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Judge Dismisses Cases Against Four of Five Charged in Death of Wind Farm Worker

SKOOKUMCHUCK PROJECT:
One Worker Scheduled For March Trial on First-Degree Manslaughter Charge for Death of Chehalis Man Jonathan Stringer in 2020

By Emily Fitzgerald
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A Lewis County Superior Court judge has dismissed all charges against four of the five codefendants accused of being involved in the death of a Chehalis man who died in January 2020 when a trench collapsed during construction of the Skookumchuck Wind Farm.

Kenneth P. DeShazer, 51, of Los Angeles, was the only one of the five codefendants whose case was not dismissed on Wednesday.

He is facing one count of first-degree manslaughter.

The cases against the other four codefendants — site manager Kurt Schwarting, 46, of Bakersfield, California; site foreman Matt Buckles, 43, of Edmond, Oklahoma; site supervisor Joel A. Thome, 32, of West Lowville, New York; and worker Paul S. Csizsmar, 25, of Brantingham, New York — were dismissed after Schwarting's

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Big Problem on Little Hanaford

Residents Worry About Road Damaged by Recent Flooding



Erik Dahl, 84, looks down at a crack which continues to form in the 2100 block of Little Hanaford Road Thursday in Centralia.

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A vehicle drives past traffic cones warning drivers of a hazard along Little Hanaford Road Thursday in Centralia.

By Eric Rosane
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There's a big problem on Little Hanaford.

Since about Jan. 7, the roadway on Little Hanaford Road, near the intersection with Salzer Valley Road outside Centralia, has been restricted to one lane of traffic as a massive crack in the roadway dropped a portion of the pavement following recent flooding.

It started as a small divot, but has grown exponentially worrisome in size in recent weeks. As of Thursday, the crack was about 150 feet long and had produced a dip in the roadway at least a foot deep. "It was a few cracks here and there at first, but it seems to be accelerating quite a bit," said Erik Dahl, 84, a Centralia resident who lives just past the broken roadway.

Dahl invited The Chronicle out Thursday afternoon to take a gander at the split, framed on each side by county road signs and cones. He and his neighbors worry that they'll be left stranded without a way out of their valley soon, as the crack continues to expand and begins eating away at the sole open lane.

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Dear local residents,

On behalf of the City of Centralia, we want to say thank you to the hundreds of people who participated in the community clean up day on Saturday. You are what makes this a great place to live. Together, you cleaned under bridges, along street sides, through parks and every neighborhood. You picked up garbage, washed play equipment, hauled flood-damaged goods and pressure washed shelters. You came from all corners of the county to support Centralia. Some of you are under ten years old, some of you are in retirement. Some of you have lived here less than a year, others a lifetime. You represent all walks of life, brought together through a shared willingness to help others. Alongside individuals, local businesses provided financial support, promotional materials, food, trucking and other material support to make this happen. This is our community, and we are so grateful.

Thank you.

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There were many more whose names we didn't have – to you anonymous helpers, thank you!



Defendant Who Allegedly Fatally Stabbed Man in Front of Children in Chehalis Deemed Competent

BILLY J. BARTLETT:
Suspect Pleads Not Guilty a Day After Victim in Unprovoked Attack Identified as Tacoma Man

By Emily Fitzgerald
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The Amanda Park man accused of killing 46-year-old William A. Foster III and injuring a 12-year-old in Chehalis last month has pleaded not guilty to all charges after a competency evaluation determined he is mentally capable of standing trial.

While Western State Hospital (WSH) diagnosed the defendant, 30-year-old Billy J. Bartlett, with “substance/medication-induced psychotic disorder,” Bartlett’s evaluators determined Bartlett “currently possesses the capacity to understand the nature of the proceedings against him and to assist in his defense,” according to the competency assessment submitted to Lewis County Superior Court on Jan. 12.

Judge James Lawler signed an order of competency on Thursday. That same day, Bartlett entered not guilty pleas to one count each of first-degree murder, first-degree assault of a child and first-degree burglary.

The court ordered the competency evaluation on Dec. 30 after Bartlett’s attorney, Christopher Baum, filed a notice stating Bartlett intended to “possibly rely upon the defense of insanity.”

After receiving the results of WSH’s evaluation, Prosecutor Jonathan Meyer asked Judge James Lawler to approve a second round of testing for a blood sample that was collected during Bartlett’s arrest on Dec. 20.

The blood was initially taken



Billy James Bartlett, 30, appears in Lewis County Superior Court via video Thursday in Chehalis.



Judge James W. Lawler presides over Lewis County Superior Court Thursday in Chehalis.

as a DNA sample, Meyer said, but since WSH determined Bartlett has a history of methamphetamine use, Meyer asked permission to order a drug test on the blood sample to determine whether Bartlett was under the influence at the time of his arrest.

Baum told Lawler he didn’t oppose the additional testing.

“I think that may be beneficial to Mr. Bartlett,” he said.

Lawler approved the additional testing on the blood sample and scheduled Bartlett’s trial for the week of April 4.

An omnibus hearing to check on the status of the case is scheduled for Feb. 24 and a trial confirmation hearing is scheduled for March 31.

Bartlett was most-recently released from jail on Nov. 9, 2021, and was on probation when the alleged incident occurred on Dec. 20.

Foster, who was from Tacoma, was in a van at a gas pump outside a store in the 600 block of North National Avenue with his



Defense Attorney Christopher Baum appears in Lewis County Superior Court on Thursday in Chehalis representing Billy James Bartlett.

two children, a 12-year-old and a 4-year-old, when Bartlett allegedly approached and asked for a cigarette. Foster reportedly gave Bartlett a cigarette, then Bartlett allegedly stabbed Foster and injured the 12-year-old.

Bartlett reportedly walked

away from the van and Foster started driving the van away from the gas pump. The car ultimately came to rest outside the nearby Ocean Sky Restaurant, where officers found them after they were called to the scene at 7:47 p.m.

Both Foster and the 12-year-

old were transported to Providence Centralia Hospital, where Foster died from his injuries.

Coroner Warren McLeod has since determined Foster’s cause of death to be internal bleeding due to multiple stab wounds and the manner of death as homicide.

The 12-year-old was treated for lacerations and was released.

After the stabbing, Bartlett reportedly went into the store “with a cigarette in his mouth and bought a Gatorade,” according to court documents.

He was arrested sometime after 8:38 p.m. as he was allegedly trying to break into an apartment complex in the 100 block of Northeast Boistfort Street.

Bartlett was charged with first-degree murder and first-degree assault of a child on Dec. 21, but a first-degree burglary charge was added on Dec. 30.

He is additionally accused of acting with “deliberate cruelty” toward both victims and displaying “an egregious lack of remorse,” according to court documents.

He is being held at the Lewis County Jail without bail until further notice.

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Trail Map App May Come to Lewis County

By Isabel Vander Stoep
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It was a beautiful day to explore the diverse terrain of Lewis County. For this adventure, the crew was set on a trail in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

The party was just hitting its stride when they reached a large creek where a winter storm had taken out a bridge. Darn.

With the TREAD trail map app, they might have known about that before leaving the house.

A partnership between a Wenatchee-based nonprofit, Trails Recreation Education Advocacy Development (TREAD), and the Washington Tourism Alliance is aiming to put the TREAD trail map app in every Washington county.

First piloted in Central Washington, TREAD is designed to provide real-time updates on trails of all kinds: in state parks, national forests, national parks and those managed locally.

App users can update trails with information ranging from safety tips — such as nearby wildfires or broken bridges — to noting that a parking lot is full.

If used as the partnership hopes, it would be informed by land managers and explorers. It could both increase local tourism and prevent overcrowding, potentially easing strain on land managers.

To get it into each of Washington's 39 counties, the Wash-



Simon, a member of the Northwest Youth Corps Sound to Summit group, uses the pick end of an axe to loosen dirt along a trail Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018 in Mount Rainier National Park.

ington Tourism Alliance is asking for county governments to contribute \$30,000 toward the app. It could be launched statewide as early as this March.

On Thursday, White Pass Scenic Byway, a nonprofit that supports projects along the U.S. Highway 12 corridor from Interstate 5 to Yakima Valley, held a presentation on TREAD to Lewis County Commissioner Lee Grose

and local land managers from Washington State Parks, the National Forest Service and Mount Rainier National Park. Mary Kay Nelson, a marketing contractor, presented information from the app makers and is serving as the point of contact between the organization and TREAD.

"It seems like a logical use of lodging tax dollars if that's available," Nelson said. "It's not an

annual fee, it's a one-time fee. It's meant to be supported by sponsors and by the state of Washington as a tool, not meant to take money out of the local area."

As White Pass Scenic Byway was created to increase revenue from tourism along U.S. Highway 12, Nelson felt the app would support that mission.

To Grose, the project seemed like a "very good concept," he said. But, he was not yet convinced the county should cough up \$30,000.

"If I hear of a state-promoted program that requires every county to invest in it, I become very skeptical," he said, adding later: "Is there someone from the state that can explain why they're not funding it? If it's a state program, you're going to every county, and every county benefits, then why not fund the

"It seems like a logical use of lodging tax dollars if that's available."

Mary Kay Nelson
marketing contractor

darn thing?"

Nelson could not answer that on behalf of the tourism alliance, but hoped to get more information in the future.

Other concerns with the program arose from land managers in the meeting.

"You mentioned that folks could report issues. Is there an expectation through this app that they're going to receive a direct response?" asked Terry Wildy with Mount Rainier National Park. "I'm probably not alone in that it's a capacity concern for land managers. At Mt. Rainier, we're pretty focused and our capacity is devoted to our social media or our own app, that sort of thing. And I couldn't promise that there's going to be responses from Mt. Rainier to questions posed on this sort of thing. It's just, it's potentially another workload for us we can't manage."

Wildy did say the app seemed to have an advantage in that it could provide comprehensive trail data for different public lands, unlike available apps at this time.

Whether Lewis County puts \$30,000 toward bringing TREAD to the area will be decided after more meetings between county staff and the app makers.

For more information on the app, visit <https://www.tread-cw.com/>.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
George Allen Whittaker
1936 ~ 2022

wife Jeanette Lapsley. George specialized in Jerseys and used his engineering education to innovate equipment and farming practices over the 40 years he farmed. He especially loved his tractors, the bigger, the better.

After farming, George became a realtor, where he specialized in the Thurston, Lewis and Grays Harbor area. He loved being a realtor, as it allowed him to work with people he loved and allowed him to help the community. Later, he managed a senior housing property in Centralia, again partnering with his father for many years as comanagers, until he retired finally in 2018.

George volunteered his time to the community, including the Washington State Dairy Federation, Washington State Soil and Water Conservation Commission, the Thurston County Planning Commission, teaching Sunday school and nearly anything else asked of him. He even built the furniture used by the first kindergarten class at the old Rochester Primary School, of which his oldest child was first to attend, and still in use 12 years later when his youngest child started school.

George loved the ocean beaches of Washington and Oregon, dogs (especially terriers and poodles), model trains, flying kites, dancing and sports cars, of which he had many, including his beloved Mini Cooper. He was a friend to all who knew him, always with a smile and a story, easy to laughter, yet thoughtful and caring, whether it was someone he knew his entire life or a stranger in need.

George is survived by his children, Karen (Whittaker) McLaughlin, George W. Whittaker and Linda Whittaker; grandchildren, Sarah, Amber, Sean, Brian, Gregory, Angelica, Ron Jr. and Christian; daughter-in-law, Diane; son-in-law, Ron Sr.; and many great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Lenore; his beloved parents, George and Wilma; grandson, Joshua; and granddaughter, Emily; sons-in-law, Thomas and Jason; and his buddy and grand-dog, Oscar.

A celebration of life ceremony will be scheduled in the spring. Thank you to Providence Sound Hospice, Providence Centralia Hospital and Kaiser Permanente for their dedicated care and support.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MICHAEL DAVIDSON
1954 ~ 2021

Michael P. Davidson passed away at the age of 67 on Dec. 31, 2021, after a seven-year battle with cancer. He was born July 24, 1954, to Leroy and Mary Ellen Davidson in Toledo, Washington.

Mike spent many years as a professional firefighter for the Centralia Fire Department. He truly loved his job!

Mike's grandchildren meant everything to Papa. He will be greatly missed.

Mike leaves behind his wife, Julie; son, Kyle; daughter, Karly; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by four sisters and three brothers.

No service will be held at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
WILLIAM "BUD" EVANS
1932 ~ 2022

William Loren "Bud" Evans was born May 22, 1932 and passed away on Jan. 3, 2022 after an extended battle with cancer.

Celebration of life memorial services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022 at 11 a.m. in the Mossyrock Community Center located at 231 E. State St., Mossyrock, Washington.

Bud was born on Green Mountain in Lewis County and was the second of six children. He was preceded in death by his parents Ernest and Gertrude Evans, his son Tim Evans, his younger sisters Lorraine Evans and Carole More, and younger brother Leonard Evans.

Bud is survived by children Annette Evans, Brian Evans, Brad Evans, Cindy Gibbons, Greg Evans and Dave Evans. He is also survived by sisters Ethel Keen and Sandra Osborne. He was blessed with 16 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

At 17 years of age, Bud joined the U.S. Air Force and in 1952 married Anita Kersch. They started their family while living in Riffe and in the early 1960s moved to Aberdeen where they continued raising their seven children.

Bud worked as a logger on the Olympic Peninsula most of his career but also cut timber in Oregon, Alaska and a short time in Georgia. He was known as a tough, hard working man with little tolerance if you crossed him. When he retired he moved back to Mossyrock where he enjoyed his garden and fruit trees. He always said he loved his occupation but he also enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing on his own boats and just being in the great outdoors. He had an excellent recall of events and enjoyed sharing memories of his life. He will be missed but not forgotten because he was indeed "one of a kind."

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CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Theft

- A cellphone was reported stolen from the 100 block of South Silver Street just after 1:50 p.m. on Jan. 19. The case is under investigation.
- A battery was reported stolen from a message reader board in the 900 block of Johnson Road just after 2:05 p.m. on Jan. 19.
- Several packages were reported stolen from a common area in an apartment building in the 700 block of H Street at approximately 5:05 p.m. on Jan. 19.
- Two people were cited for allegedly stealing alcohol from a store in the 1200 block of Harrison Avenue just before 6:25 p.m. on Jan. 19. One of the subjects was booked into the Lewis County Jail for criminal impersonation after allegedly giving police a false name.
- A vehicle was reported stolen from the 900 block of G Street at 8:50 a.m. on Jan. 20. The case is under investigation.

Narcotics Violation

- A Centralia woman was arrested in the 100 block of North Diamond Street just after 11:40 p.m. on Jan. 19 and was booked into the Thurston County Jail for alleged second-degree malicious mischief that occurred in Grand Mound. Officers found narcotics during the arrest and the subject has been referred to the Lewis County Sheriff's Office for pos-

sible charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Assault

- A Rochester woman was arrested in the 300 block of Reynolds Avenue just after 3 a.m. on Jan. 20 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for alleged fourth-degree assault and third-degree theft. She was additionally booked on outstanding warrants out of Lewis County Superior Court and Centralia Municipal Court.

Trespassing

- A subject was cited for trespassing at a business in the 1300 block of Belmont Avenue just after 4:40 a.m. on Jan. 20.

CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT Theft

- A case of credit card fraud reported in the 1800 block of Northeast Kresky Avenue at 12:45 p.m. on Jan. 19 is under investigation.
- A possible vehicle theft was reported in the 1600 block of North National Avenue just after 2:45 p.m. on Jan. 19.
- A third-degree theft reported in the 1600 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue just after 5:05 p.m. on Jan. 19 is under investigation.
- Just before 7:45 p.m. on Jan. 19, a business in the 1600 block

of Northwest Louisiana Avenue reported a shoplifter attempting to take housewares, toys and dog food. The business recovered most of the items but the caller believed "she still (had) some in her purse." No arrests were made.

Crashes

- A non-injury, two-vehicle collision was reported at the intersection of Northwest Prindle Street and Northwest State Avenue just before 4:15 p.m. on Jan. 19.
- A non-injury, two-vehicle collision was reported in the 600 block of Northwest Arkansas Way at approximately 6:55 p.m. on Jan. 20.

Neighborhood Dispute

- At 5:25 p.m. on Jan. 19, a caller in the 600 block of Southeast Dobson Court reported a neighbor had told her son, who was riding an electric bike, "if he ran over her dog she was going to run her over." No arrests were made.

Malicious Mischief

- A case of malicious mischief reported in the 200 block of Southeast Washington Avenue just after 7 p.m. on Jan. 19.
- Just before 7:45 p.m. on Jan. 19, a caller in the 1500 block of North National Avenue reported something that "looks like a demonic symbol was scratched into

the side" of her mailbox.

- A subject was cited for malicious mischief in the 200 block of Southwest Second Street just after 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 20 for allegedly throwing human feces at a house.

Trespassing

- At 10:35 p.m. on Jan. 20, a caller in the 100 block of Southwest Interstate Avenue reported they "just found a half-dressed male hiding in their laundry room" and requested they be trespassed. No arrests were made.

LEWIS COUNTY JAIL STATISTICS

As of Friday morning, the Lewis County Jail had a total system population of 150 inmates, including 121 in the general population and 29 in the Work Ethic and Restitution Center. Of general population inmates, 98 were reported male and 23 were reported female. Of the WERC inmates, 27 were reported male and two were reported female.

Sirens are compiled by reporter Emily Fitzgerald, who can be reached at emily@chronline.com. The Centralia Police Department can be reached at 360-330-7680, the Chehalis Police Department can be reached at 360-748-8605 and the Morton Police Department can be reached at 360-496-6636. If you were a victim of physical or sexual abuse, domestic violence or sexual assault, call Hope Alliance at 360-748-6601 or the Youth Advocacy Center of Lewis County at 360-623-1990.

News in Brief

Onalaska Man Convicted for Strangling Man at Bar To Serve One Month in Prison

By The Chronicle staff

An Onalaska man convicted for putting a man in a headlock at a Centralia bar in September has been sentenced to one month in prison.

William Lee Kennedy, 38, was sentenced on Jan. 12 to 30 days in prison with three days' credit for time served. He will be required to serve one year in community custody upon his release.

Kennedy entered a written guilty plea on Oct. 16, 2021 where he said he "grabbed (the victim) from behind" on Sept. 4 and "caused bodily harm" to the victim through "criminal negligence," according to court documents.

Kennedy had been accused of holding the victim in a headlock until the victim passed out, according to court documents. Witnesses and the victim reported that Kennedy "had become upset when (the victim) had sat next to a girl he had previously been sitting next to" and attacked

the victim when the victim "refused to get up from the seat," according to court documents.

Deadline For Reporting Flood Damages to Lewis County is Jan. 31

By The Chronicle staff

The deadline for individuals to report recent flood-related damage to the Lewis County Division of Emergency Management (DEM) is Jan. 31.

These reports, known as Individual Damage Assessments, can be found on the DEM website at <https://lewiscountywa.gov/departments/emergency-management/> or by calling 360-740-2600.

An individual who does not want to file a claim should still report their damages to DEM as it will help others in the community who need those forms of assistance, stated Lewis County in a news release.

More than 75 families have already submitted reports to DEM and more continue to come in, stated Lewis County in a news release.

"As our community continues to come together to assist in clean-up and recovery efforts, it is important to remember the crucial role that the paperwork portion of the process plays on recovery," said Ross McDowell, DEM deputy director. "Visit our website for the assessment forms,

or give us a call and we can help you get everything submitted before the deadline."

Taxing districts, such as governments, schools and fire districts, have a different reporting process known as Preliminary Damage Assessments, which has a deadline for DEM submission of Jan. 26.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

GREGG "DOC" JOHNSON



Gregg "Doc" W. Johnson, a lifelong resident of Chehalis, passed away Jan. 4, 2022 in Vancouver, Washington.

Gregg was born March 30, 1957 in Chehalis, Washington to Warren Johnson and Christle (DeBow) Scheuber.

Doc graduated from W.F. West High School in 1975, where he met and married his high school sweetheart Kathy (Keep) Johnson on Jan. 8, 1977. They were married just four days shy of 45 years. Gregg was a kind, loyal and loving man.

He was a hard worker, starting at a young age with a newspaper route for The Chronicle and as a boxboy for Fullers. He worked for Lewis County Carpool from 1974 to 1979, then transferred to the Lewis County Road Department in 1979. Gregg worked his way up to the Area 1 supervisor and retired in 2007 after 33 years.

He attended Centralia College for welding. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie #1550 and a lifetime member of the NRA.

