies' honor. He

also asked for all flags on public buildings within the city limits to be flown at half-mast for the day to remember Dowies' sacrifice and his family's loss.

He urged the community to think of how the city can better honor Dowies' sacrifice for future anniversaries to ensure that both the officer and the incident are not forgotten.

## News in Brief

in assessed value in year one; \$2.46 per thousand in year two; and \$2.44 per thousand in year three.

The per thousand rate for the current levy on the books is \$2.48 per thousand in assessed value. According to information provided by the district, the levy comprises approximately 14 percent of the total school district budget.

The levy partially funds additional teaching staff beyond what the state provides for smaller class sizes, transportation within an unfunded 1-mile radius of

the school, athletic and activity programs, as well as additional curriculum, instructional resources and training, among other things.

Superintendent Jeff Davis will provide those in attendance with information and will answer questions about the proposed 3-year levy, which will be on the ballot for the Feb. 9 special election. More information on the replacement levy can be found on the district's website at www.onysd.wednet.edu.

## Onalaska to Hold Informational Meeting on Replacement Levy

By The Chronicle

The Onalaska School District will hold an informational meeting on its replacement maintenance and operations levy on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Onalaska Elementary School cafeteria.

The district is asking for \$1.1 million, the same amount as the previous levy. The new rates are estimated to be \$2.48 per thousand



John H. Dowies  
killed in 1978

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# Port of Chehalis to Ask County to Make Presentation on UGA

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: Chairman Cites Lack of Communication From County; Port Wants More Information From County Commissioners**

By Justyna Tomtas

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With a vested interest in the permitting and development of the urban growth area in Chehalis, the Port of Chehalis will extend an invitation to Lewis County commissioners to discuss the interlocal agreement of the area between the county and the city.

According to Port Chief Executive Officer Randy Mueller, a new agreement between the county and the city has not yet been reached. The existing agreement is set to expire on Feb. 1 and would be referred back to the county, he said.

The UGA is almost equal in size to Chehalis and includes land from Interstate 5 to the northeast of Jackson Highway down to the Newaukum River, as well as land to the east of Kresky Avenue.

The city of Chehalis has done



In this aerial photo taken on Aug. 25, the Port of Chehalis and much of the Chehalis urban growth area can be seen from the northeast.

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a presentation for the port, but Mueller said the commissioners have not yet heard from the county in that regard.

"A concern I have ... is just that there has been no communications from the county at all

in regards to their reasoning or standpoint. The city seems to be very open and upfront," board Chairman Ken Kostick said during the Thursday port meeting. "If that's the way it is before we go into this, it doesn't make me very

comfortable of how it's going to be once we are into this."

In 2006, the county and city created an interlocal agreement on the assumption that Chehalis would annex some surrounding county land as the city grows.

Certain responsibilities in the UGA are delegated to both entities.

The agreement's intent is to make the permitting process simpler for people who want to build in the UGA, while keeping with the city's character of existing neighborhoods.

Disagreements over certain portions of the agreement escalated last year, causing the Lewis County Board of Commissioners to send a letter, dated July 31, 2015, to Chehalis stating it planned to terminate the agreement and draft a new one.

Port Commissioner Mark Giffey said there needs to be a "very open conversation" about what the port's expectations are in regard to the UGA.

Mueller said he planned to invite the county commissioners to the Feb. 11 meeting of the port.

The city of Chehalis will hold a public hearing on the annexation of property in the city's urban growth area on Jan. 26 at 5:05 p.m. at City Hall, located at 350 N. Market Blvd.

Mueller said he would attend the meeting with the intent to testify in support of the city and the proposed annexation on behalf of the port.

## Port of Chehalis Discusses Options for 2016 Supplemental Budget

**ADDITIONAL REVENUE:**

**Three Recent Property Sales Bring in More Funds**

By Justyna Tomtas

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The Port of Chehalis will soon close on three property sales, adding additional revenue to its 2016 budget.

Randy Mueller, chief executive officer for the port, said the sales were not figured into this year's budget and provided port

commissioners with six options for the additional revenue.

"Now since we're moving toward closing those (sales) over the next couple of weeks it's appropriate to start a discussion on how to revise the work plan this year and our budget," he said. "More money means we can do more things."

Mueller told port commissioners at their Thursday meeting the money could be used to make port properties more shovel-ready. Other options included adding to the port's portfolio of available properties for sale by

acquiring more land to sell; increasing the operation revenue to reduce the port's reliance on the operating levy and property taxes; using it to reduce the port's debt; putting it into reserves for future investments; or spending it on an increased amount of marketing and advertising.

Commissioner Mark Anders said he would be interested in using the money to acquire more contiguous property for the port and said the money should be used to allow the port to stay vested in property.

Commissioner Mark Giffey

said he'd like to see the money funneled into developing property more so work could take place on the parcels all year long instead of just a few months out of the year.

"It's a challenge at times to say you can develop our property any month of the year," he said. "... I'd like to get some information on what it would take to get some parcels so we could put someone to work to develop something not just in the summertime."

Commissioner Ken Kostick said he liked the idea of acquir-

ing more leasable assets, especially office space.

With the commissioners' comments in mind, Mueller said he would write a supplemental budget that reflected what the board wanted to see.

The port is expected to close on the sales by the end of the month or the beginning of February, Mueller said.

The sales of property includes \$1.5 million from Pacific Mobile Structures, \$1.08 million from Sound Wood Products and \$12,500 from the Water Doctor of Washington Inc.

## Wind Storm, Flood Damage at Port of Chehalis Estimated to Cost \$92,000

By The Chronicle

Port of Chehalis property sustained over \$92,000 in damage to the Curtis Rail Line after a November windstorm and December flooding event.

In November, a windstorm caused a large maple tree to fall across a trestle of the rail line, damaging the walkway, ties and handrail. The repair estimate is \$20,000, according to Rick

Rouse, senior director of operations for the port.

A rail engineer who examined the trestle deemed it safe for train travel since no structural damage was reported.

The tree fell on a bridge spanning the South Fork Chehalis River at approximately milepost 9.5.

Rouse told port commissioners at their Thursday meeting that he is currently working with

local and state agencies on the repairs.

"The November windstorm damage is before the president's desk," Rouse said. "Hopefully he will sign the declaration this weekend and make these repairs eligible for FEMA funding."

Rouse said in the past FEMA has provided 75 percent of the cost of damage in reimbursable grants for repairs. The other 25 percent can be covered by the

state, the port or another agency.

The rail line also received damage at milepost 10 after a culvert collapsed.

The water was diverted northeast to state Route 6 where it eroded an area under the tracks, resulting in a washout.

Rouse said the 36-inch culvert collapsed from floodwater flow southwest of the washout. The washout affected a 35-foot by 3-foot section of the road bed

and snapped signal cables.

"That culvert apparently got more water than it can handle, eroded and it collapsed," he said.

The cost to replace the culvert and fix the erosion is estimated at \$72,000. The damage occurred on part of the tracks that is not used often, Rouse said.

Both of the damaged areas have been certified by the state and have been sent to the president for declaration, Rouse said.

### News in Brief

#### Lawmaker Asks for Probe Into Adele Concert Ticket Sales

OLYMPIA (AP) — A Washington state senator is asking the Attorney General's Office to look into the increased prices for tickets to Adele's Seattle concert.

KIRO-TV reported that Sen. Marko Liias, a Lynwood Democrat, thinks online robots may be snapping up tickets to the July 26 concert and driving the price up. Ticket bots, which can purchase tickets faster than a would-be concertgoer can say "hello," are illegal in Washington.

Liias has requested the investigation in response to reports of ticket manipulation for the concert. He says ticket bots are unfair and exploitative in addition to being illegal.

#### Miss Washington USA Resigns Title After Not Disclosing DUI

SEATTLE (AP) — Pageant officials say Miss Washington USA Stormy Keffeler has resigned her title after she failed to disclose a DUI conviction.

The Seattle Times reported police stopped Keffeler in April 2015 for driving on flat tires. Court documents show her blood alcohol level was above the legal limit for driving. She pleaded guilty to a DUI charge in September and served two days in jail. Keffeler was crowned in October.

Northwest Productions and Miss Washington USA co-executive producer Maureen Francisco urged people not to judge

Keffeler, calling it a very unfortunate incident and saying "we all do stupid things."

First runner-up Kelsey Schmidt will assume the title of Miss Washington USA and will represent the state at the USA event this year.

#### Toledo's Gallery 505 Show Features 'Fruits, Nuts and Veggies'

By The Chronicle

An art show featuring "Fruits, Nuts and Veggies" is currently on display at Gallery 505, located at 205 Cowlitz St. in Toledo.

Fifteen artists are participating in the themed show featuring a variety of media.

Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The show will close Saturday, Jan. 30.

For more information, contact Di Morgan at (360) 864-2789 or di@morganartscentre.com.

#### Morton Dinner/Luncheon Theater to Perform 'Arsenic and Old Lace'

By The Chronicle

A dinner/luncheon theater featuring "Arsenic and Old Lace" is coming to the Tiller Arts Center in Morton Feb. 6, 7, 13 and 14.

Performances will be at 6 p.m. Feb. 6 and 13, and 1 p.m. on Feb. 7 and 14.

"Arsenic and Old Lace" is the story of the charming and innocent Martha and Abby Brewster, who populate their cellar with

the remains of socially and religiously "acceptable" roomers.

A catered dinner is available for the performances. Cost is \$30 for the dinner shows and \$25 for the luncheon performances. For the play only, cost is \$12 in advance and \$13 at the door.

Tickets are available starting Wednesday at the BCJ Gallery in Morton, (360) 496-0542.

#### Thurston County Mails Voters Pamphlets

By The Chronicle

Thurston County mailed more than 117,000 voters pamphlets to households in Thurston County on Wednesday.

The pamphlets contain election information such as ballot measure explanations, voter registration information, ballot drop box locations, and accessible voting locations.

Ballot measures include every school district in Thurston County, with the exception of the Centralia School District. Rainier School District is the only jurisdiction that did not opt in to the local voters pamphlet.

West Thurston Regional Fire Authority also has a measure on the ballot.

Election day is Feb. 9. The local voters pamphlet is available in text, audio and PDF formats online at [www.ThurstonVotes.org](http://www.ThurstonVotes.org).

#### Washington, NOAA Launch Next Step of Shellfish Initiative

SEATTLE (AP) — Gov. Jay Inslee on Friday renewed the state's commitment to protecting

Washington's lucrative shellfish resources.

Inslee joined federal, tribal and other leaders at the National Fish & Oyster Co. in Olympia to launch the second phase of the Washington Shellfish Initiative, which former Gov. Chris Gregoire initiated in 2011.

The state, working with many partners including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, will take new steps to improve water quality, restore native shellfish such as Olympia oysters, improve the permitting process for shellfish-growers and promote ways to address how ocean acidification is affecting shellfish.

"Shellfish are an important part of our economy and our heritage here in Washington,"

Inslee said in a statement.

Washington is the leading producer of farmed shellfish in the U.S., with revenues of about \$150 million in 2013. The farmed shellfish industry contributed \$184 million to the state's economy in 2010 and supports about 2,700 jobs. The initiative doesn't include any new state money. It would rely on existing dollars or leveraging other sources of money.

Since the initiative was first launched four years ago, a panel of experts has outlined strategies to address ocean acidification, a new native shellfish hatchery was opened in Kitsap County, and health officials have spent millions on water quality programs to ensure healthy shellfish growing areas.

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# State Lawmakers Seek Rules for Police Body Camera Video

**MIXED REACTION:** A Similar Bill Never Made It to the Floor for a Vote in Previous Session

By Walker Orenstein  
The Associated Press

OLYMPIA — There was mixed reaction to a new bill heard Thursday in the House Judiciary Committee that seeks to balance the ability of police departments to handle broad requests for police body-camera videos with keeping essential footage available to the public.

**Legislature 2016**



Rep. Drew Hansen, D-Bainbridge Island, is the primary sponsor of House Bill 2362, which has three main prongs that would all ex-

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Shankar Narayan  
ACLU of Washington

pire by January 2018. The measure would:

- Set rules on what body-camera footage can be requested as a public record and who can request body camera recordings for free. The executive directors of the state commissions on African American, Asian Pacific American or Hispanic affairs, among others, would be able to access body-camera recordings of an incident without paying for video redaction meant to protect the privacy of people in the videos, the bill says.

- Create a task force to study and recommend policies about body cameras and public access to their recordings, made up of lawmakers and representatives from a number of state agencies and advocacy groups.

- Require police departments that use body cameras to adopt policies in a number of areas regarding how to implement the cameras, like when a camera must be on and off.

A similar bill last year was approved in committee, but it didn't get a floor vote in the House.

Hansen said last session was the first time the Legislature had significant conversation on the issue. He added the bill, which has bipartisan sponsorship, has had more input this year.

Representatives of some cities like Olympia and Bellingham testified the bill was a step in the right direction.

Mary Perry, assistant Seattle city attorney, said Seattle police currently have 670,000 hours of dash-cam video. Perry said the department couldn't afford or handle requests for a similar amount of body camera footage in the future. The city had a sixth-month pilot program for body cameras that ended in 2015.

"What is excellent about this bill is it gives a little breather to agencies as we work these issues out," Perry said at the hearing.

Shankar Narayan, the legislative director at the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington, testified that the bill does not solve privacy issues for people who appear in body-camera

videos, and it may end up costing police departments more money to complete records requests.

"Overall, it's a rush into a hurried and incomplete set of rules that may well leave us further from accountability than when we started," he said.

Afam Ayika, representing black advocacy groups in Seattle and Washington like Black Out Washington and Village of Hope, said the Legislature should scrap the bill to focus on comprehensive reform of police departments.

Gig Harbor Police Chief Kelly Busey said he was largely in support of the bill, testifying that currently, "one single overly broad request" for body-camera video would be a disaster for his department.

Oregon, California, seven other states and Washington, D.C., enacted laws in 2015 that address access to body-camera footage and open-records laws, according to the National Conference on State Legislatures.



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Kyle Davis, left, and Leah Poje, both of Bremerton, hold rifles outside the governor's office following a gun rights rally on the steps of the Capitol on Friday in Olympia.

# Gun Rights Activists Descend of Legislature in Olympia

OLYMPIA (AP) — About 100 people gathered on the steps of the Capitol to urge lawmakers to protect gun rights.

Lawmakers and others spoke at the rally Friday, emphasizing legislative priorities and speaking against gun-related policies of President Barack Obama, like his recent executive actions to expand background checks to cover more firearms sold at gun shows, and elsewhere.

Most at the rally appeared to be unarmed, but some carried firearms. Others held signs or wore clothing promoting gun rights.

Information handed out at the event identified seven bills in the Legislature this year that advocates at the rally might oppose, including a bill that seeks to create a statewide ammunition tax.

Rep. Matt Shea, R-Spokane Valley; Rep. Elizabeth Scott, R-Monroe; and Rep. David Taylor, R-Moxee, were among those who spoke.



Samantha Nixon, left, carries a 12-gauge shotgun as she stands with others before a gun rights rally on the steps of the Capitol on Friday in Olympia. Lawmakers and others spoke at the rally, which drew about 100 people.



A boy rests his hand with his finger inside the barrel of a rifle as he stands at a gun rights rally on the steps of the Capitol Friday.

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# Opinion Columnists, Our Views, Letters to the Editor

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## Pros and Cons to Ending District Court in East County

Costs are being cited as one of the driving reasons to eliminate Lewis County District Court in Morton.

Newly sworn-in Mayor Dan Mortensen correctly noted in a story in today's edition that those costs won't simply be eliminated if the East Lewis County court option fades away.

"It's a financial impact to the citizens because they will have to drive to Chehalis," Mortensen said.

Still, the debate over whether to end the offering is not simple.

District Court Judge Wade Samuelson seems to understand

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that, and it's nice to hear his genuine interest in hearing from residents and county officials on the matter.

Residents of remote, eastern areas of Lewis County are currently afforded the opportunity to attend court in Morton once a month for traffic infractions.

Between 15 and 20 people normally attend, according to the county.

Those individuals are saved from having to drive, in some cases, well over 100 miles on a round trip to take care of what

might amount to a minor traffic issue.

If a person wants to argue their innocence before a judge, they're at a distinct disadvantage if it means losing a work day and paying for gas for the long drive.

Still, the district court judges make compelling points as well.

Security is certainly an important issue, even more so when it comes to protecting elected judges in charge of meting out justice that might elicit anger.

While security can be provided by the Morton Police

Department, other protective measures don't exist. There are no metal detectors, no panic buttons for judges holding court inside a community center.

"So if the court goes forward, it's the future cost to modernize," Samuelson noted.

The decision is with Lewis County commissioners Edna Fund, Bill Schulte and Gary Stamper. The latter represents most of East Lewis County within his district.

The commissioners have taken a wise approach by arranging for two public meetings on the matter before making a decision.

Those meetings are both set for Thursday, Jan. 28, with the first at 5:30 p.m. at the Randle fire hall and the second at 7 p.m. at the Bob Lyle Community Center in Morton.

It's now on residents interested in keeping the court in East Lewis County to voice their opinions and reasoning in relation to the cost and concerns of the county.

Fortunately, the meetings are coming to them.

If there is no sizeable opposition, it's likely residents of the area will be facing some long drives in the future.

### COMMENTARY: Hills and Valleys

## Breaking Bad Cycles, Building Good Ones

Hope and opportunity are powerful ideas. Those of us fortunate enough to have experienced the exhilaration of those words in our lives should savor them — and we should ponder the reality that many people here and afar rarely feel them. Maybe they never do.

In Lewis County, one in five children lives in poverty.

Even in Chehalis, a more affluent area than many of its neighbors, fully half of the students in public school qualify for free or reduced-price lunch. Nearly 200 Chehalis students were homeless going into the 2015 school year.



By Brian Mittge

Many families in our community are caught in a downward cycle of intergenerational poverty.

It's a problem with many causes, among them the lack of solid job opportunities, but the issue compounds when children are brought up in struggling households without access to the kinds of life instruction they'll need to succeed.

Being a successful adult, let alone a halfway decent teenager, requires skills, experiences and character development that aren't always readily available. Some kids manage to overcome the odds and pull themselves up by their bootstraps, but that's hard when you don't have boots, or any way to show you the way up.

We'll need many different ongoing efforts to break the compounding misery of intergenerational poverty.

Some good news is coming as our community is about to see its first Boys & Girls Club. This national program helps create a safe place for kids with enlightening, relevant programs for them after school.

Brett Ellingson, principal at Olympic Elementary, is also a volunteer board member for Boys & Girls Club of Chehalis.

During a recent presentation to the Chehalis PTA, he told parents that construction of the first Boys & Girls Club in Lewis County will begin in April. It will be a 7,000-square-foot building next to the new Pacific Athletic Center on south Market Boulevard.

It's an exciting development for our community. Hundreds of kids will have a safe, life-affirming place staffed by good role models to learn and spend time when their parents or guardians aren't around.

### CONNECT WITH THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF CHEHALIS

To learn more or lend your support to this worthy cause, email [chehalisbgc@gmail.com](mailto:chehalisbgc@gmail.com) or search Facebook for "Boys and Girls Club of Chehalis." They're also on Twitter @chehalisbgc.

"So many good things are happening in Chehalis, and that pendulum of good things continues," he said, listing the recent construction of the Vernetta Smith Library, the Gail & Carolyn Shaw Aquatic Center (the pool at Rec Park), and the upcoming groundbreaking on the two new primary schools.

Architectural planning is underway for two new elementary schools in the 44-acre field south of Chehalis Middle School. The new kindergarten-second grade and third-fifth-grade schools will replace the aging Cascade, R.E. Bennett and Olympic schools.

Consolidating the younger kids in one campus on 20th Street, a short walk from W.F. West High School, means that essentially every student in the district will be within a mile of the new Boys & Girls Club building.

The center will open in January 2017 with staffing for 200 students, with plans to increase to 300 within a year.

They'll have tutors and classes, financial training and computer labs.

Eventually they hope to expand from Chehalis to other communities throughout Lewis County.

As they prepare to break ground this spring, the Boys & Girls Club of Chehalis just announced that they are going to hire an executive director. (Are you great working with kids and building a network of mentors? This might be the job for you.)

Before opening, the club needs to have three years worth of operating expenses in the bank. This is a high bar that helps ensure a successful opening. Our local club has already raised \$800,000 of the \$1.2 million they need to open.

It's all good news for the kids of today. Together we can help them grow into the leaders and solid citizens of tomorrow who can share these words from the vision statement of the Boys & Girls Club: hope and opportunity.

Brian Mittge and his family live south of Chehalis.



### COMMENTARY:

#### Musings From the Middle Fork

## Who's at Fault for Early Release of Prisoners? How About the Governor?

Last Saturday's Chronicle carried the story under the headline "Governor Inslee Impatient to Hold State Employees Accountable for DOC's Early Release of Inmates."

But as the story points out, on the "advice of investigators" he's waiting to take action. As was widely reported earlier, this was a problem that has gone on for years, people knew about it, went so far as to seek legal advice about it, and yet it simply wasn't fixed.



By John McCroskey

In the meantime the governor's Department of Corrections Secretary Dan Pacholke testified before a legislative hearing, apologized and said "It's probably the largest single error I've ever heard of agency history in the sense of its impacts to public safety."

I don't really think it takes much of an investigation to realize it's a failure of leadership.

But these days the buck no longer stops at the top. If the governor really found it as mad-dening as he suggests, and really didn't know about it, whoever did and didn't tell him should be gone as a start.

But some editorials across the state laid the blame squarely on the governor, and I do too.

I still find it interesting that this was so low on anyone's priority list.

Reducing populations in prison is something the gover-

nor wants, and this certainly did that.

In a related (because it's another state agency with less than stellar leadership) but not surprising story, after seven months the indicted Democratic auditor, Troy Kelley, came back to work. He is of course entitled to a trial and is innocent until he is proven guilty, but he was indicted on some pretty serious charges. Now, in order to try to prevent his impeachment for abandoning his job, he came back to work rather than resign.

We should all have confidence that the elected leader of the government agency, charged with keeping other government agencies honest, has been indicted for money laundering, possession of stolen money, tax and perjury, and is back on the job.

I know I feel better he's back on the job.

Our Legislature will have to waste valuable time to impeach him. And they should if this alleged scofflaw won't resign for the good of the office.

I remember years ago fighting with the Timberland Regional Library board over the access to porn on the public library computers. It was a contentious issue, with the library defending the practice and objecting to even some form of filters being put on the computers to prevent it.

There were stories of children accidentally viewing the screen as

someone was viewing this stuff and parents who objected and didn't get much help (or sympathy) from library staff. We even had registered sex offenders using these computers because law enforcement couldn't easily track the information.

At the time I was one of several sheriffs concerned about, and baffled by their objection to even basic filters. In the end I think they did make some changes and the problem either went away or people just got tired of fighting over it and gave up.

