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Weekend Edition
Saturday,
Feb. 6, 2016



Rivalry Games

Centralia, W.F. West
 Squads Face Off / **Sports**

Church Seeks to Offer 'Vision Quests' Near Elbe

CONCERNS: Group Uses Hallucinogens During the Course of Worship; Prosecutor Has Questions

By Jordan Nailon
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A new church near Elbe is hoping to facilitate "vision quests" for its members through the sacramental use of hallucinogens.

If successful, the church would be the first of its kind open to the public in the United States. Unsurprisingly, that mission has managed to catch the eye of the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office.

On Jan. 20, the Oklevueha Native American Church of Ayahuasca Healings (also known as The Church of Ayahuasca Healings) sent an unsolicited letter to the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office.

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Two Dead After Collision on State Route 6

By The Chronicle

Two people were killed and another was in serious condition Friday after a two-vehicle collision near state Route 6 and Highway 603 outside of Chehalis.

The crash took place just after 4:50 p.m. Friday. Initial reports stated the collision may have been a head-on or T-bone incident.

There were a total of three occupants involved in the collision. The two that died were in the same vehicle. Arriving crews immediately confirmed their deaths.

The driver from the other vehicle was in serious condition and was transported to Providence Centralia Hospital.

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Heading to the Hall

Centralia Piano Teacher to Be Honored After 48 Years



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Piano teacher Linda Fast poses for a portrait next to a grand piano at Centralia Community Church of God on Wednesday afternoon.

By Justyna Tomtas
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After 48 years of teaching piano, a local teacher has reached a milestone with a surprise induction into the Washington State Music Teacher Association's Hall of Fame.

Linda Fast, a Centralia piano teacher,

has taught hundreds of students in the area. Members of the Lewis County Music Teacher Association, along with past students and their parents, submitted 11 letters of recommendation nominating Fast for the Hall of Fame.

"It was very unexpected; it never crossed my mind, but I am humbled and grateful of

course," Fast said.

Hall of Fame Chair Mary Ellen Cavelti said in a letter addressed to Fast that she was nominated by her colleagues because of her "extraordinary service, outstanding musicianship, and leadership in the field of music."

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Explosive



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Deaths

Johnson, Jonnie D., 68, Onalaska
 Ocken, Tom A., 60, Centralia
 Rhinehart, Charles E., 69, Vancouver, Washington
 Mansfield, Richard K., 72, Winlock
 Ramos, Luis A., 73, Winlock
 Kinkade, John R., 78, Ryderwood

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News of the Weird



Mike Aguilera / SeaWorld via AP

Kevin Robinson, of SeaWorld's Rescue Team, cares for an 8-month-old female sea lion pup at the animal theme park in San Diego, after it was found in a booth at the Marine Room, an upscale restaurant in the La Jolla neighborhood of San Diego, Thursday.

Starving Sea Lion Found in San Diego, California, Restaurant

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A starving sea lion has been rescued after finding its way into the booth of a fancy San Diego restaurant.

Experts at SeaWorld were called Thursday morning to The Marine Room, an oceanfront restaurant in La Jolla.

Rescuers found an 8-month-old female pup asleep in a dining booth. The pup was severely underweight and dehydrated.

The pup was taken to SeaWorld's Animal Rescue Center, and experts are cautiously optimistic about her recovery.

There's been a surge in sea lion mortality over the past year, with marine biologists collecting thousands of sick, starving, stranded or dead pups. So far this year, SeaWorld has rescued 47 sea lions and other marine mammals.

The Strangelove Suite: Northern Ireland Sells Nuclear Bunker

BALYMENA, Northern Ireland (AP) — It has no windows — but offers unrestricted views of Armageddon.

Northern Ireland is selling its Cold War-era nuclear bunker, an underground installation with room for 235 beds that sellers imagine could be transformed into a tourist attraction or blast-proof storage facility.

Journalists took a tour

Thursday of one of Northern Ireland's strangest real estate offerings. For 575,000 pounds (\$850,000), the successful buyer could acquire a 46,363-square-foot (4,300-square-meter) grass-topped building discretely situated on 3.74 acres (1.51 hectares) of rolling fields northwest of Belfast.

Northern Ireland's leaders have decided they can survive without the bunker, which was built in the 1980s to protect key government and legal figures from a Russian nuclear strike. The facility includes a conference room and broadcasting suite. Its existence was a state secret until 2007.

Ape At Utah Zoo Predicts Panthers to Win Super Bowl

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An ape at the Salt Lake City zoo has predicted the Carolina Panthers will win the Super Bowl.

Zoo spokeswoman Erica Hansen says a 1-year-old orangutan named Tuah chewed up a cardboard Panthers sign and later kissed a papier-mache Panthers helmet. Hansen says he never touched the Denver Broncos sign or helmet.

Hansen says Tuah's older sister gave Broncos fans hope when she entered the enclosure later and put the Broncos helmet on her head.

The annual event occurred Thursday. Animals at the zoo have correctly predicted the Super Bowl winner eight straight years.

This was Tuah's first time handling the duties. His dad picked seven straight winners before dying in 2015.

Prank Call Leads to Fast-Food Employees Smashing Windows

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Police in Tucson, Arizona, said pranksters convinced employees at a fast food restaurant to smash windows by pretending to be a fire-suppression company.

The employees received a call around 1 a.m. on Tuesday saying that the gas levels were high and that the building needed to be evacuated. The prankster also convinced employees to smash every window of the building to prevent it from exploding.

Daily Outtake: Crosstown Enthusiasm



Pete Caster / pcaster@chronline.com

Students cheer during Evergreen 2A Conference boys basketball action between Centralia and W.F. West Thursday in Chehalis. See more in today's Sports section and online at www.lewiscountysports.com.

Notable Quote

"I don't know what they're trying to accomplish. This is like a political execution that's made public here on the Senate floor, because, simply, it's 2016 and it's an election year."

Sen. Steve Hobbs

on ouster of state transportation secretary (see page Main 7 for the full story)

Today in History

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 6, 1911, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, was born in Tampico, Illinois.

On This Date:

In 1778, the United States won official recognition from France with the signing of a Treaty of Alliance in Paris.

In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, the so-called "lame duck" amendment, was proclaimed in effect by Secretary of State Henry Stimson.

In 1978, Muriel Humphrey took the oath of office as a United States senator from Minnesota, filling the seat of her late husband, former Vice President

Hubert Humphrey.

In 1991, comedian and television performer Danny Thomas died in Los Angeles at age 79.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush submitted a \$2.77 trillion budget blueprint for fiscal 2007. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales defended the Bush administration's eavesdropping program before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Terrorist conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui disrupted the opening of his sentencing trial in Alexandria, Virginia, and was tossed out of court.

Five years ago: The Green Bay Packers won Super Bowl XLV, defeating the Pittsburgh Steelers 31-25.

One year ago: President Barack Obama warned against American "overreach" as he outlined a new national security blueprint for his last two years in office. Obama said the threat of terrorism against the homeland had "diminished, but still persists" and vowed to degrade extremist groups using counterterrorism operations and global coalitions, not large-scale, American-led ground wars. NBC News said it had assigned the head of its own investigative unit to look into statements that anchor Brian Williams made about his reporting a dozen years earlier when he said he was in a helicopter hit by a rocket-propelled grenade in Iraq in 2003.

The Weather Almanac

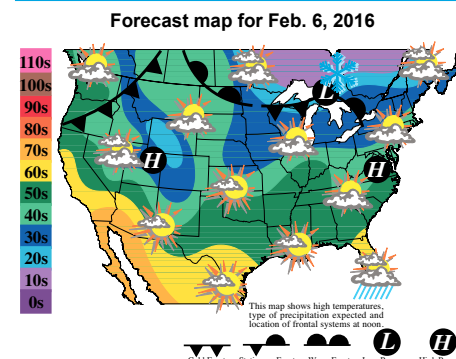
5-Day Forecast for the Lewis County Area

| Today | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | |
| Few Showers 51° 37° | Partly Cloudy 54° 38° | Sunny 59° 38° | Sunny 58° 41° | Mostly Sunny 56° 36° |

River Stages

| Gauge | Flood Height | 24 hr. Stage Change |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Chehalis at Mellen St. | 53.69 | 65.0 +0.08 |
| Skookumchuck at Pearl St. | 75.90 | 85.0 +0.04 |
| Cowlitz at Packwood | 1.59 | 10.5 -0.03 |
| Cowlitz at Randle | 7.34 | 18.0 -0.04 |
| Cowlitz at Mayfield Dam | 11.63 | --- +0.03 |

National Map

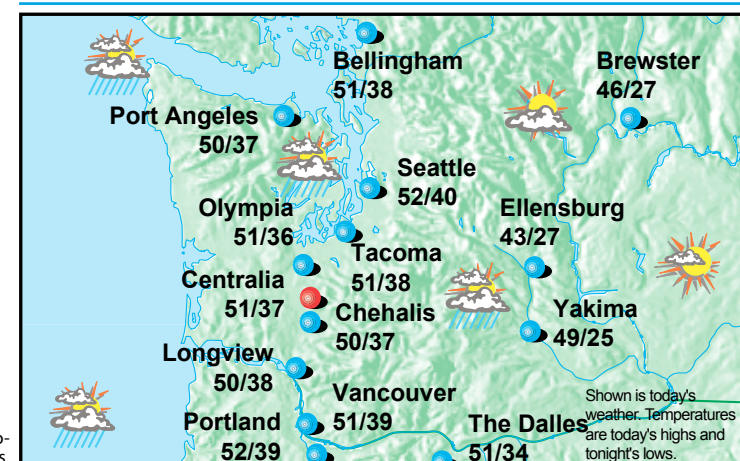


Almanac

Data reported from Centralia

| Temperature | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Yesterday's High | 54 |
| Yesterday's Low | 45 |
| Normal High | 50 |
| Normal Low | 36 |
| Record High | 64 in 1934 |
| Record Low | 7 in 1989 |
| Precipitation | |
| Yesterday | 0.00" |
| Month to date | 0.65" |
| Normal month to date | 1.03" |
| Year to date | 7.84" |
| Normal year to date | 7.53" |

Regional Weather



Sun and Moon

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Sunrise today | 7:28 a.m. |
| Sunset tonight | 5:23 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 5:52 a.m. |
| Moonset | 3:41 p.m. |

Pollen Forecast

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

National Cities

| City | Today | | Sun. | |
|----------------|-------|----|-------|----|
| | Hi/Lo | Wx | Hi/Lo | Wx |
| Anchorage | 32/25 | pc | 33/27 | pc |
| Boise | 46/29 | pc | 41/29 | mc |
| Boston | 37/30 | s | 44/24 | s |
| Dallas | 58/37 | s | 63/36 | s |
| Honolulu | 83/69 | ra | 76/62 | s |
| Las Vegas | 62/42 | s | 67/45 | s |
| Nashville | 52/32 | s | 55/35 | s |
| Phoenix | 71/45 | s | 75/49 | s |
| St. Louis | 51/33 | s | 56/32 | pc |
| Salt Lake City | 39/27 | s | 41/27 | s |
| San Francisco | 61/50 | s | 64/51 | s |
| Washington, DC | 45/32 | s | 50/32 | s |

Regional Cities

| City | Today | | Sun. | |
|--------------|-------|----|-------|----|
| | Hi/Lo | Wx | Hi/Lo | Wx |
| Bremerton | 52/40 | mc | 52/40 | pc |
| Ocean Shores | 51/42 | sh | 55/42 | sh |
| Olympia | 51/36 | sh | 51/37 | pc |
| Tri Cities | 54/31 | s | 50/32 | s |
| Wenatchee | 50/31 | s | 42/31 | pc |

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'You Are All Who Make Us Who We Are'

Sheriff Snaza Discusses Past Year, Honors Citizens and Deputies at Annual Meeting



BETHEL CHURCH:

Corrections, Patrol Officers Now More United, Sheriff Says

By Natalie Johnson

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Lewis County Sheriff Rob Snaza often became emotional Thursday afternoon during the Sheriff's Office's annual meeting.

"I want to make sure you guys are taken care of," he said of training programs implemented in the office. "I don't want to show a sign of weakness, but it's love."

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office had its annual meeting to discuss the coming year Thursday afternoon at Bethel Church in Napvine.

The meeting started with a slideshow of photos from the previous year, an honor guard and an invocation from Deputy Kevin Anderson.

Snaza then led the officers and guests in attendance in a moment of silence for the 129 law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty during 2015, including Chehalis Police Officer Rick Silva.

During his opening statements, Snaza also took a moment to thank deputies' families, volunteers and others in the community who are involved with the Sheriff's Office.

"You are all who make us who we are," he said.

Snaza spoke about efforts to create unity between the corrections and patrol divisions of the Sheriff's Office.

Both patrol deputies and corrections officers attended the event — all dressed in the same uniforms. In past years, Snaza said, they wore different uniforms, creating a division between the groups.

He also spoke about the decision to combine training programs for corrections and patrol divisions.

Undersheriff Wes Rethwill also spoke, thanking staff for welcoming him in his first year at the Sheriff's Office after leaving the Washington State Patrol. He said working at the Sheriff's Office made him excited to come to work again after 29 years in law enforcement.

"Thank you for allowing me to be part of your family," he said.

Snaza handed out a number of awards recognizing citizens and Sheriff's Office personnel.

"If I could give an award to all of you, I would," he said.

Snaza honored Cameron Church and his girlfriend, Skyler Grimes, with a Citizen Service Medal for rescuing a woman trapped in a car sinking in floodwaters on Nov. 14 on state Route 131 in Randle.

He also announced a citizen recognition for Leonard "Lee" A. Barkie for assistance with a boat.

Snaza gave Aiden Readman, 12, a Certificate of Bravery and Courage for calling 911 to help his mother when she was being assaulted.

Next, Snaza started giving out employee of the year awards. He began by thanking his command staff for their hard work.



Lewis County Sheriff Rob Snaza recognizes Deputy Justin Rodgers as "Field Operations Officer of the Year" during the Lewis County Sheriff's Office annual meeting in Napavine on Thursday.

"We've really put a lot of pressure on this team to be successful."

Rob Snaza
sheriff

"We've really put a lot of pressure on this team to be successful," he said.

Corrections Sgt. Joyce McCoy was named Corrections 2015 Employee of the Year. Other nominated corrections employees included Tawnya Scharber, Kevin Schultz, Vern West, Curtis Lamping and Andrea Lowe.

Ramona Romine was awarded the Support Staff 2015 Employee of the Year for Corrections.

Debra Hensley was awarded the Support Staff 2015 Employee of the Year. Tamira Shields was also nominated.

Deputy Justin Rodgers was awarded the Field Operations 2015 Employee of the Year. Tyson Brown was also nominated.

Rodgers was also given a Top Performer Award for Field Operations. Acting Sgt. Curt Spahn and Skylar Eastman were also nominated.

Curt Lamping and Craig Klumper were both awarded the Top Performer Award for Corrections. Tawnya Scharber and Sean Heppie were also nominated.

Snaza also recognized 17 employees for taking no sick leave in 2015.

Corrections officer Bill Wood and Detective Gene Seiber were



Lewis County Sheriff Rob Snaza recognizes Aiden Readman, 12, center, with a Certificate of Bravery and Courage for calling 911 to help his mother when she was being assaulted during the Lewis County Sheriff's Office annual meeting on Thursday afternoon at Bethel Church in Napavine.



Left: Lewis County Jail correctional officer Joyce McCoy is recognized as "Correctional Office of the Year" during the Lewis County Sheriff's Office annual meeting on Thursday afternoon in Napavine.



Right: Lewis County Sheriff Rob Snaza recognizes Cameron Church and his girlfriend, Skyler Grimes, with a Citizen Service Medal for rescuing a woman trapped in a car sinking in floodwaters in November.

given the Guardian Award.

Snaza also recognized Detective Tom Callas' retirement with a Distinguished Service Medal.

News in Brief

Centralia Council to Hold Workshop on City Streets

By The Chronicle

The Centralia City Council will hold a workshop to discuss the prioritization of projects and funding allocations for streets at 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 11.

The workshop will be held in the second floor training room at Centralia City Hall, 118 W. Maple St.

The meeting is open to the public.

BABIES OF 2015



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Pe Ell Resident Digs Up Mortar Under Chicken Coop

By The Chronicle

A Pe Ell resident almost had an explosive experience while digging in his yard Thursday.

At 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Pe Ell Reserve Deputy Marshal Nate Howard was dispatched to a residence on East Pe Ell Avenue after a resident reported finding an explosive device.

The resident reported that they were digging under a chicken coop when they dug up the mortar.

"Nobody has any idea how it got there but it's been there a long time it looks like," said Marshal Mike Hartnett.

The resident reportedly hit the mortar with his shovel a few times before realizing what it was, Hartnett said.

The device was discovered to be a live 35 mm mortar from World War II or the Vietnam War.

Hartnett said he has occasionally come across similar

situations in his law enforcement career, but never before in Pe Ell.

"People come back from war-time with their little souvenirs that they can secret in their baggage when they get shipped out," he said.

Lewis County Fire District 11 responded, and two residences were evacuated as a precaution.

The Washington State Patrol Explosives Unit responded that evening and removed and disposed of the mortar.



Chris Looman / Courtesy photo

A Pe Ell resident dug up a live army mortar in their backyard Thursday.

Winlock Residents Dealing With Slow Internet Take Issue to Lawmaker

DATA: Citizen Group Working on Mapping People With Poor Service or No Service

By Kaylee Osowski

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Like many rural communities, Winlock doesn't have great Internet service.

Many residents have a slow connection or no Internet at all.

Many of those residents are tired of waiting for websites and videos to download.

Michelle Conrow began the Winlock Needs Internet group and blog and, along with other Winlock-area citizens, has been gathering information about what kind of Internet service residents have and what options might exist to improve Internet in Winlock.

The group has reached out to the office of Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia, seeking help.

Ruth Peterson, Braun's legislative assistant, said the senator's office is in the early stages of gathering information about Winlock's Internet issue.

With the help of the Winlock Needs Internet group, the office has been gathering addresses of people dealing with poor service.

On Tuesday, Conrow posted a map to the blog showing that of 35 residents, 10 have no access.

They don't have service because CenturyLink, the main provider in the community, has maxed out its system. They either say they have been waiting years to get service they were told would be provided, or they live outside the service area.

Another 23 residents can't

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run Wi-Fi or stream videos, and they experience hours-long downloads. Two citizens reported slow, but tolerable Internet speeds.

"It's just all bad around here, and it just doesn't seem to be getting any better," Conrow said.

Braun told The Chronicle that at least one other senator is working on similar concerns from constituents, but it's unclear what can be done to alleviate the issue at the state level.

However, he said his office has been in contact with CenturyLink, adding that pressure from legislators as well as customers will hopefully lead to improvements.

"None of us expect this to be a fast process," Conrow said.

Conrow said she can't stream videos, run Wi-Fi or have two devices connected to the Internet at the same time.

When Conrow got a new laptop, she said it took her three days to download Microsoft Office; she couldn't get a hard copy of the program.

"It feels laughably primitive," Conrow said. "... I live two miles off I-5. It's not like we're in the boonies."

Some residents, such as Mark Velasco, have satellite Internet, but if they use their allotted amount, the companies slow them down to nearly unusable speeds. Velasco also pays for CenturyLink.

He said people can no longer sign up for CenturyLink in Win-

"We're dealing with 1990 Internet speeds."

Mark Velasco
Winlock area resident

lock and that test speeds he and other residents have done range from 0.8 megabytes to as low as 0.2 megabytes.

"We're dealing with 1990 Internet speeds," he said.

His main concerns are the impacts to online learning for kids and people trying to take college courses online, as well as the inability to pay bills or utilize online health care resources.

Velasco said he's spoken to other providers, including ToledoTel, which hooked every household and business in Toledo up with fiber for 1 gigabit speeds, and the cost to connect Winlock is too high compared to the return.

CenturyLink money through its Connect America Fund Phase II.

The company received \$24.4 million for Washington state, and \$1.3 million to improve Internet for 3,800 locations in Lewis County specifically.

There are particular accepted areas where the funds can be used. Some areas surrounding Winlock are in approved locations. Unapproved areas are either served by another carrier or the cost-per-location was too low or high.

Conrow said she appears to be right on the line, so she's unsure if her home will be eligible for improved service, if CenturyLink decides to use some money to improve Internet in the Winlock area.

The mapping was finalized last summer, and improvements are supposed to be made over a six-year period. The FCC awarded 10 telecommunications carriers \$9 billion for rural broadband improvement to about 7.3 million consumers.

News in Brief

Look for Lewis County Special Election Results Online Tuesday

By The Chronicle

The special election with many Lewis County school districts and a fire district on the ballot is on Tuesday.

Election results will be available after voting closes at 8 p.m. Tuesday at vote.wa.gov/lewis.

The election will be certified on Feb. 19.

For questions, call the the county Elections Department at (360) 740-1278, (360) 740-1164 or toll free in Lewis County at 1 (800) 562-6130 ext. 1278 or 1164.

Ballot propositions include:

- four-year levy replacements for Chehalis, Morton and Rochester school districts;
- three-year levy replacements for Napavine and Onalaska school districts;
- two-year levy replacements for Oakville and Pe Ell school districts;
- and a six-year emergency medical service levy replacement for Fire District 10 in Packwood.

Lewis County Resident Fined for Practicing Massage Without License

By The Chronicle

The Washington State Department of Health took disciplinary actions against a Lewis County local practicing massage without a license.

In September 2015, the Unlicensed Practice Program entered into an agreement with Lynda Schroeder that requires her to cease and desist from practicing massage without a license, according to a press release.

Schroeder was fined \$1,000 for providing a massage to a client. She did not have a massage practitioner license.

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Real Estate Report: Diminishing Inventory Increases Competition Between Home Buyers

By The Chronicle

Diminishing inventory is contributing to an increase of traffic at open houses, shifts in strategies for both home buyers and sellers and escalating prices, according to officials with the Northwest Multiple Listing Service.

The latest figures show a drop of nearly 28 percent in the number of active listings in the MLS database compared to a year ago, stated a press release.

Lewis County saw a decrease of 29.17 percent in active listings when compared to numbers a year ago.

This January, there were 79 new listings reported in the county, a decrease of 10 from Jan. 2015.

According to numbers re-

leased, members added 6,670 new listings during January across the 23 county service area of MLS. That number reflects a 4.6 decrease from 12 months ago, stated a press release.

There was also a decrease of active listings, dropping to 369 this January, compared to 521 active listings in Jan. 2015.

Grays Harbor and Thurston counties also saw fewer active listings, with a decrease of 13.19 percent and a decrease of 21.69 percent respectively.

At the end of January, members reported 12,357 active listings, compared to 17,082 at the end of January 2015.

Lewis County saw no difference in the amount of pending sales, landing at 90 for both Jan.

2015 and Jan. 2016.

Thurston County had a 2.37 percent increase in pending sales, while Grays Harbor County saw a 4.35 percent increase in pending sales.

Across the service area, pending sales fell about 5.3 percent areawide during January, although half of the counties in the report saw increases compared to a year ago. The drop marked the first negative change in year-over-year comparisons since April 2014, the release said.

Lewis County saw an increase of closed sales, a 25 percent change, with 75 closed sales this January, compared to 60 closed sales a year ago.

According to the release, the MLS service area saw an increase

of 11.6 percent for closed sales. There were 4,985 completed transaction, while a year ago there were 4,467 closings.

The median price for a home decreased 2.25 percent in the county and was \$150,000 in January.

Lewis County was one of four counties to see a decrease in median prices along with Okanogan, Clallam and Chelan counties. Median prices on average rose 7.5 percent in the MLS service area.

Lewis County reported 4.92 months of inventory, while Grays Harbor County had 5.56 months and Thurston County had 3.04 months.

Overall the service area had 2.48 months of inventory.



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A car that struck a power pole sits along the 1300 block of North Pearl Street as a Centralia City Light crew fixes a power line pole on Friday morning in Centralia.

Car Strikes Pole, Knocks Out Power for 1,085 in Centralia

By The Chronicle

A 25-year-old Centralia man was transported to Providence Centralia Hospital with minor injuries after striking a power pole on North Pearl Street Friday morning.

The crash sheared the pole off

at ground level and sent power lines down onto the road, just north of the Skookumchuck River Bridge before the intersection with Reynolds Avenue.

Rick Evans, line superintendent for Centralia City Light, said about 1,085 customers lost power; Oakview Elementary

School was among the buildings affected.

The man was traveling northbound on Pearl Street when his vehicle left the road and hit the pole.

The wreck damaged the front end of the passenger sedan. The man exited the vehicle himself

before emergency responders arrived.

The power pole was replaced Friday afternoon.

Pearl Street was closed in both directions until early in the afternoon.

The crash occurred at about 9 a.m.

News in Brief

Napavine School Board Moves Meeting

By The Chronicle

The Napavine School Board has changed its regularly scheduled workshop meeting next week from Monday to Wednesday due to scheduling conflicts. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the district office board room.

Disabled persons may contact the Superintendent's Office, (360) 262-3303, at least 48 hours in advance so that arrangements can be made for their participation in school board meetings.

For more information, call the district office at (360) 262-3303.

Centralia High School FBLA Members to Head to State Conference

By The Chronicle

After strong performances at the regional conference, seven members of the Centralia High School Future Business Leaders of America team will be heading to the state conference in Spokane this April.

Students who qualified for state include Daniela Flores-Diaz, first place in help desk; Morgan Fast and Amber Johnson, second place in hospitality management team; Derek Sibbald, fifth place in accounting; Javier Corona-Jacobo, fifth place in health care administration; Carisma Delgadopadilla-Chaparro, sixth place in intro to business communication; and Carolyn Harper, Daniela Flores-Diaz and Derek Sibbald, sixth place in the marketing team event.

The state conference is April 20-23. Competitions will be held at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane, and all member sessions will be held in the INB Performing Arts Center.

FBLA adviser Lisa Mack said more than 2,000 students usually attend the conference from across the state. FBLA will be working to raise funds to send the group. In total, there are 17 FBLA team members at Centralia High School this year.

Our Literacy Council Seeks Board of Directors

By The Chronicle

Our Literacy Council of Lewis County is looking for more members for its board of directors.

Candidates with accounting or financial management skills who value collaboration and partnership and are interested in strategic planning and rebuilding the organization should apply.

Candidates should be ready to be part of a working board, follow through on commitments and be passionate about literacy in all its forms.

If interested, send the literary council your name, contact information and at least three skills or experiences that would add to the board, as well as why you would like to be considered for membership.

Being a candidate does not guarantee a seat on the board.

Our Literacy Council of Lewis County is located in the Kirk Library's Phoenix Center on the campus of Centralia College. Office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For more information, call (360) 736-9391, ext. 382, during office hours, or email the information requested to executive director Michal Nortness at michal@ourliteracycouncil.org.

Organic Waste Disposal Site to Open in Chehalis

By The Chronicle

The organic waste disposal site at Stan Hedwall Park will open on Saturday, April 2, for Chehalis residents inside the city limits who have purchased a permit.

The site will be remain open through Sunday, Nov. 27, weather permitting.

A permit can be purchased at the city of Chehalis Parks and Recreation office, 1321 S. Market Blvd., Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The permit costs \$40, and verification of residency is required. The days and hours for the disposal site are Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m.

Beginning on Nov. 2, there will be no dumping on Wednesdays due to daylight savings time.

Days, hours and special closures dates are listed on the

permit. There will be one drop box in the park for organic yard waste, including grass clippings, brush, garden waste, shrubs, leaves and small limbs. Limbs must be less than 4 inches in diameter and no longer than 4 feet.

The permit must be displayed in the vehicle when using the drop box site.

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Rape Suspect Pleads Not Guilty, Objects to DNA Sample

By The Chronicle

A Salkum man charged with raping and kidnapping a Longview woman entered not guilty pleas Thursday in Lewis County Superior Court.

Joel L. Kaech, 25, of Salkum, also objected, through his court-appointed attorney Chris Baum, to being ordered to provide a DNA sample to investigators.

Kaech was charged Tuesday with two counts of first-degree rape and one count each of first-degree kidnapping and harassment — threat to kill. He entered not guilty pleas to all four charges at his arraignment Thursday.

Kaech is in custody at the Lewis County Jail on \$500,000 bail and a 10-day hold for a contempt of court charge he received

at his first court appearance Monday after swearing at Judge James Lawler. He was arrested on Sunday, the day after a 32-year-old Longview woman told police Kaech took her “hostage” after giving her a ride from Longview to Lewis County.

Lewis County deputy prosecutor Will Halstead made a motion at Thursday’s hearing requesting a sample of Kaech’s DNA.

Baum asked Lawler to wait to rule on the motion for a week, while he reviewed evidence against his client, and noted that Kaech objected to having to provide the DNA sample.

Lawler noted the objection, but granted the prosecution’s request for the DNA.



James Louis Kaech is escorted out of Lewis County Superior Court Tuesday.

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News in Brief

Redmond, Kirkland High Schools Closed Friday Due to Threats

REDMOND (AP) — School officials say high schools in Redmond and Kirkland were closed Friday due to threats.

Lake Washington School District officials said Thursday threatening notes were found in Redmond High School and Juanita High School in Kirkland this week. Both mentioned Friday, officials said.

Schools superintendent Traci Pierce says the schools closed because they couldn’t determine the credibility of the threats.

Clallam, Jefferson Counties Accepting Texts to 911

PORT HADLOCK (AP) — People in distress in Clallam and Jefferson counties can now contact emergency services by text message.

The Peninsula Daily News reported that as of Monday, anyone with a smartphone that has a texting plan can message 911 and text details of an incident to call centers in the two counties.

Emergency dispatch center

directors say they prefer voice calls so they can acquire more information, but that text services will benefit many people. People will hearing disabilities will no longer need special equipment to communicate and those in domestic violence situations will be able to discreetly ask for help.