Doc loved hunting, fishing and car shows. Camping with his four grandchildren, traveling with his wife, and spending time with his family brought him his greatest joy.

He is survived by his wife Kathy (Keep) Johnson; daughters Kaelene Johnson, Danielle (Johnson) and Jason Dahlin, Darcy (Johnson) and Steve Pallas; grandchildren Ashleigh (Johnson) and Josh Johnson, Colton Pruitt, Morgan Heck, and Logan Rollins; and great-grandchild Dawsey Johnson.

There will be a celebration of life from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022 at The Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #1550 located at 1993 S. Market Blvd., Chehalis, Washington.

A Memorial donation can be made to Chehalis Veterans Museum, 100 SW Veterans Way, Chehalis, Washington, 98532.

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- **GORDON R. HEGGENES**, 85, Winlock, died Jan. 16 at his residence. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home.
- **LORRAINE E. CATON**, 85, Winlock, died Jan. 8 at Oregon Health & Science University Hospital. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home.
- **DAVID P. PETROVICH**, 79, died Jan. 14 at Evergreen Health Medical Center. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home.
- **MARLA J. JOHNSON**, 61, Napavine, died Jan. 14 at her residence. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home.
- **DARREN BEST**, 38, Chehalis, died Jan. 14 at his residence. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.
- **BEVERLY EDITH VEVEA**, Morton, died Dec. 29 at Arbor Health Morton Hospital. Arrangements are under the care of Fir Lawn Funeral Chapel.
- **SUZANNE MARGEURITE PATTERSON**, Centralia, died Jan. 13 at Providence Centralia Hospital. Arrangements are under the care of Fir Lawn Funeral Chapel.
- **ROBIN DAVID MOONEY**, Oakville, died Jan. 2 at his residence. Arrangements are under the care of Fir Lawn Funeral Chapel.

- **TARA LEE THARPE**, Glenoma, died Jan. 16 at her residence. Arrangements are under the care of Fir Lawn Funeral Chapel.
- **MORTIZ HUGO ROBERT KARSUNKY**, 84, Centralia, died Jan. 12 at Lander House Adult Family Home, Centralia. Arrangements are under the care of Funeral Alternatives of Washington.
- **EARL CONZATTI**, 81, Centralia, died Jan. 18 at his home. Arrangements under the care of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary.

Corrections

- An article in the Tuesday, Jan. 18, edition of The Chronicle incorrectly stated the location of the Miss Lewis County 2022 Scholarship Pageant. The program will be held on Saturday, March 5, at the Centralia High School Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.

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Salmon Recovery Will Take More Than Money

There's no doubt about it. The Biden administration is working hard to pay the price for salmon recovery. The \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill is just an example. We have never seen so much political will and funding on the table for salmon habitat restoration and climate resilience.



By Ed Johnstone

The tribes appreciate the unprecedented federal investment in salmon restoration. We applaud the efforts of leaders such as Sen. Maria Cantwell who is pushing to include salmon recovery in the president's Build Back Better plan. We are grateful to our congressional delegation

and our many partners who worked tirelessly for these historic opportunities.

But as I write this, the great Northwest salmon resource is still dwindling and decades of hard work to protect and restore its critical habitat have not been able to keep up with destruction caused by over-development, deforestation and uncontrolled exploitation of natural resources. Our fishermen are still sitting on the banks. They're hungry and it's only getting worse.

My longtime mentor Billy Frank Jr. once said, "As the salmon disappear, so do our tribal cultures and treaty rights. We are at a crossroads, and we are running out of time."

We have been running out of time for decades. Substantial

investments already have been invested in salmon recovery and, yes, there have been successes in a few locations. But, overall, the fish stocks are still dying.

There are objectives that must be met if salmon recovery is to be achieved.

The Biden administration must take action on our Treaty Rights at Risk initiative, which called on the federal government in 2011 to honor its obligations to the treaties we signed in the 1850s. Those treaties guaranteed us the continued right to fish, hunt and gather in our usual and accustomed areas — forever. Yet our fishermen are still not fishing.

Federal and state agencies have to rethink their policies of permitting land uses that destroy salmon habitat. Those agencies continue to work in silos, failing to communicate and coordinate

effectively with each other, and with the tribes. More effective federal oversight is needed.

Moreover, our federal trustee must enforce existing rules and laws meant to protect habitat, such as the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act and court mandates, in a way that reflects the urgent needs of our shared resources. Federal permitting programs must improve shoreline and nearshore habitat protections and stop shoreline hardening. Water quality standards must be protected. Natural floodplain processes must be restored and we must respond in meaningful ways to climate change.

To help achieve these goals, President Biden should issue an executive order that directs federal agencies to prioritize their legal obligations and develop a

strategic action plan to protect our treaty rights. These obligations should include authorization for agencies to modify federal regulations, direct discretionary agency funding to meet salmon recovery needs and recommend any necessary legislative changes.

Long ago, our ancestors signed treaties ceding millions of acres of land and guaranteeing our right to harvest salmon as long as the rivers run. The government has an obligation to assure use of those ceded lands is protective of those harvest rights.

It will take more than money to do that. We need bold actions from our federal trustee. We can't afford to wait another 10 years.

Ed Johnstone is the chairman of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission.

Letters to the Editor

Questions on Renewable Energy

In regards to your letter to the editor concerning pumped storage electricity, I have to agree with the writer.

After some research, it seems that the alternative energy bunch are at it again. Have you ever tried to increase your gas mileage on your car by doing a lot of coasting? Or wonder why your mileage doesn't go up after coasting downhill? It's because you can't create energy, nor can you destroy it.

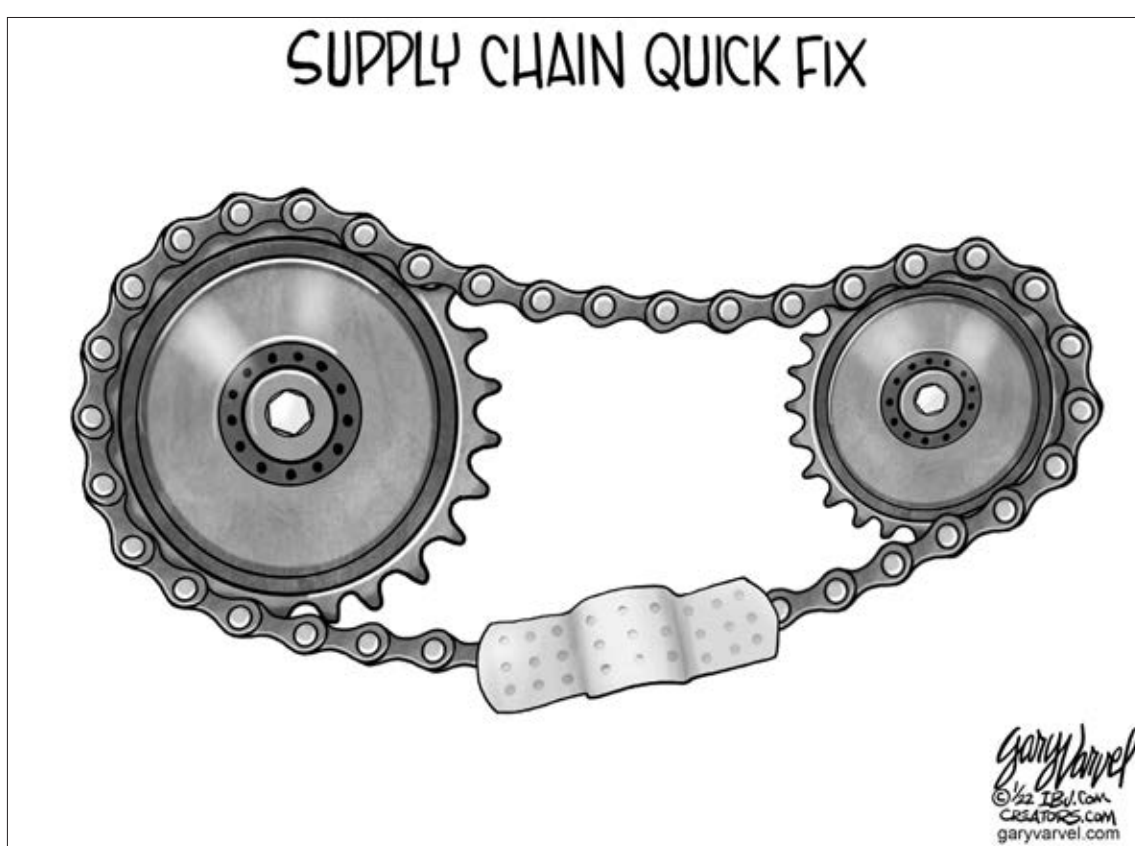
Yes, you can get some energy by allowing water to drain from a higher source to a lower source through a generator. But you have to use energy to pump it back up to the original source. And, if my physics is correct, it requires more energy to pump it up than it creates letting it flow down. I think that we need to tell the alternative energy bunch to sit down, shut up and keep your feet off the seats.

What about wind farms? Is there any research concerning the environmental damage done by changing the air flow around these monsters? What about the deaths of birds and insects? Or solar? Yes, it provides energy, and it saves a lot of consumer money in the long run by selling it back, but what about the heat generated by the reflected sunlight? That must be doing damage to the environment and the animals, particularly birds.

There's a video going around with a tight shot just showing puffs of smoke. A lot of them. When the shot widens, it's a solar farm in California with thousands of solar panels that reflect light back to a central pole at the top of which is a ball containing an element that generates electricity when superheated. The puffs of smoke? Birds flying through the heat radiated by the panels.

I think it's necessary to reconsider nuclear energy. X-Energy of Maryland has been operating one near Richland since 1984 without incident and can generate enough power to power Seattle by itself. WPPSS may have been a disaster, but it's plain that Washington's clean energy initiative isn't going to go far without nuclear power. Until we get rid of the Democrats in Olympia and regain some sense of balance and decency, this may be our only solution.

BRUCE PETERSON
Centralia



Playing the 'Glad Game'

When I was a little girl back in the 1940s, I read the Eleanor Porter children's classic Pollyanna, and my life changed. I adopted the heroine's, little Pollyanna's, practice of finding at least one thing a day to be glad for, particularly if the day was bleak and especially bereft of happy moments. I discovered for myself the wonderful benefit of turning a bad day into a good or at least tolerable day by playing Pollyanna's game.

My glad moment this past Wednesday, Jan. 19, came when I went to the spot in front of Book 'n' Brush after my art class to catch my Twin Transit LIFTT bus to go home. The City of Chehalis and the Renaissance Team had surprised me with a beautifully painted bench right in the sheltered area that protects the big store window from rain and extreme weather.

There had been a bench in that spot for a while, but recently the City of Chehalis did what it normally does each winter and took up the painted benches and put them in storage so they could be repaired and protected from the winter weather. When I left class on Jan. 12 to wait for my bus, I was shocked to discover that the bench was gone. No bench on which to sit and rest my arthritic joints as I waited for the LIFTT bus!

When I returned home on the 12th, I called the City of Chehalis to see if there was a way

to possibly get the bench back. The space where the bench sat in front of Book 'n' Brush is sheltered, so the bench is protected better than most of the other benches are. Cassie Frazier, the administrative assistant at city hall, suggested I talk to Andrew Hunziker, with the City of Chehalis. I left a message on Mr. Hunziker's answering machine and he called me back. He promised that by the next art class day, there would be a replacement bench waiting for me. And he kept that promise!

Yesterday, Jan. 19, when I left Thelma Hauge's art class to catch my bus, there sat in the spot in front of Book 'n' Brush a colorfully painted bench with shiny black wrought iron armrests waiting for me and for anyone else downtown who might need to sit and rest. The team of Andrew Hunziker and Annalee Tobey, executive director of the Chehalis Community Renaissance Team, working together, had taken this citizen's request seriously and had fulfilled it just as Andrew Hunziker had promised.

Yes, Jan. 19 was a "Glad Day," for I saw for myself that the City of Chehalis does take the needs of its citizens seriously and does respond when possible. Thank you to the owners of Book 'n' Brush, Beverly and David Hartz, for providing a sheltered spot for the bench, thank you Andrew Hunziker and Annalee Tobey for working together to replace the bench, and thank you to everyone who strives to make

Chehalis a great place to live! And thank you, too, to little Pollyanna who wanted people to be glad about the good things in life.

JEAN FAIRGRIEVE
Chehalis

Visitors Thankful for Hospitality During Flood

I would like to express my gratitude to the members of your community. My husband and I had flown into Centralia for a funeral. We drove into town the night of the big flood, Jan. 6.

We stayed at the Centralia Inn off of Harrison Boulevard. We woke the morning of Friday to being totally cut off from the rest of the town having been surrounded by water.

We had no supplies with us and no way to purchase anything. But the lovely people staying in the hotel reached out and brought us water, food and other life saving supplies like coffee.

The funeral was canceled due to the flooding, but our experience with the sheer kindness of your community made our trip a wonderful experience. It is heartwarming to see all of the grace and beauty, extended to perfect strangers during a very stressful time for them as well as us.

I have shared this story with anyone that will listen. In the midst of so much grief and angst, we were shown such love that it makes us appreciate that simple

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Bernalillo, New Mexico

Response to "Snowballs Into an Ideological Storm"

I am very disheartened to read Republican leaders like J. T. Wilcox and Andrew Barkis blame Gov. Jay Inslee for the recent closure of the passes between Western and Eastern Washington. The Jan. 19 article "Washington's Snow Response Snowballs Into an Ideological Storm" published in The Chronicle by David Kroman from The Seattle Times clearly shows Republicans using the snow and COVID-19 to attack the governor and vaccine mandates.

There is an employment shortage for a variety of reasons and we experienced an unusually heavy snowfall. As stated in the article, "The amount of snow and resulting avalanche danger drove the pass closures and kept road crews from working in several areas because it simply wasn't safe for crews to be there."

No matter how you feel about the vaccine mandate, you are better off in Washington State than in Florida, under Republican leadership, where the COVID numbers for sick and dead are much higher. I live in the 2nd Legislative district and am very disappointed with the leadership of Wilcox and Barkis. Using the snow and COVID as a cudgel for Inslee is not productive and is not honorable.

MADELINE BISHOP
Olympia

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Rain Brings Vibrant Rainbows Over the Twin Cities on Thursday



Jared Wenzelburger /jared@chronline.com

Rainbows were visible from Centralia and Chehalis throughout the day Thursday as rain to the north of the Twin Cities and sunshine to the south made for a spectacular show. This photo was taken in Chehalis Thursday afternoon across the freeway from Green Hill School.

News in Brief

Rep. Walsh Introduces Bill to Put Limits on State Spending

By The Chronicle staff

Rep. Jim Walsh and six other House Republicans have introduced a bill that will seek to re-establish limits on Washington state spending.

"Our state doesn't just have a tax problem. It has a spending problem," Walsh said in a statement. "House Bill 1999 resolves this problem by bringing back a good public policy that Washington should never have abandoned: reasonable and rational state government expenditure limits."

According to a news release from the Aberdeen Republican, the bill would put in place similar budget guidelines used during the 1990s. His bill is currently awaiting a hearing in the House Appropriations Committee.

Walsh's bill includes limiting state spending in any fiscal year by the previous year's budget, increased only by the fiscal growth factor, which is a sum of the averages of inflation and population change over the previous three fiscal years.

In his news release, Walsh said this limit will be familiar to

many Washingtonians. It's based on a central element of the state budget system set in place by voter approval of Initiative 601 in 1993. That system — which included effective spending limits — was eventually ruled unconstitutional because of tax-policy elements separate from the spending limits.

"Our state is at a point of great economic uncertainty," Walsh said. "For the first time in two generations, Washingtonians believe we're headed in the wrong direction economically. Bad policies and poor management have gummed up our great economic engine. HB 1999 puts Olympia back on a fiscal diet."

Emergency Pavement Repair Work to Cause Delays on I-5 Between Centralia and Chehalis

By The Chronicle staff

Travelers who use Interstate 5 through Centralia and Chehalis in Lewis County should plan for overnight delays this weekend as work to repave the highway continues, according to the Washington State Department of Transportation.

On Friday and Saturday, contractor crews working for WSDOT were set to close the northbound and southbound lanes of I-5 between Harrison Avenue and 13th Street to perform additional emergency pavement repairs caused by recent extreme

winter weather.

From 9 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 22, until 8 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 23, southbound I-5 will be reduced to one lane of travel just north of 13th Street at milepost 76 and the southbound I-5 on-ramp at Main Street/state Route 6 (Exit 77) will be closed.

During the overnight closures, travelers will need to use an alternate route, according to WSDOT.

Democrats Reject Rep. Abbarno's Bill to Repeal WA Cares Income Tax, Approve 18-Month Delay

By The Chronicle staff

Washington state House Democrats on Wednesday passed a pair of bills delaying the WA Cares employee collection tax by about 18 months, while also amending the program to include exemptions for workers who may not see the benefit or already have existing coverage.

House Bill 1732, which delays

the program, passed the House on a floor vote of 91-6. Reps. Peter Abbarno, R-Centralia, and Ed Orcutt, R-Kalama, both of the 20th Legislative District, voted for the delay, while 19th Legislative District Reps. Jim Walsh, R-Aberdeen, and Joel McEntire, R-Cathlamet, voted against the bill.

"I voted 'no' because the 18-month delay doesn't go far enough," Walsh wrote on Facebook. "We should have repealed the rotten Long Term Care tax scheme. It's a bad deal for working people in WA."

Orcutt was the only local lawmaker to vote in favor of House Bill 1733, which deals with four exemptions, when it came to a floor vote. Abbarno, McEntire and Walsh all voted against the bill, which passed on a closer 67-29 vote.

Abbarno in a news release this week compared the Democrats' fixes to the WA Cares program to "playing music on the sinking Titanic."

"HB 1773 offers more opt outs, but does not address the regressive tax, the restrictive invest-

ment strategy, or the limited benefit. And all three need to work for this program to be successful. Ultimately, as the ship sinks faster and faster because of these so-called fixes, it will become more likely that higher taxes must be imposed on all Washingtonians, in and out of the program, to keep this vessel afloat," Abbarno said in a statement. "If these opt-outs in HB 1773 were really a fix, the House would not have needed to pause the program for 18 months in HB 1772."

Abbarno earlier this session introduced HB 1594, which would fully repeal the WA Cares program and its tax of 58 cents on every \$100 earned by Washington workers. Democrats have yet to give his, or any other Republican fixes, a hearing.

"Pausing the program is one option. Repealing an insolvent program is another option that should be considered," he said in a statement.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF Carol Sue Hicks

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She was the chair of the Wednesday "Weed Control Meeting" at the Littlerock Tavern with co-workers and invited guests. She loved train rides, which began with her father many years ago with the railroad and later she shared the experience with a special nephew and niece on their memorable Seattle trips.

Carol learned gardening, along with southern cooking and canning at the elbow of her mother. She loved Westport fishing, Reno trips and Centralia baseball. She enjoyed many years at the Centralia baseball parks and most recently with family and friends at Wheeler Field. Sometimes her calls differed from those of the umpire.

Carol will be missed and forever in our hearts. Remembrances in her name can be made to the Salvation Army.



Carol Sue Hicks slipped away on Jan. 18, 2022 at Providence Centralia Hospital. She was forever loyal to her loving family and friends who will both miss her and cherish her humor, her honesty and her colorful opinion.

Carol was born to Raymond and Leta Hicks on June 20, 1944. Both of her parents and sister Wilma Pennington preceded her in death. She leaves behind her brothers Bob and Greg (Robyne) Hicks and an extended family of nephews, nieces and friends.

Carol worked for 35 years at the Department of Natural Resources Webster Nursery.

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Disagreement Over Who Sets Pay for Lewis County Elected Officials Arises in Salary Commission

By Eric Rosane

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The Lewis County Salary Commission is wondering if the Board of County Commissioners overstepped its boundaries last year when it limited the scope of the salary commission's work, so much so that the salary commission might solicit an opinion from the Washington state Attorney General's office.

Back in August, the Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution rescinding the salary commission's review of pay for the auditor, assessor, clerk, coroner, prosecuting attorney and treasurer, and instead tied all those positions' pay to a percentage of a superior court judge's salary.

The commission still has the authority to set salaries for the county commissioners.

But now the salary commission wants to hear from either the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office or the Attorney General's office on if the commission ever had the authority in the first place to review salaries of those officials, if the county commissioners have legal basis to rescind that authority and if their work as a whole is just "recommendation."

"There was no formal notice from the board of county commissioners to the Lewis County Citizen Salary Commission that they were going to take the action they did in that resolution"

last August, Chair Bob Berg told The Chronicle.