So it was tragic irony that the business manager from Timberland was recently caught up in a prostitution and sex-trafficking sting operation in King County. There is as far as we know any connection to his alleged activity and the library computers. But it certainly was an unfortunate turn of events for the Timberland system.

Dan Mortensen, the long-time police chief of Morton, retired and was simultaneously sworn in as the town's new mayor. I have a hard time recalling a time when Dan wasn't the chief, and his lengthy tenure is a testament to his commitment to the town. Dan was always one of the good guys, and I certainly wish him and his wife well as they move into this next phase of life.

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# Lewis County Power Rankings: Dogs, Flags and Stolen High-Class Goods

**RALPHY:** I got a new dog on Monday, and we're getting used to each other. He gets up in the morning and watches me drink coffee and check my correspondences (Twitter, mostly), then has a drink of water and goes back to bed. At lunchtime he growls at me if I'm eating and he's not. He pretends not to know how his doggy-door works until I leave, at which point he clambers through it like the Kool-Aid man crashing a sorority party.

He's surly when he's awake, snores when he's asleep and doesn't walk so much as trundle from one place to the next, a series of characteristics that makes him sound like a furrer version of a certain local visuals editor. Needless to say, he fits in quite well with my own sunny disposition.

**BRENNAN BAILEY:** Young Mr. Bailey penned a response, on behalf of the Chehalis School District's board of directors, to The Chronicle's editorial on Dec. 17 about a W.F. West High School student being asked not to wear his confederate flag hat.

"School students, during school hours and/or school activities, do not have full First

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Amendment free speech rights," Bailey wrote.

Bailey adds that other symbols have a reasonable expectation of being disruptive, among which he's listed the communist hammer and sickle. The irony of a student standing behind the First Amendment to wear a hammer-and-sickle shirt is excellent. "It's a free country, man! ... Yeah I know what this stick and choppy thing means, why are you laughing?"

Bailey — a student at W.F. West less than a decade ago — has written a measured, reasonable response to the issue, which is admirable considering the subject matter. I'm not sure the school really needed to respond with anything beyond "Your teacher said not to wear the hat, so either leave it at home or don't come to class. You're free to wear it to a Civil War re-enactment or Confederate rally on your own time, but there's still a few basic



By Aaron VanTuyl

expectations around here."

**TASTEFUL CRIMINALS:** The Lewis County Sheriff's Office posts a Crime of the Week, something to which I haven't paid enough attention. Last week's crime was the theft of a stationery desk, a vintage camera, a Tiffany-style lamp, vintage Japanese Pagoda lamps, and unspecified alcohol (I bet it's 40-year-old scotch or something. No one writes letters about their Leica camera at a stationery desk under the light from a Pagoda lamp while sipping expensive tequila) from what's obviously the classiest home in Chehalis.

I certainly hope the thief is caught, and have the utmost confidence in our local law enforcement agencies. This crime hits close to home as I, too, have many valuable antiques in my home that I would rather not see stolen. (That's a lie. The most valuable thing in my house is the laptop I'm writing this on, and technically The Chronicle owns it.)

Just for fun, let's take a whodunit look at this one. (Keep in mind I am not a legally-licensed private investigator, but for \$100

a day plus expenses I'll take your case.)

Option 1: A cat burglar, specializing in vintage liquor, furniture and cameras. Given that the typical hauls in Lewis County burglary cases are guns, ATVs, lawnmowers, drugs, beer and tools, it's likely our thief has exhausted the local supply of his niche items, and he won't be heard from again.

Option 2: Acquaintance of the victim(s). How else would they know a vintage camera was worth taking and not, you know, junk? (This is a problem that befalls my younger brother on a regular basis. "Oh, another typewriter! Just what I was looking for!" is the kind of thing that he, and no one else I've ever met, would say.) Should this be the case, he (OR SHE! Girls are 60 percent more likely to steal than boys, according to a statistical analysis I may have imagined) will return to the scene of the crime (stats again!) and ask too many questions about how the investigation is going, and eventually implicate themselves, perhaps after too many tumblers of 40-year-old scotch.

Option 3: Local ne'er-do-well. A typical break-in-and-steal-stuff-when-no-one's-home thief

would be quite confused with his haul, and frustrated when trying to fence it.

"What is this? A FILM camera? Half a bottle of rum? What am I supposed to do with this?"

"It's weird whiskey or something. C'mon, man, how much will you give me?"

"Where's the USB cord go? You know cameras are on phones now, right? And there's booze in every grocery store? And I could get a lamp at Goodwill for like \$5?"

"So I'm stuck with all this stuff?"

"This is Lewis County. You can try to sell it on Facebook but they'll just ask if the four-wheel-drive works or if you've got ammo for it and then tell you you're asking too much for it. Yes, even if it's a desk."

Anyway, the items were valued at \$1,100, and if you have any information, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-748-6422. You never have to leave your name!

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## Guest Column

# Long Term Care Not a Priority for Washingtonians

Our country's senior population is expected to double in the next 25 years. The so-called "Age Wave," the boom in the over-65 population, will lead to a dramatic increase in the number of adults needing long term care. Only one-third of seniors have planned for their long term care needs, yet this is a topic that does not rise to the top of the priority list for most of our state's residents. In a 2014 poll by The Feldman Group, long-term care ranked seventh on the list of priorities for the state Legislature and the governor to address.

This is unacceptable — though sadly, not shocking. In my line of work, I often hear stories of people spending their life savings to take care of their husband or wife's care. Or adult children taking on the emotionally, physically, and economically draining caregiving duties of their adult parents. These stories are hard to hear but all too common.

Before this issue becomes a crisis, we must educate our community about the realities of long-term care so they can begin planning as well as let legislators know that coming up with solutions for long term care financing options is a priority.

All too frequently, families are surprised that there is so little coverage or support when a loved one needs long-term care. They assume Medicare will be there to cover dad's need for a little help at home — but Medicare won't provide that coverage. They think Mom can move into a care facility and health insurance will pay the cost, but very few have insurance that pays for this type of care.

A lifetime of savings goes quickly when paying for long term care. According to a recent survey by Genworth, a month in a nursing home can cost as much as \$10,000 in our state. Assisted living private rates averaged \$4,625 per month, and home care services rates were comparable. The average Washington citizen requires two years of support services, meaning families can face average costs of between \$100,000 and \$200,000 or more in long-term care costs for a parent or loved one, regardless of where that care is provided.

Most families will attempt to provide the care and support themselves, but many family caregivers feel overwhelmed with this undertaking. Almost 60 percent of unpaid caregivers had cut their own discretionary spending to help loved ones cover the costs of long term care. According to the Beyond Dollars 2013 Report, 11 percent actually lose their jobs and another 10 percent report having to change

careers — both due to the conflicting responsibilities with care. And — the number of available caregivers is dwindling. The AARP Public Policy Care Institute projects the ratio of potential caregivers to people aged 80 and older will decline between 2010 and 2030. And while family caregivers try their best, the number of caregivers available in the future simply won't be enough for the "Age Wave."

Long-term care insurance would be a solid option but it is inaccessible to most individuals over 65, and only 7 percent of Washingtonians have purchased the coverage. The high cost is exceptionally expensive, because most people do not think of buying the coverage until fairly late in life.

So families must turn to Medicaid as a last resort after they try the options above. This federal-state partnership is the single largest payment source for long term care, whether provided in someone's own home or at a care facility. Unfortunately, many individuals end up spending their life savings in order to qualify.

Luckily, all is not lost. In 2015 our Legislature passed a bill commissioning a study to explore state supported options for long-term services and supports. The bill was endorsed by Washingtonians for a Responsible Future, a coalition of aging and disability advocates, long-term care providers, labor, and consumer rights organizations seeking to protect the financial health and well-being of individuals and families who need long-term care.

The goal is to identify different options for helping families prepare for the high costs of long term care, whether it's encouraging people to buy insurance, looking at private-public partnerships and finally, examining a public funding option.

The study will be complete by December 2016, providing insight and recommendations to the legislature for action.

I encourage you to let legislators know that long term care financing is a priority now and in to the future. Talk to your loved ones and make planning a goal in the New Year (not a resolution — most people don't keep resolutions!) It is critical that this issue is addressed now if we are to protect quality of life and care for our families in the future.

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Dennis Mahar is the executive director of the Lewis Mason Thurston Area Agency on Aging. He is also a member of Washingtonians for a Responsible Future, a coalition of aging and disability advocates, long term care providers, labor, and consumer rights organizations seeking to protect the financial health of individuals and families needing long term care.

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## COMMENTARY: Back to Business

# 'Made in America' Is More Than a Slogan

As we enter 2016, we need to look at what it takes to keep manufacturing in America.

We have advantages, which include higher product quality, shorter delivery times, rising offshore wages, lower inventory and the ability to be more responsive to changing customer demands.

But there are some glaring disadvantages, which include higher taxes, mounting costs of government regulations and increasing electricity prices.

Nowhere is that more evident than in Washington.

Our state and local politicians got a sobering reality check 15 years ago. Because of high costs and work stoppages, some of Boeing's 787 final assembly work was sent to South Carolina, and key components were outsourced offshore.

Three years ago, the Legislature and Gov. Jay Inslee addressed manufacturing competitiveness when they pushed through \$8.3 billion in tax incentives, provided some relief from overly stringent regulations and enhanced worker-training programs to land Boeing's new 777 carbon wing plant. As a result, there will be more than 20,000 jobs at Paine Field.

Today, we cannot forget that Boeing's customers are leveraging the company for a part of the production. Costs matter, and the higher they climb, the more difficult it is to keep those high-paying manufacturing jobs here.

Washington has made progress. In the last 20 years, the Legislature implemented some

**"The one lesson we have learned over the years is companies will move to survive. They must, or they go out of business."**

hard-fought reforms to workers' compensation and unemployment insurance, as well as a sales-tax exemption for manufacturing machinery and equipment, and spent millions for worker-training programs.

Those manufacturers worry that if Inslee's climate change rules are adopted, the accompanying costs of energy would likely force them to move elsewhere.

One of the key reasons the semiconductor companies came to Washington was low-cost electricity. The same is true for carbon-fiber manufacturers such as BMW in Moses Lake.

Even though carbon fiber is six times stronger than steel and 30 percent lighter than aluminum, it has been expensive to produce. A Rocky Mountain Institute study found that for carbon-fiber-based autos to compete with steel ones at the same production volume, carbon fiber costs need to decrease by 60 percent.

The bottom line for manufacturers is the availability of adequate and reliable electricity at a competitive price is a determining factor in locating factories today.

Many smaller Washington manufacturers have kept their production here because they

have highly trained workers, better quality control, timing of component delivery, and can better protect their intellectual property or trade secrets. However, they struggle with higher costs as well.

A group called the Reshoring Initiative produced a list of 300 companies who relocated manufacturing facilities back to the United States or have chosen to remain here. They also list foreign companies that have decided to build plants in America.

Airbus, based in France, is putting the finishing touches on an A-320 production line in Mobile, Alabama. When fully operational, it will house 1,000 workers who will assemble passenger jets that compete directly with Boeing's best-seller, the 737.

Airbus cites one of its reasons for locating there was the cooperation by government at all levels. Whether manufacturers stay or move largely depends on costs and how local, state and federal government leaders respond to mounting competitive pressures.

They can either re-establish a climate where the private sector is encouraged to invest, innovate, and create new and better products, or they can smother manufacturers with more regulations, higher fees and taxes, and added time delays in siting plants.

The one lesson we have learned over the years is companies will move to survive. They must, or they go out of business. Then we all lose. That's a topic every politician should address in 2016.

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# Nation/World

## Nation in Brief

### Warehouse Worker Takes Third of \$1.6 Billion Powerball Pot

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A small-town warehouse supervisor turned in one of three tickets splitting the world-record \$1.6 billion Powerball jackpot on Friday, and swiftly announced that he would take his money now, giving up hundreds of millions of dollars in the future.

But John Robinson and his wife, Lisa, said they won't stop working and won't make any wild purchases. They'll pay off their mortgage and their daughter's student loans, but have no desire to move from their small, gray, one-story house into a luxurious compound somewhere.

"I've never wanted that in the past. I don't really want that now," said Lisa Robinson, who works in a dermatologist's office.

"Big houses are nice," her husband said, "But also you gotta clean 'em."

### Marine Helicopters Collide Off Oahu; Search Under Way

HALEIWA, Hawaii (AP) — Two Marine Corps helicopters carrying six crew members each collided and went down off the Hawaiian island of Oahu while on a nighttime training mission, and rescuers searched choppy waters Friday where debris had been sighted, military officials said.

There was no immediate word on the fate of those aboard or what caused the accident.

The transport helicopters known as CH-53Es crashed just before midnight Thursday, officials said.

Hours later, a Coast Guard helicopter and C-130 airplane spotted a debris field 2½ miles offshore. The debris covered an area of 2 miles, Marine Capt. Timothy Irish said.

The choppers were part of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

### Walmart to Shutter 269 Stores, 154 of Them in the US

NEW YORK (AP) — Walmart is doing some rare pruning.

The world's largest retailer is closing 269 stores, including 154 in the U.S. that includes all of its locations under its smallest-format concept store called Walmart Express. The other big chunk is in its challenging Brazilian market.

The stores being shuttered account for a fraction of the company's 11,000 stores worldwide and less than 1 percent of its global revenue. Walmart Stores Inc. said the store closures will affect 16,000 workers, 10,000 of them in the U.S. Its global workforce is 2.2 million, 1.4 million in the U.S. alone.

The store closures will start at the end of the month.

The announcement comes three months after Walmart Stores Inc. CEO Doug McMillon told investors that the world's largest retailer would review its fleet of stores with the goal of becoming more nimble in the face of increased competition from all fronts, including from online rival Amazon.com.

### Flight Attendant, Passengers Hurt When Jet Hits Turbulence

MIAMI (AP) — A flight attendant has been hospitalized and five passengers suffered apparently minor injuries after an American Airlines jet ran into turbulence over Florida.

The airline said the plane that took off from New York's LaGuardia Airport was less than an hour from landing Friday in Miami when it hit rough air.

Airline spokesman Casey Norton said passengers' seat belt lights were on at the time.

Flight 1410 was carrying 159 passengers and six crew members.



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks as Republican presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, looks on during the Fox Business Network Republican presidential debate at the North Charleston Coliseum Thursday in North Charleston, S.C.

# Trump, Cruz Battle in Year's First GOP Debate

By Julie Pace and Bill Barrow  
The Associated Press

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. — Republican presidential candidates Donald Trump and Ted Cruz clashed Thursday night over the Texas senator's eligibility to serve as commander in chief and the businessman's "New York values," ending months of civility between fiery contenders seeking to tap into voter anger and frustration.

More than two hours of prime-time argument presented voters with a sharp contrast to the optimistic vision of America that President Barack Obama painted in his State of the Union address earlier this week. The candidates warned of dire risks to national security if a Democrat is elected to succeed Obama and challenged claims of recent economic gains.

Heated exchanges between Trump and Cruz dominated much of the debate, with the real estate mogul saying the senator has a "big question mark" hanging over his candidacy given his birth in Canada to an American mother.

"You can't do that to the party," Trump declared.

**CRUZ SUGGESTED TRUMP** was only turning on him because he's challenging Trump's lead, particularly in Iowa, which kicks off voting on Feb. 1.

Cruz renewed his criticism of Trump's "New York values," a coded questioning of his rival's conservatism. But the barb appeared to backfire, eliciting an unexpectedly emotional response from Trump about his hometown's response to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

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Donald Trump

responding to Ted Cruz comment Trump had "New York values"

have handled more beautifully, more humanely than New York," Trump said. "That was a very insulting statement that Ted made."

At times, the contest between some of the more mainstream candidates seeking to emerge as an alternative to Trump and Cruz was just as fiery, particularly between Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie.

Rubio likened Christie's policies to President Obama's, particularly on guns, Planned Parenthood and education reform — an attack Christie declared false. Seeking to undermine Rubio's qualifications for president, Christie suggested that senators "talk and talk and talk" while governors such as himself are "held accountable for everything you do."

Rubio entered the debate as the top target for most of the other establishment-minded candidates. He largely escaped the criticism of his Senate voting record and immigration policies that have dogged him on the campaign trail and in television advertisements blanketing airwaves in early voting states — until near the end when Cruz confronted him on immigration.

Rubio fired back by accusing Cruz of switching positions on immigration himself, then ticking off a litany of other areas

where he said the Texas senator had flip-flopped.

"That is not consistent conservatism," Rubio said. "That is political calculation."

Cruz was also on the defensive about his failure to disclose on federal election forms some \$1 million in loans from Wall Street banks during his 2012 Senate campaign. He said it was little more than a "paperwork error."

**RUBIO AND CHRISTIE** are among the candidates seeking to break out of the establishment pack, particularly in the New Hampshire primary, which quickly follows the lead-off Iowa caucuses. The race in Iowa has settled into a tight, two-way contest between Trump and Cruz.

Thursday night's debate came at the end of a week that has highlighted anew the deep rifts in the Republican Party. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, a rising GOP star, was widely praised by many party leaders for including a veiled criticism of Trump's angry rhetoric during her response to Obama's State of the Union address — only to be chastised by conservative commentators and others for the exact same comment.

Trump said he wasn't offended by Haley's speech and argued his anger is justified.

## Stock Market Slides, Off to Worst-Ever Two-Week Start to Begin a New Year

By Alex Veiga  
AP Business Writer

Never before has Wall Street gotten off to a worse start to a year.

The stock market capped the first two weeks of 2016 with a steep slide Friday that sent the Dow Jones industrial average down nearly 400 points.

All three major stock indexes — the Dow, the Nasdaq composite and the Standard & Poor's 500 — are now in what's known as a correction, or a drop of 10 percent or more from their recent peaks.

The market has been on a stomach-churning ride since the start of the year, wrenched up — but mostly down — because of alarm over a slowdown in China and the plunging price of oil to its lowest level in 12 years. Investors are already seeing damage to U.S. corporate profits, particularly at energy companies.

The Dow slid 390.97 points, or 2.4 percent, to 15,988.08. The average had been down more

than 500 points early in the afternoon. The S&P 500 ended down 41.51 points, or 2.2 percent, at 1,880.33. The Nasdaq dropped 126.59 points, or 2.7 percent, to 4,488.42.

The Dow and S&P 500 have now fallen about 8 percent this year, while the Nasdaq is off about 10 percent.

"Oil is the root cause of today," said Dan Farley, regional investment strategist at the Private Client Reserve at U.S. Bank. "People are uncertain, and when they're uncertain they're scared."

Crude oil has dropped below \$30 a barrel from a high of over \$100 during the summer of 2014, eviscerating energy company profits. On Friday, Williams Cos. led a slide among oil, gas and mining companies, falling \$2.19, or 12 percent, to \$16.10.

Investors also got some discouraging economic news on Friday: The Federal Reserve said U.S. industrial production, which includes manufacturing, mining and utilities, dropped in December for the third month in

a row. And another government report indicated U.S. retail sales dipped last month.

Many investors had welcomed the new year with fairly high hopes. They expected oil prices would stabilize. After a market correction in August, few forecast it would happen again so soon. And the Federal Reserve's move in December to raise interest rates for the first time in nearly 10 years signaled to many that the U.S. economy was healthy.

"The hope was global growth would stabilize, and early in 2016 here, that has been a disappointment, too," said David Chalupnik, head of equities at Nuveen Asset Management.

Despite the rough start to the year, Wall Street watchers are not ready to say the bull market is over.

"We don't believe we're going into a bear market," Chalupnik said. "The reason for that is the U.S. economy is sound."

Intel dropped 9.1 percent after the chipmaker posted its fourth-quarter results.

## World in Brief

### Pro-China Party Likely to Lose Power in Taiwan's Election

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Voting began today in Taiwan's presidential election in which the island's China-friendly Nationalist Party appears likely to lose power to the pro-independence opposition, amid concerns that the island's economy is under threat from China and broad opposition among voters to Beijing's demands for political unification.

The Democratic Progressive Party's Tsai Ing-wen is poised to become the self-governing island's first female president, returning the main opposition party to power after eight years under Nationalist President Ma Ying-jeou, who is constitutionally barred from another term.

The outcome of the contest for a majority in the 133-seat legislature remains uncertain, with independents and smaller parties posing a threat to both the Nationalists and the DPP.

### Al-Qaida Claims Attack on Burkina Faso Hotel, Cafe

OUAGADOUGOU, Burkina Faso (AP) — Al-Qaida militants struck an upscale hotel and nearby cafe in Burkina Faso's capital late Friday that are popular with Westerners, taking an unknown number of hostages and forcing others to hide for their lives. Three hours later, gunfire could still be heard as soldiers in an armored vehicle finally approached the area where cars had been set ablaze.

The local al-Qaida affiliate known as AQIM claimed responsibility online as the attack was ongoing in downtown Ouagadougou at the 147-room Splendid Hotel, according to the SITE Intelligence Group.

In a message posted in Arabic on the militants' "Muslim Africa" Telegram account, it said fighters had "broke into a restaurant of one of the biggest hotels in the capital of Burkina Faso, and are now entrenched and the clashes are continuing with the enemies of the religion."

### 1 Man Brain Dead, 5 Others Hospitalized in French Drug Trial

PARIS (AP) — One man was brain dead and three others faced possible permanent brain damage after volunteering to take part in a drug trial for a painkiller based on a natural brain compound similar to the active ingredient in marijuana, French authorities said Friday.

The Paris prosecutor's office opened an investigation into what French Health Minister Marisol Touraine called "an accident of exceptional gravity" at a clinical trial lab in the western French city of Rennes.

The trial involved 90 healthy volunteers who were given the experimental drug in varying doses at different times, she told reporters at a news conference in Rennes.

Six male volunteers between 28 and 49 years old have since been hospitalized, including one man now classified as brain dead, Touraine said, adding that the other 83 volunteers were being contacted.

### US Treasury Secretary Demands Action on Puerto Rico's Crisis

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — U.S. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew urged Congress on Friday to pass legislation by March to help ease Puerto Rico's economic crisis before it's too late.

Lew made the request in a letter to U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan, a Wisconsin Republican, as he announced an upcoming trip to the island to meet with government officials and business leaders to talk about the financial situation.

"Although there are many ways this crisis could escalate further, it is clear that Puerto Rico is already in the midst of an economic collapse," Lew wrote. "It is time for Congress to act to provide order to a chaotic and worsening situation."