A text to 911 in an area where the service is not available will result in an immediate bounce-back.

Man With Gun Arrested Outside Seattle Mosque

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle police say a man who was carrying a stolen pistol has been arrested for investigation of a hate crime after a confrontation outside a mosque.

The department said the 28-year-old was striking trees with a baseball bat as he approached two men in the parking lot of the Idriss Mosque in the city’s Northgate neighborhood on Tuesday.

The men told investigators the suspect asked them where they were from and then argued with them when they said they were from the United States. He then dropped his bat, pulled a silver pellet gun out of his waistband and smashed a rearview

mirror on a parked car as he fled.

Officers found him sitting in a park nearby. They said he had a real gun that had been reported stolen in Lakewood in addition to the pellet gun.

Helicopter Rescues Hurt Man Trapped for Days Near Enumclaw

ENUMCLAW (AP) — Authorities say a King County sheriff’s helicopter has rescued a man trapped near Mud Mountain Dam near Enumclaw.

KOMO-TV reported the man was heard yelling for help Thursday after apparently being trapped for at least two days in an area of rough terrain.

Enumclaw Fire Chief Randy Fehr said rescue teams on the ground made voice contact with the man, then he was spotted from the chopper. He was hoisted up and then taken by ambulance to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.

Fehr had no details about the man’s condition. The fire chief says they heard reports a few days earlier of a man shouting in the same area, but then the shouts went away.

Lewis County Sheriff’s Office Investigates Death in Toledo

The Lewis County Sheriff’s Office is investigating a death in Toledo after a man’s body was found on Mandy Road at about 8 p.m. Thursday, according to a press release.

“The investigation, thus far, leads detectives to believe a man had been walking southbound on I-5 and possibly jumped or fell from the overpass onto the roadway below. He was pronounced deceased at the scene,” states a press release from the Sheriff’s Office. “There is no evidence of foul play at this time.”

Witnesses reported seeing the man walking across the Interstate 5 bridge, which crosses Mandy Road, acting “erratic” and “animated” shortly before his body was found by a passing motorist, according to the press release.

An autopsy is scheduled for next week.

The identity of the man has not been released.

Those with information regarding the case are asked to contact Detective Jamey McGinty at (360) 748-9286.

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Patrol: Semi Driver Arrested in I-90 Crash That Killed Two

SNOQUALMIE PASS (AP) — The Washington State Patrol says the driver of a semi-truck has been arrested for investigation of vehicular homicide following an eight-vehicle crash that killed two people on Interstate 90.

Troopers say they believe the driver of the semi — an empty car carrier — was under the influence of drugs Friday morning when he lost control in the westbound lanes near Snoqualmie Pass, causing the chain-reaction crash.

Two people in a passenger car were killed at the scene, and five people were taken to Overlake Medical Center in Bellevue for non-life-threatening injuries.

Another tractor-trailer was also involved.

The crash was initially reported as two separate incidents, but authorities determined that they were all part of the same crash. It closed the westbound lanes for much of the day.

County Seeks Grant to Raise Silverbrook Road Near Randle

By The Chronicle

Lewis County hopes to keep the county connected during future flood events by raising Silverbrook Road in Randle.

Lewis County Public Works Director Tim Elsea said the county is applying for a state Department of Emergency Management grant to raise the road about 1 to 2 feet for 600 feet of roadway.

The preliminary cost estimate for the project is \$400,000.

Raising the road should keep East Lewis County connected when U.S. Highway 12 gets flooded at Cispus Road during heavy rain events, Elsea said.

During the December storm, water overtopped Highway 12, and Silverbrook Road was shut down to all traffic except vehicles with enough clearance.

Silverbrook Road does not become inundated every time Highway 12 does.

Highway 12 has been overtopped with water about 10 times in the Randle area since 1995, Elsea said.

TCC to Donate School Supply Packs Based on Community Votes

By The Chronicle

As part of the annual Teachers Rock Supply Giveaway, Verizon retailer TCC will donate school supply packs to 5,000 teachers across the country.

Centralia residents are encouraged to vote for their local teachers to win a supply pack by calling the local participating TCC store, located in Centralia, at (360) 807-8888.

Voting starts on Feb. 12 and the supply packs will be delivered to teachers the week of Feb. 21.

After the votes are tallied, the participating TCC stores will reveal the 10 winning local teachers.

The packages, valued at \$50 each, include glue, pencils, pens,

JBLM Team Returns From Somber Mission in Delaware

TACOMA (AP) — Airmen from Washington’s Joint Base Lewis-McChord have regularly traveled to Delaware to help handle the bodies of slain military service members, but that task may be coming to an end.

The News Tribune reported that teams of JBLM airmen have frequently been called upon to round out the Air Force mortuary staff at Dover Air Force Base since 2001. The Air Force no longer needs that connection because the pace of the war has slowed.

Tech. Sgt. Loren Wells has recently returned from Dover Air Force Base. He’s done just about every job on Dover’s mortuary team, including making travel arrangements, minding the personal belongings of slain troops and embalming bodies.

He calls the assignment the “best and the worst job in the Air Force.”

Ceremony Held for Reopening of Planned Parenthood Clinic


PULLMAN (AP) — A public ceremony will be held to celebrate the reopening of the Planned Parenthood clinic in Pullman, five months after the facility was damaged by arson.

KREM-TV reported that guests of the reopening ceremony, which will be held Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., include Gov. Jay Inslee’s wife, Trudy, and Pullman City Councilman Nathan Weller.

Major construction work has been done on the clinic. Crews installed new walls, ceilings, carpeting and fixtures. The clinic also received significant security upgrades, including cameras and exterior lighting.

Police have said someone threw a flammable object through the building’s window on Sept. 4, causing a fire. No arrests have been made in connection with the incident.

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State Senate Votes to Oust Transportation Secretary

RARE: Republicans Cite Problems With Toll Lanes, Seattle Tunnel; Democrats Call Move a Political Ploy

OLYMPIA (AP) — The state Senate on Friday rejected the gubernatorial appointment of Transportation Secretary Lynn Peterson, ousting her from the job she has held since shortly after Gov. Jay Inslee took office in 2012.

The rare move was taken by the Senate as majority Republicans and a Democrat who caucuses with them voted 25-21 to not confirm her appointment.

Some Democrats argued the act was a political ploy.

"I don't know what they're trying to accomplish," Sen. Steve Hobbs, D-Lake Stevens, said after the vote. "This is like a political execution that's made public here on the Senate floor, because, simply, it's 2016 and it's an election year."

But Republicans cited problems with the state's toll lanes, ferries and the Seattle tunnel as some of the problems that the agency has not adequately dealt with.

Sen. Andy Hill, R-Redmond, specifically cited problems with billing with the state's tolling passes as an example of a lack of



The Associated Press

In this Jan. 9, 2014, file photo, Washington state Secretary of Transportation Lynn Peterson listens to a question during a panel discussion at the AP Legislative Preview in Olympia.

accountability at the agency.

"This is a very, very serious decision," he said. "But I have no confidence that the agency is in a position to fix the problems they have without a change at the top."

Peterson, who came to Washington after working as a transportation adviser to Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber, has had a tenure filled with controversy over problems surrounding transportation projects like delays on the new 520 bridge and the ongoing troubles with the Seattle tunnel project to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct.

Inslee spokeswoman Jaime

Smith called the vote "a blatant misuse of the confirmation process for political purposes."

"Republicans' actions today do nothing to engender confidence about their ability to focus on the important priorities facing legislators this session," she wrote in a statement.

Democrats defended the transportation secretary on the floor, and made several motions to try and delay the vote, but failed.

Sen. Kevin Ranker, D-Orcas Island, cited Peterson's quick response following both the Oso landslide and the collapse of the

Skagit River Bridge.

"She made sure that that bridge was rebuilt under budget and faster than any of us ever could have predicted," he said. "It is shameful that this body would consider not confirming such an incredible and tireless champion for mobility and public safety in Washington state."

Democrats repeatedly noted that several of the senators who voted to remove Peterson included those who voted unanimously in committee last summer to confirm her: Republican Sens. Curtis King, Joe Fain, Doug Ericksen, Steve Litzow, Mark Mi-

loschia, Ann Rivers, and Democratic Sen. Tim Sheldon, who caucuses with Republicans.

Rivers explained her vote in committee last year as one of wanting to give Peterson "the benefit of the doubt."

"As it turned out, she was unable to rise to that occasion," she said after the floor vote.

Tensions were high during the two-hour debate and continued beyond the vote.

Senate Majority Leader Mark Schoesler, R-Ritzville, came to the press table after the vote to show reporters a letter that was sent by the state Civil Rights Coalition to the speaker of the House expressing concern that the Department of Transportation didn't treat the minority small business community fairly.

Smith, the governor's spokeswoman, was standing at the press table and challenged Schoesler on why no one had any indication of the Senate's plans until moments before it started.

Schoesler ignored her and continued talking about the letter from the coalition that criticized Peterson, and he ended the conversation by saying "she's racist," as he walked away, causing vocal outrage from Democratic senators and governor's staff who had gathered nearby.

"I think that right there says everything you need to know," Smith said.

The last rejection of a gubernatorial appointee was in 1998, when former U.S. Rep. Jolene Unsoeld was removed from the state Fish and Wildlife Commission by a 26-22 vote in the state Senate.

Lewis County Agencies Lament Broad Record Requests as Bill Advances

ANY AND ALL: County, School District Debate Adding Additional Staff to Deal With Large Requests for Public Documents

By Kaylee Osowski

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Lawmakers have moved out of the House Local Government Committee a bill that aims to limit public records requests for local agencies.

The bill passed out of committee with a 5-4 vote and a few changes. The most notable is the elimination of being able to charge commercial requesters for the actual cost of fulfilling a request.

"This is the best reception we've ever had for the public disclosure requests," Commissioner Bill Schulte said about the legislation.

Lewis County commissioners and city officials within the county are anxious for the bill to move forward and provide some relief from broad public records requests that they say are taking up time

"This is just a cost to the district, which is a cost to the taxpayers."

Ed Rothlin

Chehalis School District superintendent

and money.

At a Friday meeting with mayors from throughout the county, commissioners discussed public records as their main legislative priority.

Last month, Brian Green, who unsuccessfully ran for Lewis County sheriff in 2014, filed a request with the county asking for records from the past three years referring to former sheriff Steve Mansfield.

Karri Muir, clerk for the commissioners, said the request affects all departments and employees and their personal phone and computer devices if they have records that apply to the request.

Any text messages will have to be transcribed and notarized.

So far, an estimated 400,000 emails have been identified that need to be examined for redaction for the request, she said.

Schulte said the request will cost "hundreds of thousands of dollars."

He said the county is considering hiring two employees to

handle records requests.

The Chehalis School District is considering making a part-time position full-time, in part to handle a large request it received in January for "any and all" communication going in and out of the superintendent's office during the past three years.

Superintendent Ed Rothlin told The Chronicle so far the emails alone are close to 500,000. "We're all about transparency," Rothlin said, adding that specific requests are much easier to respond to than broad ones.

Rothlin said the district doesn't even really know where to begin to respond to the request, but will fulfill it accurately so the requester gets his information and personal information is protected.

"This is just a cost to the district, which is a cost to the tax-

payers," he said.

Rothlin said the district doesn't typically get many records requests, and when it does, they are much more specific.

Pe Ell Mayor Lonnie Willey said the town recently had a request for all of the town marshal's activity in the past year, which resulted in 500 to 600 pages of records.

Willey said because the requester chose to review the records at Town Hall, the town couldn't charge for any page costs.

"It's frustrating," he said about obscure requests.

Chehalis Mayor Dennis Dawes said the city hasn't dealt with any "fishing" requests, but suspects it

will eventually. "I don't know why there can't be a common-sense approach," Dawes said.

At a public hearing on the bill last week, Commissioner Edna Fund and representatives with other public agencies throughout the state spoke in favor of action to limit or prevent costly and time consuming requests. The bill met opposition from media and data collection organizations.

The Local Government Committee approved a substitute to the bill, making some changes to the original bill.

The substitute in the bill eliminates the section in the original bill allowing local agencies to charge commercial organizations for the cost of processing the request.

The substitute would also allow local agencies to adopt procedures limiting the number of hours it spends each month responding to requests and prioritizing requests according to criteria determined by the local agency.

Priorities should be based on requests involving threats to public safety, imminent legislative, administrative or judicial action or routine or immediately accessible.

The bill still calls for the establishment of a Public Records Commission to handle disputes between requesters and agencies, but the substitute allows for it to limit the number of instances it takes part in due to funding.

The commission would also be required to employ an attorney to represent citizens.

The primary bill sponsor is Joan McBride, Democrat for the 48th District. Sixteen other lawmakers signed onto the bill.

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Ed Rothlin
superintendent



Dennis Dawes
Chehalis mayor

News in Brief

Seattle and Mercer Island have already decided to start their school days later in the morning.

House OKs Bill Seeking Accommodations for Pregnant Workers

OLYMPIA (AP) — Pregnant workers would be guaranteed accommodations for bathroom, food and water breaks under a measure passed by the House.

The chamber passed House Bill 2307 on a 52-45 vote and the measure now goes to the Senate for consideration. The bill requires that the state's employers provide "reasonable accommodation" for pregnancy, childbirth, or pregnancy-related health conditions unless that accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the business.

Under the bill, employers may request a written certification from the woman's doctor related to the accommodation sought. However, the measure would not allow employers to

claim undue hardship — or seek a doctor's note — for allowing pregnant women more restroom breaks, food or water breaks, seating, limits on lifting heavy items, or flexible scheduling to accommodate prenatal and postnatal doctor visits.

House Once Again Passes Voting Rights Act

OLYMPIA (AP) — For the fourth time in as many years, the state House has passed a measure seeking to reform representation of minorities in local elections.

The Democratic-controlled chamber passed House Bill 1745 on a 50-47 vote, and the measure now heads to the Republican-controlled Senate, where it is not expected to gain traction.

The measure opens the possibility of court challenges to cities, counties and school districts to push them to switch from at-large to district elections in areas where large minority groups are present.

Bill to Study Later School Start Times Clears Senate Panel

OLYMPIA (AP) — A state Senate committee has unanimously passed a bill to study how students perform at schools that begin later in the morning.

The Senate Early Learning and K-12 Education Committee passed the bill Thursday, substantially altering its original language that required public schools to move start times one hour later next year.

In its current form, the bill would make the Washington State Institute for Public Policy conduct a study on student achievement for schools with later start times.

Senate Bill 6429, known as the "Sandman Act" was first proposed by students from Snohomish County. Advocates of the bill say later start times will improve learning and reduce student car accidents.

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Mental Health Care at Maple Lane Bears Watching

By The Olympian Editorial Board

Using the former Maple Lane School as a temporary treatment center for some of Washington's mentally ill defendants looked like a good idea during last year's tough situation. The state had been under federal court orders to ensure that accused persons found incompetent to stand trial are admitted for treatment within seven days of a court order.

Fast forward, the waits have been averaging five weeks – not

Other Views

seven days. This is clearly too long – and inhumane – to let a mentally ill person languish in a jail without treatment.

The state's recent selection of a private contractor, Correct Care Recovery Services, offered promise, and it still may be a step toward better outcomes.

The facility, which is to operate on the site of a former youth prison near Grand Mound in southwest Thurston County, is

supposed to begin offering treatment to 30 patients on April 1.

But Disability Rights Washington, an advocacy group whose legal actions led to the court orders, is raising questions about the state's selection of that contractor to run the facility under a contract that could pay up to \$4.27 million through June 2017.

It's fair to raise questions, and the questions must be followed up with careful monitoring once the facility opens.

Correct Care, the contractor, has had problems in other states where it operates seven publicly funded residential treatment facilities. The concerns were not trifling – three patient deaths in 2011 at a Florida facility. Locally, Pierce County at one point broke off its relationship and withheld funds from Correct Care's parent firm, Correct Care Solutions, according to recent news reports.

The questions being raised point to just how difficult of a

problem our state is facing in bringing humane standards to bear in the handling of people with mental illnesses. This difficulty is heightened in cases where the individual gets caught up in the criminal justice system.

The state Department of Social and Health Services must keep close watch on how its contractor performs. It would be advisable to have a plan in the works if lapses in care are detected.

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Musings From the Middle Fork

Not Surprising: State Income Tax Proposed

Didn't take long. First the Democrats and League of Women voters sue us and get a judge to set aside our voter-approved initiative to limit taxing by some insatiable legislators. Now, and for our own good, for the children and in the name of "fairness," our Democratic treasurer Jim McIntire wants a state income tax.

And oh how good he made it sound too.

Some of what he proposed is a good idea and should be done immediately — reduce taxes on and costs to business here so they can be more competitive and create more jobs.

But history and facts are stubborn and even he knows voters have rejected an income tax several times, largely because we don't trust politicians to say or do what they promise.

The trust problem is worse today.

He said his idea is fairer, less regressive, more competitive for business, and matches demands for public services driven by economic growth. Hmm ... is that what happened in California? They're so very progressive there and they have a state income tax, property tax, sales tax and are still screaming for more "revenue."

Passing more taxes is what most elected legislators do no matter where you find them. It's not their fault really, they are programmed that way.

He acknowledged voters haven't liked the income tax idea in the past, so this time, he promised to make passing new taxes more difficult. Sounds familiar, but voters keep getting sued by Democrats to block them so what's going to change?

History proves no matter what they say, they will raise taxes and they'll never have enough of our money to satisfy them.

For now though, the income tax he proposes would only be 5 percent, and only fund education; but that's never the end of it. That's just where they want to start because taxes have always gone up, always will, and it's always for our own good.

Every time these knuckleheads come up with something like this, I wonder who else has tried it? And did it work as they promised? The answer is always the same: nope. But that doesn't stop them from trying again.

Along with imposing an income tax, he promised to reduce property taxes by up to 30 percent, lower state sales tax by 1 percent (wow, a whopping 1 percent), and cut business taxes by 33 percent.

Impressive, but it brings me back to the trust factor. When was the last time a government program cost what they promised, did what they said it would, and worked like it should?

Still thinking? Me too; I couldn't come up with one.

The voter protection leg of his proposal would require the Legislature could (yes, he used "could" not "would") include a constitutional amendment requiring a 60 percent legislative majority to change sales, income or business taxes.

Of course they could (would) make up other taxes not specifically named in his idea, like carbon tax, emission taxes, global climate change tax, just because tax, and presumably raise those as they wish. Or continue to bury business with costly regulations they can't help themselves from passing, and claim those don't require the super majority vote.

But, in the spirit of bipartisan cooperation, here's what I'd counter with: Pass the constitutional amendment requiring 60 percent majority for any tax, regulation, fee or other boneheaded idea that costs anybody anything first.

Once you have, and presumably survived the popular practice Democratic legislators have of challenging them in court, and they lose, then we can discuss the rest.

In the meantime, I have a problem with promises being made and kept in Olympia and don't want an income tax for any reason.

See, despite some who claim otherwise, I can be reasonable too.

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By John McCroskey



Letters

Levy Deserves Backing of Napavine Patrons

Attention all you Napavine School District voters. We have a replacement maintenance levy to pass and I would like to give you my reasons why we should vote for the levy.

I do not have kids in school or relatives employed by the school district, and therefore have no direct personal reason to support the levy. What I hope I have are some logical reasons to offer to you in support of this levy.

First, it's not a new tax. We are already used to paying this funding. It is the necessary addition to the state and federal money that always falls short of the revenue needed to support a first-class school district.

Let's leave no doubt, Napavine is a first-class school system. I have one excellent example of this you should be aware of. The initials M and O spell it out. I call your attention to M, as in maintenance. How many maintenance staff does Napavine have to repair equipment, maintain the buildings and grounds, provide all the preventative repair for both the elementary and high school? Exactly two.

By name they are Don Jensen and Joe Mars. They are a lesser known but vital part of school staffing. Recognize how important these fixer-uppers are because they save us taxpayers thousands of dollars every year. Without them, your M&O levy would be unaffordable.

Obviously the teachers and administrative staff rely heavily on their expertise. It helps everyone do their jobs better. I believe it makes Napavine a high-quality school district.

The kids who graduate from Napavine testify to this fact every year. Supporting the M&O levy is an easy decision for me. How about you?

CARLYLE STAAB
Chehalis

Morton District Reverses Direction; Vote for Levy

To the editor:

I am writing this letter to urge voters in Morton and Mineral to vote yes on the Morton School District M&O levy.

Our school has gone from being a required action district, not meeting standards, to a school of distinction in five short years. That means the Morton School District is "one of the 5 percent highest improving schools in the state of Washington for increased reading/math achievement and graduation rate over the past five years."

This is not the time to reduce local funding for our school. There is a different feel at our school. Students and staff are involved in many activities both in and out of the classroom. The results are evident not only in improved test scores but also expanded curriculum and continued success in sports.

Support our school and our students. Help them to continue to improve and excel. Vote yes for Morton Schools.

MIKE FAIRHART
Morton

Obama on Supreme Court? There Is a Precedent

Some comments on the current presidential campaign:

At a recent political event, Democratic aspirant Hillary Clinton opined that Barack Obama would be a worthy justice on the Supreme Court once his tenure at the White House has lapsed. While highly unusual, the presence of a former president on the nation's highest court would not be unprecedented.

In 1921, President Warren Harding appointed as chief justice of the United States William Howard Taft, who had been chief executive from 1909 to 1913. Taft, who also had served as governor of the Philippines and secretary of war, lost his

bid for re-election in 1912 to Woodrow Wilson.

But Taft's lifelong dream had been to be a member of the court, and he flourished as chief justice. While not a trailblazer in the interpretation of law, the former president was respected for his skill as a consolidator. Said the former chief executive: "The truth is that in my present life I don't remember that I ever was president."

Bernie Sanders, a self-described socialist and independent who is campaigning as a Democrat, is a fierce critic of income and wealth inequality, advocating huge boosts in the taxation of the well-heeled that best can be described as punitive and confiscatory.

Explicit in Sanders' view is a belief that vast disparities of wealth are unfair and decadent, enabling a mindless, insatiable materialism whereby people desperate, to impress others, waste money in the most conspicuous manner possible.

On this specific matter, Sanders is not entirely amiss.

Bentley, the longtime manufacturer of luxury sedans, soon will introduce its first sport utility, the Bentayga.

As Volkswagen owns Bentley, the Bentayga will share its basic platform with the far less expensive Volkswagen Touareg, Audi Q7 and Porsche Cayenne.

On the options list for the Bentayga is a clock supplied by the Swiss timepiece company Breitling. Like billions of infinitely cheaper clocks, the Breitling has a round face and an analog dial, nothing else. No doubt it keeps good time; but so does a Swatch.

So what is the price of this bauble? A mere \$160,000. That's right. \$160,000.

Sanders' proposals on taxation are dead wrong and dangerous. But those who would unilaterally slash taxes on the very wealthy are equally wrong.

JOSEPH TIPLER
Centralia

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Why Real Men Dance With Their Daughters

COMMENTARY: Hills and Valleys

Some of the men wore three-piece suits. Some wore fedoras and bow ties. Some wore T-shirts and baseball caps. But all were gentlemen of distinction for the young girls on their arms at last Friday's Daddy-Daughter Dance at Chehalis Middle School.

There's a special kind of bond that we fathers shared in that room. I saw doctors there and blue-collar workers; top executives and men who are unemployed or on disability. On this night, however, none of that mattered. Each man there carried himself with a kind of confidence and dignity that was wonderful to see. These men knew, with an unshakable certainty, that they were doing something right, perfectly fulfilling a role that only they could fill.

It didn't matter whether

their shoes were shiny or scuffed: they were the only ones who could wear them.

And their daughters were absolutely delighted. Many hung on their fathers' arms; others scampered off to see their friends, but all of them came back to check in with their dads, eager for an approving nod or smile.

I talked with one dad who recalled the same night last year, when he was working on the far side of another state, with no days off and no way to get home. He told his daughter he wouldn't be able to take her to the dance. She was crushed.

When Friday came, he told his boss that he needed to get home, and why. The boss told him to leave early that Friday, and take the rest of the weekend off, too. When that father got home in time to take his daughter to the ball, there was great joy all around.

What was so good to see

last Friday night was that none of these men had anything to prove. Unlike high school, none of us felt the need to be the best dancer, or the most popular, or the best dressed. None of that matters once you're a father. Every guy there was the greatest man on earth to the daughter(s) there on his arm — and that made every guy there a Man with a capital M.

Some girls there didn't have a dad to take them. They came with uncles or grandpas. I felt for those girls — and, if they were still alive, their absent fathers. For whatever reason, those guys were AWOL for the most important duty of their lives.

Or perhaps I should say the second-most important job — job one is to marry and love a good woman, and then to be there for the children you create together, despite the troubles that every family goes through. Those absentee fathers lost

out on the chance to truly be a Man. What a loss for them, and for the families who are left with a gaping dad-shaped hole.

Each year at the Daddy-Daughter Dance there are a few moms who want to bring their fatherless daughters to the dance. It's a heartbreaking scene. Our society in recent years and decades has claimed that dads are optional, replaceable.

Even worse, talk in recent years is heating up now, saying "gender identity" itself is fluid. What a sad self-deception being whipped up to justify the aimless urges of a confused and reckless age.

The reality, of course, is simple and timeless. It's right there in the simple creation of a baby and the raising up of that young boy or girl by the mom and dad who formed that child together.

Kids need their mom and dad. That's it.

The truth is simple, but the daily reality is hard. Families face so many strains today, from social to economic. More and more children are grow-

ing up in homes without their moms and dads together. Many of those kids in single-parent homes will be OK, thanks to heroic work by their mothers (or increasingly the fathers when the mom is gone), but there will always be a hole and a longing for their missing parent.

To the guys who are there for their daughters, sons and wives every day, I salute you. This is the job of a lifetime. Whatever else you do in your time on earth, this is what will make you a success.

Every man who is there for his children and family is a great man.

You could see proof of that in the sparkling eyes of each girl hanging on her father's arm last Friday night, absolutely secure and happy with the man whose image will form the shape of her dreams.

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Brian Mittge is there, very imperfectly but generally reliably, for his wife and children in rural Chehalis. Drop him a line at brianmittge@hotmail.com.



By Brian Mittge

GUEST COMMENTARY: At the Dome

Senate GOP Secures Documents, Expert to Read Them

Senate Republicans trying to delve deep into the early-released-inmate scandal may be learning first hand the truth of the old adage "be careful what you ask for because you may get it."

Early last week they muscled subpoenas for Department of Corrections records through the committee process, resulting in the issuance of the first legislative subpoenas since the Bangles were singing "Walk Like an Egyptian" (1987 for those who think that reference is too obscure.)

This was necessary, they insisted, because their public records request to the department after the scandal broke was returned to them after nine days with nothing but a note saying they had sent it to the wrong office.

Nine whole days, they fumed, just to be told to resubmit it to the proper bureaucrat. The fact that the nine-day stretch included the holiday weekends with Christmas and New Years was rarely mentioned, and their peevishness got little sympathy from the Capitol press corps who regularly wait much longer for any sign of public records requested.

One could argue that someone from the caucus staff could have checked online to see exactly who gets a public records request at the department. But one could also argue that someone in the department should have had the sense to walk the request down the hall to the proper office, even though there appears to be nothing in state public records statutes that says legislators get a special deal.

Subpoenas were issued Tuesday, and by Thursday documents were coming in. Senate Republicans now confronted the bigger problem that public records seekers often have: Someone has to read all this stuff. Thursday evening they had a special meeting to hire their own investigator, Seattle attorney Mark Bartlett, a partner at a major law firm who had agreed to give them a deal by cutting his regular hourly fee of \$615 nearly in half, to \$325.

Senate Democrats managed to get a \$50,000 spending cap on this, but if the investigation deepens Republicans could ask for more. GOP leaders also had a return volley for Gov. Jay Inslee, who in questioning the need for subpoenas at this point touted the credentials of his two outside investigators, former federal prosecutors Carl Blackstone and Robert Westinghouse.

Bartlett, according to Law

"This was necessary, they insisted, because their public records request to the department after the scandal broke was returned to them after nine days with nothing but a note saying they had sent it to the wrong office."

and Justice Committee Chairman Mike Padden, R-Spokane Valley, used to be in the U.S. attorney's office in Seattle, too. At one point, he was even supervisor for Blackstone and Westinghouse. And Bartlett's has bipartisan cred, Padden said. He once worked for former U.S. Rep. Tom Foley.

Roach vs. Owen

The long-standing enmity between Sen. Pam Roach and Lt. Gov. Brad Owen heated up recently, with Owen bouncing the Sumner Republican off a special task force on human trafficking after he got several earfuls of bad reports about her conduct at the group's first meeting.

In the past, he wrote in a memo titled Indecorous and Inappropriate Conduct, she was warned about "poor public behavior and abusive treatment of staff." Her comments to participants — who included human trafficking victims and staff of the Commerce Department that set up the December session — were more of the same, he said. "I do not have the legal authority to remove you from the Senate," Owen wrote. But he did appoint her to the committee at the suggestion of her caucus, so he could unappoint her.

Roach said she was critical of the department for taking seven months after the task force was authorized to hold the first meeting. She also shot back that unlike Owen, she hasn't been fined by the Executive Ethics Board — something that happened in 2014 over questions about an anti-bullying nonprofit and for which Owen insists he did nothing wrong.

This should make it all the more interesting any time Roach, in her job as Senate president pro tem, takes over control of the floor for Owen.

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Jim Camden is a columnist for the Spokesman Review.



By Jim Camden

School Board Member Shouldn't Use Anti-Union Agenda

Centralia has another typical political case of the fox guarding the hen house. As posted in The Chronicle Jan. 21, The Freedom Foundation, which employs Jami Lund, a Centralia School Board member, sent out letters and emails to Centralia teachers. Several Centralia teachers protested, accusing Lund of efforts of furthering his political agenda using school district email addresses and personal home addresses.