The board during a Tuesday evening meeting reviewed an in-progress letter to Attorney General Bob Ferguson's office that was drafted by salary commissioner Eric Carlson. The letter read that the commission had "strong reservations and questions" about the board's decision and didn't believe the county prosecutor's office was in a "conflict-free position to offer any legal opinion on the matter whatsoever."

But not all agreed with that assessment, specifically Berg.

Carlson said he didn't believe Prosecutor Jonathan Meyer's office — or any of the other elected officials — could provide an objective opinion on the board of county commissioners' actions, given that Meyer's salary had been reviewed back in 2020.

"I think that it's important that, if we're taking our position seriously, we figure out a way for someone to help us referee what the law is," he said, noting that he wasn't "trying to attack anyone personally."

There have been some disagreements between Berg and Carlson on how to go about asking the attorney general's office for an opinion; Berg said he made a "citizens inquiry," without identifying himself, and asked the office if they would make such an opinion, and Carlson accused him of going around

the draft letter and speaking for the salary commission.

Berg said he believed their line of questioning needed to be passed up the chain of command, starting first with the prosecutor's office and Andrew Logerwell, Lewis County's chief civil deputy prosecutor who provides legal counsel to the salary commission. He said he would see if the prosecutor's office would submit the letter on their behalf.

"My job as a governmental lawyer is to give timely, accurate legal advice — whether or not my audience wants to hear it, agrees with me, benefits or does not benefit from that by extension. So, to suggest that I would give my advice based on what I think my boss wants to hear is frankly insulting," Logerwell, who worked in the AG's office from 2007 to 2018, told Carlson. He noted that Meyer gives him independence to provide legal civil advice.

Logerwell had previously given an opinion to the salary commission stating that he believed the board of county commissioners was in the right. He argued that just because state law allows counties the ability to create salary commissions and give them authority, doesn't necessarily mean the lower body has authoritative say over their work.

The county commissioners originally reconvened the salary commission back in 2019 with

the passage of Resolution 19-152, which gave the citizens established powers to set the county commissioners' salaries and recommend the salaries of other elected officials to the county commissioners. Before that, the salary commission had largely been vacated for a number of years due to no members being appointed.

Resolution 21-296, passed back in August, essentially rescinds the commission's authority to review salaries on electeds other than setting the commissioners' pay.

Raising Lewis County elected officials' salaries in 2020 proved contentious, according to previous The Chronicle reporting, in large part because the county commissioners at first rejected raising salaries on other elected officials due to COVID-19 hardships for constituents while the salary commission signed off on the same 10% increase for the county commissioners.

County Assessor Dianne Dorey last summer told The Chronicle that the 2020 increase was the first cost-of-living salary adjustment she'd seen since 2014.

The decision back in August to tie most elected officeholder's salaries to a percentage of a supreme court judge was a compromise from removing authority altogether, said Lewis County Commissioner Lindsey Pollock. She said it was for the best.

"The main goal was to try to avoid the optics issue that

occurred in 2020, and I know there was some discord in the commissioner meetings when they were talking about whether other electeds would get a raise or not," said Pollock, who makes \$90,900 in annual salary not including benefits. "Come 2021, there was some desire to not see that situation repeat itself."

County commissioners last year spoke openly about retiring the citizen-led commission in the leadup to the August proclamation, but this time in an effort to depoliticize the decision making. All of the current salary commissioners' terms expire in September 2023.

"I think that was probably our best compromise going forward," Pollock said.

As of July 2021, the county assessor, auditor, clerk, coroner and treasurer all make an annual salary of \$90,852, according to the resolution. The county's prosecuting attorney makes \$189,691, at 95% the judge's salary, and the sheriff makes \$135,779, or roughly 68% the judge's salary.

The Washington state salary for a supreme court judge is currently \$199,675, and will increase to \$203,196 this July.

The salary commission will meet Feb. 17 to further discuss their letter to the Attorney General's office. The salary commission will also begin work to reset Board of Lewis County Commissioner salaries, too.

News in Brief

Man Fatally Shot During Traffic Stop With Pierce County Deputy Is Identified

By The News Tribune

A 22-year-old man fatally shot Sunday in Puyallup during a traffic stop initiated by a Pierce County Sheriff's Department deputy has been identified.

The Pierce County medical examiner identified him as Moses Portillo, according to a news release from the Pierce County Force Investigation Team. Portillo was a rear passenger in a vehicle with two others who were pulled over at about 10 p.m. near 13400 Canyon Road East.

The deputy that pulled them over told South Sound 911 dispatch that a person in the vehicle had a firearm, and one minute later, the deputy advised that shots had been fired, according to PCFIT's news release.

The Pierce County deputy involved in the traffic stop and shooting was placed on administrative leave, but that deputy has not yet been identified, and the language of the independent investigation team's news release does not make it clear who fired gunshots. Life-saving measures were started for Portillo, according to the release, but he died on the scene. PCFIT was called to investigate, and a member of the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office investigative staff responded to assist in the investigation.

Centralian Returns to Vehicle After Swimming to Safety



Jared Wenzelburger / jared@chronline.com

David Marrs, of Centralia, stands on his submerged vehicle and recounts the moment he slid off the roadway on Christmas day due to icy conditions before having to swim out. On Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022 Marrs went back to retrieve some of his personal items including a backpack that was drenched with water.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

TERRY WICKERT

Terry Lee Wickert, 66, of Winlock, Washington, passed away, Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022, at his home surrounded by his family whom he loved endlessly. His last words to them were, "OK, I'll see you later."

Terry was born Oct. 25, 1955, in Winlock to Emery and Hazel (Omeg) Wickert. He graduated from Mount St. Helens High School in 1973. Terry, more commonly known as "The Mud Man," worked in construction his whole career and poured sidewalks, patios and garage slabs on just about every road in Lewis County and beyond. He was famous for informing everyone that "Mud was the boss."

Terry's fondest memories were coaching Little League baseball and spending time at the fields. His greatest pastime was working on old cars and his 1968 Mustang. He also enjoyed spending time at car



shows and going to car swap meets. He could always be found in his shop, tinkering. He never wanted to burn any daylight.

Terry is survived by his wife of 36 years, Debbie Wickert, Winlock; sons, Kristopher Wickert (Kayla Meade) and Tim Reisbeck; two grandchildren, Phoebe Allen and Hayden Fredericks; his brothers Edward (Sue) Wickert and John (Susie) Wickert; along with several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Emery and Hazel Wickert; brothers, Gary Wickert and Tim Wickert; and a sister, Barbara Wickert.

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Proposed Washington Law Would End Employment Tests for Marijuana Use

By Brooklyn Hillemann

Washington State Journal

Washington marijuana users won't face losing their job over a positive drug test if a proposal under consideration in the state Legislature wins approval.

SB 5517 would update the Washington law that currently allows employers to turn away job applicants and fire employees for testing positive for marijuana use in drug screenings.

Prime sponsor of the bill, Sen. Karen Keiser, D-Des Moines, said current employment laws must be reformed to accommodate recreational legalization of the drug.

"The war on drugs has had a really negative impact on so many communities," she said. "Part of that has been almost universal approaches to drug testing."

Keiser's bill had a public hear-

"The war on drugs has had a really negative impact on so many communities."

Sen. Karen Keiser
D-Des Moines

ing on Jan. 19 before the Senate Committee of Labor, Commerce & Tribal Affairs, with attendees voicing a mix of opposition and support.

Initiative 502 legalized the recreational use of marijuana for Washington adults in 2012, making Washington one of the first states to do so. However, the state has maintained employers are allowed to base employment decisions on the results of screening tests.

Certain exceptions outlined in the bill will allow employers to

retain the right to screen if they create 'drug-free workplaces.' Such workplaces must have written policies, educate employees and train supervisors on the business' drug-use tolerance. In addition, federal employees will still be subject to testing due to inconsistencies at the state and national level for legalization of the drug.

Proponents of the bill argue the change in policy is needed because drug screenings measure exposure to the drug rather

than impairment.

"If we can come up with a good way to measure impairment, that's one thing, but these sorts of pre-employment screenings are about controlling behavior when we're not at work," Micah Sherman, representative for Washington Sun and Craft Growers Association, said.

According to the CDC, urine tests can detect marijuana in the system for about three to 30 days after use. Hair tests are the most sensitive, detecting THC for up to 90 days after use.

"(Tests) only measure whether you've had exposure to marijuana or cannabis in the last couple of weeks," Keiser said. "It does

not connect directly to on-the-job performance."

Opponents of the bill argue weakening drug-screening regulations will lead to more workplace accidents, with liability falling on employers.

"We'd say until a better test is available, we should err on the side of safety, particularly in high-hazard industries of construction, agriculture, and others," said Tom Kwiecek, representing Building Industry Association of Washington.

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Capital Student Caught Yelling Racist Slur at Basketball Game With River Ridge

By Jon Manley

The News Tribune

A Capital High School (Olympia) student was captured on video using profane language and yelling a racial slur toward a River Ridge (Lacey) player during a boys basketball game between the schools on Jan. 14.

The incident was first reported by mynorthwest.com. Capital students can be heard in the video making ape noises and referring to a River Ridge basketball player as a "gorilla."

The slur was made toward the player wearing jersey No. 3, which the school's athletic website lists as Ahmari Steplight. Steplight's father, Qayi, took to Facebook to express his anger following the incident.

"For those of you who don't know. My son was targeted at the River Ridge High School (Lacey, Washington) vs Capital High School basketball game," the post states. "The student body at Capital High School were yelling racial epithets during the game directed toward My son. One of the students recorded a video and shared it on social media and even tagged my son in the video."

Olympia School District superintendent Patrick Murphy released a statement late Wednesday night in light of the incident.

"As the superintendent, it is incumbent upon me to work with our school leaders and staff to ensure that when student actions cause harm, there is accountability, learning and an opportu-

nity to restore and make amends with those who have been hurt," reads part of the statement. "This incident was promptly investigated, discipline was issued and restorative work is ongoing."

The full statement, which can be found on the Olympia School District's website, never says specifically what type of discipline has been issued against the student. In an email to The News Tribune, a district spokesperson said the district is unable to share specific information about discipline due to privacy.

Qayi Steplight's dad was in the military, and a move brought the family to Lacey in 1994.

"There wasn't a lot of Black students then," Steplight said. "When my parents were looking for a school, everyone said to go to River Ridge. That's where (all the Black students) went."

Steplight said as a Black teenager, he's always felt racism when he went into Olympia.

"There's a line drawn in the sand: Thurston County and then Olympia. If you go into Olympia, you don't know what you're going to get. You know you're not welcome. Every time we're at football games, basketball, baseball, whatever, we get consistent stories from families about how we're treated."

"They used to paint their faces black at Capital and Olympia games. Everyone seemed like it was OK. The parents there, the staff at the top of the bleachers, nobody ever says anything. ... Everyone is too scared to say or do anything. I've been around

enough families and kids, people feel like nothing is going to ever happen."

When he was in high school, Steplight's parents bought him a BMW as a reward for having a 4.0 grade point average. He said he was pulled over 15 times in a week by Olympia police and search his car.

"That was my first run-in with the police and just how things are in this area," Steplight said.

When he asked his son about the incident at the basketball game, Ahmari more or less shrugged it off.

"He said, 'That's just what they call us,'" Steplight said.

Capital has had issues with student behavior at basketball games in the past. Last spring, the 'Capital Mens Basketball' Twitter account tweeted that "due to continued unacceptable behavior by our students, both during and after our basketball games, no students will be allowed at our home basketball games for the remainder of the season."

A spokesperson from the school district declined to comment on last spring's situation.

Steplight said he's met with Capital's administration, which offered a sincere apology to him in-person. But he doesn't think the district is doing enough.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

CAROL FLESKES

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Carol Lynn (Rabung) Fleskes passed away on Dec. 23, 2021, at the age of 75 following a short battle with very aggressive cancer. She was born in Yakima, Washington, on Aug. 4, 1946, to Victor Leo and Margaret (Peggy) Ann (O'Neill) Rabung. Carol attended the University of Washington and was the first female to graduate with a degree in Civil Engineering. She met her husband of 35 years, Bert Fleskes, in Albany, Oregon. They both jokingly said, "they met in the sewers." She spent her career in service to the public and the environment. She worked for 35 years for the Washington State Department

of Ecology, leading numerous programs through some of the most challenging times. She served on the Washington Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and was a recipient of the Governor's Distinguished Managers Award in 1991. She is preceded in death by her husband, father and son, Bradley Fleskes. She is survived by her children Julie Spalding, Bruce Fleskes (Paula), Brian Fleskes (Kathy), Susie Baxter (Troy), Brett Fleskes (Robin) and Maria Skinner, 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her mother and sister, Nancy Mandeville (Jon). A celebration of life will be held March 5, 2022, from 1 to 4 p.m. at The Kodiak Room, 225 Sussex Ave W., Tenino, Washington. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Tenino Combined PTSA, PO Box 627, Tenino, Washington 98589, or Nature Nurture Pharmacy, www.naturenurturepharmacy.org.

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COACH TOM SMITH

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coached basketball, baseball and assisted in football. The highlight of Tom's coaching career was when the Bearcats won the Washington State Basketball Championship in 1960. He was inducted into the Washington Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1991 and the W.F. West Bearcat Hall of Fame in 2016.

Coach Smith touched the lives of countless students during his tenure at W.F. West. Many of his former students credit him with mentoring them and helping them to succeed in life. Former students and student athletes often came to the family home to thank him for the role he played in influencing their lives.

Tom's five children, Robyn, Greg, Carole, Jake and Tim, and his grandchildren Nick and Walker, invite you to join us at a gathering to celebrate Tom's life. It will be held at the Vintage Grand Room, 545 N. Market Blvd., Chehalis on Jan. 29, 2022. The program starts at 2 p.m. All are invited. Masks are required.

Lyle Thomas "Tom" Smith, a husband, father, teacher and coach, passed away at the age of 98 on Oct. 31, 2021.

After playing college sports at Eastern Washington University and professional basketball for Portland, Tom accepted a job with W.F. West High School in 1951, where he taught math and

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Gov. Jay Inslee Joins Other Governors in Testifying to Congress on COVID-19 Strategies

By Laurel Demkovich

The Spokesman-Review

OLYMPIA — The actions Washington took during the COVID-19 pandemic worked to save lives and keep businesses and schools open, but more is still needed to get the country out of the pandemic, Gov. Jay Inslee told Congress on Thursday.

Inslee joined other state and city leaders in testifying to the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis about their response to the omicron variant. Democratic Govs. Jared Polis, of Colorado, and Pedro Pierluisi, of Puerto Rico; D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser and Republican Gov. Pete Ricketts, of Nebraska, all discussed what actions are still needed to slow the spread of the virus.

The hearing and governors' comments drew criticism from Washington Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers and other Republican members of the subcommittee, who claimed some governments have been too heavy-handed in their mandates and vaccine strategy.

But Inslee said Washington has used three principles when dealing with the COVID-19 virus: science and public health experts; saving lives; and suppressing the virus to safely reopen the economy.

"Did those strategies work? They worked big time," he told members of the committee.

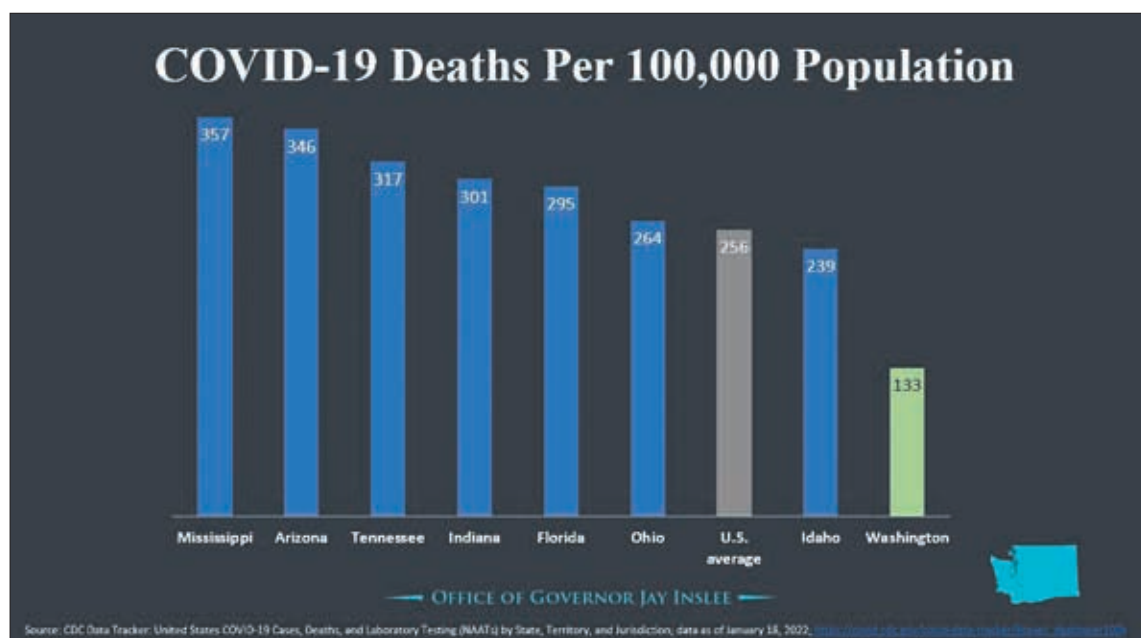
Washington faced the country's first COVID-19 outbreak, having seen the first case of the virus two years ago on Friday.

Inslee pointed to the state's use of masking and vaccines, what he called the most effective measures.

Washington implemented a statewide mask mandate in June 2020. Besides several weeks last summer when the mandate was lifted, it has been in place ever since. He said the mask mandate was the most effective action the state has taken. Inslee announced earlier this month the



Gov. Jay Inslee testifies to Congress remotely in this photograph published by the Governor's Office.



"Experts estimate Washington's early and ongoing public health actions have prevented the death of approximately 17,000 Washingtonians," the Governor's Office reported.

state would give 10 million free N95 and KN95 masks to local communities through schools, governments and health departments.

All testifiers said the vaccine was the most effective way to fight the virus.

Inslee pointed to the state's vaccination rate. More than 74% of those 12 and older are considered fully vaccinated, according to the Department of Health. Inslee also mentioned the state's vaccination requirement for state employees, health care workers and educators.

McMorris Rodgers submitted a statement to the committee criticizing Inslee's work during the pandemic, specifically his decision to implement a mask mandate for K-12 schools.

"The response to COVID-19 in Washington State will have devastating consequences for our children's and state's future," her statement read.

She also said school closures have kept students out of the classroom "for too long," leading to learning loss and lower test scores. Inslee has said keeping schools open remains a top priority in the coming months of the pandemic.

She added the government response to the pandemic has led to a nationwide labor shortage, including in the health care sector.

All governors testifying Thursday pushed the federal government for more funding for health care and nurses as there is a shortage nationwide.

Inslee called on the federal government to help pay for more nurses, health care workers and the behavioral health response needed after the pandemic.

Pierluisi said hospitals in Puerto Rico were able to "achieve the near impossible," but they need more federal funding for health care programs.

Washington's most urgent challenges are testing availability and overburdened hospitals, Inslee said.

Washington recently has increased its at-home testing supply with an online portal available to residents as soon as this weekend, according to the Department of Health. Inslee an-

nounced last week the state was pausing all non-emergency procedures in hospitals and sending 100 National Guard members to hospitals across the state. Hospitalizations have soared across Washington with the omicron variant, and continued staffing shortages have left many hospitals in a crisis.

In her statement, McMorris Rodgers criticized Inslee's decision to halt all nonurgent procedures but keep a vaccine mandate for all health care workers in the state.

"Imposing heavy-handed vaccine mandates onto our health care workers — who have gone above and beyond the call of duty during this pandemic — has proved to be reckless, cruel and ineffective at stopping the spread of the virus," her statement read.

The governors and committee members also discussed differences in virus case rates between vaccinated and unvaccinated people. Democrats cited misinformation within the Republican Party for the differing vaccine rates. Republicans said guidance and information on the vaccine have consistently changed, making many people untrusting.

Inslee said there is a "profound difference" in vaccination rates between Democrats and Republicans.

Data from the Kaiser Family Foundation's COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor showed among those who are unvaccinated, about 60% identified as Republican compared to about 17% who identified as Democrats. The Nov. 16 study compared vaccination rates from April to October. Although the number of unvaccinated people has gone down during that time, the percent of those still unvaccinated who identify as Republican has gone up.

The KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor is a research project that tracks the public's attitude and experience with the vaccine, according to their website.

"There just is a sad reality we have to recognize: profoundly different approach to this pandemic based on whether you're red or blue," Inslee said.