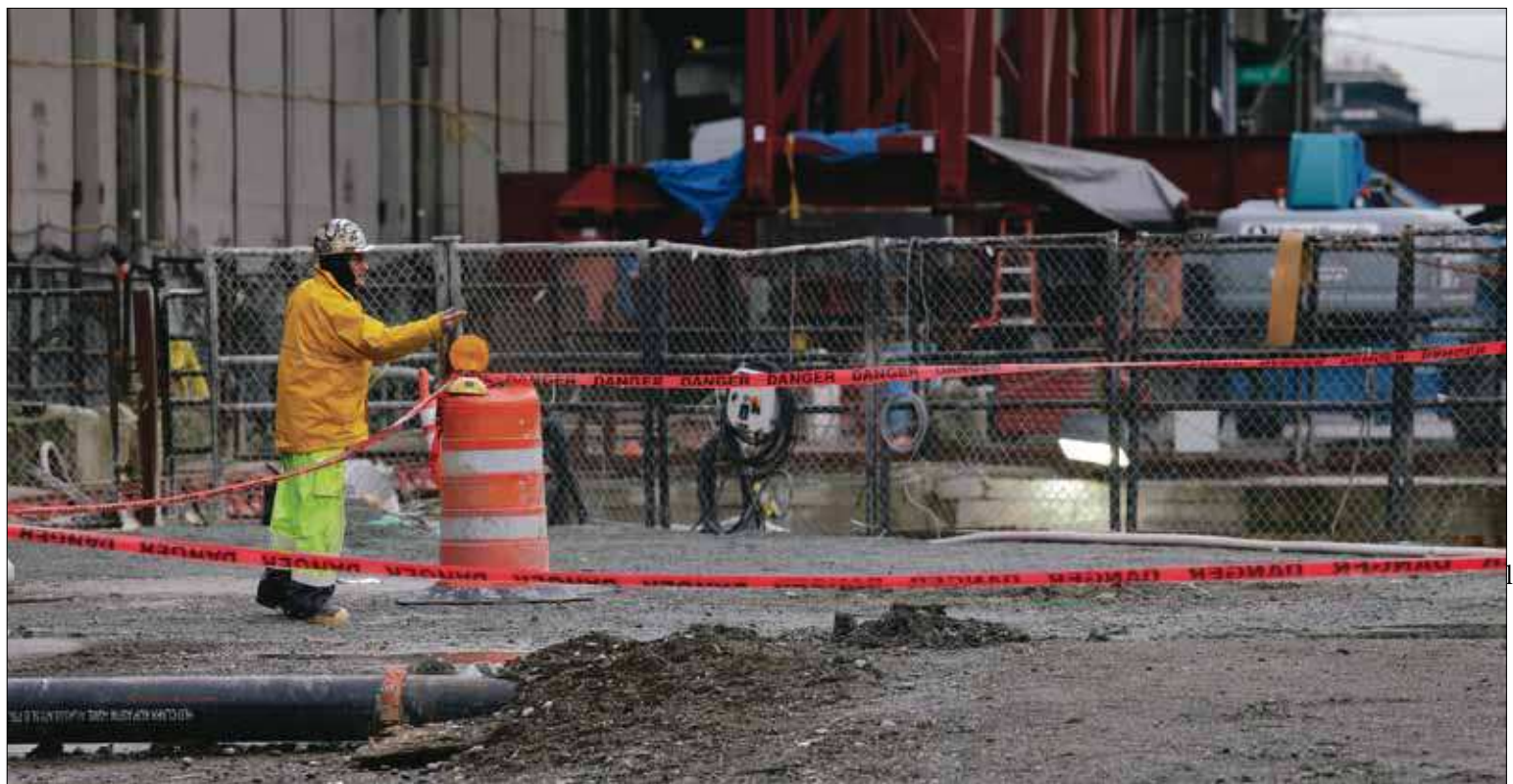
# Inslee Halts Seattle Tunnel Project Over Safety Concerns

**ROOT CAUSES:** Governor Wants to Know the Reasoning Behind the Opening of a Sinkhole

By Martha Bellisle  
The Associated Press

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Elaine Thompson / The Associated Press

A worker tosses a small object onto a now-filled sinkhole remaining at the worksite of a giant tunnel being dug below to replace the elevated Alaskan Way Viaduct roadway Wednesday in Seattle. A day earlier, a barge carrying soil that was pulled from the tunnel project spilled some of its load into Elliott Bay before drifting into a nearby pier, and later that day the sinkhole developed more than 100 feet south of the cutterhead's current location, in ground that was mined through last week. Seattle Tunnel Partners filled the sinkhole overnight with 250 cubic yards of concrete.

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**WILDLIFE REFUGE:** Armed Group Continues on Federal Land With No End in Sight

By Keith Ridler  
The Associated Press

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Ammon Bundy speaks to reporters at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Burns, Ore., on Thursday. Bundy is the leader of a small, armed group that has been occupying the remote refuge in Oregon since Jan. 2 to protest federal land policies.

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# Flooding: The Basin Has Suffered Five Worst Floods on Record in Last 30 Years

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Chehalis River Basin discussed the ongoing issue of flooding in the watershed.

The newly formed bipartisan task force first met in October of last year. Rep. Richard DeBolt, R-Chehalis, is a co-chairman of the group.

"I appreciate the hundreds of hours of work that's gone into this. It's nice to see it all in one place and rolling along," DeBolt said.

DeBolt said he's thankful for the work that has gone into protecting communities and habitat in the Chehalis Basin.

The Chehalis Basin is the second-largest watershed in the state, and it has suffered five of its largest floods in history in the past 30 years.

Jim Kramer, facilitator with the Ruckelshaus Center for the Chehalis Basin Strategy, said flooding is expected to get worse in the basin in the coming years.

J. Vander Stoep, with the Governor's Chehalis Basin Work Group, said fixes for the flooding will address not only economic damage to communities but also fish habitat loss.

"It's a big problem. It's costing a lot of money," he said.

While solutions will be cost-



Scott McKinney, the Department of Ecology's state coordinator for flood plain management, and Heather Bartlett, the Department of Ecology's water quality program manager, speak during a presentation for the Washington Waters Task Force on Friday afternoon in Olympia.

ly, he said, they will have a net positive benefit to the state.

Vander Stoep said flooding in the basin accounts for 28 percent of all Federal Emergency Management Agency flood payouts in the state since 1980, which is about \$560 million.

Fishery habitat in the basin is declining, and if the floods continue to worsen and summers continue to be dryer, Vander Stoep said, according to biologists, the chinook salmon will

disappear.

The proposed solution developed by the work group includes 100 miles of habitat restoration, water retention and land use issues.

Vander Stoep said the solution cost ranges from \$500 million to \$600 million with a potential benefit of \$720 million.

The benefits will be larger if floods and droughts worsen in the future, he said.

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J. Vander Stoep  
Chehalis Basin Work Group

partment of Ecology is evaluating the work group's proposed solution along with three others as part of a programmatic environmental impact statement that is scheduled to be completed in December.

Vickie Raines, Grays Harbor County commissioner and chairwoman of the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority, said the county has invested \$125,000 in a master plan to protect the cities of Aberdeen and Hoquiam. But she said the entire basin needs to be considered.

"There are improvements that could be made in Lewis County on down through Thurston and Grays Harbor County," Raines said.

Scott McKinney, floodplain management state coordinator for Ecology, said about \$2 billion has been damaged by flooding in the state since 1980. He said that according to FEMA every \$1 spent on mitigation can save

\$3 or \$4. So, he said, if the state had spent \$500 million, much of those \$2 billion in damage could have been prevented.

Since 2013 ecology has awarded funds to 21 out of 117 requested flood projects throughout the state.

Other groups and organizations spoke on flooding and stormwater issues elsewhere in the state at the Friday meeting.

The Department of Ecology is currently working on an environmental impact statement. Data collection and analysis is currently underway with the goal to determine the potential results of a number of projects aimed at reducing flooding and improving fish habitat.

The draft EIS is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2016 with a public comment period on the document in the summer. The final EIS is planned to be released in the fall or winter of 2016.

# Business: Balmelli Credits Success to Hard Work of His Wife and Employees

Continued from the front page

Owner and president of the company, Robert Balmelli, expressed gratitude while explaining the value of a close-knit community that helps one another.

"I'm surprised and very honored to receive this award," Balmelli said at the banquet. "This really capped off what was a really good year for RB Engineering."

Balmelli credited his employees and his wife, Cherene, for the hard work they put forth.

The award was presented by Amanda Singleton, incoming board president of the Chamber of Commerce, who said she believed RB Engineering was a deserving company genuinely committed to supporting and improving the local economy.

He received the title of business of the year at the same facility that he earlier designed, permitted and managed, crediting Ritchie Bros. as a lifesaver during a time of steep economic downturn.

His company's work can be seen in many important businesses and institutions in the Lewis County area. RB Engineering has donated its services to help build the Vernetta Smith Chehalis Timberland Library, Gail and Carolyn Shaw Aquatics Center, Pacific Athletic Center, Olympic School Sports Field and most recently the Boys and Girls Club of Chehalis.

Balmelli and his wife also give back through an annual college engineering scholarship program for W.F. West High School graduates.

Their generosity does not stop there, as the duo has donated and sponsored local non-profit agencies such as Pope's Kids Place and local youth enrichment and sports programs.

Their sense of community spirit and working generosity are both traits the Balmellis hope to instill in their children and promote for future genera-



Robert Balmelli, owner of RB Engineering, accepts the title of Business of the Year at the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce banquet on Friday night.

tions.

Balmelli founded the company in 1998 after he saw a need for a locally owned and operated business that would give his clients a sense of loyalty and dedication.

The business grew from a small home office to a firm of 10 employees. The current size of the staff is a reflection of the economic downturn in 2009 when the company had to reduce its size to stay viable. All of the company's employees have been with the firm for over a decade.

The goal for the business is to provide excellent service in a timely manner. RB Engineering specializes in commercial, industrial and residential site development planning, permitting, design and construction management.

Balmelli said he gets the most enjoyment out of building valuable professional relationships with clients, colleagues

and sub-consultants.

Growing up working on his family's dairy farm in the Newaukum Valley, Balmelli learned the necessity of hard work, he said. With no days off on the farm, he put in long hours to meet required deadlines in order to get what he needed done in an efficient manner.

His upbringing taught him to be a hard worker and made him realize the value of the community, the first stepping stone to his business approach.

He graduated from Washington State University with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1987.

He began a career at The Boeing Co. in the product development division. Balmelli then spent the next five years at the company working on the design and configuration of the Boeing 777 airplane.

In 1993, he decided to leave Boeing to chase a career that was more orientated to his civil

engineering degree. He worked up the ranks of a small civil engineering firm in Olympia from engineer in training to design engineer and then to project manager.

He managed his own clients and projects, learning that clients most valued getting their

projects completed in an efficient and timely manner.

Balmelli returned to his hometown in Chehalis, a decision that was fueled by his desire to get back to his roots where he could be closer to family and friends.

He met his wife Cherene, a Lewis County local. The duo married in 1995.

The union of the couple kicked off plans for their business, and their family.

Through their understanding of regulatory requirements, attention to detail and economical engineering designs the company is able to provide complete permitting and design application packages which are reviewed and approved quickly by regulatory agencies.

RB Engineering utilizes the latest 3D CAD software and computer programs, continually expanding their design experience with new emerging technologies required to meet the ever expanding government regulations.

The company expanded into public works projects during the economic downturn in private development and now their work includes utility and road infrastructure designs for the Twin Cities, the Chehalis-Centralia Airport and both local port authorities.

# Walton: In-House Search Considered This Time

Continued from the front page

considered for the position, the best thing was to pick someone with firsthand knowledge and experience of the college's operations.

"Everyone is considered our family at this college. They don't want someone else to come in with a wrecking ball and do any further upsetting," Halsan said. "They wanted someone from the inside who is familiar with the college and the people in the college."

Vice Chair Doris Wood-Brumsickle said after the meeting that if Walton accepts the offer, he would work for the college on a part-time basis, maybe two or three days a week.

Before the decision is finalized, Board of Trustees Chairwoman Joanne Schwartz said the college would have to negotiate a contract with Walton.

As of now, the board of trustees is thinking about doing a search in-house instead of hiring a consulting firm.

The board is also looking at amending some of the executive limitations at the college.

"Obviously we're not doing this to put anyone in a straight jacket but some of the stuff that came up within the last 18 months blindsided us and we don't like being blindsided," Halsan said of the former administration.

The board of trustees terminated Robert Frost's three-year

contract in December, citing the lack of a strong working relationship between the president and the board.

Frost was hired to succeed Walton in an unanimous vote by the board in May 2014. He began in his position on July 1, 2014.

The college will pay Frost \$202,000 to fulfill requirements of the contract.

Now, with a new interim president in sight, the college hopes to continue moving in a positive direction.

"We've come through a period of time with a lot of internal friction and damages that have occurred," Steve Ward, vice president of finance and administration at the college, said.

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# 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.

Followers of The Chronicle's Facebook page react to the story of a Centralia youth who has gone into state record books after shooting a mountain goat with a bow:

**Brandon Williams** Nice harvest. Animals in the wilderness either die from being eaten alive or suffer from disease. Very rarely does an animal live to full term before dying from natural causes. The animal received a warrior's death. Once again, congrats on the skilled harvest for food.

**Cynthia Sommers:** I loved the part about the goat with his face to the rain looking out over his domain. Now he is dead, so he can be mounted on a wall. That's just beautiful.

Followers of The Chronicle's Facebook page react to proposed legislation that would create a registry of those convicted of animal abuse:

**Randy Cobb:** I am all for protecting animals from abuse, I just can't understand why we don't afford the same care and protection to unborn children!

**Judy Haglund Nelson:** Why can't the time, effort and money be put in to protecting victims of child abuse, or domestic violence?

## Chronline Comments

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

### Story: 'Unfortunate Circumstances' Led to Chehalis Police Dog Biting Innocent Resident, Chief Says

**USER NAME:** Ridgerunner

Anytime police go onto private property, they should announce that they are there and they are the police. What if Putnum had opened that door with a firearm in his hand, which he had every right to do so. That officer may have shot him. This officer is at fault for not announcing that police were on his property.

### Story: Lawmakers Blame Psychiatric Hospital Managers for Problems

**USER NAME:** Norm Thompson

In all the decades the Democrats have had control of Washington state, they have never provided for the mentally ill. The Democrats either truly don't want to help the mentally ill, or they have failed to do so. And Ronald Reagan's tax cuts have nothing to do with it.

### Story: W.F. West Student Speaks Out After Being Told Not to Wear Hat With Confederate Flag Image

**USER NAME:** Roy

Someone wears a "cross", someone wears a "Star of David", someone displays a Martin Luther King Jr. poster/or wears a shirt with his picture. Someone has a picture of Lincoln in their classroom. Like these people who display what they believe in or who they honor, the Confederate flag image is a symbol of the student's heritage. It's a part of his personal identity. It's a part of who he is as an American citizen. It's a part of his culture. I commend him for his standing up for his Southern culture and heritage. He is also standing up for his First Amendment rights.

**USER NAME:** Titus2mama

If we just burn everything offensive we might call that progress but there will be no more history due to SOMEONE being offended. This is getting RIDICULOUS.

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## ToledoTel Honored in Corporations for Communities Ceremony



Photograph submitted by Brian Zylstra, Office of the Secretary of State

Secretary of State Kim Wyman is shown with ToledoTel's Dale Merten during Wednesday's Corporations for Communities Award ceremony. ToledoTel was one of six companies receiving honor roll certificates for their community efforts. The others were Black Dear Diner restaurants; US Martial Arts Center; West Monroe Partners LLC, Seattle; Windermere Real Estate Services Co., Camano Island; and Shree Investments Inc., George/Moses Lake. Receiving the 2015 Corporations for Communities Award were First Federal, Port Angeles; GlassyBaby, Seattle; Heritage Distilling Co., Gig Harbor, and Peddlers Pond, Spokane.

## Hunters Group Honors 19th District Lawmakers



Photograph submitted by Washington House Democrats

Earlier this week, the Hunters Heritage Council inducted Sen. Dean Takko, D-Longview, left, and Rep. Brian Blake, D-Aberdeen, right, into the Hunters Heritage Council Hall of Fame. This recognition was presented to the 19th Legislative District lawmakers by the council's president, Mark Pidgeon. It is the highest honor bestowed by the organization upon those who have gone above and beyond to work for hunters' rights during their careers or lifetimes.

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# Lawmakers Talk Taxes, Gun Control, Fires In Telephonic Town Hall

**20TH DISTRICT:** Orcutt, Braun Took Questions From Callers

By Kaylee Osowski  
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John Braun  
R-Centralia



Ed Orcutt  
R-Kalama

Residents throughout the 20th Legislative District called in to a telephonic town hall meeting with questions for their elected officials Thursday evening.

Topics for Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia, and Rep. Ed Orcutt, R-Kalama, ranged from carbon emissions to gun control to education and taxes.

Rep. Richard DeBolt, R-Chehalis, did not take part in the conversation.

House Bill 1737, a bill to let teachers who retired early to substitute, sponsored by Orcutt, got a strong vote out of the House

last year, Orcutt said. He is hoping to move it forward this year.

Currently, teachers who retire early aren't allowed to substitute until they are 65. But with a substitute teacher shortage in the state, Orcutt said some changes need to be made.

He said early retirees maybe don't need all of the same hours as regular retirees, but they should at least have some substituting opportunities. Orcutt is also sponsoring a constitutional amendment requiring a two-thirds vote to raise taxes, as requested by voters via Initiative 1366.

Braun said he is a supporter

of the two-thirds majority vote.

"I am hopeful that the folks in the Senate in the other side of the aisle will vote in accordance with the voters in their districts because overwhelmingly nearly every district in the state supported this initiative," Braun said.

Orcutt said he is working on encouraging the sale of electric vehicles and alternative fuel vehicles. He also said based on studies he has read the wildfires this past year put more carbon into the air than the vehicles on the highways.

has spoken to Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands Peter Goldmark about improving reaction times, preventing fires and improving forest health.

Gov. Jay Inslee recently took executive action on gun control, calling for a public health approach to the issue.

Braun said more laws are not the solution to gun violence.

"The solution is encouraging responsible behavior and enforcing the laws that are already out there, proper training," he said, adding that mental health issues need to continue to be addressed in Washington.

# Pe Ell School District's SkillsUSA Team to Compete in Regional Challenge

**EYES SET ON NATIONALS:** Second-Year Team Hopes to Move Forward in Competitions Once Again

By Justyna Tomtas  
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A team of three Pe Ell students will compete at the regional SkillsUSA competition, showcasing the work they completed for a community service project.

The second-year club helped a local resident by revamping her kitchen and bathroom.

According to Phil Kepler, the team's organizer, a group of six students installed new floors in both the kitchen and bathroom of the home. They also painted the rooms, did some plumbing work and installed a new bathroom toilet and sink.

The project took four days to complete and now three students Michael McCoy, Tyler Justice

and Noah McAllister, will present their project to a SkillsUSA board to be judged.

If they come in first, second or third place in regionals, the team will continue on to the state competition and then hopefully nationals.

The regional competition will begin on Feb. 3 in Pe Ell. Last year the team secured a spot in the national competition and finished in 20th place.

"We have a really, really good project and now they are just going to have to present it very well," Kepler said.

He said students learned many valuable lessons from the project, including practical skills as well as professional skills, such as how to present themselves. It also allowed the students to realize the importance of giving back to the community, he said.

The team will give a powerpoint presentation and have to create a book that explains the project.

McAllister, a sophomore on the team, said finishing the project felt good, not only because of the work the students completed, but also because of the joy the resident experienced after seeing her revamped home.

"It was just a really good feeling to hear all the nice things she said about the project," he said.

McAllister, who was also on the team last year, said his goal is to make it to the national level again.

"I'm hoping to make it past the regional and state level and get back to Kentucky, and finish better than we did last year," he said.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industries who work together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. The group provides educational programs, events and competitions that support career and technical education in classrooms across the nation.



Pe Ell students paint the kitchen of a residence in the city as part of a community service project. A three-member team will present the project at the SkillsUSA's regional competition in February.

## News in Brief

### Woman Charged for False Rape Accusation in Centralia Jailed for Not Taking Down Ad Offering Services

By The Chronicle

A woman accused of malicious prosecution after allegedly accusing a man of rape after he refused to pay her for her services as an escort has been rebooked into the Lewis County Jail on increased bail.

Heidi L. Glick, 31, was arrested Nov. 7 on suspicion of malicious prosecution and was referred to prosecutors on prostitution charges. The accused "John," Steven W. Flournoy Jr., 40, was arrested on suspicion of patronizing a prostitute.

Glick, of Portland, was originally granted, and posted, \$10,000 bail.

In December, her conditions of release were amended to include an order to not advertise her services as an "escort."

At a Jan. 7 hearing, prosecutor Sheila Weirth accused Glick of violating that condition, saying ads regarding her services

were found on backpage.com. Glick reportedly disputed that, and said she was no longer advertising.

At a hearing Wednesday, Weirth again argued that Glick had been advertising on the website.

"(T)he defendant has consistently failed to abide by conditions of release by continuing to advertise as an escort on backpage.com," according to court documents.

Weirth requested Glick be remanded into custody. Judge James Lawler ordered Glick booked into the Lewis County Jail with a higher bail amount of \$50,000.

The date of Glick's next court hearing was not available.

According to court documents, Glick first called police at 10:24 a.m. Nov. 7 in the 2100 block of North Tower Avenue and told dispatchers she had been raped. She later told dispatchers her "John," Flournoy, refused to pay her for sex as they had previously agreed, and that she considered that to be rape.

Officers responded and listened to a recording Flournoy secretly made earlier, in which

Glick reportedly told him that if he refused to pay she would tell police he forcibly raped her, according to the Centralia Police Department.

Officers learned the pair met through a backpage.com advertisement.

### Former Chehalis, Pe Ell Priests Included in Archdiocese of Seattle List of Child Abusers

By The Chronicle

The Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle published a list this week of 77 priests who lived or served in Western Washington confirmed to have sexually abused children.

The move is part of an ongoing effort to be transparent, according to the archdiocese.

Two of the priests mentioned served in Lewis County. Former priest Leo Racine served at St. Joseph Church in Chehalis from 1984 to 1985 and has since been laicized, according to the archdiocese. Laicized means having been removed from the status of being a member of the clergy.

James Toner served through St. Joseph in Pe Ell from 1926 to 1938 and is deceased, according to the archdiocese.

"I express my deepest apologies for the actions of those who were in positions of trust and who violated that sacred trust by abusing the vulnerable in their care," wrote Archbishop J. Peter Sartain in a letter dated Jan. 15. "Our work in this area will not be complete until all those who have been harmed have received assistance in healing and until the evil of child sexual abuse has been eradicated from society."

Clergy named in the report served or resided in the Archdiocese of Seattle, and were priests, deacons and had other assignments.

The archdiocese named clergy "for whom allegations of sexual abuse of a minor have been admitted, established or determined to be credible," according to the report.

For the full list, go to <http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org>.

Survivors who have not previously come forward can do so by contacting the Archdiocese's Pastoral Outreach coordinator at (800) 446-7762.