While Lund has every right to express his views personally, when he uses his position as a Centralia School Board member to disseminate those opinions, I believe he has crossed the line of a potential conflict of interest with his connections with the Freedom Foundation and the school district.

Lund said, "The short story is unions don't like taxpayer advocates and that is what my employer does for a living." Here is what Lund's Freedom Foundation does. The Freedom Foundation is an organization that, among other things, promotes privatization of public schools and reducing government services, opposes minimum wage increases, and opposes paid sick leave. The Freedom Foundation is vehemently anti-union, and not just against teacher associations.

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, and is limited by IRS regulations from participation in political campaigns. While the Freedom Foundation receives no governmental funding, it instead uses money received from private donations, grants, corporations and private foundations.

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Some donors have included the Walton Family Foundation, as well as groups connected to Charles Koch, one of the billionaire brothers who co-own the Koch Industries. The "dark money" comes from many sources. The yearly budget of the Freedom Foundation is over \$2 million, according to the latest IRS forms.

Their IRS Form Section 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c speaks to conflicts of interest between connections of all employees with secondary jobs or relationships. Lund may have some problems with those conflict of interest portions of the IRS forms, if not legally, at least ethically as a school board member.

While the Freedom Foundation sees unions as the enemy, I would offer that there are some things that are the government's job to provide. How about public services like fire and police? They have unions. Our Founding Fathers like Thomas Jefferson knew that free public education was necessary to our country's liberty. Unions are a part of education as well. I could go on and list other important parts of our society where unions and associations are involved. For example, airline pilots have unions, Boeing has an engineers union.

The Freedom Foundation says public-sector unions have a stranglehold on our government. Forty years ago, I and many others worked hard to move the Centralia School District from the days of the "good ol' boys" running the administration to a first-rate transparent operation that included a written contract between teachers and the school board.

I believe Lund should work for the betterment of the Centralia School District, and put

his efforts into making students and teachers his first priority. He should work together with the teachers, and not use his own anti-union political agenda at the cost of our students.

PAUL CROWNER
Centralia

Pay Attention to What Elected Officials Do

Can you answer me a question: What nationality is a child born to a parent (father) in a foreign country? It used to be the child took the father's nationality plus his dad's birthplace.

As far as I can see, it has changed. Eight years ago or thereabout, that was never solved.

Now we have another puzzle to solve. The father is not American, the mother is. The child is born in another country and is not American, but decides to take his mother's nationality, so they can be judged as American. Are we saying is to be judged the same race, etc., as his or her mother?

If so, this will help with the illegal aliens. There will be no dividing families because the children were born in America and the parents weren't, according to the previous puzzle. The children are now the same nationality as their mothers.

Tell me, will the rules apply only in some cases? And who decides this?

People read our laws and decide what is right. Let's start paying attention to what our elected officials do, OK?

I will end with a God bless all in the upcoming years.

P.M. PAXTON
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LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE Mustang Stolen

• The Sheriff's Office is investigating a report that a red 2007 Ford Mustang was stolen Tuesday night or Wednesday morning at Schaefer Park near Centralia. The victim, a 21-year-old Bucoda man, reportedly left the car at the park overnight and found that it was missing at 10 a.m. Wednesday morning. The car is valued at \$6,000.

Driver Cited for Speeding After Crash

• At 11:08 p.m. on Thursday, deputies received a report of a crash in the 100 block of Larmon Road in Chehalis. A 23-year-old woman from Winlock was driving a 2004 Chevrolet Silverado

west when she failed to negotiate a corner and drove off the road. The truck was wedged between trees and totaled. The driver, who received minor injuries, was mailed an infraction for speeding.

CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Car Keyed

• At 8:59 a.m. on Thursday, police received a report that a car was keyed in the 300 block of North Tower Avenue. A person of interest has been identified.

Checks Stolen

• At 9:19 p.m. on Thursday, checks were reported stolen in the 1300 block of Alexander Street.

CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT Shoplifters Cited

• At 4:19 p.m. on Wednesday, two women were reported shoplifting in the 1600 block of Louisiana Avenue. Anna M. Ambrosio, 18, of Centralia, was cited on suspicion of third-degree theft. A 16-year-old Centralia girl was referred to juvenile court on suspicion of third-degree theft.

• At 3:09 p.m. on Wednesday, police received a report of a shoplifter in the 2100 block of North National Avenue. A 17-year-old Centralia youth was referred to juvenile court on suspicion of third-degree theft.

• At 8:12 p.m. on Wednesday, two women reportedly shoplifted a cart full of baby formula in the 1100 block of South Market Bou-

levard. No arrests were made.

Pills Found at Store

• At 4:50 p.m. on Wednesday, police received a report of pills found in a dressing room at a store in the 1000 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue.

Police Investigate Explosives Report

• At 12:05 p.m. on Thursday, police responded to a report of a bottle exploding in the 300 block of Southwest 16th Street. No injuries were reported. The incident is under investigation.

Forgery Reported

At 4:08 p.m. on Thursday, police received a report of forgery in the 2000 block of North

National Avenue. A person reportedly tried to cash a fraudulent check. No arrests were made.

One Cited on Suspicion of Shoplifting

• At 4:22 p.m. on Thursday, police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 1100 block of South Market Boulevard. Karalene A. Tortorici, 61, of Chehalis was cited on suspicion of third-degree theft.

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By The Chronicle Staff

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Centralia Municipal Court

Centralia Municipal Court criminal cases, including sentences, fines, fees and findings of not guilty or dismissals.

Held Jan. 26

• Kayleigh McDaniel, 29, Centralia, disorderly conduct, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, fined \$250, \$100 in fees.

• Timothy Griffith, 59, Centralia, harassment, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 364 suspended, fined \$500 with \$250 suspended.

• Dave P. Smith Jr., driving under the influence, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 362 suspended, fined \$5,000 with \$4,405 suspended, \$2,148 in fees.

• Sarah M. Culp, 34, Centralia, (1-2) two counts of fourth-degree assault, (3) first-degree criminal trespassing, (4) third-degree theft, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 335 suspended, fined \$1,000 with \$500 suspended each on counts 1 and 2, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 335 suspended, fined \$800 with \$400 suspended each on counts 3 and 4, concurrent, \$2,740 in fees.

• Mike E. Blair, 48, Centralia, third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, fined \$1,000 with \$500 suspended, \$253 in fees.

• Ricky M. Owens, 49, Port Angeles, third-degree theft, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 364 suspended, fined \$800 with \$400 suspended, \$150 in fees.

• Adela R. Gomez-Aguirre, 30, Centralia, hit and run, unattended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, fined \$400 with \$200 suspended, \$253 in fees.

• Libby Downer, 42, Centralia, hit and

run, unattended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, fined \$600 with \$300 suspended, \$253 in fees.

• Tyler J. Lee, 28, Centralia, third-degree driving while license suspended, fined \$25, \$253 in fees.

• Cody A. Sparks, 24, Vancouver, Washington, first-degree negligent driving, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, fined \$1,000 with \$500 suspended, \$453 in fees.

• Mark W. Powell, 44, Centralia, second-degree criminal trespassing, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, fined \$400 with \$200 suspended, \$520 in fees.

• Sarah A. Caton, 35, Winlock, two counts of no valid operator's license, without identification, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, fined \$400 with \$200 suspended on each count, \$505 in fees.

• Jose M. Cozar Martinez, 35, Chehalis, violation of protection order, sentenced to 362 days in jail with 362 suspended, fined \$800 with \$400 suspended, \$270 in fees.

• Tammy R. Smalley, 44, driving under the influence, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 363 suspended, fined \$5,000 with \$4,405 suspended, \$1,338 in fees.

Held Feb. 2

• Steven G. Thurman, 63, Centralia, (1-2) two counts of violation of anti-harassment order, (3) violation of civil anti-harassment order, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 362 suspended, fined \$400 with \$200 suspended each on counts 1 and 2, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 364 suspended, fined \$400 with \$200 suspended on count 3, \$650 in fees.

• Dwight L. Howard, 49, Centralia, four

counts of third-degree theft, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 364 suspended, fined \$300 on each count, \$600 in fees.

• Justin M. Dubay, 20, Centralia, two counts of third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, fined \$600 with \$300 suspended on count 1, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 87 suspended, fined \$600 with \$300 suspended on count 2, \$655 in fees.

• Tony M. Abbott II, 26, Centralia, reckless driving, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 364 suspended, fined \$400 with \$200 suspended, \$253 in fees.

• Mark E. Fry, 53, Rochester, third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, fined \$600 with \$300 suspended, \$103 in fees.

• Jarren A. Smalley, 23, Centralia, third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 89 suspended, fined \$500 with \$250 suspended, \$413 in fees.

• Brandon M. Cruzan, 25, Centralia, third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 82 suspended, fined \$800 with \$400 suspended, \$750 in fees.

• Joseph W. Bishop, 45, (1) disorderly conduct, (2) interference with reporting of domestic violence, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, fined \$600 with \$300 suspended on count 1, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 362 suspended, fined \$600 with \$300 suspended on count 2, \$250 in fees.

• Dion R. Lumadue, 40, Ilwaco, fourth-degree assault, domestic violence, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 343 suspended, fined \$800 with \$400 suspended, \$1,440 in fees.

Chehalis Municipal Court

Chehalis Municipal Court criminal cases, including sentences, fines, fees and findings of not guilty or dismissals.

Held Jan. 20

• Betty Ellen Button, 77, Centralia, third-degree theft, dismissed with prejudice.

• Donald C. Kalma, 33, Bernalillo, New Mexico, two counts of third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 81 suspended, fined \$800 with \$400 suspended on each count, concurrent, \$505 in fees.

• Donald Bob Lindberg, 28, Chehalis, possession of fireworks, less than 1 pound, dismissed with prejudice.

• Matthew Ray Logan, 23, Olympia, fourth-degree assault, dismissed with prejudice.

• Victoria Kathleen Miller, 21, Centralia, making false statement to public ser-

vant, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 364 suspended, fined \$800 with \$400 suspended, \$150 in fees.

• Kramer Lee Mitchell, 26, Centralia, third-degree theft, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 364 suspended, fined \$600 with \$300 suspended, \$150 in fees.

• June Louise Wentzel, 49, Chehalis, third-degree theft, dismissed with prejudice.

Held Jan. 27

• Frank Bernard Janke, 61, Winlock, third-degree theft, dismissed with prejudice.

• Kennedee Sylvester Jeppesen, 20, Brigham City, Utah, fourth-degree assault, dismissed with prejudice.

• Jeremiah Richard Johnson, 31, Centralia, third-degree theft, dismissed with prejudice.

• Larry Don Jones, 70, Centralia, fourth-degree assault, dismissed with

prejudice.

• Tamee L. Matus, 47, Aberdeen, third-degree theft, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 334 suspended, fined \$600 with \$300 suspended, \$150 in fees.

• Brian Keith Ota, 49, Chehalis, drinking in public conveyance, individual, dismissed with prejudice.

• Frederick R. Spencer, 50, Chehalis, third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, \$103 in fees.

• Loring Chandler Thomas, 53, Chehalis, third-degree theft, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 354 suspended, \$150 in fees.

• Stephen James Wilson, 39, Chehalis, (1) third-degree malicious mischief, (2) fourth-degree assault, (3) harassment, gross misdemeanor, (4) violation of no-contact order, all counts dismissed with prejudice.

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Silver — \$15.02 (Monex)

Corrections

In a Feb. 4 story about flood control options on the Newaukum River, the name of Lewis County Conservation District Chairman Dave Fenn was misspelled.

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Death Notices

• **JOHNNIE D. JOHNSON**, 68, Onalaska, died Tuesday, Jan. 26, at home. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

• **TOM A. OCKEN**, 60, Centralia, died Friday, Jan. 22, at home. Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

• **CHARLES E. RHINEHART**, 69, Vancouver, Washington, died Sunday, Jan. 31, at Victory Health and Rehab Center, Vancouver, Washington. Services will be held at later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

• **RICHARD K. MANSFIELD**, 72, Winlock, died Tuesday, Feb. 2, at home. Private services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

• **LUIS A. RAMOS**, 73, Winlock, died Tuesday, Feb. 2, at Providence Centralia Hospital. No services are planned at

this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

• **JOHN R. KINKADE**, 78, Ryderwood, died Sunday, Jan. 31, at home. Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

• **LINDA DAVIDSON**, 78, Centralia, died Sunday, Jan. 31, at Logan Street Manor, Centralia. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary, Centralia. Arrangements are under the direction of Newell-Hoerling's.

Lotteries

Washington's Thursday Games

Powerball: Next jackpot: \$136 million
Mega Millions: Next jackpot: \$71 million
Match 4: 02-10-15-16
Daily Game: 6-9-6
Keno: 01-04-06-07-08-14-15-19-26-27-28-33-35-45-47-48-62-71-78-79

In Remembrance

DEBBIE ANN (THIES) JOHNSON

Debbie Ann (Thies) Johnson, 66, passed away Jan. 23, 2016 in Chandler, Arizona, after a courageous 12 year battle with multiple myeloma. She was born Feb. 7, 1949 to Marvin and Tabea Thies in Fargo, North Dakota. The family moved to Portland, Oregon, where she spent her early schooling in a Lutheran parochial grade school. She graduated from David Douglas High School in 1967.

After high school, she completed a college dental assistant course. Debbie met Ken Johnson in Portland and they married in 1970. They moved to the Centralia area, where they lived for almost 44 years, before retiring to Sun Lakes, Arizona

She was employed by John Henricksen, DDS of Chehalis for over 30 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother.

Debbie is survived by her husband, Ken of Sun Lakes, Arizona; sons, Brian (Jen) of Kennewick and Kevin (Kim) of Mossyrock; six grandchildren; sister, Kathy Brotherson of Portland, Oregon; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was a faithful member of the Centralia Seventh-Day Adventist Church, where a memorial service will be held in May.

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

MARVIN LOUIS MOCAN 1934 - 2016



Marvin Louis Mocan, 81, of Tracyton, Washington, passed away Jan. 27, 2016 in Seattle, Washington. Marvin was born Nov. 16, 1934 in Centralia, Washington to Louis and Edna (Webster) Mocan.

He was a 1953 graduate of Centralia High School and attended Central Washington University.

Marvin went on to serve honorably in the U.S. Army for nine years, including serving in the Korean War. He worked for over 40 years as an Architectural Designer in Alaska and Silverdale. He was a member of the Eagles, Tracyton United Methodist Church, and Sons of Norway.

He traveled extensively, enjoyed the beach and playing cards with his companion, Katherine Smith.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Fran; and second wife, Donna. Marvin's memory will live on with his sons, Paul of Oregon and Robert and Ray of Alaska; stepchildren, Tom of Chehalis, Washington, Lynda of Castle Rock, Washington and Victoria of Oregon; brother, Bob Mocan of Morton, Washington; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Marvin is also survived by his constant companion for the past 11 years, Katherine Smith of Tracyton, Washington; and her family.

Marvin was a very kind and extremely generous man. He will be missed by his many, many, friends.

Interment was held privately at Claquato Cemetery in Chehalis. A memorial service will be at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016 at Tracyton United Methodist Church, 5153 Naomi Ave, NW, Bremerton, WA 98311.

Memorial donations may be made to the Tracyton United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 127, Tracyton, WA 98393.

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Leudinghaus Bridge Set to Open Thursday

BACK: Span Was Destroyed in 2007 Flood

By The Chronicle

The first vehicle is expected to drive on the new Leudinghaus Bridge over the Chehalis River

Thursday afternoon near Doty and Dryad.

Tim Elsea, Lewis County director of public works, said a long-time local woman will be the first to cross the bridge following a 1:30 p.m. ribbon cutting.

During the final week, crews

will be doing guardrail and curb work. There will be painting and other minor details to be finished after the bridge opens.

Last October, Elsea had estimated a December opening, but wet weather delayed the completion until this month.

The new bridge will connect Hatchery Road off of state Route 6 with Leudinghaus Road across the Chehalis River.

The bridge is replacing one that washed out during the 2007 flood about one-quarter of a mile away from the new location.

The about \$6 million project is primarily funded with Federal Emergency Management Agency money, which wasn't approved until 2012.

Elsea said the late approval is the main reason it took so long for the washed out bridge to be replaced.

Hall

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"Your dedication signified by the contributions you have made in your community has led to the development and growth of music education in this state of Washington," Cavelti said in the letter.

Fast will be inducted into the hall of fame along with two other teachers at a special ceremony during the WSMETA annual state conference banquet in Walla Walla in June.

Fast said her 48-year career will come to an end at a May recital.

Coming from a musical family, Fast has always been surrounded by music. She began taking piano lessons when she was 9 years old, and after a short hiatus in her late high school and early college years, she graduated from Warner Pacific College in Portland with a bachelor's degree in Christian education with a minor in music and an emphasis on voice.

Although she taught voice lessons for a time, the majority of her teaching career has been centered around the piano.

After her first daughter was born in 1967, Fast wanted to help her family financially but hoped to remain a stay-at-home mom.



Pete Caster / paster@chronline.com

Piano teacher Linda Fast poses for a portrait next to a grand piano at Centralia Community Church of God on Wednesday afternoon. Fast has been teaching piano for 48 years and has taught hundreds of locals pianists. This will be her last year before she retires, and coincidentally she was nominated for, and then awarded, a spot in the hall of fame.

"I was praying about the situation one night in bed and the Lord gave me an idea. I had taken piano lessons and played piano most of my life, so why not be a piano teacher?" she recalled.

After purchasing a Gulbransen studio piano from Yenny's in Olympia, she started a career

she would remain with for almost five decades.

Fast moved to Centralia in August of 1982 when her husband Dallas became the minister of music at the Centralia Community Church of God.

She has been active in her church musically, along with her

kids and grandkids, ever since.

Her favorite thing about teaching is the kids she has taught along the way. Currently she has about 15 students. She's taught some students for up to 10 years.

"My students have made me proud and it doesn't even matter that they go on to do something

different with it," the 72 year-old teacher said. "They have the gift of music, the joy of it, and can play in their home, sing and understand it."

The letters of recommendation for Fast show that to many, she was much more than a teacher.

Vicki Judd, former piano teacher and a parent to four of Fast's students, said her children received a superior music education that benefited them far beyond their eight years of piano instruction.

"We expected a good musical education for our children when we selected Linda as their teacher, but Linda was far more than just a piano teacher," Judd wrote. "Linda was a friend, a mentor and an important non-family member who poured life into our kids. As parents we were and are forever indebted to Linda for speaking life and truth into our kids."

Fast, who is the president of the Lewis County Music Teacher Association, remained humble and downplayed her contributions after receiving the award, saying she did not feel like she deserved the prestigious title, although she did appreciate it.

"This is quite an honor and was totally unexpected," she said.

Church

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The letter explains in detail the spiritual intentions of the church and included documentation of the federal court cases they insist have established the right to practice their religion and imbibe of its accompanying sacraments.

Chief among those precedents is the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993, which allows the use of controlled substances for religious ceremonies.

According to Lewis County Prosecutor Jonathan Meyer, his office was first made aware of The Church of Ayahuasca Healings by a concerned citizen back in December 2015. That report went unconfirmed, though, until the church sent their own letter to the prosecutor's office last month.

"I think they want to have the open look to them, like they have nothing to hide," Meyer said. "They have provided some fairly legal interpretations."

Meyer is grateful for the up-front nature of the new church.

"It's nice that they reached out and gave us some advance notice," said Meyer, who noted that he believes ceremonies are supposed to begin this month. "Some more notice would have been nice, but I guess you can't look a gift horse in the mouth."

ALTHOUGH THE EXACT location of The Church of Ayahuasca Healings is not yet known, the letter received by the prosecutor's offices notes that the 160-acre property is "near Elbe," a small town on the Lewis and Pierce county line north of Mineral.

According to Meyer and Deputy Prosecutor Eric Eisenberg, the property is likely located in between Elbe and Mineral, just within the Lewis County boundary.

"It's important to mention that we haven't actually talked to

them yet," said Eisenberg.

Although the prosecutor's office received the letter from the church in January, a lack of a listed phone number or physical address has slowed early efforts for a two-way dialogue.

According to Eisenberg, there are a number of issues that could ultimately cause friction between Lewis County and the church.

The stated intention of the church to provide two types of drugs listed as Schedule 1 by the federal government to their parishioners.

Eisenberg said that more mundane concerns, such as water quality, septic systems and possible building code violations, are more likely to stall the church's quest.

Meyer and Eisenberg insisted that they are not targeting the church because of its drug affiliations.

Rather, they are simply seeking a pre-submission conference between church leaders and the community development and health divisions of county government before the church's doors are opened to the public.

"That's the same concern we would have with anybody," explained Eisenberg.

TRINITY DE GUZMAN is listed as the president of The Church of Ayahuasca Healings. His church's website goes into great detail about the religious protections afforded to church members seeking to use controlled substances in order to perform sacred ceremonies. In its letter to county prosecutors, the church listed the Huachuma, or San Pedro cactus (mescaline), as well as Ayahuasca (DMT), as the psychoactive substances they intend to use.

While Meyer believes that there may be a few points in the church's argument that stretch the intent of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, he also thinks that the church is likely standing on solid ground when it comes to their position on the

sacred use of hallucinogens.

"Federal law makes it clear that they can do what they are trying to do," said Meyer, who added, "I think a court would side with a church 99 times out of 100."

The Church of Ayahuasca Healings was officially recognized by leaders of their religion on Dec. 15, 2015. In their letter to prosecutors, the church noted "as a practical matter, it is extremely unlikely that any adverse events associated with these ceremonies will ever be on your radar screen."

Still, the church added in the letter that they intend to take numerous steps in order to prevent any missteps in the eyes of the law.

First, participants will be sub-

ject to a lengthy interview process in order to vet their sincerity and turn away thrill seekers.

Secondly, the hallucinogenic compounds will only be administered under the observation of a church minister as part of the sacred ceremonies in order to prevent the drugs from escaping the compound.

Church members will also be required to surrender their car keys before the ceremony in order to prevent anyone from leaving early and driving under the influence.

Lastly, experienced personnel will be on hand to help to counsel or care for any persons experiencing negative effects from the drugs.

In order for a person to receive protection from prosecu-

tion, they must be an authentic member of the church. Part of the registration process is a suggested donation between \$1,497 and \$1,997. Limited scholarships are also available that would bring the donation amount down to \$500. According to the church's website, all donations are tax deductible.

The church's letter to county prosecutors noted that, "Because of the special dignity offered religious exercises by RFRA, the church should not have to keep its ministry a secret."

At this early juncture, at least one thing is for certain when it comes to The Church of Ayahuasca Healings; Their ministry is no longer a secret.

Linda Margaret Davidson

1937 - 2016



God needed more humor in Heaven, so he called Linda Margaret Davidson to his side Jan. 31, 2016 at Logan Street Manor, Centralia.

Linda was born May 3, 1937 in Danville, Illinois to Ralph and Wilma Cole. Her father died before she was born, leaving a void in her life.

She attended schools in Danville until halfway through her junior year at which time her family accompanied her stepfather, Claude Hansbrough, to Stuttgart, Germany, where he was stationed in the U.S. Army. Linda graduated from Stuttgart American School in 1955.

Returning to Danville in January 1956, Linda worked for six months with the local telephone company. She was an operator at the old-fashioned switchboard and had fond memories of that experience.

In July 1956, Linda married

Juil White, a soldier from Illinois whom she met in Germany. They immediately moved to San Diego. Following the birth of their son, Greg, the family moved to Lancaster, California for several years. Their daughter, Julie was born there.

Returning to San Diego in 1962, they bought a home where she was to live for the next 20 years. Linda and Juil divorced in 1978. She began working for the State of California, first for the Department of Motor Vehicles and then for the Disability Insurance Office in San Diego. At the Disability Insurance Office, Linda met Karl Davidson and they were married two years later. They moved to Washington in 1983. They first built a home west of Littlerock, then later moved to north of Olympia. In 1995, they moved to the Napavine area and finally to Centralia in 2007. She worked for several years at an Allstate Insurance office in Centralia.

Linda was family and friends oriented. She had a wonderful sense of humor and delighted in telling jokes. She loved her music and was an excellent singer. Linda and Karl enjoyed attending many concerts and traveled to such venues as the Grand Ole Opry and Branson, Missouri. The highlight of her week was at the Winlock TOPS Club.

Linda learned in recent years that she was distantly related to Confederate General George Pickett of the ill-fated Pickett's Charge at the Battle of Gettysburg.

After a serious fall in 2006, Linda developed dementia which ultimately resulted in her going to live at Logan Street Manor in Centralia. The family appreciates the genuinely loving care she received there from Linda, Melissa, Gabby, Nicole and the other angels.

Linda is remembered as the true loving mother and grandmother, who was always there for her family.

She is survived by her husband, Karl at home in Centralia; son, Greg (Connie) White of Winlock; daughter, Julie (Jon) Nelson of Lacey; a "special daughter," Lanaea Galindez; sisters, Sharon (Bruce) Jorgenson of Olympia and Claudia (Tom) Cooper of Danville, Illinois; brother, Bob (Lucy) Green of Watseka, Illinois; as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A sister, Jerrie Allison of Temple, Texas died in 2012.

A memorial service will be held at Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary, Feb. 12, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

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Collision

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According to DJ Hammer, public information officer for Lewis County Fire District 6, no information was available on any of the victims and no vehicle descriptions have been released.

The investigation has been turned over to the Washington State Patrol, which remained at the scene as of press time Friday.

Officials with the Washington State Department of Transportation also responded.

Lewis County Fire District 6 and the Chehalis Fire Department were the initial first responders. State Route 6 remained closed in both directions Friday night and was expected to remain closed several hours.

Westbound drivers were detoured to Chilvers Road and Highway 603, while eastbound drivers were detoured to Stearns Road.

Nation/World

Nation in Brief

Wife of Slain American Missionary Headed Back to Africa

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) — The widow of an American missionary said Friday that she believes it is God's plan for her to return to the African country where al-Qaida fighters killed her husband last month, and she has no hesitation about doing so.

Amy Riddering told a news conference she will return this month to Burkina Faso and the orphanage, school, clinic and women's center she ran with Michael Riddering, who was killed along with 29 others in the Jan. 15 attack on a hotel and cafe in the capital Ouagadougou. Riddering, 45, was the only American to die in the attack, which targeted Westerners. Burkina Faso, a former French colony, is a majority Muslim country but has a sizeable Christian minority.

"God did not only call Mike to Burkina Faso, he called me, too," she told reporters in a chapel at Hollywood Community Church, where a memorial service for her husband is scheduled for Saturday.

11-Year-Old Boy Convicted of Killing 8-Year-Old Girl

WHITE PINE, Tenn. (AP) — An 11-year-old Tennessee boy has been found guilty of murdering an 8-year-old girl after the child and her sister refused to let him see their puppies.

Court records show that a Jefferson County Juvenile Court judge this week found the boy guilty of first-degree murder and sentenced him to state custody until he turns 19.

The Associated Press does not generally identify juveniles accused of crimes.

The boy and 8-year-old McKayla Dyer lived in the same mobile home park in White Pine, Tennessee, about 40 miles outside of Knoxville. The judge's court order says the boy shot McKayla with a 12-gauge shotgun after she and her 11-year-old sister refused to bring their puppies to him. The judge's order says the girl died in her mother's arms.

Man Who Shot Wife, Put Photo on Facebook, Gets Life in Prison

MIAMI (AP) — A Florida man was sentenced to life in prison Friday for fatally shooting his wife eight times during an argument, a slaying that gained international notoriety after he posted a photo of her bloody body on Facebook.

Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Yvonne Colodny imposed the maximum possible sentence on Derek Medina, 33, for the August 2013 killing of 27-year-old Jennifer Alfonso at their South Miami home. According to trial testimony, Medina told police he shot his wife during an altercation in which she threatened him with a knife — but jurors didn't buy his self-defense claim.

In a recorded statement to police, Medina admitted to taking a cellphone photo of his dead wife's body and uploading it on Facebook.

Referee Call Barring Native American Hair Buns Causes Uproar

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — The board that governs Arizona high school sports says members of a girls' basketball team can wear their hair in traditional Navajo buns after a referee's decision to ban the hairstyle at a game this week caused an outcry.

The Flagstaff High School players were expressing their team pride and Native American cultural might when they pulled their hair into the neat, low buns Tuesday and took to their hometown court. Yarn in the school's colors — green and white — wound tightly around each bun, cocooning it, and a spray of the colorful pieces dangled from the top.



Elise Amendola / The Associated Press

Republican presidential candidate, Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas speaks to media Wednesday in Weare, N.H.

Cruz Strategy Focuses on Turning Out White Voters

By Steve Peoples

The Associated Press

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. — Ted Cruz has mapped out a path to the White House that all but ignores the explosion of minority voters in America.

The Texas senator's general election strategy depends almost wholly upon maximizing turnout among millions of conservative white voters — mostly evangelical Christians and the white working class — who didn't participate in the last presidential contest.

At the same time, Cruz's team is banking on a sharp decline in black and Hispanic support for the 2016 Democratic nominee, whoever it is, returning to voter trends before Barack Obama shook up the electorate as the nation's first black president and won an overwhelming share of support from non-white voters.

It is a strategy that defies the conventional wisdom in the GOP that says the party can win the White House again only if it appeals to political moderates and non-white voters who are becoming a greater share of the voting-age population as each day passes.

"I'm an outlier," said longtime Cruz aide Jason Johnson, the chief architect of the Cruz playbook, which he concedes is not in line with modern-day Republican thinking.

Yet with overwhelming confidence born from a year of studying voter trends, Johnson insists the first-term Texas senator can win the general election by motivating a coalition of his party's most reliable supporters.

