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## Centralia College Servers Hit With Cyber Attack

**RANSOMWARE:** No Early Evidence of Exposed Information, College Official Says

By Emily Fitzgerald  
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Investigators have so far found no evidence that any information from Centralia College's local servers left the campus when the servers were victim to a ransomware attack Monday morning.

But until a third party is finished investigating the ransomware attack and recovering the college's data, all of Centralia College's local servers will be unavailable to faculty and students.

"Everything is just kind of shut down and on hold until we get more info from them," Centralia College Relations Director Amanda Haines said.

The ransomware attack was discovered after Centralia College faculty logged onto their desktop computers early Monday morning to find that their files "looked weird," Haines said.

Faculty members reported the phenomenon to campus IT staff, who investigated and discovered the attack sometime before 8 a.m. on Monday.

All campus desktop computers and other devices that utilize the college's local servers were immediately shut down when the attack was discovered, Haines said.

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## Four New Distribution Centers Planned for Winlock Industrial Park



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Winlock Community Development Director Robert Webster points to land off Mickelsen Parkway in Winlock during a tour of the property Tuesday morning.



Deer run on Winlock industrial park property on Tuesday morning.

**DEVELOPMENT:** Crow Holdings, Exeter Property Group and Benaroya Seek to Industrialize Winlock Land

By Isabel Vander Stoep  
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It was the early 2000s when former Winlock Mayor Cy Meyers first got behind proposals to expand Winlock to Interstate 5.

Since then, there's been a recession and plenty of anti-growth sentiment from residents of the South Lewis County city. Winlock's Urban Growth Area (UGA) — a designation under the Growth Management Act that allows zoning

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# Lewis County Commissioners Pass Housing Initiative to Aid in Crisis

By The Chronicle staff

The Lewis County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday passed a housing work plan — dubbed the Lewis County Housing Initiative — to aid in the housing crisis afflicting the region.

In Lewis County specifically, home prices have doubled since 2012 and have outpaced wage growth, all during a time when housing inventory has decreased, according to a news release from the county.

The effort aims to increase the availability and affordability of housing countywide and details a 12-step blueprint to address the issue.

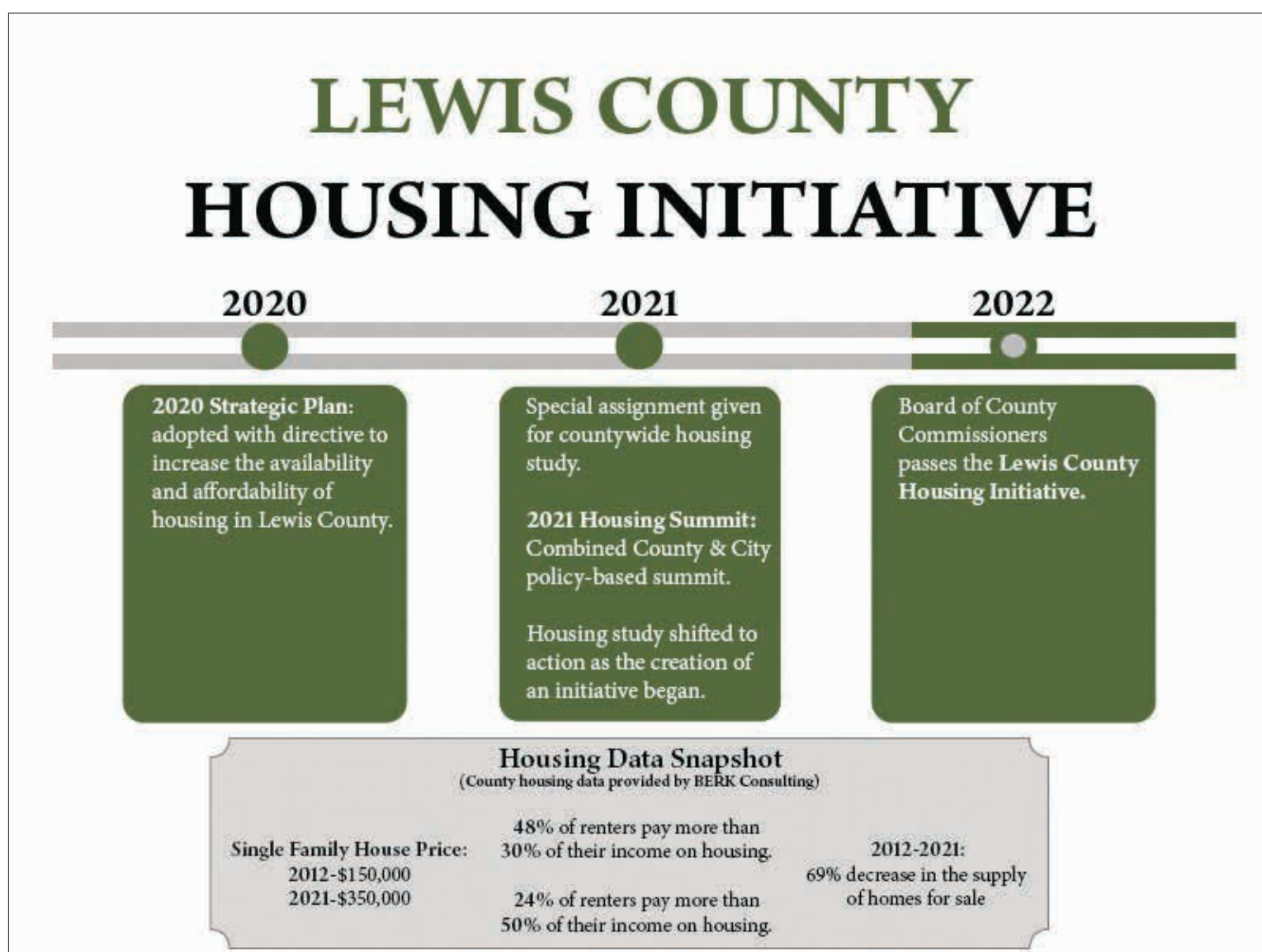
The resolution seeks to adopt a work plan with a set of objectives to implement the 2020 Lewis County Strategic Plan's directive in regard to the county's housing needs, the release stated.

"We had planned for a housing study however, as we collected county housing data ahead of the Housing Summit last November, we saw that we didn't need more studying," said Commissioner Sean Swope in a statement. "We need housing action and we need it now. That is why we shifted efforts to developing the Lewis County Housing Initiative."

Lewis County's Housing Initiative includes detailed objectives the county plans to complete through the projects laid out in its work plan.

Those objectives include:

- Continuously learning about the community's expectations and needs for housing.
- Ensuring access to a "night-by-night" shelter, and a path to stable and safe housing.
- Providing affordable housing options at all income levels.
- Increasing rural housing density near existing services such as schools, medical clinics, grocery stores and transit.
- Providing public infrastructure improvements to growing rural town centers.
- Encouraging commercial services and employment opportunities within those rural town centers.
- Partnering with municipalities to coordinate housing



efforts across Lewis County.

"This is a big deal," Lewis County Long-Range Planner Mindy Brooks previously told The Chronicle. "This is a significant piece of work we're putting together. We're trying to look at the range of housing issues across the county and how we can be really proactive in trying to make sure we have that range of housing for people."

The initiative also pulls together staff from all county departments to work toward the objectives.

A specific item detailed in the work plan will see development of a 20-year subarea plan in Packwood that aims to address issues with affordable housing, public infrastructure and essential services.

The design and construction of a wastewater treatment system and sewer infrastructure

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Lewis County commissioner

in Packwood is also detailed, an effort to promote development and economic growth in the once-thriving lumber town. The county's timeline has the project slated for completion by December 2026.

Another stipulation in the work plan is an effort to estab-

lish the county's first "night-by-night" shelter, known to some as a homeless shelter, as early as this summer.

The county is already at work with one aspect of the work plan — the increased coordination between county officials and city mayors and staff.

Centralia Community Development Director Emil Pierson presented examples of how Centralia is planning for growth at a recent county mayors' meeting, demonstrating coordination between the two levels of local government.

"The presentation provided insight to the other cities on how items like zoning can be used to make future plans for their respective towns," the release stated.

The next initiative slated for completion is this summer's conclusion of the county public works' infrastructure needs assessment, which is being done to support residential housing and commercial-development growth countywide.

For more information, go online to <https://lewiscounty-wa.gov/offices/commissioners/housing-initiative/>.

## News in Brief

### Washington House OKs Banning Guns at Ballot Counts, School Boards

By The Spokesman-Review

OLYMPIA — Guns and other weapons would be prohibited at ballot counting sites and school board meetings across the state, under a bill approved by the Washington House Monday.

The measure, which passed the Democratic-led chamber on a party line 57-41 vote, also bans openly carried firearms at local government meetings and election-related facilities like county election offices, though people who have concealed pistol licenses would be allowed to

carry their concealed weapon.

The bill now heads to the Senate for consideration.

Supporters cited the heightened acrimony over elections and COVID-19 mandates as reasons why the restrictions are needed.

"With all the conspiracy theories and tension that exist around our electoral process, our dedicated election workers do not need to conduct their jobs in fear," said Democratic Rep. April Berg.

She noted firearms are already prohibited at several designated places statewide, including restricted areas of jails, courtrooms, taverns and commercial airports.

"We should not allow guns in

places where we are performing democracy, period," she said.

Republican Rep. Kelly Chambers said the measure unfairly targets those who have concealed pistol licenses, and "hampers their ability to defend themselves."

"It makes the rest of the community less safe when we continue to chip away at the areas in which these law-abiding citizens are able to carry their weapons in a concealed manner," she said.

Under the bill, it would be illegal to knowingly bring firearms — either openly carried or carried with a concealed pistol license — and other weapons to school board meetings and ballot counting centers. Openly carried weapons would be prohibited at other election-related sites, like elections offices, voting centers and student engagement hubs.

Openly carrying firearms and other weapons would also be prohibited at local government meetings, like city and council meetings. Last year, lawmakers approved a ban on openly carrying guns and other weapons at the Washington state Capitol, part of the Capitol campus and public protests statewide.

Law enforcement is exempt from the restrictions, as are any security personnel hired at a location.

Violation of the law would be a gross misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$5,000, or both. Additionally, any person convicted would have their concealed pistol license revoked for three years.

Under the measure, a person must knowingly be in violation of the law in order for the criminal penalty to apply.

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## Betty Jean Fahnestock

1933 ~ 2022



active square dancers for many years. They traveled around on weekends with many different square dance clubs and attended many state and national events.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents Henry and Myrtle Strand, and daughter Diane. She is survived by her daughter Vicki LeDuc of Chehalis; granddaughter Sarah LeDuc and her husband, Brian of Kennewick; grandson Jacob LeDuc and his wife Heidi of Rochester; four great-grandchildren, and numerous cousins.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 18, 2022, at Mountain View Cemetery, Centralia. Following the graveside services, everyone is invited to share their memories of Betty at a reception at Borst Park Kitchen No. 1, 2020 Borst Ave., Centralia.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Veteran's Memorial Museum, 100 Veterans Way, Chehalis, Washington, 98532, the Humane Society, or an organization of your choice.

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### IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## Elaine Williams

Elaine Catherine (Heiring) Williams, formerly of Tacoma and Centralia, Washington, was born in Farley, Iowa. She passed away peacefully at home in Olympia after a long illness. All of her family and friends will miss her greatly, but we will always remember her love, generosity, caring and kindness.

She is survived by her five children Pamela (Sam) Pellegrino, Jeffrey (Sue) Pettera, Christine (Randy) Gagner, Veronica Pettera McCann, Julie (Edward) Quisenberry; and her sisters Darlene Rusch and Joyce Salatino. Preceding her in death was her beloved husband, David Williams, her parents, and eight siblings.

Her Funeral service will be held on Feb. 23 in Lacey and

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the burial will be held Feb. 24 in Kent. For more information on services, go to <https://woodlawn-funeralhome.com/obituaries/elaine-catherine-williams/1113/>.

Donations can be made in her name to the Spanaway Food Bank or St. Vincent de Paul Society.

# Amid Uptick in Tax Revenue, Chehalis Mayor Warns of Inflation

**FINANCES:** Chehalis Sees Sales Tax Revenue Year-Over-Year Increase of Over \$750,000

By Daniel Warn

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The City of Chehalis received \$134,007 more in sales and use tax last year than it had budgeted, bringing the city's revenue from sales tax in 2021 to about \$6.04 million, according to preliminary reports.

That's about 14.3% — or \$756,271 — more sales tax revenue than Chehalis received in 2020.

Sales and use tax accounted for about 51.5% of the general budget's expected revenue for 2021.

While the increase may seem like a boon for the city, some — including Chehalis Mayor Tony Ketchum — believe the rise in inflation rates across the nation could have more to do with the increase than anything else.

"I don't want people to get too optimistic about sales tax, because I have a concern," Ketchum said during Monday's Chehalis City Council meeting. "What we've seen with sales tax is people not necessarily spending more money, thinking they have more money, or (that) the city's done anything special to make people spend money. My problem is for the last three months, each month, we've had a 7% increase in inflation."

He said that since the inflation rate is making people spend more money on the same products, the city's increase in sales and use tax revenue is misleading.

"It's not that we did anything, it's just now there's more sales tax," Ketchum said. "And so it's



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From left, Chehalis City Council members Jerry Lord, Isaac Pope, Bob Spahr, Tony Ketchum, Kelly Wilson and Kate McDougall attend a meeting on Monday.

like it's a false negative."

And the matter has Ketchum concerned about other effects inflation can have on the city's budget, effects that are far less positive.

"My concern is that we need to be careful, because when we established our 2022 budget, we established a baseline based in October/November of materials we were going to buy and supplies we are going to buy," Ketchum said. "Since October, we've had this huge increase in inflation, so it's just my opinion, but at some point, I think the city's going to get bit, because we're going to have to make up more money. ... We're going to be spending more money to buy the materials and supplies that we budgeted."

Ketchum circled back to the increase in sales and use tax revenue by saying, "It's like there's money here, but it's not really here."

The budget committee needs to be cautious, Ketchum said, noting that "this influx that we

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Tony Ketchum  
mayor

have really isn't real, that we (can't) start dishing it out. It's going to disappear soon and quick when we have to catch up and start buying materials and supplies at the inflation rate."

According to preliminary reports, the general fund saw about \$11.29 million in total revenue by the end of the fourth quarter of 2021, or about 101.2% of the 2021 budget, exceeding it by over \$128,000.

The general fund's expenditures and transfers through the end of December amount to about \$10.82 million, or 95.2% of the 2021 budget, meaning the city



Councilor Kelly Wilson is sworn in during a Chehalis City Council meeting on Monday.

spent 4.8% — or \$541,527 — less than it had budgeted to spend out of the general budget in 2021.

Total actual revenues exceeded the total expenditures by over \$468,000.

The ending fund balance was more than \$670,000 higher than expected, a 6% differential amounting to an ending fund balance of \$2,709,304.

On a citywide basis for all accounts combined, according

to preliminary reports, the city has received about \$29.47 million, or 96.0%, of the 2021 total revenue budget for 2021, and has expensed about \$27.86, or 90.0%, of the 2021 total budgeted expenditures.

The total actual revenues exceeded total expenditures by more than \$1.6 million, bringing the citywide total fund balance to more than \$26.7 million as of Dec. 31.

## News in Brief

### Chehalis Tacks on \$25,000 to Chehalis Avenue Project Design

By The Chronicle staff

At its Feb. 14 meeting, the Chehalis City Council authorized Gibbs and Olson — which is providing engineering and design services for the Southwest Chehalis Avenue reconstruction project — to spend an additional \$25,000 to "pothole" the area to receive information on several storm pipes in the project's vicinity.

The Southwest Chehalis Avenue Reconstruction Project involves the section of road between Third and Ninth streets and will include roadway replacement, a new curb, gutter and sidewalk as well as limited storm drain improvements and an 8-inch water line replacement.

There are several storm pipes along Chehalis Avenue that the city has limited information on related to pipe size, type, location and depth.

City Manager Jill Anderson told the council that documenting the existing conditions for

the enigmatic storm pipes would be critical for the project's eventual implementation.

The reason for this is "there are several utilities on the project that the new storm drain piping must not conflict with to be installed per the design," agenda documents stated.

Anderson said there is wisdom in gathering the information during the project's design phase, rather than its construction, so the council agreed to have Gibbs and Olson conduct the potholing during its design process.

### Chehalis Receives Four Additional Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

By The Chronicle staff

The Chehalis City Council amended the charging services agreement between the Chehalis-Centralia Airport and EVgo Services LLC (EVgo) to add four additional electric vehicle charging stations to a parking lot off of the southeast corner of Home Depot, adjacent to the airport.

The action occurred during Monday's Chehalis City Council meeting, and the amendment will see EVgo paying rent of \$75 a month per stall for now eight stalls, amounting to \$600 a month, or \$7,200 a year in revenue for the city.

According to a presentation to the council, the original agreement with EVgo was established in 2018 and was partially funded by a grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation. The grant was meant to encourage public-private partnerships in the support of the deployment of electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

The City of Chehalis' part of the agreement was to allow EVgo use of land for four charging stations in an in-kind contribution to the project.

Now that four additional sta-

tions are being added, the city has extended the agreement with EVgo for five years, or until 2028, and tacked on the rental agreement while removing an exclusivity agreement with EVgo.

### Longtime Chehalis Water Superintendent Vasilauskas Retires

By The Chronicle staff

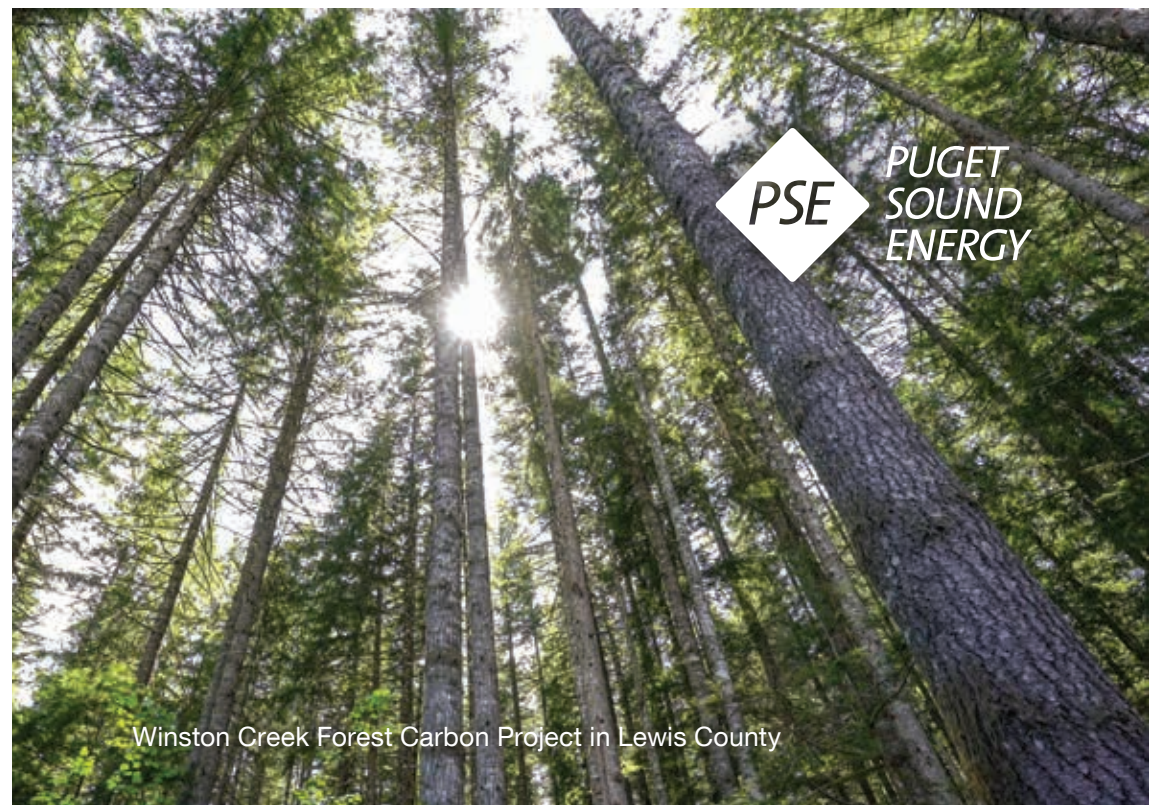
The retirement of former Chehalis Water Superintendent Dave Vasilauskas was recognized at the Feb. 14 Chehalis City Council meeting.