### Obama Signs Disaster Declaration for November Storms

SEATTLE (AP) — President Barack Obama has signed a disaster declaration for damage done by storms throughout the state in November, making federal assistance available in 16 Washington counties.

Obama signed the declaration Friday, ordering federal aid to supplement state, tribal and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by straight-line winds, flooding and landslides.

Federal money will be available on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and repair or replacement of facilities damaged in counties including: Chelan, Clallam, Garfield, Island, Jefferson, Kittitas, Lewis, Lincoln, Mason, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Snohomish, Spokane, Stevens, Wahkiakum, and Whitman.

Gov. Jay Inslee had asked for assistance in 31 counties.

Federal funding will also be available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

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## New WIAA Counts Mean New League Alignments / Sports 4

### Thursday's 2A Girls Basketball

# Bearcats Hold Off Late Rally for 51-48 Win Over Rival Centralia



**TIGHT: Lofgren Scores 16, Johnson Comes Up Clutch to Help W.F. West Improve to 2-0 in Evergreen Action**

By Aaron VanTuyl  
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The jerseys were something old and the pace was something new, but the outcome was the same Thursday night in Chehalis as it has been for the last five years.

W.F. West, sporting silver

Brandon Hansen / [bhansen@chronline.com](mailto:bhansen@chronline.com)  
W.F. West's Julia Johnson fights for possession of the ball with Centralia's Ellie Corwin (left) and Hayden Blaser Thursday night in Chehalis.

throwback jerseys procured from a dusty storage closet, pushed the tempo early and held off a Tiger rally late for a 51-48 win in the first of two regular-season girls basketball Swamp Cup matches.

Shasta Lofgren led all scorers with 16 points and a game-high eight rebounds, including 12 first-quarter points to spark the Bearcats' quick start.

"Every game playing Centralia's awesome," Lofgren said. "Our crowd was awesome tonight, and we just played a heck of a game as a team."

Centralia's furious fourth-quarter rally pushed its way to the top of the game's list of storylines, but Bearcat sophomore Julia Johnson was there to stop

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### 2A Boys Basketball



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Centralia's Hodges Bailey drives to the hoop against W.F. West's Adam Schwarz (24) Friday night during Evergreen 2A Conference boys basketball action in Centralia. Bailey scored 36 points, and the host Tigers won 71-43.

# Tigers' Bailey Goes Big to Break Bearcats

**RIVALS: W.F. West Starts Hot, but Bailey Scores 36 in Centralia's 71-43 Evergreen 2A Win**

By Aaron VanTuyl  
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Hodges Bailey is still on the mend from a deep bone bruise

in his right foot and, as such, playing relatively limited minutes.

Which is too bad, as Bailey's shooting exhibition was the most exciting part of Friday night's boys basketball Swamp Cup matchup in the Hub City.

The junior guard scored 36 points in around 20 minutes of action to lead Centralia in a

71-43 Evergreen 2A Conference win over rival W.F. West.

"We're still watching the minutes as much as we can," Tiger coach Ron Brown said, as to playing Bailey in the fourth quarter. "If we had the lead I knew I wasn't going to play him. I wanted him back."

By that point the game was well in hand for Centralia,

which outscored W.F. West 43-13 over the middle quarters.

W.F. West came out of the gates hot, leading 19-15 after a quarter behind 10 points from Adam Schwarz and 9 from Dakota Hawkins. Schwarz and Hawkins, however, were the only Bearcats to score until a 3-pointer from Nole Wollan two minutes into the third quarter.

"You never know what to expect. It's a rivalry game, and they're a good team. They have a lot of shooters that can spread the floor," Centralia forward Christian Peters said. "We just needed to play a little harder. We found the extra gear and got going."

*please see TIGERS, page S5*

### Pumped Up

The W.F. West pep band, student section and cheerleaders cheer during the Bearcat girls' win over Centralia Thursday night in Chehalis.



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### The Final Word

## Chehalis Offering Kids' Cheerleading Clinic

By The Chronicle

The city of Chehalis Parks and Recreation department, in combination with the W.F. West High School cheerleading team, will offer a clinic for kids from kindergarten to fifth grade.

The clinic will run Wednesday, Jan. 20 and Thursday, Jan. 21, from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. in the W.F. West commons. The cheerleaders will also perform at half-

time of the Bearcat girls' home basketball game against Columbia River on Friday, Jan. 22.

The registration fee is \$35, which includes a shirt, pom-poms and refreshments at the clinic. Visit the Parks and Rec website at [www.ci.chehalis.wa.us/parksandrecreation](http://www.ci.chehalis.wa.us/parksandrecreation) for registration forms, or call the Parks and Rec office at (360) 748-0271 for more info.



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In this Oct. 25, 2015, file photo, Philadelphia Eagles head coach Chip Kelly watches the action from the sidelines in the first half of an NFL football game against the Carolina Panthers in Charlotte, N.C. The San Francisco 49ers have hired Chip Kelly as their new head coach. CEO Jed York announced the move on Twitter and so did the team.

### Steelers WR Antonio Brown Ruled out Against Broncos

By Ray Fittipaldo

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (MCT)

Steelers All-Pro receiver Antonio Brown will miss the AFC divisional round game against the Denver Broncos Sunday afternoon because of a concussion, the Steelers announced on their Twitter account this morning.

Brown, who was concussed late in the fourth quarter of the Steelers' 18-16 victory against Cincinnati Saturday night, did not practice Wednesday or Thursday.

The Steelers were holding out hope that he would be able to practice Friday and play, but Brown did not pass through the NFL concussion protocol in order to be cleared to play.

Brown had 16 catches for 189 yards against the Broncos when the teams met last month at Heinz Field.

Brown was injured on an illegal shoulder to helmet hit from Bengals linebacker Vontaze Burfict. Burfict was penalized 15 yards for the hit, which helped set up the Steelers' winning field goal. He also was suspended for the first three games of next season by the NFL for that hit and others that took place during the season.

Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger has a shoulder injury, also the result of a hit from Burfict. He was limited in practice Wednesday and Thursday, but he is expected to test his shoulder by throwing Friday.

Running back DeAngelo Williams, who missed the Bengals game with a right foot injury, has not yet practiced and is not expected to play in Denver.

Without Brown, the Steelers will turn to second-year receiver Martavis Bryant and third-year receiver Markus Wheaton for more production.

## Report: Kelly's Deal With 49ers For Four Years, \$24 Million

By Cam Inman

San Jose Mercury News (MCT)

New 49ers coach Chip Kelly reportedly will be earning a salary of \$6 million annually as part of a four-year contract, ESPN reported Friday.

Kelly's annual salary the highest ever for a 49ers coach, though the length of the deal is not.

Dating back to 1999, Steve Mariucci, Dennis Erickson, Mike Nolan and Jim Harbaugh each signed five-year deals. None of those coaches lasted through that term, and the same goes



### SAN FRANCISCO TREAT

According to various reports, the last seven contracts awarded to 49ers coaches were:

- Steve Mariucci (1999 extension): five years, \$8 million
- Dennis Erickson (2003): five years, \$12.5 million
- Mike Nolan (2005): five years, \$8.5 million
- Mike Singletary (2008): four years, \$10 million
- Jim Harbaugh (2011): five years, \$25 million
- Jim Tomsula (2015): four years, \$14 million
- Chip Kelly (2016): four years, \$24 million

for Mike Singletary and Jim Tomsula, who had four-year pacts.

Tomsula signed a four-year, \$14 million contract that will be paid in its entirety even though he was fired Jan. 3 after only one season, accord-

ing to Comcast SportsNet Bay Area.

Kelly drew a \$6.5 million annual salary as part of a five-year, \$32.5 million deal he signed in 2013 with the Philadelphia Eagles, who are on the hook the next two years for

any difference in value with Kelly's 49ers deal, which conceivably would be \$500,000 annually, depending on how it's structured.

Kelly was at the 49ers facility on Thursday but his introductory press conference won't be held until next week, the team citing scheduling conflicts and Kelly's quest to hire assistants.

Of the 49ers' six coaches prior to Kelly, only Mariucci received an extension from his original contract, and that came two years into his tenure, when he had his salary doubled on a five-year, \$8 million extension. Mariucci got fired in January 2003 with one year remaining on his contract.

## Breakthrough Season Quiets Panthers QB Newton's Detractors

By Matt Pentz

The Seattle Times (MCT)

Growing up in Los Angeles in the dead period between Rams eras, Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman developed an unorthodox rooting interest: Warren Moon's Houston Oilers.

"(He was) a black quarterback," Sherman explained this week. "There weren't a lot of them back then. So I said, 'Yeah, black quarterback. I hope he wins.'"

This weekend in Charlotte, N.C., two African-American quarterbacks who consider Moon both a role model and an influence will face off with a trip to the NFC Championship Game on the line.

And the fact that the showdown between Russell Wilson and Cam Newton is being billed less as a novelty and more for what it is — the meeting of two breakout stars standing near the top of their sport — is being pointed to as a sign of progress since Moon's heyday.

"That's a testament to our culture," Wilson said this week. "That's a testament to the changing opportunities that are being given to everyone. Guys like Warren Moon set a great precedent for the type of play and the type of preparation that it takes to play at a high level. It doesn't matter what skin color you are.

"Ultimately, it's about the person and the heart that you play with."

Wilson, especially, has mostly been able to transcend the issue and deflect attention onto his on-field accomplishments. Newton's experience has been more complicated.

Carolina's wide-smiling, touchdown-celebrating MVP candidate has been a polarizing figure since his college days at Florida and Auburn, from the arrest for purchasing a stolen laptop through his controversial recruitment to join the Tigers.

Even as his list of professional feats continues to grow, Newton remains a cipher of public perception.

"I think there are still people that don't like some of the



Cam Newton

things that he does," said Moon, a Hall of Famer who now is the Seahawks' radio analyst. "They think he's a little too into himself, a little too flamboyant."

"He's got a lot of things going for him. But what a lot of people see is what he does after a touchdown, and they don't like that. They think that captures his whole personality, and it's unfair."

Newton put up plenty of eye-popping numbers during his first few years in Carolina. He threw for more than 4,000 yards en route to Rookie of the Year honors in 2011 and nearly matched that total in Year 2.

Team success had been spotty until this season, however, when the Panthers finished the regular season 15-1 behind Newton's 45 total touchdowns. Seahawks coach Pete Carroll referred to Carolina as the most difficult offense to face in the NFL thanks to the Newton's dual-threat ability.

Carolina coach Ron Rivera credits Newton's "next step" with a shift midway through last year toward a higher-paced, no-huddle offense.

"I think that's really helped in terms of him seeing the game better," Rivera said. "Get to the line of scrimmage, make your calls, make your checks, make your adjustments and play football."

With those 15 wins serving as metaphorical shushing motion toward detractors, Newton's game is being judged on its own merit — and even though whippers remain until he lifts

a Super Bowl trophy, the protagonist himself has long since drowned them out.

"I don't have to say anything," Newton said this week. "My actions speak louder than words."

Moon has gotten a close look at Newton's personal development off the field, as well, as a mentor. His mentorship isn't as hands-on as it was during those first few seasons, but the two still exchange phone calls every once in a while.

Newton recently had his first child, Chosen, with his longtime girlfriend. He's still a lightning rod — he might always be a lightning rod — but the barbs have felt less vitriolic once the wins began piling up.

During Newton's second season, Moon called out similar criticism as racially motivated. Now his stance has softened.

If Moon has one criticism of Newton, it's of the elaborate touchdown dances, the two-steps in front of vanquished opponents. It invites unnecessary attention, goes against the quarterback ideal of a stoic leader.

Moon catches himself slightly, sitting up straight.

Moments earlier, he'd been talking about his own experience. The burden hasn't lifted entirely, but at long last, the game is beginning to change.

"I'd hope he'd cut down on his celebrations, but that's him," Moon said. "It's hard to change somebody else's personality. I'm going off what I used to do when I did a touchdown compared to what he does."

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## 2A/1A Boys Basketball

## Valley's Shot Lifts Rochester Past Forks, 56-54

By The Chronicle

ROCHESTER — Rochester's Jacob Valley drove and banked in a shot at the last moment to give the Warriors a 56-54 Evergreen 2A/1A Division victory over Forks here on Friday. The win was Rochester's second league victory of the year and was partly helped by Noah Es-

cott's 19 points.

"We were playing hard on both ends of the floor and had a good night offensively," Rochester coach Mark Goldrick said. "We just had a lot of energy."

Josh Kennedy notched 9 points and seven rebounds for the Warriors, who led 33-25 at halftime. Rochester was able to stretch that lead out to 12 points

after the third quarter, but Forks outscored them 18-9 in the final stanza.

"We started to get a little nervous there and we were able to settle down enough to keep control and have a chance to win it at the end," Goldrick said.

Brock Hawes had a good night defensively for the Warriors, Goldrick said, and Val-

ley's winning shot in the fourth quarter managed to find its way over 6-foot-8 Marky Adams of Forks.

"Jacob is just good at getting a shot off in traffic and he got a big one tonight," Goldrick said.

Rochester (2-12, 2-6 league) play at Montesano on Wednesday.

Thursday's  
2A WrestlingBearcat, Tiger  
Grapplers Win  
EvCo Openers

By The Chronicle

TUMWATER — Injuries and illness plagued the Thunderbirds and the Bearcats took advantage to take a 58-18 team win here in a dual Evergreen 2A Conference wrestling match on Thursday.

"Tumwater is pretty depleted so we didn't get to see their full squad," W.F. West coach Jamie Rakevich said. "Our kids took care of business with what was out there."

W.F. West racked up 10 victories out of the 14 matches held. Roehre Cunningham (106), Ethan Lund (120), Jacob Knowles (132), Damon Thomas (145), Michael Matagi (152), Michael Anderson (160), Drew Alexander (182) and Brayden Bostwick (195) all scored victories by pin.

Logan Sigler (138) was the lone Bearcat to win by major decision, while Franklin Taylor (113) won by forfeit.

Rakevich was especially impressed with Cunningham's performance.

"Roehre did great and got the pin against a tough kid. It was solid," Rakevich said.

Like the Thunderbirds, the Bearcats had a couple empty spots to fill in due to illnesses, forcing Alexander and EJ Matagi (170) to move up weight classes for the dual. Rakevich praised both of their performances.

"Drew and EJ both moved up to fill some spots and really wrestled tough for us. Overall, the kids went out and did pretty well," Rakevich said.

W.F. West (7-2 in duals) will be traveling to Ellensburg for the Ray Westburg Invite, which starts at 9 a.m. today.

Tigers Slip Past Black Hills in  
EvCo Debut

Centralia squeaked out a tough 39-38 win over Black Hills Thursday in the Hub City in both teams' Evergreen 2A Conference wrestling debut.

The Tigers got six wins by pin, and the Wolves lost a team point early on due to a wrestler removing his uniform before he'd left the mat.

Kadin Orr headlined the Tiger victors, beating Alex Rebara, 6-5, in the 145-pound match.

"Kadin made a couple of mistakes early but did a great job battling back and taking the lead late in the match, and holding onto the lead with short time on the clock," Centralia coach Scott Phillips said. "We have been focusing on match strategy a little bit more in practice and it appears to be paying off."

Tristan Hicks-Avron (106), Mykka McAllister (120), Tristan Dickey (152), Aaron Adamo (170), Fernando Arevalo (182) and Joe Finch (195) all won via pin for the Tigers.

"I am happy that our young team is getting better every time they step on the mat," Phillips said, adding that the Tiger girls wrestlers competed well against Black Hills' JV in the match.

Centralia's boys will wrestle at the Kelso Invite today, while the Tiger girls will wrestle at the Fife Invite.

## MLB

Seattle Signs Furbush,  
Scribner and Avoids  
Arbitration

SEATTLE (AP) — The Mariners have reached agreement on one-year contracts with pitchers Charlie Furbush and Evan Scribner, averting salary arbitration with both players.

Seattle announced the agreements on Friday. The Mariners have no more arbitration eligible players. Terms of the deals for the 2016 season were not announced.

Furbush will be entering his fifth full season with the Mariners after being acquired in a trade during the 2011 season. The left-hander was slowed last season by biceps tendinitis and did not pitch for Seattle after early July. But when healthy, Furbush has been a dependable lefty option out of the Mariners bullpen.



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W.F. West's Shasta Lofgren (left) knocks away a pass headed for Centralia's Alyx Fast (1) during Evergreen 2A Conference girls basketball action Thursday night in Chehalis. The host Bearcats won 51-48.

## Bearcats

Continued from Sports 1

the bleeding and seal the win.

The Bearcats led 46-31 with just over six minutes left to play, but an 8-0 Tiger run over the next three minutes — free throws from Ellie Corwin and buckets by Maddie Fast, Alyx Fast and Madi Crews — trimmed the lead to 7.

Johnson cashed in a 3-pointer to end a four-minute stretch without a Bearcat field goal, but a bucket by Corwin, a 3 from Alyx Fast and a driving layup by Maddie Fast with 1:11 left cut the hosts' advantage down to 3.

The Tigers saw a 3-point attempt rim out, and the Bearcats responded with their own missed 3 but upped the ante with a missed putback. On the other end the Tigers' final game-tying attempt went in and out, and the rebound eventually bounced out of bounds in W.F. West's favor.

The Bearcats inbounced the ball to Johnson, who was quickly fouled and sent to the foul line with 13 seconds to play.

The sophomore guard's foul shooting has been improving, according to coach Tom Kelly, and she came up big with the game on the line.

"We've been working on it, getting in a routine in practice and stuff, you know, but when she banked it in I felt good," he said. "Then she swished the next one, so that was huge."

Alyx Fast banked in a runner with less than a second left to play for the final margin, which leaves the Tigers at 0-2 in Evergreen 2A Conference play (8-6 overall) while the No. 8-ranked Bearcats improved to 2-0 in league play (10-3 overall).

W.F. West jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the first 1 minute, 43 seconds, behind a pair of 3s from Lofgren, and led 30-20 by the intermission.

"We started way too slow to begin, and they were on fire," Centralia coach Doug Ashmore said. "Lofgren just got rolling, and that's one thing we talked about, was just getting out on

her, because she's one of those great shooters that they have, and we just let her get open."

Centralia, meanwhile, was in a perimeter-man, interior-zone style defense to start with, with the man focus on the Fast girls and Crews outside. Alyx Fast and Crews — the Tigers' star guards and leading scorers — were held to just a point in the first half, though Fast finished with 10 points.

"I thought they played hard, but we've got to shore up our defense down low, and we've got to score down low, too," Kelly said. "We can't just live by all these 3s we're chucking up."

Neither team, however, was particularly impressive from long range. The Tigers went 3 of 21 (14 percent), while W.F. West was 4 of 21 (19 percent).

Sophomore center Ellie Corwin led Centralia with 12 points and five rebounds, going 5 of

11 from the field and providing solid interior defense.

"We couldn't run anything. We went with five guards for a little bit there, because our posts weren't playing really good defense," Kelly said. "It's just one of those games I'm happy to win. I'm happy as hell we won that one."

Kelly, in his first year with W.F. West, was the head coach at Centralia for two years, when this season's Tiger seniors were freshmen and sophomores.

"It's kind of like, you want them to do good, but you want us to win. It's not what people think," Kelly said. "They go, 'Do you really want to beat Centralia?' But it's no different than any other team, but I know those girls."

League play continues for both teams on Tuesday, when W.F. West concludes the first half of its EvCo schedule at



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Centralia's Madi Crews (left) goes behind the back to evade W.F. West's Kiara Steen during Evergreen 2A Conference girls basketball action Thursday night in Chehalis. The host Bearcats won 51-48.



## Thursday's 2B Girls Basketball

# Tigers Knock Off No. 2 Ducks

**C2BL: Napavine Avenges Lone League Loss to Move Into Tie Atop League Standings**

By The Chronicle

NAPAVINE — The Tigers' hot start may not land them in the history books, but it should have some impact on the state rankings.

No. 5 Napavine outscored No. 2 Toutle Lake, 25-5, in the first quarter and held on in the second half for a 64-48 win here Thursday night in Central 2B League girls basketball action.

Melissa Lee led a balanced Napavine attack with 20 points, while Rylee White scored 9 — all from long range — in the first quarter and finished with 18.

"We were able to hit our shots in the first quarter, and Rylee had a really good first quarter," Napavine coach Jeremy Landram said. "We were just able to get into a rhythm and play for a while."

Toutle Lake beat the Tigers, 47-40, to open the season.

"We didn't prepare any differently. We're just 10 or 12 games into the season, instead of the first game of the year," Landram said. "We're starting to figure stuff out and figure out our roles."

Defending league MVP Sam Woodley led the Ducks with 23 points, and the game featured 51 free throws — 26 by Toutle Lake — in the second half.

"There was no real rhythm in the third or fourth quarter," Landram said. "It was just a tale of two halves. The first half had a lot of rhythm, and the second half was broken up by a variety of things."

The Tigers also missed 10 foul shots in the fourth quarter, which helped the Ducks close the gap.

Mollie Olson scored 11 and Grace Hamre added 9 for Napavine, while Karlee Bornstein played well defensively on Toutle Lake center Makala Gardner, Landram added.

"It was just a really good team effort," he said.

Napavine (10-2, 9-1 league) will host Toledo on Tuesday.

### Kleemeyer Scores 38 in Pirates' Win Over Wahkiakum

ADNA — Devanie Kleemeyer broke a 12-year-old team record and Adna upset No. 7 Wahkiakum, 79-63, here Thursday in Central 2B League girls hoops action.

Kleemeyer, a junior, scored 38 points — 26 in the first half — to lead the way, breaking the Pirate single-game girls scoring record of 32 set in 2003 by Lauren Blaser. Kleemeyer went 13 of 32 from the field (10 of 19 in the first half) and 9 of 9 at the foul line.

The Pirates lost 44-38 in Cathlamet to the Mules, the State 2B runner-up last year, in both teams' season opener.

Adna led 19-9 after a quarter, but fouls — the teams combined to shoot 64 free throws — helped the Mules keep pace.

Kenya Lorton added 14 points for Adna, while Lili Glover came off the bench to score 8 points with back-to-back 3-pointers in the second half. Sam Rolfe added 7 points and seven rebounds.

"Every time we took a lead by 15 or 20 they found a way to cut it to 8," Adna coach Chris Bannish said. "So all in all it was a big win for us, and team-wise, it was a team win. Our 6, 7 and 8 (Glover, Isabella Elwood and Darian Humphrey) played really well."

Josey Sandrini and Humphrey, Bannish added, played well defensively on Mule guard Peyton Souvenir, who scored 23 points on 8 of 26 shooting.

Adna (8-4, 7-3 league) will play at Onalaska on Tuesday and at Pe Ell on Thursday.

### Tauscher Scores 20 as Indians Steamroll Vikings

TOLEDO — Haley Tauscher led the Indians with 20 points as Toledo defeated Mossyrock 52-35 here Thursday in Central 2B League girls hoops play.