Committee ranking member Rep. Steve Scalise, R-Louisiana, pushed back on the idea that one party is spreading misinformation.

"Stop dividing Americans over the vaccine and start providing Americans with an actual plan to confront this," Scalise said.

The work to fight the virus isn't done yet, the leaders who testified said, and states need the federal government to help.

"The states alone cannot spearhead these efforts indefinitely," Polis said.

News in Brief

Deputies Seek Help From Public to Find Man Charged With Child Rape; Could Be in Ashford Area

By The News Tribune

Pierce County Sheriff's Department deputies are asking the public for help locating a 30-year-old man who was charged in November with sexually assaulting his girlfriend's 15-year-old daughter.

Anthony Charles-Lee Churchill was charged in Pierce County Superior Court on Nov. 4 with four counts of first-degree child rape. A bench warrant was issued for his arrest later that month.

On Wednesday, deputies shared a bulletin asking for help locating the man. Churchill is described as a 6-foot-3, 157-pound white man with a tattoo of cartoon characters on his right arm.

Deputies said Churchill could be in the Ashford area in southern Pierce County and might be driving a silver Dodge



Anthony Charles-Lee Churchill was charged in Pierce County Superior Court on Nov. 4 with four counts of first-degree child rape.

Ram with a landscaping logo on the side.

Those with information can submit tips to Crime Stoppers Tacoma/Pierce County online or text or call 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Tips can also be submitted on the P3 Tips smartphone app. Tipsters who provide information that leads to an arrest and charges filed can receive up to a \$1,000 cash reward.

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Oregon Gov. Kate Brown Unlawfully Commuted Sentences of Nearly 1,000 Inmates, Lawsuit Claims

By Zane Sparling
The Oregonian

Two Oregon district attorneys and the relatives of three homicide victims on Wednesday accused Gov. Kate Brown of unlawfully freeing nearly 1,000 inmates, filing a new legal challenge that seeks to slam the gate on over 70 proposed commutations.

District attorneys Patricia Perlow of Lane County and Doug Marteeny of Linn County are among the parties alleging Brown has violated clemency procedures that require victim notification. The lawsuit, filed in Marion County Circuit Court, asks a judge to halt Brown from allowing those convicted of crimes as minors from applying for commutation.

“We are asking that the court compel the governor to follow the laws that are already in place,” said Monique DeSpain, a lawyer for the Kevin L. Mannix law firm, which filed the case on behalf of Perlow, Marteeny and the homicide victims’ relatives.

Brown commuted the sentences of 912 inmates who were deemed at heightened risk of contracting COVID-19, according to a June 2021 letter she wrote to state lawmakers. The freed inmates were medically vulnerable, had completed at least half their sentences and were not serving time for crimes against people.

Brown also commuted the sentences of 41 inmates who fought the historic Labor Day 2020 wildfires, according to the June letter, which is cited in the lawsuit.

Those released didn’t “present an unacceptable safety, security, or compliance risk to the community,” the letter said.

Forty-four inmates and three jailers have died of COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic, state records show.

The lawsuit claims Brown broke rules requiring individual commutation applications and unlawfully delegated her responsibilities to state agencies.

“This lawsuit is not personal on my part,” Marteeny said in a statement. “I believe our laws put limits on (Brown’s) actions. I am working to enforce those limits.”

Perlow, in a statement, argued Brown was ignoring crime victims’ statutory and constitutional rights.

“The Governor’s priority is offenders of crimes, many of them violent,” Perlow said.

A spokesperson for Brown declined to comment.

Aliza Kaplan, a Lewis & Clark Law School professor who frequently helps inmates prepare clemency applications, said the governor’s actions were in line with historical standards.

“She’s using it in the exact way it should be used,” Kaplan told The Oregonian/OregonLive. “These people have been punished significantly, and even in a place like prison, they have managed to rehabilitate themselves, and the governor is offering them mercy.”

The lawsuit also seeks to halt Brown’s reconsideration of youth offenders’ sentences.

The Oregon Department of Corrections said in October that some 250 youth offenders would be eligible for commutation if a 2019 law giving them “second look” hearings halfway through their sentences were to be retroactive.

The law is not retroactive as written.

But Brown claims it should be, citing fairness and that many youth offenders “are capable of tremendous transformation,” according to a September letter to the state Department of Corrections.

Brown on Oct. 20 allowed 73 inmates convicted as juveniles to petition the Oregon Board of Parole & Post-Prison Supervision for commutation once they serve 15 years of their sentence — a plan the lawsuit claims unlawfully extends Brown’s clemency powers beyond her term in office.



Dave Killen / Tribune News Service

Oregon Governor Kate Brown at Providence Park on Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

“District attorneys and citizens across the state are voicing their shock,” the lawsuit claims. “The new process and timelines for commuted felons to petition and meet the Board, and prob-

“We are asking that the court compel the governor to follow the laws that are already in place.”

Monique DeSpain
plaintiff

able outcomes, remain a mystery to the district attorneys and, tragically, to the victims as well.”

The lawsuit’s other plaintiffs are family members of homicide

victims who oppose the proposed release of their relatives’ killers. They are:

- Randy Tennant, whose mother Donna Irene Tennant was stabbed to death in her bed by her 17-year-old grandson, Andrew Johnson, in Milwaukie in 2012.

- Samuel Williams and Amy Jones, the father and sister of Jessica Williams, who was stabbed to death underneath Portland’s Steel Bridge in 2003. Carl Alsop, one of three men who stabbed Jessica Williams and burned her body afterward, was 17 at the time.

- Melissa Grassl, whose partner Austin French was shot in the head three times in Gresham in 2006 by his younger brother, Cayce French, who was also 17.

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Erik Dahl, 84, talks about a drop nearing a foot in height in the 2100 block of Little Hanaford Road Thursday in Centralia.

Problem

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Several dozen households and farms live out past the crack, Dahl said.

“This is a time problem,” he said. “It just can’t wait.”

Josh Metcalf, Lewis County Public Works director, said this

stretch of Little Hanaford is one of many problem areas that require constant attention.

“Based on the settlement and the size of the lip, we decided to bring (the roadway) down to one lane until we could do something to address it,” he said.

The single lane of roadway remains safe to drive on, Metcalf said.

The problem persists, despite patching up the roadway every summer. But this year appears to be different.

The earth underneath the road is sliding out from the side that faces South Hanaford Creek. Large amounts of moisture and freeze thaw have likely prompted the slide to accelerate underneath, eating up and dipping the roadway, Metcalf said.

“We really need to get in there and look at what’s going on below it and probably think of a bigger solution in there,” he said.

It’s unclear if the roadway has enough momentum to give out before Metcalf and his team can get out there this summer to address the problem, he said, but it’s possible it could happen with the earth underneath continuing to get washed out.

If such a scenario were to

play out, Metcalf said he and his team would mobilize a temporary solution to make sure people are able to pass the section of roadway, be that a prefab bridge or whatever the situation calls for.

“We’re watching it every day, and if we see something change in the conditions we may have to do something sooner than later,” he said.

Road erosion caused by natural forces remains a big challenge for Lewis County roads and the county’s public works team.

Back in August, Lewis County staff made emergency improvements to a section of Shorey Road after the Newaukum River and unusual winter weather eroded a portion of the bank. A permanent fix on that roadway is expected to cost \$1.2 million.

As of Thursday, there were about a dozen roadways partially or fully closed, according to the county’s online roads restriction report. Two of those roadways — Toledo Salmon Creek Road in Toledo and Blair Road in Centralia — mentioned a slide as the cause.



New pavement stretches across a split in Little Hanaford Road Thursday in Centralia.

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attorney, Cooper Offenbecher, filed a motion of dismissal in December arguing that the second-degree manslaughter charge against his client was misplaced because DeShazer was solely responsible for the death of 24-year-old Jonathan F. Stringer on Jan. 9, 2020.

Offenbecher argued DeShazer “violated company policy and the explicit instructions of his supervisors” by entering a 12-foot deep trench that partially collapsed on top of him, leading Stringer and Csizsmar to enter the trench in an attempt to rescue him.

“I told John (Stringer) to get out of the trench, and he said ‘No,’” said DeShazer in an interview that was quoted in the court documents. “He goes, ‘I’m not letting you’ — he goes ‘If you’re going, I’m going,’ and then he goes ‘I’m going to save you.’ That’s his exact words ... that’s when it caved in on top of him.”

Stringer, DeShazer and Csizsmar were all buried “in varying depths of soil,” according to court documents.

Csizsmar was able to free himself and call for help and DeShazer was “sustained by a pocket of air and survived the trench collapse,” according to court documents, but Stringer was killed.

His body was recovered the next day.

An autopsy confirmed that Stringer died “of asphyxiation due to chest compression caused by the weight of soil on top of him from the trench collapse,” according to court documents.

While prosecutors argued the other codefendants were re-



Kenneth Phillip DeSchazer appears in Lewis County Superior Court last August in this Chronicle file photo.

“I told John (Stringer) to get out of the trench, and he said ‘No.’”

Kenneth DeSchazer
last person charged in case

sponsible for the trench collapse because the trench was not reinforced to accommodate people entering it, Offenbecher argued that all parties on the construction site the day of Stringer’s death understood no one was supposed to enter the trench.

DeShazer allegedly decided to enter the trench after a boring pipe became stuck, according to court documents.

“Here, the state has charged a number of individuals, seeking justice and closure for the death of a young man. But as this court knows, many wrongful, accidental tragedies resulting in death do not meet the standard for a criminal homicide prosecution. This is such a case,”

said Offenbecher in a written argument, adding that DeShazer’s case is the only one where state prosecutors had enough evidence to allege the defendant acted in a way that led to the victim’s death.

Judge James Lawler ordered Schwarting’s, Buckles’, Thome’s and Csizsmar’s cases to be dismissed without prejudice on Jan. 19.

DeShazer’s trial has been scheduled for March 14, 2022, with a trial confirmation hearing scheduled for March 10.

In February, a King County judge approved a settlement between Stringer’s estate, RES Americas and Weyerhaeuser Company totalling \$12 million.

State Supreme Court Upholds \$18M Campaign Finance Fine Against Grocery Industry Group

By Jim Brunner

The Seattle Times

The Washington state Supreme Court has upheld a record \$18 million fine against a national grocery industry group for violating state campaign finance laws during a 2013 battle against a food-labeling initiative.

In a 5-4 ruling issued Thursday, the court majority upheld a 2020 appeals court decision that found the massive fine levied against the Grocery Manufacturers Association, or GMA, was not excessive.

Writing for the court majority, Chief Justice Steven González said the GMA's efforts to conceal the identity of corporations bankrolling its 2013 campaign "struck at the core of open and transparent elections."

The GMA spent more than \$11 million to defeat Initiative 522, which would have required labeling of genetically modified food products. But the industry group did not initially identify



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The Washington state Supreme Court Temple of Justice is pictured in Olympia last week.

the corporations that wrote big checks to fund the campaign, including Coca-Cola, General Mills and Nestlé.

The donors were only disclosed after Attorney General Bob Ferguson's office sued, alleging violation of the state's cam-

paign finance laws. His office uncovered internal GMA documents showing the group's leaders purposely sought to hide the corporations behind the political donations to "shield individual companies from public disclosure and possible criticism."

In an interview, Ferguson called Thursday's ruling "a complete and total victory" for the state. "They were caught red-handed. It's the kind of thing that drives people crazy: big sophisticated corporations who think they don't have to follow the pesky law," he said.

Ferguson added that the well-funded industry group had engaged in "scorched earth litigation" fighting the case with "every conceivable legal roadblock."

In addition to the fine, the court majority awarded the state its legal costs in the case. A spokesperson for Ferguson did not immediately have an estimate of the amount of those costs.

The \$18 million penalty is the largest ever imposed for campaign finance violations in Washington.

The nearly decadelong legal fight may still not be over.

An attorney for the grocery group, which since has renamed

itself the Consumer Brands Association, said it was disappointed in Thursday's ruling and may take its case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"The state's legal process has been tainted by partisan politics, and the ruling in this case will chill core political speech by legitimate organizations based on their viewpoints. The only winner in this decision is politics — not the law, the facts or the American public," Stacy Papadopoulos, Consumer Brands general counsel, said in a statement. "Consumer Brands will pursue all legal options, including petitioning the U.S. Supreme Court, to receive a fair and impartial review of this decision."

In a dissenting opinion, four justices, led by Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud, agreed with the industry group's contention that the \$18 million penalty was "grossly disproportionate" for a campaign finance violation that was ultimately corrected.

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'Rise in Violent Rhetoric': Lawmakers in Both Parties Report Spike in Death Threats

By Jim Saksa

CQ-Roll Call

WASHINGTON — The voicemail begins innocuously enough. “Yeah, this voicemail is for Madison,” a man says, casually, as if he’s trying to get in touch with an old friend.

But then steel enters his voice. “I am armed. I am dangerous. And I know where you and your staff are.”

That threat against Madison Cawthorn was just one of thousands sent to members of Congress last year. It may not surprise many that Cawthorn, a North Carolina Republican who himself once urged his supporters to “lightly threaten” their representatives, inspired such vitriol. But controversy hunters like Cawthorn are hardly the only members of Congress facing a bombardment of death threats.

CQ Roll Call asked every member of Congress whether they had received a death threat since 2020. Of the 147 who responded, 110 — or about 75% — said yes. While more Democrats replied to our inquiry than Republicans, 95 to 52, death threats were pervasive among both parties: 74% of Democrats said they had received one, compared with 77% of GOP respondents.

The threatened run the gamut of the House and Senate, from the hyper-partisan moths who fly toward the latest controversy to the little-known wallflowers



Kent Nishimura / Los Angeles Times/TNS

The U.S. Capitol Building on March 4, 2021, amid boosted security after officials warned of an attack plot by extremists, in Washington, D.C.

toiling away in near anonymity. While prior reporting has tracked a spike in threats using yearly totals from the Capitol Police, our informal survey suggests just how widespread the problem has become.

“I don’t know many members of Congress who haven’t received a death threat,” said Rep. Donald Norcross, D-N.J.

Most congressional offices do not comment publicly on threats, but several members agreed to use their names, and dozens more replied on the condition of anonymity. Cawthorn’s office responded with the voicemail above but declined an interview request.

‘Gotten rid of’

Democrats described a wave of invective around the time

pro-Trump rioters attacked the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, saying it engulfed rank-and-file members, not just party leaders. “We’ve seen a 100% increase in death threats since Jan. 6,” said Rep. Angie Craig of Minnesota.

Threats against Mary Gay Scanlon of Pennsylvania surged in 2021. “The greatest increase in threats came after the congresswoman ran the debate on a resolution to invoke 25th Amendment against the former president,” her spokesperson said.

Capitol Police estimate they reviewed 9,600 disconcerting messages and direct threats against members in 2021, an increase from 3,939 in 2017. The 2020 tally was 8,613.

Those counts include multiple threats against the same people, as well as nasty communications that may not cross the line into targeted threats. Our survey asked only about “death threats,” which capture just a portion of what lawmakers receive.

A spokesman for Indiana Democratic Rep. André Carson, who has received both kinds of messages, illustrated the distinction. After Carson, one of three Muslims in Congress, condemned Islamophobic comments made by Colorado Republican Rep. Lauren Boebert, he received a slur-soaked voicemail.

“This caller said Muslims would be gotten rid of,” his spokesperson said. “Unfortunately, many of these types of messages members of Congress receive, including this one, may not explicitly state the desire or intention to kill, and therefore may not officially be considered death threats by some law enforcement organizations.”

Capitol Police declined an interview request.

But at a hearing this month, Capitol Police Chief J. Thomas Manger warned that with critical staffing shortages on the force after Jan. 6, in part because of the pandemic, it wasn’t easy to keep up. “We’re investigating the threats against Congress, but I will tell you we’re barely keeping our head above water for those investigations,” he told lawmakers.

‘Head on a swivel’

The threats against members of Congress don’t surprise Andrew Mines, a research fellow at George Washington University, who said both Republicans and Democrats have dehumanized their political opponents in recent years, characterizing them as malevolent perils rather than different-minded compatriots.

“No party is immune,” he said. “When members of your party bring that kind of dialogue ... into the mainstream, sometimes it backfires.”

Congressional staffers usually bear the brunt of the verbal onslaught fired at their bosses. Sometimes, they’re the targets. One longtime Senate Republican aide, who asked not to be named to speak candidly, said he’s considered leaving the public sector.

“Hell, I think there’s not one of us in the office who hadn’t felt that at some time or another,” he said. “For a long time, I lived in the state, I told people I sold insurance because it’s easier than telling them you worked for Congress.”

Craig similarly worried threats will keep good people from running for office. “I’ll be damned if I’m going to let them run me off,” she said, referring

to the individuals who have threatened to bomb her office and go after her kids. “But ... if this were me today, and I were evaluating whether to run for Congress, I don’t know.”

The promises of violence have already led some members to retire. Ohio Republican Anthony Gonzalez, who voted to impeach former President Donald Trump, cited his family’s safety as one reason for not seeking reelection.

Earlier reports suggested most threats against politicians come from conservatives and are aimed at Democrats. A Quartz analysis in 2018 that looked at cases going back to 1990 found about 75% of individuals charged for threatening politicians were right-wing. That same analysis found an overwhelming majority of threateners were white, male and suffering from some form of mental illness.

But Mines warned extremism is intensifying across the political spectrum, pointing to recent surveys showing more Americans on both ends believe political violence can be justified.

A recent Washington Post-University of Maryland poll found 34% of Americans think violence against the government can be justified sometimes — a large increase from 23% in a 2015 CBS News poll and 16% in a New York Times poll in 2010. The recent survey also found 40% of Republicans and 41% of independents saw violence as acceptable, compared to just 23% of Democrats.

“The harassment doesn’t just come from the other side of the aisle,” said Stephanie Murphy, a moderate Democrat who announced her retirement just days after speaking to CQ Roll Call. “It’s from all angles these days.”

“It’s basically head-on-swivel type stuff because it can come from people on the left, it can come from people on the right,” said the Senate Republican staffer. “You used to be able to at least tell where it was going to come from, reasonably left or right. Now it’s 360, man.”

Collateral damage

More than targeted assassination attempts, members and staff said they fear another mass shooting like the attacks that nearly killed Republican Whip Steve Scalise in 2017 or Democratic Rep. Gabby Giffords in 2011.

“I’m afraid we’re heading toward not a great situation, to be honest with you,” said the Senate GOP staffer. “I mean Gabby Giffords — you don’t want to ever see that happen again.”

“It seems like when people go off the rails, their goal is to hurt everyone present — not just the member of Congress, but everyone present,” said one long-serving House Republican granted anonymity to be candid.

The members and staff CQ Roll Call interviewed echoed Murphy’s call for “toning down the partisan rhetoric.” But most seemed unwilling to unilaterally temper their own statements.

“There are folks in Congress just there to stir s— up, they’re not there to pass legislation,” said Pat Fallon, R-Texas.

Fallon recounted his first death threat experience. As a Texas state representative in December 2017, he shared a picture on his campaign’s Facebook page of a stick figure doodle of Texas kicking California in the junk. Fallon picked a particularly inopportune time to joke around, though: Wildfires had just begun to spread across California. The San Diego Union-Tribune soon ran a story: “As wildfires burn, Texas politician mocks California.”

According to Fallon, the doodle punctuated a series of posts criticizing California’s more liberal policies on immigration and criminal justice, but the paper never asked him to comment. The article inspired death threats. Fallon blamed the Union-Tribune. “Because they wanted the clicks, they wanted people to get enraged,” he said.

Fallon noted he’s called out

other conservatives for spreading selectively edited videos of former President Barack Obama that make him appear to say outrageous things.

But when asked about Republican rhetoric around proposals like the sweeping social safety net and climate change package known as the “Build Back Better Act” and his own role in portraying Democrats as an existential threat to the country, Fallon didn’t back down: “It’s not just a slight disagreement. I do think it’s the road to socialism.”

“The new [Democratic] brand is hard left, like Cori Bush wanting to give convicted felons the right to vote while in prison,” he added, referring to the Missouri Democrat. “That’s a ... Marxist position.”

Rank-and-file members in each party said they want leaders to guide them back from the partisan brink.

“It’s the national leadership in both parties,” said the veteran House Republican. “It’s making it hard ... to do the people’s business.”

“I just don’t think that right now senior leadership in the House — majority or minority — speak to each other, let alone work with each other,” he added.

Craig said leadership needed to tamp down on intemperate rhetoric, but then focused her criticism on the GOP leader.