Vasilauskas worked for the city for 33 years and served as water superintendent for 17.

City Manager Jill Anderson said Vasilauskas wanted "no recognition," but Anderson brought a tribute of his work in front of the council anyway to recognize his contributions to the city in a public manner.

She read off of a plaque that was presented to him previously, which gave words "in appreciation of (his) positive and steadfast contributions to maintaining a safe and reliable water supply for the community during 33 years of dedicated service to the City of Chehalis."

Anderson, along with the council and city staff, wished Vasilauskas "a very happy and healthy retirement."



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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## JIM HASLETT

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James "Jim" Edward Haslett exited this earth on Feb. 7, 2022 peacefully and surrounded by family members. His life was graciously extended by his Lord and savior for his purposes. Jim was born on April 10, 1942 in Seattle, Washington to Arthur (Bud) and Mildred Haslett.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother, brother Richard, sister Marilyn, grandson Bryson James Morris, daughter Kelly Lynne Brataan and son Kirk Edward Haslett.

He is survived by his wife LaVerne whom he married on

March 25, 1961. Also surviving Jim is daughter Carrie (Bert) Partain; grandchildren Brittany (Justin) Richardson, Chaz, Zachariah, Tristan, Hailey, Salina (Jeremy) James, and T.J. (Aleia) Haslett; great-grandchildren Gracie, Hallie, Sadie, J.J. and James Richardson, Nate and Gwen James, and Bennett Haslett.

Jim was instrumental in the revitalization of Mayme Shaddock Park in Napavine and volunteered for many years to maintain this park. A memorial will be held when weather permits at this park he so loved

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# Chehalis Sergeant Announces Intent to Run Against Snaza for Lewis County Sheriff in November Election

By The Chronicle staff

A sergeant with the Chehalis Police Department intends to run against incumbent Lewis County Sheriff Rob Snaza for the sheriff's position in the November 2022 general election.

Tracy Murphy, a Centralia High School and Centralia College graduate with 27 years of law enforcement experience, announced his intent to file on Feb. 11.

Murphy is a lifelong Lewis County resident who currently resides in Chehalis with his wife and five children.

"Murphy is looking forward to talking to voters about his positive vision for the future of the Lewis County Sheriff's Office," said Murphy's campaign coordinator in a news release.

Murphy will officially launch his campaign during a breakfast kick-off event at the Lewis and Clark Hotel at 10:30 a.m. on March 5. More information

on his candidacy can be found at [facebook.com/TracyMurphyForLewisCountySheriff](https://facebook.com/TracyMurphyForLewisCountySheriff).

Snaza was first elected sheriff in 2014 and was elected to a second four-year term in 2018.

He has worked for the Lewis County Sheriff's Office since 1995.

"I'm not really thinking about who's running for sure or who's not, I'm just focused merely on continuing doing the work that the sheriff's office is doing," Snaza said when asked about the upcoming election. "I'm going to continue to focus on some of the goals and priorities that we've set forth over the last year to continue to provide the best service we can to this county. And, you know, I look forward to continuing being sheriff for the next several years."

Candidate filing for the November general election opens in May.



Tracy Murphy is pictured in this photograph provided by his campaign.



Sheriff Rob Snaza

## News in Brief

### Bipartisan Dolly Parton Imagination Library Bill Gains House Approval

By The Chronicle staff

Legislation to expand the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program across Washington passed the House on Tuesday by 89 votes, with only seven dissenting.

The program, which was established in Lewis County by the Lewis County Rotary Foundation and United Way of Lewis County in 2019, provides age-appropriate books to children between the ages of 0 to 5 at no cost to the families enrolled.

The bipartisan House Bill 2068, co-sponsored by Rep. Peter Abbarno, R-Centralia, and Rep. Monica Stonier, D-Vancouver, expands the program across

Washington, through the state selecting a qualified nonprofit to operate it locally by county.

"About five years ago, I made a commitment as a father to do a better job of reading to my children every night," Abbarno said this week while thanking the House for supporting the bill. "Not only is reading good for kindergarten readiness and increases cognitive, learning and language skills, but it builds stronger families. It really encourages that precious quality time parents can have with their children. It's a special time in my life that I'll always remember as I create this tradition with my children."

According to a news release from House Republicans, Abbarno said around that same time, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program was established in Lewis County and he "got in-

involved in helping to get that off the ground."

The bill will now go to the Senate for consideration.

### Microsoft, Expedia Announce Broad Campus Reopenings That May Signal a New Phase in COVID Pandemic

By The Seattle Times

In some of the surest steps so far toward a new, post-pandemic normal for the Seattle area, Microsoft and Expedia separately announced plans Monday to broadly reopen their Washington offices.

Microsoft is moving its Washington offices to the final

stage of its phased reopening plan, effective Feb. 28, the company said Monday. The move opens the door for as many as 57,000 workers to return to offices in Bellevue, Seattle and at the company's Redmond headquarters that have been largely vacant since the COVID-19 pandemic set in two years ago.

Expedia, the Seattle-based travel company that employs 3,000 people in the area, will reopen its Interbay headquarters on a hybrid basis starting April 4, a spokesperson said in a statement Monday less than an hour after Microsoft's announcement.

News of Microsoft's reopening in particular sent ripples through the Seattle area, where many employers and workers are still debating when — or whether — to go back to the office.

"That's a really, really big deal," said Margaret O'Mara, a

University of Washington historian who has written extensively about tech hubs like Seattle.

Microsoft is not only one of the region's largest employers, O'Mara said, but also was one of the first companies in the world to go remote when COVID hit. She said many other employers will be asking whether this "sends a signal: Is this over? Is this the new normal? Are we on the other side of this?"

Microsoft said it will fully open its facilities to employees, visitors and guests, and resume campus services, Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer Chris Capossela announced Monday.

But Microsoft's reopening doesn't guarantee all workers will come back full-time. Microsoft said Monday its approach "embraces schedule flexibility as standard for most roles" and that it is allowing managers to approve employee requests to adjust their work site, location or hours.

"Throughout the pandemic, our employees have adapted to many new ways of working while helping our customers and partners navigate their own challenges," Capossela said. "We know there's not a singular solution to how people work best, which is why we believe flexibility should be at the forefront of our evolving hybrid workplace."

Employees have 30 days from Feb. 28 to work out those agreements with their managers.

Expedia will also adopt a flexible approach, said spokesperson Dave McNamee. Most of the company's offices are currently open to vaccinated employees. The elegant waterfront campus, which was completed in 2019 as the company moved from Bellevue, had only been open for a short time before workers were sent home to work remotely.

Starting April 4, employees will be expected to "spend at least 50% of their time in the office, working with their respective leaders on an appropriate schedule," McNamee said. "We're of course going to be flexible and as such have instructed leaders to adopt a team-led approach in deciding schedules."

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Donna Marie Zwielfhofer*

1931 ~ 2022

Donna Marie Zwielfhofer passed away on Feb. 11, 2022 at age 90 at her home with her family by her side. She was born in Winlock, Washington, to John and Ida Lyly on Oct. 26, 1931. She attended school in Winlock and graduated in 1949.

She married Walter Zwielfhofer on June 11, 1949 and lived in Winlock where they raised their daughter Dorothy and son Robert. She worked at Allegre Egg Supply, Safeway and Winlock IGA, where she retired in 1993. Her greatest joy was having her grandchildren spend time with her. Donna loved working in her yard and garden. She enjoyed trips to Reno.

She was preceded in death by her parents John and Ida Lyly, stepfather Andrew Arola, husband Walter, son Robert Zwielfhofer and sister Carrie (Vernie) Downey.

Donna is survived by her twin brother Jack (Louise) Lyly of Astoria, Oregon, daughter Dorothy (Gary) Murphy of Chehalis, grandchildren Tina Murphy, of Winlock, Dana (Rollie) Goble, of Chehalis, Tami (Scott) Zwielfhofer, of Winlock, Dana Draper, of Longview, and Kasey (Jonathan) Wilson, of Chehalis, along with seven great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Cynthia Rankin*

Cynthia Anne Apple Rankin went to be with her savior Jesus Christ. Cynthia was a born again Jew from Brooklyn, New York. She professed Jesus wherever she went around the world as a missionary. Her greatest missionary accomplishment was going to Israel and teaching in a school on the shores of the Galilee. She is survived by her husband Wayne Rankin, three children, seven grandchildren, her mother, and two brothers. She was preceded in death by her father Lee.

Cynthia graduated from San Jose State University with a degree in education. She moved to Olympia in 1977 and taught in Lewis and Thurston schools. She helped with churches in the Twin Cities. Cynthia helped in

many food banks including God's Portion in Centralia and Faith Harvest Helpers in Olympia. People from around the world are sending their condolences. The impact she had was far and wide.

Cynthia's celebration of eternal life will be held at Calvary Chapel in Olympia at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19.

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## CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT Suspicious Activity

- Just before 10:20 a.m. on Feb. 14, a caller in the 700 block of North National Avenue reported finding a "large bag full of marijuana clippings."
- Just after 4:20 p.m. on Feb. 14, a caller reported a male suspect "intentionally opened his door" into the caller's vehicle in the 1400 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue and then took multiple photos of the caller and her vehicle.

## Theft

- A third-degree theft reported in the 100 block of Southwest Interstate Avenue just after 11 a.m. on Feb. 14 is under investigation.
- Just before 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 14, paperwork and the key to a gun safe were reported stolen from a residence in the 200 block of Southeast Washington Street.
- A shoplift was reported in the 2100 block of North National Avenue just after 3:25 p.m. on Feb. 14. The suspect fled the business on foot. The caller reported "they tried to chase him down but couldn't catch him," according to police logs.
- A subject was cited for third-degree theft in the 1500 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue just after 12:20 p.m. after allegedly stealing nail clippers, clippers and \$350 worth of product from a business.

## Trespassing

- A subject was trespassed from a business in the 1700 block of North National Avenue at 4:35 p.m. on Feb. 14 for disorderly conduct.

- A subject was cited for trespassing at a business in the 1700 block of North National Avenue just after 10:50 p.m. on Feb. 14.

## Assault

- Just after 6:15 p.m. on Feb. 14, a caller reported an assault that took place in the 500 block of Southeast Adams Avenue on Saturday. No arrests were made.

## Hit-and-Run

- A hit-and-run was reported in the 300 block of North Market Boulevard just after 1:10 p.m. on Feb. 15.

## Crash

- A non-injury, two-vehicle collision was reported in the 1600 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue just before 5:25 p.m. on Feb. 15.

## Animal Abuse

- A case of possible animal abuse was reported in the 200 block of Southwest Lewis Street just after 7:35 p.m. on Feb. 15.

## CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Theft

- A subject was cited for shoplifting in the 1300 block of Lum Road just after 2:10 p.m. on Feb. 14.
- Multiple items were reported stolen from a business in the 1300 block of Lum Road just after 6:45 p.m. on Feb. 14. The case is under investigation.
- Flowers were reported stolen from a business in the 500 block of South Tower Avenue just after 3:20 p.m. on Feb. 15.
- A subject was cited for shop-

lifting in the 1100 block of Harrison Avenue at 10:50 p.m. on Feb. 15.

## Crashes

- A non-injury, two-vehicle collision was reported in the 2200 block of Sirkka Avenue at approximately 11:55 a.m. on Feb. 15.
- A non-injury, two-vehicle collision was reported in the 100 block of South Silver Street just after 5:05 p.m. on Feb. 15.
- Injuries were reported after a vehicle versus pedestrian collision at the intersection of West Main Street and north Tower Avenue just after 6:10 p.m. on Feb. 15. No arrests were made.

## Malicious Mischief

- A Centralia man was arrested in the 300 block of North Gold Street at 12:35 p.m. on Feb. 15 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for second-degree malicious mischief after he allegedly damaged property that didn't belong to him.

## Trespassing

- A subject was cited for criminal trespass in the 200 block of North Railroad Avenue just after 1:50 p.m. on Feb. 15 after allegedly refusing to get off a train.

## MORTON POLICE DEPARTMENT Morton Incidents

- An officer responded to an alarm at the Morton PUD just after 2:55 p.m. on Feb. 7. The alarm was determined to be false.
- An officer was dispatched to a report of a disorderly individual at Morton High School just before 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 11. The

officer spoke with the individual and determined no crime had been committed.

- An officer was dispatched to Morton High School just after 12:15 p.m. on Feb. 11 regarding a suspicious vehicle. The officer was unable to locate the vehicle.
- An officer was dispatched to the 600 block of Airport Way just after 3:10 p.m. on Feb. 12 regarding a two-vehicle accident. The officer assisted both parties with exchanging information and a report was taken.

## Mossyrock Incident

- An officer was dispatched to a noise complaint at the 100 block of Aldrich Road at 11:05 p.m. on Feb. 12. The office did not hear any noise violations upon his arrival.

## LEWIS COUNTY JAIL STATISTICS

As of Wednesday morning, the Lewis County Jail had a total system population of 168 inmates, including 155 in the general population and 13 in the Work Ethic and Restitution Center (WERC). Of general population inmates, 129 were reported male and 26 were reported female. All WERC inmates were reported male.

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## News in Brief

it and other evidence to prosecutors for charges, the case languished for years amid delays, budget cuts and other procedural hiccups.

The case became the subject of a 2019 Seattle Times series, "In the Dark," which detailed how, despite seeming to be solved, it instead was neglected for years. All the while, Vianne Falcon — the mother and grandmother of the victims — was never informed of the DNA link to Jones.

Falcon, now 74, who had spent years pressing authorities for answers about the case, first learned about Jones and his link to the crime scene when The Times examined the case in 2019.

On Tuesday, Falcon expressed relief at the charges against Jones. "It's about time. That's what I want to say about it," she said during a phone interview, noting that Jones had been seeking early parole.

"I'm really, really happy that they're filing these charges before he had a chance to get released," Falcon said. "Because if he got released, they never would've caught up with him."

Since The Times' series was published, Falcon has pressed prosecutors and police about the investigation and launched a letter-writing campaign to try to draw more attention to the case.

A probable-cause affidavit filed with the charges Tuesday indicates that investigators have reexamined some evidence and submitted items for further forensic testing and to confirm more links to Jones.

"In December of 2021, investigators learned that semen was detected on the sleeve of the jacket worn by Jacob Dewey at the time of his murder," according to the affidavit of Renton police Detective Tracie Jarratt.

From that, a DNA profile was developed and linked to Jones. The DNA recovered is "3.6 nonillion times" more likely to originate from Jones "than an unrelat-

ed individual selected at random from the U.S. population," the affidavit states.

Since 1999, Jones has been serving a prison sentence for the 1995 murder of Gregory Hebdon, an Irvine, California, businessman and father of two young children.

Once known as "Roam Dog," Jones has a long rap sheet steeped in gangs, drugs and violence dating back to his teenage years. He grew up near Compton and ran with the Crips street gang during the crack-cocaine explosion of the 1980s, garnering felony convictions and prison terms for separate incidents of attempted robbery and robbery.

His first conviction in Washington — for crack possession — came just after Christmas 1993. After Stacy Falcon-Dewey and Jacob Dewey were killed 10 months later, Jones returned to California, where he murdered Hebdon in March 1995, the charging papers say.

"After that crime, Mr. Jones fled back to the Seattle area, where he was later arrested and held at the King County Jail," according to charging papers. "While in custody, the defendant brutally assaulted a corrections officer."

Jones was convicted of second-degree assault and served time in a Washington prison before being extradited to California, where he was convicted of Hebdon's murder.

He's now being held at the Kern Valley State Prison in Delano, with an earliest possible parole date listed as March 2030, according to the California corrections website.

For the first several years after the Renton slayings, the case was a true whodunit. Detectives pursued a number of promising suspects and leads that never panned out. Jones had not even been on their radar as a potential suspect in the early years after the killings.

## Man Imprisoned in California Charged in 1994 Slayings of Mother, 3-Year-Old in Washington

By The Seattle Times

King County prosecutors on Tuesday charged an incarcerated man in the 1994 shooting deaths of a woman and her young son, whose cold-case murder investigation slipped through the cracks and was ignored for years despite promising DNA evidence that linked the suspected killer to their slayings.

Jerome F. Jones, 51, now serving a 56-year prison sentence for killing a man in California in 1995, has been charged with two counts of aggravated murder for the homicides of Stacy Falcon-Dewey, 23, and Jacob Dewey, 3. Their bodies were found next to Falcon-Dewey's car on a secluded dead-end road in Renton in 1994.

Jones "bound Stacy Falcon-Dewey, beat her, orally raped her and likely shot her child to death in front of her before killing her," according to the charging papers filed by Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jessica Berliner. "The extraordinary violence and cruelty of these murders demonstrates the extreme danger he presents to society."

Jones, who will be extradited to Washington, is set to be arraigned Feb. 28 at the Maleng Regional Justice Center in Kent.

During Falcon-Dewey's autopsy, oral swabs and fingernail clippings captured DNA from an unknown man. That evidence was preserved, and after advances in DNA science, was positively matched to Jones in 2002, charging papers say.

Still, even after that genetic evidence linked Jones to the homicides, and the lead Renton cold-case detective presented

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## Speed Reading or Deep Reading Old Written Treasures

The thought that turned into this week's column had its beginning one morning a couple of weeks ago.

It was breakfast time, but before eating I wanted to first read the thermometer on my porch.

Something unusual caught my eye, and it turned out to be three old, scuffed-up books someone had dropped off during the night.

One was a reprint of a novel. Another — dated 1902 — was a religious book on "The Gentle Art of Making Happy." But it was the third item, an old pocket book with many signs of age, that caught my attention. That book, "The Secret Garden," kept me up past my usual bedtime and occupied most of the next day as well.



By Bill Moeller

To be brief about the book, "The Secret Garden" was first published in 1911 and has become a classic in many forms: stage productions, movies, ballets and, of course, books of all sizes. Because it dwells mostly on the lives of two children in their very early teenage years, it has been classified as a children's book, but it's more than that.

I'm not going to say anything about the book's contents. It's more fun to find out those things by oneself.

Reading the book over a long unbroken space of time taught me much about myself and — perhaps — you might experience the same reaction? That is, learning about yourself, if you give it a little time for the thoughts to sink in.

I enjoy reading anything — but mostly fiction — at a much slower pace than the average

reader. It gives me time to explore not only the thoughts and reasons behind the characters actions but what might also have been the reasons behind the author's choice of one word over another.

All of the forgoing statements have nothing to do with what I really wanted to confess, which is that I've been re-introduced to another book that I read many years ago and I even had for sale — unsuccessfully — on the shelves of Huckleberry Books back when that was my shop and put food on the table.

Even though it was copyrighted in 1927, typing the title of "archy and mehitabel" on your keyboard will let you know that it's still being printed and sold today.

It was written by don marquis, and that name is not capitalized for a reason which

you'll find out later. I don't know where to start in explaining the book but it began when I offered my copy to a friend and she returned it with such enthusiasm and excitement that I simply had to start turning the pages and again reading the book that had occupied space on my own bookshelves for many years.

The style of writing may have been the inspiration for many poets today to whom writing in a prescribed style is nowhere as important as the message itself. Mehitabel is an aging female cat whose adventures in life may have been somewhat unconventional while archy is a cockroach who writes the poetry in the book. That's right, a cockroach and, yes, writes modern style poetry on a typewriter whenever the owner leaves a sheet of paper in it as he exits the office each evening. It's explained in the beginning of the book that archy manages to write by leaping into the air and coming down head

first onto each letter. Since he can hit only one key at a time, he's unable to capitalize any letters!

One has to have an open mind when reading what archy has written, but it all has a connection to human behavior and — where mehitabel is concerned — occasional human misbehavior. There's one phrase repeated by archy that sums up his feeling about her when he respectfully states "there's a dance in the old dame yet."

According to a note before the title page, don marquis wrote 15 other books. Golly, I'd like to get my hands on any one of them!

In this time, escaping into other worlds is very worthwhile.

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### COMMENTARY: I Was Just Thinking ...

### Letter to the Editor

### After Recent Move, Quality of Local Newspaper Stands Out

My family relocated to Chehalis from Olympia in August. We thoroughly enjoy our new community. The contrasts are many: no homeless camps with concomitant crime; no needles on the street; great schools that emphasize academics rather than social engineering; happy, busy hardworking citizens; friendly, helpful neighbors. But one distinction stands out strongly to me: the quality of the local paper.

I was born in Olympia in 1949 and grew up in what was then a pleasant small town. We had many saw mills; a cannery; a brewery; machine shops; etc. and a local newspaper. All of these are now gone. The local newspaper there used to carry local stories and follow local high school teams. But it was purchased by a national syndicate and forgot the local community. I want folks here to know how lucky they are to still enjoy a local newspaper that reports local news about local people and businesses and schools. Don't lose it.