Since the winter break, Tauscher has been on fire as the No. 1 option for the Indians, reaching double-figure scoring in nearly every game since the

Team	Lg.	Ov.
Napavine	9-1	10-2
Toutle Lake	9-1	10-1
Adna	7-3	8-4
Wahkiakum	6-4	7-5
Morton-WP	6-4	8-4
Onalaska	5-5	6-6
Toledo	4-6	5-7
Winlock	3-7	4-8
Pe Ell	1-9	1-11
Mossyrock	0-10	1-11

break.

"She's improved so much," Toledo coach J.B. Ewers said of Tauscher. "It's her year and she's really stepped up into that role. She was just lights-out today."

Tauscher's sister Anna added 9 points for the Indians.

Toledo jumped on the Vikings early, owning a 16-4 lead after the first quarter before adding 12 points in each additional frame to coast to the victory.

"We got off to a really good start and got a double-digit lead," Ewers said. "There were lapses of intensity the rest of the way, but I wanted a really good start and we got it."

Mossyrock was led by 13 points from Laine Grose. Clemantine Schultz chipped in 8.

Toledo (4-6 league, 5-7 overall) will travel to Napavine on Tuesday while Mossyrock (0-10 league, 1-10 overall) will host Toutle Lake the same day.

### Cardinals Shut Down Trojans

WINLOCK — The Cardinals held the Trojans to just 3 first-half points and picked up the 35-17 Central 2B League victory here on Thursday night. Sophia Velasco led Winlock with 7 points and the team's defense held Pe Ell scoreless in the second quarter.

"Our defense set the tone at the beginning," Winlock coach Scott Ashmore said. "Our press helped slow them down and get turnovers."

Hailey Compton led the Trojans with 10 points but the team as a whole shot 16 percent from the field.

"Shots were not falling for them," Ashmore said. "Hailey played hard and they're a young team but she carried the load."

Makayla Albritton, Maggie Howsden and Mika Hammond each added 6 points to the Cardinals' efforts.

Winlock (4-7, 3-6 league) plays at Morton-White Pass in Morton on Tuesday, Pe Ell (1-11, 1-9 league) hosts Wahkiakum on Tuesday.

### Timberwolves' Defense Cages in Loggers

RANDLE — The Timberwolves' defense did their job in a 48-36 Central 2B victory over Onalaska here on Thursday night. Sharon Hazen put up big numbers for Morton-White Pass with 20 points and six rebounds, but it was Tatym Smathers' defense that slowed down the Loggers.

"She played great defense and takes the toughest player on the floor every night," Morton-White Pass coach Tom Griffith said. "We wanted to pay particular attention to their guards and slow them down."

Morton-White Pass was able to go into halftime with a 26-21 halftime lead, then switched defenses at the break to further stymie Onalaska.

Niccole Duryea, Colee Masciola and Kasey Hoyt each had 7 points for the Loggers, but the team finished the night shooting 20 percent from the field.

Along with defense, Morton-White Pass got a strong showing on the glass as Christine Robbins notched 15 points and 15 rebounds while Colby Armstrong grabbed 10 boards. Haley Kolb added 12 points to the Timberwolves' efforts.

Morton-White Pass (8-4, 6-4 league) will host Winlock in Morton on Tuesday while Onalaska (6-6, 5-5 league) will host Adna.



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Centralia's Layne Pertzborn puts up a shot against defense from W.F. West's Brandon White on Friday during EvCo action in Centralia.

## Tigers

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Bailey scored the Tigers' first 11 points in the second quarter, including back-to-back-to-back 3-pointers. A jumper from Peters capped an 11-0 run and gave Centralia a 28-21 advantage, and the Tigers headed to the break with an 11-point lead.

Bailey tallied 19 in the first half and added 17 in the third quarter, with 14 points of a 16-0 Tiger run. He hit his eighth 3 of the night with 3:33 left in the third, and was fouled on his next attempt, after which he cashed in three free throws and, shortly thereafter, was sent to the bench for the night with a little over 2 minutes left in the third quarter.

"We felt like we wanted to match up with them and try to contest shooters, but wow," W.F. West coach Chris White said. "My hat's off to Hodges. What a great night he had shooting."

Bailey finished 11 of 13 from the field and 8 of 10 from long range.

"You know, as a shooter, me and Christian kind of have that same mentality that we're always on," Bailey said. "They were giving us shots and they were falling tonight, so we just kept putting them up there. The only difference is we were making them tonight."

Peters pointed out that having Bailey — who played just once before New Year's — has been a boost.

"He hasn't gone off like that yet, but I know he's been capable of it, and that helped a lot," Peters said of Bailey. "Me and him shoot a lot of times at practice,



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W.F. West's Adam Schwarz drives to the hoop against defense from Centralia's Layne Pertzborn Friday in Centralia.

and I've seen him do it all the time. So (it's) a little bit (surprising) to our crowd, but not to our players."

The only major surprise for Brown, however, was Bailey's less-than-perfect performance at the foul line, where he went 6 of 8.

"He was our money-in-the-bank free throw shooter, and this year he misses, every game, one or two," Brown joked. "It's kind of funny that he hasn't hit as well."

W.F. West got 20 points from Schwarz and 13 from Hawkins. "Those two were very aggressive," White said. "We did a nice job of looking in to Adam, and Dakota did a nice job of finding some aggressive buckets against what they were doing early."

The Bearcats, though, shot just 16 of 47 (34 percent) from the field — and 4 of 23 from long range.

"We couldn't get in a groove offensively," White said. "If you

don't make shots once in a while it kind of takes the wind out of your sails, too."

Centralia, meanwhile, shot 24 of 45 (53 percent) from the field and 9 of 18 from behind the arc. Layne Pertzborn came off the bench to score 12 points, and Peters finished with 11 and six rebounds.

**NOTES:** Centralia (7-7, 2-0 league) will play at Tumwater (9-3, 2-0 league) on Tuesday. W.F. West (4-10, 0-2 league) will host Black Hills (5-8, 0-2 league) the same night. ... Bailey was two 3-pointers off of the Tigers' single-game record (10), set by Maxx Waring in a 104-51 win over R.A. Long on Nov. 28, 2012. He was 6 points off of the school's single-game scoring record (42), set by Lewis Lofton in 1991 during a win over W.F. West. ... W.F. West's JV won, 67-50. Centralia's C-squad won, 55-26, and W.F. West's freshman team won, 51-24.

## Women's College Basketball

# WSU Women Beat No. 25 Southern Cal 73-61

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Borislava Hristova had 13 of her 21 points in the second half and Washington State beat No. 25 Southern California 73-61 on Friday night.

Maria Kostourkova and Louise Brown added 10 points each for Washington State (12-5, 3-3 Pac-12).

Dawnielle Awa assisted Hristova's weak-side cut to

make it 68-61 with 1:41 left and the Cougars made 5 of 10 free throws while USC (14-3, 2-3) missed its last seven field-goal attempts.

The Cougars outscored USC 23-11 in the third quarter to take a 54-49 lead. The Trojans closed within one with the first four points of the fourth quarter, but Washington State answered with a 7-0

run to lead 61-53.

It was Washington State's first win against a ranked opponent since a 70-64 victory on Nov. 29, 2013, over No. 10 Maryland.

Kristen Simon had 19 points to lead USC. Sadie Edwards, Aliyah Mazyck and Temi Fagbenle added 10 each.



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## PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday, Jan. 9</b>	
Kansas City 30, Houston 0	
Pittsburgh 18, Cincinnati 16	
<b>Sunday, Jan. 10</b>	
Seattle 10, Minnesota 9	
Green Bay 35, Washington 18	
<b>Saturday, Jan. 16</b>	
Kansas City at New England	4:35 p.m.
Green Bay at Arizona	8:15 p.m.
<b>Sunday, Jan. 17</b>	
Seattle at Carolina	1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Denver	4:40 p.m.
<b>Sunday, Jan. 24</b>	
AFC Championship	3:05 p.m.
NFC Championship	6:40 p.m.
<b>Sunday, Feb. 7</b>	
Super Bowl 50	6:30 p.m.

(All times Eastern)

## THE X-FACTORS

Let's take a look at one big thing to watch for in each NFL Divisional Round playoff game that could determine who goes home — and who stays on the road to Super Bowl 50:

**Chiefs at Patriots:****How healthy is New England?**

No team needed the week off more than the Patriots, and they earned it. Receivers Julian Edelman and Danny Amendola, tackle Sebastian Vollmer, defensive end Chandler Jones and linebacker Dont'a Hightower all returned to practice this week. The question remains, can they hit the ground running and be effective? Edelman is especially key: Tom Brady averaged 338 yards passing in the nine games with Edelman. In the seven without him, Brady averaged 248 yards. Rob Gronkowski had five 100-yard games before Edelman went down ... and none after.

**Packers at Cardinals:****Can Green Bay protect Aaron Rodgers?**

Only four teams allowed more sacks than the Packers (47) during the regular season, and the Cards had nine of them when these teams met last month. Veteran Dwight Freeney had 3.0 sacks, and Calais Campbell added 2.5. Packers left tackle David Bakhtiari missed that game and still hasn't returned. If he can't play against Arizona, it could be another long day. The pressure on Rodgers is leading to turnovers for a team that usually takes care of the ball. The Packers had nine turnovers in their first 13 games but have nine more in the last four.

**Seahawks at Panthers:****Who can run the ball?**

Both teams are top-five running the ball and stopping the run. But while there may not be many big holes, don't expect either team to give up on the ground game. Carolina rushed 33 times for 135 yards and three scores despite falling behind 20-7 in the second half when these teams met in October. While Cam Newton and Russell Wilson are both capable of making big plays, both are at their best when there is the threat of the run and defenses can't tee off rushing the passer.

**Steelers at Broncos:****Who can withstand the air attack?**

Unlike Seattle and Carolina, these teams are happy to throw it: They combined for 99 pass attempts when they met last month. And it's not just the top targets doing damage. Denver's Emmanuel Sanders caught 10 passes for 161 yards in that game, while Pittsburgh's Markus Wheaton and Martavis Bryant combined for 16 catches and 149 yards. The Broncos had the NFL's top pass defense and gave up 300 yards passing just once ... against the Steelers and Ben Roethlisberger.

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The return of Julian Edelman could be key for New England against Kansas City.

## A GREAT FINAL EIGHT

Wild Card games tough to top, but plenty of star-power remains

The Divisional Round of the NFL Playoffs has a tough act to follow.

Wild Card Weekend was indeed wild, with two of the most memorable endings ever. The results give us a loaded final eight that most everyone would agree is made up of the eight best teams. So let's get right into previewing the weekend from a big-picture standpoint, then check out some X-Factors for each game on the right.

**Kansas City (12-5) at New England (12-4)**

**Saturday, 4:35 p.m. ET, CBS**

This is the only game this weekend that features teams that did not meet in the regular season, but their last meeting was memorable. In September 2014 in Kansas City, the Chiefs battered Tom Brady on a Monday night and rushed for more than 200 yards in a 41-14 win. Of course, the Pats won 13 of their next 15, including the Super Bowl.

Still, putting heat on Brady and running the ball to keep it away from him is still the plan for the Chiefs. They were in the top five in the NFL taking care of the ball and forcing turnovers. They don't make many mistakes, and they take advantage when the opponent does.

At least, they did until last weekend. Despite the ugly 30-0 final score, Kansas City let Houston hang around and led just 13-0 at the half despite returning the opening kickoff for a touchdown and forcing four turnovers. As good as the Chiefs have been while winning 11 in a row, they are not facing Brian Hoyer this week.

**Prediction:** Patriots, 26-17.**Green Bay (11-6) at Arizona (13-3)**

**Saturday, 8:15 p.m. ET, NBC**

Do we have any idea which Green Bay Packers team will show up? Cheeseheads are just hoping it's not the one that got smoked 38-8 three weeks ago when these teams last met. Aaron Rodgers was sacked nine times in that game, so protecting him would be a good start.

The Cardinals had won nine in a row before dropping the season finale to Seattle in a game where nothing was at stake for them and several top starters were pulled early. In other words, Arizona should be well-rested and confident. But Carson Palmer — 29-9 as the Cards' starter — has never won a playoff game, and Rodgers would love to keep it that way.

**Prediction:** Cardinals, 30-26.

**Seattle (11-6) at Carolina (15-1)**

**Sunday, 1:05 p.m. ET, FOX**

The Seahawks escaped frigid Minnesota with a 10-9 win when Vikings kicker Blair Walsh missed from 27 yards out in the final seconds. Seattle won't have to deal with that kind of weather in Carolina, but it is another cross-country trip and a morning Pacific Time start.

The Panthers rallied from down 13 in the second half to win in Seattle in October, but beating the Seahawks in the playoffs is a different animal. Six-seed or not, they are still the NFC champs until someone knocks them off. Can Cam Newton do it again?

**Prediction:** Panthers, 23-21.

**Pittsburgh (11-6) at Denver (12-4)**

**Sunday, 4:40 p.m. ET, CBS**

Who would have thought that Peyton Manning might be the healthier of the starting quarterbacks? Everyone is expecting Ben Roethlisberger to play after he came back from injury to help rally the Steelers over the Bengals. But how effective can he be with a damaged throwing shoulder? And will his top target, Antonio Brown, be cleared to play after getting knocked out on the play that turned the game in Cincinnati?

Both of these teams are in the top five stopping the run, so quarterback play will be key. Pittsburgh beat Denver at home four weeks ago, but the Broncos ran the ball much better (104 yards to 23). Manning is back for this one, Denver is at home, and Big Ben is not 100 percent.

**Prediction:** Broncos, 27-21.

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**Burfict suspended**

Cincinnati linebacker Vontaze Burfict helped cost his team a playoff win with a late hit to the head of Steelers receiver Antonio Brown on Saturday. The hit will cost Burfict the first three games of next season as the NFL has suspended him for the hit and "repeated violations of safety-related playing rules." Burfict hit Brown after an incomplete pass in the final minute, drawing a 15-yard penalty. Teammate Adam Jones then drew another for bumping an official while going after Steelers assistant coach Joey Porter, who was on the field illegally. Pittsburgh kicked the winning field goal on the next play.

## OUTSIDE THE HUDDLE

Four quarterbacks who were No. 1-overall picks remain in the playoffs: **Cam Newton**, **Alex Smith**, **Carson Palmer** and **Peyton Manning**. Combined, they are 1-2 in Super Bowls (all Manning). The other passers left — **Russell Wilson**, **Aaron Rodgers**, **Ben Roethlisberger** and **Tom Brady** — are 8-4 in Super Bowls. ...

The Miami Dolphins became the first team to hire a new head coach, tabbing former Chicago Bears and Denver Broncos offensive coordinator **Adam Gase** to take over. After drawing rave reviews from Peyton Manning in Denver, Gase helped Jay Cutler of the Bears to one of his best seasons. One year after leading the NFL with 18 interceptions, Cutler threw just 11, a career-low for seasons in which he played more than 10 games. At 37, Gase becomes the NFL's youngest head coach. ...

After the Houston Texans were eliminated from the playoffs in a 30-0 loss to Kansas City, it was revealed that star defensive end **J.J. Watt** would have surgery to repair a "significant groin injury." Watt also played the last few weeks of the season with a broken hand, but he still led the NFL with 17.5 sacks. It was his second career sack title. ...

The Ryan twins are together again. Bills head coach **Rex Ryan** hired his twin brother, **Rob**, to serve as assistant head coach/defense next season. Rex Ryan wants to fully implement his defense after trying to compromise and run a hybrid scheme that incorporated elements of the base 4-3 defense the Bills ran with great success in 2014. **Dennis Thurman** is expected to remain defensive coordinator, and Rex Ryan will still make the in-game defensive calls. Defensive backs coach **Donnie Henderson** will not return.

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Seattle Seahawks coach Pete Carroll walks back into the Virginia Mason Athletic Center before getting on the bus as the team was departing Friday from Renton for an NFL football playoff game against the Carolina Panthers on Sunday.

## Seattle Not Shaken by Falling Behind in the Postseason

By Tim Booth  
The Associated Press

RENTON — If the Seattle Seahawks fall behind by two scores Sunday in Carolina, they're the last team that's going to panic about the situation.

Seven times since Pete Carroll's arrival in 2010, the Seahawks have faced a deficit of nine or more points in playoff games. And in five of those games, the Seahawks have rallied to win, including last week when Seattle trailed 9-0 at Minnesota before pulling out a 10-9 victory. That might not seem like that grand an accomplishment until it's compared to the rest of the NFL, which according to STATS is 7-42 facing the same situations.

"I couldn't be more proud of that. That's what we're talking about. That's how we hope to be," Carroll said. "We've pulled off some pretty exciting finishes, and we've been part of the other end of it too, but for the most part we've done it really well. It's a really good thing to know about yourself when you're going into these games."

The two losses for Seattle came early in Carroll's tenure. Seattle lost 35-24 in 2010 divisional playoff game at Chicago. Two years later, Seattle trailed 20-0 at halftime and 27-7 after three quarters in Atlanta, only to rally and lead 28-27 in the final minute before Matt Bryant's 49-yard field goal sent the Falcons to the NFC title game.

But the five wins have all been significant moments for Seattle during Carroll's tenure. Here's a look at those five games:

**2010 NFC WILD-CARD GAME, SEATTLE 41, NEW ORLEANS 36:** A game that was remembered for Marshawn Lynch's "Beast Quake" run in the fourth quarter that caused

seismic activity was actually in doubt early. The Saints jumped out to 10-0 and 17-7 leads before Matt Hasselbeck led the Seahawks on a 27-3 scoring run in the second and third quarters. But Lynch's run was the capper, a 67-yard rumble where he shed tacklers and remains one of the most memorable postseason runs in league history.

**2012 NFC WILD-CARD GAME, SEATTLE 24, WASHINGTON 14:** In a hyped matchup between Wilson and Robert Griffin III, Washington jumped out to a 14-0 lead before Seattle rallied. The Seahawks were down 14-13 at halftime and Lynch's 27-yard TD run midway through the fourth quarter put Seattle ahead for good. It was the Seahawks' first road playoff win since 1983.

**2013 NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME, SEATTLE 23, SAN FRANCISCO 17:** The 49ers silenced CenturyLink Field leading 10-0 early in the second quarter and held a 17-10 lead midway through the third quarter. The play everyone remembers is Richard Sherman's tip of Colin Kaepernick's pass that Malcolm Smith intercepted in the end zone with 22 seconds left to clinch Seattle's victory. But the most important play was Jermaine Kearse's fourth-down, 35-yard touchdown reception with 13:44 left that gave Seattle a 20-17 lead. The Seahawks forced San Francisco turnovers on its next two possessions before Sherman's famous tip and his postgame outburst on national television.

**2014 NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME, SEATTLE 28, GREEN BAY 22, OT:** The Seahawks trailed 19-7 when they took possession with 3:52 left. In the span of 2:19, the Seahawks

had the lead thanks to Wilson's TD run, an onside kick recovered by Chris Matthews and Lynch's 24-yard TD run. Green Bay rallied to force overtime after Mason Crosby hit a 48-yard field goal with 14 seconds left in regulation, but on the first possession of overtime Wilson hit Kearse on a 35-yard TD and sent Seattle to its second straight Super Bowl.

**2015 NFC WILD-CARD GAME, SEATTLE 10, MINNESOTA 9:** The Seahawks were shut out through three quarters for the first time since Week 2 of the 2011 season in the deep freeze of Minnesota and all 10 of Seattle's points basically came on three plays. Wilson hit Tyler Lockett on a broken play for 35 yards to the Minnesota 4 and set up Doug Baldwin's 3-yard TD catch early in the fourth quarter. Kam Chancellor's forced fumble on Adrian Peterson led to Steven Hauschka's 46-yard field goal for a 10-9 lead. Of course, any comeback would have been forgotten if not for Blair Walsh missing a 27-yard field goal attempt in the final minute.

## No. 18 Arizona Overpowers Washington for 99-67 Win

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona traded baskets with Washington's athletic players in an entertaining first half.

Once the Wildcats turned up the defensive pressure in the final 20 minutes, the Huskies had no shot of keeping up.

Ryan Anderson scored 21 points, Kaleb Tarczewski had 16 points and 13 rebounds, and No. 18 Arizona overpowered Washington for a 99-67 victory Thursday night.

"They just did whatever they wanted in the second half," Washington coach Lorenzo Romar said.

The Wildcats (14-3, 2-2 Pac-12) had no trouble scoring despite playing their first game without star freshman and leading scorer Allonzo Trier (hand).

Arizona shot 60 percent, including 19 of 27 in the second half, and outscored Washington 50-32 in the paint. Parker Jackson-Cartwright was the setup man, finishing with 11 assists and one turnover, while Kadeem Allen scored 13 points and Gabe York added 12.

Defensively, the Wildcats had trouble handling the Huskies' quickness off the dribble and ability to get to the rim.

Arizona shut Washington down in the second half with a tenacious man-to-man defense and a bit of 2-3 zone — a first by Arizona coach Sean Miller in 12 years — to extend its home winning streak to a nation-best 48 games.

"Once we went into halftime, our defense went to another level," Miller said.

Washington (11-5, 3-1) played without a key backup on the front line and was no match for the beefier Wildcats inside.

Arizona had a 43-26 advantage on the glass against the Pac-12's top rebounding team and closed off the lanes to the basket in the second half to turn the game into a rout.

Noah Dickerson had 17 points and Marquese Chris

added 13 for the Huskies. Andrew Andrews, the Pac-12's leading scorer, battled foul trouble and scored nine points on 3-of-11 shooting.

"Because of the level of team they are, you don't have any margin for error," Romar said. "And they made us pay for it."

The young Huskies arrived at McKale Center as the surprising leaders of the Pac-12.

Picked to finish 11th, Washington and its seven freshmen opened conference play with three straight victories behind Andrews and Dejounte Murray, who have accounted for 53 percent of its scoring.

Arizona returned home in need of a lift.

The Wildcats had a lost Southern California weekend after being swept by UCLA and USC, and lost Trier for at least a month after he was injured in the quadruple-overtime loss to the Trojans.

Washington was missing a key player of its own; freshman forward Devenir Duruisseau, a backup forward, suffered a concussion in Monday's practice and didn't make the trip.

That left the Huskies thin up front and the Wildcats took advantage by pounding the ball inside with a lineup that at times included 7-footers Tarczewski and Dusan Ristic at the same time.

Anderson was the beneficiary, scoring 15 points and Arizona used an 8-2 run to lead 44-41 at halftime.

The Huskies made 10 of 33 shots and Andrews had to sit after picking up his fourth foul at 13:02. By the time he returned, Arizona was well on its way to the victory.

**NOTES:** Washington was 2 for 12 on 3-pointers in the second half. ... Murray had eight points on 8-of-12 shooting and six turnovers in his first game at McKale Center. ... Washington plays at Arizona State today.