“[Kevin] McCarthy had every opportunity to condemn in the strongest possible terms the anime that Paul Gosar released killing one of my colleagues,” Craig said, referring to a video the Arizona Republican posted on Twitter showing a cartoon character with his face attacking another character with New York Democrat Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez’s superimposed head. “The fact that a party leader can just ignore this behavior in his ranks is normalizing it.”

McCarthy’s office did not respond to a request for comment. Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s office did not address the members’ concerns. A House Democratic leadership aide said in an email: “There is enhanced security for members in the wake of 1/6. For example, [it’s] well publicized that Sergeant at Arms staff assists members with security needs at regional airports in the DC area. Also, there [is] now USCP regional presence.”

Reasons for hope

While extremism has slipped into mainstream discourse and support for violence has increased, Mines sees reasons for hope.

First, he said law enforcement at all levels — Department of Homeland Security down to local police offices — now take domestic terrorism seriously and are coordinating “to better monitor, understand and ultimately counter the different challenges that ... we all face in the extremist threat today.”

Institutions beyond law enforcement, including Congress, are also starting to look at how to combat extremism before someone becomes irredeemably radicalized, Mines said.

Both Democrats and Republicans lamented how many voters, egged on by countless special interest groups and partisan media, now demand total resistance to the other party’s agenda.

“The one comment I’ve had made to me several times in 2021 from constituents back home goes like this: ‘Don’t vote for anything, don’t let them do anything,’” said the experienced GOP lawmaker.

A few people interviewed focused on the need to address the forces underpinning hostility to governance and compromise.

“The more vitriolic the message, the more money is raised, and the more attention is given,” Murphy said. “That incentive structure is really at the root of why some of these folks engage in this type of behavior.”

“The root cause is not that constituents are crazier than they used to be. We just have a system that spends all its time ... riling people up,” the long-serving GOP lawmaker said.

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New Arbor Health Rapid Clinic to Open in Morton

LOOKING AHEAD: Arbor Health Hopes to Add Staff and Expand Hours at New Facility

By The Chronicle staff

Beginning Friday, Feb. 4, East Lewis County residents will have an additional point of access for health care.

Arbor Health is opening a Rapid Care Clinic inside its Morton Clinic building. Like an urgent care facility, the Rapid Care Clinic will not require appointments. Patients will be seen on a walk-in basis.

The new clinic will be open on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Arbor Health is expecting to increase staffing at the Rapid Care Clinic soon with the goal of expanding hours to include Sundays and Mondays.

The new clinic is designed for people experiencing medical problems who need to be seen within 24 to 48 hours at cheaper rates than emergency rooms.

"If something needs looked at today, right now, that is for the emergency room," said Chief Medical Officer Kevin McCurry in a news release. "It is the things you want to be seen for, but you can't get in to see your doctor for a week or two, that's the Rapid Care Clinic. Situations like

stroke, chest pain, acute abdominal pain, unrelenting vomiting and badly broken bones still need to be seen in the emergency room."

Through this addition, Arbor Health expands its previous offerings of solely hospital service and primary care clinics, allowing patients more choice and easing some of the strain on Arbor Health staff.

In the release, CEO Lianne Everett said opening the Rapid Care Clinic in 2022 has been a goal of the administration for several years. Originally, it was slated to open at the beginning of January. However, staffing challenges postponed the opening.

"Service is greatly needed through all four of the days. In addition to the family medicine clinics being closed on the weekends, there are also fewer primary care providers on Fridays and Mondays," stated the release.

The addition of the Rapid Care Clinic is in line with Arbor Health's vision of providing accessible, quality healthcare, as well as its mission of fostering trust and nurturing a healthy community, according to the news release.

"Financial wellness is an important part of a healthy community," Everett said. "Provid-

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Attorney: Centralia Murder Suspect Intends to Use ‘Insanity’ as Defense

By Emily Fitzgerald

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The attorney for Christopher Gaudreau, a Centralia man accused of murdering his girlfriend on Halloween weekend, has filed a notice informing the court Gaudreau intends to “possibly rely upon the defense of insanity.”

Gaudreau, 28, pleaded not guilty in November to one count of first-degree murder, domestic violence, after a competency

evaluation completed by Western State Hospital determined he was mentally capable of standing trial for 39-year-old Rikkey Outumuro’s murder.

Gaudreau’s attorney, Christopher Baum, requested the competency evaluation on Nov. 4 due to conversations he’d had with Gaudreau that gave Baum “concerns about his ability to assist in his own defense,” Baum told Lewis County Superior Court at the time.

Baum filed the notice of in-

tent to use insanity as a defense on Dec. 16.

To use insanity as a defense, Washington state law requires defendants to prove their mind was “affected” by a “mental disease or defect” to the extent that, at the time of the alleged offense, they were “unable to perceive the nature or quality of the act” they have been charged with or were “unable to tell right from wrong with reference to the particular act charged.”

Gaudreau has claimed he

does not remember anything between approximately 11:30 p.m. on Oct. 30, at which time he was out drinking with Outumuro. On the morning of Oct. 31 he said he woke up on the floor of his residence and found Outumuro on the couch nearby, deceased.

Gaudreau was arrested Oct. 31 after he was interviewed by Centralia police officers about the circumstances of Outumuro’s death and was charged with first-degree murder, domestic

violence.

The Lewis County Prosecutor’s Office added a second-degree assault charge to Gaudreau’s case on Dec. 15, charging him for allegedly shooting at a friend around midnight before the murder.

Gaudreau was expected to enter a plea on that charge during a hearing on Jan. 20, but at Baum’s request, the hearing was rescheduled to Feb. 24.

His trial is currently scheduled for June 13.

Bill Expanding Utility Production, Sale of Hydrogen Passes House Committee

By Eric Rosane

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A bill in the Legislature that would expand the ability of public utilities to produce, sell and distribute hydrogen produced by non-fossil feedstock methods cleared its first set of hurdles Friday with support in the House Environment and Energy Committee.

House Bill 1792 is being co-sponsored by 20th Legislative District Reps. Peter Abbarno, R-Centralia, and Ed Orcutt, R-Kalama. The bill was first introduced by Rep. Alex Ramel, D-Bellingham, and has seen bipartisan support.

In an emailed statement to The Chronicle, Abbarno said the bill helps to build off hydrogen energy opportunities and incentives previously established, while supporting efforts locally in Lewis County to utilize the energy source.

Chehalis is due to become home of Washington’s first renewable hydrogen refueling station sometime next year.

“HB 1792, which passed unanimously from the House Environment and Energy Committee, authorizes and incentivizes the expansion of hydrogen through tax exemptions. The passage of HB 1792 builds on the green hydrogen refueling station infrastructure funds I was able to help secure in the 2021 Capital Budget,” Abbarno said in a statement.

“There is a lot of effort and focus to help leverage our ideal location between Seattle and Portland to build and produce this type of clean transportation fuel,” he continued.

If passed, HB 1792 would allow public utility districts (PUDs) the ability to produce, use, sell and distribute green electrolytic hydrogen, and would allow municipal utilities the same authorization with green electrolytic hydrogen and renewable hydrogen.

Electrolytic hydrogen is produced by way of “electrolysis,” a chemical process which energizes H₂O to separate the compounds into hydrogen and oxygen molecules. Where the energy comes from to produce electrolysis can determine the gas’s cleanliness. Renewable hydrogen is produced through “renewable” sources that cannot be depleted, such as wind or solar.

The bill would also add the production of green electrolytic hydrogen to a number of existing tax exemptions that currently apply to renewable hydrogen,



Kelly Johnston smiles and speaks during a virtual Lewis County Energy Innovation Coalition meeting seen Tuesday from the Lewis County Courthouse in Chehalis.

and would create a public utility tax exemption on retail sales tax, use tax and leasehold excise tax through 2025.

“There are no naturally-occurring sources for hydrogen, this isn’t something we can mine. If we want to use hydrogen we have to make it. And there’s really two primary ways that we know to make hydrogen: We could use natural gas, most of which is produced by fracking. This bill does not encourage that, and I don’t think that should have a significant role in a clean energy future. But we can also make hydrogen using electricity, which is what this bill aims to support,” Ramel told the House Environment and Energy Committee on Tuesday.

Ramel said the bill is important because it continues to build off the state’s already-existing clean energy goals, and gives them the opportunity to further decarbonize sectors such as heavy trucking, industrial processes and transoceanic shipping.

The bill also stipulates a tax exemption from the public utility tax given on the sale of electricity to businesses involved in renewable or electrolysis production that would last 25 years.

“We can hit our 2030 climate goals without a big, robust hydrogen sector, but it’s harder to see how we could meet our 2030 or 2050 goals. We ought to be thinking several steps ahead in this game and that’s why I’ve introduced this legislation,” Ramel said.

Dave Warren, a lobbyist representing Renewable Hydrogen Alliance and Green Hydrogen Alliance during Tuesday’s public hearing, said this legislation would continue to build off the state’s reputation as a leader in energy and hydrogen innovation.

Testing and manufacturing on hydrogen-fuel based airplanes, ferries, semis and packing trucks are already happening across Washington. Local universities have also stepped up to develop nationally-recognized energy research institutions.

“The bill adds a suite of policies adopted by the Legislature since 2019 that is arguably the most advanced suite of policies in the nation supporting the development of the hydrogen ecosystem, and it will further signal our state’s support and positions as to lead in the application for one of the \$2 billion hydrogen

hub grants provided for in the bipartisan Infrastructure and Jobs Act,” Warren said.

The bill also garnered the support of Seattle City Light as well as Tacoma Public Utilities, which sees hydrogen production as a way to offset the abundance of energy output from its four hydroelectric projects into clean hydrogen. Tacoma has also piloted an electrofuel tariff project to support this production.

Hydrogen Infrastructure in Need Locally, Auto Retailer Tells Lewis Energy Coalition

During a quarterly meeting of the Lewis County Energy Innovation Coalition held Tuesday, I-5 Cars Vice President Robert Pehl told community stakeholders that continued lobbying for tax incentives and infrastructure investments were needed in order to bring wholesale vehicles, such as the Toyota Mirai, to Lewis County.

Pehl as well as John Cornish, president of Cheyenne, Wyoming-based EPC consulting firm, were the keynote presenters at the meeting. Cornish’s firm focuses on the design and implementation of hydrogen electrolysis systems.

“The most important thing for us to understand is that we cannot sell or offer a vehicle without that infrastructure, and even on the EV (electric vehicle) side of things, we still do not have the infrastructure needed to really move that needle to actually make an impact on the environment and world at large,” he said, noting they need the “public support” similar to what’s being seen in California, the only state where the Mirai is sold.

But, Pehl said, they are moving in the right direction, especially with the plan to bring the hydrogen refueling station to Chehalis and as Lewis County considers building an electrolyzer. That will allow them to have the first technicians in Washington state trained in servicing and repairing hydrogen-fuel cell vehicles.

“We’re advocates for clean energy and we see that not only as a great thing for our environment, but as also a great economic motor for our area,” Pehl said, noting that EVs or hydrogen-fuel cell vehicles may not be for everyone.

The next Energy Innovation Coalition meeting will be set for a date to be determined in April.

News in Brief

Oregon Woman Faces Charges After Crashing Allegedly Stolen Truck on I-5

By The Columbian

A woman crashed a stolen pickup into a cable median Wednesday morning on Interstate 5 near Ridgefield, blocking both directions of the freeway for about an hour, according to the Washington State Patrol.

Darla L. Cheek, 31, of Phoenix, Ore., crashed a 2000 Chevrolet Silverado around 11 a.m. near Exit 14 on southbound I-5. When Cheek tried to change lanes, she lost control of the truck, swerved to the left and hit the barrier, according to a State Patrol crash memo.

Cheek appeared Thursday in Cowlitz County Superior Court on suspicion of possession of

a stolen vehicle and attempt to elude, court records show. Her bail was set at \$7,500, and she is scheduled to be arraigned Feb. 3.

The crash temporarily blocked both directions of I-5 while officers removed Cheek from the truck. She was not injured, the crash memo states.

Sheriff’s Department Investigating Two Deaths as Murder-Suicide in Graham

By The News Tribune

The deaths of two people found Thursday afternoon at a Graham residence are being investigated as a murder-suicide by the Pierce County Sheriff’s Department.

A 68-year-old man allegedly killed his 75-year-old female roommate who was the home’s

owner, said Sheriff’s Department spokesperson Sgt. Darren Moss.

“It sounds like she was in the process of evicting him,” Moss said.

The scene is in the 2440 block of 94th Avenue East.

The call to the Sheriff’s Department came at 2:44 p.m. after a friend of the man visited the location to check on him. The friend found the pair dead and called authorities.

The Sheriff’s Department and Pierce County Medical Examiner’s Office personnel were on scene Thursday night.

Southwest Washington Man to Serve 89 Months in Prison in Sex-Crimes Case

By The Columbian

A Vancouver man who preyed on intoxicated women at bars and later recorded their sexual contact was sentenced Wednesday to more than seven years in prison.

Samnang Touch, 33, pleaded guilty in November in Clark County Superior Court to indecent liberties without forcible compulsion, first-degree voyeurism, third-degree rape and unlawful imprisonment. Two counts of first-degree kidnapping with sexual motivation and one count of second-degree rape were dismissed as part of a plea agreement.

Judge Gregory Gonzales sentenced Touch to 89 months in prison, the top of the standard sentencing range and two months more than the agreed-upon recommendation.

The judge said he did not believe Touch’s claims during the hearing that he has empathy for his victims or regrets his

actions — only that he regrets getting caught. Gonzales said Touch expressed more sympathy for the pain and embarrassment his conviction caused his family than the suffering he caused the women he victimized.

“What you did to those three victims is reprehensible, outrageous, beyond comprehension,” Gonzales said. “Absolutely charade after charade, absolutely lie after lie, you took advantage of these victims.”

Between August and Oct. 27, 2019, Touch sexually assaulted three women while they were “extremely intoxicated,” according to court records.

Investigators found video and photos on Touch’s cellphone showing him inappropriately touching two women who were unconscious, “indicating a predatory sexual pattern,” the affidavit reads.



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Centralia Holds Off Rochester in EvCo Win ... B4

Tenino Falls to Cruisers

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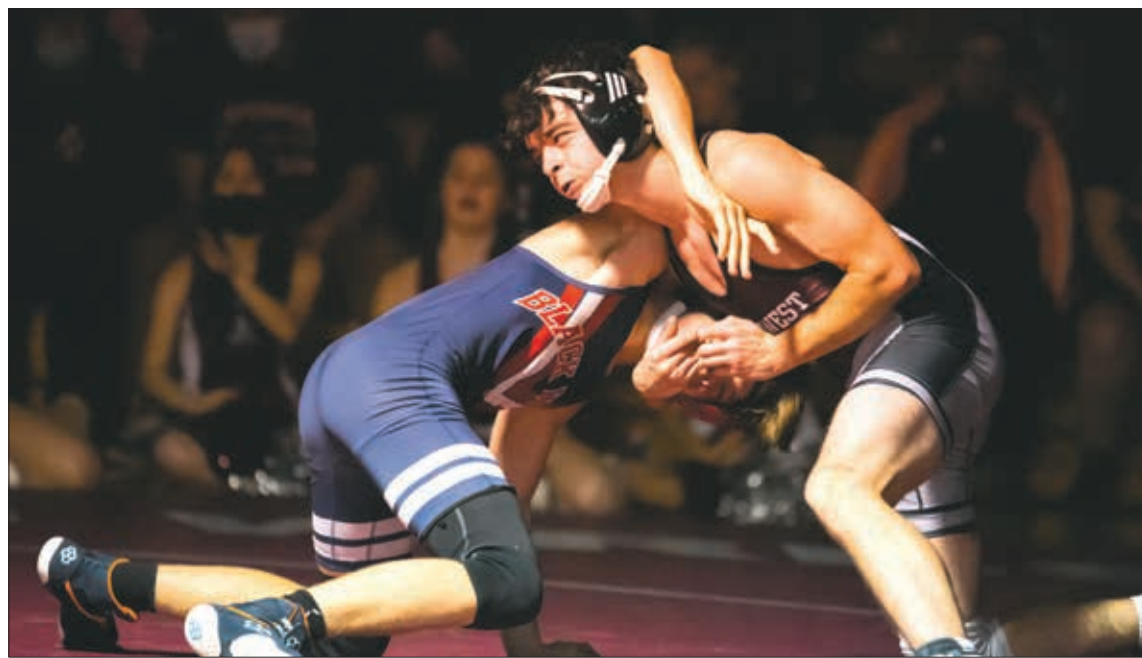
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Thursday's 2A Wrestling



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W.F. West Senior Hunter Arnett wrestles at 126 against an opponent from Black Hills Thursday night in Chehalis.

Bearcat Boys Bash Visiting Black Hills in EvCo Dual

By The Chronicle staff

W.F. West boys wrestling lost just one wrestled-match and the Bearcats rolled to a 64-15, dual-match victory over visiting Black Hills on Thursday.

"The guys wrestled tough," W.F. West coach Jamie Rakevich said. "We were supposed to wrestle Centralia, and the guys just flowed with it. We just gotta take whatever opportunity we can to wrestle. The kids performed really well. We looked pretty dominant."

The Bearcats only loss in a wrestled-match came at 113, while the rest of W.F. West con-

tinued its dominance of the 2A Evergreen Conference.

Andrew Penland (220) and Daniel Matagi (285) gave the Bearcats a quick, 12-0 lead with back-to-back forfeits, before the Bearcats forfeited at 106 and Aiden LeBoeuf's loss at 113.

Damian Hernandez then defeated Black Hill's Mickey Johnston in a 7-5 decision at 120 pounds. W.F. West's Hunter Arnett picked up a pin over Porter Nicholson at 126 in 2:37.

Beau Guyette won by forfeit at 132, followed by Bo Davis' pin in 54 seconds at 138.

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Thursday's 2B Girls Basketball



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Onalaska players celebrate after completing a 39-37, come-from-behind victory over visiting Rainier on Thursday.

Thursday's 2A Girls Basketball

Brumfield Breaks Career Scoring Mark in Bearcats' Win Over White River

By The Chronicle staff

Breaking a record that stood for nearly two decades, W.F. West girls standout Drea Brumfield surpassed Bri Thompson's all-time school scoring record set from 1999-2003 Thursday night in a 51-29 win on the road.

Brumfield scored a team-high 17 points, and hit the record-breaking shot in the first half on a familiar 3-pointer from the right wing.

"It's something that every kid strives for," Bearcats coach Kyle Karnofski said. "That's something that goes down in history. She's put in the time and effort. It's really special."

The senior star now sits at 1,171 career points, 10 more than Thompson's record, 1,161. Brumfield paced the Bearcats (13-2, 5-1 2A EvCo) offense Thursday, and was the only player in double figures in a defensive-minded game.

"Our defense runs our offense," Karnofski said.

W.F. West held the Hornets to 29 points and handed them just their second loss of the season. White River didn't crack double-digits in any of the four quarters.

Karnofski also praised Carlie Deskins for playing big minutes off the bench and scoring seven points, Julia Dalan for stuffing multiple layup attempts at the

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Loggers Win on Furious Comeback

CLUTCH: Onalaska Ends Game on 8-0 Run to Claim a 39-37 Victory Over Visiting Rainier

By Eric Trent

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ONALASKA — The game looked cooked. Done. Stick a

steak knife in it.

No. 10 Rainier had just ripped off a 10-2 run to take a 37-31 lead over No. 9 Onalaska with three minutes to go. It wasn't looking good for the host Loggers.

Onalaska then caused three-straight turnovers, leading to three quick buckets to tie it up with a minute to go, before Cal-

lie Lawrence drained a go-ahead hook shot from the paint with 25 seconds left.

Rainier's last-second 3-point attempt from Faith Boesch rattled off the rim and the Loggers leaped in celebration.

It was a crucial Central 2B League victory for the Loggers between two top-10, state-ranked squads that entered the

game with one league loss each. The victory runs the Loggers' win streak to four while snapping the Mountaineers' four-game win streak.

"It had nothing to do with our execution or our gameplan," Onalaska coach Alana Olson said. "The girls just absolutely

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Prep Basketball



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W.F. West guard Amanda Bennett goes up for a layup against Klahowya Jan. 15.

Seven Area Teams Ranked in First AP State Basketball Poll

By The Chronicle staff

Tumwater girls basketball is ranked No. 1 and six other area teams are also in the top-10 of the first Associated Press state high school basketball rankings released Wednesday afternoon.

Tumwater (13-1) received seven first-place votes to No. 2 Ellensburg's five. Mossyrock is No. 2 in Class 1B with two first-place votes and 54 points. Garfield-Palouse is No. 1 in 1B, also with two first-place votes but 56 total points.