JON CUSHMAN  
Chehalis

### Kennedy Should Serve as Example to Biden in Current Crisis

The crisis in Ukraine, in which the arrogance of a Russian tyrant threatens to ignite a senseless and devastating war, brings to mind the Cuban Missile Crisis during the presidency of John F. Kennedy.

In 1962, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev attempted to deploy in Cuba offensive intermediate-range nuclear missiles capable of destroying almost every major city in the western hemisphere.

This came despite repeated American warnings that no such action would be tolerated and repeated Soviet denials that any such action was contemplated. In the face of this deceit and treachery, President Kennedy bore unparalleled responsibility.

Overruling intense opposition, Kennedy rejected the option of an immediate air strike on Cuba and imposed a naval quarantine on the island, there-



by granting Khrushchev time to reflect. In return for minor American concessions and to the utter fury of Fidel Castro and Mao Zedong, the Soviet dictator relented, the missiles were withdrawn and the peace of the planet was preserved.

What if Kennedy had decided differently, bombing the missiles and then invading the island as most of his advisers urged?

Although it was not known at the time, the Soviet forces in Cuba also had been equipped with shorter-range "tactical" or "battlefield" nuclear weapons, which are easier to conceal from aerial surveillance. Khrushchev, moreover, had granted the local Soviet commander full authority to use these weapons in the event of an American attack.

As it is inconceivable that this country could lose a conventional war in the Caribbean, the tactical missiles would have provided the only plausible Soviet defense. In which case, the American invasion fleet would have been decimated, tens of thousands of American soldiers and sailors would have been incinerated, and Kennedy would have had no choice but to press the button.

Within months of the missile crisis, "a shaft of light cut into the darkness," as Kennedy, a chastened Khrushchev, and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan reached agreement on the atmospheric nuclear test-ban treaty, which cleansed the skies and waters of dangerous radioactivity and began the long process of detente.

In a speech promoting the treaty, Kennedy said this: "A full-scale nuclear exchange, lasting less than 60 minutes, could wipe out more than 300 million Americans, Europeans

and Russians. And the survivors, as Chairman Khrushchev warned the Communist Chinese, 'would envy the dead.' For they would inherit a world so devastated by explosions and poison and fire that today we cannot even conceive of all its horrors."

It was from this fate Kennedy probably saved the world. The importance of his decisions at that time cannot possibly be exaggerated and should never be forgotten. May the Kennedy model of firmness, clarity and restraint serve as an example to President Biden in the current challenge.

JOSEPH TIPLER  
Centralia

### Borst Fort Deserving of More Attention

I enjoyed the article written by Julie McDonald Nov. 16 about the Borst barn and some history surrounding it. I also appreciate that she mentioned the Borst Fort.

However, I feel like the fort doesn't get much attention in the community. The barn, after all, isn't even there anymore but the fort is over 150 years old and was an historical part of the beginnings of Centralia.

The fort has survived because it is built of massive beams, although some of them are showing wear and rot, resulting in them starting to fall out. I know that the city is saving part of the money they collect from the annual holiday lights drive-through to fund repairs but I wonder how many years that will take.

Apparently, the Washington State Historical Society has some money set aside for this. I would

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than half of transgender and nonbinary youth. Those disturbing numbers will likely only rise as political attacks on the rights and dignity of our LGBTQ youth get worse.

Congresswoman Herrera Beutler has helped enable all of this through her record of opposing LGBTQ rights in Congress. No resident of Washington's 3rd district who stands in solidarity with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning Americans — or is a member of the community themselves — should be voting for her this November.

NICHOLAS COOK  
Chehalis

### Putin's Land Grab Reasoning

Vladimir Putin must believe that the current political climate in the U.S. has provided him with ideal conditions to return the Ukraine to Russian control. Since citizens of the country have chosen our individual rights above those of the nation or the world it seems highly improbable that Americans would be capable or willing to summon the backbone required to make the kind of sacrifices needed to put an end to Russia's aggression.

To field a force of the size that would be required to defeat Russia would mean reinstating the draft. An America that refuses to vaccinate in order to defeat a virus or even wear masks to protect society makes it obvious to Putin that America is weak and dysfunctional.

The last president organized an insurrection that very nearly ended democracy in this nation. Currently many ordinary citizens and elected officials ignore congressional subpoena powers. Who among us think that in such a self-centered population people would give up their personal freedom to be inducted into military service where vaccinations and obeying orders are mandatory?

Why do so many of us see nothing wrong with the ex-president's philosophy of taking all you can and to hell with the country, dodge the draft if you can buy your way out.

It is no wonder Vladimir feels that a divided America provides the perfect time to invade any country he wants.

DOUG FINDLEY  
Randle

like to see more information about this project so the community can understand it's important historical significance.

The fort used to sit on the river near the Borst home and should be moved back there so the two oldest buildings can share their true history once again. It's sad that it's separated from the pioneer village, which contains new buildings built to look old yet the original fort sits in the dark trees of its namesake, "Fort" Borst Park, likely unknown to many.

GREG ISAACSON  
Chehalis

### Herrera Beutler's Record Shows Lack of Support for LGBTQ Youth

The rights and dignity of our LGBTQ youth are under attack in Republican-controlled state legislatures across the nation, from laws against transgender girls playing on girls' school sports teams to criminalization of gender-affirming medical care.

The Equality Act, when and if it becomes law, would safeguard the national LGBTQ community from much of this crusade of oppression. While I have every confidence that Sens. Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell will support it when and if the Senate votes on it, Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler has voted against the Equality Act all four times it has been voted on by the House.

According to The Trevor Project's National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health last year, no less than 42 percent of LGBTQ youth seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year including more

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# Winlock

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changes so cities can expand — that stretches to I-5, covering parcels where the Mickelsen Dairy used to stand, has remained largely dormant for decades.

Current Mayor Brandon Svenson is picking up where Meyers left off.

On Tuesday morning, six deer hopped along a field across from the old dairy land as hawks circled overhead. Besides abandoned barns, the land appears untouched.

But off the property, in land developer headquarters in Seattle, Los Angeles and Pennsylvania, the gears are in motion to maximize the land Svenson and Winlock Community Development Director Robert Webster refer to as “high and dry and halfway between Portland and Seattle.” The way they see it, Winlock is sitting on a development gold mine.

Exeter, a Pennsylvania-based developer must see it that way, too. With its proposed construction site plan, Exeter is eyeing the creation of four new distribution centers in the near future — two of the proposed buildings would be 1.2 million square feet, one approximately 600,000 square feet and one about 225,000 square feet. The proposal is “fluid,” Svenson said, depending on the needs of the site’s tenants.

“We’re really trying to push manufacturing more so than warehousing if at all possible,” he said.

Winlock’s industrial park kicked off with the Lowe’s distribution center, a 1.2 million square foot building that opened in early November 2021 on property owned by Seattle-based developer Benaroya. Late in 2021, Benaroya sold a large chunk of its Winlock property to LA-based developer Crow Holdings. Exeter Property Group has owned land there since mid-2020.

The next tenants of the park are yet to be revealed, but if Svenson has his way, it will be a business that can provide living-wage jobs to Winlock-area residents.

“You know, it’s kind of up to the people that are building these things and the tenants they get,” Svenson said. “But the first one, the 600,000 square foot, is (going to be) manufacturing and distribution.”

Webster added: “Brandon (Svenson) has been pushing really hard for good-paying jobs. Like, livable jobs. Which is what we need, and everybody deserves that.”

For the first building, Exeter hopes to break ground this spring. If the tenants are there, Svenson said he wouldn’t be surprised if the company moved forward at a rate of one center per year.

Exeter is close to submitting its State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) proposal. Webster said that could be done in about one week. After the submission, there will be an opportunity for the public to weigh in on development through a hearing held by the city.

## ‘Growing Pains’

Rapid growth isn’t everyone’s style, Svenson said. Behind his Winlock home, what used to be a forest is now being developed into 23 new residences.

Out on the industrial park, Svenson stretched his hands out, displaying the beauty of the land before him and grimacing as he said, “It turns out I don’t have



Jared Wenzelburger / jared@chronline.com

A proposed conceptual site plan and a map of the Winlock Urban Growth area hang on a wall in a City of Winlock office Tuesday.



Winlock Mayor Brandon Svenson discusses growth in Winlock on Tuesday.



Roofs of dilapidated structures are seen off Mickelsen Parkway in Winlock during a tour of the property Tuesday morning.

the cash to buy it and just leave it like this.”

The conflict between what’s best for Winlock and losing its rural feel stirs inside him as it does many residents. But as long as landowners are following city codes and guidelines, he said, they have the right to do whatever they want with their property.

A recent presentation by Lewis County assessor Dianne Dorey highlighted the fact that every metric used to measure growth in the area, including population, new construction value and home valuations, is in an unprecedented boom. Whether or not Winlock residents are ready, growth is upon

them.

“It’s frustrating for some people, and I understand. This town’s been small for a long time and it hasn’t really grown. It’s kind of our turn. Especially with the industrial park kicking off the way it is and needing housing for that,” Svenson said, adding later: “It’s a big deal

for the county. Because all your employees are not going to come just from Winlock, right? It’s going to be countywide jobs.”

The city, along with the rest of Lewis County, is racing to get enough housing to support the growth. So far, just this year, Svenson said there have been around 25 new housing permits issued in Winlock. The new development will also require changes to the I-5 exit as the city sees traffic from semi-trucks transporting goods in and out.

Unlike some, Webster is optimistic about the growth. It means more sidewalks and streetlights, which will make the city safer and more comfortable.

“With a city like this, you kind of grow or you die to a point, right? We have this fantastic downtown corridor here, and I’m really hoping that all the new folks that are coming in will support it more,” Svenson said. “It’s going to provide, obviously, the jobs. The schools are going to grow. We’re going to have to work on that. You know, there’s growing pains. And the school and ourselves, we’re working together to make sure that we mitigate everything the best we can.”

# Attack

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Those local servers house the college’s website and files that were saved to campus desktops, but the bulk of the college’s information was transferred to cloud systems in 2020.

Centralia College was among a large group of Washington schools to shift their information to cloud-based systems in the last few years. Centralia

College was included alongside five other schools in the fourth phase of the statewide shift to a network called ctLink. That network was unaffected by the ransomware attack.

“While the attack is clearly challenging and disruptive, we’re in a better place to combat it due to changes we implemented over the last two years,” Centralia College President Bob Mohrbacher said in a written statement.

“We are doing everything we can to get through this as

quickly and painlessly as possible, particularly for our current students,” he said.

Students and staff can’t use the on-campus computers and both the campus Wi-Fi and www.centralia.edu are down, but staff and students can still access college phones, online classes, email and online accounts off campus.

Faculty and students are still able to communicate via email and through Canvas, an online learning platform.

“Students are used to communicating with their instruc-

tors in that online space already. A lot of work has already been done there,” said Haines.

All online and in-person classes are continuing as scheduled.

In-person services at the main Centralia College campus and at CCEast in Morton are available, but may be limited.

“People are worried just because the course of work has been affected, but we’re lucky this happened now as opposed to two years ago,” said Haines.

The college is working close-

ly with the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges and is leveraging all resources available to minimize the impact and duration of the outage, stated Centralia College in a news release.

Ransomware is broadly defined as a malicious software designed to block access to a computer system until a sum of money is paid.

Additional information will be shared as it becomes available through the course of the investigation.

# Lewis County COVID Cases See Further Decline; 50% of Residents Now Vaccinated

By The Chronicle staff

Lewis County Public Health & Social Services reported 524 new COVID-19 cases during the time period of Feb. 4 to Feb. 10, a week-over-week decrease of 58 new cases.

The 14-day total of new cases per 100,000 population is 1,378.7 for the county and 1,140.3 for the state.

Countywide, there have been 16,944 reported cases of COVID-19 since the first county case was recorded on March 15, 2020.

Hospitals also saw a decrease in new COVID-19-positive intakes, with the number reaching 38 for the week, as of Feb. 10. A total of 1,158 people have been hospitalized due to the illness in the county.

New deaths resulting from the virus for the week of Feb. 4 to Feb. 10 have held pace with the previous week at five. Lewis County's total COVID-19 deaths have reached 210.

There are currently nine outbreaks in congregate care settings, which the health department notes is a decrease from the week prior.

The percentage of people in the county that have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine has increased to 55.5%, while the number for those fully vaccinated has reached the 50% threshold.

# Thurston County Confirms 14 COVID-19 Deaths as Case Counts Continue to Decline

By Martin Bilbao  
The Olympian

Thurston County confirmed 14 deaths due to COVID-19 and 990 additional cases over the past week as disease activity continued to decline.

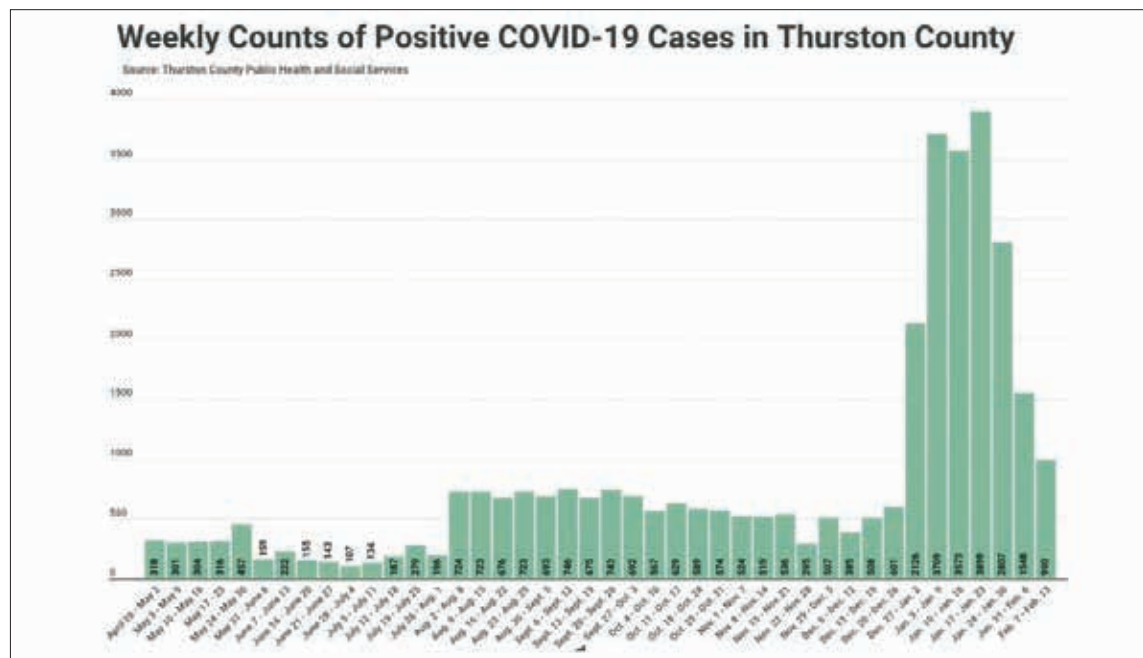
Eight men died: one in his 50s, one in his 60s, four in their 70s and two in their 80s. Six women also died: one in her 60s, two in their 70s, two in their 80s and one in her 90s.

Public Health and Social Services confirmed the cases and deaths between Feb. 7-13, but they did not necessarily all occur that week. In all, PHSS has recorded 43,168 cases and 307 deaths from March 2020 to Monday.

PHSS considered 41,203 cases recovered or recovering on Monday — meaning 1,965 cases remained active. From Jan. 31 to Feb. 6, the county reported 1,548 cases and 13 deaths.

The county's weekly case count reached a record 3,899 cases the week of Jan. 17-23. Since then, disease activity in Thurston County has declined significantly. Yet even with this progress, transmission rates remain remarkably higher than previous waves.

State data show the county case rate per 100,000 people fell to 1,635.4 from Jan. 19 to Feb. 2 as of Sunday. The record high rate was 3,038 from Jan. 2-15 — far higher than the previous record of 529 from Aug. 19-31.



### Outbreaks

Regarding outbreaks, the county reports it is responding to 49 ongoing outbreaks at congregate care settings. As of Monday, there have been 179 such outbreaks — six more than the previous week.

At school settings, PHSS data indicates there were at least 18 closures involving 79 cases as of Feb. 8. While still high, the number of cases at school settings have declined from 133 the week of Jan. 17-23 and 112 the week of Jan. 24-30.

The most cases were found in North Thurston Public Schools, the county's largest school district. That week, there were 10 closures due to 49 cases in

school settings and one closure due to four cases in an extracurricular setting.

Olympia School District had four closures with 15 cases in school settings from Jan. 31 to Feb. 6. Meanwhile, Tumwater School District saw one closure with three cases.

Lastly, Yelm Community School had two closures involving eight cases. The county didn't report closures at other school districts or private schools that week. Data for the week of Feb. 7-13 had not yet been updated as of Monday.

### Hospitalizations

The county confirmed 14

hospitalizations over the past week. Since the start of the pandemic, the data show 1,952 people with COVID-19 have been hospitalized at some point.

There were about 28.2 hospitalizations per 100,000 people between Jan. 26 to Feb. 1, according to the latest state data. This rate fell from a record high of 41.6 from Jan. 9-15.

Hospitalizations increased significantly starting in early December during the onset of the Omicron wave. During the previous Delta variant wave, the county's record was 19.9 between Aug. 20-26.

About 83.1% of Intensive Care Unit beds over a seven-day period were occupied in

the West region, which includes Thurston County and some of its neighbors, as of Sunday. The data show 24.6% of ICU beds were occupied by COVID-19 patients in the region as well.

Hospitals in the region were 93.7% full over a seven-day period as of Sunday, per the data, while COVID-19 patients accounted for 23.2%.

From February to December in 2021, state data show 67.1% of recorded cases (12,271) in Thurston County were in unvaccinated individuals. Meanwhile, 28.4% of cases (5,197) were in fully vaccinated individuals, per state data.

Across the state, those who were unvaccinated accounted for 73% (4,104) of all confirmed 12 and older COVID-19 deaths from Feb. 1, 2021, to Jan. 4.

Those partially vaccinated made up 5.1% (286) of deaths and those fully vaccinated made up 21.9% (1,232) of deaths, the data show.

PHSS does not share the vaccination status of those who die or are hospitalized due to COVID-19 in Thurston County because they do not have access to that data, a county spokesperson previously said.

### Vaccinations and tests

Just 64.3% of all Thurston residents were fully vaccinated as of Saturday, and 71.2% had initiated vaccinations, per state data.

Meanwhile, the data show 75.3% of Thurston County residents 5 and older have initiated vaccinations and 67.9% had been fully vaccinated.

As of Feb. 7, 80.2% of the state population five and older had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 72.5% had been fully vaccinated.

These percentages include aggregate data from the Department of Defense and Veteran Affairs, both of which are not entirely reflected in the state's data dashboard.

The state reports 96,294 people (about 33%) in Thurston County have received a booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Across the state, over 2.5 million people have gotten a booster.

Thurston County PHSS continues to offer free vaccination events, including for booster shots, every week.

Events are listed on their coronavirus vaccine information website.

Eligible residents can also find appointments at local providers such as pharmacies by visiting the state's Vaccine Locator website.

Those who have difficulty scheduling appointments online can call the Department of Health vaccine hotline at 888-856-5816 or the Thurston County Public Health and Social Services line at 360-867-2610. Information for Spanish speakers is available at these numbers as well.

There have been no updates to COVID-19 testing data since Sept. 15.

PHSS says the state Department of Health paused this data release to increase capacity so it can process an increasing number of tests.

The DOH does not expect to restart its reporting of testing data until about Feb. 28 due to an "unexpected delay," according to its data dashboard. The release of this data has been repeatedly delayed.

People can get PCR tested at pharmacies such as Rite Aid and Walgreens, but availability may be limited due to demand.

Over-the-counter COVID-19 antigen tests are also available at pharmacies and on-order from the state Department of Health and federal government.

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### Onalaska Middle School Second Term Honor Roll

By The Chronicle staff

Following are members of the Onalaska Middle School's second term honor roll. Students are listed in alphabetical order.