## Seattle Lists Marshawn Lynch as Probable Against Panthers

RENTON (AP) — Marshawn Lynch is on his way to Carolina and likely his first game for the Seattle Seahawks since mid-November.

The Seattle running back was listed as probable for the NFC divisional playoff game Sunday against the Panthers. And a week after deciding he wasn't ready to play and not joining his teammates in Minnesota, Lynch was one of the last players to step on the team bus on Friday afternoon at the team's headquarters as it left for the airport.

"Bags are packed," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said about his running back after the Seahawks concluded their final practice.

Lynch being listed as probable is the most encouraging sign that Seattle will get its starting running back on the field for the first time since Week 10 against Arizona. Lynch underwent abdominal surgery on Nov. 25 and was away from the team doing his rehab until last week.

Seattle was hopeful Lynch would return a week ago for the NFC wild-card game against Minnesota, but he did not accompany the team to

Minneapolis after determining he was not ready to play. Carroll said Lynch looked better in practice this week than he did before the Minnesota game.

Lynch has been a full participant in practice each day the past two weeks.

"He had a great week, he really did. He was faster and more explosive this week than last week. You can see that he made an improvement," Carroll said.

Carroll also poked a little fun at the events of last Friday when Lynch decided he could use extra rehab time and remained behind in Seattle.

"He's somewhat unpredictable in certain ways, but he's really pumped to play football and play with his team," Carroll said. "So I'm looking forward to him playing like he has in the past."

Seattle also listed starting tight end Luke Willson as probable after he missed the past two games due to a concussion suffered in Week 16 against St. Louis. The only player listed as doubtful for Seattle is fullback Will Tukuafu due to a hamstring injury suffered last week.

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Students use computers in a commons area at Centralia College's East Campus on Jan. 8 in Morton.

## **SINCE 1983:** *Satellite Campus Offers Up to 40 Classes, Provides Opportunity for Residents in East Lewis County*

By Justyna Tomtas  
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For about 33 years, the Centralia College East campus has been offering classes and services to residents in East Lewis County who may otherwise not be able to access them.

A long drive from the main campus of the college in Centralia, the East campus came to fruition after Bev Butters and April Doolittle established a need for a satellite of the college.

In 1983, the first class met in the East County Center, originally utilizing one classroom at Morton High School.

The temporary agreement allowed the satellite to offer classes to residents of the area, offering an alternative for those unwilling to drive to Centralia for classes.

The campus has since grown and in 1997 the East County Center moved into a new 5,000-square-foot building adjacent to the high school.

Kelli Bloomstrom, dean of transitional education and dean of Centralia College East, said the campus is important for a number of reasons.

"The college's mission is to improve people's lives through lifelong learning," she said. "Sometimes because we live in Eastern Lewis County traveling to main campus is often difficult. This provides an opportunity for access and it's a good entry point (for students)."

As a good beginning place for students, the campus offers classes on a smaller scale. Bloomstrom said the offerings are limited because of limited faculty numbers and classroom sizes, but said that classes are taught similarly to those offered at the main campus.

The campus utilizes face-to-face classroom time as well as interactive television courses where instructors from main campus lecture via the television. The interactive television courses provide a two way interaction: Students can listen to the lecture and also talk to the instructor.

Although the college does not offer any bachelor degree courses, Bloomstrom said it would be wonderful if they were able to in the future.

Students are currently able to get an associate of arts degree, a degree that is designed to easily transfer to other colleges.

The offerings at the campus are plentiful.

Developmental education coursework, or pre-college courses are available, preparing students for college level work. Adult basic education and basic skill classes are also available at the school.

Other adult special interest courses are offered for non-credit. Typically a small fee is associated with them. For example, Bloomstrom said, a person could take a pilates class either for college credit, or just as a community member for fitness and personal enrichment.

*please see COLLEGE, page Life 3*

### More About Centralia College East

Centralia College first held classes at its East County Center in 1983. At the time one classroom in Morton High School was used. Now, residents of eastern Lewis County utilize a 5,000 square foot structure that sits adjacent to the high school.

The facility is equipped with up-to-date technology and is a fully functional satellite program of Centralia College. Centralia College East is located at 701 Airport Way in Morton. For more information, visit [www.centralia.edu/cce/index.html](http://www.centralia.edu/cce/index.html) or call (360) 496-5022.



# CENTRALIA COLLEGE

## CENTRALIA COLLEGE EAST — A TIMELINE

### TODAY

Since then CC East continues to meet the educational needs of thousands of people from eastern Lewis County.

**December** - The furniture and instruction equipment arrives at CC East and the ribbon cutting ceremony is conducted at the open house. The "donor wall" at CC East lists and thanks the dozens of people and organizations that made CC East a reality.

**October** - The water and sewer is finally hooked up and volunteers help landscape.

**September** - CC East holds the first classes in the new building. The sewer and water is still not hooked up. Portable restrooms are temporarily used.

The construction of Centralia College East begins

**April** - City of Morton secures funding so sewer lines can be replaced. The moratorium on new sewer hookups will be lifted when lines are replaced.

**March** - Local contractor Andrew Noel Construction is awarded the project.

**January** - Design and specifications for the new building are completed. The College Foundation requests contractors to submit bid proposals.

**1996** - Morton School Board approves the transfer of 0.9 acres of land to Centralia College. This parcel will become the future site of CC East. The Centralia College Foundation submits an application for the USDA Forest Service Rural Community Development Grant and is awarded \$250,000 for the construction of CC East. The fundraising campaign begins for the \$500,000 project.

**1995** - Altrusa International funds initial design.

**1994** - Through the urging of the East County Center Advisory Committee, Centralia College completes a feasibility study for a new building. The Centralia College foundation submits the CCEast project's pre-application to the Lewis County Commissioners which in turn submit the pre-application to the Washington Community Economic Revitalization Team.

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**1983** - The first college classes meet in East County Center in the Morton High School. It was known then that this arrangement was to be temporary.

**1982** - Bev Butters (Gestrine) and April Doolittle conceive the idea for an East Lewis County satellite of Centralia College. April illustrates the idea in poster format.

# Community Calendar

## Editor's Best Bet Visit State, National Parks for Free

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, state and national parks are both offering free admission this weekend.

The fee free days are Sunday and Monday for state parks. No Discover Pass will be required.

Meanwhile, Mount Rainier National Park — and others — will be free and open to the public on Monday.

## Today

### Beginning Beekeeping Class Coming to Centralia Library

Interested in keeping bees, but not sure what's involved? A free overview will be offered by the Lewis County Beekeepers' Association 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. today at the Centralia Timberland Library meeting room, 110 S. Silver St.

Instructors will cover benefits of beekeeping, "Bee Biology 101," equipment, how to set up an apiary, a year in the life of a beekeeper, getting and managing bees, harvesting honey and more more. This free overview also previews the LCBA's spring beginning beekeeping course. Children are welcome.

For more information, contact LCBA Secretary Susanne Weil at susanne.beekeeper@gmail.com or (360) 880-8130.

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

"Star Wars: The Force Awakens," 7 p.m. Roxy Theater, Morton, adults \$8, students/seniors \$7

### Organizations

Historic Fox Theatre Restorations, meeting of volunteers, 10 a.m., Santa Lucia Coffee, Centralia

## Sunday, Jan. 17

Bingo, doors open 5 p.m., bingo starts 6:30 p.m., Forest Grange, 3397 Jackson Highway, Chehalis

Dancing, Country Four, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Swede Hall, Rochester, (360) 352-2135

Community meal, 1-3 p.m., Rotary Riverside Park, Centralia, free, sponsored by Jesus Name Pentecostal Church, Chehalis, (360) 623-9438

### Organizations

Men's Fraternity, 6-7:30 p.m., Day-spring Baptist Church, 2088 Jackson Highway, Chehalis, (360) 748-3401 or email dayspringbaptistch@gmail.com

Fee Free Day, Washington State Parks

## Monday, Jan. 18

Fee Free Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Mount Rainier National Park

Free community dinner, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Centralia United Methodist Church, 506 S. Washington Ave., (360) 736-7311

"Star Wars: The Force Awakens," 7 p.m. Roxy Theater, Morton, adults \$7, students/seniors \$6

### Libraries

All Timberland libraries closed, Martin Luther King Day

Organizations  
Centralia Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Denny's Restaurant, Centralia, (360) 736-8766

## HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE PUBLIC TO?

Submit your calendar items to Newsroom Assistant Doug Blosser by 5 p.m. Friday the week before you would like them to be printed. He can be reached at calendar@chronline.com or (360) 807-8238. Please include all relevant information, as well as contact information. Events can also be submitted at www.chronline.com

White Pass Historical Society, 6 p.m., old Packwood Elementary School, Packwood

Centralia Bridge Club, noon, Unity Church, 800 S. Pearl St., Centralia, (360) 748-1753, hraj@localaccess.com

Chehalis-Centralia Optimists, 6:30 p.m., Twin Cities Senior Center, (360) 807-4733

Pinochle, 6 p.m., Chehalis Eagles, 1993 S. Market Blvd, Chehalis, (360) 520-0772

## Tuesday, Jan. 19

Bingo, Chehalis Moose Lodge, doors open at 4:30 p.m., game starts at 6:30 p.m., food available, (360) 736-9030

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

### Public Agencies

Napavine Planning Commission, 6 p.m., 407 Birch Ave. SW, Napavine, (360) 262-3547, ext. 213

Lewis County Interlocal Organization of Fire Districts 2, 15 and 7, 7 p.m., Fire District 15 (Winlock) main station, (360) 864-2366

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

Pe Ell Town Council, 6 p.m., City Hall, (360) 291-3543

### Libraries

Preschool Story Time, for children 3-6 years, 10:30 a.m., Centralia

PageTurners Book Discussion, for adults, "Please Look After Mom," by Kyung-Sook Shin, 5:30 p.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, (360) 269-8146 or (360) 748-3521

Tuesday Quilting Rebels, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Oakview Grange, 2715 N. Pearl St., Centralia, (360) 736-4671

Adna Grange, 7 p.m., 123 Dieckman Road, Adna, (360) 748-6068

Mount St. Helens Patchwork Quilters, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Lewis County Historical Museum, 599 NW Front St., Chehalis, first Tuesday, potluck, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1826 SW Snively Ave., Chehalis, (360) 880-5134

### 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 Connections Support Group, 5:30-7 p.m., Twin Cities Senior Center, (360) 880-8070 or sherry500us@gmail.com

NAMI Lewis County Family Support Group, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Vernetta Smith Chehalis Timberland Library, (360) 880-8070 or sherry500us@gmail.com

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, grief recovery seminar and support group, 7-9 p.m., Mountain View Baptist Church, 1201 Belmont Ave., Centralia, child care provided through fifth grade, (360) 827-2172

Men's Fraternity Authentic Manhood, 6 p.m., Lewis County Gospel Mission, 72 SW Chehalis Ave., Chehalis, (360) 880-3029

## Wednesday, Jan. 20

### Motivational Speaker to Talk About Martin Luther King Jr.

Motivational speaker Dion Jordan, Portland, will be giving a presentation on Martin Luther King Jr. during a Lyceum program at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Washington Hall 103 at Centralia College.

The emphasis will be not only on King's dream. The audience will be encouraged to have their own dreams as well as how to draw from the blueprint King left behind and how to make those dreams come true.

A native of Palm Springs, California, Jordan is regarded as one of the most respected and engaging professional speakers on the speaking circuit today. A recognized authority on peak potential and personal development, Jordan has appeared in USA Today, and local and national broadcasting around the nation.

In 1996, Jordan was the recipient of the Educator of the Year by the Bloomington Board of Educators. In 2008, he was also given the "Golden Microphone" the highest speaking award given by The National Speakers Summit, and in 2003 he was the recipient of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Emerald Award for his outstanding community and speaking services.

For more information, call the Student Life and Involvement Center, (360) 736-9391, ext. 224.

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

### Public Agencies

Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee, 6:30 p.m., Riverside Fire Authority, Harrison Avenue station, Centralia, (360) 345-3225

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

### Libraries

Toddler Time, for children age 2, 10:30 a.m., Centralia

Watercolor & Acrylic Painting, for adults, 10:30 a.m., Oakville

Preschool Story Time, for children 3-6 years, 11:30 a.m., Packwood

LEGO Club, for children, 3 p.m., Tenino

Writers Workshop, for teens and adults, 5 p.m., Packwood

LEGO Night, for teens, 5:30 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

Newaukum-Napavine Lions Club, noon, Taste of Alaska Family Restaurant, Napavine, (360) 262-3336

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, 748-6601

## Thursday, Jan. 21

### Public Agencies

Twin Transit board, 8:15 a.m., Twin Transit office, 212 E. Locust St., Centralia, (360) 330-2072

### Libraries

Mother Goose Play Group, for children birth-6 years, 10:30 a.m., Centralia

Family Story Time, for children age 3-third grade, 11:45 a.m., Randle

Pizza and Paperbacks, for teens, 3:30 p.m., Tenino

Karaoke & the Teen Center, for teens, 5:30 p.m., Morton Teen Center

### Organizations

American Legion Post 508, potluck and meeting, 6 p.m., Silver Creek-Ethel Grange, corner of Brim Road and U.S. Highway 12, (360) 485-2852, (360) 978-5368

Onalaska American Legion Post 508, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting, Onalaska First Church of God, (360) 978-5368

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

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

Pinochle, 6 p.m., Chehalis Eagles, 1993 S. Market Blvd, Chehalis, (360) 520-0772

### Support Groups


"Up From Grief," for those grieving the loss of a loved one, 1-2:30 p.m., Assured Home Hospice, 2120 N. Park St., Centralia, (360) 330-2640

Overeaters Anonymous, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1209 N. Scheuber Road, Centralia, (360) 736-9268

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## College

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Among its offerings, the college has some technical computer based courses available for those seeking credits as a medical administrative assistant, for example, and some of the nursing and diesel program prerequisites are offered.

To meet a growing demand of varying interests, the East campus added a snowshoeing class and roadside geology class, both of which are new this quarter.

Courses vary from quarter to quarter, Bloomstrom said, and right now about 40 classes are being offered at the East campus.

The campus has 7 to 10 faculty members at any given time and two pro-rata faculty members.

"Because we have adjuncts, we don't offer the same courses every quarter so faculty rotates," Bloomstrom said. "We have probably about 15 adjuncts, but they are not always working every quarter."

Pro-rata faculty are teachers who would typically teach the same classes every quar-

ter, Bloomstrom said, while the adjunct staff teaches courses that their expertise lies in.

Currently the campus has a headcount of about 127 students, a number that is slightly higher than the average.

Most of the students reside in Lewis County, although Bloomstrom said once in awhile people from Pierce County enroll for classes at the college.

As a graduate of Centralia College who started her educational path at the East campus, Bloomstrom said the school provides a great opportunity for those in the area.

"I think it's just a great place to start your degree or come for a kind of fun class," she said. "I think it's important to be able to have a campus in our backyard... Centralia College means a lot in general to the community and it's just wonderful we can share that here in the east."



# CENTRALIA COLLEGE



Pete Caster / pcaster@chronline.com

Centralia College's East Campus is seen along Airport Road in Morton at sunset on Jan. 8 evening.



Rock specimens from a geology class sit on the countertop of one of the classrooms at the Centralia College East Campus in Morton on Jan. 8.

# Brighten Up Your Home

By Chicago Tribune staff

Chicago Tribune

**No need to break out the crayons. Beat the winter grays with bright stuff for your home. Here are some products to get you started.**

1. Scottish designer Jonathan Saunders' cheeky designs make clashing colors harmonious. His Herringbone carpet for The Rug Company is a case in point. \$129 per square foot at The Rug Company, Chicago.

2. Primary colors and simple organic shapes mark the chairs from the Swedish design trio Claesson Koivisto Rune for Tacchini. The Kelly E Chair is \$2,300, at Orange Skin, Chicago.

3. The Lindona Necklace from Songa Designs, an eco-friendly accessories line made by women in Rwanda as a way to establish their economic independence. Each

handmade piece is made of repurposed natural materials such as banana leaf fiber, sisal plant, and cow horn. \$48.00 at songadesigns.com.

4. Improve your mood by upholstering Vitra's Mariposa sofa in a bold hue. Pick from dozens of colors including poppy red, grass green, magenta and lemon, pictured. \$7,520 at hivemodern.com.

5. Four shades in different hues give the Tam Tam suspension lamp by Design Fabien Dumas a colorful personality. \$1,093, at hivemodern.com.

6. Give time the attention it deserves with a clock that steals the proverbial show. Normann Copenhagen's Watch Me Wall Clock, \$50 at normann-copenhagen.com

7. Studio Job's paper lamp for Moooi is inspired by classic lamps but draws on a crafty material. \$1,703.00, www.moooi.com

8. Warm up any seat in the room with Maharam's Millerstripe Pillow with fabric designed by famed 20th-century industrial designer Alexander Girard. The 17-inch pillow is 92 percent wool and 8 percent nylon and sports a cotton insert with a duck feather fill. \$175 at maharam.com



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Scottish designer Jonathan Saunders' cheeky designs make clashing colors harmonious.



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# Faith

## Religion, Church News

# How a Married Gay Catholic Couple Live Their Faith

By Patricia Montemurri

Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — Because their Catholic faith is against same-sex marriage, Bryan Victor and Thomas Molina-Duarte made their wedding vows this summer before a Protestant minister in a Detroit Episcopal church.

Those in attendance included many family members, including Victor's uncle, who is a Catholic priest and Macomb County pastor. The Rev. Ronald Victor did not officiate but was there because, he told his nephew, the Catholic Church "needs more examples of gay holiness."

When Victor and Molina-Duarte attend Mass every Sunday, the couple go to an east side Detroit Catholic church, where Bryan Victor's mom and dad join them in the pew. In their shared Catholic faith, Victor and Molina-Duarte find spiritual sustenance. And at their parish, they've also found acceptance.

"We remain in the church rather than leaving," said Bryan Victor, 30, a Wayne State University doctoral student in social work. "The reason is that it's my faith. It's one of my guides. It's how I treat people. It gives me a deep sense of community."

The practice of his Catholic faith, said Molina-Duarte, 29, a leadership coordinator for the Highland Park Ruth Ellis Center, which serves many LGBT youth, "is right and life-affirming for me."

"If it challenges things," said Molina-Duarte, "that's more of an afterthought."

But the Catholic Church is being universally challenged from the pews to the pulpit, by the evolving ways society and many everyday Catholics include and welcome LGBT people.

It was a year of triumph for the LGBT community because the U.S. Supreme Court declared same-sex marriage legal throughout the country. Yet gay Catholics still wrestle with their church's condemnation of homosexuality as "disordered" and the church's prohibition against same-sex marriage.

Pope Francis has signaled a more inclusive tone toward LGBT people, through his words and actions, even as his open-arms position draws fire from some conservative Catholics. But doors continue to open.

In 2012, Austrian Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn overruled an Austrian priest who wanted to ban a gay Catholic man, in a civil registered domestic partnership with another man, from taking his seat on the parish council after other parishioners elected him.

Retired Detroit Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, a longtime advocate for liberal Catholic causes, often describes how he came to be an outspoken supporter of gay rights in the years after his brother came out as a gay man. When Gumbleton's elderly mother asked him if her gay son, in a committed relationship with another man the family had come to know and love, was "going to hell," Gumbleton assured her otherwise.

"That's how God wanted him to be. That's who he is," Gumbleton said he told her, as he spoke Saturday at a meeting of the Fortunate Families support group for Catholic families with gay family members. The group is not officially recognized by the Catholic Church.

Gumbleton said Catholic teaching has long allowed Catholics to let their consciences, in part, be their guide in participating in the church's rituals and sacraments, even when they may be at odds with church teachings. Gumbleton predicted Catholic teaching against same-sex unions eventually will change, as he noted did its one-time support of slavery and capital punishment.

"It's clear the movement is there," said Gumbleton, "but it takes a long time for the teaching to permeate the whole church, and people will fight it."



Eric Seals / Detroit Free Press

Tom Molina-Duarte, left, 28 and husband Bryan Victor, 30, pose for a portrait on Oct. 3 in their Detroit, Mich., home. The couple married in August but had been dating four years prior. They say that their Catholic faith is very important to them. "We were driven to our marriage by our faith and not by the marriage equality law," said Molina-Duarte.

Society's changing norms, however, will not change church teaching that sex is for a man and a woman united in marriage, said Catholic moral theologian Janet Smith, a professor at Detroit's Sacred Heart Major Seminary and an adviser to the Vatican's Pontifical Council on the Family.

Jesus encountered many who "were misusing their sexuality," said Smith, noting that refers to "cohabitators, adulterers, fornicators, you name it."

"He treated them very lovingly, and he wants them under his roof," said Smith, "but his words to them were that they should repent and sin no more."

To receive the Catholic sacrament of communion at mass, said Smith, Catholics should be in a state of "sanctifying grace." That means, said Smith, that "you don't have on your soul any of what we call sins that involve serious rejections of God's plan for the world, including the church's teachings on sexuality."

Detroit Archbishop Allen Vigneron said through a spokesman that he couldn't comment for this story without knowing more specifics about the men. Officially, the archdiocese offers the ministry program Courage, to urge gay Catholics to abstain from sex; and another program, EnCourage, to counsel Catholic families with gay members.

At the men's wedding ceremony, family was in force.

"They are two very holy guys," Catholic priest Ronald (Ron) Victor said of his nephew and nephew-in-law. "I do see their union as being sacred and sacramental, in the sense that it reflects God's love."

To officiate at their wedding could have led to discipline by his superiors. But Ron Victor, the pastor of St. Isidore Catholic parish in Macomb, said he had considered blessing their union privately, although his nephew told him the couple didn't want anything clandestine or controversial.

The priest and his nephew became close when Ron Victor was assigned to a St. Clair Shores parish, where Bryan attended elementary school. After the school day, instead of going to latchkey to wait for his working parents to pick him up, Bryan went to the rectory.

"It's been one of those things when somebody you know and love a lot comes out, it kind of changes your perspective," said Ron Victor.

Ron Victor said he was moved by the wedding ceremony, and at the same time, "a little angry and a little disappointed that we couldn't do it in a church

where I could have officiated."

He said he believes many priests would be open to blessing same-sex unions, although "they can't be real public with that."

Ron Victor said he's comfortable being public with it now. Through his priesthood, he said he has tried to practice

**"They are two very holy guys, I do see their union as being sacred and sacramental, in the sense that it reflects God's love."**

Ronald (Ron) Victor  
Catholic priest

what Pope Francis so poignantly and pointedly captured with his famous observation about gay Catholics.

The priest said he doesn't know the transgressions or every sin of all who present themselves for Communion. "As long as they're seeking God, who am I to judge," said the priest, citing the pope's memorable expression.

The church calls gay sex "intrinsically disordered" because it cannot result in procreation. Yet Ron Victor said the caring, monogamous relationship between his nephew and Molina-Duarte "reflects God's love."