Also ranked on the girls side is W.F. West at No. 3 in Class 2A, and Onalaska at No. 9 and Rainier No. 10 in Class 2B.

On the boys side, Tumwater is No. 5 in Class 2A and Adna is No. 10 in Class 2B.

Also receiving votes but not ranked in the top-10 are Napavine boys (17 points), Oakville boys (3 points), Tenino girls (7 points), Toledo girls (4 points) and Adna girls (1 point).

See Scoreboard (right) for the complete rankings.

Local Baseball

Twin Cities Babe Ruth Sign-Ups Begin Jan. 25

By The Chronicle staff

Twin Cities Babe Ruth (TCBR) is holding sign-ups for the 2022 season starting Jan. 25 and Jan. 27, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at The Quesadilla Factory at 1744 S. Gold St. in Centralia.

TCBR accepts players from Centralia, Chehalis, Adna, Onalaska, Napavine, Rochester and Tenino. Age group is 13 to 15 or 12 and half, but must be in seventh grade. There is also a senior Babe Ruth team for ages 16 to 18.

Complete list of in-person sign-up dates are listed below.

- Jan. 25, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at The Quesadilla factory
- Jan. 27, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at The Quesadilla factory
- Feb. 3, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at The Quesadilla factory
- Feb 10, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at The Quesadilla factory

Online registration is also available at twincitiesbaseball.website.sportssignup.com.

For more information, visit Twin Cities Babe Ruth's Facebook page at facebook.com/twincitiesbaberuth.

College Basketball

WSU Postpones Second Game This Week, Shelves Matchup With OSU

PULLMAN (TNS) — Washington State postponed its second men's basketball game in as many days, announcing Thursday that its Pac-12 contest scheduled for Saturday at Oregon State has been shelved due to coronavirus-related issues within the Cougs' program.

On Tuesday, the same issues had forced WSU to push back its road game versus Oregon, initially slated to tip off Thursday night.

Make-up dates have yet to be announced. The Cougars are

still awaiting news regarding another postponement.

They had to call off their Dec. 29 rivalry matchup with Washington about 12 hours before game time at Beasley Coliseum because of COVID-19 protocols at the Pullman school.

"I've been pressing the conference on the Washington game," Cougars coach Kyle Smith said Tuesday. "I want to make sure we get that one back on the schedule."

The Cougs won't play until 7 p.m. on Wednesday night, when they host Utah.

Smith said one WSU player is showing symptoms of the virus while "a couple" of others who have tested positive are asymptomatic. He indicated earlier this season that the entire team is vaccinated, and the third-year coach noted Tuesday that all but three of WSU's players have contracted COVID-19 in the recent past.

The Cougs played short-handed last weekend in a home split with the Bay Area schools. They were missing forward DJ Rodman and post Matt DeWolf because of COVID-19 protocols. Center Dishon Jackson was also out with an eye injury, which will keep him sidelined for at least two more weeks, Smith said after WSU's 62-57 loss to Stanford last Thursday.

WSU (10-7, 3-3) can't seem to avoid injuries and illness this season. Roster limitations have contributed to the bumpy nature of the Cougars' campaign, impeding their new-look squad's development. Multiple players have been in and out of the lineup, and sidelined for significant chunks of practice time.

LEWIS COUNTY Sports SCOREBOARD

Local Schedules

SATURDAY, Jan. 22

Boys Hoops

Morton-White Pass at Toutle Lake, 5:45 pm
Oakville at Evergreen Lutheran, 6 p.m.
Willapa Valley at Mossyrock, 1:30 p.m.

Girls Hoops

Tenino at Montesano, 6 pm
Toledo at Eatonville, 5:15 p.m.
Oakville at Evergreen Lutheran, 4 p.m.
Mossyrock at Willapa Valley, 5:45 p.m.

College Hoops

Centralia College men at Green River, 4 p.m.
Centralia College women at Green River, 2 p.m.

MONDAY, Jan. 24

Boys Hoops

Onalaska at Mossyrock, 7:15 p.m.
Toledo at Eatonville, 5:15 p.m.

Girls Hoops

Rainier at Eatonville, 7 p.m.
Columbia Adventist at Winlock, 7 p.m.
Mossyrock at Wahkiakum, 7 p.m.
Aberdeen at Rochester, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, Jan. 25

Boys Hoops

Centralia at Black Hills, 7 p.m.
Tumwater at W.F. West, 7 p.m.
Rochester at Shelton, 7 p.m.
Hoquiam at Tenino, 7 p.m.
Pe Ell at Firm Foundation, 6 p.m.
Mary M. Knight at Oakville, 5:45 p.m.

Girls Hoops

Napavine at Adna, 7 p.m.
Toledo at Morton-White Pass, 7 p.m.
Onalaska at Toutle Lake, 7 p.m.
Winlock at Kalama, 7 p.m.
Mary M. Knight at Oakville, 7 p.m.
Bowling
Black Hills at W.F. West, 3 p.m.

Local Results

Wednesday's Games

Boys Basketball

TIGERS 77, WARRIORS 68
Centralia 22 16 19 20 —77
Rochester 19 19 4 25 —68
Centralia: Kaut 37, C. Wasson 10, Yeung 12
Rochester: Klatush 23, Robbins 10, Henderson 10

TIGERS 83, LOGGERS 38

Napavine 17 23 28 15 —83
Onalaska 11 11 7 9 —38
Napavine: Olson 21, Grose 19, Prather 13
Onalaska: Taylor 13, C. McGraw 9, Ulery 6

PIRATES 84, CARDINALS 29

Adna 16 25 24 19 —84
Winlock 8 7 5 9 —29
Adna: Smith 17, Johnson 14, Loose 12, Aselton 2, Meister 4, Salme 6, Guerrero 8, Fagerness 7, Collins 7, Percival, Nielsen 5
Winlock: Sickles 2, C. Swofford 3, Richendollar, Scofield 6, Fray-Parmantier 8, Ruiz 2, Ramirez 8, Cusson, Thapa

MOUNTAINEERS 47, RIVERHAWKS 35

Toledo 14 15 9 7 —35
Rainier 10 11 17 9 —47
Toledo: Cournyer 14, Nef 3, Stanley 9, Co. Olmstead 2, Ca. Olmstead 5, Gould 2
Rainier: Sprouffske 9, Jo. Meldrum 24, Bowers 6, Owen 1, Cano 1, Ja. Meldrum 6

Men's College Basketball

CHOKERS 88, BLAZERS 73

Grays Harbor 47 41 —88
Centralia 34 39 —73
Grays Harbor: Schoepf 24, L. Walker 20, Loveless 11, Featherston 11
Centralia College: White 13, Taylor 16, Kelly 4, Davis Jr. 2, Wright 8, Keeton 8, Willis 11, Konan 2, Cline 9

Thursday's Games

Boys Basketball

CRUISERS 63, BEAVERS 45
Eatonville 14 14 18 17 —63
Tenino 12 15 7 11 —45
Eatonville: McIlraith 16
Tenino: Hickle 4, Suess 2, Schow 20, Burkhardt 6, Feltus 11, Noonan 2

Girls Basketball

MULES 56, TIGERS 41
Wahkiakum 12 17 12 15 —56
Napavine 6 20 3 12 —41
Wahkiakum: Kerstetter 19
Napavine: Tupuola 6, Taliaferro

5, Schutz 2, Marcial 4, Kaut 16, O'Neill 2, Evander 3, McCoy 3

LOGGERS 39, MOUNTAINEERS 37

Rainier 7 11 8 7 —37
Onalaska 8 10 11 10 —39
Rainier: Swenson 6, Niemi 3, Boesch 8, Earsley 2, Beckman 5, Blackburn 2, Holmes 11
Onalaska: Talley 1, D. Hamilton 4, M. Hamilton 14, Lawrence 14, Sandridge 4, Russ 2

PIRATES 44, RIVERHAWKS 32

Adna 6 14 7 17 —44
Toledo 5 7 7 13 —32
Adna: White 4, B. Loose 14, Todd 9, Wellander 2, Humphrey 11, Von Moos 4
Toledo: Langhaim 14, Clark 12, Marcil 3, Dillon 3

T-BIRDS 81, BOBCATS 17

Aberdeen: N/A
Tumwater: Lund 20, Amendala 19, Sumrok 18, McCauley 10, K. Waltermeyer 5, Kaufman 4, A. Waltermeyer 4, Woods 1

WARRIORS 41, WOLVES 30

Black Hills 5 13 6 6 —30
Rochester 9 12 12 8 —41
Black Hills: Parker 8, Klouas 7
Rochester: Andree-Cordell 11, Hoover 8, Sand 8, Stull 6

BEARCATS 51, HORNETS 29

W.F. West: Roberts 2, Mencke 4, Remund 9, Brumfield 17, Rogerson 1, Deskins 7, McCallum 7, Dalan 4

Associated Press Poll

Boys Basketball

Class 4A

School	Rec.	Points
1. Mount Si (10)	11-0	109
2. Union (1)	11-3	98
3. Kamiakin	10-1	83
4. Olympia	12-1	72
5. Curtis	10-3	64
6. Camas	8-2	42
7. Glacier Peak	7-1	39
8. Federal Way	7-5-1	25
9. Davis	8-1	18
10. Jackson	10-2	17

Others receiving votes: Skyline 16. Tahoma 8. Mariner 7. West Valley (Yakima) 3. Woodinville 3. Richland 1.

Class 3A

1. Garfield (11)	11-0	110
2. Auburn	11-1	94
3. Mt. Spokane	11-2	84
4. O'Dea	10-2	79
5. Rainier Beach	9-1	60
6. West Seattle	7-1	54
7. Shorecrest	11-1	32
8. Seattle Prep	10-4-2	22
9. Gig Harbor	11-1	19
10. Mt. Tahoma	10-1	9
(tie) Mt. Vernon	9-1-2	9

Others receiving votes: University 8. Bellevue 8. Ferris 8. Timberline 5. Kelso 4.

Class 2A

1. N. Kitsap (10)	11-2	117
2. Lynden (2)	10-1	101
3. R.A. Long	7-1	86
4. Pullman	10-1	79
5. Tumwater	9-2	66
6. W. Valley (Spo.)	10-1	54
7. White River	8-1	44
8. Port Angeles	6-3	38
9. Sehome	7-4	19
10. Grandview	9-3	16

Others receiving votes: Franklin Pierce 13. Ridgefield 10. Renton 9. Mark Morris 4. Clarkston 2. Burlington-Edison 1. Lakewood 1.

Class 1A

1. Lynden Chr. (7)	12-0	115
2. King's (5)	13-2	112
3. Zillah	9-0	94
4. Freeman	11-1	77
5. Toppenish	10-1	65
6. Life Christian	8-2	55
7. Annie Wright	11-1	39
8. Seattle Acad.	7-4	36
9. Colville	10-2	35
10. Quincy	12-3	19

Others receiving votes: Chelan 11. Overlake School 1. King's Way Christian School 1.

Class 2B

1. Okanogan (8)	13-1	80
2. Kalama	11-2-2	56
3. Liberty	10-2	49
4. Columbia	13-1-1	40
5. Colfax	10-3-2	35
(tie) Chief Leschi	10-0-3	35
7. Cle Elum/Ros.	9-0-1	34
8. Ilwaco	11-1-3	24
9. Brewster	11-3-1	20
10. Adna	10-3	18

Others receiving votes: Napavine 17. Lake Roosevelt 7. Chewelah (Jenkins) 6. Asotin 6. Davenport 6. Tonasket 5. Toutle Lake 2.

Class B

1. Cusick (7)	8-0	79
2. Almira/C-H (1)	8-3	71
3. DeSales	13-2	57
4. Lummi	6-1	47
5. Moses Lake CA	10-1	42
6. Riverside Chr.	11-0-1	29
7. Sunnyside Chr.	5-3-1	27
8. Wellpinit	6-1	25
9. Willapa Valley	11-3-2	21
10. NW Yeshiva	6-0-2	19

Others receiving votes: Crosspoint Academy 9. Pomeroy 6. Yakama Tribal 5. Oakville 3.

Girls Basketball

Class 4A

1. Pasco (4)	10-0	88
2. Woodinville (5)	9-1	76
3. Tahoma	13-1	75
4. Eastlake (1)	12-0	62
5. Sumner	10-1	53
6. Emerald Ridge	9-1	50
7. Camas	9-5	47
(tie) Lake Stevens	11-1	47
9. Gonzaga Prep	11-2	15
10. Chiawana	7-4	14

Others receiving votes: Bel-larmine Prep 10. Mount Si 5. Richland 2. Kamiakin 2. Kentwood 2. Eisenhower 1. Rogers (Puyallup) 1.

Class 3A

1. Garfield (7)	7-0	97
2. Mead (3)	12-0	88
3. Arlington	8-1	78
4. Lincoln	9-1	67
5. Lake Washington	7-3	41
(tie) Snohomish	8-1	41
7. Gig Harbor	9-1	37
8. Eastside Catholic	9-3	33
9. Bonney Lake	7-3	21
10. Kelso	8-2	17

Others receiving votes: North Thurston 14. Ferris 8. Auburn 4. Stanwood 4.

Class 2A

1. Tumwater (7)	13-1	115
2. Ellensburg (5)	13-0	110
3. W. F. West	11-2	87
4. Washougal	9-2	83
5. W. Valley (Sp.)	8-1	56
6. Hudson's Bay	8-2	55
7. Burlington-Ed.	9-3	54
8. Lynden	10-2	34
9. White River	10-1	25
10. Prosser	11-2	22

Others receiving votes: Clarkston 9. Hockinson 6. Port Angeles 2. Sequim 1. Archbishop Murphy 1.

Class 1A

1. Nooksack Vly. (8)	11-2	111
2. Montesano (3)	10-1	97
3. Lynden Chr. (1)	11-4	95
4. Annie Wright	8-2	84
(tie) Cashmere	10-1	84
6. Colville	9-1	58
7. Zillah	8-3	40
8. Wapato	9-2	24
9. Freeman	7-4	22
10. Meridian	10-3	9
(tie) Deer Park	6-4	9

Others receiving votes: King's 8. Tenino 7. Overlake School 6. Wahluke 2. LaCenter 2. Bellevue Christian 2.

Class 2B

1. Okanogan (3)	14-0	72
2. LaConner	12-1	65
3. Warden (4)	10-1	61
4. Liberty (Spangle)	11-1	54
5. Raymond (1)	8-1	53
6. Lake Roosevelt	9-1	44
7. Colfax	10-1	40
8. Wahkiakum	11-3	22
9. Onalaska	10-3	9
10. Rainier	10-3	8

Others receiving votes: Toledo 4. Columbia (Burbank) 3. Granger 3. Adna 1. Chief Leschi 1.

Class B

1. Garfield-Pal. (2)	9-3	56
2. Mossyrock (2)	4-2	54
3. Colton	9-1	53
4. Mt. Vernon Ch. (1)	8-1	46
(tie) Odessa-Harr.	7-1	46
6. Neah Bay	4-1	38
7. Wellpinit	3-1	22
8. Grace Academy (1)	5-1	18
9. Moses Lake CA (1)	3-2	16
10. Pomeroy	5-2	14

Others receiving votes: Sunnyside Christian 7. Almira/ Coulee-Hartline 7. Wilbur-Creston 4. Mansfield 2. Yakama Tribal 1. Oakesdale 1.

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Wednesday's College Basketball

Trailblazers Drop Fifth-Straight in First Game Back

By The Chronicle staff

Despite having three double-digit scorers, Centralia College men's basketball couldn't keep up with visiting Grays Harbor College in an 88-73 West Region loss on Wednesday.

It was the Trailblazers' first game back since Dec. 18 after the Northwest Athletic Conference went on a month-long pause due to rising COVID cases.

But for the Blazers, who have won just one game this season, defensive struggle continued. They trailed by 13 at the half and were outscored 41-39 in the second half to fall to 1-11 overall and 0-1 in the West Region.

The Blazers were led offensively by Byron Taylor's 16 points and four rebounds, while Colby White added 13 points and five

assists and Christian Willis tallied 11 points.

Centralia shot 40% (24 of 59) from the field, including 42% from beyond the arc (10 of 24). The Chokers, meanwhile shot a scorching 65% from the floor (30 of 46), including 42% from deep (8 of 19).

W.F. West grad Kayden Kelly finished with four points and an assist, while Winlock alum Bryce Cline scored nine points and added two assists and a rebound.

Willapa Valley grad Logan Walker scored 20 points for the Chokers (5-9, 1-0 West) on 8 of 13 shooting.

Centralia College heads to Green River for a 4 p.m. match-up on Saturday.



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Centralia's Byron Taylor (3) looks to score during a game against Grays Harbor Wednesday night.

Wednesday's 2B Boys Basketball

Mountaineers Snap Three-Game Losing Streak in Key League Battle

By Alec Dietz

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RAINIER — Something had to give Wednesday night as Rainier and Toledo battled in a Central 2B League clash between fringe state-bid contenders.

The Mountaineers were free-falling on a three-game losing skid, and the Riverhawks, though on a two-game win streak, were still looking for a signature win to hang their hat on.

Early in Rainier Wednesday night, the shots certainly weren't falling for either team. But eventually, the Mountaineers got the boost they needed from great team ball, and 24 points from freshman guard Josh Meldrum in a 47-35 win at home.

"Coming off that three-game slide, there's peaks and valleys during every season but I thought we responded really well," Mountaineers coach Ben Sheaffer said. "It's nice to have home-cooking. We're still climbing. We're not where we want to be yet. This is a tough league. If we want to compete with the top-tier teams, we have to be better."

The Mountaineers (8-4, 2-3 C2BL) rocketed out to a 10-4 lead after one quarter, and kept up the strong defense all night, holding the Riverhawks (11-4, 2-3 C2BL) to just 35 total points.

With leading scorer Ian Sprouffske in foul trouble in the first game, Rainier moved the ball with precision and found the open man more often than not when they got out in transition. Sprouffske finished with nine points, while Logan Bowers and Jake Meldrum dropped six points each.

"We got back to what we're good at, which is playing great man-to-man defense," Sheaffer said. "We got great ball movement tonight. We weren't looking to go one-on-one. When we got ball reversals we got great looks."

As a result of the Mountaineers' firm defensive effort, every single Riverhawk offensive possession was a chore.

Jake Cournyer was the lone Riverhawk in double figures with 14 points, and Toledo made just two 3-pointers through the game in a tough shooting night to go along with 15 turnovers.

For Rainier, Cournyer was the focus headed in.

"He's a great player. We have some prideful guys on our side that took on the challenge of guarding him and wanting to



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Rainier guard Josh Meldrum takes a 3-pointer against Toledo on Wednesday in Rainier.

compete," Sheaffer said. "We've got to be more consistent, but we felt good about the way we defended him."

Cournyer consistently faced double-teams as he crossed half court, and was facing traps, face-guarding defense and the like all night long from the Mountaineers. Though he put 14 in the scorebook, the rest of the Toledo offense had a hard time keeping up.

"I was kind of surprised at half that we had 19 points. I felt like we had six," Riverhawks coach Grady Fallon said. "(Rainier) did a good job defensively just bringing it, every position had to bring everything and I don't think we matched that. That makes it tough."

For the Riverhawks, it's another devastating, close league contest that they felt they needed to win. After a narrow defeat at the hands of Toutle Lake in their district opener, and another defeat to Kalama, Toledo is still looking for that signature win that can get them going headed into a tough district tournament.

Both coaches said their schedules hardly get any easier

from here.

"We haven't gelled yet. We definitely aren't playing our best basketball," Fallon said. "This league, you have to find a win somewhere. It doesn't get much easier after this. It's hard to put your thumb on just one thing we didn't do well."

Toledo played at Adna on Friday, while Rainier faced Onalaska the same night.

Pirates Romp Past Cardinals in 55-Point Win

Three Adna players scored in double figures and the Pirates handed Winlock a 55-point defeat in an 84-29 road victory in Central 2B League play Wednesday.

Eli Smith led all scorers with 17 points, while Lane Johnson added 14 and Clayton Loose picked up 12 as the Pirates won their fourth straight.

Adna shot a red-hot 59% from the field (32 of 54) from the field, while holding the Cardinals to 6 of 25 shooting (24%).

Winlock was led by Cole

Fray-Parmentier's and Isaac Ramirez' eight points each. Chase Scofield added six points.

Adna (11-3, 5-1 C2BL) hosted Toledo on Friday. Winlock (0-14, 0-5 C2BL) faces Kalama on Jan. 26.