**Eighth Grade**

**Perfect GPA: 4.0**

Kaiyah Sandridge

**Principal's List: 3.5 to 3.99**

Christ Acevedo, Landon Brady, Mareli Carlos-Esquivel, Joshua Gerbracht, John Griel, Nathan Hanson, William Harvard, Jasmine Kort, Lucas Kre-

nik, Riley Martin, Mackenzie Nederlander, Logan Nichols, Haley Nissell, Ann Phelps, Cole Revel, Austin Sturza, Logan Sturza, Kate Zandell, Will Zandell, Alessandria Zylstra

**Honor Roll: 3.0 to 3.49**

Iris Allen, Kiley Archey, Jaelyn Auman, Amy Cardenas-Ruedas, Braden Cheney, Winter Elliott, Kiylee Huguenin, Elizabeth Keim, Keely Molina Garcia, Samantha Morris, Tiffany Pannkuk, Wyatt Russell, Sage Teitzel, Adison Villanueva, Taytum Zandeki

**Seventh Grade**

**Perfect GPA: 4.0**

Lillyana Miller, Nathan Pre-slicka, Mirotto Smaciarz, Ethan Thayer

**Principal's List: 3.5 to 3.99**

Carson Albertson, Carter Coleman, Sierra Derrick, Kelcie Dickson, Kyla Free, Lane Gordon, Dean Hamilton, Madison Hanson, Aiden McEntyre, Gavyn McEntyre, Kyle Osborne, Marilla Rocquin, Sommer Zurinskas

**Honor Roll: 3.0 to 3.49**

Braelyn D. Babb, Abigail R.

Ellis, Benito Escalera-Zamudio, Adrian Garcia Ruedas, Lacy Harambasic, Christofer Jaimes, Austin Keel, Celerino Martinez, Ethan Welch

**Sixth Grade**

**Perfect GPA: 4.0**

Ferra Gust, Capri McGraw, Miranda Quillan

**Principal's List: 3.5 to 3.99**

Brycen Anderson, Huddson Barnes, Noland Brady, Tayla Coyner, Sofia Flores, Jayden Frase, Leila Galpin, Haze Hamrick,

Janelle Hanson, Alexandra Henricksen, Nolan Hornsby, Bethany Krenik, Baylor Lyons, Aiden Risley, Connor Risley, Peter Russon, Benjamin Stingley, Brodey Triana, Faith Zurinskas

**Honor Roll: 3.0 to 3.49**

Diego Cardenas, Carlos Carlos-Esquivel, Samantha Ellis, Leah Hamilton, Elizabeth Hazen, Emily Hicks, Fath Hitch, Calista Johnston, Karsyn Koenig, Akira Morgan, Joselyn Palacios, Blake Reid, Camilo Sanchez, Maleah Stewart, Logan Valdez, Brody Valentine, Caylee Zylstra

### Onalaska High School First Semester Honor Roll

By The Chronicle staff

Following are members of the Onalaska High School's first semester honor roll. Students are listed in alphabetical order.

**12th Grade**

**Highest Honors: 4.0**

Trevor Blair, Trinity T. Butterfield, Callie J. Lawrence, Andi R. Oliver, Jennifer A. Reiman, Saylor L. Stone, Braxton B. Trotter, Colby T. White, Devon M. Wright

**Principal's List: 3.5 to 3.99**

Madison J. Arndt, Marissa L. Briggs, Anissa A. Careaga Huerta, Alexandra A. Cleveland Barrera, Lethon L. Fitzh, Emalee I. Hoctor, Paige J. Lasalata, James E. McMillion, Jasmine Preslicka, Hope I. Rhodes, Jordan A. Sabin,

Elora K. Smith, Mason J. Ulery, Brylee D. Yackley

**Honor Roll: 3.0 to 3.49**

Mahamud N. Ashiru, Ethan D. Cameron, Omar Cardenas-Ruedas, Ashtin C. Draper, Daisy M. Dunlap, Joscelin Escalera, Mekenzie E. Hall, Lylleean R. Hirtzel, Hannah J. James, Daniel B. Malott, Taylor M. Naillon, Lane L. Olsen, Renate S. Prazak, Camerin J. Tofaeono-Dawley, Dylan R. Zigler

Conkey, Morgan M. Hamilton, Keira Krenik, Conner P. Reed, Wiley R. Scott, Aurora I. Sweazy

**Honor Roll: 3.0 to 3.49**

Alejandro F. Acevedo, Lucy M. Bragg, Alex L. Croker, Robert M. Dunlap, Logan T. Kreger, Myra L. Mullins, Austyn N. Nelson, Molly L. White

**10th Grade**

**Highest Honors: 4.0**

Rylan R. McGraw, Baiden S. Munter, Jaycee M. Talley

**Principal's List: 3.5 to 3.99**

Cierra A. Berg, Conner I. Blair, Emma A. Briggs, Hailee N. Brown, Nathan A. Cravens, Saphire S. Eastman, Isaac M. Fitch, Alexander A. Flores, Em-

ily S. Greiner, Dakota A. Hamilton, Jennifer M. Lipsey, Adam L. Nelson, Norman V. Prazak, Riley J. Tofaeono-Wright, Kara M. Wright, Lane A. Zandell

**Honor Roll: 3.0 to 3.49**

Addalyne J. Ashley, Delaney M. Browning, Riley G. Carter, Jade A. Cartwright, Zachary H. Johnson, Piper J. Rhodes, Gualupe N. Ruedas-Castro, Tayla J. Rupperecht, La'kaycia N. Scott, Desiree L. Smith, Hannah M. Wilson

**Ninth Grade**

**Highest Honors: 4.0**

Taylor I. Babb, Emily J. Del Bosque, William J. Dunphy, Hall-e A. Hill, Lisa L. Liddell, Taden C. Miller, Ethan C. Munt-

er, Charles A. Prothero, Melissa E. Reiman, Marc A. Sanchez-Gomez, Austin M. Stamper

**Principal's List: 3.5 to 3.99**

Taresa L. Beyer, Cooper R. Lawrence, Case C. McGraw, Avery J. Modica, Hailee J. Morris, Isabela M. Severiano, Mason D. Turner, Gavin W. Wright

**Honor Roll: 3.0 to 3.49**

Cerenity Becerra, Henry C. Date, Yuliana Escalera, Leonidis R. Francis, Jennifer Garcia Ruedas, Ayden G. Haag, Shallen G. Holmes, Leo J. Lewis, Heather W. Meyer-Burns, Baylie R. Millar, Bacardai J. Mullins, Porter J. Mullins, Porter K. Oliver, Rodrigo O. Rodriguez, Nicholas B. Rushton, Cole J. RUsson, Rylee J. Torres, Cheyanna L. Weiler

### Adna High School First Semester Academic List

By The Chronicle staff

Following are members of the Adna High School's first semester academic list. Students are listed from highest to lowest GPA. Students with the same GPA are in alphabetical order.

**12th Grade**

**Superintendent's List: 4.0**

Aaron Aselton, Chase Colins, Alyssa Davis, Madison Fay, Asa Ingle, Ruby Johnson, Rachel Maughan, Tristan Ridley, Bailee Vandehey, Faith Wellander

**Principal's List: 3.5 to 3.99**

Blaze Deal, Grace Hammers, Colby Moore, Macy Kalnoski, Brianna Rios, Gracie Beaulieu, Hope Millam, Cayden VanAuken, Nate Poppe, Meili Wolf, Gabe Slape, Summer White, Callen Ryan, Kaylin Todd, Ryan Wickert

**Honor Roll: 3.0 to 3.49**

Ashton Riedesel, Timothy Bonagofski, Holly Duncan, Ryan Corcoran, Presley Smith, Colton Fahey, Joe Basil, Chance Muller, Ashley Larsen, Faith Shahan, Leslie Davies, Anna Simms, Zarine Walker, Joseph Schilter

**11th Grade**

**Superintendent's List: 4.0**

Jaxon Dunnagan, Clayton Loose, Natalie Loose

**Principal's List: 3.5 to 3.99**

Rebekah Boyd, McKade Matayoshi, Brooklyn Loose, Katie Godbey, Jaden Wisner, Destiny Leyva, Asher Guerrero, Kody Christen, Annie Murphy, Miriam Wilson, Avery Manning, Savanna Ridley, Jacob Stajduhar, Bubbles Allen, Natalie Humphrey, Shaina Dunlap, Parker Feist, Sawyer Terry, Lorelei Graham, Karlee VonMoos, Gevorg Ghazaryan, Joshua McGuire, Giancarlo Uring, Abby McAuley, Seth Meister, Andrew Grim, Tristan Bilodeau

**Honor Roll: 3.0 to 3.49**

Sean Hellem, Christian Krueger, Trenton Carper, Abigail Amundson

**10th Grade**

**Superintendent's List: 4.0**

Margarite Humphrey, Tyler Price, Braeden Salme, Nathanael Scheuber, Makayla Steger, Audrie Tobey

**Principal's List: 3.5 to 3.99**

Reid Caviness, Olivia Medina, Jordan Stout, Ayesleigh Deal, Hailee Hellem, Zane Powell, Levi Slape, Ellieann Basil, Tanner Wagner, Avery Hagseth, Kaitlyn Bliss, Cameron Thomas, Katelyn Dipo, Jana Dunnagan, Natalee Werner, Kacie Andrews, Charissa Schierman, Savannah

Via, Austin Magnan

**Honor Roll: 3.0 to 3.49**

James League-Toland, Jordanne Moon, Jaydean Hellem, Lane Johnson, Tania Torres-Parra, Elias Smith, Evalena Thomas, Elijah Jimenez, Emma Elder, Jens Neilson, Wolfe Rainey, Aidan Montgomery, Anthony Ulrich, Elias Moerke, Jacob Price, Emer-

son Nelson, Jessica Wickert

**Ninth Grade**

**Superintendent's List: 4.0**

Ty Bodenhamer, Gatlyn Garza, Gabrielle Guard, Daniel Hoinowski, Jaylee Humphrey, Joey Lawrence, Kolton Moon, Kooper Moon, Ivy Nelson, Stefannie VanAuken

**Principal's List: 3.5 to 3.99**

Owen Fagerness, Karissa Larson, Cayla Terry, Ava Simms, Ava Kempf, Kendall Humphrey, Austyn Laufenberg, Evangeline Reynolds, Isabella Ulrich, Lillian Wellander, Margaret Scholl, Peyton Morgan, Teagan Shahan, Benjamin Andrew, Sorena Neilson, Jack Fuller, Danika Hallom, Hayli Gates, Luke Mohney, Ry-

der Calhoun, Landen Mohoric

**Honor Roll: 3.0 to 3.49**

Cohen Hartley, Phoebe Allen, Alaina Leyva, Abbigale Carper, Jalynn Burdick, Tallie Doyle, Julianna Farmer, Layden York, Mathew Roundtree, Jazmen Norman, Matthew McGuire, Ayla Guerrero, Cyndle Haller, Tyran Pickett

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# State Senate Passes Bill to Tweak Emergency Powers Authority Used by Inslee During COVID-19 Response

By Joseph O'Sullivan

The Seattle Times

OLYMPIA — The Washington Senate Tuesday passed a bill that would give state legislative leaders a new tool to limit the governor's powers during states of emergency.

Those powers — and the debate over whether they are too strong — have been on constant display the past two years, as Gov. Jay Inslee used his sweeping executive authority to tamp down the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the pandemic, Inslee authored some of the strictest emergency measures in the nation, ranging from closing many businesses before the widespread availability of vaccines to implementing requirements on masking and for tens of thousands of workers to get COVID-19 shots or lose their jobs.

Sponsored by Sen. Emily Randall, D-Bremerton, Senate Bill 5909 would give the four legislative leaders — the majority and minority leaders in the Senate and House — the authority to cancel a state of emergency after 90 days has passed if the

Jay Inslee  
governor

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Photos of the state Senate and House floors are posted in the Washington state Capitol building, which remains restricted to visitors due to COVID-19.

Legislature is not in session.

The bill, which now heads to the state House, would also allow those four leaders while not in a legislative session to terminate emergency orders by the governor made in a state of emergency which prohibit an activity.

The bill requires all four legislative leaders, two Republicans and two Democrats, to agree upon that action.

"This bill is not about one mandate or one governor, it's about a system with adequate checks and balances," Randall said Tuesday in a floor speech.

The legislation passed by a

vote of 29-20, with two Republican lawmakers joining Democrats to approve it.

"I was disappointed in the bill, but it was better than nothing," Sen. Simon Sezick, R-Ferndale, said in a statement after the vote.

Many Republicans, who have been sidelined for much of the pandemic response, thrashed the bill as not doing much to rein in the governor.

They assailed the requirement that all four legislative leaders be in agreement, and unsuccessfully sponsored amendments to strengthen lawmakers' ability to act.

"We haven't stood up and

been involved like we should be," Senate Minority Leader John Braun, R-Centralia, said during the debate.

Sen. John Braun  
R-Centralia

Washington's emergency powers statutes — which state lawmakers authorized decades ago — grant the governor broad authority to take actions such as setting curfews and restricting gatherings.

Democratic leaders and Inslee have defended the broad

**"We haven't stood up and been involved like we should be."**

Sen. John Braun  
R-Centralia

powers, pointing to Washington's low death rate due to COVID-19 compared to other states. They note that legislative leaders — including Republicans — have reauthorized a host of the governor's emergency orders across the pandemic.

Meanwhile, the emergency powers law has been held up as constitutional in numerous court challenges over the past two years.

During that time, Republicans have sponsored a range of proposals to limit executive authority. They have not been given serious consideration in the Democratic-controlled Legislature.

In a statement Tuesday after the bill passed, Inslee spokesperson Mike Faulk said, "We still question the necessity of this bill."

If the legislation passes the House and gets to Inslee's desk, "The governor's office will of course review the legislation to assure there are no issues in the language that would unnecessarily inhibit actions by future governors," Faulk said.

But, Faulk added, "We're pleased this legislation does not hinder our state's current response to COVID."

## Bill That Would Make It a Crime for Some to Lie About Election Results Dies

By Joseph O'Sullivan

The Seattle Times

OLYMPIA — Gov. Jay Inslee's novel and controversial proposal to tamp down on election lies by candidates and elected officials will not move forward this year.

Senate Bill 5843 would create a gross misdemeanor penalty for elected officials or candidates who "knowingly, recklessly or maliciously" lie about results of an election if those falsehoods led to violence.

The idea drew national attention and debate over whether it would violate First Amendment protections on free speech, as well as claims that the bill would criminalize speech.

On Tuesday, Sen. David Frockt, D-Seattle, a sponsor of the legislation requested by Inslee, acknowledged the bill won't move forward this year.

"We have to respect that the bill in its current form did not

**"We have to respect that the bill in its current form did not have enough support to advance despite the care we took in its drafting through our consultation with leading First Amendment scholars."**

Sen. David Frockt  
D-Seattle

have enough support to advance despite the care we took in its drafting through our consultation with leading First Amendment scholars," Frockt said in a statement.

The governor unveiled the outline of his proposal on the anniversary of the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

On that same day last year, demonstrators in Olympia

breached the gates of the governor's residence and chanted slogans on his lawn, sending Inslee to a secure location.

In his remarks on the Jan. 6 anniversary, the governor spoke forcefully about former President Donald Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 election. The former president, Inslee said, "is still intent on continuing this coup effort."

### News in Brief

#### Bill Requiring More Notice of Rent Hikes Fails to Pass Washington Legislature

By The Seattle Times

State lawmakers failed to advance a proposal Tuesday requiring more notice of large rent increases.

The bill, HB 1904, would have required landlords to provide tenants six months' notice of rent increases of 7.5% or more and, in certain cases, would have allowed a tenant to break their lease early after those increases. State law currently requires 60 days' notice for all rent increases.

Backers said the bill was crucial as rents climb across Washington, particularly in once-affordable suburbs and smaller cities.

"Tenants across the state are being gouged with massive rent increases and the Legislature has turned their back on them," Michele Thomas, policy director at the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance, said Tuesday. "Rent increases destabilize tenant households and increase homelessness. That is a fact that

Some in the GOP have also embraced election-fraud conspiracies in the 2020 race in which Inslee defeated Republican challenger Loren Culp.

Culp after the election filed a legal challenge alleging fraud by then-Secretary of State Kim Wyman, a fellow Republican, who was then the state's top elections official. That lawsuit was ultimately withdrawn after Attorney General Bob Ferguson said he would seek legal sanctions against Culp's attorney for making meritless claims in a court of law.

In a statement Tuesday, Inslee said, "We all still have a responsibility to act against this Big Lie."

"This is one approach the Legislature chose not to take, but we must continue to explore ways to fight the dangerous deceptions politicians are still promoting about our elections," the governor continued.

Lawmakers this year are con-

sidering other legislation geared toward securing and improving elections.

Another bill sponsored by Frockt, Senate Bill 5148, would increase the crime of harassment to a Class C felony when that action is aimed at election officials working with county auditor offices, which administer elections, or the Secretary of State's office.

Senate Bill 5817, also sponsored by Frockt, would mandate disclosure of the use of synthetic media — like "deep fakes" that manipulate video or audio or a person's appearance or remarks — in election campaigns.

Senate Bill 5597, sponsored by Sen. Rebecca Saldaña, D-Seattle, would expand Washington's Voting Rights Act.

All three of these bills have passed the Senate and move to the state House for consideration.

The legislative session is scheduled to end March 10.

#### Washington Bill Allowing Duplexes, Fourplexes Fails to Pass Key Deadline

By The Seattle Times

Cities across Washington will continue to be able to zone land exclusively for single-family homes after the failure of a bill in the state Legislature that would have required them to allow greater density.

HB 1782, known as "missing middle" housing legislation, would have required cities with more than 20,000 people to allow duplexes or fourplexes on certain single-family lots, depending on how close those lots were to frequent bus or train lines. For smaller cities, with at least 10,000 people, the bill would have allowed duplexes on certain lots that do not already have accessory dwelling units.

The proposal met resistance from local governments, who argued they should be able to set local zoning rules without state mandates. Some said they had already worked to upzone certain parts of their cities.

Supporters of the bill ar-

give tax breaks to companies seeking to build solar panels in Washington is expected to get a hearing in the Senate Ways and Means Committee on Thursday.

Warnick said Senate Bill 5849, is "moving through" the Senate, and is scheduled for a committee hearing on Thursday, Feb. 17. Warnick said the measure is not bound by the Feb. 15 cutoff rules that apply to policy bills because it's a tax incentive.

"And it's necessary to implement the budget," she said.

The bill would extend a targeted 43% business and occupation tax cut for manufacturers of solar panels and components another five years past the original expiration date of 2027 to 2032.

Warnick said she is having to work to convince colleagues in the legislature that a tax incentive for solar manufacturing is beneficial.

The legislation is tied to a potential major investment in the works that would allow REC Silicon, which halted output in 2019 following a lengthy trade dispute with China that blocked access to that country's solar panel market, to restart solar-grade polysilicon production.

the Legislature will have to face sooner or later."

Landlords opposed the bill, arguing that it's difficult to predict that far in advance how much their operating costs will increase.

Under the proposal, tenants on fixed-term leases could have left their leases early after large rent increases, provided they gave 45 days' notice. Jim Henderson, a lobbyist for the Rental Housing Association of Washington, which represents landlords, called that "a one-way contract."

If the bill passes, "we will see other policy, other reasons why a tenant should be able to just leave the contract," Henderson said earlier this month.

The bill had been scaled back some from its earliest form to increase the rent threshold from 3% to 7.5%.

#### Solar Bill Could Provide Tax Breaks to Panel Manufacturers

By The Columbia Basin Herald

A bill proposed by Sen. Judy Warnick, R-Moses Lake, to

# COVID Put Thousands of Procedures in Washington on Hold, Frustrating Patients and Worrying Surgeons

By Elise Takahama

The Seattle Times

Scott Matsuda's cancer was worsening.

He was diagnosed with myelofibrosis — a rare type of leukemia — 15 years ago, and for the most part had been able to keep it from spreading too quickly.

In late 2019, however, it became obvious he would soon need a bone marrow transplant, the 67-year-old said.

"We geared up for it," he said. He had a medical team at the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. He found a donor. He and his family made arrangements to stay near the treatment center after the procedure.

"Then, in the beginning of March [2020], everything got shut down," he said, recalling when schools, businesses and other workplaces began closing in an attempt to limit spread of a new, mysterious virus.

It was a disappointment, but he and his wife understood, said Matsuda, of Mountlake Terrace. They could be patient.

He started coming down regularly with colds, and he tired easily, sometimes being knocked out for 12 hours at a time.

"It wasn't at a stage where it was dire, but it was getting there," he said.

Matsuda is among thousands of Washingtonians whose medical procedures have been pushed back during the pandemic, as hospitals cleared space for a crush of COVID-19 patients. Delayed procedures vary widely, from colonoscopies to cancer care — anything that, if postponed, is not anticipated to cause harm to a patient within 90 days, according to a recent emergency order from Gov. Jay Inslee that paused all elective care.