"We saw conservatives and evangelicals and libertarians and Reagan Democrats all coming together. If we're going to win, if we're going to win the nomination and we're going to win the general election, we've got to bring that coalition together."

Ted Cruz

speaking at town hall meeting in Portsmouth, N.H.

"It is absolutely the case that in 2012, there were a little over 2 million fewer white non-Hispanics that voted compared to 2008," Johnson said this week in an interview with The Associated Press. "They sat it out."

The strategy will not be tested unless Cruz survives the long road ahead in his party's hotly contested nomination process to represent the GOP in November's general election. Still, general election viability has emerged as a major theme in the days leading up to New Hampshire's Feb. 9 primary among the leading Republican candidates.

Many Washington Republicans warn that Cruz is simply too conservative to appeal to the wide swath of voters that typically decide general elections.

"They are just wrong about this," said Republican operative Matthew Dowd, who served as the chief political strategist for George W. Bush. "It is about both motivation and persuasion. You can't motivate your base and at same time turn off moderates and independents."

But Cruz this week repeat-

edly declared that his team assembled a coalition in Iowa that would translate into general election success.

"We saw conservatives and evangelicals and libertarians and Reagan Democrats all coming together," he said during a town hall-style meeting at a Portsmouth Toyota dealership. "If we're going to win, if we're going to win the nomination and we're going to win the general election, we've got to bring that coalition together."

"That's what it's going to take to win the general election," he said.

The Cruz strategy is born by necessity.

While his team notes he won 40 percent of the Hispanic vote in his 2012 Senate election in Texas, and Cruz has the potential to become the nation's first Hispanic president, hardline conservative rhetoric on illegal immigration has defined his short political career. He has promoted endorsements from far-right conservatives such as Iowa Rep. Steve King, Cruz's national campaign co-chairman.

Stocks Lose More Ground as Jobs Creation Report Disappoints

By Ken Sweet

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Stocks posted steep losses Friday, ending the week with broad declines, as investors fretted over a report showing that U.S. job creation slowed last month.

Technology stocks fell especially hard, and shares of LinkedIn had their worst day in history.

Energy and consumer discretionary stocks fell as oil prices declined and investors continued to worry that the risk of the U.S. economy slipping into recession, while low, is growing.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 211.61 points, or 1.3 percent, to 16,204.97. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 35.40 points, or 1.9 percent, to 1,880.05 and the Nasdaq composite dropped 146.41 points, or 3.3 percent, to 4,363.14.

Stocks were mostly lower throughout the day, but losses accelerated as the end of trading

approached. With Friday's losses, the Dow was down 1.6 percent for the week, the S&P 500 fell 3.1 percent and Nasdaq lost 5.4 percent.

Investors were discouraged by a report that showed U.S. employers added 151,000 jobs last month, a sharp deceleration from recent months as companies shed education, transportation and temporary workers. That was below economists' forecasts of 185,000 new jobs, according to data from FactSet.

The report included some positive signs, however. The unemployment rate fell to 4.9 percent from 5 percent, the lowest level since February 2008. Average wages jumped 2.5 percent over the past year to \$25.39 an hour, evidence that the past years of job growth are helping to generate larger pay raises.

"It's a rather difficult report to interpret. It confirms there has been some deceleration in the U.S. economy. We're not falling

off the cliff, but it clearly shows the U.S. economy is not immune to the global slowdown," said Russ Koesterich, global market strategist with asset manager BlackRock.

The jobs report, while less than what economists were looking for, still showed that the U.S. economy is growing, albeit slowly.

The report caused the dollar to strengthen against other currencies, reversing some of the last two days of declines.

The report also raised a new worry about Federal Reserve interest rate policy. Investors had been betting in recent weeks that a slowing U.S. economy might prompt the Federal Reserve to delay plans to raise interest rates. But the Fed could see the data showing the growth in hourly wages as an early sign of inflation, which in turn might cause them to keep raising rates even in a slowing economy, Koesterich said.

World in Brief

Strong Quake Hits Taiwan; 160 Pulled Alive, Many Trapped

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — A 6.4-magnitude earthquake struck southern Taiwan early Saturday, toppling a complex of two high-rise residential buildings where rescuers pulled out more than 160 people. More are still believed to be trapped inside.

Firefighters scrambled to the sites with ladders, cranes and other equipment and pulled survivors from the buildings that were lying on one side of the road in the southern city of Tainan, footage from local TV broadcasters showed.

Among the survivors, Taiwan's official news agency said a 10-day-old infant and a 40-year-old man were found in critical condition when they were pulled out of a 17-story Wei Guan residential building. So far, 127 people were pulled from the rubble, and at least 29 were injured.

In Brazil, Zika Virus Brings Caution About Kisses

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — In a sign of mounting global concern over the Zika virus, health officials on Friday warned pregnant women to think twice about the lips they kiss and called on men to use condoms with pregnant partners if they have visited countries where the virus is present.

U.N. officials also called on many Catholic-majority countries in Latin America to loosen their abortion laws to allow women to terminate pregnancies if they fear the fetus may be at risk for a rare birth defect that causes brain damage and an abnormally small head, which may be linked to the virus.

The flurry of recommendations began in Brazil, where a top health official warned pregnant women to be cautious with their kisses.

Thousands More Syrians Rush Toward Turkey to Flee Fighting

BEIRUT (AP) — Thousands of Syrians rushed toward the Turkish border Friday, fleeing a fierce government offensive and intense Russian airstrikes near Syria's largest city of Aleppo.

Turkey, an ally of the Syrian opposition, promised humanitarian help for the displaced civilians, including food and shelter, but it did not say whether it would let them cross into the country, already burdened with hundreds of thousands of refugees.

"The attacks and bombings by the Russian planes and the Syrian regime have left our brothers with nowhere else to go," Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said in a televised speech.

The U.N. estimated that nearly 40,000 newly displaced people have massed in recent days in several border areas of northern Syria, including about 20,000 near the Bab al-Salam border crossing. Turkish authorities increased security at the crossing and the pro-government A Haber news channel said all police and military leaves were canceled.

Pope, Russian Orthodox Patriarch to Meet in Historic Step

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis and the leader of the Russian Orthodox Church will meet in Cuba next week in a historic step to heal the 1,000-year-old schism that divided Christianity between East and West, both churches announced Friday.

The meeting between Francis and Patriarch Kirill will be the first ever between the leaders of the Catholic and Russian Orthodox churches.

Francis is due to travel to Mexico Feb. 12-18. He will stop in Cuba on the way and meet with Kirill on Feb. 12 at the Havana airport, where they will sign a joint declaration, a joint statement said.

The two churches split during the Great Schism of 1054.

State Studies Crumb-Rubber in Athletic Fields, Cancer Cases

By Sharon Salyer

The Herald

The state Department of Health is investigating whether soccer players who competed on crumb rubber fields have higher rates of cancer.

Some of the cases involve soccer players between the ages of 5 and 24 who played in Washington and were diagnosed with cancer since 2002.

The study comes as concern mounts both locally and nationally about a possible link between playing on the fields, which are made from ground-up used tires, and some young soccer players being diagnosed with cancer.

Opponents of crumb rubber sports fields point to a list of hazardous chemicals in tires, including heavy metals and substances linked to cancer.

Amy Griffin, a University of Washington soccer coach, received national attention in 2014 after compiling a list of young people who played on the artificial turf who were later diagnosed with cancer.

During a hearing last month in Olympia, she said the list has now grown to 209 such athletes, of which 160 are soccer players and of those 97 are goalies.

One of the names on the list is Austen Everett, who trained with Griffin. Everett was a goalkeeper for Seattle's Bishop Blanchet High School and played on teams at the University of California Santa Barbara and the University of Miami in Florida. She was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma as a college junior in 2008. She died four years later when she was 25 years old.

"I have no doubt that crumb rubber played a role," said her mother, June Leahy, of Seattle.



Photo Courtesy of June Leahy
Austen Everett, left, is shown with her mother, June Leahy. Everett, who died after treatment for non-Hodgkins lymphoma, played soccer on crumb-rubber fields.



Herald file, Sept. 1
Contractors install turf on the fields at the old Woodway High School.

"If future science tells us there's a connection between illness and synthetic turf, I want to prevent that."

Jefferson Ketchel,
environmental health director

The University of Washington's School of Public Health asked the state to take a look at the information that Griffin has collected. Her list includes 45 Washington residents who played both recreationally and year-round. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is providing some technical assistance to the state.

Scientists are piecing together information about each case, such as the person's age when they were diagnosed with cancer and which type of cancer they had, said Cathy Wasserman, a state epidemiologist for non-infectious conditions.

One of the cases dates back to

1994. The most recent are from last year. Among the types of cancer the students were diagnosed with were leukemia, and both non-Hodgkin and Hodgkin lymphoma.

"There's a variety of cancer types and ages," Wasserman said. "We're covering a whole lot of years."

Some of the work involves collecting more detailed information on each case, Wasserman said. They also have to sort through which cases involve recreational players and which involve those who played soccer year-round, with more exposure to the crumb rubber fields.

Work on the study is expect-

ed to continue for another three to six months.

In Snohomish County, opposition to crumb rubber athletic fields has been greatest in Edmonds. It was triggered by a \$4.2 million Edmonds School District project to construct two synthetic turf athletic fields at the former Woodway High School. The fields opened in September, but the controversy has continued to simmer, led by parents.

In December, the Edmonds City Council approved a ban on the installation of synthetic turf playfields made from crumb rubber on any publicly owned athletic field until July 11, 2017. The action covers school district-owned properties.

Jefferson Ketchel, environmental health director for the Snohomish Health District, said that so far there's no scientific proof showing crumb rubber fields could harm those playing on them. "There does not appear to be a public health risk, but more research is needed," he said. "I don't want to minimize risks to human health or people

getting cancer," Ketchel said. "If future science tells us there's a connection between illness and synthetic turf, I want to prevent that."

Ketchel said that the crumb rubber controversy is part of a much larger national problem. The federal law regulating toxic substances is 40 years old. That means the burden is on the government to prove that a product causes harm either to human health or the environment, he said.

"We should know the safety of a product before it's placed on store shelves or used by children," Ketchel said.

His advice to parents with concerns about crumb rubber fields is to have their children wash their hands after playing on the fields and before eating; change out of their sports clothing before entering their home; shower after playing on the fields; carefully clean any cuts or scrapes from playing on the fields; and if they get any of the field's tiny rubber particles in their mouths, to spit them out.

News in Brief

Supreme Court Rejects Spokane Bill of Rights Effort

SPOKANE (AP) — The state Supreme Court has rejected an

effort to put a "community bill of rights" on the ballot in the city of Spokane.

The Supreme Court ruled unanimously on Thursday that the initiative exceeded the scope of local legislative authority.

In 2013, a group called Envision Spokane gathered enough signatures to place the measure on the ballot.

The initiative had provisions relating to zoning changes, water rights, workplace rights, and the

rights of corporations.

Opponents, including local governments and businesses and individual residents of Spokane, challenged the initiative, and won at the trial level.

Envision Spokane appealed,

and the Court of Appeals held that opponents lacked standing and ordered the initiative be put on the next available ballot. But the Supreme Court overturned that decision.

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Forest Staff's Move to Fort to Be Earlier Than First Planned

By Dameon Pesanti
The Columbian

A lease disagreement between the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and its landlord means Gifford Pinchot's headquarters and visitor center will move to the Fort Vancouver National Site earlier than initially planned.

Beginning March 1, Gifford's visitor services will share a space with the National Park Service at the national site's visitor center, 1501 E. Evergreen Blvd. in Vancouver. Also in March, Gifford's headquarters will move into temporary offices nearby on the site.

Forest staff initially planned to move this fall into a permanent location in Building 987 of the national site's East Barracks after renovations to the 1906 structure were complete, but a lease disagreement with Gifford Pinchot's current landlord forced an early move.

The new location will be much closer to the city's urban core and Interstate 5 than Gifford Pinchot's current spot at 10600 N.E. 51st Circle, near the Interstate 205 and state Highway 500 interchange in east Vancouver. The headquarters has been there since 1997.

According to Gifford Pinchot spokeswoman Sue Ripp, Gifford Pinchot renewed its lease on the east Vancouver building several times after the lease ended two years ago, but the property owner's representative, FLM LLC, of San Jose, Calif., wouldn't agree to another short-term lease extension. FLM did not return requests for comment.

"We were going to extend again," Ripp said. "In the end, the landlord wanted us to commit to a longer lease than we could."

Until Building 987 is finished, forest staff temporarily will be dispersed among three buildings at the national site. Some employees will have to do a combination of remote and on-site work.

Still, officials from the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and the National Park Service said they are enthusiastic about



Natalie Behring / The Columbian

Gifford Pinchot National Forest Supervisor Gina Owens, left, stands Tuesday with National Park Service Superintendent Tracy Fortmann in front of the Gifford Pinchot's future headquarters in East Barracks Building 987 on the Fort Vancouver National Site.

the early move. They said that by partnering with the National Park Service, Gifford Pinchot will offer extended business hours and be open Saturdays, thus giving people better customer service, and more time to plan trips to the forest and purchase federal recreation passes.

"This is a great opportunity to provide a joint presence with the National Park Service," said Gifford Pinchot National Forest Supervisor Gina Owens. "We are excited to be a part of the Fort Vancouver campus and look forward to serving our public in our new location."

At about 36,000 square feet, the east Vancouver space is far bigger than what the Gifford Pinchot required, and the new 24,000-square-foot barracks building will allow them to consolidate. At the height of com-

mercial logging, more than 600 Forest Service employees were dispersed across the Gifford Pinchot forest; that number has dropped to about 160.

Building 987 was the headquarters of the U.S. Army Reserve's 104th Division until 2010. Gifford Pinchot also will lease a modern brick building in the South Barracks to be used as the Forest Service's regional dispatch center. That building will be finished before the new headquarters.

All of the buildings will be retrofitted to the latest seismic standards.



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Voice of the People

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

Followers of The Chronicle's Facebook page react to a story detailing the arrest of a man who fished despite a lifetime ban:

Tammi Jo Norton: Come on, people. What he was fishing? At least he wasn't out hurting people, or using drugs. He was just fishing. Yes he was doing what he was not supposed to but don't slam him in the hammer.

Lori Marshall Nelsen: Harmless pastime? Not hardly! These people are taking hundreds of fish each season. They don't care about limits. They are killing the aquaculture ecosystem.

Lynne Moran: It's not difficult to follow the rules. To be permanently suspended is pretty harsh; however, one has several chances before being suspended. He obviously has no regard for the resources, or the law.

Curtis Bush: LOL. Loser. County's finest imposing their distorted laws upon folks who ignore the laws in the first place!

Paula Ross Luttrell: Fishing, like hunting, is a privilege. Follow the rules and laws. it isn't that hard to do. Or risk losing that said privilege. He must of been breaking the laws for a while before it reached this level.

Chronline Comments

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

• Story: Number of Uninsured in Washington Cut in Half

USER NAME: *jbundy48*

Meanwhile, all the candidates of the R party are planning to dismantle this care system, and replace it with ... nothing. Oh, they talk a game of cross-state insurance, caps on medical lawsuits, etc. etc., but they've done nothing, proposed essentially nothing that would provide a family with medical coverage, and just spout nonsense. In the end, it really comes down to "if you can't afford medical care, then just do without," and we all know the end game with that.

• Story: Lawmakers Consider Bill for TransAlta Tax Breaks

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Remembering Historic Medicine Creek Council



Photograph submitted by R.J. Burt, Timberland Regional Library

This is the site of the Medicine Creek Council, circa 1910. The council was held in 1854. This photo is courtesy of the Washington State Archives.

Historian to Discuss Medicine Creek Council

By R.J. Burt

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Historian and author Drew Crooks will discuss the Medicine Creek Council and its ramifications 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Centralia Timberland Library.

The Medicine Creek Council took place in the Nisqually Delta on Dec. 26, 1854. It brought together 62 Native American tribal leaders and a contingent of American settlers headed by territorial Gov. Isaac Stevens, and changed the course of Northwest history.

The treaty established reservations for the Native American tribes represented and described the lands that would be ceded by the tribes to the United States government.

Crooks has a master of arts degree in museum studies and has worked for over 30 years with museums in South Puget Sound. He has authored numerous articles and four books on the region's heritage and frequently gives presentations on history to community groups and school classes.

The Centralia Timberland Library is located at 110 S. Silver St. For more information, call the library at (360) 736-0183.

Births

• **SIERRA AND OLMAN MEJIA,** Winlock, a boy, Israel Javier Mejia, Dec. 27, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, Capital Medical Center, Olympia.

Grandparents are Sherry Smith, Rochester; Javier Hurtado, Winlock; Venancia and Atanacio Mejia, Honduras.

• **KYLIE FROST AND ZACHARIAH SPRAGUE,** Kelso, a girl, Kaleah Jayne Sprague, Jan. 18, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, Providence Centralia Hospital. Grandparents are Happe and Lori Sprague, Mossyrock, and Amanda and Dan Meekhof, Packwood.

• **KRISTINE VICK AND CHRISTOPHER WETTER,** Centralia, a boy, Taidyn Allen Wetter, Jan. 18, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, Providence Centralia Hospital. Grandparents are Paul Vick, Cowlitz; Vince and Lynette Wetter, Walla Walla; and Christy Region, Umatilla, Oregon. Great-grandparents are Janie Vick, Bruce, Mississippi; Pearl Doan, Centralia; Linda Wetter, Walla Walla; and Patty Johnson, Walla Walla.

• **DENISE TOWNE AND KURTIS BEABER,** Chehalis, a boy, Blake Alvon Be-

aber, Jan. 19, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, Providence Centralia Hospital.

• **HARLEY KOBLOTH,** Toledo, a boy, Royce O'rion Kobloth, Jan. 22, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, Providence Centralia Hospital. Grandparents are Brook Kobloth, Toledo, and Don Thompson, Chehalis. Great-grandparents are Nicole and Erick Smoot, Newport.


• **KEENA KAUHOLA-VARGAS AND ROBERT VARGAS,** Centralia, a boy, Oumuamua Kamehanaokala Vargas, Jan. 23, 9 pounds, 3 ounces, Providence Centralia Hospital. Grandparents are Lii

and Jayne Kauhola, Centralia, and Patricia Alvarez, British Columbia.

• **BRANDELYN FRISBIE AND GARRETT MARTINEZ,** Centralia, a girl, Aeva Jean Martinez, Jan. 24, 5 pounds, 13 ounces, Providence Centralia Hospital. Grandparents are Freddy and Tishia Frisbie, Randle, and Valerie Martinez, Lake Stevens.

• **MARY AND JONATHAN STOFFER,** Tumwater, a girl, Emma Clair Stoffer, Jan. 30, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, Capital Medical Center, Olympia.

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Fake Founding Fathers Quotes Make Their Way Into Gun Bill at Capitol

By Melissa Santos
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As long as they sound good, right? A gun-rights bill introduced at the Capitol on Friday includes six quotes from America's Founding Fathers about the importance of guns to democracy. The problem is, half of those quotes are fake. The measure, sponsored by state Rep. Matt Shea, R-Spokane Valley, would create penalties for public officials who block people from owning or buying guns. About one page of the four-page bill is dedicated to quotes from the Founding Fathers on gun

ownership. But at least three of the quotes — attributed to Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and Alexander Hamilton — aren't real. "Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution itself. They are the American people's liberty, teeth, and keystone under independence," is one quote that House Bill 2975 attributes to George Washington. Nope, say researchers at Mount Vernon, George Washington's estate. "This quotation does not show up in any of Washington's writings, nor does any closely related quote," the Mount Vernon re-

searchers note, including it among a list of "spurious quotations." Also included in the bill's long introductory section is a quote attributed to Thomas Jefferson: "Those who hammer their guns into plowshares will plow for those who do not." Wrong again, say researchers at Monticello, on a page including quotes commonly misattributed to the nation's third president. A quote the bill attributes to Alexander Hamilton in The Federalist Papers also appears to be something Hamilton didn't really exactly say. Both left-leaning sources (Gawker) and more

conservative ones (The Federalist Papers Project) say Hamilton didn't say, "The best we can help for concerning the people at large is that they be properly armed." Other quotes in the bill have problems, too. One combines the words of Thomas Paine, the author of "Common Sense," with other statements or pamphlets never written or uttered. It actually was Patrick Henry who said, "The great object is that every man be armed! Everyone who is able may have a gun." Not Paine. Sorry, Rep. Shea. A staffer speaking on Shea's

behalf Friday said the representative is happy to amend the legislation, if necessary, to ensure it includes only accurate information. Another part of the bill seems to prove Godwin's rule of Nazi analogies, which says that the longer an online discussion (or a bill?) goes on, the more likely it is to bring up Hitler. "... The world has witnessed six million Jews murdered by Adolf Hitler, fifteen million Russians slaughtered by Joseph Stalin, and an estimated sixty million Chinese murdered in communist China, none of whom were allowed to possess firearms," the bill says.

Nelson Bennett, Former White Pass Manager, Dies at 101

By Scott Sandsberry
The Yakima Herald

The Yakima Valley and the international skiing community lost a true original when Nelson Bennett died at home on Friday, Jan. 29. He was 101.



Nelson Bennett once iconic skiing figure

Bennett was an iconic figure in the ski world, the one-time head of the U.S. Olympic alpine ski program, longtime manager at both the Sun Valley and White Pass ski resorts and a member of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame. While he was managing the Sun Valley ski resort and then did the same for 25 years at White Pass, he was a get-things-done guy who could be abrasive. Even, as one friend described him, "billy-goat gruff." Yet to those who got to know him over the last 20 years, Nelson Bennett was just a surprisingly energetic, outgoing and friendly fellow, quick with a smile, a handshake and perhaps even an invitation to join him for a gin and tonic, for decades his daily 5 p.m. tradition. And always just one.

Those who knew Bennett will not be surprised that, at his expressed wish to family members and friends, there will be no memorial service. Bennett's reason was simple: He had already gotten to experience a memorial-like gathering of friends assembled to celebrate his life in the best way possible: while he was still alive. "Nelson said he'd already gotten to do that and enjoy everybody at his 100th birthday party," said Kevin McCarthy, general manager at the White Pass ski area. "His attitude was, 'There's no reason to have a memorial — it's been done for me already.'" Several times, in fact. His 100th-birthday gala at White Pass in December 2015, which drew more than 200 well-wishers from all over the country, was one of several such gatherings at ski areas from Washington to New Hampshire. During that string of celebratory events, Bennett admitted to those close to him that, initially, he had believed everybody was making such a big deal about him simply because he had managed to live to be 100 years old. Finally, though, it became obvious even to Bennett it wasn't how old he was but, rather, who he was and how many lives he had touched in that century of living.



Nelson Bennett, right, gets the mountaintop view with his wife, Bobbe, and his brother, Edmund Bennett, behind her, at Sun Valley Idaho. Bennett was the mountain manager there before taking over general manager duties at then-fledgling White Pass in 1960.

Bennett's life was nothing short of remarkable, the stuff of the Hollywood movies whose stars he squired around the slopes of Sun Valley for so many years. His many roles included: • Castoff orphan as a boy, adopted and raised on a small New England farm. • World War II soldier in the specialized "ski infantry" of the famed Army 10th Mountain Division. • Head of the U.S. alpine ski program in the 1956 Olympics and director of all ski events at the 1960 Olympics. • Iconic manager of Sun Valley when that Idaho resort was

a haven for Hollywood glitterati and his afternoons were often spent on the slopes in the company of such luminaries as Lucille Ball, Clark Gable, Esther

Williams and Ingrid Bergman. • And, finally, general manager at White Pass from 1960 to 1985, helping transform it into a destination resort drawing more than 110,000 skier visits a year. The 2010 Paradise Basin expansion that added nearly 800 acres of primarily intermediate terrain was something Bennett had envisioned nearly four decades earlier. "The history behind that man," McCarthy said, "is just remarkable." That his personal history lasted so long meant Bennett outlasted most of his contemporaries. In a November 2015 interview with the Herald-Republic, he noted that the annual gatherings of the regional chapter of his 10th Mountain Division survivors had gotten smaller over the years. "The group was just dying off," Bennett said. "Time marches on."

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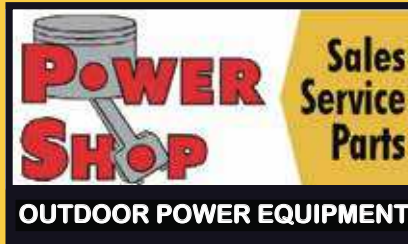
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Thursday's 2A Boys Basketball



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W.F. West's Dakota Hawkins (left) and Centralia's Deter Voetberg (center) collide while Centralia's Christian Peters (right) looks on during Evergreen 2A Conference boys basketball action Thursday night in Chehalis. Centralia won the rivalry matchup, 47-46.

Tight Game, Wild Finish

RIVALS: *Wasson Hits Key Bucket in Centralia's 47-46 EvCo Win Over Rival W.F. West in Chehalis*

By Aaron VanTuyl
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For all the back-and-forth, and all the tension, and all the emotion, it came down to the simple things.

Simple, like Nolan Wasson picking up a loose ball that happened to be headed his way and flipping it off the glass and into the hoop for the easiest 2 of his game-high 16 points on Thursday night in Chehalis.

Simple, like a missed free throw on the other end — with

half a second left — clinching the Tigers' 47-46 rivalry win over W.F. West, even if there were a few complications towards the end of what was a tooth-and-nail game throughout.

The game featured 19 lead changes, with far more missed 3-pointers (32) than turnovers (17) between the two squads, and a wild final act that hit its peak when Wasson found the ball in his hands.

Jordan Thomas — inserted into the game less than a minute earlier, when a fifth foul had forced the Tigers to sub for the first time all game — drove to the hoop on what turned out to be Centralia's last possession. He

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2A Girls Basketball

Bounce-Back Win for Bearcats



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W.F. West's Julia Johnson (left) and Kiara Steen celebrate on Friday night during a 68-39 win over rival Centralia in the Hub City. The win sealed second place in the final Evergreen 2A Conference standings for W.F. West, which had lost two league games in a row. The Bearcats will open District 4 tournament play at home on Thursday.

HIGH NOTE: *W.F. West Troupes Rival Centralia 68-39 to Close Out the Regular Season, Finish Second in EvCo*

By Aaron VanTuyl
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The Bearcats needed a bounce-back game, or a bit of momentum, or just a little fresh confidence with the playoffs looming next week — and they didn't have to go far to find it.

W.F. West's defense harassed the Tigers into a rough shooting night, and took advantage of Lexie Strasser's improved play in the post to dominate on the offensive end in a 68-39 win at rival Centralia.

The win wraps up second place in the final Evergreen 2A Conference standings for W.F. West, which had lost two straight league games heading into Friday's rivalry matchup.

"We've got to have a little fun. They're happy. It's no fun how it was, so it was huge," W.F. West coach Tom Kelly said, referencing the Bearcats' recent losses to Black Hills and Tumwater. "They couldn't have been more excited. We needed a

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W.F. West's Lexie Strasser shoots against Centralia on Friday night in Centralia.

Red, White and Blue



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The W.F. West student section cheers after a made 3-pointer against Centralia on Thursday night in Chehalis.

The Final Word

Sources: Cowboys Never Interested in Manziel

DALLAS (MCT) — The Dallas Cowboys had no interest in Cleveland Browns quarterback Johnny Manziel even before his latest round of trouble that made him the subject of an NFL investigation, according to sources.

He was dumped by his agent Friday even though he will escape criminal charges for allegedly assaulting his ex-girlfriend. He will also escape punish-

ment from the NFL. In their investigation, the league did not find enough evidence to penalize him.

Manziel has been linked to the Cowboys since the Browns announced plans to release him largely because of owner Jerry Jones continued infatuation with him dating back to the 2014 NFL draft.

The storyline won't die until Jones comes out and says it himself.

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2B Boys Basketball

Adna Knocks Off Toledo in Regular-Season Finale

By The Chronicle

ADNA — The Pirates had four players score in double figures and worked their way past Toledo, 75-65, here Friday in both teams' Central 2B League regular-season finale.

"It's a good one," Adna coach Luke Salme said. "In terms of standings it doesn't matter, but obviously you want to be playing to your full potential, and we are right now."

Toledo had already sewn up second place in the C2BL standings, while the Pirates were locked into sixth.

Adna, though, led 18-15 after a quarter and 37-23 at halftime, and withstood a 27-point fourth quarter from the Indians with a solid outing at the foul line.

The Pirates hit 19 of 29 from the stripe, with Tanner Rigdon going 8 of 9 at the line during a fourth frame in which Adna attempted 24 freebies.

Rigdon finished with 15 points. Garrett Trotter scored 16, Austin Apperson added 12, Isaac Angle scored 10 and Cody Young tallied 9 for the Pirates.

"That's huge," Salme said of his team's balanced offense. "We always kind of count on Garrett and Tanner to get us points, and we need other guys to step up. If we can score 75, I'll take our chances."

Reece Wallace led Toledo with 16 points. Joe Wallace added 14, and Toledo hit 13 3-pointers in the game.

Adna (11-9, 10-8 league) plays at North Beach on Monday night to open the District 4 2B Boys Basketball Tournament. Toledo (15-5, 14-4 league) hosts South Bend on Monday in the first round.

Note: It was the final home game for Adna seniors Trotter, Alden Latimer and Tyler Olson.



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Adna guard Isaac Ell, in white, drives through a trio of Toledo players during Friday night's game in Adna.

tonight despite what we were down," Pe Ell coach Justin Phelps said. "They just kept battling and having fun, which is great. I couldn't ask anything more from them."

The Trojans (5-13 league, 7-13 overall) begin postseason play as the No. 7 seed out of the C2BL playing at Ocosta Monday evening in a first-round matchup with the Wildcats.

"We're pressing the reset button and it's basically a whole new season," Phelps said. "I think the guys understand that mentality and hopefully they bring that Pe Ell grit."