"While it's not necessarily life-giving in a biological way," said the priest, "it's life-giving in other ways."

Other members of the couple's families agree.

Lennie Victor, Bryan's father and Ron's sibling, said he's never heard his brother the priest "tell people how they should behave or what they should believe."

"If the church makes you choose between your family and your faith," said Lennie Victor, of him and his wife Maureen, "I guess we voted for family."

"I'm very proud of them," said Nancy Kiely, Molina-Duarte's mother. She's a nurse whose Catholic volunteer work was recently honored by the Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn. "Hopefully, things will change. I don't know whether it will be in my lifetime. Honestly, it was the best wedding I've ever been to."

Pope Francis, said Molina-Duarte, "completely flips the script" when it comes to ministering to gay Catholics.

Pope Francis, while not

changing church teaching against gay unions, has made outreach to LGBT people a hallmark of his papacy. When the pope visited the U.S. in September, he met privately with a former student, who is gay, and the man's partner. But that came after another revelation that confused and contradicted previous papal images of the pope's outreach to gays — when Francis also privately met with the Kentucky county clerk who refused to issue gay marriage licenses.

Still, said Bryan Victor, the pope "doesn't operate out of fear ... and has a gospel of encounter with those on the margins."

Although Catholic teaching says their union and their love are sins, both men say they are at home, and even at peace, in a Catholic church. They have not encountered condemnation or cruelty. Only one relative refused the invitation to their wedding because of opposition to homosexuality.

Both men are Catholic school graduates, and both stopped going to church as young men wrestling with coming out.

"I think for my own mental health, I stepped away," said Molina-Duarte.

Said Victor: "I came out because I was suffocating and clinically depressed. Living in the closet is a health hazard."

The two met in late 2010 through a mutual friend in Chicago, where Molina-Duarte was living at the time. Together they found a mutual commitment to social justice issues. They had a long-distance relationship as Victor studied for a master's degree in social work at the University of Michigan. Victor found himself missing the ritual and inspiration he found at Catholic mass, and Molina-Duarte began to join him at services in Ann Arbor.

"I felt too unattached from regular church life," said Victor. "I wanted to embed myself in the life of the church."

And because of Victor's faith, Molina-Duarte said he could imagine a spiritual home for himself.

"I hadn't met someone my age who was gay and had a deep and respectful reverence for the church," said Molina-Duarte. "Bryan was able to have both."

Victor and Molina-Duarte moved to Detroit in 2012. They attended Mass at a few parishes, but felt most engaged and most welcomed at St. Charles Borromeo near Van Dyke and Kercheval in Detroit's West Village neighborhood. Bryan's paternal grandparents grew up in the parish and were married there.

The congregation is integrated and active, with outreach to group homes for disabled and elderly people on East Grand Boulevard at St. Charles, at the point in the mass where Catholics exchange the Sign of Peace handshake, there's a five-minute interlude where folks leave the pews to hug familiar faces and strangers alike.

In this light-filled sanctuary, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Victor said he finds a welcoming place for "the real-lived experience of people" — and people from society's margins and the poor.

That they present themselves to regularly receive Communion is not a sin, both men say.

"We examine our consciences and we know that our love for each other does not take us out of a relationship with God," said Victor. "It takes us into a closer relationship with God. And for that reason, we feel comfortable presenting ourselves for Communion."

Their sexuality is God-given, said Molina-Duarte. "You're called to be in community and seek justice and how can you do that in a closet?"

"I carry that Gospel message out to the secular world, and my work is reflective of the church," said Victor. "I am sustained and nourished by the church. I'm sharing my gifts and talents within the church."

On a recent Sunday, Molina-Duarte celebrated his 29th birthday with morning Mass. The week before, his dad had visited from Connecticut and joined him and Victor at St. Charles. To mark Molina-Duarte's birthday, Bryan Victor, and Bryan's parents Lennie and Maureen, were in attendance before a birthday breakfast.

It's practice at the end of Sunday Mass at St. Charles for the pastor, Capuchin priest Rev. Ray Stadmeier, to ask if any Mass-goers are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries. Molina-Duarte jumped up from the pew and bounded down the aisle. Bryan Victor whispered: "I don't know anybody who loves birthdays more."

At the front of the church, Brother Ray as he's called, extended his hand out. Stadmeier did not want to comment for this article, but this is what he told his congregation, before they sang "Happy Birthday" to Molina-Duarte.

"Bless our brother Thomas. Bless him in his relationship," said Stadmeier. "... We thank him and Bryan for all the goodness they bring to us. May they know God's tender graces."

# Voices of Faith: What Does Your Faith Say About the Power of Prayer?

The Kansas City Star

The Rev. Duke Tufty, Temple on the Plaza: I believe there are two types of prayer.

Petitionary prayer is beseeching God to give us something good, take away something bad or make something happen that is aligned with our desires.

It is based on the belief that there is somebody (a higher deity), somewhere, listening to our plea, then deciding whether our prayer is worthy of granting. Why some prayers are answered and others aren't, God only knows.

The other type is affirmative prayer and gratitude.

Jesus said, "When you pray, believe you already have what it is you desire and it will be yours." (Mark 11:24) I don't believe he meant this in a material sense where we could pray for a new car, believe we have received it and it will show up in our driveway. Prayer is of a spiritual nature and provides in a spiritual way.

If you are going through a difficult time, affirm that you have the strength to make it through, express gratitude for that strength, and it will be yours. If you are experiencing a great conflict in a relationship, affirm that you have the compassion, understanding and capacity to forgive, express gratitude for those attributes, and you will find a way to move beyond the conflict. If you are facing great fears, anxiety and stress about the future, affirm that you have the peace, faith and confidence to rise above and move beyond the fears, and you will.

You have everything you need to live a comfortable and fulfilling life.

Affirmative prayer reminds us of that during disturbing times and calls forth the power

within to calm the turbulent waters of life.

The Rev. Joe Nassal, Precious Blood Center, Liberty, Kan.: I received a note from a young man who was about to become a father for the first time.

He and his wife were praying for a healthy baby. But he asked, "My dilemma is praying to God for something specific to happen and if it doesn't, what does that say about God, or our prayers?"

He wrote that he was much more comfortable "praying for God's blessing, for strength, for peace of heart, for clarity."

When we look for instant answers or specific solutions based on our prayer, we treat God like a genie that may or may not grant our wish. If our prayer goes unanswered, we think we lack sufficient faith; or perhaps our prayer was not pleasing to God.

In our prayer, we can imagine God is like a Supreme Court justice rendering a decision. After a long and thoughtful deliberation, God decides the answer to our prayer is "No."

Prayer is not about saying the right thing but being in the right relationship with God. My faith tells me the power of prayer is in nurturing and deepening this relationship with God.

We pray to center our lives in the presence of God. We pray not to bend the will of God to our desire but to be united in love with God and one another. Here we find the power of prayer: Because of God's love dwelling within us, we are not alone but are in communion with one another in our common need.



## Church News

### Mountain View to Start Winter Griefshare Series

Mountain View Baptist Church Griefshare Ministries will begin its winter series at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 26.

The church is located at 1201 Belmont Ave., Centralia.

### Cooks Hill to Hold Single Service on Jan. 23

Cooks Hill Community Church will be having a single service Sunday, Jan. 23, at 10:30 a.m.

The church is located at 2400 Cooks Hill Road, Centralia.

### Centralia Methodists to Offer Free Community Dinner

Centralia United Methodist Church will be serving a free community dinner 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday.

The church is located at 506 S. Washington Ave.

For more information, call pastors Tom or Carol (360) 736-5401.

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# Praise & Worship

### APOSTOLIC

**The Apostolic Faith Church**  
196 NW Cascade Ave., Chehalis, Rev. Jack Chasteen, Pastor. Sun. School 9:30, Service 11:00, Evening Service 6 pm, Midweek Service Wed. 7:30 pm. 748-4811.

### ASSEMBLY OF GOD

**Bethel Church**  
"Following Christ, Loving People, Restoring Hope"  
Gatherings & Locations:  
Chehalis

132 Kirkland R. (I-5, Exit 72)  
Sundays at 9am & 11am  
Wednesdays at 7pm  
Downtown Centralia  
413 N. Tower Ave.  
Sundays at 10am  
Central Offices  
132 Kirkland Rd., Chehalis  
360-748-0119, bethel-church.com

### Calvary Assembly of God

"A loving place to worship"  
302 E. Main St., on the corner of Gold & Main Streets, Centralia, WA 98531. Church Phone: (360)736-6249. Pastors Jim & Shirley Blankenship. Services: New Sunday Service Schedule: Sunday School: 9:00am-10:00am. Fellowship with the Family: 10:00am-10:30am. Worship Service: 10:30am. Sunday Evening Service: 6:00pm.

### Jackson Prairie Assembly of God

"Building community with people like you"  
262-9533, 4224 Jackson Hwy., (Mary's Corner) Chehalis. Sunday School for all ages: 9:30am. Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am. Sunday Prayer: 5pm. Sunday Evening Focus: 6:30 pm w/contemporary worship. Wednesday Evening Family Night: 7pm. Adult Bible Study, Youth & Children. Worship Intern: Patrick Miess, Youth Pastor: Jared Hunt. Lead Pastor Bill Morris. Web: jacksonprairiechurch.com

### Napavine Assembly of God

Pastor Will Karch - 414 SE 2nd, Napavine. 262-0285. Sunday Services, Sunday School: 9:30am, Morning Worship: 10:30 am. Evening Service: 6pm. Wednesday: Bible Study: 7pm. Royal Rangers & Missionettes

### Oakville Assembly of God

273-8116. A Church for the Whole Family! Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am, Sunday Evening Bible Study: 6:00 PM, Wednesday, Transformers Kids K-6th grade, Youth 7th - 12th grade, 7:00 pm. Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm. www.oakvilleassembly.org

### Onalaska Assembly of God

137 Leonard Rd., Onalaska, 978-4978. Sunday School 9:45 am, Sunday worship services 10:45 am, Tuesday Royal Rangers (boys) & Impact Girls 6:30pm, Wednesday Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm. Food ministry on 2nd & 4th Wednesday 12-3pm. Pastor Les & Marita Thelander. www.onalaskaog.com. Email: onalaskaog@outlook.com.

### Vader Assembly of God

302 6th St., Vader. Pastor: Tracy Durham. Services: Sundays 10:30 am & 6 pm., Wednesdays 7 pm. (360) 295-3756

### Winlock Assembly of God

706 SE First St. Winlock, WA, (360) 785-3011, Sunday School 9:30am, Sunday Services 10:30am and 6pm, Wednesday mid-week service 6:00pm, Pastor John Vantrase.

### BAPTIST

**Dayspring Baptist Church, SBC**  
2088 Jackson Hwy., Chehalis. Life Groups for all ages begins at 9:30 am. Worship begins at 10:45 am. Resuming in the fall - Men's Fraternity, Sundays at 6:00 pm. Pastor Chris Kruger, Associate Pastor Don Moor 748-3401

### Dryad Community Baptist Church

112 Olive Street, Dryad, Wa. Bible Study for all ages: 10:00 am. Morning Worship: 11:00 am. Adult Discipleship 6:00 pm. 360-245-3383. 509-230-6393, Associate Pastor: Paul Justice, 736-6981

### First Baptist Church

748-8628. 1866 S. Market Blvd., Chehalis. Sunday Morning Worship Services 9:15 and 11:00 am. Sunday School for all ages 9:15 am. Children's Church 11:00 am. Awana Club - Sunday 4:30 pm. Youth Group for 6-12 grade students: Wednesday evenings at 6:45 pm.

### Grace Baptist Church

Join us for Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning Worship 11:00 am. Sunday evenings 6:00 pm - Adult Bible Study & Bible Adventures for kids with stories, games and fun for ages preschool - 5th grade. Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7 pm. Pastor Anthony Hayden. 19136 Loganberry S.W., Rochester. For more information visit us at www.gracein-rochester.org or call 360-273-9240.

### INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

**Centralia Bible Baptist**  
(360) 669-0113 • 1511 S. Gold St., Centralia www.centraliabbc.org  
Pastor: Tim Shellenberger  
Sunday Worship: 9:15 am & 11:00am  
Sunday Evening: 5:30pm  
Wednesday in the Word: 7:00pm

### Faith Baptist Church - 740-0263

436 Coal Creek, Chehalis, www.fbc-wa.org  
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 am  
Children's Church/Morning Worship 10:30am  
Sunday 6 pm, Thursday Bible Study and Master's Club for kids— 7pm

### Napavine Baptist Church

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### CALVARY CHAPEL

**Calvary Chapel**  
Services at Harrison Square Presbyterian Church 1223 Harrison Ave., Centralia, WA. Sunday School: 11 am. Sunday Service 9 am. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer: 7 pm. An in-depth, verse by verse study of God's word. 360-827-3291

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

**St. Joseph Church**  
682 S.W. Cascade, Chehalis. Masses, Sat. - 5:00pm. Sun. - 10:30am  
Mass in Spanish: 1:00pm  
Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30-4:30 pm  
45 minutes before daily Masses  
Father Jacob Maurer 748-4953

### St. Mary's Church

225 N. Washington, Centralia. Masses: Sat. - 5:00 pm, Sun. - 8:30 am  
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm  
45 minutes before daily Masses  
Father Jacob Maurer 748-4953

### St. Francis Xavier Mission

139 Spencer Rd., Toledo Sun - 8:30 AM  
Reconciliation: prior to Sun. Mass (360) 864-4126

### Sacred Heart Church

277 7th St. Morton Sun. - 10:45 AM (360) 496-5456

### St. Yves Mission

Harmony Rd., Harmony, WA (360) 496-5456

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

**First Church of Christ**  
Scientist, 89 NE Park St., Chehalis, Sunday School & Service 10:30 am, Wed. Service 7:00 pm. Nursery provided. Reading room hrs., Tues. & Thurs. 11am - 1pm (Except holidays).

### CHURCH OF GOD

**Onalaska First Church of God**  
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### CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Centralia**, Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 am, 10:30 Worship Sunday: 2 pm. Wed. Bible Study: 6 pm, Thurs. Ladies' Class: 11 am Info. 736-9798. Corner of Plum & Buckner. Toledo, 300 St. Helens St., Toledo, Welcomes You! 10 am Sun. Bible Study, 11 am Worship, 6 pm Sun. Worship, 6 pm Wed. Bible Study, 11 am Tues. Adult Bible Class. (bag lunch at 12 noon) Evangelist John Gadberry, 274-8570

### COMMUNITY CHURCH



**Centralia Community Church**  
A community with people just like you! Sunday Services at 9:00 am (acoustic) & 10:30 am. Nursery care provided for both services. Classes for all ages also offered. Great programs throughout the week! Pastor Mark Fast, 3320 Borst Ave. (across from Centralia High School) (360) 736-7606 www.cccog.com.

### Cooks Hill Community Church

2400 Cooks Hill Road, Centralia, Pastor Mitch Dietz. Sunday Mornings: Worship Services at 9am & 10:30 am. (Sign language available at 10:30), Youth and Children's Sunday School Classes and Nursery 10:30 am. Call the church for more information at 736-6133 or check out our website at www.cookshillcc.org.

### CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST

**Christian Fellowship of Winlock**  
630 Cemetery Rd., Winlock Church office phone: (360) 785-4280  
Sunday Worship Service: 10:30am-12:00pm  
Sunday School for all ages: 9:00-10:15am  
Quality Nursery Care provided  
Awana: Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm. Pastor: Terry Sundberg.

### Mountain View Baptist Church

1201 Belmont, Centralia. (1 block west of I-5 interchange on Harrison, right on Belmont) 736-1139. Sunday School (all ages) 9:45 am. Sunday Services: 8:30 & 11 am. and 6 pm. AWANA (Sept-May).

### EVANGELICAL CHURCH

**Adna Evangelical Church, 748-3569**  
Loving God, Each Other, & the World, Sunday: Bible Classes 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am, Midweek Small Groups call for times. 115 Dieckman Rd., Chehalis.

### EVANGELICAL FREE

**Central Bible Evangelical Free Church**  
2333 Sandra Ave. Centralia, WA 98531. 360-736-2061. Pastor: Randy Sortino. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Evening Worship, Sunday, 6:00 p.m., Venture Club-Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Saturday 7 am, Mens Fellowship breakfast. Call for more information.

### EPISCOPAL

### St. Timothy Episcopal Church

Sunday Schedule:  
• 8:00am & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
• 9:00am Bible Study  
• 9-11:30 am child care  
Wednesday, noon Eucharist & healing prayers  
Contact Church Office @ 748-8232  
Address: 1826 S.W. Snively Avenue, Chehalis. Web: StTimothyChehalis.org

### FOUR SQUARE

**Chehalis Foursquare Church**  
990 NW State Ave., Chehalis. Pastor Armin Kast. Sunday Service: 10 am., with kids Sunday School, nursery provided. Wed. Night Prayer: 6:30-7:30 pm. Women's and Men's Bible Study. Everyone is welcome, come as you are. (360) 748-4746

### INDEPENDENT

### Centralia Bible Chapel

209 N. Pearl St., Christ-centered, Bible-based ministry. Family Bible Hour & Sunday School, 11:00 am. Midweek prayer meeting, 6:45 pm. Wednesday, followed by Bible study at 7:30 pm. For more information, LeRoy Junker, 807-4633; John Martin, 736-4001.

### Faith Temple Word of Life

519 W. Cherry In Centralia. If you need a miracle, come. Pastor Larry Radach, 748-7916. Sunday School 10:15 am, morning worship, 11:00 am, Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible study 7:00 pm. Old-fashioned preaching & prayer for the sick. Everyone welcome. 330-2667 or 748-7916.

### First Christian Church

Centralia, (Independent), 1215 W. Main. 736-7655. www.centraliachristian.org. Sunday Morning: Worship 10:00 am - 11:15 am with Nursery and Sunday School for Pre-school - 5th grade. Lead Pastor Brad Brenner.

### First Christian Church

Senior Minister, Marcus Read, Associate Pastor, Brian Carter. Nursery and Sunday school 9:30 am. Sunday morning worship 10:30 am. Special needs adult ministry on 1st Monday 7 pm. Small group fellowships. 111 NW Prindle, 748-3702 www.chehalischristian.org

### LUTHERAN

### Immanuel Lutheran Church ELCA

1209 N. Scheuber Rd, Centralia. Pastor, Paul Hermansen 360-736-9270  
Sunday Worship Svcs: 9am Contemporary, 11am Traditional, Fifth Sunday in month blended Svc 10am. In Lent, Svc @ Wed 7pm. Sun School 1015am; Youth Grp Sun 630pm. admin@ilcentralia.org or www.ilcentralia.org

### Peace Lutheran Church & Preschool

Chehalis-LCMS, Bishop Rd. & Jackson Hwy. Sun. School 9:30 am. Worship Svc. 8:00 am & 10:45 am. Rev. Daniel Freeman 748-4108.

### St. John's Lutheran Church-ELCA

2190 Jackson Highway, Chehalis. Winter Services: Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am. Sunday School & Adult Classes 9:45 am. Coffee/fellowship follows the service. Pastor Matthew March. Office hours Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Phone: (360) 748-4741. Website: www.stjohnschehalis.net.

### St. Marks Lutheran Church-LCMC

10000 Highway 12, Rochester. Adult Class 9:00 a.m. Sunday service 10:00 a.m. Fellowship follows service. Pastors: Greg Wightman and Lauren Macan-Wightman. Church phone: 273-9571. Web: www.lutheranonline.com/stmarksrochesterwa

### St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church -ELCA

379 State Rt. 505, Winlock, WA 98596. Youth and Adult Sunday School at 9:30 am. Elementary Age Sunday School during portion of worship time. Worship Service at 10:30 am, coffee and fellowship follow Sunday Worship. Pastor: Rev. Angela Renecker. For more info call the church office 360-785-3507. www.stpaulutheranwinlock.org

### METHODIST

### Centralia United Methodist Church

506 S. Washington. Rev. Tom Peterson. Worship: 11:00 am. All Welcome! 736-7311. www.centraliaumc.com

### Chehalis United Methodist Church

1607 Market Blvd., Chehalis. Pastor: Rev. Karla Fredericksen. Worship Services: Coffee & Praise Service at 8:30 am and Traditional at 11:00 am. Sunday School for all ages 9:30. New Adult Study Group 9:30. All are welcome, childcare is available during the Worship Service. Church office 360-748-7334

### Winlock United Methodist Church

107 SW Benton Ave., Winlock, WA. Pastor Pam Brokaw leads worship at 9:00 a.m. Children attend Sunday School following the Children's Message, with childcare available during the church service. Fellowship follows at 10 a.m. All are welcome. 360-785-4241

### MESSIANIC

**Chesed v' Shalom Ministries**  
Meets Saturday mornings at Immanuel Lutheran 1209 N Scheuber in Centralia Shabbat Service 11:00 am  
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603 NW St. Helens Ave.  
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Pastor Ken Rieper  
Sunday school begins at 9:30 am  
Worship & Celebration 10:30 am  
Wednesday SUMMIT 6:30-8 pm

### New Life Worship Center

250 SW Riverside Dr.  
Chehalis, WA 98532  
360-269-4101  
Sunday Services 11:00 am and 6:00 pm

### PENTECOSTAL CHURCHES

### Jesus Name Pentecostal Church of Chehalis

1582 Bishop Rd., Chehalis. Sunday Services: Prayer 9:45 am & 6:15 pm. Services: 10 am & 6:30pm. Wed. Services: Prayer 7:15 pm Service 7:30 pm. Anchor Youth Nite: Fri. 7:30 pm. Elder Bishop Burgess, Pastor Shannon Burgess. (360) 748-4977 website: www.jncc.org.

### Pathway Church of God

1416 Scheuber Rd., Centralia. 736-3698. Everyone Welcome! Sun. Morning worship 11:00 am., Wednesday 7:00 pm, Pastors Rick and Debbie Payton.

### PRESBYTERIAN

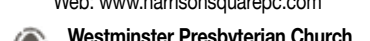
### Harrison Square Presbyterian Church



1227 Harrison Ave., Centralia. Pastor Rev. Ralph Carr. Sundays: Education Classes for adults 9:30 am. One Worship Service at 11:00 am. K-5th Grade attend beginning of worship then released to go to their class. Nursery available. "Emergence" Student Ministries, Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm. Justin McGregory, Director Phone: (360) 736-9996

### E-mail: church@harrisonsquarepc.com

### Westminster Presbyterian Church



349 N. Market Blvd., Chehalis. Pastor Ed Wegele. Sunday Services 10:00am with Children's Church and nursery care. For details, visit www.chehaliswpc.org or call 748-0091

### SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

### Seventh-day Adventist, Centralia

1607 Military Rd., 736-4262. Sabbath School 9:30 am, Church Service 11:00 am. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm. Pastor Ira Bartolome

### Seventh Day Adventist, Chehalis

120 Chilvers Rd, (2 miles west on Hwy. 6 at Exit 77). 748-4330. Pastor David Glenn. Service on Saturdays, Sabbath School 9:30 am, Worship Service 11:00 am.