Even now, exhausted health care workers are scrambling to catch up as patients with the omicron variant clog hospitals. Hospital leaders have said they expect it will take months, if not years, to work through the backlog of delayed procedures.

Yet getting a clear picture of just how many procedures have been put off is difficult.

Neither the state Department of Health nor the Washington State Hospital Association tracks the number of pandemic-delayed medical procedures, and several hospitals in the Puget Sound area said data wasn't available.

But UW Medicine provides a glimpse of the enormity of the problem. More than 18,000 of the health system's surgical and procedural cases had been postponed during the pandemic as of December, according to spokesperson Susan Gregg. UW Medicine usually does about 60,000 operations during a typical year.



Daniel Kim / The Seattle Times

UW Medicine chair of surgery Dr. Doug Wood, center, looks at the electronic board detailing patients in surgery at UW Medical Center — Montlake in Seattle on Feb. 8.

Thousands more have been postponed at Providence's hospitals, a spokesperson said in a statement, pointing in part to omicron's rapid spread.

"We understand this is stressful for our patients and their families who are waiting for important medical procedures," said Cary Evans, vice president of communications and government affairs at Virginia Mason Franciscan Health. "... We are committed to resuming procedures as quickly as possible and in line with state guidance."

Still, many patients are left with few solid answers.

"I feel like I'm treading water," Clark County resident Beth Erickson said in December, four months after her initial hip-replacement surgery date. "There's nothing I can do about it and there's nobody that seems interested in trying to help."

Her procedure was finally rescheduled for early February. It went well, she said. Still, it's hard to forget the long months of waiting.

"I know hospitals are full," Erickson added. "But damn it, then what about us?"

## On Hold, Again

Gov. Jay Inslee first put elective or nonurgent surgeries on temporary hold in March 2020, as hospitals filled up with the state's initial wave of COVID patients.

The medical order was an effort to conserve both hospital space and personal protective equipment and at the time applied to all procedures not expected to "cause harm to the patient" if delayed for three months. It did not define "harm."

The order expired in May

2020. Hospitals slowly returned to chipping away at their long list of elective surgeries. But some, on their own, paused elective surgeries during other COVID surges.

Then last month, all nonurgent health care services and procedures were again put on hold, per Inslee's emergency order.

The proclamation, which remains in effect until Thursday, aims to help ease the burden on health care systems under strain from the massive number of hospitalizations brought on by the wave of omicron cases, Inslee said in January. It's a necessary step, Washington hospital leaders have said, but it hasn't been easy for patients — or their surgical teams.

"We surgeons see our patients and see the needs that they have and recognize the impact of the pandemic and feel empathy for them," said Dr. Doug Wood, chair of UW Medicine's department of surgery. "We feel advocacy for our patients, but also somewhat helpless in our ability to care for them."

Hospital teams recently faced another challenge during the height of the omicron surge as a growing number of their co-workers became either infected or exposed and were unable to work.

"This is taking a huge toll on health care workers," Wood said. "People are burned out. People are hurting and tired and demoralized."

At UW Medicine — and in many hospitals throughout the country — surgeons use an acuity scale to help define the urgency of each procedure, though various factors can affect decisions to expedite or delay surgery

ies, Wood said.

The first tier of the scale includes procedures that are "truly nonurgent," like hernia or weight-control surgery, which are important, but could be scheduled at a later time, he said.

Heart bypass, plastic reconstruction post-cancer, most carpal tunnel and cataract surgeries all usually fall into the first tier, he said.

The second tier includes surgeries that could be postponed for a short period of time, but not indefinitely, Wood said.

"Things that need to get done, but don't need to get done this week," he added.

Some types of cancer surgeries, for example, could fit into the second tier if the cancer is not aggressive, he said. Kidney stone removal, aneurysm repairs, gallbladder surgery, ovarian cyst treatment and most joint replacements are usually categorized as second-tier procedures.

Urgent or emergent surgeries make up the third tier. Most operations for cancer, transplants, burns or trauma wounds and appendicitis would fit into the third tier, Wood said.

Then, within each tier, UW Medicine surgeons categorize operations into three groups: those that can be done as outpatient procedures, those that can be done as inpatient procedures, and those that might require intensive care or a longer inpatient hospital stay.

"In some cases, we had the operating room for the operation, but did not have a bed for that person to then recover in if it was one of the operations that required an inpatient bed," he said.

Under Inslee's proclamation, UW Medicine is only perform-

ing third-tier operations.

"As demoralizing as it is, there's an understanding that Gov. Inslee is doing his best of trying to help us meet the competing challenges of health care when we have thousands and thousands of COVID-positive patients and enough of them needing hospitalization that requires refocusing our resources," Wood said. "Unfortunately, that refocusing of resources means some people are harmed."

## Frustrated Patients

In July 2020, doctors decided Matsuda's condition was declining. After about three months of waiting anxiously, he finally received a bone marrow transplant for his leukemia.

The surgery went smoothly, though the recovery process will take time, he said. He still can't do yard work, and he's not supposed to fly yet.

While Matsuda said he's grateful to his medical team, he knows others might not be as fortunate.

Dani Frank, 37, of West Seattle, has been waiting almost two years for an endoscopy. She had developed an ulcer years ago and started feeling symptoms again just before the coronavirus arrived in the United States.

Her UW Medicine doctor prescribed medication but she never got a call back about scheduling her procedure.

"I put two and two together as I was watching the news unfold," she said.

Waiting has felt long. In the meantime, Frank's made significant changes in her diet and lifestyle to keep her discomfort at bay, but said they mostly act as "Band-Aids" while she waits for the endoscopy. Staying away from certain foods — spicy flavors, tomatoes or anything with citrus or acids — and working with a nutrition coach helps, she said.

"I feel the burn of the acid almost every single day," she said. "It's not as bad some days as it is on others. But I really try very hard not to stay in the space of worrying what the long-term damage is doing to my body."

"People are hurting, I know," Wood said. "Health care teams are hurting. ... There's a moral dilemma we also face of other patients that are not being cared for."

But because there's not a clear solution, many more Washingtonians will continue to wait, he said.

"It can be so isolating when you have a chronic condition or something you're living with every day," Frank said. "The biggest thing [I'd want to say] for other people going through this, is that I hope they know they're not alone."

# Safe Staffing Bill Passes State House But Disagreement Continues

By Laurel Demkovich

The Spokesman-Review

OLYMPIA — Proposed requirements for the numbers of nurses and other health care workers on duty in hospitals won support from the Washington House of Representatives on Sunday.

The bill was amended to lessen possible penalties for violating the requirements, but hospital administrators remain strongly opposed to the concept.

The House passed a bill 55-43 to implement safe staffing standards in hospitals across the state, including nurse-to-patient ratios and fines for hospitals that fail to meet them. Another bill, establishing a loan repayment program for nurse educators in Washington, passed 97-1.

The House passage of the safe staffing standards bill is a win for nursing unions which have pushed for staffing ratios that they say can help ease burn out and improve patient care. Hospital leaders, however, have argued against ratios that they say cannot work unless there are more nurses in the field to begin with.

The bill received some changes before passing, and prime sponsor Rep. Marcus Ric-

celli, D-Spokane, acknowledged there still is work to be done as it makes its way through the Senate.

Riccelli said on the floor Sunday he thinks there has been "some movement" in discussions between hospital leaders and unions.

"We did improve it," Riccelli said. "I think there's some continued efforts as we work to navigate this."

But hospital leaders in Washington still say they cannot support the proposal.

"These changes don't fix the bill," Providence Chief Executive Susan Stacey said in an interview.

The bill requires hospitals to follow staff-to-patient ratios, and outlines, per department, what those should be. The changes made Sunday would increase the ratios originally described in the bill, allowing more patients to be assigned for every one nurse.

For example, in emergency departments, there should be eight patients for every one nurse. In medical-surgical units, there should be five patients for every one nurse.

Hospitals have until July 1, 2024 to submit and implement their staffing plan.

Stacey said having hard ratios make it difficult to adjust when patient condition changes.

Hospitals that don't follow the ratios could be fined by the Department of Labor and Industries, though the new version of the bill allows for hospitals to deviate from their staffing plans for "good cause." "Good cause" is defined as situations where compliance is "infeasible" and where allowing the hospitals to deviate "does not have a significant harmful effect on employees and patients."

The fine given to hospitals that don't comply with staffing standards is now \$5,000 a day, down from the \$10,000 a day laid out in the original bill.

"It inflicts a level of government oversight that isn't really necessary," said Darcy Jaffe, senior vice president for safety and quality at the Washington State Hospital Association.

Nurses, however, say the accountability is needed to ensure hospitals actually follow the plans their staffing committees laid out.

Hospital leaders also argue the bill won't put more nurses in the field.

"I just don't know where all

these people are going to come from," Stacey said.

Nursing unions, on the other hand, argue even more nurses will leave due to burnout and exhaustion if staffing standards are not put into place.

"If we don't do something to stop people from leaving the profession or leaving the hospital situation we are all going to be in trouble," former nurse Rep. Eileen Cody, D-Seattle, said on the floor Sunday.

Unions representing nurses, nursing assistants and other hospital workers statewide surveyed their own members and found that almost half are considering leaving the field altogether in the next few years.

The survey, which was done in December, found that short-staffing, lack of pay and workplace safety are among the top reasons health care workers are considering leaving. More than 70% said the top reason for wanting to leave was short-staffing.

"I think it's easy for everyone to understand," registered nurse Clint Wallace told The Spokesman-Review last month. "Taking care of less patients is easier than taking care of more patients."

After Sunday's passage, a

statement from WA Safe and Healthy, a coalition of health care workers, said safe staffing standards "protect healthcare workers from dangerously high patient loads and ensure patients get the timely, quality care they deserve."

During Sunday's floor debates, lawmakers brought up concerns with requiring all hospitals, even small rural hospitals, to follow the same ratios.

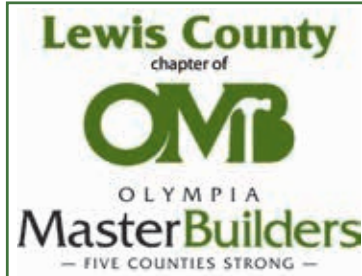
"In the smaller communities, I am really concerned about the financial viability and keeping those (hospitals) in our communities serving the public," Rep. Joe Schmick, R-Colfax, said Sunday.

Rep. Mike Volz, R-Spokane, co-sponsored the bill with Riccelli but said on the floor Sunday he would be voting against it. Volz had expressed concerns earlier this session that there was no separate standard for small, rural hospitals.

He said Sunday he looks forward to continued conversations on the bill.

Riccelli said there is still a lot of room for discussion over how to treat rural hospitals and it will be "a good point for us to debate" as the bill continues to make its way through the Legislature.

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If you are thinking of buying a new home, you must pay close attention to many details to ensure that you find one that will suit your needs and preferences. Before you start shopping, you should sit down with the members of your household to discuss your preferences and the many options available to you. Here are some things you should consider:

kitchen, so that you can have extra space for a library, office, or playroom.

Some home buyers seek large, open interior spaces, while others prefer traditional rooms that afford more privacy.

While looking for a home, consider whether your needs are likely to change over time. If you plan to add rooms, find out if there is enough space on your site for such expansion and whether such additions are permitted by your local jurisdiction.

### Step 1: Financing Your Home

The first step in the home buying process is determining how much you can afford. To ensure that the financing process goes smoothly, buyers should consider pre-qualifying for a mortgage and having a financing commitment in place before shopping for a new home.

### Step 3: Selecting the Type of Home

Options include single-family homes and condominiums. Some home buyers prefer homes with large yards. Others opt for condominiums where they can avoid yard maintenance entirely.

With a single-family home in a development, you'll be responsible for your own yard and home, but may be restricted to certain design elements or other regulations if there is a homeowners association.

### Step 2: Prioritizing Most-Wanted Features

Before you start shopping, you should sit down with the members of your household to discuss your preferences and the many options available to you.

An easy way to organize your thoughts is to write each separate feature that you want on a 3X5 card, and arrange the cards in order of their importance to you. For instance, if you like to cook, you may want a home with a large, well-equipped kitchen. Or you may settle for a small

condominium is a home in a multi-unit complex, such as an apartment building or a townhouse cluster. You own the home, and you and your neighbors jointly own the common elements, such as the land around the complex, the parking areas,

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by a managing agency.

### Step 4: Starting Your House Hunt

Now that you know the type of home and features you are looking for, and how much

home you can afford, you're ready to begin searching for your perfect home. Whether you use a realtor to find an existing home or work with a builder to buy a new home, you'll be more focused on your search.



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# Richland Schools Close After Surprise Vote to Defy State Mask Mandate

By Cameron Probert

Tri-City Herald

Richland schools will be closed Wednesday after a decision by the school board to defy the state requirement that students wear masks inside buildings.

District officials said they need to plan a path forward as state officials are already working on warning letters that could threaten their funding.

"We ask for your patience as the district works to ensure our schools can continue to serve all students," the district said in a message on its website late Tuesday.

The emergency move followed a surprise vote by board members Semi Bird, Audra Byrd and Kari Williams to go "mask optional" during a special Tuesday workshop.

The item was not on the meeting agenda, giving the public no chance to know it was going to be discussed. The meeting had been scheduled to talk about a resolution on the COVID vaccine process.

The legality of the move was raised immediately by former longtime board president Rick Jansons.

"I believe this is black and white illegal," Jansons said according to a report on KEPR-TV.

Bird made the motion at the beginning of the meeting to go to "mask choice" effective immediately.

"I feel strongly about my vote," he said according to KEPR TV. "... Our children should come first. That's why these buildings are



Jennifer King / Tri-City Herald

Richland School Board votes to defy Washington state's mask mandate for students.

here."

Bird chose not to support the same motion during a previous meeting. He was not available Tuesday evening to comment on changing his vote.

Richland is the third and largest district in the state to declare masks will be optional. Kittitas School District reversed course after a decision earlier in the school year to go optional.

Then Kettle Falls in Stevens County voted on Monday to go mask optional.

Board President Jill Oldson, who opposed the motion, told the Herald after the meeting it's still largely unclear how the district will implement the board's decision.

While the district has declared that the masks are option-

al, the state law still requires the schools and administrators to enforce the requirement.

That puts administrators at odds with the state Department of Labor and Industries, if they require teachers to be in the same classrooms as students without masks.

Oldson said she understands the frustration of the community, but is afraid this will have unintended consequences.

While a large number of the people speaking at school board meetings have been opposed to the mask requirement, Oldson said she feels the community is still divided on whether to continue following the COVID guidelines.

"I'm most frustrated that I can see the finish line," she said. "It

just saddens me that we could see the finish line and we chose to disregard it."

Gov. Jay Inslee already has lifted the outdoors masking rules starting Feb. 18 because of declining new COVID cases, and he has a news conference scheduled Thursday.

"This action has no impact on the state's masking requirements. School boards are not empowered to supersede state law. It is null and void," Mike Faulk, Inslee's deputy communications director told the Herald.

"The idea that they would cancel a day of school and disrupt students' and families' lives for the sake of politics speaks even more poorly of the majority's actions," he said.

"Any debate about masks in

this pandemic should be centered on science. The science tells us masks work. They are an easy way for people to keep each other safe," Faulk said. "Throughout the pandemic they have helped reduce infection in congregate settings where people have lower vaccination rates, including schools."

The Richland Education Association did not directly comment on the board's decision, but said they supported Dr. Shelley Redinger's choice to shut schools for the day.

"Dr. Redinger is in contact with OSPI's Superintendent, Chris Reykdal, and Chief of Staff, Tenille Jeffries-Simmons," said Ken Hays, the union president. "Dr. Redinger reminds all employees that we are required to follow state law, including the mask mandate. District leadership will be meeting to address the issue and determining the length of the school closing."

When school districts defy the state rules, the state will send a 15-day notice for them change course.

The rules requires a resolution from the "local education agency" that "rescinds any actions" that violate the proclamation.

If they don't rescind the action, a second notice will be sent out with a five-day deadline to comply. If they don't meet that deadline, the state superintendent may withhold the agency's next monthly apportionment of revenue.

State officials have said they will send a notice to the school district.

## Washington Lawmakers Seek to Professionalize Birth-Care Doulas

By The Washington State Journal

Aijanae Young is a birth postpartum doula, a person who delivers non-medical care after birth. She said she didn't realize the value she brought to her clients until she was the one in need.

Young said before her doula arrived, she felt her pain and symptoms weren't being addressed, and she had to fight to have the support she needed.

"My doula listened to my cries, saw my struggles," she said. "I was afraid and suddenly didn't know what to ask."

Doulas can provide physical, emotional and informational support during and after pregnancy, but Medicare and Medicaid won't cover the cost unless the doula is a credentialed health professional. House Bill 1881, sponsored by Rep. Kirsten Harris-Talley D-Seattle, establishes a voluntary certification process for birth doulas in Washington state.

To be accredited, the doula must submit a completed application and satisfactorily complete competencies established by the Secretary of Health.

Supporters say the move would boost health outcomes, especially for Black and Indigenous parents.

"Many clients seek me out because they are afraid the medical racism they face in their birth space could lead to their death or the death of their baby," said Jasmyne Bryant with Surge Reproductive Justice.

She said establishing doulas as a profession and getting them accredited is a crucial step in getting Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement for doulas and addressing disparities in Black and Indigenous perinatal healthcare.

Madeline Rider is an Algonquin Anishinaabe mother of two and the operations manager at Columbia Legal Services, a firm dedicated to providing free legal services to people facing poverty and oppression.

She said with the help of her doula she was able to heal from the birth of her first child. Her first child was born in a hospital with no doula support and she said she was denied the opportunity to participate in requested cultural practices, due to hospital policy. Rider also said she didn't feel fully informed about procedures and on multiple occasions didn't know what was happening

to her body or her baby.

"My body rebelled and my delivery was traumatic ... I felt like the hospital had taken my agency and my personal body autonomy,"

According to Kristin Reichl with the Washington state Department of Health, studies show using the services of doulas for those giving birth reduces health disparities and improves birth outcomes, such as a reduction in cesarean rates and higher birth rates.

Dur'Shrika Moore, of Doulas for All Coalition, said it's hard to feel safe and comfortable giving birth when there's no one like you around.

"Access to doula support is crucial to the survival of a birthing person's life. The support of a doula allows a birthing person to feel safe which allows their body to open up and successfully bring life to their side," Moore said.

The bill passed through the House with 85 in favor and five against and is now under consideration in the Senate.

## Western Washington Man Charged With Assault, Accused of Threatening Bartender Over Vaccine Requirement

By The Seattle Times

A 58-year-old Bellevue man was charged last Wednesday with second-degree assault, accused of threatening an Applebee's bartender with a meat cleaver after he was asked to show proof of vaccination, according to King County prosecutors.

Michael Dousa was arrested by Bellevue police on Feb. 5 and remains jailed in lieu of \$75,000 bail, jail and court records show. Court records do not yet indicate which attorney is representing him.

Shortly before midnight on Feb. 5, Bellevue police responded to the restaurant at 13856 Bel-Red Road, following reports of a customer threatening an employee with a knife.

A bartender told officers a man, later identified as Dousa, came up to the bar to order a drink and was then asked to provide his proof of vaccination. When he was unable to, the bartender told him he was not allowed in the restaurant, according to charging papers.

Dousa got angry and yelled before he left the restaurant and stood outside the front door waving a meat cleaver, the bartender

told police.

The bartender and another employee went to the door to ask him to leave the property, at which point Dousa approached the bartender and raised the cleaver over his head, the charges say. The bartender told police he was able to retreat into the restaurant and lock the door just as Dousa started swinging the cleaver.

The bartender reported seeing him flee west of the restaurant. Officers located him nearby, and Dousa told police he waved the cleaver to "egg them on." A meat cleaver and knife were found on the ground next to the Applebee's building.

He was arrested and booked into King County jail.

## Eastern Washington Doctor Pays \$70K to Settle Claim of Illegally Prescribing Ambien, Xanax and More

By The Tri-City Herald

A Richland naturopathic doctor will pay \$70,096 for issuing at least 421 prescriptions for anti-anxiety drugs, sleep aids and sedatives when her license did not cover those medications.

Dr. Judith K Caporiccio, 72, reached a settlement to resolve allegations under the Controlled Substances Act and the False Claims Act.

The Department of Justice, announced the agreement Tuesday, saying Caporiccio was accused of improperly prescribing controlled substances between July 2016 and July 2021.