Morton-White Pass ends C2BL play undefeated with an 18-0 record (19-1 overall). With the No. 1 seed intact, the T-Wolves host Raymond on Monday night.

Vikings Topple Loggers, 51-31

ONALASKA — Mossyrock and Onalaska finished up Central 2B League action with a 51-31 Viking victory here on Friday.

Jaron Kirkley led the Vikings with 13 points and seven rebounds, while Danny Nelson added 12.

Jacob Modica scored 15 points for the Loggers, but didn't receive much help as Onalaska lacked energy from the opening tip.

"We're not very good to begin with," Onalaska coach Dennis Bower said. "But we turned the ball over with total disregard. We just came out flat with no emotion and things went south."

It was senior night for the Loggers. Michael Duran, Modica, Stone Whitney and Evan Wrzesinski were all honored.

Onalaska (4-14 league, 5-15 overall) opens up district play with a crossover game at Life Christian on Monday night. Mossyrock (12-6 league, 14-6 overall) hosts Rainier on the same night.

time, but Winlock got its offense running more efficiently in the second half to notch 30 points. Wyatt Dean led the Cardinals with 15 points and Nicholas Patching had 14 points while Jose Gonzalez added 13 points.

Cole Van Wyck added 10 points for the Tigers.

Winlock concludes the season 4-16 overall, while Napavine (14-6, 12-6 league) hosts Ilwaco Monday at 7 p.m. in the first round of the District 4 2B Boys Basketball Tournament.

MWP Closes Out League Play with 71-43 Win Over Pe Ell

PE ELL — Morton-White Pass entered and exited league play without a loss, defeating Pe Ell 71-43 in its final Central 2B League matchup of the season here on Friday.

Kaleb Poquette led all scorers,

pouring in 29 points for the Timberwolves. Matt Poquette added 16.

Pe Ell's offense was spread out, with all seven seniors finding their way on to the scoreboard on senior night. Josh Schulz, Red

Arrington, Cody Smith, Colin Hanson, Tyler Shepherd, Dustin Lusk and Dalton Toepelt were all honored for their tenures as Trojans.

"I was really proud of my seniors and the way they played

Tigers Top Cardinals 78-48

NAPAVINE — The Tigers started senior night with the clamps out, scoring Winlock 21-3 in the first quarter en route to a 78-48 Central 2B League victory to round out the regular season. Napavine finished tied for third in the league and because of a coin flip will go into the District 4 Tournament with the No. 4 seed.

"I was happy with the win. It's always nice to get a win on senior night," Napavine coach Rex Stanley said. "Both of our seniors, Owen Anderson and Chase Van Wyck, started and played well."

Wyatt Stanley led the Tigers with 15 points while Austin Filley added 13 points and Van Wyck notched 12 points. Stanley also had 14 rebounds in the contest.

Napavine led 44-18 at half-



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Prep Sports

Three Football Leagues? Changes Coming for Local 2B Teams

SHAKEUP: *New Classifications Lead to New League Alignments; Three 2B Leagues Coming to District 4 Next Year*

By Aaron VanFuyll
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The regular-season sports schedules for 2B schools in District 4 will look a bit different next year, and the biggest change will be in the fall.

Athletic directors from the Pacific 2B and Central 2B

leagues met Wednesday to draw up plans for league play, which include two six-team divisions for the Central 2B League and a district-wide change on the football side.

The new alignments are expected to be finalized on Monday, and are being made in response to the WIAA's 2016-2020 classification cycle. The new cycle dropped Kalama down to the 2B level; Kalama and Rainier both accepted invitations to the Central 2B League, giving the C2BL 10 teams and requiring some sort of split in order to make the football regular-season work.

On the gridiron — and the gridiron only — the Pacific and Central leagues will be abandoned in favor of the three new SWW 2B Tri-Leagues:

- The Coastal League will feature Raymond, South Bend, Ilwaco, Ocosta, North Beach and Pe Ell-Willapa Valley;
- The River League will feature Wahkiakum, Kalama, Toutle Lake, Toledo, Winlock and Mossyrock;
- The Mountain League will feature Chief Leschi, Life Christian, Rainier, Adna, Napavine, Onalaska and Morton-White Pass.

Football teams will start

the season with the appropriate amount of nonleague games, followed by league games and to-be-developed District 4 cross-overs.

For all non-football sports, the Central 2B League will be split into North and South divisions.

Newcomer Rainier, Adna, Pe Ell-Willapa Valley (baseball and softball only), Morton-White Pass, Napavine and Onalaska will make up the North Division, and Wahkiakum, new-to-the-league Kalama, Toutle Lake, Toledo, Winlock and Mossyrock will make up the South Division.

Teams will play a 16-game basketball, baseball and softball schedule, facing their in-division opponents twice and teams in the alternate division once.

In volleyball season, C2BL teams will play every other team once for an 11-game league schedule, with five nonleague games.

The Pacific 2B League will be down to Chief Leschi, Life Christian, North Beach, Ocosta, Raymond, South Bend, Ilwaco and Willapa Valley, though Valley will maintain its combination with Pe Ell for baseball and softball.

Thursday's 2B Girls Basketball

Tigers Beat Winlock to Clinch C2BL Title

By The Chronicle

WINLOCK — The Tigers brought out the birdcage in the third quarter and came away with a championship, knocking off the Cardinals 57-19 in Central 2B League play here on Thursday. Melissa Lee led Napavine with 22 points while Mollie Olson added another 14 points as the Tigers clinched the league title.

"We were in the game for the first half and were feeling pretty good," Winlock coach Scott Ashmore said. "They ramped up the pressure in the third quarter and we got tired. We didn't get a whole lot of looks at the basket."

Napavine led 28-15 at half-time, but shutout the Cardinals in the third quarter, going on a 16-0 run. Winlock finished with just 4 points in the second half. Mika Hammond led the Cardinals with 6 points while Grace Hamre added 10 points to the Tigers' efforts.

Napavine, with Toutle Lake losing to Wahkiakum on Thursday, finishes as the regular season Central 2B League champion at 18-2 overall and 17-1 in league play. The Tigers host Pacific 2B League No. 8-seed Chief Leschi on Tuesday in the first round of the District 4 2B Girls Basketball Tournament.

Winlock (5-15, 4-14 league) will play at P2BL champion Ilwaco on Tuesday.

Pirates Close Out Regular Season With 53-30 Win Over Indians

TOLEDO — The Lady Pirates may have began the regular season with a loss, but they closed out Central 2B League play with a 53-30 win over Toledo here on Thursday.

Adna stormed out to take the lead early on, never relinquishing it in a wire-to-wire performance. The Pirates outscored the Indians 20-3 in the first quarter behind 10 points from Kenya Lorton, who finished with a game-high 16.

"Adna really jumped out early and were very strong offensively," Toledo coach J.B. Ewers said. "Kenya got them off to a hot start and we couldn't put the ball in the basket. We dug ourselves a hole we couldn't get out of."

Anna Tauscher led with 9 points for Toledo, which struggled from the field and the free throw line, shooting 12 of 27 there.

Ewers credited Courtney Moore with an outstanding effort on both sides of the floor.

The night marked the last performance on George Murdoch Court for seniors Moore, Haley Tauscher, Josie Bowen and Yvette Arroyo.

Toledo ended the regular season with an 8-10 league record (9-11 overall) and, after a coin flip, took the No. 7 seed for District play. The Indians will face the No. 2 seed from the Pacific 2B League at Raymond on Tuesday in crossover action.

Adna finished league play with a 13-5 record (14-6 overall) and the No. 4 seed. The Pirates will host Rainier, the No. 5 team from the Pacific 2B League, on Tuesday.

Loggers Edge Vikings in League Finale

MOSSYROCK — Onalaska barely got away, but held on for a

C2BL Girls Basketball Final Standings

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|-------------|------|------|
| Napavine | 17-1 | 17-2 |
| Toutle Lake | 16-2 | 17-2 |
| Wahkiakum | 13-5 | 14-6 |
| Adna | 13-5 | 14-6 |
| Morton-WP | 9-9 | 11-9 |
| Onalaska | 8-10 | 9-11 |
| Toledo | 8-10 | 9-11 |
| Winlock | 4-14 | 5-15 |
| Mossyrock | 1-17 | 2-17 |
| Pe Ell | 1-17 | 1-19 |

Dist. 4 2B Tourney First-Round Games Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Winlock at Ilwaco
Toledo at Raymond
Onalaska at Life Christian
Morton-WP at Tacoma Bap.
Rainier at Adna
Ocosta at Wahkiakum
North Beach at Toutle Lake
Chief Leschi at Napavine

42-38 girls hoops win over Mossyrock in the Vikings' final game of the season here in Central 2B League play on Thursday.

The key for Onalaska turned out to be the numerous second chance opportunities, as the Loggers brought down 15 of fensive rebounds, compared to Mossyrock's three.

"That's the big difference," Mossyrock coach Darin Bullock said. "We were playing defense a lot."

Onalaska was led by Nicolle Duryea's 22 points while Colee Masciola chipped in 8 points and nine rebounds. Laine Grose had 10 points for Mossyrock.

The Vikings bring their season to a close with a 1-17 C2BL record (2-18 overall). While the record isn't indicative, Bullock is certain that this team has gone through radical change from beginning to end.

"Clearly the record doesn't tell the whole story of the season for us," Bullock said. "From where we started with the group to where we finished, the girls got a lot better and never quit. Every kid believed in each other and in us coaches."

Mossyrock graduates just one senior in Clementine Schultz.

Onalaska (8-10 league, 9-11) won a coin toss with Toledo for the No. 6 seed. The Loggers will hit the road to face Life Christian in Tacoma on Tuesday in the first round of the District 4 2B Girls Basketball Tournament.

Robbins Scores 23 Points As MWP Downs Pe Ell

MORTON — Senior Christine Robbins gave the crowd a show in her last home game as a Timberwolf, posting 23 points and eight rebounds in a 50-34 C2BL win over Pe Ell here on Thursday. The win clinched fifth place for MWP in the final league standings.

"Christine had a big night for us and it was good to see have her last game at home like that," MWP coach Tom Griffith said.

Hailey Compton led Pe Ell with 15 points, while Railey Smith added 11.

Sharon Hazen added 7 points for the Timberwolves, as 10 different Morton-White Pass players scored. It was the final home game for Haley Kolb, Tatym Smathers, Hazen and Robbins.

Morton-White Pass (11-9, 9-9 league) heads into the District 4 2B Girls Basketball Tournament with a No. 5 seed and face Tacoma Baptist Tuesday in Tacoma.

Referee Call Barring Native American Hair Buns Causes Uprow

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — The board that governs Arizona high school sports says members of a girls' basketball team can wear their hair in traditional Navajo buns after a referee's decision to ban the hairstyle at a game this week caused an outcry.

The Flagstaff High School players were expressing their team pride and Native American cultural might when they pulled their hair into the neat, low buns Tuesday and took to their hometown court. Yarn in the school's colors — green and white — wound tightly around each bun, cocooning it, and a spray of the colorful pieces dangled from the top.

The girls donned the hairstyle

as they warmed up to play Phoenix's Greenway High School. But before the game started, an official ordered them to remove the buns because of safety concerns. The girls complied.

The call has been sharply criticized online, with some Navajos saying it was an attack on their heritage. School Principal Tony Cullen said he was livid and "will defy the hell out of that" if another referee attempts to make the same call.

Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye said athletes shouldn't be punished for expressing pride in their culture.

Navajo buns are a key part of tribal members' identity, worn by men and women. Long hair sig-

nifies the root of thought, rain, abundance and rejuvenation of life, said Jamescita Peshlakai, a staff assistant in Begaye's office. When it's tied up typically with spun sheep's wool or buckskin, the thoughts and prayers of Navajo people are contained within the bun, called a tsiyeel in Navajo.

Earlier Tuesday, during the junior-varsity game, Flagstaff High School had a competition to see who in the crowd could wrap hair into a Navajo bun the fastest. A drum group played a traditional song.

The Arizona Interscholastic Association, which governs high school sports, apologized for the referee's call.

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W.F. West's Adam Schwarz (left) attempts a shot against defense from Centralia's Layne Pertzborn during Evergreen 2A Conference boys basketball action Thursday night in Chehalis.

Rivals

Continued from Sports 1

saw forward Layne Pertzborn under the hoop and made a pass, which went through Pertzborn's hands and bounced across the key to Wasson.

"It bounced our way on that one. It was kind of a fumble, fumbled, kicked, and a lost ball, and he comes up with it," Brown said.

Centralia guard Deter Voetberg declined to classify the play as lucky.

"I mean, it was a good decision to drive, so (Thomas) did a good job there," Voetberg said. "But the ball definitely did bounce the right way."

Wasson laughed off an explanation.

"Basically it just fell into my lap," Wasson said. "It's a little bit of destiny right there, I guess, but it felt good. I got a big smile when it landed right in my hands."

The layup gave Centralia a 47-45 lead with 7.3 seconds left, and provided just enough of a cushion for the win.

Voetberg scored 14 points and Christian Peters added 13 for the Tigers, who didn't sub until the final minute of action.

"It's not an easy challenge when we say to them that they're going to go the whole way — don't foul, don't get hurt, and stay cool," Brown said of his starters. "So it's kind of tough, and it's a credit to our two subs (Thomas and Isaiah Trevino). They had to be ready, and they went in and knew what they were doing."

THE BEARCATS stretched out the biggest lead of the game in the third quarter, blanking the Tigers for the first seven minutes to go on a 10-0 run and pull ahead 31-24.

Centralia, though, got back-to-back 3s from Voetberg and Wasson to cut that lead to 1 heading into the final quarter.

After four lead changes in the fourth quarter's first four minutes, Adam Schwarz converted a 3-point play to put the Bearcats up 4 and mark the final stanza's only two-possession separation. Peters, though, answered with a falling-back 3 on the other end, and Pertzborn added a pair of free throws that gave Centralia the lead.

After a missed Bearcat 3, Voetberg scored on a backdoor



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W.F. West's Nole Wollan intercepts a pass headed for Centralia's Deter Voetberg late in the fourth quarter Thursday night in Chehalis.

cut and pass from Peters, putting the Tigers up 3 just before things started to get interesting.

Schwarz drove from the corner and drew Cale Shute's fifth foul, forcing the Tigers' first substitution with a minute left. Schwarz hit 1 of 2, and Nole Wollan stole an inbounds pass and drew a foul 10 seconds later for his own trip to the foul line.

Wollan hit both free throws, and the foul was Voetberg's fifth, requiring another sub by the Tigers with 34 seconds to go and the game tied.

Centralia worked the clock on its next possession before the ball wound up in Wasson's hands. After the bucket, Wollan made a strong drive to the basket and drew contact but not a foul, only to see his lay-up rim out. Brandon White grabbed the board, drew a foul putting the ball back up and headed to the foul line with five-tenths of a second left.

"I loved the attack Wollan had on the rim. That's a great look he gave us right there," Bearcat coach Chris White said. "Brandon White crashed the boards, and didn't make the free throws like we were hoping, but that's the way it goes sometimes."

Schwarz led W.F. West with 13 points. The Bearcats lost 71-43 in Centralia back on Jan. 15.

"The main thing that's glaring to me is just the effort is up," White, in his first year as the Bearcats' head coach, said. "People are caring. They're playing really hard, and that's really

positive. That's just what I want to see from my guys."

WOLLAN SCORED 10 for W.F. West, while Garrett Yarter knocked down a trio of 3-pointers for 9 points. Nolan Hawkins added a game-high six rebounds.

All in all, though, the Bearcats went 7 of 30 from behind the 3-point line, and 7 of 14 from inside it.

"We just took way too many 3-pointers," White said, referencing the stats. "It tells me we should have attacked more. Shots like Wollan had at the end, more of that would have been helpful."

W.F. West finishes the regular season with a 4-16 record, and an 0-6 mark in EvCo play. The Bearcats, though, still have postseason play ahead of them, with a play-in game against Aberdeen — a 2A school playing a technically independent schedule — in Chehalis on Tuesday night. The winner of that game will host the fifth-place team out of the Greater St. Helens 2A Conference on Feb. 11 in a District 4 pigtail game for the No. 4 EvCo seed into the tournament.

"I'm really proud of how hard they're working, and I'm very blessed that we have a new season on Tuesday," White said. "We're seeing the light, we're seeing the positives, and the potential to do something here."

CENTRALIA'S PREVIOUS win over W.F. West was helped along by guard Hodges Bailey, who

scored 36 points in three quarters of action. Bailey has since been ruled out for the remainder of the season with a fracture in his right foot.

"He's definitely missed out there, for sure, offensively and defensively," Voetberg said. "We just need to figure out better ways of getting shots."

The Tigers' offense hit a few lulls on Thursday, most notably in the third-quarter drought.

"I knew going in it was going to be hard," Brown said. "We've lost so much manpower, and we don't score with ease. Everything has to be really gutted out."

Centralia shot 18 of 41 from the field (44 percent), but just 4 of 13 from long range. The Tigers were also outrebounded, 21-13.

Still, Brown said, the win will be a boost heading into the postseason.

"Every win's a boost," Brown said. "A loss going in would have been more of a disaster, but the practices will be better because of it."

Centralia (9-11, 3-3 league) finishes the regular season tied with Black Hills for second in the four-team EvCo standings, but will take the No. 3 seed to districts as the Wolves had the edge in the point-differential tiebreaker. Centralia will hit the road on Friday to face the runner-up in the GSHL, which should be either Woodland or R.A. Long.

2A Boys Basketball

Wolves Lose, Still Seal Second

By The Olympian

TUMWATER — Black Hills coach Jeff Gallagher said he's never been that happy after a loss.

Because the Wolves (9-11, 3-3 2A EvCo) lost by less than seven points in the regular-season closer, they swipe the No. 2 seed out of the league away from Centralia. The point-differential beats a tiebreaker, as Black Hills split with Centralia this season.

What it means is a home game against the 2A GSHL No. 3 seed on Feb. 13 in the first round of the 2A Southwest District 4 tournament.

"We didn't say anything to the kids until we were down 12 with just under two minutes left," Gallagher said. "We said, 'Hey guys we don't want this to be our last performance at home. We get it down to seven, we get a home game.'"

TJ Mickelson hit a fadeaway jumper at the final buzzer to cut Tumwater's eight-point lead to six.

Joe Crumley had a team-high 14 points for Black Hills. Tumwater's Weston Vandenhazel scored a game-high 18, and Spencer Dowers recorded a double-double with 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Tumwater (13-6, 6-0) takes the No. 1 seed into the district tournament, and finishes 6-0 in the 2A EvCo for the second straight season.

2A/1A Boys Basketball

Cruisers Down Rochester to End Warriors' Season

By The Chronicle

ROCHESTER — The Warriors led at the break, but lost steam and the ballgame, 68-51, to Eatonville here in Evergreen 2A/1A League boys basketball action on Friday in Rochester's season finale.

The Warriors, behind a team-high 14 points from Josh Kennedy, ran up the score in the first half, scoring 22 points in the first quarter before adding 12 in the second to hold a 34-32 lead at halftime.

"We just had a really clean and crisp first half," Rochester coach Mark Goldrick said. "We just kind of ran out of gas in the second half and they got hot. Our seniors played really well."

While Rochester cooled down, the Cruisers heated up, outscoring the Warriors 36-17 in the second half. Eatonville was led by a game-high 25 points from Ray Springer.

Rochester ended the season with a 3-17 overall record (3-11 league). The Warriors will say goodbye to six seniors: Cayson Yakovich, Andrew Fillmore, Brock Hawes, Brandon Rogers, Ron Valley and Tiki Hickle.

"It was just a neat group of kids to have," Goldrick said. "Everybody played all the way through, they played hard and had a good time. The seniors contributed a lot, but I'm excited for the kids of next year."

Women's College Basketball

Weisner Leads No. 9 Oregon State Over No. 24 Washington 61-53

SEATTLE (AP) — Scott Rueck and Oregon State jumped and screamed six years ago on the Washington court like they had just won a title. In reality, it was just Rueck's first conference win, deep into an abysmal initial season at the helm of the Beavers.

How things have changed. There was little celebration Friday night after No. 9 Oregon State captured a 61-53 win at No. 24 Washington. Expectations have skyrocketed and wins are

no longer a novelty for the Pac 12 Conference-leading Beavers.

"Just look at the culture of our program and how it has evolved," Rueck said. "It's a story that, honestly I feel like, it's better than it gets credit for even. I'm just looking at what they've done. The fact that they've put this program on the map when it was anything but on the map. It was on the backside of the map at the time."

Just as the transformation has been spearheaded by Jamie

Weisner, so was Friday's win. The senior led Oregon State (19-3, 10-1 Pac 12) with 21 points, and added five rebounds. No basket was bigger than her fourth-quarter layup.

Trying to hold off the Huskies (16-6, 7-4) and hanging on to a 10-point lead with six minutes left, Weisner stripped the ball from Talia Walton and drove the length of the floor for a quick bucket. The Huskies didn't get within 10 until after the Bea-

vers had clinched the game.

"I think we were kind of in a little drought right there and kind of took my chances on it," Weisner said. "Doubled her and I knew (Kelsey) Plum wasn't going to foul me going down the court, so I just went up strong and finished it."

Washington fell behind in large part thanks to a horrendous second-quarter performance from the field. The Huskies shot 2 of 15, managing one 3-pointer and two free throws.

The conference's leading scorer, Plum, recovered from a tough first half. The Washington guard finished with 30 points on 10-of-22 shooting. Plum was 3 of 11 at halftime.

Even with Plum's efforts, Washington wasn't able to overcome a 14-point halftime deficit and suffered its third home defeat of the season — all against ranked opponents.

Sydney Weise added 12 points for Oregon State.

2A/1A Girls Basketball

Rochester Heats Up in Second Half Against Eatonville

By The Chronicle

ROCHESTER — The Warriors got their offense humming in the second half and posted a 43-38 Evergreen 2A/1A League victory over Eatonville here on Friday. Rochester concluded their season by honoring seniors Joni Lancaster, Madison Justice, Ariel Saxon and Courtney Baird.

“When our defense gets going our offense seems to click more,” Rochester coach AJ Easley said.

Rochester trailed 14-13 at the half, but outscored the Cruisers 18-7 in the third quarter. Lancaster notched 15 of her 28 points in the third quarter, capitalizing on several steals.

“Our kids did a good job running stuff to get good looks and we got decent looks in the first half but they just didn’t fall,” Easley said. “But we got them in foul trouble.”

With Eatonville having to back off on defense, Rochester ramped up the intensity. Along with Lancaster’s 28 points, Alex Seymour added 8 points and Madison Justice added seven rebounds.

“I think Ariel and Madison played phenomenal in this game,” Easley said. “Ariel caused 13 jump balls tonight at least and Madison was getting beat up down low but still hauled in seven rebounds.”

Rochester (6-14, 6-8 league) finished the season out of the playoffs, and will join the Evergreen 2A Conference next year.

“I told the girls the only reason the wins and losses were disappointing this year was because they had set the bar so high over the past 3-4 years,” Easley said. “We’ve been pretty blessed with those kids and our program is indebted to them.”

Women’s College Basketball

Alleyne Ties Oregon Record in 73-48 Win Over WSU Women

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Jillian Alleyne had 25 points on 10-of-13 shooting and 14 rebounds to tie the school record with her 88th career double-double and Oregon used a dominating start to defeat Washington State 73-48 on Friday night.

Alleyne, the Pac-12 career leader in double-doubles, tied Bev Smith’s record set before the NCAA sponsored women’s basketball.

Alleyne made all seven of her shots and Jordan Loera made all three of her 3-point attempts in the first half as Oregon made 15 of 21 shots and raced to a 39-14 lead at the break. The Cougars missed all nine of their 3-point attempts and shot just 25 percent with 12 turnovers.

Oregon (16-6, 5-6) made 12 of 20 behind the arc and shot 59.5 percent overall.

Borislava Hristova led the Cougars (12-10, 3-8), who have lost five straight, with 19 points. WSU went 3 for 22 on 3-pointers and shot 31 percent.

Sports Briefs

Chehalis Girls Fastpitch Registering Players

By The Chronicle

The Chehalis Girls Fastpitch Association will hold a registration session for players for the 2016 season on Tuesday, Feb. 16, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the V.R. Lee Community Building at Recreation Park.

Registration forms can also be mailed to the Chehalis Girls Fastpitch Association, at P.O. Box 84, Chehalis, WA, 98532. Forms are due by March 7.

Registration is \$50 for players in 12U to 18U, and \$40 per player for t-ball, 8U and 10U. Checks can be made out to Chehalis Girls Fastpitch Association.

Registration forms are available online at ci.chehalis.wa.us/parksandrecreation. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/chehalisgirlsfastpitch, or contact Josh Whaley (360) 219-3724.



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W.F. West’s Erika Brumfield (left) and Centralia’s Ellie Corwin (center) and Hannah Porter (right) fight for a rebound on Friday night in Centralia.

Bearcats

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win. We’re not the team that had been losing, for whatever reason — our shots haven’t been going in, and shots cover up a multitude of sins.”

The shots were falling at a 52 percent clip on Friday, with Shasta Lofgren’s 21 points leading the way for a rejuvenated W.F. West.

“I think it’s a huge boost for us,” Strasser said. “I feel like we had more confidence in ourselves, and as a team.”

Strasser added 19 with 10 rebounds, and the Bearcats will now play at home to open the postseason.

“We needed this,” Bearcat guard Kiara Steen said. “Our confidence was down, so it’s a good confidence booster, for sure.”

The confidence started creeping up late in the first quarter, which the Bearcats ended on an 8-0 run.

Madi Crews opened the second with a pair of 3-pointers for Centralia, but W.F. West answered with a 15-3 run to head to halftime with a 29-17 lead.

Things only went from bad to worse for the Tigers. Strasser went to work inside to score 12 points during a 14-2 Bearcat run to open the third quarter, while Centralia went without a field goal for the first six minutes of the second half.



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W.F. West’s Julia Johnson shoots over Centralia’s Madi Crews on Friday night in Centralia.

“I think she’s one of the most improved players in our league,” Kelly said of Strasser, a 6-foot-2 junior center. “She’s boarding well, and scoring inside for us, and her and (Erika) Brumfield really rebounded for us.”

The Cats closed it out with a 25-point fourth quarter, and

— spearheaded by perimeter defense from Julia Johnson and Steen — held Centralia to 24 percent shooting for the game.

“We struggled, and I give credit to Chehalis. Defensively, they just were taking us out of our game,” Centralia coach Doug Ashmore said. “We were

trying everything we had, offensively. They beat us in every single aspect of the game.”

The Tigers turned the ball over 17 times, and were out-rebounded 29-23, with Erika Brumfield adding nine boards for W.F. West.

Steen added 10 points for W.F. West, while Crews led Centralia with 10.

W.F. West finishes the regular season with a 13-7 record, and a 3-3 mark in EvCo play. The Bearcats will host the third-place team out of the Greater St. Helens 2A League on Thursday to open the District 4 2A Girls Basketball Tournament.

Centralia, meanwhile, finishes the regular season at 12-8, with a 2-4 mark in league action. The Tigers will play at the runner-up from the GSHL — likely Washougal — on Thursday in the first round of the district tournament.

“I know my girls. We’ve got some great senior leadership,” Ashmore said. “We’ll get back after it and bounce back.”

NOTES: Centralia’s last win over W.F. West came in January of 2010. ... It was senior night for Centralia, and Tiger seniors Crews, Alyx Fast, and Hayden Blaser were honored. Prior to the game Crews received the ball from the Tigers’ game against Black Hills last week, in commemoration of hitting the 1,000-point career scoring mark.

2A Girls Basketball

Black Hills Wraps Up an Undefeated League Season

By Lauren Smith

The Olympian

TUMWATER — Black Hills High School girls basketball completed the trifecta.

It has its first 2A EvCo title since 2009.

Two wins and bragging rights against city rival Tumwater? Yep.

And an undefeated league record (6-0) came with a 59-49 win over the T-Birds in the regular season finale at home Friday night.

“That was our goal at the beginning of the season — to be undefeated and league champs,” Black Hills coach Tanya Greenfield said. “You always set goals at the beginning of the season, and you never know whether you’re going to reach them or

not, so I’m proud of them for reaching that.”

Black Hills never trailed after Maisy Williams banked in a left-handed jumper, and the following free throw, to make it 9-6 with two minutes, 42 seconds to play in the first quarter.

Tumwater would hover within single digits for the majority of the game, but the Wolves carried a six-point lead into the half. Black Hills finished 20 of 57 (35.1 percent) from the floor.

“We didn’t play a very good first half,” Greenfield said. “I think we came out better in the third quarter and then we made adjustments and started getting rebounds. Boards were key for us, and we weren’t doing a good job at that at the beginning.”

The Wolves opened the third quarter with scores on four straight possessions. Emma Duff capped the 21-point quarter with a step-back 3-pointer just before the buzzer to make it 50-43.

Duff scored a team-high 19 points, while Williams added 15.

“I’m really excited to see this team being so young and not really expected to go as far as we’re hoping to and we already have,” Duff said.

Tumwater’s 20-point effort in the third — it shot 8 of 13 from the floor — was overshadowed by a six-point fourth.

The T-Birds made 2 of 16 from the field, including a scoring drought that lasted six minutes. Overall, Tumwater finished 17 of 64 (26.6 percent)

in shooting.

“Today, we played three quarters,” Tumwater coach Alyssa Vogt said. “Off and on we combined for three quarters. We didn’t get the full game together. There were spurts where, possession-wise, we’d have two or three turnovers in a row.”

Mackenzie Bergquist scored a game-high 21 points for Tumwater, and Sierra Snyder put up another 18.