Tigers Notch Third-Straight Win in Blowout of Loggers

Napavine senior Keith Olson scored a game-high 21 points on 10 of 13 shooting and the Tigers blasted Onalaska 83-38 on the road for a Central 2B League victory on Wednesday.

The Tigers got the Loggers in foul trouble early, with Ony racking up seven fouls in the first four and a half minutes. Despite that, Napavine led just 17-11 after

one quarter.

"We hung in there pretty good at first," Onalaska coach Wayne Nelson said.

Then the Tigers exploded for a 23-11 run and held the Loggers to just 16 points in the second half to claim victory.

James Grose added 19 points and Jarin Prather 13 for the Tigers, who have now won three straight.

Kole Taylor led the Loggers with 13 points, while Case McGraw added nine and Mason Ulery finished with six.

"Mason Ulery played hard and did a good job defending Grose," Nelson said. "We just didn't give him much help."

Onalaska (1-9, 0-4 C2BL) played Rainier on Friday. Napavine (10-2, 4-1 C2BL) played at Wahkiakum on Friday.

NFL

Prescott was given a chance to clarify his comments but doubled down.

"Yeah, I mean, yeah, if they weren't at us, and if the fans felt the same way as us and that's what they were doing it for, yeah," Prescott with a response even more vociferous than before. "I'm guessing that's why the refs took off and got out of there so fast. Yeah, I think everybody is upset with the way that this thing played out. As I said, I'm sure a fan would feel the same way that we do."

Then Tuesday, Prescott, who is the Cowboys' nominee for the

NFL's Walter Payton Man of the Year Award, tweeted an apology.

"I deeply regret the comments I made regarding the officials after the game on Sunday. I was caught up in the emotion of a disappointing loss and my words were uncalled for and unfair.

"I hold the NFL Officials in the highest regard and have always respected their professionalism and the difficulty of their jobs. The safety of everyone who attends a game or participates on the field of a sporting event is a very serious matter.

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Wednesday's 2A Boys Basketball

Kaut's 37 Points Pace Centralia in Win Over Warriors

By The Chronicle staff

ROCHESTER — Centralia saw a 16-point lead dwindle down to five with a minute to go but the Tigers converted their free throws down the stretch to claim a 77-68 road victory over Rochester in 2A Evergreen Conference play Wednesday.

Senior Landon Kaut paced the Tigers with a game-high 37 points, which included 13 of 16 from the charity stripe.

Both teams played to a 38-38 halftime tie in an intensity-fueled first half, but it was the Tigers who came out of the locker room on fire in the third quarter, reeling off a 19-5 run.

"Wasn't happy with the defensive effort in the first half, giving up transition points," Centralia coach Kyle Donahue said. "We made some shifts at halftime and we were a lot better defensively in the second half. We took care of the ball and shared the ball."

The Tigers led by as many as 16 points in the second half before Rochester put together a furious comeback attempt, drilling three straight 3-pointers to cut the deficit to five with a minute to go.

Forced to foul, the Warriors sent the Tigers to the free-throw line and Centralia knocked in the charity-stripe shots down the stretch to preserve the victory.

"(Rochester) is a good team and they can shoot the ball," Donahue said.

He praised Brandon Yeung for his first-half shooting, Cole



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Centralia's Landon Kaut (12) gets a breakaway layup against Rochester on Wednesday in Rochester.

Wasson for his rebounding, Rex Akins for his crucial minutes and Kaut for his big game offensively.

Wasson finished with a double-double of 10 points and a team-high 12 rebounds to go

with five assists. Kaut added eight rebounds and Brandon Yeung knocked in 12 points.

The Tigers shot 21 of 39 from the field, including 5 of 16 from deep and 20 of 29 from the charity stripe. The Tigers won the re-

bouncing battle, 32-21.

Rochester was led by a trio of double-digit scorers in Tyler Klatush (23 points), Sawyer Robbins (10 points) and Cam'Ron Henderson (10 points).

The Warriors shot 19 of 36

from the field, including 9 of 22 from downtown and 3 for 10 from the line.

Rochester (3-8, 1-4 EvCo) played Black Hills on Friday. Centralia (5-7, 3-4 EvCo) travels to Black Hills on Tuesday.

Thursday's 1A Boys Basketball

Beavers Can't Keep Up With Eatonville in 63-45 Evergreen League Loss

OUTSIZED: Tenino Outdone in the Second Half by Mammoth Cruiser Squad

By Alec Dietz

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TENINO — Though it played the league-leading Eatonville Cruisers tough in the first half, trailing by just one, the Tenino boys basketball team couldn't keep pace, dropping another league contest, 63-45, Thursday night at home.

The Beavers (5-7, 1-3 1A Evergreen) got a game-high 20 points from freshman Noah Schow, who rained down four 3-pointers and took advantage of the Cruisers zone in the first half, but fell into a rut in the third quarter and couldn't dig out of it in the fourth.

"We knocked down some shots," Beavers coach Joe Chirhart said. "We have to get



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Tenino guard Noah Schow drives for a layup against Eatonville on Thursday.

prepared for people zoning us. With Takari (Hickle) and (Jack) Burkhardt down low, not many teams are going to man us."

The Cruisers fell into their zone and collapsed on the interior every time Hickle or Burkhardt touched the ball, forcing other players to step up for the Beavers. Will Feltus was the only

other Beaver in double figures with 11 points.

"I can not be more proud of our team," Chirhart said. "They battled tonight."

The Beavers will look to rebound on senior night against Hoquiam in their last home league game on Tuesday.

NBA

[in the] front office. It's all we do. We have no other job that matters. It's all we are working on."

The executive said none of the other 29 NBA teams wake up and say, "Today, how can I help the 76ers get better?"

Those squads are focused on making their teams better. So it could take a three-team deal to move Simmons before the deadline.

"Trades are not easy to construct in this league," Morey said. "There's a lot of risk aversion. There's a lot of decision-makers that have to be hurdled. It's very complex to put a deal together. And that always makes it less likely than likely to get a deal done."

The Sacramento Kings are one of the teams interested in acquiring the three-time All-

Star. A source told The Philadelphia Inquirer that Sacramento has considered sending Buddy Hield, Tyrese Haliburton, Harrison Barnes, and two first-round picks to the Sixers for Simmons, Tobias Harris, and Matisse Thybulle. The source said the Sixers aren't interested in that package. Another source added Thybulle is close to being untouchable.

Asked by Missanelli about that potential deal, Morey declined to give specifics.

"I can tell you for sure there are deals with the Sacramento Kings that I think would work," he said. "Whether those deals will ever happen, I have no idea. Are they just trade deals with the Kings? Probably not. Is it multiple teams? Probably. But sure, there are deals that are possible that will go over our line."

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NFL

What's On Tap: Joe Manniello's NFL Divisional Round Playoff Picks

By Joe Manniello

Newsday

Wild-card weekend didn't produce much excitement, but the divisional round looks as if it will. Bengals-Titans is the lone game that isn't a rematch from earlier in the season. With all four games having point spreads of under a touchdown, expect close, interesting matchups. From 14 to eight, who will make it to the NFL's Final Four?

SATURDAY'S GAMES

CINCINNATI AT TENNESSEE

TV: CBS, 1:30 p.m.

THE LINE: Tennessee by 3.5; O/U: 47

These teams don't have much in common, except for the strange fact that they both beat Kansas City and both lost ... to the Jets! When making round-by-round predictions last week, Bengals-Titans was a tough one. I picked the visitors partly because I wanted to see a Cincinnati-Kansas City rematch in the title game after the teams' Week 17 thriller. Now, having a little more time to think about it, I've changed my mind. It seems as if the whole world is picking Joe Burrow and the young Bengals.

Remember, the Titans are one of the most well-coached teams. Don't underestimate Mike Vrabel, who led his team to the AFC title game two seasons ago. Tennessee (7-2 at home) should have Derrick Henry back, a huge deal made even bigger after the Bengals lost defensive tackle Larry Ogunjobi last week. A couple others are banged-up as well, though they could have top pass rusher Trey Hendrickson (concussion protocol), who was cleared to play. Another reason to fade the Bengals is because we've seen this story before: A young team gets its first playoff win, and then falls short. Sure, Burrow and Ja'Marr Chase can double-handedly win this game with explosive plays but backing the more experienced home team getting its best player back feels like the right side.

THE PICK: Tennessee

THE SCORE: Tennessee 24, Cincinnati 20

SAN FRANCISCO AT GREEN BAY

TV: Fox, 5:15 p.m.

THE LINE: Green Bay by 5.5; O/U: 47.5

While Jimmy Garoppolo and San Francisco will be out of their element in near single-digit temperatures at Lambeau Field, all the heat will be on Aaron Rodgers and Green Bay. The Packers went 8-0 at home to again earn the NFC's top seed. But last year ended with a loss in the NFC title game, the third time Rodgers has been denied a second trip to the Super Bowl. Do those past losses mean anything? Maybe, maybe not. But it's hard to believe it won't enter his mind if this is a close game late. One of those Packers NFC title game losses was at San Francisco (37-20) just two seasons ago. Green Bay's defense is much improved from then, and if it can bottle up the electric Deebo Samuel, the 49ers will be in trouble. The biggest question mark, as has always been the case with these 49ers, is Garoppolo, who has been dealing with injuries. He had some shaky moments in last week's wild wild-card win at Dallas and can't afford any game-changing mistakes.

With Samuel, George Kittle, a

stout defense and an experienced coach, the 49ers have the feel of the 2011 Giants that won three road games before winning the Super Bowl. The Packers beat the 49ers, 30-28, on a last-second field goal in Week 3. I picked the 49ers to make the Super Bowl before the playoffs started, and while just learning that Garoppolo has never played in this cold of a game (gulp!) concerns me a bit, I'm still sticking with it. All the pressure is on Rodgers and Green Bay. History says they're not a sure thing when they're "expected" to win.

THE PICK: San Francisco

THE SCORE: San Francisco 30, Green Bay 28

SUNDAY'S GAMES

L.A. RAMS AT TAMPA BAY

TV: NBC, Noon

THE LINE: Tampa Bay by 3; O/U: 48.5

This pick comes down to one question: Can you bet against Tom Brady? If the answer is no, I totally understand. For those who think the defending champs are primed to be picked off, let's get at it. In the wild-card round, the Bucs couldn't have asked for a better matchup: A run-stuffing defense against an Eagles offense that likes to run. Now? This is the last team Tampa Bay wants to see. The Bucs have been dealing with secondary issues since the season opener, and now they face a Rams team loaded with receiving threats. In the teams' Week 3 matchup, Matthew Stafford threw for 343 yards and four touchdowns in a 34-24 home win. Now, in addition to Cooper Kupp, the Rams have a motivated Odell Beckham Jr. that is looking more and more like his old Giant self. How are the Bucs going to stop this passing attack?

On the other side, Brady doesn't have Chris Godwin, which means Jalen Ramsey can zero in on Mike Evans. By now, everyone knows the key to beating Brady is applying pressure. The Rams have that covered, too, with Aaron Donald and Von Miller. The Rams also beat Brady's Bucs last year in Tampa. Sean McVay should put together a hard-to-stop, downfield attack that I don't see Tampa Bay stopping. Ride the Rams' momentum from Monday night as they KO the champs.

THE PICK: L.A. Rams

THE SCORE: L.A. Rams 34, Tampa Bay 24

BUFFALO AT KANSAS CITY

TV: CBS, 3:30 p.m.

THE LINE: Kansas City by 1.5; O/U: 53.5

This feels like the AFC Championship Game, right? It was last year, a 38-24 win by Kansas City after Buffalo led 9-0. Expect a much more competitive game. Buffalo won at KC in Week 5, a 38-20 victory it revealed in after last year's setback. That was when KC was in a funk, though, part of a 2-3 start as the defense was struggling. The two-time defending AFC champs went 10-2 the rest of the way, and the defense's turnaround was a big reason why. Can Buffalo do it again? KC will be extra motivated against a team that pushed it around in prime time. With Josh Allen leading a hot offense and the NFL's No. 1 defense, Buffalo can clearly win this game. But I'm not picking against Patrick Mahomes & Co., especially not at home. Just look at his playoff numbers: 7-2 with

22 TDs to 5 INTs. The only two losses were against Tom Brady's Patriots in the AFC title game three seasons ago and Brady's Bucs in last year's Super Bowl.

KC's defense is much improved, so the Bills won't have another "perfect game" like last week's 47-17 win over the Patriots. It was first time in NFL history an offense had no field goals, no punts and no turnovers in the same game. It also scored a TD on its first seven drives, another record-setter. From a betting perspective, that works against

them because now they're overvalued. Had Buffalo won by 7 to 10, this week's spread would likely be KC -3, maybe even 3.5 after its own dominant 42-21 win over the Steelers. Now, you're getting good line value and don't have to worry about a KC push if it wins by 3. The Bills might be a popular pick, but I'm going with the proven commodity in Mahomes, Andy Reid and all their weapons in their building.

THE PICK: Kansas City

THE SCORE: Kansas City 38, Buffalo 31

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College Basketball

Martin Helps UConn Defeat Butler, 75-56

By Tribune News Services

Perhaps Tyrese Martin read his Twitter mentions at halftime and got angry.

After a two-point first half, Martin powered a dominant second half with 25 points to lead the UConn men's basketball team to a 75-56 Big East Conference win over Butler at Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis Thursday.

Martin's career-high 27 points led the No. 25 Huskies (13-4, 4-2 Big East) to a sweep of what turned out to be a home-and-home series. UConn had

defeated the Bulldogs, 76-59, Tuesday night at the XL Center and has now won three straight conference games.

With UConn trailing 28-24 at the break, Martin took over in the second half, making tough 3s, finishing fast-break opportunities, and playing with a burst of energy that the Huskies lacked in the first half.

Forward Adama Sanogo and Isaiah Whaley kept UConn afloat in the first half as the offense struggled. Sanogo finished with 15 points, nine rebounds and three blocks. Whaley had 11 points and 10 rebounds in a bounce-back game after going scoreless against Butler on Tuesday.






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rim and Olivia Remund for continuing to be a steady presence in the lineup.

The Bearcats will play Tumwater on the road Wednesday for their next matchup in a rematch of a December loss at the hands of the T-Birds.

Warriors Win Second Straight Game

Mandy Andree-Cordell

scored a team-high 11 points and Rochester notched its second-straight victory in a 41-30 win over visiting Black Hills Thursday in 2A Evergreen Conference action.

“We had another solid team effort tonight,” Rochester coach Davina Serdahl said. “We had great defense on their guards, who are able to score. A night where we did not shoot particularly well from the field, our pressure defense allowed us to get easy shots that led to high percentage shots.”

Andree-Cordell’s noteworthy performance came off the bench

and provided a spark to a Warriors team that led 9-5 at the end of one quarter and 21-18 at the half.

“Mandy came off the bench again and had a solid game both offensively and defensively,” Serdahl said. “I am really proud of our players as all players contribute in different ways and are unselfish on the court. Another balanced attack. Hopefully we get some injured players returning prior to a final push for playoffs.”

Grace Hoover and Sofie Sand each added eight points for the Warriors, while Roisin Stull knocked in six points.

Rochester continues league play when it hosts Aberdeen on Monday.

Thunderbirds Drub Bobcats on Senior Night

Four Tumwater players scored in double figures and the Thunderbirds had no trouble nabbing a win on senior night, drubbing visiting Aberdeen, 81-17, for a 2A Evergreen Conference victory on Thursday.

Isabella Lund scored a game-high 20 points on 9 of 10 shooting to go with six steals, five re-

bounds and four assists.

Aubrey Amendala added 19 points on 62% shooting, Natalie Sumrok finished with 18 points on 75% shooting and Lily McCauley tallied 10 points on 67% shooting from the floor.

The T-Birds held Aberdeen to single-digit scoring in all four quarters, including zero points in the fourth.

Seniors who were honored on Thursday were Amendala, Sumrok, McCauley, Lund, Cassie Kaufman and Alyssa Waltermeyer.

Tumwater hosts W.F. West on Wednesday.

C2BL

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had the competitive spirit to win tonight.”

Competitiveness has been the recipe for success for the Loggers this season, who improved to 11-3 overall and 5-1 in league with the victory.

Onalaska has built a reputation as a tenacious defensive team that runs 100 miles per hour and grinds its opponents into submission. Thursday night was no different.

Ony led 8-7 after one quarter before the Mountaineers took their first lead of the game, 11-9, with five minutes left before the break. Both squads battled to an 18-18 stalemate at the half in a low-scoring, turnover-fueled defensive skirmish.

The Loggers looked like they may run away with it with a minute to go in the third quarter after building a 29-20 lead. But it was the Mountaineers who stole the momentum in the fourth quarter, ripping off a 10-2 run to take a semi-comfortable, 37-31 lead with three minutes to go.

But the tireless Loggers locked down in crunch time, starting with a forced turnover on Rainier’s inbound pass that set up Brooklyn Sandridge’s bucket, sparking the 8-0 run capped by Lawrence’s game-winning bucket.

“I think it comes with having some upperclassmen and having



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Onalaska’s Cierra Russ drives to the bucket for a layup during the first quarter of the Loggers’ 39-37 victory over Rainier at home in Central 2B League action Thursday.

some maturity,” Olson said. “I mean, they couldn’t hear a thing I was saying out there. They just absolutely wanted to win — and they did. Whatever it took to win, so I’m really proud of their effort.”

Lawrence and Morgan Hamilton finished with a game-high 14 points each.

Isabella Holmes led Rainier with 11 points, while Faith Boesch added eight and Brooklyn Swernson added six.

Rainier (10-4, 5-2) heads to Eatonville for a non-league match on Monday. Onalaska (11-4, 5-1) hosted Toledo on Friday in a C2BL matchup.

Pirates Sink Riverhawks on the Road

The Adna girls basketball team picked up its third straight win this week after dispatching Ilwaco and Winlock, then defeating league rival Toledo, 44-32,

Thursday night.

The Pirates (10-6, 4-2 C2BL) got more hot-shooting from Brooklyn Loose, who scored a game-high 14 points to lead them to a win. Freshman Kendall Humphrey also provided 11 points off the bench.

Loose scored eight of her 14 points in the fourth quarter when the Riverhawks started going for steals to get back into it.

“She got loose there in the fourth quarter,” Riverhawks

coach Randy Wood said of Loose.

Toledo got a game-high 14 points from Taylor Langhaim, and 12 points from Greenlee Clark, but had just four players in the scoring column.

“(Langhaim) had a good offensive and defensive game,” Wood said. “We had problems with our press, we threw it to the wrong team a few times.”

The Riverhawks faced Onalaska on Friday. Adna looks to keep building momentum against Napavine on Tuesday.

Tigers Get Off to Slow Start in Loss to Mules

After a defeat at the hands of Onalaska on Tuesday, the Napavine girls basketball team couldn’t bounce back in a 56-41 defeat at the hands of league-leading Wahkiakum Thursday.

The Tigers (6-7, 3-3 C2BL) scored just nine combined points in the first and third quarters, which did them in against an experienced Mules squad.

“We had a tough start and third quarter,” Tigers coach Shane Schutz said. “That is obviously credit to a well coached and veteran basketball team. I thought we battled and competed tonight against a good team.”

Schutz praised the play of Hayden Kaut, who scored 16 points, and Taylen Evander who scored three but gave great energy.

Napavine played at Mossyrock on Friday.

College Basketball

Huskies Men, Minus Coach Mike Hopkins, Win Third Straight, Defeating Oregon State

CORVALLIS, Ore. (TNS) — What happens when the Washington men’s basketball team isn’t ripping away steals, swiping passes and forcing a slew of turnovers?

That was the pertinent question for the Huskies, who were also left to wonder how they would fare without coach Mike Hopkins after he entered COVID-19 protocols and missed his first UW game since taking over in 2017.

Washington, which entered Thursday night’s game at Oregon State ranked ninth nationally among Division I teams, had difficulty generating the defensive mayhem that’s led to

a series of miscues and mishaps from opposing teams in recent weeks.

As a result, the Huskies sparred with the Beavers for 25 minutes before pulling away early in the second half and claiming an 82-72 victory in front of 3,833 at Gill Coliseum.

Washington forced just 12 turnovers — nine fewer than its average — but the Huskies can always rely on a big offensive night from Pac-12 scoring leader Terrell Brown Jr., who finished with 27 points on 11-for-18 shooting, six rebounds and five assists.

“We just turned up our defensive intensity,” said Brown, who

increased his scoring average to 21.4 points. “We pride ourselves on defense a lot, but due to the game plan, we were more relaxed and laid back (in the first half).

“But we changed that in the second half. We came with a more aggressive approach on the defensive end. Eventually, we adjusted and got a few steals in the second half and was able to put the game away.”