She stopped doing it after being contacted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, and at that time she voluntarily surrendered her DEA registration.

Online records show her office is at 1601 Columbia Park Trail in the Island View Building. U.S. Attorney Vanessa R. Waldref for the Eastern District of Washington said Tuesday her office is committed to protecting the community from drug misuse and diversion.

"I am relieved that it appears no patient was seriously harmed by the medications improperly prescribed by Dr. Caporiccio," Waldref said in the news release. "But when a healthcare practitioner prescribes controlled substances that she is not licensed or qualified to prescribe, the public is placed at serious risk of potentially dangerous side effects, drug interactions, and contraindications."

"This resolution demonstrates our commitment to protecting public health, keeping our families safe, and building strong communities," she continued.

As a naturopathic physician, Caporiccio was only authorized under state and federal law to prescribe two types of controlled substances — codeine and testosterone products.

She admitted in the settlement agreement issuing the 421 unauthorized prescriptions.

They included: the sleep aid zolpidem, often sold under brand name Ambien; anti-anxiety drugs alprazolam, sometimes sold as Xanax, and benzodiazepine lorazepam; stimulant modafinil, typically prescribed for narcolepsy and sleep apnea; and the sedative pregabalin, sold as Lyrica.

## Washington State Agency Burglarized Twice in a Week, Police Say

By The Olympian

The state Department of

Children, Youth and Families was burglarized twice last week, according to the Olympia Police Department.

The thefts were reported Feb. 7 and Feb. 10 in the 1300 block of Jefferson Street Southeast.

On Feb. 7, the reporting party said that someone had broken into the building, likely over the weekend, and stole items from a pallet of electronic equipment that had been declared surplus, Lt. Paul Lower said.

Dell laptop computers and Apple iPhones were among the stolen items.

Then, the agency was reportedly burglarized again sometime overnight between Feb. 9 and Feb. 10, Lower said.

It wasn't immediately clear what was taken, although the reporting party said an office had been ransacked, he said.

Police think the burglar used a pry bar to open a door just wide enough to unlock the door from the inside.

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# Russia Claims More Troop Withdrawals, But NATO Remains Skeptical

By Tribune News Service

KYIV, Ukraine — Russia's military said Wednesday that it was continuing the withdrawal of troops and materiel, a move meant to telegraph an easing of its standoff with Washington and NATO over a possible invasion of Ukraine.

But the transatlantic alliance remains skeptical of Moscow's claims, saying it had not yet "seen any de-escalation on the ground."

The Russian Defense Ministry released a video depicting a nighttime scene of a train pulling flatbed carriages loaded with armored vehicles as it crossed a bridge in Crimea to "the point of permanent deployment," meaning their regular base. Russia seized the Crimean peninsula from Ukraine in 2014.

Wednesday's claimed pull-back continues a drawdown of troops that Moscow says began a day earlier, which it characterized as a routine return to base following the conclusion of military exercises. Over the last few weeks, Russia has assembled a large-scale force comprising more than 150,000 troops, along with armored vehicles, helicopters, fighter jets, battleships and submarines, near Ukraine's borders, almost encircling the



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Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, and Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov hold a meeting at the Kremlin, in Moscow on Monday, Feb. 14, 2022.

former Soviet republic in what many feared was a prelude to a full-on blitz into the country.

But Russian President Vladimir Putin, in discussions with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz on Tuesday, said he intended to rely on diplomacy to get Russia's security demands met, which include a ban on allowing Ukraine to enter NATO, a pull-back of missiles from sensitive areas near Russia and a rollback of NATO infrastructure to 1997 levels.

Despite Putin's words, Western and NATO officials remain

wary, especially since the Russian defense ministry's Wednesday announcement — like its previous one a day earlier — provided no details on the number of troops withdrawn.

"On the contrary, it appears that Russia continues the military buildup," NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg told reporters ahead of a meeting with NATO defense ministers in Brussels on Wednesday.

Stoltenberg noted that Russia's massing of troops and equipment near Ukraine in the past had seen soldiers pulled

back but equipment remaining in place.

"They have always moved forces back and forth. So just that we see movement of forces ... doesn't confirm a real withdrawal," he said, adding that Russia retains the capability of a full-fledged invasion of Ukraine without any warning. "What we need to see is a real withdrawal of forces, which is lasting and real."

Although Russian military exercises in Crimea have apparently concluded, other drills held near Ukraine's border with Belarus were ongoing. Belarus, a top Russian ally, is hosting more than 30,000 Russian troops on its territory as part of those drills, dubbed Allied Resolve 2022. But Belarusian Foreign Minister Vladimir Makei said those troops would also head home once the drills end Sunday.

"Not a single [Russian] soldier or a single unit of military equipment will stay on the territory of Belarus after the drills with Russia," Makei told reporters, adding that Ukrainian officials had been reassured that "what is happening on the border does not mean that someone is planning to carry out an act of aggression."

In recent days, Western sources had raised the alarm

that an invasion was set to begin Wednesday. In Ukraine, President Volodymyr Zelensky proclaimed Wednesday a new national holiday, Unity Day.

On Wednesday morning, crowds assembled under overcast skies in Kyiv's Olympic National Sports Complex stadium and unfurled an almost 200-yard-long Ukrainian flag. Buildings in other cities were also draped with the yellow-and-blue national flag, and Zelensky was scheduled to make an appearance later in the day in the eastern port city of Mariupol.

With hostilities failing to materialize early Wednesday, Russian officials began a series of mocking broadsides.

"I'd like to request U.S. and British disinformation ... to publish the schedule for our upcoming invasions for the year," Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova wrote on her official channel on the messaging app Telegram. "I'd like to plan my vacation."

Similarly, when asked about a possible attack on Ukraine, Russia's ambassador to the European Union, Vladimir Chizhov, said there would be no escalation.

"Wars in Europe rarely start on Wednesday," he said.

## Nation and World News in Brief

### Sandy Hook Families Announce \$73 Million Deal With Gun Maker Remington

By Tribune News Service

Families of children and adults killed in the 2012 mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School announced a \$73 million settlement with Remington Arms Co. that they said reveals its "inner workings" and clears the way for more suits against gun makers.

The families of five children and four adults slain at the Newtown, Connecticut, school said in a statement Tuesday that they had obtained and could make public "thousands of pages of internal company documents that prove Remington's wrongdoing" and that Remington's insurers had agreed to pay the full amount of coverage.

They blamed Remington's marketing of its military-style Bushmaster rifle for inspiring the killer who used it to take the lives of 26 people, 20 of them first-grade children, at the Connecticut school.

"These nine families have shared a single goal from the very beginning: to do whatever they could to help prevent the next Sandy Hook," Josh Koskoff, lead counsel for the plaintiffs, said in a statement. "It is hard to imagine an outcome that better accomplishes that goal."

### Prince Andrew Settles Sex Lawsuit With Jeffrey Epstein Accuser

By Tribune News Service

MIAMI — It was the bombshell lawsuit that wasn't.

Six months and six days after Virginia Giuffre filed suit against British royal Prince Andrew, alleging that he had sexually assaulted her while she was a minor, the lawsuit has been settled out of court for an undisclosed sum.

Andrew will make a "substantial donation" to Giuffre's victims' rights charity and appears to admit no wrongdoing. He does express regret for his association with former pal Jeffrey Epstein, the disgraced financier in whose homes Giuffre alleged she had been sexually abused. No mention of Epstein's former girlfriend and co-conspirator Ghislaine Maxwell, whose London home was the site of one of the alleged incidents of abuse.

The lawsuit's speedy conclusion leaves more questions than it answers. Andrew had consistently denied Giuffre's accusations, most notably in a disastrous BBC interview in which he claimed, among other things, that a medical condition

rendered him unable to sweat. Giuffre had intended to force Andrew to turn over evidence supporting his medical condition, but, alas, it will remain a mystery.

And what of the provenance of the famous photograph featuring Giuffre, Maxwell and Andrew? The British prince said he had no recollection of the photo and left open the possibility that the photograph was a fake. No resolution on that question, either.

Andrew's settlement came less than two months after a New York jury found Maxwell guilty of five counts related to the sexual trafficking of minors. Giuffre didn't testify in the trial but was invoked numerous times throughout the proceedings. Giuffre welcomed the guilty verdict and said she hoped others would also face consequences for their roles in Epstein's enterprise.

"I hope that today is not the end but rather another step in justice being served. Maxwell did not act alone. Others must be held accountable. I have faith that they will be," Giuffre said.

Maxwell is currently fighting for a new trial on the sex trafficking charges after one of the members of the jury gave interviews after the trial revealing that he had been a victim of sexual abuse and had not been asked about it during the jury selection process. He said that he discussed his experiences with other jurors during their deliberation on Maxwell's charges.

Epstein died in August 2019, a month after being charged with a fresh slate of sex crimes by federal prosecutors in the Southern District of New York. He had famously escaped harsh penalty the first time after Palm Beach police investigated reports that he had sexually abused numerous girls. The deal Epstein struck with federal prosecutors in the Southern District of Florida that allowed him to plead guilty to two counts of solicitation, one involving a minor, was the subject of the Miami Herald's 2018 Perversion of Justice series.

### DeSantis Now Supports Taking \$200 Million From Schools That Mandated Masks

By Tribune News Service

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Gov. Ron DeSantis now supports a plan to withhold \$200 million in funding from 12 school districts that mandated masks because of the pandemic, a spokeswoman said Tuesday.

DeSantis is on board after discussions with state Rep. Randy Fine, who is proposing the

budget measure, press secretary Christina Pushaw wrote in an email.

"The governor has been clear that he doesn't want to take away any funding from students or teachers," she wrote. "He is on board with the FEPP (Florida Education Finance Program) adjustment following discussions with Rep. Fine. The fines in this proposal would only impact administrators making \$100k+, who were actually making the political decisions to force-mask children."

It was school boards not school administrators, however, that made the decision to mandate masks for students, and the state fined those boards as a result, withholding money equivalent to school board members' monthly salaries. Florida returned the money once mask mandates were lifted.

On Friday, DeSantis said he would not support Fine's idea.

"My view would be let's not do that," DeSantis said during an appearance in Jackson County, when asked about Fine's proposal. "But what you could do is say any parent whose kid was illegally force-masked this year in Florida in any of those districts, they should have the right to sue if their kids have any negative effects ... They flouted the law and they should be liable for the consequences of their actions."

DeSantis remains committed to the idea of a private right of action for parents to sue if they think school mask mandates harmed their children, Pushaw said.

### Senate Democrats Plot March Legislative Push on Inflation

By Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats plan to bring legislation to the floor in March designed to cut costs for Americans as rampant inflation drives up gasoline, food and other prices.

The caucus began debating ideas during their weekly lunch Tuesday. The proposals discussed included suspending the gas tax, capping the cost of insulin and instituting antitrust regulations to break up monopolies in certain industries, among other measures. Democrats did not make any decisions yet on what they will bring to the floor next month.

"We're going to focus and we're going to come up with caucus agreement on those ideas," Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., told reporters after the lunch. "Not everyone will agree with each idea, but there'll be large buy-in and you'll hear a lot about this from us as we move on."

Schumer said Democrats

welcome Republican support on the still emerging proposals, but they plan to hold votes regardless of bipartisan cooperation.

"If we can get 60 votes on a bunch of them, that's fine," he said. "But when we can't, we're still going to move forward, and you'll see some votes on the floor on these as well."

The cost-cutting measures cannot pass the Senate without at least 10 Republican votes needed to overcome a filibuster — assuming unified Democratic support, which is not guaranteed.

The only alternative is using the budget reconciliation process to skirt a filibuster, but Schumer suggested that's not something Democrats are planning to use for this effort as they preserve their fiscal 2022 reconciliation vehicle for a larger climate and social safety net package.

Some of the ideas the party discussed Tuesday, like capping insulin costs and other measures to lower the cost of prescription drugs, were in the House-passed \$2.2 trillion reconciliation package, which Democrats dubbed "Build Back Better." But that bill has stalled amid opposition from Sen. Joe Manchin III, D-W. Va., to some components, as well as the larger price tag.

"One is not a substitute for another," Schumer said. "We're having lots of discussions with individual senators to get Build Back Better moving again. But at the same time, our focus on costs . . . does not take away from Build Back Better."

One proposal Democrats discussed is suspending the federal gas tax through the end of the year.

A group of Democrats introduced a bill last week to cut the excise tax on gasoline produced, imported or sold from 18.4 cents per gallon to zero until Jan. 1, 2023.

The relief would cover the federal gas tax, which could allow the average driver to benefit. It would not apply to the 24.4 cents per gallon tax on diesel used for trucks, buses and boats, meaning those in the supply chain industry would not see cost cuts.

### Europe Heads Toward a New Normal as Final COVID Curbs Unwind

By Tribune News Service

Europe looks to be gradually leaving the pandemic behind, with Germany poised to become the latest in the region to unwind restrictions that have disrupted life for two years.

Most of Germany's COVID curbs will be rolled back in three stages by March 20, according to a proposal prepared by Chancellor Olaf Scholz's of-

fice for a meeting with regional leaders on Wednesday.

Switzerland will scrap almost all pandemic-related restrictions starting from Thursday, including a work-from-home recommendation and the need for COVID-documentation to enter the country. Austria announced similar steps on Wednesday, and the Netherlands will lift controls on people and businesses beginning on Friday.

Once the global epicenter of the crisis, Europe is looking to return to something close to normal. The shift is being helped by relatively high vaccination rates and milder symptoms caused by the omicron variant, even if infection rates remain near peak levels in some countries.

France, which moved faster on unwinding restrictions than stragglers like Germany, could go a step further by loosening requirements on masks and showing proof of vaccination starting in mid-March, Health Minister Olivier Veran said Wednesday.

"If the trend continues, the wave could be over in about two weeks," he said on France Info radio. "We could get back to a quasi-normal situation."

Germany's outbreak has started to recede in recent days and the improving outlook prompted calls from across the political spectrum for Europe's largest economy to follow countries like the U.K., Ireland and Denmark in easing restrictions.

German officials though remain cautious. The government's proposals call for mask wearing and social distancing to remain mandatory in indoor public spaces and on public transport. The draft from Scholz's office also warns of the danger of a fresh wave caused by new variants "at the latest by the fall."

"We have to remain vigilant," Hendrik Wuest, premier of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, said on public broadcaster ARD ahead of the meeting. "We can't just throw everything overboard that has proved its worth in recent months."

In Switzerland, the use of COVID certificates for indoor venues like restaurants and cinemas will end as of Thursday. Masks will still be required in public transport and health-care facilities.

Austria will cancel almost all restrictions from March 5, though people will still be required to wear masks in some places, Chancellor Karl Nehammer told reporters.

Night clubs will be allowed to reopen, and public events will no longer face capacity constraints.

"The virus is still part of our lives, but as it stands we can responsibly take a political decision to free people from most restrictions," he said.

# Robbery Suspect Charged With Murder in Death of Police Officer Shot by Deputy

By Becca Robbins  
The Columbian

Clark County prosecutors on Tuesday filed a slew of new charges, including murder, against a robbery suspect who was being chased when Vancouver police Officer Donald Sahota was shot to death.

Investigators have said Sahota died after being shot by a Clark County sheriff's deputy in a case of mistaken identity. But prosecutors argue in court papers that Julio Segura, 20, of Yakima, caused Sahota's death while committing or attempting to commit other crimes, including burglary, attempted kidnapping and assault.

In all, the amended charging information accuses Segura of three counts of first-degree murder and one count each of second-degree murder, first-degree attempted murder, first-degree attempted kidnapping, first-degree robbery, first-degree burglary, possession of a stolen motor vehicle and attempting to elude a pursuing police vehicle.

Segura originally faced charges of first-degree attempted murder, first-degree burglary, first-degree robbery, possession of a stolen motor vehicle and attempting to elude a pursuing police vehicle.

He is scheduled to be ar-



Pallbearers lead the casket of Vancouver Police Officer Donald Sahota into ilani during a memorial service for the officer on Feb. 8. Rick Bannan / The Reflector

raigned on the amended information Wednesday in Clark County Superior Court.

The incidents occurred on Jan. 29. First, a man, later identified as Segura, showed a pistol and robbed a convenience store in Orchards. Police soon located the getaway car, and chased it toward Battle Ground. After officers used spike strips to flatten its tires, the driver bailed out and ran to a nearby home, which happened to be that of the Sahota family, according to investiga-

tors and court records.

A struggle ensued between Segura and Sahota, 52. Segura is accused of stabbing Sahota three times. Moments later, an arriving deputy, identified by investigators as Jonathan Feller, mistakenly shot and killed Sahota, court records say.

The Clark County Medical Examiner's Office ruled Sahota died from gunshot wounds to the torso.

Segura allegedly told investigators that he knew Sahota was a police officer, and he thought he

had killed Sahota, according to a probable cause affidavit.

The shooting is being investigated by the Lower Columbia Major Crimes Team from Cowlitz County.

Prior to the new charges being filed, Segura's court-appointed attorney, Neil Cane, filed a motion requesting the court lower Segura's bail from \$5 million to \$50,000. Cane wrote that Segura did not kill Sahota and, "the state alleges circumstances in the most obvious charge suggest-

ing an assault 1 or 2 with a knife." "We people in Vancouver, WA have been experiencing a wave of civilian killings by local police in this community for the past few years," Cane wrote. "In this matter, the officer who intended to kill Mr. Segura chose a homeowner, apparently in error. This is a tragedy that yet another police officer killed someone. This tragedy is not to be a basis to prejudice Mr. Segura."

Cane also requested the case be moved to King County, citing a more diverse population there, the amount of publicity the case has received locally and comments Judge John Fairgrieve made during Segura's first appearance Jan. 31.

When Fairgrieve set Segura's bail at \$5 million, he said it was "hard to think of a more dangerous series of acts."

Fairgrieve has since been disqualified from the case, although court records don't state the reason.

A public memorial service for Sahota was held Feb. 8 at ilani casino. Hundreds of emergency responder vehicles participated in a procession that followed the officer's motorcade to the casino.

Sahota is survived by his wife and two children. He had worked with the Vancouver Police Department since April 2014 and was most recently assigned to the training unit, according to the police department.

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**Tuesday's 2A Boys Basketball**

**Bearcats Keep Season Alive With Comeback Win Over Highclimbers**

By Alec Dietz  
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ROCHESTER — In an ugly, do-or-die, loser-out contest Tuesday at Rochester, the W.F. West boys basketball team had to dig deep in a 45-42 win over Shelton to stay alive.

The Bearcats struggled to score in the first two and a half quarters. Though their defense kept them in the game, it took some late heroics from Seth Hoff and company to get the win and stave off elimination.

Hoff hit three shots from

deep in the third quarter, after the Bearcats trailed by one at the half and fell into an early hole in the third quarter. Thanks to some lockdown defense from the whole team — particularly freshman Gage Brumfield — W.F. West prevailed.

Brumfield was tasked with guarding the Highclimbers' leading scorer and first-team All-League pick Chuckie Thompson, and held the senior guard to just eight points, nine below his season average.

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Jared Wenzelburger /jared@chronline.com

W.F. West senior Seth Hoff (15) shoots a 3-point shot and scores during a 2A District 4 basketball tournament game against Shelton Tuesday night in Rochester.

**Tuesday's 2B Girls Basketball**

**Loggers Come Up Just Short in District Semifinal Loss to Seagulls**

By The Chronicle staff

LONGVIEW — The Onalaska girls took the top-5 ranked Raymond Seagulls to the brink Tuesday night in the 2B District 4 basketball tournament semifinals, leading big in the first half before coming up just short of an upset in a 51-45 loss.

The Loggers couldn't get enough shots to fall in the second half after a torrid start, and couldn't contain Washington State basketball signee Kyra Gardner in the second half, with the senior Seagull scoring a game-high 24 points.

But as the Loggers walked off the court, to the chants of Raymond fans shouting "On to state" over and over, newfound inspiration and motivation sprung.

"It's disappointing to lose a close one like that," Loggers coach Alana Olson said. "But I was never for one second disappointed in our effort."

The Loggers led 14-6 after the first quarter, thanks to a rugged defense, and held on to a seven-point lead at half, but

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**Tuesday's 1A Girls Basketball**



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Tenino forward Alivia Hunter drives for a layup against La Center in the 1A District 4 semifinals on Tuesday in La Center.

**Beavers Score First Regional Bid in a Decade**

**SEMIFINALS: Tenino Grinds Out a 27-21 Win Over La Center**

By Alec Dietz  
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LA CENTER — It was far from pretty, but when the dust settled in a defensive-minded contest Tuesday night at La Center, the Tenino girls basketball team came out victorious

against the hometown Wildcats, 27-21, to qualify for its first regional and state bid since 2012.