Black Hills (17-3, 6-0 2A EvCo) carries the No. 1 seed into the 2A Southwest District 4 tournament, which begins Feb. 12. Tumwater (6-13, 1-5) will play a pigtail game against the 2A Greater Saint Helens League No. 5 seed on Feb. 10 for a district playoff berth.

Scoreboard

Preps

Local Prep Schedule
SATURDAY, Feb. 6
Men's Basketball
 Highline at Centralia, 7 p.m.
Women's Basketball
 Highline at Centralia, 5 p.m.
Wrestling
 Rochester, Centralia, W.F. West at 2A
 EvCo Sub-Regional Tournament (Boys, at W.F. West), 10 a.m.
 Rochester, Centralia, W.F. West at 2A
 EvCo Sub-Regional Tournament (Girls, at Ilwaco), 10 a.m.
 Tenino at Evergreen League 1A Sub-Regional (Montesano), 10 a.m.
 Adna, Napavine at District 4 2B
 Tournament (Ilwaco), 9 a.m.

MONDAY, Feb. 8
Boys Basketball
Dist. 4 2B Tournament
First Round (7 p.m.)
 Onalaska at Life Christian
 Ilwaco at Napavine
 Adna at North Beach
 South Bend at Toledo
 Pe Ell at Ocosta
 Rainier at Mossyrock
 Toutle Lake at Chief Leschi
 Raymond at Morton-WP

TUESDAY, Feb. 9
Boys Basketball
Dist. 4 2A Play-In
 Aberdeen at W.F. West, 7 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Dist. 4 2B Tournament (7 p.m.)
 Winlock at Ilwaco
 Toledo at Raymond
 Onalaska at Life Christian
 Morton-WP at Tacoma Baptist
 Rainier at Adna
 Ocosta at Wahkiakum
 North Beach at Toutle Lake
 Chief Leschi at Napavine

Local Results
Thursday's Results
Boys Basketball
At Chehalis
TIGERS 47, BEARCATS 46
 Centralia 10 14 6 17 —47
 W.F. West 8 13 10 15 —46
Centralia (47) — Trevino, Voetberg
 14, Thomas, Wasson 16, Peters 13, Shute,
 Pertzborn 4
 FG: 18 of 41 —.439 FT: 7 of 9 —.777
 Reb: 13 (Wasson 4)
W.F. West (46) — N. Hawkins,
 Yarter 9, Schwarz 13, Wollan 10, D.
 Hawkins 8, White 6, Boman
 FG: 14 of 44 —.318 FT: 11 of 13 —.846
 Reb: 21 (N. Hawkins 6)

Girls Basketball
At Winlock
TIGERS 57, CARDINALS 19
 Napavine 10 18 16 13 —57
 Winlock 6 9 0 4 —19
 Napavine (57) — White 5, Hamre 10,
 Olson 14, Bornstein 4, Thompson 2, Lee
 22
 FG: 21 of 62 —.339 FT: 8 of 14 —.571
 Reb: N/A
Winlock (19) — Velasco 2, Albritton
 2, Whitehead 4, Howsden 2, Ramirez 1,
 Hammond 6, Squibb 2
 FG: 7 of 48 —.146 FT: 4 of 6 —.666
 Reb: N/A

At Toledo
PIRATES 53, INDIANS 30
 Adna 20 10 13 10 —53
 Toledo 3 8 2 17 —30
Adna (53) — Glover 6, Sandrini 2,
 Lorton 16, Dotson 11, Poppe 1, Rolfe 6,
 Kleemeyer 11
 FG: N/A FT: 10 of 17 —.589 Reb: N/A
Toledo (30) — Bacon 1, Moore 6, A.
 Tauscher 9, Ewers 3, H. Tauscher 3, Arroyo
 1, Cline 3, Bowen 4
 FG: N/A FT: 12 of 27 —.444 Reb: N/A

At Mossyrock
LOGGERS 42, VIKINGS 38
 Onalaska 7 15 7 13 —42
 Mossyrock 9 6 9 14 —38
Onalaska (42) — Duryea 22, Dalsted
 2, Kinsman 2, Hoyt 8, Masciola 8
 FG: 13 of 56 —.232 FT: 9 of 22 —.409
 Reb: 29 (Masciola 9)
Mossyrock (38) — Nichols 3, Moorcroft
 9, Schultz 7, Hadaller 2, Grose 10,
 Nelson 3, Carlson 3, Kinsman 1
 FG: 13 of 30 —.433 FT: 4 of 10 —.400
 Reb: 22 (Moorcroft 6)

At Morton
TIMBERWOLVES 50, TROJANS 34
 Pe Ell 8 8 9 9 —34
 Morton-WP 10 12 9 19 —50
Pe Ell (34) — Skeen 1, Smith 11,
 Compton 15, Brooks 6, Hill 1
 FG: 11 of 39 —.282 FT: 10 of 22 —.445
 Reb: 27 (Brooks 10)
Morton-WP (50) — Kolb 4, Nilius 2,
 Wright 1, Hazen 7, Hampton 1, Robbins 1,
 Smathers 5, Dotson 2, King 4, Goble 23
 FG: 18 of 56 —.322 FT: 14 of 30 —.467
 Reb: 27 (Robbins 8, Niles 6)

Friday's Results
Girls Basketball
At Centralia
BEARCATS 68, TIGERS 39
 W.F. West 14 15 14 25 —68
 Centralia 8 9 6 16 —39
W.F. West (68) — Johnson 6, Lofgren
 21, Hanson 5, Brumfield 2, Steen
 10, Wahl 3, Noble 2, Strasser 19
 FG: 23 of 43 —.535 FT: 14 of 18 —.778
 Reb: 29 (Strasser 10, Brumfield 9)
Centralia (39) — A. Fast, Crews 10,
 Wilkerson 2, Blaser 4, Porter 2, Corwin
 6, Alviar 5, M. Fast 9, Jensen 1
 FG: 11 of 46 —.239 FT: 12 of 22 —.545
 Reb: 23 (Corwin 7)

At Rochester
WARRIORS 43, CRUISEES 38
 Eatonville 3 11 7 17 —38
 Rochester 8 5 18 12 —43
Eatonville (38) — Schoepf 13,
 Swartout 6, Wood 5, Vandenboom 4, M.
 Jumper 3, Litzberger 1, K Jumper 8
 FG: N/A FT: 18 of 30 —.600 Reb: N/A
Rochester (43) — Seymour 8, Baird
 2, Saxon 3, Lancaster 28, Elkins 2
 FG: 12 of 46 —.261 FT: 19 of 30 —.633
 Reb: 20 (Justice 7)

Boys Basketball
At Rochester
CRUISEES 68, WARRIORS 51
 Eatonville 18 14 17 19 —68
 Rochester 22 12 11 6 —51
Eatonville (68) — Springer 25,
 Moeller 13, Hutchings 10, Brandt 7,
 York 6, Schoepf 5, Wolfe 2
 FG: N/A FT: 6 of 9 —.667 Reb: N/A
Rochester (51) — Kennedy 14, Yakovich
 6, Hawes 6, R. Valley 6, Erickson
 5, Fillmore 5, V. Valley 4, Escott 3
 FG: 19 of 44 —.432 FT: 4 of 6 —.667
 Reb: 19 (Kennedy 7)

At Adna
PIRATES 75, INDIANS 65
 Toledo 15 8 15 27 —65
 Adna 18 19 14 24 —75
Toledo (65) — Arceo-Hansen 3,
 Pohl 11, R. Wallace 16, Arroyo 5, J.
 Wallace 14, Robles 2, Vermilyea 11,
 Fuentes 3
 FG: 20 of 52 —. FT: 12 of 13 —. Reb:
 N/A
Adna (75) — Olson 2, Young 9, Latimer
 4, Trotter 16, Apperson 12, Rigdon
 15, Moon 4, Ashley 3, Ingle 10
 FG: 26 of 50 —.520 FT: 19 of 29 Reb:
 N/A

At Napavine
TIGERS 78, CARDINALS 48
 Winlock 3 15 17 13 —48
 Napavine 21 23 25 9 —78
Winlock (48) — Dean 15, Garibay 4,
 Patching 14, Hall 2, Gonzalez 13
 FG: 15 of 47 —.319 FT: 9 of 16 —.563
 Reb: 29 (Dean 6)
Napavine (78) — Subitch 5, Cole Van
 Wyck 10, D. Stanley 1, W. Stanley 15, P.
 Stanley 8, Purvis 7, Filley 13, Chase Van
 Wyck 12, Kinswa 7
 FG: 30 of 59 —.508 FT: 15 of 25 —.600
 Reb: 36 (W. Stanley 14)

At Pe Ell
TIMBERWOLVES 71, TROJANS 43
 Morton-WP 15 21 17 14 —71
 Pe Ell 9 13 10 11 —43
Morton-White Pass (71) — K. Poquette
 29, Elledge 2, Hart 10, M. Poquette
 16, Erskine 2, LaClef 10, Elkins 2
 FG: 25 of 43 —.581 FT: 16 of 29
 —.552 Reb: N/A
Pe Ell (43) — Arrington 4, Jurek 5,
 Smith 3, Hanson 6, Schulz 2, Shepherd
 8, Lusk 7, Toepelt 8
 FG: 16 of 40 —.400 FT: 10 of 18
 —.556 Reb: N/A

At Onalaska
VIKINGS 51, LOGGERS 31
 Mossyrock 15 13 12 11 —51
 Onalaska 4 8 4 15 —31
Mossyrock (51) — Nelson 12, Miles
 6, Kirkley 13, Munoz 2, Johnson 2,
 Coleman 6, Clewenger 2, Allen 5, Stan-
 ley 3
 FG: 17 of 42 —.405 FT: 12 of 16
 —.750 Reb: 21 (Kirkley 7)
Onalaska (31) — Modica 15, Swett 3,
 Whitney 6, Wells 2, Huffman 2, Beck 3
 FG: 12 of 29 —.414 FT: 5 of 7 —.714
 Reb: 15 (Whitney, Swett 5)

Statewide Results
Friday's Scores
BOYS BASKETBALL
 Aberdeen 66, Tenino 38
 Adna 75, Toledo 65
 Arlington 70, Everett 49
 Asotin 90, Prescott 45
 Auburn MV 60, Enumclaw 52
 Auburn Riverside 62, Auburn 61
 Bellevue 58, Mercer Island 47
 Bellevue Chr. 41, Charles Wright 25
 Bickleton 50, Lyle-Wishram 34
 Blanchet 67, Bainbridge 52
 Brewster 82, Oroville 46
 Cascade (Everett) 63, Mariner 53
 Cascade Christian 47, Vashon Island 41
 Cashmere 60, Chelan 53
 Cedarcrest 65, Cedar Park Chr. (B) 61
 Chiawana 85, Kennewick 71
 Cleveland 67, Nathan Hale 40
 Colton 72, Oakesdale 61
 Colville 54, Riverside 48
 DeSales 46, Tri-Cities Prep 41
 Eastmont 67, West Valley (Yakima) 53
 Eatonville 68, Rochester 51
 Edmonds-Woodway 73, Shorecrest 60
 Entiat 63, Thorp - Easton HS 19
 Ephrata 67, East Valley (Yakima) 65
 Forks 69, Montesano 63
 Franklin 67, West Seattle 59
 Freeman 65, Chewelah 50
 Garfield 78, Ballard 43
 Glacier Peak 48, Lynnwood 39
 Granger 64, Goldendale 35
 Granite Falls 62, South Whidbey 44
 Hoquiam 61, Elma 45
 Hudson's Bay 70, Hockinson 68
 Ilwaco 58, Raymond 42
 Issaquah 51, Skyline 38
 Issaquah 75, Jackson 69
 King's 93, Lakewood 52
 King's Way Chr. 53, Ridgefield 33
 Kittitas 92, White Swan 45
 LaConner 53, Friday Harbor 44
 Lake Washington 74, Juanita 60
 Lincoln 77, Mount Tahoma 53
 Lynden Christian 72, Mount Baker 49
 Mark Morris 59, Washougal 49
 Marysville-Pilchuck 71, Oak Harbor 49
 Meadowdale 49, Mountlake Terrace 40
 Morton/White Pass 71, Pe Ell 43
 Moses Lake 68, Sunnyside 61
 Mossyrock 51, Onalaska 31
 Mount Vernon 69, Monroe 58
 Napavine 78, Winlock 48
 Neah Bay 82, Clallam Bay 49
 Newport 60, Deer Park 41
 Newport 76, Mount Si 71
 North Beach 66, Willapa Valley 43
 O'Dea 71, Lakeside (Seattle) 66
 Ocosta 62, South Bend 48
 Orcas Island 75, Darrington 29
 Overlake School 58, Bear Creek 51
 Peninsula 67, Lakes 51
 Pomeroy 80, St. John-Endicott/Lacrosse 31
 Prosser 72, Othello 53
 Redmond 51, Eastlake 37
 Richland 100, Hanford 54
 River Ridge 90, Orting 30
 Riverside Chr. 58, Wilson Creek 40
 Seattle Lutheran 65, Evergreen Luth. 61
 Seattle Prep 70, Rainier Beach 63
 Selah 83, Grandview 61
 Shorewood Chr. 62, Mt. Rainier Luth. 22
 Soap Lake 47, Waterville/Mansfield 46
 Steilacoom 52, Clover Park 47
 Sumner 56, Bonney Lake 44
 Sunnyside Chr. 78, Klickitat/Glenwood 22
 Tappenhuis 59, Quincy 36
 Toutle Lake 68, Wahkiakum 43
 Tumwater 46, Black Hills 40
 University Prep 47, Seattle Academy 39
 Walla Walla 54, Kamiakin 45
 Wapato 68, Ellensburg 62
 Warden 64, Mabton 49
 Washington 73, Franklin Pierce 37
 White River 70, Fife 59
 Woodinville 75, Inglemoor 43
 Woodland 50, R.A. Long 45
 Zillah 79, La Salle 50

IB District 1
First Round
 Lummi 51, Cedar Park Chr. (MLT) 32
 Orcas Chr. 52, Mount Vernon Chr. 28
 Tulalip Heritage 76, Shoreline Chr. 55

GIRLS BASKETBALL
 Anacortes 49, Schome 19
 Arlington 72, Everett 30
 Asotin 60, Prescott 13
 Auburn MV 51, Enumclaw 38
 Auburn Riverside 51, Auburn 25
 Bellevue Chr. 42, Charles Wright 40
 Black Hills 59, Tumwater 49
 Blanchet 73, Bainbridge 39
 Bonney Lake 36, Sumner 33
 Brewster 61, Oroville 33
 Cashmere 50, Chelan 38
 Cedarcrest 50, Cedar Park Chr. (B) 30
 Chiawana 68, Kennewick 52
 Colton 68, Oakesdale 21
 Columbia River 50, Kelso 36
 Connell 67, River View 43
 DeSales 38, Tri-Cities Prep 33
 Eastlake 56, Redmond 47

Ellensburg 73, Wapato 38
 Entiat 55, Thorp - Easton High School 9
 Ephrata 61, East Valley (Yakima) 55
 Evergreen Luth. 55, Seattle Lutheran 39
 Franklin Pierce 44, Washington 25
 Freeman 52, Chewelah 33
 Friday Harbor 33, LaConner 30
 Garfield 53, Ballard 29
 Garfield-Palouse 55, LaCrosse/Wash-
 tucna/Kahlotus 32
 Granger 64, Goldendale 35
 Interlake 50, Sammamish 35
 Jackson 56, Kamiak 47
 Juanita 54, Lake Washington 31
 Kalama 68, LaCenter 52
 King's 71, Lakewood 39
 Kiona-Benton 64, Royal 20
 La Salle 71, Zillah 62
 Lakeside (Seattle) 58, Holy Names 48
 Lyle-Wishram 70, Bickleton 30
 Lynnwood 79, Glacier Peak 49
 Mabton 64, Warden 35
 Mariner 52, Cascade (Everett) 34
 Mary Knight 46, North River 6
 Meadowdale 69, Mountlake Terrace 30
 Monroe 57, Mount Vernon 54
 Montesano 74, Forks 26
 Moses Lake 63, Sunnyside 38
 Moses Lake Chr. 53, Pateros 45
 Mt. Rainier Luth. 50, Shorewood Chr. 37
 Naches Valley 59, Cle Elum/Roslyn 34
 Neah Bay 58, Clallam Bay 37
 Newport 54, Mount Si 43
 Newport 42, Deer Park 34
 Nooksack Valley 44, Blaine 32
 Oak Harbor 43, Marysville-Pilchuck 42
 Orcas Island 59, Darrington 37
 Peninsula 45, Lakes 38
 Prairie 69, Fort Vancouver 24
 Prosser 46, Othello 41
 Rainier Beach 53, Seattle Prep 46
 Richland 66, Hanford 45
 River Ridge 59, Orting 36
 Rochester 43, Eatonville 38
 Seattle Academy 35, University Prep 29
 Selah 55, Grandview 46
 Skyline 59, Issaquah 55
 Snohomish 50, Lake Stevens 48
 South Whidbey 56, Granite Falls 28
 Southridge 48, Pasco 38
 St. John-Endicott/Lacrosse 55, Pomeroy 38
 Stanwood 67, Marysville-Getchell 44
 Steilacoom 56, Clover Park 17
 Stevenson 48, Castle Rock 37
 Sunnyside Chr. 59, Klickitat/Glenwood 22
 Tonasket 65, Bridgeport 18
 Toppenish 57, Quincy 33
 Touchet 63, Liberty Christian 56
 Vashon Island 50, Cascade Christian 40
 W. F. West 68, Centralia 39
 Walla Walla 54, Kamiakin 53
 Waterville/Mansfield 50, Soap Lake 20
 West Seattle 76, Franklin 18
 West Valley (Yakima) 39, Eastmont 30
 White River 49, Fife 39
 White Swan 47, Kittitas 38
 Woodinville 51, Inglemoor 22

IB District 1
Play-In
 Highland Chr. 40, Shoreline Chr. 24
 4A South Puget Sound League
 First Round
 Kentridge 39, Puyallup 26
 Todd Beamer 55, Curtis 31

NFL

Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 7
At Santa Clara, Calif.
 Carolina Panthers vs. Denver Bron-
 cos, 3:30 p.m. (CBS)

NBA

NBA Standings
All Times PST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Toronto | 34 | 16 | .680 | - |
| Boston | 30 | 22 | .577 | - |
| New York | 23 | 30 | .434 | 12½ |
| Brooklyn | 13 | 38 | .255 | 21½ |
| Philadelphia | 7 | 43 | .140 | 27 |

Southeast Division

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|------------|----|----|------|----|
| Atlanta | 30 | 22 | .577 | - |
| Miami | 29 | 22 | .569 | ½ |
| Charlotte | 24 | 26 | .480 | 5 |
| Washington | 22 | 26 | .458 | 6 |
| Orlando | 21 | 28 | .429 | 7½ |

Central Division

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|-----------|----|----|------|-----|
| Cleveland | 35 | 14 | .714 | - |
| Chicago | 27 | 22 | .551 | 8 |
| Detroit | 27 | 24 | .529 | 9 |
| Indiana | 26 | 24 | .520 | 9½ |
| Milwaukee | 20 | 32 | .385 | 16½ |

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

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|-------------|----|----|------|-----|
| San Antonio | 42 | 8 | .840 | - |
| Memphis | 30 | 20 | .600 | 12 |
| Dallas | 28 | 25 | .528 | 15½ |
| Houston | 27 | 25 | .519 | 16 |
| New Orleans | 18 | 31 | .367 | 23½ |

Northwest Division

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|---------------|----|----|------|----|
| Oklahoma City | 38 | 13 | .745 | - |
| Utah | 24 | 25 | .490 | 13 |
| Portland | 24 | 27 | .471 | 14 |
| Denver | 20 | 31 | .392 | 18 |
| Minnesota | 15 | 36 | .294 | 23 |

Pacific Division

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|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Golden State | 45 | 4 | .918 | - |
| L.A. Clippers | 33 | 17 | .660 | 12½ |
| Sacramento | 21 | 29 | .420 | 24½ |
| Phoenix | 14 | 37 | .275 | 32 |
| L.A. Lakers | 11 | 41 | .212 | 35½ |

Thursday's Games
 Detroit 111, New York 105
 Houston 111, Phoenix 105
 L.A. Lakers 99, New Orleans 96
 Toronto 110, Portland 103

Friday's Games
 L.A. Clippers 107, Orlando 93
 Washington 106, Philadelphia 94
 Miami 98, Charlotte 95
 Atlanta 102, Indiana 96
 Brooklyn 128, Sacramento 119
 Memphis 91, New York 85
 Denver 115, Chicago 110
 Utah 84, Milwaukee 81
 San Antonio 116, Dallas 90

Saturday's Games
 Portland at Houston, 2 p.m.
 Detroit at Indiana, 4 p.m.
 Washington at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
 New Orleans at Cleveland, 4:30 p.m.
 Brooklyn at Philadelphia, 4:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
 Dallas at Memphis, 5 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Golden State, 6 p.m.
 Utah at Phoenix, 6 p.m.

Sunday's Games
 Sacramento at Boston, 10 a.m.
 Atlanta at Orlando, 10 a.m.
 Denver at New York, 10 a.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Miami, 11 a.m.

NHL

NHL Standings
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

| | W | L | OT | Pts |
|-----------|----|----|----|-----|
| Florida | 31 | 15 | 5 | 67 |
| Tampa Bay | 29 | 18 | 4 | 62 |
| Boston | 27 | 18 | 6 | 60 |
| Detroit | 25 | 18 | 8 | 58 |
| Montreal | 24 | 24 | 4 | 52 |
| Ottawa | 23 | 23 | 6 | 52 |
| Toronto | 19 | 22 | 9 | 47 |
| Buffalo | 21 | 26 | 5 | 47 |

Metropolitan Division

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|----------------|----|----|---|----|
| Washington | 36 | 9 | 4 | 76 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 28 | 18 | 5 | 61 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 26 | 17 | 6 | 58 |
| New Jersey | 26 | 20 | 6 | 58 |
| Pittsburgh | 25 | 18 | 7 | 57 |
| Carolina | 24 | 21 | 8 | 56 |
| Philadelphia | 23 | 18 | 8 | 54 |
| Columbus | 21 | 28 | 5 | 47 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

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|-----------|----|----|---|----|
| Chicago | 35 | 16 | 4 | 74 |
| Dallas | 33 | 14 | 5 | 71 |
| St. Louis | 29 | 17 | 8 | 66 |
| Colorado | 27 | 23 | 4 | 58 |
| Nashville | 24 | 20 | 8 | 56 |
| Minnesota | 23 | 19 | 9 | 55 |
| Winnipeg | 22 | 26 | 3 | 47 |

Pacific Division

| | | | | |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|
| Los Angeles | 31 | 17 | 3 | 65 |
| San Jose | 27 | 19 | 4 | 58 |
| Anaheim | 25 | 18 | 7 | 57 |
| Arizona | 24 | 22 | 6 | 54 |
| Vancouver | 20 | 19 | 12 | 52 |
| Calgary | 22 | 25 | 3 | 47 |
| Edmonton | 21 | 26 | 5 | 47 |

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Saturday's Games
 Washington at New Jersey, 10 a.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 10 a.m.
 Edmonton at Montreal, 11 a.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at Detroit, 11 a.m.
 Buffalo at Boston, 4 p.m.
 Toronto at Ottawa, 4 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Florida, 4 p.m.
 Minnesota at St. Louis, 5 p.m.
 San Jose at Nashville, 5 p.m.
 Chicago at Dallas, 5 p.m.
 Winnipeg at Colorado, 7 p.m.
 Calgary at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

Sunday's Games
 Philadelphia at Washington, 9 a.m.
 Carolina at Montreal, 11:30 a.m.
 Edmonton at N.Y. Islanders, 11:30 a.m.

Sports on the Air

SATURDAY, Feb. 6
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
9 a.m.

CBSSN — George Washington at VCU
 ESPN — Kansas at TCU
 ESPN2 — Cincinnati at Memphis
 ESPN — Temple at UCF
 FS1 — Marquette at Xavier

Signing Day for Centralia's Pocklington



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Payton Pocklington, flanked by her dad, Bruce, and mom, Kerri, signs a National Letter of Intent on Friday afternoon in the Centralia High School library. Pocklington, a senior, has committed to play softball for Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Ore., next year. The shortstop was a first-team All-League pick last season, and will join a Mountaineer squad that went 18-27 last season, with a 9-19 record in Cascade Collegiate Conference play.

Thornburg Signs With Mount Hood



Emilee Witham / Courtesy Photo

W.F. West High School senior Terek Thornburg, surrounded by classmates, holds up his signed letter of intent to run cross country for Mount Hood Community College next season. Thornburg signed the letter on Thursday in the W.F. West commons area.

College Basketball



Young Kwak / The Associated Press

Gonzaga's Domantas Sabonis (11) and BYU's Nate Austin go after a rebound during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, Thursday in Spokane, Wash.

Zags Looking For Another Consistent Effort

By Jim Meehan

The Spokesman-Review (MCT)

MALIBU, Calif. – The formula isn't a secret. Repeating it is the trick.

Gonzaga has put together two consecutive complete games – complete as in playing 40 minutes with stifling defense and limited turnovers.

"We're at our best when we're taking care of the ball, direct-

ing shots and playing good half-court defense," coach Mark Few said following a 92-63 blowout win over Loyola Marymount on Thursday. "We've done it the last couple games. In the past, we've done it for 28, 30, 34 minutes."

Gonzaga (18-5, 10-2 WCC) will need a similar effort against fourth-place Pepperdine (14-9, 7-5) in a late-night special Saturday at 9 at Firestone Fieldhouse.

Pepperdine was 9-0 at home before falling to Portland 73-70 on Thursday. The Waves were 0 of 6 at the free-throw line in the final two minutes and 17 of

37 overall. Senior forwards Jett Raines and Stacy Davis combined for 54 points on 20-of-35 shooting. The rest of the Waves generated 16 points on 5-of-32 shooting.

The Waves had won seven of eight before dropping their last two.

Gonzaga has won 30 straight in the series, including a 99-73 home victory on Dec. 21. The Zags made 14 of 17 shots to jump in front 37-9. They finished with a season-high 16 3-pointers.

Wing Lamond Murray Jr. leads the Waves at 15.7 points

per game. Davis is next at 14.6 points and 8.6 rebounds and Raines averages 12.9 points. Jeremy Major contributes 8.9 points and 3.8 assists. He's a 42-percent shooter beyond the arc.

The Zags have 36 assists and 16 turnovers in their last two games. The shooting percentage of GU's last four opponents: 31.1, 36.5, 30.5 and 40.7.

"We're doing a better job of looking at personnel and really making it tough on them," senior forward Kyle Wiltjer said.

NFL

Goodell: NFL Would Consider Return to St. Louis

By Ben Frederickson

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

St. Louis might have soured on the NFL since Rams owner Stan Kroenke, with the help of the league, relocated his team to Los Angeles after 21 seasons here.

But should things change, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell says the league isn't shutting the door on the possibility of St. Louis getting another team at some point.

"We have a tremendous number of fans there, as you know. It's a great community. And if there's something that can be worked out, something that we can develop, a stadium that would allow a team to be successful there, that's something we should consider," Goodell told Post-Dispatch NFL writer Jim Thomas during a Q-and-A with media after his state of the league address Friday in Santa Clara, Calif.

This was the same message Goodell said he delivered to Gov. Jay Nixon a couple of days after NFL owners voted to allow the Rams' return to Los Angeles.

Thomas also asked Goodell how Rams' owner Stan Kroenke's reluctance to meet with the St. Louis stadium task force met the league's relocation guidelines, which ask owners to work with a home market that is trying to keep its team. The task force pitched a riverfront stadium project, partly paid by public dollars, that Kroenke and the league showed little to no interest in.

"Frequently, we (the league) would negotiate on behalf of ownership, a stadium arrangement," Goodell said. "We have a great deal of experience in it. We also have different clubs that take different approaches. Owners don't always get involved with task forces, or with public officials. There was a process in St. Louis which was detailed in their lease, and was required. They (the Rams) went through that in excruciating detail. In fact, in several cases, there were changes to that process. There was an acknowledgement that the current facilities were not suitable longterm for an NFL team. There were also acknowledgments that they didn't get solutions that would allow that to occur."

"So, that's ultimately a judgment that is made by the 32 clubs. Clearly, the 32 clubs made that judgment, that they met the relocation guidelines. And part of that also is the kind of project that you have in the market that you are going to, which obviously was attractive from an ownership standpoint also."

Goodell pointed out that the Raiders and Chargers also met the relocation guidelines, but called it fortunate that those franchises are seeking solutions to stay in their home markets. He said it is "very much a priority" for the league to help the Chargers stay in San Diego and the Raiders stay in Oakland.

"We want to work to try to keep our teams where they are," Goodell said. "I said earlier this year, relocation is a difficult process. That was true in St. Louis, where we have a number of great fans. But it's something that, from a business standpoint, becomes a reality."

Marcio Jose Sanchez / The Associated Press
Carolina Panthers wide receiver Jerricho Cotchery makes a catch during practice in preparation for the Super Bowl 50 football game Thursday in San Jose, Calif.



SUPER BOWL VIEWING GUIDE

WHAT TO WATCH: *Super Bowl 50 Has Plenty Going On And Off The Field*

By Neil Best
Newsday (MCT)

Super Bowl 50 is so big, the NFL broke with decades of tradition and dispensed with using Roman numerals just this once. Well, it also had something to do with "L" being a less-than-positive letter in the world of sports.



The game will be played at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif., home of the San Francisco 49ers for the past two seasons and the game's second visit to the area. The Niners won Super Bowl XIX over the Dolphins at Stanford Stadium in Palo Alto, Calif. — the closest the event has come to having one of the participants play a home game.

Kickoff between the Carolina Panthers and Denver Broncos is set for approximately 6:30 p.m. EST, which has become the standard start time in recent years.