The Huskies, which won its third straight game and improved to 9-7 and 4-2 in the Pac-12, received significant contributions from a variety of players in addition to Brown.

Emmitt Matthews Jr. tallied

16 points and four rebounds, PJ Fuller came off the bench and added 11 points while Jamal Bey poured in 10 points and Daejon Davis added seven assists, five rebounds and two steals.

“We can win in a lot of different ways,” Brown said. “We can win with the 2-3 zone. We can press. We can win 53-48 and we can win games when it gets to the 80s like tonight. It just shows the versatility of our team. Everybody can get it going.”

Technically, Hopkins, who spent the night quarantined in a Corvallis hotel, gets the win, but this game will be remembered as the first time Washington assistant Will Conroy served as

acting head coach.

The former Husky point guard who joined UW coaching staff in 2015 walked off the court clutching a white towel while fist-bumping several UW fans in the crowd and flashing a “W” before disappearing into the hallway.

Dashawn Davis scored a team-high 17 points for Oregon State (3-14, 1-6), which lost its fourth straight game.

Washington concludes its road trip Sunday at Oregon and Conroy is expected to return to the sideline for his second stint as head coach.



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W.F. West Senior Bo Davis has his hand raised after defeating an opponent from Black Hills while wrestling at 138 Thursday night in Chehalis.

Wrestling

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At 145, Cirsto Parriott won by pin in 3:32.

At 152, Blake Ely won 12-3, followed by Hayden Sciera’s pin in 3:02 over Black Hills’ Zachary

Bergford at 160.

Tucker Land (170) and Tanner Wallin (180) each won by forfeit, before Brock Guyette defeated Caleb Wagoner at 195 to finish out the match.

W.F. West heads to Capital High School at 4:30 p.m. on Monday for a four-team match with River Ridge and Bremerton.

Life

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Dolly Parton reads 'Coat of Many Colors,' a children's book based on one of her signature songs, to a group of children at the Great Hall of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., on March 1, 2018.

Statewide Funding for Dolly Parton Imagination Library Proposed in New Washington House Bill

EARLY LEARNING:

Bill Would 'Sustain' Program Established Locally by United Way of Lewis County and Lewis County Rotary Foundation

By Isabel Vander Stoep
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A new state House bill, if passed, would fund the Dolly Parton Imagination Library book program statewide, creating and sustaining the program in counties across Washington.

This would mean, eventually, all children in Washington from birth to age 5 would have access to age appropriate books through the mail every month, at no cost to their families.

The program is a nationwide initiative run by the Dollywood Foundation to support early childhood education by connecting with local nonprofit affiliates. It was founded by Parton in 1995.

In Lewis County, the Imagination Library was kickstarted by a partnership between United Way of Lewis County and the



Peter Abbarno, Twin Cities Rotary Members Ron Averill and Catherine Cleveland, Area Director Anil Puri, Centralia Rotary President John Elmore and Centralia Rotary member Arnie Guenther pose during a 2020 Dolly Parton Imagination Library Sign-up Event at Centralia Library.

Lewis County Rotary Foundation in November of 2019.

As of now, there are 2,599 children in the county signed up, and that number includes kids in every county ZIP code, according to Angela French, resource development director at United Way of Lewis County. That's about 54% of all the eli-

gible county kids, and more are signed up every week as soon as they are born. Since the program arrived locally, there have also been 844 "graduates," or children who aged out of the monthly mailed book program.

"We actually have a really strong population signed up in East Lewis County, which is won-

derful and gives kids that maybe don't have quite as easy of an access to a library to get these books mailed to home," French said, noting United Way of Lewis County was "thrilled" about the possibility of that access increasing through the proposed legislation.

"Having this House bill go through, it will give access to this program to every child that is of the ages birth to 5 in Washington," she said.

House Bill 2068 was introduced on Wednesday, Dolly Parton's 76th birthday, and is co-sponsored by Rep. Monica Stonier, D-Vancouver, and Rep. Peter Abbarno, R-Centralia. The bill would allow the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to coordinate with a nonprofit in Washington state to develop, promote and sustain local Imagination Library programs, with OSPI funding 50% of the costs through donations, grants, public or private sources.

In a news release from United Way of the Pacific Northwest, Abbarno stated his family participated in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program and said "programs like this encourage families to read and

spend time together."

French called Abbarno "a champion of this program since day one."

For United Way of Lewis County, the support it offers to early childhood learning was motivation to get behind the project in 2019, as childhood education is a focus in its goal of lifting 30% of families out of poverty by 2030.

Though language in the bill does not specifically outline the nonprofit, the bill is supported by United Way of the Pacific Northwest and OSPI. As a county-by-county nonprofit, United Ways across the state would be able to fulfill the Imagination Library's local affiliate requirements by signing children up and tracking the number of kids enrolled.

"Our cost as an affiliate is about \$25 a year per child. And by having this kind of legislation passed, in a 50% match, that would take our monthly book bill that we pay to the Dollywood Foundation to get those books out, it would cut it in half," French said of how the bill would help locally. "So, in the long run, we're going to be able to sustain this program."

Community Calendar

SUBMIT EVENTS

To have an event added to the calendar, email reporter Isabel Vander Stoep at isabel@chronline.com.

trees in the natural area. Gloves and grubby clothes recommended.

Riverside Fire Authority Meeting

Jan. 26 at Station 2 headquarters, 1818 Harrison Ave., Centralia; 5 p.m.

These meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

Pop-Up Timberland Regional Library in Toledo

Jan. 27 at the Toledo Community Library; 3 to 5 p.m.

Timberland Regional Library will be hosting a "Pop-Up Library" on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month in Toledo. There will be take-home books, DVD's, craft bags

and guests will be able to print documents and connect with library staff.

Polar Plunge

Jan. 29 at Mayfield Lake; 9 a.m.

The Lewis County Icicle Brigade's Polar Plunge is a jump in Mayfield Lake to raise money and awareness for the Special Olympics Washington. To get involved, visit impact.sowa.org/team/390895.

East Lewis County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner

Jan. 29 at the Morton Moose Lodge; 5 p.m.

This annual chamber membership dinner will have steak with live music by Brian Green. Reserve tickets by calling 360-520-6878.

Valentine's Shopping

Feb. 5 at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gemini Events will be hosting this Valentine's market with over 80 local vendors selling soaps, candles, home decor and more.

Packwood Trails Project Annual Meeting

Jan. 22 at the Packwood Community Hall; 5:30 p.m.

Learn about the Packwood Trails Project in this annual meeting open to the public.

Cat Show

Jan. 22 and 23 at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A cat show will be held at Blue Pavilion. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$6 for groups or families of four and \$2 for seniors, vets and students. Over 75 "exotic feline beauties will be posing for judges" and competing for awards, according to a press release from And a Mouse Cat Club, the event host. Parking is free and there will be animal toys, beds and other supplies for sale.

Ivy Pulling at Seminary Hill

Jan. 25 meet at the parking lot on Barner Drive; 9 a.m.

Friends of the Seminary Hill Natural Area will host this event to manage invasive ivy on the

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 - 13 Mideast VIP
 - 14 Have
 - 15 High-five sound
 - 16 Reporter's pad
 - 18 Seductive one
 - 20 With great intensity
 - 21 Pasture grazer
 - 22 Terrier or poodle
 - 23 Thin pancakes
 - 26 Cry of discovery
 - 29 Wire measure
 - 30 Donated
 - 32 Places
 - 34 Garden intruder

- 36 Large lizard
- 38 Pro vote
- 39 Beneficial
- 41 Too exacting
- 43 401(k) cousin
- 44 Leader of the flock
- 45 Mantel
- 48 Eclipse
- 52 Before birth
- 54 Linear measure
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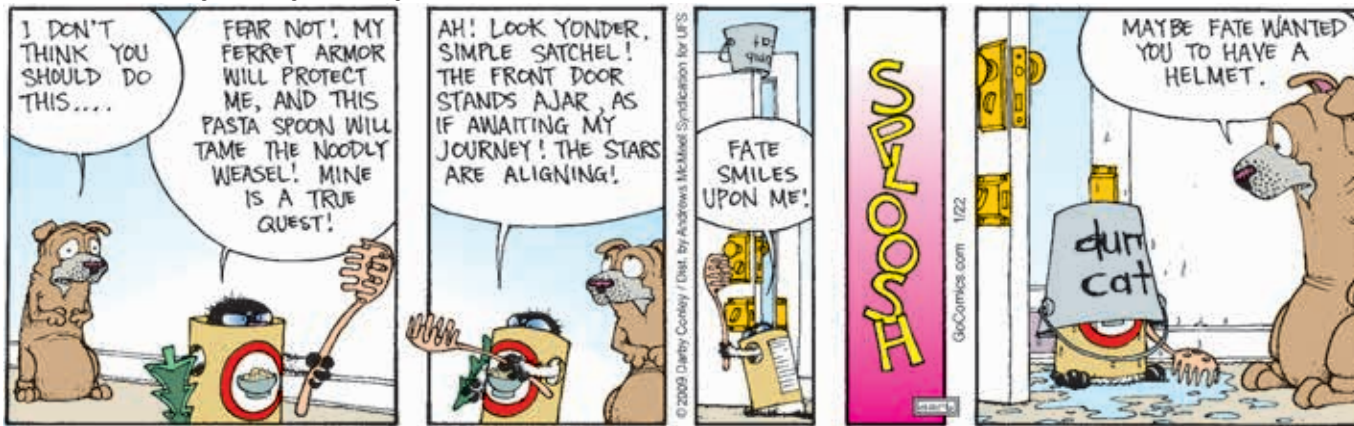
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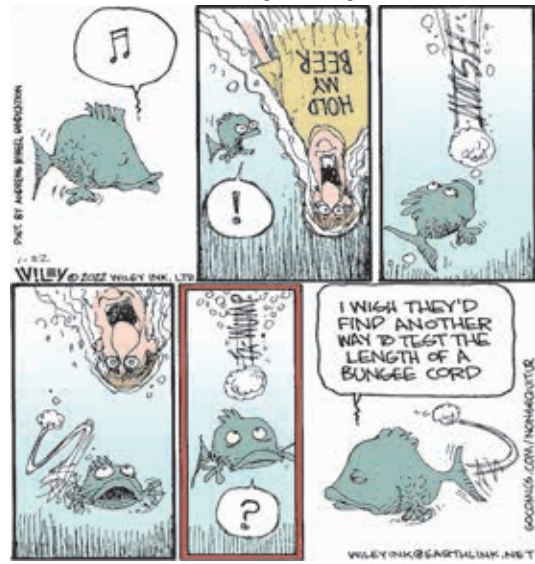
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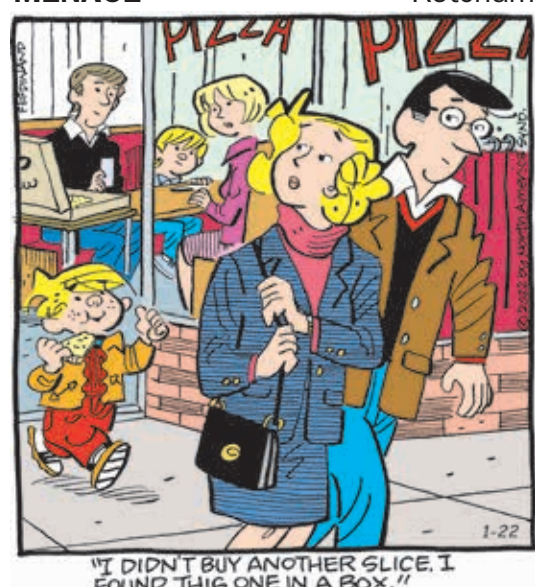
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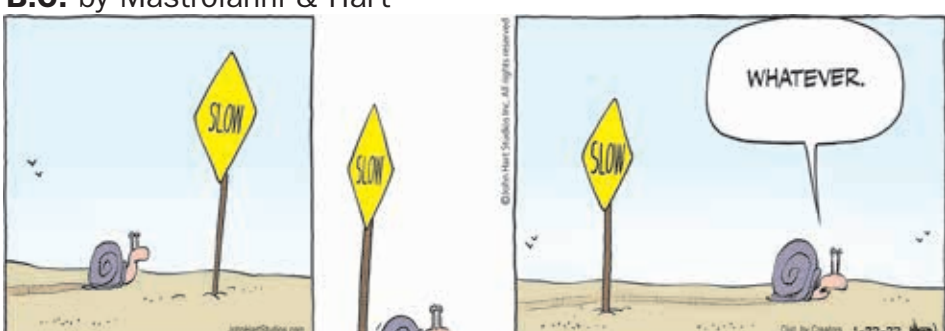
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CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Be careful what you share with others. Someone will take advantage of you if you put yourself in a vulnerable position. Keep your secrets to yourself and focus on exploring new interests.



LEO

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Team up with someone who brings out the best in you. Discuss your ideas and work through any discrepancies before you proceed. A contract looks promising. Try to get on the same page as a partner.



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Make alterations that encourage productivity. A pleasing workspace will give you the push you need to be creative. Raising the bar will encourage others to try harder. Be a team player.



LIBRA

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Pursue what makes you feel passionate. Don't hang back in hopes that someone will do the tedious work for you. Doing your fair share will lead to success. Be a leader, not a follower.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Emotions will surface if a disagreement unfolds. Recognize all sides of a situation and keep the peace. Make subtle changes that don't affect others. A positive change at home will add to your comfort.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
You'll dazzle someone who can influence your position. Consider what you want to do and update your qualifications and resume to suit your needs. Don't oversell yourself.



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Look past what's right in front of you, and you'll see the big picture and know exactly how to handle confusing or unorthodox situations. An unexpected gesture will take someone by surprise.

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AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
You've got the right idea; now speed things up a bit and forge a path forward. How you conduct yourself and what you have to offer will create a buzz. Proceed with confidence.



PISCES

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Take care of your finances, legal affairs and health. Refuse to let anyone push you in a direction that doesn't appeal to you. Make changes that will benefit you, not someone else.



ARIES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Surround yourself with trustworthy people. Be direct, and don't let your emotions interfere with your work or relationships with others. Indecisiveness will make you look incompetent.



TAURUS

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Make sure you know what you're doing before you begin. If you don't live up to your promises, it will affect your reputation and hurt your chance to advance. Stick to the plan.



GEMINI

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You'll have trouble with someone you work alongside. Distance yourself to avoid an unnecessary entanglement. Don't get involved in gossip or let anyone meddle in your affairs.



CANCER

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Express your feelings. It's OK to veer off in a direction that you find more creative and exciting. Reach out to people who share your likes and dislikes, and it will inspire you.



LEO

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Mixed emotions will surface if you disagree with what others are doing. Be sure to have a workable solution before you begin to dominate conversations. Someone is likely to have a change of heart.



VIRGO

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Find out where you stand. How you treat others will determine the outcome of a situation you face with someone close to you. Share your feelings with a loved one.



LIBRA

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Take care of business and live up to your responsibilities. Keep your emotions in check and your work ethic in place. Don't get worked up over something you cannot change.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
What you do is what counts. Reach out to people who share your interests and make changes at home conducive to exploring something you want to pursue. A change will be beneficial.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Keep things simple, practical and within your budget. Use your intelligence to evaluate your position. Someone will use emotional manipulation to push you in a questionable direction.



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Show your feelings openly, and you'll bypass all the passing drama. Know what you want and make your position clear. Adjustments at home will encourage you to live life your way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lost & Found

FOUND
• Clothing, tools, etc, Rush Road, Chehalis area, case #22C702.
• Saws, catalytic converters, backpack, shoes, 1/16/22, Centralia area, case #22C673. Please note, a deputy will need to talk with you.
Please call Lewis County Sheriff's Office to describe & claim. 360-740-1470

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Needing a different adventure? Seeking an active adult male/female couple to join a narrowboat excursion with 3 other adult couples on England canals Sept 12-30. Primary cost is transport to/from London and share meal costs. More info call 360-304-8680

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Lewis Conservation District is pleased to announce an opportunity to contribute to conservation and your community by serving on the Board of Supervisors. Supervisors are public officials who direct the activities of the conservation district. Although they serve without compensation, they are eligible to be reimbursed for appropriate expenses. For more information, please contact the Lewis Conservation District, 2057 SW Salsbury Ave., Chehalis, WA 98532, (360) 996-4560, or visit the Washington State Conservation Commission website at <https://www.scc.wa.gov> under the Get Involved tab.

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HR/Legal Assistant



The City of Centralia, WA is accepting applications for the position of **HR /Legal Assistant**. This position is a full-time, non-represented position. Salary \$4,512-\$5,527 per month. Please go to www.cityofcentralia.com/employment or 118 W Maple for an application packet and detailed job posting, description and basic requirements. Deadline for applications is February 1, 2022 at 5:00 pm. EOE

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The City of Centralia, WA is accepting applications for the position of Part-time Deputy Court Clerk with the Centralia Municipal Court. This position is a part-time 80 hour per month, Teamsters benefited position. Please go to www.cityofcentralia.com/employment or 118 W Maple for an application packet and detailed job posting, description and basic requirements. Deadline for applications is January 28, 2022 at 5:00 pm. EOE



Scot Industries is a leading manufacturing company (www.scotindustries.com) with 12 locations throughout the country. We are looking for energetic candidates with an ability to learn quickly in a fast-paced environment that would like to grow with our company as a material handler for our 2nd shift Centralia WA location

Responsibilities:
Material handlers are responsible for the timely stocking of productions equipment, placement of materials into storage locations, and identifying proper stock for orders.
-Load & Unload tractor trailers and move raw materials, in-process inventory, and finished good within plant utilizing overhead cranes
-Package Materials for shipment
-Maintain identifying tags and labels on materials
-Read and follow work orders
-Band Materials together using steel banding
-Keep Workplace clean and orderly
Requirements:
- No experience needed
- ability to follow instructions and work independently
- Ability to pass basic math test (tape measure use, concerting fractions to decimals)
- High school diploma, GED, or equivalent
- Able to pass drug tests and criminal background check
-Must be eligible to be legally employed in the United States

Benefits:
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HELP WANTED

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The Onalaska School District Is Hiring



District Office Secretary to the Superintendent. Please apply at www.edjobsnw.org or Call the District Office at 360-978-4111 Opt. 5

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FINANCIAL

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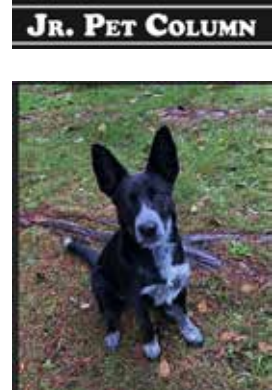
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APPLIANCES

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MISCELLANEOUS WANTED

CLASSIFIED DEADLINES

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60" LG flat screen TV with 2 speakers, \$350. 360-506-8083

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WANTED: Old pictures of the original Carlisle Lumber Company Mill workers housing in Onalaska, WA, interior or exterior if available. Call 360-232-4886

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NEW TODAY!

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Mixed dry fir & maple, Seasoned for 2 years!
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GARAGE SALES GENERAL

VISIT VISITED

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Friday - Sunday, Jan 21, 22 & 23, 9-3. Peninsula Senior Activity Center, 21603 O Lane, Ocean Park, WA, 360-665-3999.

Thousands of yards of excellent quality cotton fabric @ \$5/yard, prints, batiks, solids, orientals, quilting supplies, etc. Lunch will be available for purchase. Quilters. DO NOT MISS THIS ONE!! It is well worth the drive!!

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MOTOR HOMES

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121030 RFQ CCL-22-06PS

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CITY OF CENTRALIA CONTRACT NO. CCL-22-06PS

Notice is hereby given that submittal of engineering service qualifications will be received by Centralia City Light, 1100 N Tower Avenue, Centralia, Washington 98531 until 2:00 PM, local time, on February 16, 2022.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Documents may be obtained after Saturday, January 22, 2022 by registering on the City's Website: <https://cityofcentralia.procurement.com/> and downloading the RFQ documents. Companies wishing to register may do so by clicking the "Register" tab, entering the required information, and selecting the appropriate categories.

Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) submitted will be reviewed by City staff. Firms with qualifications meeting the City's needs will be asked to submit proposals. The City will review proposals submitted and request in-person interviews prior to selecting the most qualified firm for the proposed contract.

The City of Centralia reserves the right to reject any or all SOQ's or proposals, to waive any irregularities, and to accept any proposals deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

The City provides reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities. We invite any person with special needs to contact the City Clerk at (360) 330-7670 at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the bid opening to discuss any special accommodations that may be necessary.

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