The win also ensures a 1A Evergreen League rematch in the 1A District 4 championship between the Beavers and Montesano on Saturday at Rochester.

"They've worked hard, they deserve it, they've put in the time," Beavers coach Scott Ashmore said. "I'll take a win no matter what, I don't care what

the score is. A W is a W for us."

The Beavers defense got working early, holding the Wildcats to just one point in the first quarter, and allowing single-digit scoring in every quarter throughout the game. Kylee Stephens, the 1A Trico MVP, was held to just five points, thanks to combined defensive efforts of Megan Letts, Grace Vestal and Abby Severse.

In the first half, the Beavers

were bolstered by the play of Alivia Hunter, who feasted off of double teams on star Ashley Schow en route to a game-high 11 points. Schow had six points and Severse added five for Tenino.

But it was the defense, a common calling card for the Beavers, that carried them to a victory and an elusive state bid — their first in a decade.

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# Pitchers and Catchers Were Supposed to Report This Week. What Comes Next?

By Shayna Rubin  
The Mercury News

Confetti flying at the end of a Super Bowl typically marks the beginning of baseball season. Not this year.

This week, pitchers and catchers are supposed to be due to report to their camps in Arizona and Florida to begin the spring training grind in preparation for a full season baseball.

Instead, Major League Baseball and the MLB Players Association are still locked in a stalemate on the collective bargaining negotiations, stuck in a league-imposed lockout that began on Dec. 2. The pitchers-and-catchers report dates this week will fly by with both sides far apart on an agreement.

Some players weren't surprised that spring training is already experiencing delays.

"It's not shocking, but it is very disappointing," said A's pitcher Chris Bassitt. "The game has such exciting players currently and for us to not be on time is a complete failure."

Spring is around the corner with no baseball in sight. How much longer will this last? Here's a look at some questions surrounding the season.



The Charlotte Sports Park, home of the Tampa Bay Rays' spring training games, on Feb. 23, 2021, in Port Charlotte, Florida.

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progress from \$214 million, \$214 million, \$216 million, \$218 million and \$222 million as opposed to their initial offer of \$214 million, \$214 million, \$214 million, \$216 million and \$220 million.)

According to reports, the union is not pleased with those incremental changes. MLB and the owners also want to increase the tax rates on each tax threshold, bumping the first threshold from 20% to 50% — a proposed change that drew the ire of Giants pitcher Alex Wood.

Proposals from the league have moved the needle inches when there are miles to go to reach an agreement.

## How likely are the spring games in February or early March to be canceled/postponed?

Those late-February and early-March games are fast approaching with no end to the CBA negotiations in sight. Though an agreement can be reached quickly at any time, both sides are far apart, pitchers and catchers report dates came and went without a blink and spring training games look far less likely to happen as scheduled.

So the odds are high that scheduled spring training games will be postponed or can-

celed. Even if you made plans to watch the A's and Giants play in Scottsdale on St. Patrick's Day, more than a month from now, you may want to reconsider.

## When would Opening Day start to be jeopardized?

The regular season is supposed to start March 31, and both sides have something to lose should the lockout creep

into the regular season. Fewer games means less revenue for the teams. And the players could lose some of their salary for games not played.

Urgency to start the season on time hasn't translated to negotiations. If the goal is to make spring training a month long — players risk injury in a shorter spring training — a deal must be struck sometime in early March at the latest for Opening

Day to go on as scheduled.

If talks don't intensify between now and then — unless spring training is shortened — Opening Day could very well be in peril.

## What happens if the regular season doesn't start on time?

Shortened seasons aren't unfamiliar territory in the age of COVID. If Opening Day doesn't happen as scheduled, it's possible they shorten the season depending on how long it takes to reach a CBA deal. That would seem the most likely outcome — in 2020, the league made sure to start the postseason in the fall and shorten the regular season to 60 games over playing a full 162 on a different timeline.

## What are the players up to?

Indefinite delays aren't unfamiliar for MLB players. They learned the hard way during the COVID-19 shutdown how to stay prepared and in shape outside of a team facility. Many stayed in shape at facilities near their homes, others built or used at-home gyms and workout plans to stay ready.

## Is there a chance they don't play at all?

Negotiations would need to come to a complete standstill for this to happen. Odds are, the season will happen ... eventually.

## What's the latest on labor negotiations right now?

A large gap separates the MLB and the MLBPA from coming to terms on a new collective bargaining agreement.

Major League Baseball presented the players' union with a proposal on Saturday that did not go over well, according to reports. The players will need to respond in a meeting that has not yet been scheduled. Things are moving slow.

Among the economic part of the league's latest proposal was a \$5 million increase in the pre-arbitration bonus pool, but a major gap remains with the union asking for a \$100 million bonus pool and the league sitting at \$15 million.

The union's priority is for the league to significantly up the luxury tax threshold, with proposals to have the first tax threshold jump from its current \$210 million up to \$245 million. But the league has pushed against that in their proposals, offering a \$2 million threshold raise over three of the next five years. (That means it would

# Lawsuit Filed by Parents in 2019 Death of Twins Prospect

MINNEAPOLIS (TNS) — Twins prospect Ryan Costello's death in 2019 "was totally avoidable," his parents assert in a lawsuit filed in December. A doctor hired by the Twins to perform a physical exam that detected the heart abnormality that killed him, the suit alleges, did not treat the condition or inform Costello or the team about it.

"If his [condition] had been appropriately diagnosed and treated," the suit argues, "he would be alive today."

Costello was found dead in his New Zealand hotel room on Nov. 18, 2019, as he prepared to take part in the Australian Baseball League. He was a 23-year-old first and third baseman who appeared in 69 games for Twins affiliates Class A Fort Myers and 40 for Class AA Pensacola in 2019, batting .223 with 15 home runs between the two teams. In 2018, shortly after being obtained in a trade with Seattle for left-handed reliever Zach Duke, Costello hit a three-run home run in the final game of the Florida State League championship series, helping Fort Myers clinch the title.

Costello's parents, Christopher and Tammy Costello, filed the suit Dec. 20, 2021, in circuit court in Lee County, Fla., where the exam took place. It seeks unspecified damages against Dr. David Olson, who is described as an internal medicine physician on the Twins' staff listing, and Infinite Health Collaborative, the Burnsville clinic with which Olson is associated.

Olson, who also is affiliated with the Minnesota Vikings, St. Paul Saints and University of St. Thomas, did not respond to a message seeking comment. The

Twins, who are not named as defendants in the suit, responded with a statement saying, "The Twins were just recently made aware of the lawsuit filed against Dr. Olson. The team is actively monitoring this developing situation."

The defense has filed a motion to dismiss the suit, asserting that Florida courts do not have jurisdiction. A hearing on the motion is scheduled for April 19.

During spring training in 2019, Costello underwent, as all players do, a standard preseason physical, including an electrocardiogram, which measures electrical signals in the heart. Costello's ECG was administered by Olson and, the suit maintains, discovered a condition known as Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome, or WPW, which can cause an abnormally rapid heartbeat.

WPW is treatable, according to information on Mayo Clinic's website, but in rare cases can cause sudden death from heart attacks, which is what New Zealand investigators concluded happened to Costello, the suit says.

Costello arrived in New Zealand a few days before his death for the beginning of the winter league season, but didn't show up for practice on Nov. 18. His body was found in his hotel bed, and his team, the Auckland Tuatara, said he died in his sleep. "Ryan's infectious energy and drive for greatness will never be forgotten," Twins assistant general manager Jeremy Zoll tweeted of Costello.

# LEWIS COUNTY Sports SCOREBOARD

## Local Schedules

### THURSDAY, Feb. 17

#### Girls Hoops

#### 2B District Tourney

Adna vs. Onalaska, at Castle

Rock, 6 p.m.

Rainier vs. Wahkiakum, at Kelso,

7:30 p.m.

#### Boys Hoops

#### 2A District Tourney

Black Hills vs. Mark Morris, at

Tumwater, 6 p.m.

W.F. West vs. Ridgefield, at Tum-

water, 7:30 p.m.

#### 1B District Tourney

Mossyrock at Willapa Valley, 6

p.m.

Naselle at Oakville, 6 p.m.

### FRIDAY, Feb. 18

#### Boys Hoops

#### 2B District Tourney

Adna/MWP loser vs. Chief

Leschi/Toutle Lake winner, at W.F.

West, 6 p.m.

Napavine/Kalama loser vs.

Ilwaco/Wahkiakum winner, at W.F.

West, 7:30 p.m.

#### 2A District Tourney

Championship: Tumwater vs. RA

Long, at Battle Ground, TBD

#### Girls Hoops

#### 2A District Tourney

Championship: Tumwater vs.

Hudson's Bay at Battle Ground,

TBD

### SATURDAY, Feb. 19

#### Boys Hoops

#### 2B District Tourney at W.F. West

Championship: Adna/MWP win-

ner vs. Kalama/Napavine winner,

at W.F. West, 8 p.m.

Third place game, TBD, at W.F.

West, 2:30 p.m.

#### Girls Hoops

#### 2B District Tourney

Championship: Raymond vs.

Chief Leschi, at W.F. West, 6 p.m.

Third Place: TBD, at W.F. West, 6

p.m.

#### 1A District Tourney

Championship: Tenino vs. Mon-

tesano, 7:30 p.m.

#### 1B District Tourney

Championship: Mossyrock/

Naselle winner vs. Willapa Valley/

Taholah winner, at Montesano, 5

p.m.

Third place: Mossyrock/Naselle

loser vs. Willapa Valley/Taholah

loser, at Montesano, 1 p.m.

#### College Hoops

Green River men at Centralia

College, 7 p.m.

Green River women at Centralia

College, 5 p.m.

## Local Results

### Monday's Games

#### Girls Basketball

#### At Ridgefield

#### T-BIRDS 46, PANTHERS 26

Washougal 4 7 3 12 — 26

Tumwater 11 10 14 11 — 46

Washougal: N/A

Tumwater: Amendala 14, Sum-

rok 12, K. Waltermeyer 6, Lund 7,

Kaufman 4, Brewer 3

#### At Ridgefield

#### EAGLES 33, BEARCATS 30

W.F. West 8 6 9 7 — 30

Hudson's Bay 5 6 16 6 — 33

W.F. West: Roberts 14, Remund 7,

Brumfield 7, Dalan 2

Hudson's Bay: Johnson-Brown 3,

Ballard 5, Harrison 9, Hampton 16

### Tuesday's Games

#### Boys Basketball

#### At Montesano

#### VIKINGS 67, MUSTANGS 43

Mossyrock 10 18 25 14 — 67

North River 11 14 4 14 — 43

Mossyrock: E. Kolb 17, Isom, 14,

K. Kolb 13, Munoz 12

North River: N/A

#### At Ridgefield

#### WOLVES 58, BEAVERS 47

Woodland 16 6 10 16 — 47

Black Hills 15 9 15 19 — 58

Woodland: Swett 11, Burns 10,

Philpot 12

Black Hills: Trujillo-Nysted 17,

Johnson 2, Stallings 8, Ellison 9,

Rongen 18

#### At Woodland

#### T-BIRDS 51, SPUDDERS 46

Ridgefield 13 7 7 19 — 46

Tumwater 9 14 11 17 — 51

Ridgefield: N/A

Tumwater: Otton 15, Hopkins

12, Collins 10, Brewer 9, Overbay 3,

Reid 2

#### At Rochester

#### BEARCATS 45, HIGHCLIMBERS 42

Shelton 8 11 16 7 — 42

W.F. West 10 8 13 14 — 45

Shelton: Blacketer 4, Goos 11,

Thompson 8, Ireland 4, Leisam 6,

Perez 4, Manning 5

W.F. West: Tornow 3, Plakinger

12, Hoff 11, Brumfield 7, Mathews

2, Dalan 10

#### Girls Basketball

#### At Castle Rock

#### MOUNTAINEERS 67, SPARTANS 45

Rainier 14 23 12 18 — 67

Forks 7 7 13 18 — 45

Rainier: Swenson 4, Boesch 35,

Earsley 1, Blackburn 2, Beckman 9,

Holmes 16, Hanson 6

Forks: N/A

#### At La Center

#### BEAVERS 27, WILDCATS 21

Tenino 10 8 6 3 — 27

La Center 1 7 8 5 — 21

Tenino: Vestal 2, Letts 3, Severse

5, Schow 6, Hunter 11

La Center: Tomberlin 3, Demilio

10, Atwood 5, Stephens 5

#### At Castle Rock

## Loggers

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knew what was coming in the second.

A renewed Gardner and Karsyn Freeman scored 18 combined points in the third quarter, as the Loggers saw their lead erased and had to claw their way

back into the game.

“They just came out and knocked down shots,” Olson said. “They were attacking the basket really well and our offense really fell in the second half. We didn’t shoot well. But overall, my girls came out and played their hearts out, I was really proud of our team. Raymond is a great basketball team. They know how to win and how to score.”

The Loggers valiantly fought, and trailed by just three with 30 seconds left, but couldn’t complete the upset bid.

They will play Adna on Thursday at 6 p.m. in Castle Rock, still one win away from a state berth.

Callie Lawrence led the Loggers from start to finish with 14 points and 16 rebounds. Brooklyn Sandridge was also in double

figures with 10 points.

“Callie has a lot of heart and determination,” Olson said. “It didn’t matter from the first minute to the last, she had the same sense of urgency the entire game.”

Though it is not a loser-out game, the state chants from the Seagulls bench have the Loggers more motivated than ever to chant their way to the state tournament with a win against

the Pirates on Thursday. But they know they have their work cut out for them.

“Adna’s a very talented team, they have a lot of really good shooters,” Olson said. “It’s going to be a really good matchup. It was a close game when we played at our place, so we’re expecting another battle. We’re really happy with where we are.”

### Tuesday’s 2B Girls Basketball

# Todd, Von Moos Lift Pirates Past Tigers in Do-or-Die Match

By Eric Trent

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CASTLE ROCK — Kaylin Todd picked a good time to have her best game of the year: in a do-or-die game with league foe Napavine in the 2B District 4 playoffs Tuesday.

Todd scored 17 points on 67% shooting from the field, dished out five assists and nabbed five steals as Adna blitzed Napavine for a 63-40 win at Castle Rock High School.

“This is the first time I haven’t walked into the locker room and been like, ‘OK, you two played really well but you three didn’t show up as a collective team today, and I think it all started with Kaylin Todd,’” Adna coach Chris Bannish said.

Adna post Karlee Von Moos added a game-high 22 points and 11 rebounds in a dominating performance in the paint for the junior, while Brooklyn Loose scored nine points and Danika Hallow pitched in eight.

“We’ve worked on getting the ball inside to Karlee,” Bannish said. “There’s nobody as good as her in the league in the post.”

The Pirates stole the momentum in the second quarter, turning a four-point lead into a 29-18 advantage heading into the locker room. That momentum stayed as the Pirates outscored Napavine 16-7 in the third quarter to pull away for good.

Adna now faces league foe Onalaska Thursday in a winner-to-regionals matchup at Castle Rock High School. The loser of



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Adna senior Kaylin Todd (5) shoots a mid-range jumper in a 2B District 4 win over Napavine on Tuesday at Castle Rock High School.

that game will still have a chance to clinch a regional bid.

Napavine’s season comes to a close with the loss. Danielle Tupuola led the Tigers with 12

points and six rebounds while Grace Gall added nine points.

Seniors playing in their final high school game were Makensee Taliaferro (five points) and Natalya Marcial (three points).

“I appreciate my seniors staying with it because freshman year they were getting beat by 30 and 40 points, and to still keep coming to practice, that’s hard to do,” Napavine coach Shane

Schutz said. “So I’m thankful they stuck with it. They’ve had great leadership qualities. I’m proud of this team in terms of I think we’ve taken a step forward.”

# Boesch Breaks Tournament 3-Point Record as Rainier Knocks Out Forks

By Eric Trent

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CASTLE ROCK — Rainier senior Faith Boesch knew she had reset her own single-game 3-point record when she looked over at coach Brandon Eygabroad after hitting a 3-pointer in the fourth quarter and he was holding up one finger on each hand signifying “11.”

Boesch, who’s 11 treys broke her previous school record of nine, also broke the 2B District 4 record of 10 on a night where Rainier rocketed past Forks for a 67-45 victory in a loser-out match Tuesday at Castle Rock High School.

“I don’t count and I can’t take all the credit,” said Boesch, who shot 50% from the field and finished with a game-high 35 points. “My teammates find me when I’m open and they did a really good job of that tonight. I owe it all to them; breaking that record.”

With the win, Rainier moves on to face Wahkiakum in a winner-to-regional game on Thursday at Castle Rock High School. The loser still has a chance of qualifying for regionals.

“I know they’ve been working so hard for this,” Eygabroad said. “I’ve got a group of seniors who’ve put in the time since they were sixth-seventh graders. It’s nice to continue and get another game, for sure.”



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Rainier’s Faith Boesch (11) shoots a 3-pointer against Forks in a loser-out, 2B District IV girls basketball game on Tuesday. Boesch broke the tournament’s single-game 3-point record with 11 treys.

Rainier was in control from start to finish, building a 37-14 lead at the half and shifting into cruise control in the second half.

Senior guard Isabella Holmes

added 16 points for the Mountaineers, while Bryn Beckman scored nine.

Now the Mountaineers have a chance to outright clinch a re-

gional playoff spot in a matchup against Wahkiakum Thursday, a team they lost to, 47-31, on Dec. 18.

“We’ll just keep improving on

the same things: better on the boards, taking care of the ball and being more efficient and working together,” Eygabroad said.

### College Basketball

# UW Men’s Daejon Davis, USC’s Isaiah Mobley Expected Back for Thursday Showdown

By Percy Allen

The Seattle Times

Husky guard Daejon Davis is back, and Trojans standout Isaiah Mobley appears as if he’ll return too.

The Washington men’s basketball team is expected to be at full strength for Thursday’s 8:30 p.m. game at No. 17 USC, while the home team is expected to have its leading scorer and rebounder in the lineup.

Davis missed the past two

games due to a right-shoulder injury that occurred during UW’s 87-69 loss at Stanford on Feb. 6. The 6-foot-3, 190-pound guard ran into a hard screen set by Stanford’s Lukas Kisunas, a 6-10, 265-pound forward, in the open court and didn’t return with 12:37 remaining.

Washington went 1-1 last week without Davis. His replacement, junior guard PJ Fuller, scored 16 points in an 87-64 win over Arizona State, but only had three points during last Satur-

day’s 92-68 blowout loss to then-No. 4 Arizona.

On Monday, coach Mike Hopkins characterized Davis’ injury as “day to day,” but during a Tuesday interview with KJR-AM Davis said he’s ready to return.

“I am planning on being on the court,” Davis said when asked if he’s playing Thursday. “Through a lot of treatment before we leave and right after the flight (to Los Angeles), keeping the inflammation down, the

pain out and getting my mobility and strength back — I should be able to help this team on Thursday.”

Davis is averaging career lows in scoring (7.8 points), rebounds (2.9) and assists (2.8) while starting 21 games.

However, the fifth-year senior who spent the past four years at Stanford is second in the Pac-12 in steals (2.0 per game) and Hopkins believes he’s a Pac-12 defensive player of the year candidate.

“Look, the guy has got great instincts,” Hopkins said. “He’s doing things we haven’t seen around here in a few years since Matisse (Thybulle). He’s flying around, getting his hands on a lot of balls and just being disruptive on top (of UW’s 2-3 zone). When you have that type of activity at the top, it gets us going.”

Davis, who also has 11 blocks, has tallied at least two steals in 12 games, including a season-high six against California and Seattle University.

## Monday's 2A Girls Basketball

## Bearcats Can't Get Key Shots to Fall in Semifinal Loss to Eagles

**TOUGH SLEDDING:** W.F. West Plays Lockdown Defense, But Can't Hit Shots Down the Stretch in District Semifinal Loss to Hudson's Bay

By Alec Dietz

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RIDGEFIELD — Holding on to a slim lead through most of the first half, the W.F. West girls basketball team slowly saw its lead dissipate in the third quarter as more and more shots kept falling for Hudson's Bay — and more and more shots for the Bearcats didn't.

At the end of Monday's 2A District 4 semifinal, the Eagles made more shots down the stretch and beat the Bearcats, 33-30, to send them to a loser-out, winner-to-regionals contest against R.A. Long on Wednesday.