CBS will televise its record 19th Super Bowl, with Jim Nantz on play-by-play for a fourth time and Phil Simms as the game analyst for his eighth time. Tracy Wolfson and Evan Washburn will be the sideline reporters. The game also will stream on CBSsports.com.

ESPN Deportes will carry the Spanish-language telecast for the first time, with an announcing team that includes former Giants kicker Raul Allegre.

Westwood One has the radio broadcast for a 29th consecutive year, with Kevin Harlan, Boomer Esiason and Dan Fouts on the call. For the fifth time, Esiason will juggle his radio duties with pregame, halftime and postgame appearances on CBS.

Coldplay will be the featured halftime show act, with Beyonce also scheduled to appear.

Lady Gaga is to sing the national anthem, the ninth year in a row a woman has been chosen to do the honors.

Pregame Show Honors Golden History

People have been making fun of Super Bowl pregame shows across two millennia now, but networks have settled on a comfortable, predictable format in which they tend to run from 2 to 6 p.m., with content that varies widely in quality.

CBS Sports chairman Sean McManus was candid about the economic strategy behind them: more time equals more money.

"Part of the reason the pregame show is four hours long is that is the amount of valuable advertising our team can sell," he said. "There's a lot of revenue to be generated."

Still, McManus added, "our job is to try to make the show interesting." The theme this year is the 50th Super Bowl, and the history that has led to this point.

Among the planned segments are one on the six living men who have called Super Bowls, a whimsical look at how the world might have been different had Scott Norwood's kick not gone wide right in Super Bowl XXV, a look at the late commissioner Pete Rozelle and Gayle King interviewing Barack Obama — his last Super Sunday sitdown as

president — along with first lady Michelle Obama. The Jets' Brandon Marshall will be a guest analyst on the show.

Host James Brown said the four-hour slot is about right. "From my humble perspective, having hosted the shows," he said, "I think we're at the right balance." Super Bowl I had a 30-minute pregame show, by the way.

Super Bowl 50 Aims For Viewership Record

Seven of the past eight Super Bowls have set new viewership records for an American television show, topped by 114.4 million last year. The one exception was CBS' last game, Super Bowl XLVII, which averaged 108.7 million.

That number is nothing to sneeze at. Still, TV executives do like setting records, and Sunday will be no exception.

"Listen, it's always nice; I'm not going to lie," CBS Sports chairman Sean McManus said. "I would love to have it be the most-watched of all time. That would be a great goal of ours. If not, life goes on."

CBS still has the highest-rated Super Bowl — 49.1 percent of homes for the 1982 game between the 49ers and Bengals. Last year's game averaged a 47.5 rating, fourth-best ever and a shocking figure for the modern, fractured TV universe.

(Raw viewership has grown in part because of a growing U.S. population. But ratings are based on percentages.)

Viewership for the past five Super Bowls: XLIX (2015), 114.4 million; XLVIII (2014), 112.2 million; XLVI (2011), 111.3 million; XLV (2011), 111.0 million; XLVII (2013), 108.7 million.

Cats And Dogs Reign at Kitten Bowl

Host Beth Stern promised that Kitten Bowl III on Sunday will have all of the "super, super adorable" elements fans have come to expect from the Hallmark Channel show.

But this year's edition also figures to deliver a touch of edginess — just in time for the first Super Bowl in which the kittens will have a rooting interest in the game. (Panthers, get it?)

At halftime of Kitten Bowl, puppies will be introduced, re-

kindling a natural rivalry that predates the Lombardi Trophy.

"So kittens and puppies collide at halftime," Stern said. "And it is probably the cutest thing you will ever see."

Stern said the field itself has been improved, including new toys. "I feel everything has been upgraded," she said. "Each year it gets bigger and better and more colorful."

But the show also has a serious element: raising awareness for pet adoption.

Stern said more than 100 kittens were used this year and all have been adopted, including five that initially were too young and briefly were fostered by Stern and her husband, Howard, the satellite radio personality.

Stern said she is supportive of Animal Planet's Puppy Bowl, which will mark its 12th edition Sunday, and does not view the two as being in competition.

"I think the more the merrier," she said. "It's a win-win for everybody."

Colbert Gets Post-Super Bowl Sweet Spot

CBS went with an episode of "Lassie" for its first post-Super Bowl program back in 1967 — before networks had figured out that post-Super Bowl programming was a thing.

Since then, all manner of material has gotten the nod for one of TV's most coveted time slots. For a while the vogue was premiering new shows. More recently, special episodes of existing shows have been the norm.

CBS aired one of the more famous post-Super Bowl shows in 1992, an episode of "60 Minutes" in which Bill and Hillary Clinton addressed reports of the then-presidential candidate's extramarital affair with Gennifer Flowers.

This year, CBS will try something completely different: a live episode of "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert," the first time a late-night program has followed the big game.

Why? Why not?

CBS By The Numbers

Pylon Cam has been one of the most popular recent innovations in football coverage, giving viewers some swell looks at plays in and around the end zone.

CBS will use them on all eight end zone pylons Sunday, with

each being equipped to show two angles, for a total of 16 potential views of big plays.

Other production-related numbers from CBS: 12 production trucks, 70 game cameras, 256 microphones, 550 total CBS personnel in the San Francisco Bay Area.

All Eyes on Carey

Phil Simms, who will work his eighth Super Bowl as an analyst — second only to John Madden's 11 — has taken his share of social media criticism this season. But it is nothing compared to the beating CBS' officiating expert, Mike Carey, has endured.

"I've seen some of the criticism," CBS Sports chairman Sean McManus said. "Some of it is very hurtful, quite frankly. But Mike is learning his craft, and I think more often than not he has been right."

Carey often has been wrong, though, and his presentation is not as smooth as the man who pioneered the role, Fox's Mike Pereira.

"Mike has perhaps gone out on a limb more than he should in terms of speculating what a call should be," McManus said. "I hope (viewers) would understand that Mike is only giving his

opinion."

Will Beyonce Wear Golden Shoes?

Nothing inspires creative — and/or ridiculous — prop bets quite like the Super Bowl, and this year is no exception. Some offerings from the off-shore betting site Bovada:

- If Steph Curry is shown on TV, what will he be wearing: personalized Carolina Steph Curry jersey (1/1), no jersey (2/1), Cam Newton jersey (3/1), any other Carolina jersey (5/1).

- How many times will the Golden Gate Bridge be shown on broadcast: over/under is 0.5.

- How many times will Archie Manning be shown on broadcast: over/under is 1.5.

- How many times will John Elway be shown during broadcast: over/under is 2.5.

- What color liquid will be poured on winning coach: orange (5/4), blue (3/1), clear (4/1), yellow (4/1), red (6/1), green (10/1), purple (10/1).

- What color will Beyonce's footwear be when she comes on stage during the Super Bowl 50 halftime show: black (3/2), gold, brown (5/2), white (1), silver/grey (19/4), any other color (7/1).

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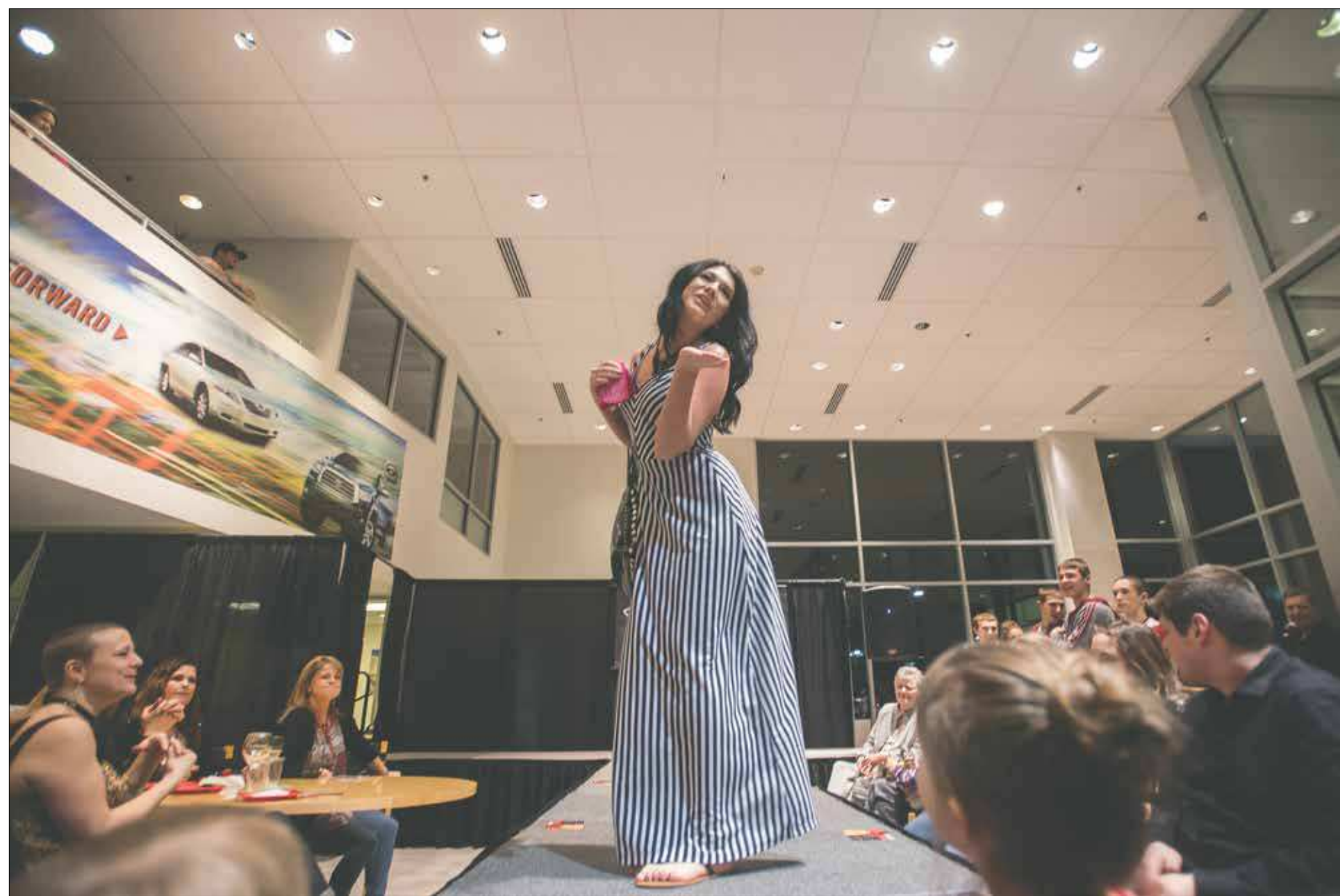
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A model blows a kiss to the crowd during the fashion portion of I-5 Toyota's Valentine's Day Wine Mixer in February 2015.

Showing Some **Love** for Area Youths

I-5 Valentine's Day Mixer Has Raised Thousands For Local Students

I-5 TOYOTA: Wine Mixer, Vehicle Unveiling Provides Unique Opportunity to Give Back

By Justyna Tomtas

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For many, Valentine's Day is an opportunity to show the one you love how much you care. But for one area event, it's about much more than that.

The annual I-5 Valentine's Wine Mixer provides area residents and organizations a fun social event to give back to Lewis County youth.

The event is free to attend, but silent auction items and raffle tickets purchased for a vehicle giveaway go to support local schools.

"It supports a fundraiser that no one else does in our area that benefits our youth," Heidi Pehl, owner of I-5 Toyota, said. "Entirely 100 percent of all the proceeds go to the youth; we're proud of it."

While the wine mixer provides a good opportunity to get together with friends and socialize, there are also two ways it raises money for students in the area.

The silent auction, a part of the event that has grown immensely since its launch, helps fund the I-5 Scholarship Fund. All the proceeds from the locally donated items go toward the fund, which has awarded 77 scholarships so far.

The scholarships have typically gone to Lewis County students, but this year, after opening a new dealership in Olympia, scholarships will also be made available for Thurston County students.

"It's just fun," Pehl said of the silent auction.

A large variety of items are available, from Seahawks packages to fishing trips. All items are on display at the dealership prior to the silent auction, and those interested can start bidding on the items days before the event even starts. The auction winners are finalized during the wine mixer.

The second way the event raises money for area youth is through the vehicle raffle.

The vehicle is donated by I-5 Toyota. Those wanting to know



A model wearing bright pink rain boots walks along the catwalk during the fashion portion of I-5 Toyota's Valentine's Day Wine Mixer at the Chehalis car dealership's showroom in February 2015.



People mingle at I-5 Toyota's Valentine's Day Wine Mixer at the Chehalis dealership's showroom in January 2015.

what vehicle will be up for grabs this year will have to wait until the unveiling at the wine mixer, as it is a surprise every year.

Pehl did say the vehicle will be a Toyota product.

For the past 10 years, the owners of I-5 Toyota have donated a vehicle. Student groups sell raffle tickets at \$10 apiece,

helping to raise money for their given cause.

Over the past several years, the I-5 car raffle has helped local schools raise more than \$350,000.

This year, raffle tickets are being sold by the W.F. West High School wrestling team.

"Local high schools that

choose to participate sell raffle tickets and keep 100 percent of the proceeds," Pehl said. "If they sell 10 raffle tickets, they get \$100 dollars and keep it for whatever they want to use it for."

In the past, the debate team, cheerleading squads and equestrian teams have used the opportunity to help raise funds.



A lifted 2011 Toyota Tundra with a Seattle Seahawks inspired wrap was unveiled as I-5 Toyota's 2015 raffle vehicle. Attendees will have to wait until Thursday to find out what this year's vehicle will be.

ABOUT THE EVENT

The 2016 I-5 Valentine's Wine Mixer and Vehicle Unveiling will be on Thursday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at I-5 Toyota, 1950 NW Louisiana Ave., in Chehalis.

Event Schedule:

- 6-6:30 p.m.:** Hors d'oeuvres, raffle ticket sales, beverages, bidding on silent auction items
- 6:30-6:45 p.m.:** Vehicle unveiling. The vehicle is donated by I-5 Toyota.
- 6:45-7:30 p.m.:** Fashion show sponsored by Debbie's Boutique, Bartels and Baby Gear and Maternity
- 7:30 p.m.:** Silent auction ends
- 7:45-8:30 p.m.:** Winners announced for the silent auction, meet and greet with the fashion show models

Along with raising money for a good cause, attendees at the annual wine mixer will be able to watch a fashion show. This year, that portion of the event has been expanded to include both baby gear and maternity wear.

Although the event is free to attend, Pehl said, people are encouraged to take part in the silent auction, purchase raffle tickets or tip the bartender bringing in money for youth.

"You don't have to buy anything and do anything other than come and have fun, but it's nice to support the kids of our area," Pehl said, adding the event also helps show the dealership's appreciation for customers, families and local residents.



Courtesy Photo

Editor's Best Bet Wind Symphony to Perform 'Music of the Americas'

The Northwest Wind Symphony will be featuring "Music of the Americas" at its winter concert at 7 p.m. Saturday at Centralia College's Corbett Theatre.

From Sousa to the Fiesta, the NWSW will take listeners on a tour of North and South America. Guest artists will be Jameson Bratcher on tuba,

Dan Hurd on trumpet and John Welsh as guest conductor.

Tickets are \$12, which may be purchased at the door, at Book 'n' Brush in Chehalis or Heymann Winery in Centralia. Students are free with a paying adult.

For more information, visit www.northwest-windsymphony.org.

Community Calendar

Today

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

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

Performances will be at 6 p.m. Feb. 6 and 13, and 1 p.m. and 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 at the BCJ Gallery in Morton, (360) 496-0542.

Dancing, Country Four, 7-10 p.m., South Union Grange, 10030 Tilley Road S., Olympia, (360) 352-2135

Lewis County Bluegrass Jam & Stage Show, Adna Grange, 123 Dieckman Road, Adna, jam 3 p.m., \$6 dinner 5 p.m., stage show 6 p.m., featuring Daniels and Baker, \$5 donation at door, (360) 520-7281

Funaddicts, 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m., Scatter Creek Grill, Lucky Eagle Casino, Rochester

Cat show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Southwest Washington Fairgrounds, adults \$4, seniors/students \$3, families \$10, children under 5 free, vendors, concessions, free parking, sponsored by Cat Fanciers' Association

"The Revenant," 7 p.m., Roxy Theater, Morton, rated R, adults \$8, seniors/students \$7, (360) 496-5599

Organizations

Disabled American Veterans, 1 p.m., American Legion building, 111 W. Main St., Centralia, (360) 245-3357 or (360) 262-9360

Support Groups

PFLAG, 1-3 p.m., Centralia United Methodist Church, 506 S. Washington Ave., Centralia, provides families with information to dispel myths and stereotypes about sexual orientation and gender identity, <http://www.pflagcc.org/>

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Sunday, Feb. 7

Bingo, doors open 5 p.m., bingo starts 6:30 p.m., Forest Grange, 3397 Jackson Highway, Chehalis

Dancing, Swing Stuff, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Swede Hall, Rochester, (360) 350-2423

Community meal, 1-3 p.m., Rotary Riverside Park, Centralia, free, sponsored by Jesus Name Pentecostal Church, Chehalis, (360) 623-9438

Big Game Bash, doors open at 2:30 p.m., Lucky Eagle Casino, Rochester, tickets start at \$30, must be 21, 1-800-720-1788

GriefShare, a video seminar focusing on helping people who have lost a loved one, 1-2:30 p.m., Shoestring Valley Community Church, 104 Frase Road, Onalaska, (360) 623-0194, <http://svchurch.com/griefshare/>

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

Monday, Feb. 8

Herbal Beginnings, 1-3 p.m., 4162 Jackson Highway, Chehalis, (360) 262-0525

"The Revenant," 7 p.m., Roxy Theater, Morton, rated R, adults \$7, seniors/students \$6, (360) 496-5599

Public Agencies

Lewis County Commission, 10 a.m., BOCC board room, second floor, Lewis County Courthouse, agenda available at <http://goo.gl/agwWMM>, (360) 740-1120

Chehalis City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall council chamber, 350 N. Market Blvd., Chehalis, agendas available at <http://ci.chehalis.wa.us/meetings>, (360) 345-1042

Centralia Historic Preservation Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 118 W. Maple St., Centralia, (360) 330-7695

Lewis County Board of Health, 9 a.m., BOCC Board Room, second floor, Lewis County Courthouse, agenda available at <http://goo.gl/zKXB3>, 740-1148

Centralia Parks Board, 5 p.m., Fort Borst Park Kitchen 2, (360) 330-7662

Mossyrock Fire Department, fire commissioner, noon, main station, 137 E. Main St., Mossyrock, (360) 983-3456

Grays Harbor Fire District 1, 7 p.m., Oakville Fire Hall, (360) 273-6541

Lewis County Cemetery District 4, 6 p.m., Randle Fire Station annex, (360) 494-4031

Organizations

Chehalis American Legion Post 22, general meeting, 4 p.m., 555 N. Market Blvd., Chehalis, (360) 740-7889

Lewis County Community Network, 3-5 p.m., second floor conference room, Lewis County Public Health & Social Services Building, 360 NW North St., Chehalis, (206) 719-3226

Centralia Bridge Club, noon, Unity Church, 800 S. Pearl St., Centralia, (360) 748-1753, hraj@localaccess.com

Pinochle, 6 p.m., Chehalis Eagles, 1993 S. Market Blvd, Chehalis, (360) 520-0772

Centralia-Chehalis Emblem Club, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge, 1732 S. Gold St., Centralia, (360) 736-5439

Support Groups

Grandparents as Parents, 6-8 p.m., 420 Centralia College Blvd., Centralia, (360) 736-9391, ext. 298 or (877) 813-2828

Lewis County Breast Cancer Support Group, 5:30 p.m., Providence Regional Cancer Clinic, 2015 Cooks Hill Road, (360) 304-8472

Tuesday, Feb. 9

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

Centralia City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 118 W. Maple St., Centralia, (360) 330-7670

Napavine City Council, 6 p.m., Napavine City Hall, 407 Birch St., (360) 262-3547, ext. 213

Lewis County Planning Commission, 6 p.m., Lewis County Courthouse, (360) 740-1284, <http://goo.gl/1a1Zb>

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

Libraries

Preschool Story Time, for children 3-6 years, 10:30 a.m., Centralia

Teen Writing Group, for teens, 5 p.m., Centralia

Chehalis LEGO Crew, for children, 5:30 p.m., Chehalis

Organizations

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2200, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 111½ W.

Main, Centralia, (360) 736-6852

Rainy Daze Quilt Guild, 7 p.m., Student Services Building cafeteria, Centralia College, (360) 262-3877

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

Breastfeeding Coalition of Lewis County, noon-1:30 p.m., second floor, Lewis County Public Health & Social Services, 360 NW North St., Chehalis, (360) 740-1234

Mount St. Helens Patchwork Quilters,

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Brush Prairie Duo Aims to Provide Community with Edible, Useful Plants

Business will offer design/edible landscaping services

By Joanna Michaud
The Reflector

BRUSH PRAIRIE — Several years ago, Jahnvi Hastings and Noah Seely started planting a variety of fruit trees and growing different kinds of food at their one-acre home in the Brush Prairie area.

About three years ago, Seely and Hastings started grafting their own fruit trees and each year since have been able to increase the number of plants in their home nursery. The decision to start grafting the trees and plants stemmed from a desire to save money, as the designs of their landscape require many trees, shrubs, vines and other beneficial plants.

As their abundance of trees and plants continued to grow, Hastings and Seely decided they wanted to help provide the community with edible and useful plants, as well as their design/edible landscaping services. From that, the idea for their business, Abundant Earth Design & Nursery, was born.

"People don't realize you can do so much with a small space," 28-year-old Seely said. "The best way to describe what we want to offer people is edible landscaping. We want to show people they can produce food right where you live."

In addition to providing edible landscaping assistance, Hastings, 25, said they plan to also sell some individual plants from their nursery and also provide plants to customers who want site designs.

Seely and Hastings pointed out that although people's habitats vary greatly — ranging from a few garden beds to a whole farm ecosystem — all of these areas, regardless of how big or small they are, can be designed to provide health and beauty for people, animals and the environment.

To give a rough idea of what the edible landscape design would entail, Seely said they would meet with a potential customer, do a consultation, conduct an assessment and site analysis, and then find out what the customer really wants and what kind of food they like and want to grow.

"We will look at the 'what' and the 'so what,'" Seely said. "Really, the client will do most of the designing by telling us what they want."

Seely and Hastings said they plan to offer some entry-level packages for the edible landscape design, which could include things like the most basic ways to design an edible landscape.

Once fully planted, Seely and Hastings' homestead will have more than 100 productive fruit trees, two dozen fruiting vines, 300 shrubs, about 40 nut trees and 1,500 square feet of vegetable beds. Currently, their land is home to more than 50 fruit trees, vegetable beds and more. They are currently still planting trees, installing shade structures on their buildings, creating an outdoor kitchen and building a passive solar cottage



Photo courtesy of Noah Seely and Jahnvi Hastings

Jahnvi Hastings and Noah Seely grow a variety of fruit, berries, nuts and vegetables on their 1-acre land in the Brush Prairie area. Shown here are amber autumn olive berries, which are not only delicious berries, but also fix nitrogen in the soil, helping the plants around them.

made from their own posts and on-site milled lumber.

The different kinds of fruit that Seely and Hastings grow on their land is anything but the ordinary apples and pears. They have mulberries, persimmons, amber autumn olive berries, pawpaws (the largest edible fruit native to North America) and more.

As the business gets up and running, Seely and Hastings plan to provide clients assistance with the many aspects of ecological design such as site analysis, installation of edible and productive landscapes, improvement or rehabilitation of established systems and long-term maintenance.

In order to be able to start this business, Seely and Hastings are in need of funds in order to help with government licensing and permitting, truck and home office repairs, build their nursery stock and a few other odds and ends associated with getting the business off the ground. They currently have a fundraising campaign set up on IndieGoGo.com.

They have a fundraising goal of \$15,000 and the campaign will be open on the website until Feb. 11. As of Jan. 6, the campaign has raised a little more than \$1,500. Their campaign site can be found here [https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/abundant-earth-design-nursery#/. Or go to \[www.indiegogo.com\]\(http://www.indiegogo.com\) and type Abundant Earth Design & Nursery in the search box.](https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/abundant-earth-design-nursery#/)

Seely and Hastings are asking that anyone who likes what they're trying to do share their campaign website, online and offline.

Seely grew up in the woods of Southwest Washington, attending Prairie High School. He became interested in gardening and self-sufficiency in his early 20s, and decided to take a Permaculture Design Course in 2009. Permaculture is a system of agricultural and social design principles centered around simulating or directly utilizing the patterns and features observed in natural ecosystems.

After taking this course, Seely began converting his land in Brush Prairie into gardens, as well as planting the beginnings of their "food forest."

Hastings grew up in Olympia and during her late teenage years began learning more about plant medicine and gardening. While studying at The Evergreen State College, she interned at Calliope Farm, an organic vegetable CSA



Photo courtesy of Noah Seely and Jahnvi Hastings

Noah Seely and Jahnvi Hastings stand underneath one of their numerous fruit trees on their roughly 1-acre property in the Brush Prairie area. Currently, the two have planted more than 50 fruit trees, along with fruiting vines, shrubs, nut trees and more.



Photo courtesy of Noah Seely and Jahnvi Hastings

A winter banana apple (a late season heirloom variety) is shown here, one of the many fruits from fruit trees grown on Noah Seely and Jahnvi Hastings' property in Brush Prairie.

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Photo courtesy of Noah Seely and Jahnvi Hastings

Chestnuts and persimmons are just a few of the unique fruits and nuts that Jahnvi Hastings and Noah Seely grow on their property in Brush Prairie. The duo is hoping to make their edible landscaping skills into a business to assist others with creating an edible landscape.



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Faith

Religion, Church News

Minnesota Religious Organizations Are Pairing Religion With Alcohol

By Natalie Daher
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

MINNEAPOLIS — If a man was proclaiming religious ideas from a soapbox on Hennepin Avenue, what would you — or Jesus — do?

Perhaps you could try pondering the issue over a brew.

A small group imbibed and pontificated on this scenario recently in a northeast Minneapolis living room. Booze, scripture and YouTube helped anoint the latest Bible and Brew hosted by Nicholas and Kristin Tangen, both 30 and members of Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church in the Northeast neighborhood.

"We really try and look at the intersection of faith and life," Nicholas Tangen said of the group he founded last summer. "I think that fits well with sitting around a table with some beer."

The gathering is one of many monthly events across the Twin Cities area combining faith-based activities and alcohol.

Some are local, such as Humble Walk Lutheran Church's Beer and Hymns, which is in its fifth year at Shamrocks in St. Paul, Minn. Others are chapters in national series, such as Theology on Tap, hosted by parish cooperatives West Metro Young Adults in Minneapolis and Cathedral Young Adults in St. Paul.

Some are aimed at specific audiences, such as a women's Wine and Dessert night at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Minneapolis. Others focus on craft beers, including St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi, which hosts What Would Jesus Brew?

"We're not trying to lure you as a bait and switch into our organization," said the Rev. Jodi Houge of Humble Walk Lutheran Church in St. Paul. "If you show up, you're already in.

There's no secret agenda." The groups all uncork ideas in spaces outside God's house, and drinking is neither encouraged nor required.

As the number of U.S. Christians wanes, according to studies by Pew Research Center, the groups offer alternative ways to strengthen religious worship, reaching out to people who are looking for something beyond the traditional.

"It's much more likely for twenty-somethings to get together at a local pub for food, fellowship and faith, rather than a church basement," said Peter Engelmeyer, 27, of West Metro Young Adults. "It's a lot more of a relaxed atmosphere."

The weekly events, held most recently at Champys in Minnetonka, allow Catholics to connect with one another and explore their faith, including a "grill the priest" opportunity, organizers say.

"When you're preaching from the pulpit, it's a very one-sided conversation," said the group's adviser, the Rev. Joseph Johnson of Holy Family Catholic Church in St. Louis Park. Instead, "there's a give-and-take in conversation, so that you can hopefully flesh out what questions people have."

WIDE-OPEN SPACES

A night at the Tangens' roundtable deep-dives into economics, politics and social issues.

To prompt the 7:30 p.m. discussion, Nicholas Tangen toggled a PlayStation 2 remote to play a video of a street performer in New York City. In the video, performer Matthew Silver plays John the Baptist. Shirtless and bearded, he bellows at the crowd, "Live in the moment! Don't get old! Don't judge people!" Nicholas then read the gospel (Luke 3:7-18).

The group of 10 debated: Does mortality pack the same punch these days as during New Testament times?

"There's a sense of non-urgency around death now," Kristin Tangen said about an hour into the group's three-hour chat.

That same attitude might apply to being proactive about goals or recognizing the threat of global warming, she said. We all nestle comfortably into modernity's promises, she added.

Her husband added, "Live today like it's your last" sounds so trite, but does it have credence? He wondered: Should we dismiss such simple adages?

"Where does YOLO (you only live once) fit into all of this?" posed Josh Meuwissen, 25, another congregation member.

The conversation, complemented by snacks, stewed more questions: What makes a prophet?

Suddenly enlivened, Tanner Hall interjected: "People who use strategic communication — they make their point in a way that made people want to write it down." Someone felt motivated to transcribe biblical preachings, the group noted, right?

"Was John the Baptist this autonomous person who had full agency in making things this way?" Hall wondered.

It was almost 9 p.m. by then, and his glass was half-empty. Or maybe half-full.

COME ONE, COME ALL

The Tangens started hosting
please see **ALCOHOL**, Life page 5

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Church News

Cooks Hill Community Church to Hold Class on Dyslexia

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Those who are dyslexic or want to know more about it are invited to attend. The church has available an awareness evaluation sheet with common traits and behaviors of dyslexia.

The church is located at 2400 Cooks Hill Road.