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# 1886 Fisher Box Sleigh

By the Northwest Carriage Museum

About two years ago, an old unrestored box sleigh was donated to the Northwest Carriage Museum in Raymond. The wood on this sleigh was in very rough shape. The dash board was broken and several floor boards were damaged and loose. Remarkably, the sleigh still had its original maker's tag which indicated it was made by the G.W. Fisher in Machias, Maine.

Museum curator, Jerry Bowman recently completed a full body off restoration of this historic little sleigh. The sleigh's body was disassembled from the runners. Numerous bolts were cut off and eventually replaced. The dash and floor boards were repaired using much of the original wood. Runners were repaired and needed pins replaced. The entire body and runners were painted and some pin striping was added. Once reassembled, the seat was beautifully reupholstered to its original look.

Research on G.W. Fisher was

difficult. Through his normal channels and contacts, Jerry was unable to find much information on this maker which led him to contact a local genealogist and historian in Machias. With her help and by searching census records from the 1800's, it was determined that George William Fisher was born in Machias, Maine, in 1851 and died in Lubec, Maine, in 1909. His first wife, Lillie Livingston, died in 1886 and his second wife, Jessie Campbell, lived until 1938. All three are buried in the Court Street Cemetery in Machias. George's occupation was listed as blacksmith and carriage maker in both the 1880 and 1900 census.

This beautiful box sleigh is now on display at the Northwest Carriage Museum in Raymond along with 42 other historic horse-drawn vehicles. On tours, Jerry likes to tell visitors, "If only this little sleigh could talk, imagine what we might learn about life in the 19<sup>th</sup> century!"

If you enjoy history and mu-

seums, a visit to the Northwest Carriage Museum is a must. We are located at 314 Alder St. in Raymond. Open Daily from am to pm. Group tours are always welcome, visit us at [www.nwcarriagemuseum.org](http://www.nwcarriagemuseum.org) or call (360) 942-4150 for information.



Laurie Bowman, director, and Jerry Bowman, curator, stand next to a Brewster Summer Coupe Brougham at the Northwest Carriage Museum in Raymond. The museum houses one of the best collections of historic horse-drawn vehicles in the country. Laurie manages the museum while Jerry does restorations and historical research.



Photos courtesy of the Northwest Carriage Museum



## Laundry Helper



Submitted by Sue Wickert / for Our Hometowns

This picture of 5-year-old Susie Wickert shows her "helping" with the laundry in 1956. She's pictured at her parent's Prather Road home in Fords Prairie. Sue is the daughter of Harold and Evelyn Martin, first of Centralia, then of Winlock.

## Fastbacks and Barracudas Perfect Cars for the Family Life



Submitted by Sarah Chapman Mittge / for Our Hometowns

Jerry Chapman, of Littlerock, pictured around 1970, was very proud of this olive green Mustang Fastback, which he bought with money earned baking pizzas at Shakey's. Later he sold the Mustang and bought a Barracuda, a car he deemed appropriate for a family man such as himself. The Barracuda was the only family car and Jerry would bike to and from work in order to leave the car at home for his family. He worked at the Weyerhaeuser research center in Centralia, 9 miles each way from their Newaukum Hill home west of Chehalis.

## WASHINGTON STATE HISTORY

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### Washington Territory Re-Enacts Woman Suffrage Law to Exclude Women From Juries

On Jan. 16, 1888, the territorial legislature re-enacts the suffrage law under a new title, "An Act to Enfranchise Women." Women regain the vote, but are no longer permitted to serve on juries.

Women constituted 38 percent of the electorate, and they had strong support among legislators for whom they had voted. Nevertheless, the legislature paid heed to the anti-suffragists' most emotional argument: that women should not serve on juries with men, because they would be exposed to discussions of sordid acts, such as sodomy, incest, and rape.

### U.S. Army Air Corps Douglas B-18A Bolo, With Seven Airmen Aboard, Disappears After Takeoff From McChord Field

On Jan. 16, 1941, a U.S. Army Air Corps Douglas B-18A Bolo bomber with seven airmen aboard takes off from McChord Field (Pierce County) in clear weather en route to Muroc Field in Southern California to participate in training at the Muroc Dry Lake

bombing range. While flying south through the Chehalis Valley, the pilot encounters strong winds and rain squalls and turns east in search of better conditions. Low clouds cover the higher elevations of mountain foothills and 30 miles due south of McChord Field, the aircraft crashes in the Snoqualmie National Forest in a remote area called The Rockies. Search and rescue aircraft, hampered by continuing bad weather, are able to fly only sporadically and ground searches prove fruitless. After two weeks, the aerial search for the missing bomber is suspended until spring. On Feb. 3, 1941, two woodsmen, conducting an independent search, find the wreckage of the aircraft on Deschutes Peak (elevation 4,322 feet), the highest point for miles in any direction. There are no survivors. The official cause of the accident will be listed as pilot error.

### Northwest Airlines Passenger Plane Crashes at Edwall in Lincoln County Killing 10 People

On Jan. 16, 1951, a Northwest Airlines, Martin 2-0-2, passenger plane en route from Minneapolis to Seattle, with several scheduled stops including Spokane, crashes on a farm near Edwall in Lincoln County. Three crew members and seven passengers are killed in the mishap. There are no survivors. The Civil Aeronautics Board will conclude that the probable cause of the accident was the pilot's sudden loss of control of the airplane for unknown reasons.



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# Puzzle One

Find answers to the puzzles here on Puzzle Two on page Life 8.

## Sudoku

Difficulty: 4 (of 5)

7			3					6
	2				4			
			3			7		9
			8					6
1							5	
2	5	9						1
	6			8		9		
9					1			
			4			2	8	5

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## Crossword

Answer to Previous Puzzle

T	H	E	F	T				Z	O	R	R	O	
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			T	A	O			V	O	N			
D	A	B		D	I	M	E	S		V	H	S	
E	R	R		I	C	O	N		N	O	A	H	
A	G	A	I	N	S	T		F	A	L	S	E	
R	U	I	N	G		E	M	A	N	A	T	E	
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A	L	L	I	E	S			D	E	V	O	T	E
B	L	O	N	D				S	E	D	A	N	

### ACROSS

- 1 Pulverize
- 5 High — (horseplay)
- 10 Japanese straw mat
- 12 More suggestive
- 13 Fall
- 14 Short sock
- 15 North Woods st.
- 16 Yo!
- 18 DDT banner
- 19 Talismans
- 23 Festive night
- 26 Author — Tan
- 27 Strike callers
- 30 Pina —
- 32 Hardened
- 34 Garage squirter
- 35 Entertain
- 36 Regard as
- 37 Not opposed
- 38 Diamond org.
- 39 Goalie's job
- 42 Vintage
- 45 Veiled oath? (2 wds.)

### DOWN

- 1 Oahu neighbor
- 2 Envelope abbr.
- 3 Steam bath
- 4 Thoughtful murmur
- 5 Painter Vermeer
- 6 Yuck!
- 7 Pharaoh's river
- 8 Retain
- 9 Young lady of Sp.
- 10 Wool cap
- 11 More than cruel

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							58			

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- 12 "Big Mouth" Martha
- 17 English cathedral town
- 20 Lady's address
- 21 Radio knobs
- 22 Self-satisfied "Green" prefix
- 24 Null's partner
- 25 Model — Macpherson
- 28 A nanny pushes it
- 29 Bear's advice
- 31 Made top honors
- 32 Taconite (2 wds.)
- 33 Society miss
- 37 Kept up the fire
- 40 Bona — (genuine)
- 41 Fluffy quilt
- 42 Fiesta shouts
- 43 Comedian Jay —
- 44 PC fodder
- 47 Trig function
- 48 Put cargo on board
- 49 Overhead railways
- 51 Dunk
- 52 Sounds of hesitation
- 54 Qty.

**HOW TO PLAY:** Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

2	6	5	1	9	8	4	7	3
7	1	8	6	3	4	9	5	2
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6	2	1	5	7	9	3	4	8
5	8	7	3	4	2	6	1	9
4	9	3	8	1	6	7	2	5
9	3	2	4	8	7	5	6	1
1	5	4	2	6	3	8	9	7
8	7	6	9	5	1	2	3	4

### Celebrity Cipher

Today's clue: W equals D

"RFDUG PMRF WGJGKRM OVG URMXX

YGDYXG ... RFGC EIUR KGGW RD TG

MKRGVOSRGW PMRF DK O FIJOK XGHGX."

— SOVGC JIXXMAOK

**PREVIOUS SOLUTION:** Once when Louis B. Mayer insulted me I poured a glass of water over his head." — Hedy Lamarr

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## Calendar

Continued from page Life 2

### Friday, Jan. 22

- 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
- Jones & Fischer, 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m., Scatter Creek Grill, Lucky Eagle Casino, Rochester

### Libraries

- Teen Movie Matinee: Jurassic World, for teens, 2 p.m., Centralia
- Family Crafters, for children, 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 critique session, 5:15-7:15 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, Chehalis, <http://lewiscountywriters.wordpress.com/>

### Support Groups

- H.O.P.E., all addictions, 7:30-9 p.m., Heritage Baptist Church of Tenino, 1315 Sussex Ave. E., Tenino, (360) 480-0592, [hopedirector@hotmail.com](mailto:hopedirector@hotmail.com)
- Celebrate Recovery, dinner 6 p.m., large group 7 p.m., small groups 8 p.m., Grace Foursquare Church, 3030 Borst Ave., Centralia, (360) 736-0778, [www.gracefoursquarechurch.com](http://www.gracefoursquarechurch.com)

### Saturday, Jan. 23

- Lewis County Concerts, Donald Sinta Quartet, 7:30 p.m., Corbet Theatre, Centralia College, for tickets, call (360) 623-8100 and leave a message
- 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
- Jones & Fischer, 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m., Scatter Creek Grill, Lucky Eagle Casino, Rochester
- Potato bake, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Adna Grange, 123 Dieckman Road, Adna, toppings include chili, butter, sour cream, cheese sauce chives, bacon bits, tomatoes, broccoli, shredded cheese and ranch dressing, included are salad, dessert and beverage, \$6, (360) 748-6068

### Libraries

- Writers Workshop: Creating Strong Characters, for adults, 2 p.m., Centralia

# Top Job Opportunities

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**CIVIL CADD TECHNICIAN — LEWIS COUNTY** -Public Works Chehalis, WA. Starting Salary \$3,890 to \$4,087 monthly (DOQ) (Top pay \$5,231/Monthly). For job requirements, job description and application go to <http://lewiscountywa.gov> or pick up an application packet (8AM-5PM) at the Public Services Building 2025 NE Kresky Avenue, Chehalis. First Screening: 1/25/2016, open until filled. Priority will be given to applications received by 1/25/2016.

**LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES.** Maxim Healthcare is seeking compassionate and clinically strong Licensed Practical Nurses to provide care for pediatric patients in Lewis County. Opportunities requiring various skills including vents, trachs, and g-tube. We seek to align nurses with rewarding assignments that support their career goals and offer flexible, work life balance. If interested please call Terrell Williams at 253-671-9969 or email a current up to date resume to [twilliams@maxhealth.com](mailto:twilliams@maxhealth.com).

**CLIENT CARE SPECIALIST.** Very busy veterinary hospital seeking a

new Client Care Specialist to assist the front office staff. Must be able to stand for long periods of time, have a positive attitude, and handle multiple tasks at the same time. Please bring a resume and fill out our questionnaire. Chehalis-Centralia Veterinary Hospital at 1214 NW State Ave, Chehalis, WA.

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### The Chronicle

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the defects. • Facilitating quality control in the printing process. • Other duties as assigned. Interested parties should mail, email or bring in a cover letter and resume. Examples of design work are encouraged. Kelli Erb, Design Director, [kerb@chronline.com](mailto:kerb@chronline.com) The Chronicle, 321 N. Pearl St., Centralia, WA 98531

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# Living Smart: 5 Healthy Home Habits to Start in 2016

By Oseye Boyd  
Angie's List

It's the time of year when we're inundated with articles on how to be healthy, start good-for-you habits and dump the bad ones. But, what about giving some attention to another major investment in your life — your home.

### 3. Service your garage door

Regular garage door maintenance ensures safety and helps prevent costly repairs. In many houses, the garage door is the most used door — and it's a big, heavy one. Hire a garage door pro to check the tracks, rollers and hinges; tighten screws and bolts and lubricate the moving parts. According to professionals and Angie List members, garage door inspections cost \$40 to \$100.

### 4. Hire a chimney sweep

Regardless of whether you use a wood-burning fireplace or a gas log fireplace. A gas fireplace burns clean, meaning there's no creosote or soot, but you want to be sure the ceramic logs, valves and connections work properly. A gas log fireplace poses the risk of carbon dioxide poisoning if not properly ventilated.

For wood-burning fireplaces, highly flammable creosote builds up in the chimney walls and can cause a fire if not removed. The National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) advises hiring a Chimney Safety Institute of America (CSIA) Certified Chimney Sweep.

Also, inspect the chimney for debris, such as bird nests or other objects that could block ventilation.

### 5. Schedule a furnace tune-up

Annual furnace inspections and cleanings cost less than \$100, but can potentially save you hundreds of dollars in repairs by keeping your HVAC system in optimal working condition and catching problems early. HVAC maintenance contracts typically cost \$150 to \$500 per year. Don't forget to change the furnace filter as a clogged air filter puts extra stress on your HVAC system.

To help get your home in tip-top shape, here are five healthy home habits to start in the upcoming year:

### 1. Create a home maintenance and repair budget

Don't break the bank when your washing machine stops or the hot water heater leaks. Create a budget now for expected maintenance projects, and set aside extra funds for those unexpected, emergency repairs that always seem to occur at the most inopportune time. According to financial pros, you can expect to spend about one to four percent of your home's value annually on repairs and maintenance.

### 2. Clean refrigerator condenser coils

Help your refrigerator live longer and stay cool by cleaning the condenser coils. Appliance repair pros say it's the No. 1 refrigerator maintenance task. Condenser coils, which are located under or behind the refrigerator, eventually become covered with dust and pet hair. Keeping the condenser coils clean can save up to 10 percent on your energy bill. A professional cleaning costs around \$100. However, you can do it yourself with a vacuum cleaner and an inexpensive coil brush.

## ADVICE: Dear Abby

# Three Cats Become a Crowd in a One-Bedroom Apartment

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend and I live together. We adopted a cat off the street. A few months later, the cat became pregnant and had four kittens. We ended up keeping two, and now we have three cats in a one-bedroom apartment.



By Abigail Van Buren

I've tried being OK with it, but it's making me stressed and unhappy. The litter box must be constantly cleaned; they get into our food and pee on our furniture.

I've tried talking to my girlfriend about putting one or two of them up for adoption, but every time I raise the issue, she gets mad and dares me to get rid of them. I don't want her to resent me, but I also don't like living in the circumstances I'm living in. Please help.

— SURROUNDED BY CATS

DEAR SURROUNDED: You and your girlfriend appear to be irresponsible pet owners. I hope you realize that if the stray cat you adopted had been spayed, this could have been avoided.

The litter box should be cleaned regularly and, because the cats belong to both of you, the responsibility should be shared. If the cats urinate on the furniture, it should be discussed with a veterinarian rather than disposing of them.

That said, you are not married to this woman. If you're not happy under the current conditions, perhaps it's time to consider moving.

DEAR ABBY: I really need your help. I'm 13 and I know I'm a little young, but there's a boy I have known for a while. We used to text all the time, and then we got into a fight. We both said rude things, and then after a while he started talking to me again and acting like he didn't care. In fact, he told me that. Then we stopped talking again and he blocked me on Instagram.

Well, this school year he came to my school, and he's very popular.

He stares at me every day when we pass each other and once he said hi to me.

What I'm confused about is why does he keep unblocking me and blocking me on social media? Why is he doing everything he's done? I hope you can help. — BLOCKED IN MISSOURI

DEAR BLOCKED: The first time he blocked you, he probably did it to punish you for having hurt his feelings during the fight. Now he may be doing it to get a rise out of you, or because for some reason he doesn't want you to be able to see what he's saying and doing.

The opposite of love isn't hate; it's indifference. Because he stares at you in the hallway, I suspect he still likes you. Don't chase him — just be patient and let this play out because it could be interesting.

DEAR ABBY: My niece got married and some of the gifts got separated from the gift cards. Individual cards were found apart from the gifts. So how do you thank the individuals who left gifts without knowing the gift they gave?

— UNSURE IN THE WEST

DEAR UNSURE: While it is preferable to mention the gift when thanking the giver, no rule states that you HAVE to do so. Your niece should start by writing thank-you notes for the gifts that have cards with them, and for those few (I HOPE few) that don't, the givers should be told how meaningful it was to have them present on the special day, and thanked for their generosity. Period.

PS. A helpful hint to anyone sending a wedding or shower gift: Note on the gift card what has been sent (waffle iron, baby blanket, etc.).

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

## Sudoku

Difficulty: 2 (of 5)

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### Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 7

7	9	1	3	5	8	4	2	6
6	2	5	1	9	4	3	7	8
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4	3	7	8	1	5	2	6	9
1	8	6	2	7	9	5	4	3
2	5	9	4	3	6	7	8	1
5	6	2	7	8	3	9	1	4
9	7	8	5	4	1	6	3	2
3	1	4	9	6	2	8	5	7

### HOW TO PLAY:

Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

## Celebrity Cipher

Today's clue: H equals C

"C WCD TLNGAP PN LBT KNJ TN ZXAA RLCR RLX ABEBDS, RLX PXCP, CDP RLX GDJNMD HNGAP PN BR DN JXRRXM." — WCMRBD  
AGRLXM FBDS KM.

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE ON PAGE LIFE 7: "Those with dementia are still people ... they just need to be interacted with on a human level." — Carey Mulligan

## Crossword

Start on Puzzle One on page Life 7. Answers to the puzzles here will be published in Tuesday's paper.

### Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 7

M	A	S	H			J	I	N	K	S				
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- 5 Surprise attacks
- 6 Primeval
- 7 Pleads
- 8 Builder's sheet
- 9 Sticky-footed lizard
- 10 Art colony town
- 13 June sign
- 16 Not bogus
- 20 Revival shout
- 22 Leaped
- 24 Place a wager
- 25 Famous Khan
- 26 Eggy drink
- 28 Mischievous child
- 30 Lemony drink
- 31 Stein filler
- 32 Estuary
- 33 Denver hrs.
- 35 Vanished
- 36 Historical periods
- 39 — —
- 40 Staggered
- 41 Take — —!
- 42 Tibet neighbor
- 44 Property encumbrances
- 45 Burn slightly
- 46 Parka extra
- 48 Burrowing animal
- 49 Swatch
- 52 Low
- 53 Absorb, as costs

### ACROSS

- 1 Catherine — -Jones
- 5 Be a thief
- 8 Top NCO
- 11 What Hamlet smelled (2 wds.)
- 12 Shake — —
- 14 "Snow" veggie
- 15 Game bird
- 17 Kind of system
- 18 Spotted
- 19 Hits or kisses
- 21 Laird's daughter
- 23 "— — Excited"
- 24 Trite
- 27 Needle dropper
- 29 "I" trouble
- 30 How lovers stroll (hyph.)
- 34 Touched base (2 wds.)

### DOWN

- 1 Fleur-de- —
- 38 Uncovered
- 39 Superb
- 41 — Domini
- 43 Winner's feeling
- 45 — and Chong
- 47 Tabloid twosomes
- 50 Body joint
- 51 Macaulay Culkin flick (2 wds.)
- 54 Alias letters
- 55 Shortly
- 56 Charles Lamb
- 57 Family mem.
- 58 Salon styles
- 59 Govt. branch

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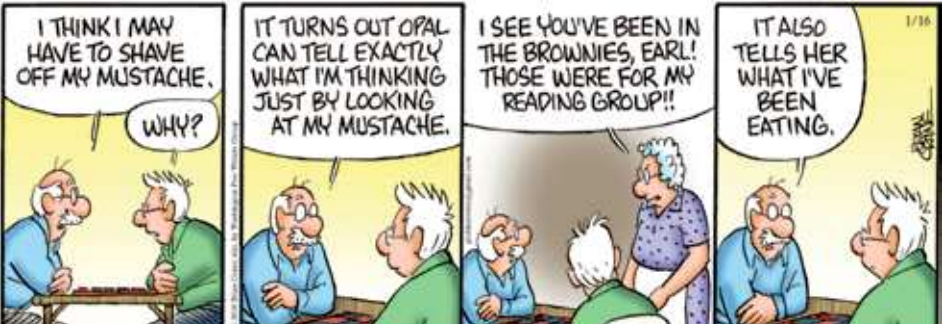
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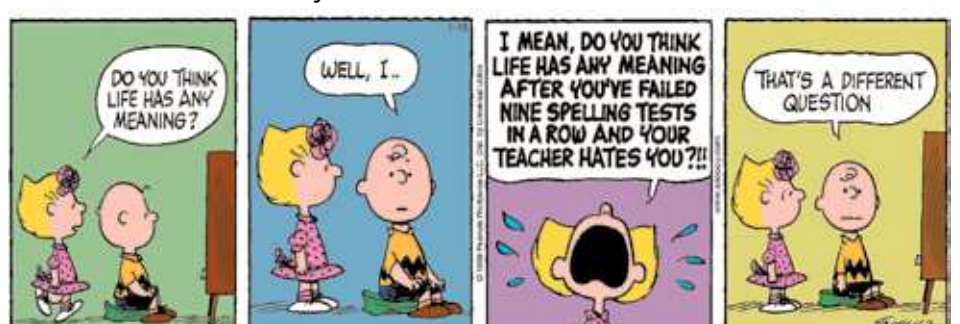
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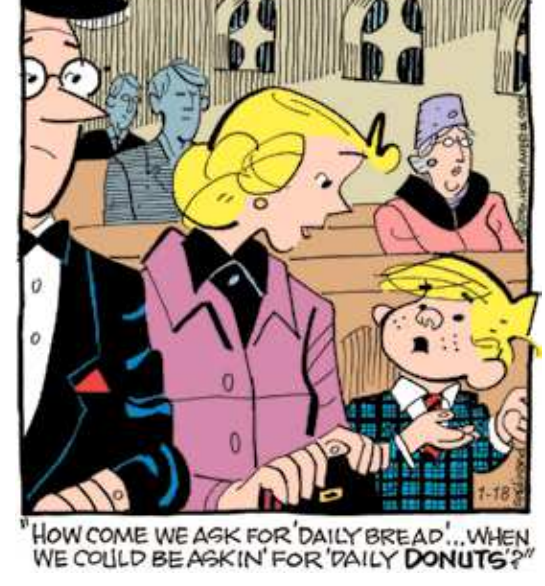
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