For information, call (360) 736-6133, ext. 2, or visit www.cookshillcc.org.

Dayspring Baptist Plans Super Bowl Party

A Super Bowl party will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Dayspring Baptist Church.

There is no charge for the event.

Dayspring Baptist is located at 2088 Jackson Highway, Chehalis.

For more information, call Sharon Peterson, (360) 748-3401.

Gospel Music to Fill Ethel/Silver Creek Grange

A free Gospel music event will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Ethel/Silver Creek Grange.

The Grange is located at 1624 U.S. Highway 12, Ethel, at the corner of Brim Road and Highway 12.

For more information, call Shirley Billings, (360) 736-5929.

St. Timothy to Host Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feed

St. Timothy Episcopal Church will mark the beginning of the Lenten sea-

son with a Shrove Tuesday pancake feed 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at the church, located at 1826 SW Snively in Chehalis. Admission is by donation. This will be followed by Ash Wednesday services at noon and 7 p.m. the following day.

For more information, call (360) 748-8232 or visit http://sttimothychehalis.org/.

Chehalis United Methodists Plan Valentine Dinner and Concert

A Valentine dinner and piano concert with John Nielson will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at Chehalis United Methodist Church.

A full dinner featuring Italian sausage and beef lasagna, a special desserts cart and beverages, plus the one-hour concert, costs \$12 per person.

Call the church office for tickets at (360)748-7334 or pick them up by Wednesday.

The church is located at 16 S. Market Blvd.

Harrison Square 'Love of the Brethren' Potluck to Follow Service

An all-church "Love of the Brethren" potluck will be at noon following the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday at Harrison Square Presbyterian Church.

Those with last names starting between A and M are asked to bring a main dish. Others are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

For more information, call Ginger Peters, (360) 736-9996, or visit www.harrisonsquarepc.com.

Alcohol

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Bible and Brew because its ingredients existed: a rich beer culture in northeast Minneapolis and a desire to connect over subjects often left unspoken. They also pointed out that their faith's founder, Martin Luther, was known to dwell in pubs.

Bubbly people, the Tangens — who are hoping to expand with a pedal pub during the spring — direct the conversation into fluid, judgment-free zones.

Alyssa Meuwissen, 25, started attending the meetings because she missed the intellectual conversations at her alma mater, the College of St. Benedict. For Adithya

Connerton, a first-timer, the gathering was another pillar in her ongoing struggle with Christianity. Connerton, 29, belongs to a Presbyterian church and is married to an atheist, who has taught her kindness and patience, she said.

The group discussed misunderstanding parents, work-life balance, questions of systematic discrimination and effects of social media. And they talked about the stranger shouting on Hennepin Avenue.

Is this orator a soothsayer? Is he beckoning for attention? Or, perhaps, mentally ill? And would you ignore him or stop and listen to the diatribe, maybe even dropping a coin in his bottom-up hat that was serving as a collection plate?

There were no easy answers. "That's the question we should leave with here tonight," Hall suggested.



Richard Tsong-Taatarii / Minneapolis Star Tribune

James Hamilton, Tanner Hall and Nicholas Tangen are shown at a recent meeting. Over three hours, the group discussed mortality, work-life balance, discrimination and more.



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| <p>APOSTOLIC</p> <p>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.</p> <p>ASSEMBLY OF GOD</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 Miss, Youth Pastor: Jared Hunt. Lead Pastor Bill Morris. Web: jacksonprairiechurch.com</p> <p>Napavine Assembly of God Pastor Will Karch - 414 SE 2nd, Napavine. Services: Sundays 10:30 am & 6 pm., Wednesdays 7 pm. (360) 295-3756</p> <p>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 Vantrease.</p> <p>BAPTIST</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>INDEPENDENT BAPTIST</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>Napavine Baptist Church NapavineBaptist.com • 262-3861</p> <p>CALVARY CHAPEL</p> <p>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</p> <p>ROMAN CATHOLIC</p> <p>St. Joseph Church 682 S.W. Cascade, Chehalis. Masses, Sat. - 5:00pm. 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(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).</p> <p>EVANGELICAL CHURCH</p> <p>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.</p> <p>EVANGELICAL FREE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>EPISCOPAL</p> <p>St. Timothy Episcopal Church Sunday Schedule: • 9:00am & 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</p> <p>FOURSQUARE</p> <p>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</p> <p>INDEPENDENT</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>First Christian Church Centralia, (Independent), 1215 W. Main. 736-7655. www.centraliachristian.org. Sunday Morning: 10:00 am - 11:15 am with Nursery and Sunday School for Pre-school - 5th grade. Lead Pastor Brad Brenner.</p> <p>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</p> <p>LUTHERAN</p> <p>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@ilccentralia.org or www.ilccentralia.org</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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 Reneker. For more info call the church office 360-785-3507. www.stpaulutheranwinlock.org</p> <p>METHODIST</p> <p>Centralia United Methodist Church 506 S. Washington. Rev. Tom Peterson. Worship: 11:00 am. All Welcome! 736-7311. www.centraliaumc.com</p> <p>Chehalis United Methodist Church 16 S. 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</p> <p>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</p> <p>MESSIANIC</p> <p>Chesed v' Shalom Ministries Meets Saturday mornings at Immanuel Lutheran 1209 N Scheuber in Centralia Shabbat Service 11:00 am Rabbi James Pace Phone: 360-736-1601 www.cvsnm.us</p> <p>CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</p> <p>Loving Deeply, Serving Boldly Sunday School Hour at 9:00 a.m. Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. Exciting ministries throughout the week for all age groups with nursery care provided. Our church is a place to make new friends, a place to worship, learn and grow, a place to share life's blessings, and a place to find encouragement when weathering a storm. Everyone is welcome! Pastor Dave Bach 1119 W. First Street in Centralia, 736-9981.</p> | <p>NON-DENOMINATIONAL</p> <p>lifecenter</p> <p>Life Center Sunday Gathering at 10:30 am. 201 N. Rock Street Centralia 360-736-5898 Real Life. Real People. Real God. www.yourlifecenter.com</p> <p>NEW BEGINNINGS CHURCH</p> <p>newbeginnings</p> <p>603 NW St. Helens Ave. PO Box 1164 Chehalis, WA. 98532 (360) 748-7831 www.go2newbc.com Pastor Ken Rieper Sunday school begins at 9:30 am Worship & Celebration 10:30 am Wednesday SUMMIT 6:30-8 pm</p> <p>New Life Worship Center 250 SW Riverside Dr. Chehalis, WA 98532 360-269-4101 Sunday Services 11:00 am and 6:00 pm</p> <p>PENTECOSTAL CHURCHES</p> <p>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.jnpc.org.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>PRESBYTERIAN</p> <p>Harrison Square Presbyterian Church</p> <p>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</p> <p>SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UNITY Center for Positive Living</p> <p>A spiritual community open to seekers and believers on all paths to God. Sunday Service 10:00 am. 800 S. Pearl, Centralia. 330-5259. www.unitycentralia.com</p> |
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Seattle General Strike Begins



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1919 strike, 7th Avenue and Union Street, Seattle, February 7, 1919.

On Feb. 6, 1919, at 10 a.m., the Seattle General Strike begins and paralyzes the city for five days.

Never before had the nation seen a labor action of this kind. Many in Seattle were expecting revolution — and a few wanted it — but when 65,000 laborers walked off the job that day, the result was more an eerie calm. Initially, the strike demonstrated the power of union solidarity, but it soon fizzled. For labor, the Seattle General Strike was a glorious folly that led to government crackdowns and to the distrust of the public and the press for a decade to come.

The Shipyard Strike

The Seattle General Strike grew out of a shipyard strike that began on Jan. 21, 1919. In that strike, 35,000 union members, most of them affiliated with the Metal Trades Council, walked out of Seattle shipyards that were still bustling with wartime prosperity: World War I had just ended. The strike was aimed as much at the federal government's Emergency Fleet Corporation, which coordinated wartime shipbuilding, as at the private shipyard owners themselves.

A Funny Time to Hold a Vote

As the shipyard strike began, Seattle's Central Labor Council of the American Federation of Labor (AFL) debated launching a general strike in solidarity with the shipyard unions. Ironically, the Labor Council held the key vote during a Jan. 22, 1919, meeting while many prominent — and moderate — labor leaders happened to be in Chicago discussing the possibility of a nationwide general strike to protest the imprisonment of Tom Mooney.

Mooney, a fellow AFL leader from San Francisco, was serving a life term for murder based on what labor leaders believed was perjured testimony. At the Seattle meeting, the remaining, more radical leaders voted

to poll the various locals for a strike authorization in support of the shipyard workers.

Hope and Fear

These events took place during a time of mounting anxiety. The Allies had won the war, but turmoil was engulfing several regions of the world. While many middle- and upper-class Americans viewed the 1917 Russian Revolution with fear, many unionized workers, especially in those early years, hoped it might encourage a working-class revolt in the United States. The federal government jailed numerous activists for sedition, and employers tried to break the unions with "open shop" rules. When the EFC imposed wages that fell below union goals, labor radicals such as Seattle School Board member Anna Louise Strong (1885-1970) saw red (though not in the political sense).



Courtesy MOHAI and Pacific NW Labor History Assn.

A rare photo of one of 21 cafeterias set up by workers during the General Strike.

In this environment, one union local after another voted for the strike. The momentum became irresistible. The Building Laborers and the Hotel Maids unanimously favored mass action. Many others followed, but the exact aims of the action remained unclear.

A Great City Stopped

The day of the strike arrived with its eerie quiet. Seattle Mayor Ole Hanson (1874-1940) described it this way: "Streetcar gongs ceased their clamor; newsboys cast their unsold papers into the street; from the doors of mill and factory, store and workshop, streamed 65,000 workingmen. School children with fear in their hearts hurried homeward. The life stream of a great city stopped."

Although Seattle's Central Labor Council had called the strike in support of striking shipyard workers, the concrete objectives of the action remained unclear, and statements such as a powerful one by activist Anna Louise Strong (1885-1970) that the strike will lead "who knows where" fed public fears of insurrection.

In addition to the union workers, some 40,000 others were idled either because their employer saw no use in opening or because they depended on the streetcars to get

to work. Some Seattleites barricaded themselves at home in fright and a few of the wealthy departed the city on extended vacations.

Rumors flew. Strikers had dynamited the city's Cedar River dam, some said. The mayor had been assassinated, said others. Gunmen were reputedly coming from Chicago to aid the workers' cause. Water and food was said to be poisoned.

In truth, the strike itself proved orderly. Key services continued to operate based on exemptions from the strike committee. The unions set up food stations and sold meals to union members for 25 cents and to the general public for 35 cents.

The Official Reaction

To keep public order, army troops arrived from Fort Lewis, outside Tacoma. The soldiers tried to remain inconspicuous at their postings around the city, but strike leaders were well aware of their presence, if uncertain of their orders.

For his part, Seattle Mayor Ole Hanson (1874-1940) added 600 police to the force to be kept in reserve for expected trouble. He recruited 2,400 "special deputies" from University of Washington fraternities and student organizations. The college student deputies carried clubs and, when available, firearms. Machine guns were stationed at various points downtown. The potential for bloodshed was immense but it never materialized.

Ole Hanson

Mayor Hanson, an erratic and opportunistic figure, had been elected with the support of labor in 1918. At first, business interests had distrusted him, but he gradually moved to curry favor with them. Unbeknownst to the Seattle public and to the strikers, he made a tough statement to correspondents of the United Press in time for the national Sunday papers, asserting that the strike was a revolution and avowing not to negotiate with its perpetrators.

Hanson warned agitators that "death will be their portion if they start anything" (Friedheim, 131). He issued an ultimatum that the General Strike must end by 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, or he would declare martial law. Actually, he lacked the power to do so, and the deadline came and went with no martial law imposed. Despite pressure from business, Hanson probably knew that force would be answered with force. His tough pronouncements had already served to bolster his local support and bring him national acclaim.

The Strike Dwindles

At the same time, support for the strike among the vari-

ous strikers began to flag. There was no productive outcome in sight. The streetcar workers were the first to return to work. Six streetcars began operating the morning of Feb. 8. That day a scattering of restaurants, barbershops, and department stores opened for business. More locals defected, and the strike committee began to realize that the strike was struggling. They saw a clear choice between violence and surrender. The General Strike sputtered along until noon on Feb. 11, when only the shipyard workers remained off the job.

Mills, factories, stores, hotels, barber shops, newsstands, and warehouses reopened. Trolley bells changed. The strike ended as a public relations disaster for labor, while Ole Hanson took credit. The prevailing middle-class opinion was that Bolshevism had been beaten, law had triumphed. The federal government moved to arrest staff members of the Union Record and many businesses moved to institute "open shop" rules.

Labor was left divided and vulnerable. The vast majority of workers and leaders, who had wanted only better wages from shipyard regulators and employers — not revolution — were now cast as Un-American subversives. It would take more than a decade for labor to recover from the glorious folly of the Seattle General Strike.

The Seattle Master Builders Association Launches Its Home Owners Warranty Program

On Feb. 6, 1975, the Seattle Master Builders Association kicks off its Home Owners Warranty program (HOW) with a celebratory dinner at Seattle's Moose Club. By the time the plates have been cleared, 30 local builders will sign pledges to join in. Under the program, builders will pay a registration fee of \$150 and an additional \$2 for each \$1,000 of a home's final sales price. In return, builders are able to identify themselves with the warranty program, protect their customers, and avoid open-ended liability for defective work or materials.

Good for Builders, Good for Buyers

The featured speaker at the event was Candi Gordon, the assistant field services director for the National Home Owner Warranty Council, based in Washington, D.C. During her speech, Gordon told her audience, "This the highest rate of participation of any builder group in the nation. I am really

impressed by the enthusiasm of your members and by the pride they take in their work" (Master Builder, Feb. 1975, p. 16). She added:

"Pretty soon, you won't be able to sell a house without a warranty, and we suspect the day isn't far off that a builder won't be able to get financing unless he's a registered HOW member. This is what happened in England, where they have had a program since the early 1960s" (Master Builder, Feb. 1975).

Pete Hansell, a local builder and chairman of the Seattle Home Owners Warranty Council, provided the audience with some background on the need for such a program:

"A recent poll showed the homebuilder ranks just above the used-car salesman in terms of consumer confidence. HOW is designed to change that image, to make the builder a good guy — and to do it without government interference in our business" (Master Builder, Feb. 1975).

Under the 10-year-warranty plan, for the first year after a sale the builder alone is responsible for correcting any faulty workmanship or defective materials. For an additional year, the builder warrants the proper installation and operation of all plumbing, heating, cooling, and electrical systems. Major construction defects are covered for 10 years after sale, but a builder's liability only lasts for the initial two years; after that, a national insurer is responsible for paying to correct such defects. The same insurer also protects homeowners in the event that a builder is unable to perform his or her obligations during the initial two-year warranty period.

Seattle builder Larry Hillis summed up the benefits the program would provide to its participants:

"I could probably have a house fall down and build it again from scratch for the amount I'll put out each year in insurance premiums, but it's worth every penny, because it'll help my relations with the buyers of my homes. Besides, after two years, I've got an insurance company to back me up and I'm free. That's an investment" (Master Builder, Feb. 1975).

Within just two years, the warranty program was to prove its worth to builders in another way. In 1977 the Veterans Administration announced that, for homes insured under the warranty program, it would waive its inspection requirement for VA financing. This not only saved builders the cost of the inspection, but also allowed them to avoid the sometimes-lengthy delays caused by the inspection and approval requirement.

Top O' The Tank Columbia Ale Made Hatchery Memorable



Submitted by Andrea and Shawn Hamilton / for Our Hometowns

This 1940s photo of the Hamilton Turkey Farms hatchery shows the business on West Street in Chehalis. Note the Top O' The Tank Columbia Ale sign atop the building and the guard at the railroad tracks. Those tracks were a mainline road and were convenient for shipping turkey eggs and bringing in turkey feed. The turkey hanging on the side of the building now hangs in Shawn Hamilton's barn, on the old Scheuber homestead that skirts the Hamilton Farms. Art Hamilton and his wife Ruby started the Hamilton Turkey industry on land they owned in Chehalis. That company became a major industry during the war years when beef was rationed and continued to be successful for many years afterward.

Polaroid 'Can Perform This Photographic Miracle'



Submitted by Larry G. Petersen / for Our Hometowns

Freda Petersen is shown in this circa 1950s photo in a downtown Centralia store. This Polaroid photo was taken at about the time those cameras were being introduced. On the back, in part, reads the following: "The remarkable Polaroid Land Camera (named for the inventor, Dr. Edwin H. Land) delivered this sparkling print in 10 seconds. It is the only camera in the world that can perform this photographic miracle. No darkroom, no liquids or chemicals are ever needed — just click the shutter, wait a moment, then remove a beautiful, finished black and white print from the camera."

Puzzle One

Find answers to the puzzles here on Puzzle Two on page Life 8.

Sudoku

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 - 22 Fizzy
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 - 28 Autobahn vehicle
 - 29 Greek letter
 - 33 Up-to-date
 - 35 Exploding stars
 - 36 Objects

- 37 Mexican party treat
- 38 Far East cuisine
- 39 Revival shout
- 41 — of luxury
- 42 Marked down
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- DOWN**
- 1 Pinch of salt
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Celebrity Cipher

Today's clue: B equals F

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "A wise man once said, 'A flute with no holes is not a flute, and a donut with no hole is a Danish.'" — Chevy Chase

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The Truth Behind Standing Desks

By Aisha Sultan
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — If sitting is the new smoking, then quitting the sedentary habit can be just as tough.

There have been a slew of headlines linking sitting at a desk for hours to high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, muscle degeneration, a bad back and a slower brain. The hours I spend in front of a computer each day reportedly make me twice as likely to have cardiovascular disease, more likely to get colon, breast or endometrial cancer and increase my risk of dying in general.

It was time to make a move. Our newsroom has a limited number of standing desks that have been passed around on a first-come-first-served basis or inherited through attrition. I wasn't likely to get a new workstation anytime soon, so I opted to try the InMovement Elevate Desktop DT1 (\$299), designed for laptop users.

It mounts on a table or desk with a clamp and creates an adjustable surface that lets you shift from standing to sitting. I had it mounted to a bookshelf behind my desk. In theory, I would place my laptop on top of it and intermittently disrupt my chronic sitting.

The latest studies suggest we should be standing for at least two hours of our work day and building up to four hours. That sounded reasonable before I attempted it.

What derailed my effort to stand and work?

"I would guess that breaking habits would be the biggest barrier," said John Thyfault, associate professor at the University of Kansas Medical Center, who studies the physiology of sedentary behavior.

Sometimes, our bodies become unaccustomed to standing for that long at a stretch and our workplaces can be inhospitable to change.

After an hour on my feet, I got tired. If my feet or back started to hurt, my impulse was to fall back into a comfortable position — a seated one. But, there were also limitations imposed by the workspace itself. My phone was too far from my relocated standing area, which made it impossible to conduct interviews at my desk.

Thyfault was able to overcome the structural challenge in his office.

"My office at KUMC is very nice, but it has a built-in round desk that physically has to be removed. So, I went with a Variesdesk, which can be placed on top of the existing desk," he said.

Not everyone can find a convenient workaround to a design flaw in the workspace, and that hurdle can make changing an ingrained behavior even more of a challenge. The biggest obstacles that make it more difficult to implement standing desks usage are often related to leader-

ship, work flow, finance and understanding the science, according to James Levine, an obesity expert at the Mayo Clinic and author of "Stand Up."

When I surveyed dozens of my colleagues who have standing desks about how often they actually use them, their answers included several additional roadblocks that can get in the way of healthier intentions.

Many of the complaints involved bodily discomfort, inconveniences that made the individual's work more cumbersome or sartorial issues.

Among their responses: "After I've been standing at my desk for a couple of days, my feet hurt, and I end up wiggling and shifting my weight side-to-side a lot."

"It's hard to read proofs or write while standing because the surface area is so small."

"In the summer, I could take my shoes off and stand for up to four hours a day. Now that it's winter, I'm not going to take my boots off."

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ADVICE: Dear Abby

Clutter of Holiday Decorations Crushes Man's Christmas Spirit

DEAR ABBY: Every December my wife virtually buries our home in Christmas decorations. It's not just the tree and stockings in the living room; she's not happy until there are Christmas towels and Christmas soap in the bathroom and another tree and knicky-knacky stuff downstairs. Not even a doorknob is safe from decoration.



By Abigail Van Buren

It drives me nuts; I feel so claustrophobic. I bump into these decorations everywhere I turn. I was raised differently, more simply. There was a tree in the living room and stockings hung from the mantel. That was it.

For the last 20 years of our marriage, I have suggested — unsuccessfully — that we compromise and alternate every other year. One year her way, the next mine. When I do, she tearfully accuses me of being Scrooge. I admit I'm not big on the commercialized Christmas season, but is my request unreasonable? — NOT FOND OF CHRISTMAS IN NORTH OGDEN, UTAH

DEAR NOT FOND: No, it's not. You are suggesting meeting each other halfway. Your wife is unwilling to do that even though she knows what she's doing is making you uncomfortable. And that's regrettable because Christmas is supposed to be about what's in the heart, not what's all over the house.

me uncomfortable. I want to tell them I'm not interested and they're making fools of themselves. Should I say something? They read your column. Help me out, please! — THERE TO WORK

DEAR THERE TO WORK: Your middle-aged co-workers are acting like a group of teenaged boys. Continue to ignore them; you won't be there forever. However, if it escalates, you should discuss it with Human Resources.

DEAR ABBY: Please settle a disagreement I have with my husband and daughter. How do you determine "up the street" or "down the street"? I contend that it goes by the house numbers. They disagree. Any advice? — CURI- OUS IN NEW YORK

DEAR CURI- OUS: According to Merriam Webster's Learner's Dictionary online: "In general, the prepositional phrases 'up the street' and 'down the street' mean the same thing, and in most cases either one is appropriate. ... However, if the street is on a hill, use 'up the street' when talking about something that is further uphill, and 'down the street' when it's further downhill."

My postman said that, in his opinion, "up the street" means in the direction of higher address numbers, and the reverse for lower ones — so I'll defer to him and to you.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a female college student and I intern at a chemical plant. When I arrive at work, the middle-aged men start "working out" and flexing their muscles. Literally! It makes

Sudoku

Difficulty: 2 (of 5)

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Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 7

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HOW TO PLAY:

Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

Today's clue: T equals Y

"LKBENGRBWP (RKLNA) GBJ ZFK LNJJ

JKAJBZXNABR, BGKJNLK, XAOWKEXSRK

SBJPKZSBRR VRBTKW X'HK KHKW JKKA." —

GXRZ OFBLSKWRBXA

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE ON PAGE LIFE 7: "Harold Ramis ... was the kindest of any director with whom I worked. I will miss him." — Andie MacDowell

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Shelli Groshans, an advertising sales assistant, works at her standing desk at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on Thursday, Jan. 21, in St. Louis. Groshans divides her time between sitting and standing. She says it has helped her with her back pains.

Desks

Continued from page Life 7

have two screens and only one adjusts up and down with the desk."

"The level of my monitor is sometimes off (after resetting the desk from standing to sitting) which leads to neck strain, so I'm constantly tweaking it or adjusting it."

"If I stand for more than 1.5 hours at a time, my lower back starts to hurt."

One person said it was difficult to keep an ergonomically correct workstation because the height of her desk would need to change depending on whether she was wearing flats, mid-size heels or high heels. And it's definitely not comfortable to stand in high heels for hours.

Despite whatever stood in the way of more standing, nearly every respondent appreciated the option of being able to choose and shared these benefits:

"I feel a lot more alert when I'm on my feet."
"Standing at my desk makes it easier to

walk somewhere else in the office. Once I'm standing, I'm a lot more active."

"My back would hurt from sitting in a chair all day."

"I use it every day! It's 100 percent the best!"
"Even just standing one hour a day makes all the difference in the world."

There was a psychological impact that came up.

"Every time I raise my desk, I think something like, 'I'm less likely to suffer from the adverse health effects linked to inactivity. Good job.'"

The experts say this realization is key to increased use, better long-term health and greater productivity.

"Educating workers on the benefits of standing up and moving around is important," Thyfault said. Levine noted understanding the positive return on investment as a key factor in encouraging greater use of a standing workspace.

That awareness, however, can have the opposite effect, as revealed in this confession:

"At times, I've felt guilty for not standing all day."

TIPS FOR A HEALTHIER WORK DAY

- Use a printer or restroom on a different floor.
- Take the stairs.
- Leave the office for an afternoon stroll or coffee run.
- Set a notification on your computer that reminds you to move every 30 minutes.
- Get up to talk to a colleague instead of sending an email.
- Have a walking or standing meeting.
- Stand while talking on the phone.
- Pause and stretch.
- Take a quick walk during a lunch break.
- Build up the amount of time you stand gradually.

Puzzle Two

Start on Puzzle One on page Life 7. Answers to the puzzles here will be published in Tuesday's paper.

Crossword

Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 7

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ACROSS

- 1 Use an auger
- 5 Cartel
- 9 Low-lying island
- 12 Huron neighbor
- 13 Assistant
- 14 Numero —
- 15 Took back
- 17 Scepter
- 18 — — few rounds
- 19 A Stouge
- 20 Insurance giant
- 22 Yang complement
- 23 — -Magnon
- 24 Illustrious
- 27 Overlooked
- 30 Over again
- 31 Wrench target
- 32 Boar's mate
- 34 Gallon divs.
- 35 Pub pint
- 36 European capital

DOWN

- 1 Broken-off glacier
- 2 Two-color cookie
- 3 Beatles' meter maid
- 4 Always, in verse
- 37 Break loose
- 40 Groom
- 41 Bullring cheer
- 42 Earth, in combos
- 43 Relish
- 46 Distant
- 47 — -Star Pictures
- 50 Hunter's org.
- 51 Clown
- 54 Ottoman title
- 55 Square footage
- 56 Ballpark figs.
- 57 Dew glistener
- 58 Roosts
- 59 D.A. backup

Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com

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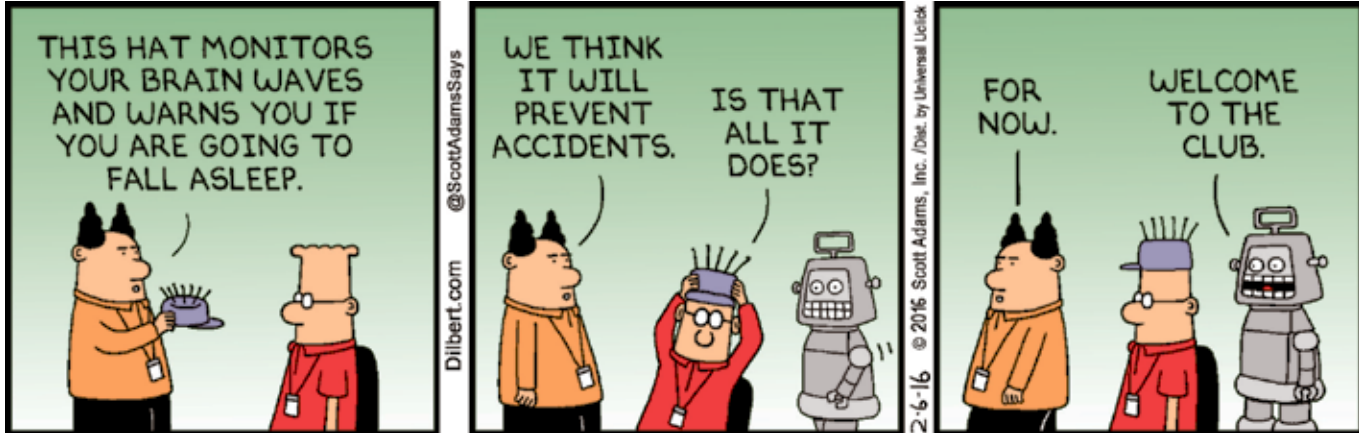
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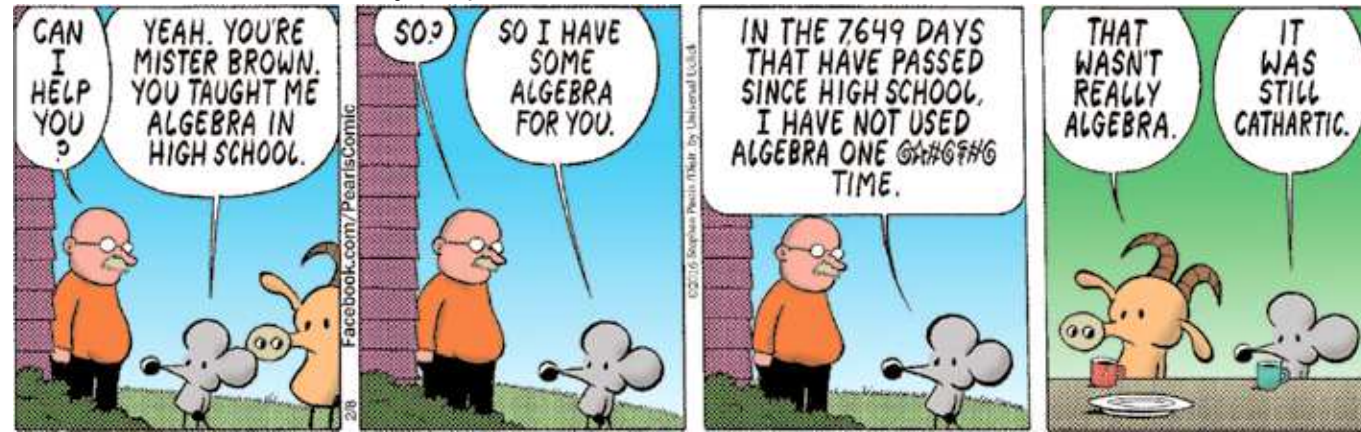
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