"It's tough to lose, but it's not the one that ends it," Bearcats coach Kyle Karnofski said. "I told them in the locker room, 'what's this group's legacy, what do you want our legacy to be?' You have to just come back, regroup and learn to fight."

Foul calls and baskets were hard to come by all game, with the Bearcats holding on to a slim 14-11 lead at the half. Both the first and second quarters featured single-digit scoring totals from both squads.

Lexi Roberts kept the Bearcats in the game, however, with seven first half points, capitalizing off of Drea Brumfield double teams.

But the Eagles would make their run in the third quarter, and find their offensive rhythm. Hudson's Bay started the third on a 6-0 run to take its first lead of the game, and after a back-



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W.F. West forward Lexi Roberts takes a 3-pointer against Hudson's Bay in the 2A District 4 semifinals at Ridgefield on Monday.

and-forth frame, led W.F. West, 27-23 heading into the final quarter.

The fourth was much of the same for the Bearcats, who couldn't get enough open looks, and or make enough shots, with no made field goals through the first five and a half minutes of the fourth quarter.

Their defense kept them in it however, trailing by no more than eight.

The Bearcats made their first shot with 2:10 left in the quarter, a Roberts 3-ball that brought the deficit to five. After a defen-

sive stop, the Bearcats had three separate possessions to dig into the deficit more, but couldn't score.

W.F. West got a break on the other end, with the Eagles missing the front end of a one and one, and an ensuing Julia Dalan layup made it, 33-30, with 20 seconds to go. In a bizarre ending, the Bearcats tried to intentionally foul, with no shot clock, but the refs didn't call a foul on any of their attempts and the entire 20 seconds ran off the clock.

"We got the shots we wanted, I liked the shots we got, we just

didn't make as many," Karnofski said. "That hurt, obviously. They started making a couple and we had a cold stretch. I liked the tempo, I liked the pace with the game style ... but it came down to making one or two more.

"I was proud of our defensive effort, you get a shot or two to fall and the game is different."

Roberts led the Bearcats with a team-high 14 points, while Brumfield and Olivia Remund were next with seven points each.

"Lexi played off the ball well,

that was good for her to grow her confidence" Karnofski said. "She played really well, I was really proud of her."

Now the Bearcats have a day off to put this game behind them and focus on a loser-out, do-or-die contest against the Lumberjacks, fresh off a dominant win over Aberdeen Monday night. The winner will advance to regionals, the loser's season is over.

"(Miranda) Lomax is a really good guard, they're really well coached," Karnofski said. "They're hot right now, they're going to be really scrappy."

## T-Birds Roll into District Finals After Dominant Win Over Panthers

By Alec Dietz

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RIDGEFIELD — Back in its very first game this season, the Tumwater girls basketball team barely scraped by a tough, stingy Washougal squad in its season opener, 56-51, in November.

Now three months later, in the 2A District IV semifinals at Ridgefield Monday, the Thunderbirds handled the Panthers from start to finish in a dominant 46-26 win to move on to the district championship.

The T-Birds will play Hudson's Bay on Friday in Battle Ground, looking to repeat as district champions.

"It feels awesome," T-Bird guard Aubrey Amendala said. "Working so hard for something and getting there, it's awesome."

It didn't come nearly as easy as the score suggested, however, as the Thunderbirds struggled to put the ball through the net and relied on a dominant defense to beat the Panthers.

The Panthers shot just 19.6% from the field and made one 3-pointer. They scored in single digits in three quarters, and just seven points combined in the first and third quarter.

"They're such a good team, we worked a lot on how we wanted to guard that," Tumwa-



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Tumwater guard Aubrey Amendala shoots a layup against Washougal in the District 4 semifinals at Ridgefield on Monday.

ter coach Robin Johnson said. "I thought the kids executed well. We wanted to limit their big scorers' numbers."

Paced by Aubrey Amendala's 14 points, and Natalie Sumrok's 12 points, the T-Birds did enough on offense to get the job

done and move on in the district tournament.

"They were really strong defensively, they play tough, they

made it really difficult for us to score," Johnson said. "We just talked about, even if it didn't come easy, to keep grinding and trying to get to the rim and trying to get buckets any way we can get them."

The Thunderbirds said the key to Monday's game, as opposed to their previous game with the Panthers back in November, was defense, and their adjustment on the boards, with small guard Regan Brewer pulling down a team-high eight rebounds and the rest of the T-Birds putting in work inside.

"We definitely have worked on our defense and poise," Amendala said. "Defense brings the energy, and we still missed layups throughout the whole game, but getting stops on defense was huge."

In Hudson's Bay, Tumwater will have its hands full in a completely new way, with the Eagles looking to push the pace and play small after a 33-30 defensive-minded win over W.F. West in their semifinal contest.

"They have a good point guard," Johnson said. "We'll have to come up with a game plan, and hopefully we can get into an offense a little bit more than we were able to here."

## Olympics

## Americans Alex Hall, Nick Goepper Win Gold, Silver in Slopestyle

BEIJING (TNS) — The pristine white snow at Genting Snow Park is more than just Alex Hall's office for the day. To the two-time Olympic freeskiier, it's a sun-soaked, freezing-cold, blank canvas on which to paint his next picture.

Where elite athletes would generally rely on preset routines long before arriving at an event, slopestyle riders have perfected the art of adaptation. No regulation halfpipes or jump dimensions here. Each course at each contest is new, and when it came to the course at Genting Snow Park, each athlete carved a different work of art.

Wednesday, on the Olympic course's final day of competition, Hall's masterpiece came with

a gold filter, as he won his first Olympic gold medal with a first-run score of 90.01. Americans went first-and-second on the podium with Nick Goepper taking his second second consecutive Olympic silver medal.

Americans have now won six of the nine medals in Olympic freeski slopestyle with Goepper medaling in all three events since it joined the Olympic program in 2014. The 27-year-old took bronze in 2014 when Americans swept the podium.

Sweden's Jesper Tjader won bronze Wednesday to round out the podium.

Hall didn't waste any time claiming his top spot. The Fairbanks, Alabama, native threw down the winning score on his

first run despite settling for a double cork 1080 on his final jump when it looked like he was searching for an additional half-spin on the landing. His massive score went unchallenged throughout the competition and when Switzerland's Andri Ragetli bobbled early in his final run, Hall and Goepper immediately started celebrating at the bottom of the course knowing their medals were safe.

Skiers and snowboarders praised the Genting Snow Park slopestyle course's visual appeal and technical challenges. Inspired by iconic pieces of Chinese culture, the course is lined with a replica Great Wall of China built out of snow. Beautiful and functional, the wall is meant

to protect riders from the mountain's famously strong winds on the upper section of the course. The theme continues with a tall guardhouse with a curved rail across the roof. The unique feature immediately caught Goepper's eye during practice runs.

"It's iconic," the three-time Olympian said after using the house during the qualification round on Tuesday.

While Goepper made it a goal to use the guardhouse during his run, he didn't want to commit to the feature if it didn't work in practice. When riders arrives for pre-competition training, they often make it a point to explore every feature on the course. They may rely on their favorite tricks but keep the

door open for other options as necessary. For Hall, he just looks for something "that I know will bring me joy."

"That's our sport: it's a free sport," the 23-year-old said. "Things are always changing ... you can express yourself exactly how you want."

Snowboard silver medalist Julia Marino called the course the most technically challenging one she's faced. The skiers who competed a week later shared the same feelings.

"It's really going to separate the people who are great skiers," said Colby Stevenson, who finished seventh in slopestyle.

## Tuesday's 1B Boys Basketball

# Big Second Half Powers Vikings Past Mustangs

By Mark Fraidenburg

For The Chronicle

MONTESANO — Mossyrock overcame its worst shooting performance of the year to put away North River in the second half during a 67-43 win in a 1B District 4 loser-out match at Montesano High School on Tuesday.

Mossyrock struggled getting shots to fall in the first half, trailing 11-10 after one quarter. It wasn't until the second quarter until the Vikings finally found their offense, as they went to halftime with a 29-25 lead.

Coming out of the half, the Vikings caught fire, scoring 25 points in the third and only allowing the Mustangs to score four points to create a comfortable cushion as the Mustangs' offense fell flat.

"I'm happy we got the win, but if we come out like this against teams like Oakville, we are gonna get ran off the floor," Mossyrock coach Adam Deck said. "We got to have better focus in practice. We were like 3 for 20 from the free throw line. That is uncharacteristic and frustrating because we can't play like that against really good teams."

"I give all the credit to North River. They came out and smacked us around a little bit and got us to wake up, and we finally started playing our kind of ball in the second half."



Mark Fraidenburg / The Chronicle

Mossyrock's Zack Munoz shoots a jumper during a district playoff win over North River at Montesano High School on Tuesday.

The Vikings had four double-digit scorers, led by freshman point guard Easton Kolb's 17 points to go with eight rebounds,

including six offensive.

Hunter Isom added 14 points and nine boards, while Keegan Kolb finished with 13 points, nine assists and five steals and

Zack Munoz tallied 12 points and five assists.

Mossyrock now advances to play league rival Willapa Valley in a winner-to-regional matchup

at 6 p.m. Thursday, in Menlo. The winner heads to the finals. The loser plays in a winner-to-regional, loser-out match.

## NFL

# Seahawks Announce Clint Hurtt as Defensive Coordinator, Finalize Coaching Staff for 2022

By Bob Condotta

The Seattle Times

The first losing season for the Seahawks in a decade may not have resulted in the changes at the top of the organization that some might have anticipated.

But as became clear Tuesday when the Seahawks announced their 2022 coaching staff, the 7-10 record in 2021 ultimately resulted in significant change.

Many of the moves announced Tuesday had been previously reported. Most notably, the Seahawks made it official that Clint Hurtt will take over for Ken Norton Jr. as defensive coordinator. Seattle also made official the reported additions of Sean Desai as associate head coach-defense, and Karl Scott as defensive passing game coordinator and defensive backs coach.

The Seahawks also confirmed that Andy Dickerson will take over as offensive line coach for the fired Mike Solari. Dickerson had been offensive running game coordinator, a job that now

goes to Chad Morton, who had been running backs coach and will continue in that role, as well.

In one addition not previously reported, the Seahawks announced that Sanjay Lal is returning in a role as offensive passing game coordinator and receivers coach.

That meant that Nate Carroll, one of the two sons of head coach Pete Carroll and who had been receivers coach, will now have a role as senior offensive assistant. Nate Carroll had been receivers coach the last four seasons.

Lal, who played at the University of Washington and was on the 1991 national title team, was a senior offensive assistant with the Seahawks in 2020 before spending last season as receivers coach with Jacksonville.

Of Seattle's 22 coaches (not including the strength and conditioning staff) only eight return in the same roles as last season, with three new coaches in Desai, Lal and Scott and others shuffling responsibilities. And only three coaches hold exact same

titles as they did in 2020 — Pete Carroll, Pat McPherson (tight ends) and John Glenn (linebackers).

"The fresh start feels exciting," Carroll said in a news release. "And we're looking forward to guys stepping up into their roles. The newness with Clint taking over on defense and working together with an old friend of his in Sean Desai gives us a really exciting outlook for the future. Being able to bring in a guy the caliber of Karl Scott to take over the secondary, we're very fortunate to have landed him as the passing game coordinator."

Hurtt, 43, has been with the Seahawks since 2017 as defensive line coach and since 2018 also having the role of associate head coach, jobs that now go to Desai and Carl Smith on offense. Desai, 38, was defensive coordinator for the Bears last season while Scott, 36, had been defensive backs coach of the Vikings. Scott and Desai essentially take over the role filled last year by Andre Curtis, who was defensive

passing game coordinator and defensive backs coach and was fired, along with Norton.

Dickerson came to Seattle last year along with offensive coordinator Shane Waldron.

As for the offensive changes, Carroll said:

"On the other side of the ball, getting Sanjay Lal to come in, he'll be the passing game coordinator and contribute in really big ways that we're really excited about. He had a great year with us before and we're really happy to get him back and feel very fortunate he's back on the staff."

"It'll be great for us to put Andy in the position of coaching the offensive line, maximizing all that Shane has in his background — those guys work together extremely well — and mixing them with Sanjay will give us good new insight and new juice and fire that we're excited about. We're excited about it every year at this time, but maybe more than ever in that it just seems like it's new and fresh and ready to get rolling."

The Seahawks also announced that Dave Canales will take over as quarterbacks coach to fill a vacancy created when Austin Davis left. Canales was offensive passing game coordinator last year, a spot that now goes to Lal.

The Seahawks also announced that Aaron Curry has been named the assistant defensive line/defensive ends coach; that Brad Idzik, previously a quality control coach on offense, is now the assistant receivers coach; that Kerry Joseph, previously the assistant receivers coach, is now the assistant quarterbacks coach; that DeShawn Shead, who had been a defensive assistant/defensive backs, was named assistant defensive backs coach; that Damione Lewis was named assistant defensive line/defensive tackles coach; and that Will Tukuafu was named quality control coach-defense. Tukuafu, who played for the Seahawks from 2014-16, served as a coaching assistant last season.

# Rams' Super Bowl Win Was Thrilling Yet Didn't Compare With Rest of Wild NFL Postseason

By Matt Calkins

The Seattle Times

Pick a sports league surrounded by the most controversy, and the NFL would probably win by at least 20 hash marks. From Colin Kaepernick, to CTE, to Brian Flores to the lack of guaranteed contracts to COVID-19 protocols, there are incessant debates on league issues that take place outside the lines.

But there's a reason the NFL machine never stops or shows any real indication of slowing down: What happens inside the lines is just too damn good.

On Sunday, the Rams beat the Bengals, 23-20, in the Super Bowl thanks to an improbable drive anchored by quarterback Matt Stafford and receiver Cooper Kupp. It featured two superhuman stops by defensive tackle Aaron Donald in the final minute as Cincinnati fell just shy of game-tying field-goal range.

It was thrilling. It was compelling. It was ... like, a below-average game this postseason.

Recency bias is real. The moment can make prisoners out of all of us. But can you remember a month of pro football that was this exhilarating? Outside of the first round — which featured four games in which the victor won by at least six points — there wasn't a single contest that didn't have its fans averaging a triple-



David Eulitt / TNS

Harrison Butker (7) of the Kansas City Chiefs kicks the game tying field goal against the Buffalo Bills at the end of the fourth quarter to send it in to overtime in the AFC Divisional Playoff game at Arrowhead Stadium on January 23 in Kansas City, Missouri.

digit heart rate.

The Bengals, Rams and 49ers all won their second-round matchups with walk-off field goals. But those games all paled to the second-round duel between the Chiefs and Bills, which ended with a Kansas City overtime win after a near-unfathomable comeback.

A week later the Bengals came back from a 21-3 deficit to beat the Chiefs with a walk-off over-

time field goal, and the Rams rallied from 10 points down to beat the Niners by three and advance to the Super Bowl. Of the last seven NFL games played this season, six were decided by three points — and the Chiefs' six-point win over Buffalo came after regulation.

You want parity? You want unpredictability? It's hard to argue you're going to find a greater abundance of those things out-

side the NFL.

This is part of the reason the Seahawks' 7-10 record this season shouldn't necessarily shake their fan base to its core. Yes, there were deficiencies — every team has them. But there were also three games in which quarterback Russell Wilson was out, three more games in which he was seemingly still recovering and five games in which they lost by three points (including two in overtime).

Is it that hard to think they could have been at least 10-7 — if not better — with Wilson and their running backs healthy?

The Bengals got into the tournament by going 10-7 before beating the top-seeded Titans and the second-seeded Chiefs. The 49ers got into the tournament by going 10-7 before beating the top-seeded Packers and falling three points shy of knocking off the fourth-seeded Rams — a game that should have ended in a San Francisco victory had safety Jaquiski Tartt not dropped a gimme interception.

Seattle might not be as far away as people think. I'm not saying the team can go 14-3 and run away with the division, but the league is designed that just about any squad above .500 is a threat. We saw it this season. We see it all the time.

The parity extends beyond the playoffs. We saw a 1-11-1 Li-

ons squad beat Arizona, which was in first place in the NFC West. We saw a Saints team — which ended up missing the playoffs — shut out Tom Brady and cost him an MVP award.

Plus, the final game of the regular season mattered for about two-thirds of the league's teams, as all were jockeying for position in the seedings or trying to sneak into the postseason. And when the then 2-14 Jaguars beat the then 9-8 Colts to send Indianapolis home? That's all you needed to know about the NFL this year.

Take leagues such as the NBA or MLB, and viewership might largely depend on star power or tradition. LeBron James in the Finals or the Yankees in the World Series makes a world of difference in terms of eyeballs. The NFL doesn't necessarily rely on the big names — not when it almost always produces big games.

Controversy will almost certainly follow this league into next season. Pundits and columnists and bloggers will produce a range of conflicting opinions on a number of issues. Fans will argue as well.

They might have problems with the NFL — many of which are justifiable. But they aren't going to stop watching. The games are just too good.

## Tuesday's 2A Boys Basketball

## T-Birds Regional-Bound After Semifinal Win Over Spudders

By Alec Dietz

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WOODLAND — Another low-energy, slow start from the Tumwater boys basketball team against Ridgefield in the 2A District 4 semifinals prompted a quick timeout from coach Josh Wilson.

Though the game was tied 4-4, you could hear Wilson's yell from the far end of the court in the T-Bird huddle:

"Wake up!"

It wasn't the prettiest, but the Thunderbirds pulled away from the Spudders late to move on, 51-46, and secure a regional bid in the process.

"Our game plan was to come out and be aggressive and be on our toes, and to come out and be ourselves and have fun," Wilson said. "We did the polar opposite of that. It was slow and kind of a slugfest, and we're on our heels for a long time."

"Any time you get to go to regionals and state, it's a wonderful thing. It's what everyone shoots for. Anytime you can do it, you're happy. We secured additional basketball, so I'm happy."

It was far from a sure thing down the stretch, however, after the T-Birds built a seven point lead late, a Ridgefield 3-pointer made it just a four point game with 1:59 left.

But when the Thunderbirds needed buckets, they went to 6-foot-6 Ryan Otton early and often, and the big senior capitalized again and again, scoring a team-high 15 points, and drilling a layup late to make it a six-point lead.

Immediately after, Luke Brewer drilled a 3-pointer after an extra pass from Adam Overbay, and put the Spudders on ice for the win.

Connor Hopkins (12 points) and Andrew Collins (10 points) were the other T-Birds in double figures.

"He's a big guy, he's a load," Wilson said of Otton. "He made some really big plays for us down the stretch. Regardless of sport, the kid just knows how to win. He's been a part of a lot of winning, so not surprised he made those plays when we needed it."

The win vaults the Thunderbirds into a district title tilt with R.A. Long on Friday at Mark Morris High School, and yet another bid to state and regionals.

Wilson is hoping the couple days off and added relief of already qualifying for state helps the Thunderbirds get off to a better start in Longview.

"Hopefully this one has not as much pressure," he said. "We se-



Tumwater guard Luke Brewer takes a jumpshot against Ridgefield in the 2A District 4 semifinals at Woodland on Tuesday.

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cured the regional spot, so hopefully we can just go have fun and play on our toes. Really excited to be able to play. Anytime you get to play to cut down nets, you're pretty happy to be able to do that."

### Wolves Outlast Woodland to Stay Alive in Districts

Keagan Rongen and Simon Trujillo-Nysted combined for 35 points and Black Hills held off Woodland for a 58-47 victory in a loser-out game of the 2A District 4 playoffs Tuesday at Ridgefield High School.

The Wolves trailed by one after the first quarter, then outscored the Beavers 24-16 in the second and third quarters to hold a slight lead heading into the fourth before securing the win.

Rongen scored a game-high 18 points, while Trujillo-Nysted added 17, including four 3-pointers.

Black Hills now faces Mark Morris in a winner-to-regionals, loser-out game at 6 p.m. on Thursday at Tumwater High School.



Black Hills senior Luke Ellison fires a 3-pointer in the fourth quarter against Woodland on Tuesday at Ridgefield High School.

Ryan Peerboom / The Daily News

## Beavers

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"They were really aggressive and getting after us," Ashmore said. "I told them our defense would have to win us a game and

it was the game. Our defense was solid the entire night. We have to win a game like that and we did."

The Beavers will now take on their rival Bulldogs for the district championship on Saturday at 6 p.m. at Rochester High School.

## Bearcats

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Leading the way for the Bearcats on the offensive end was Dirk Plakinger, who scored 12 points, Hoff (11) and Soren Dalan, who scored 10 points and broke the Bearcats' single season

rebound record, with 289 this season to date.

The record stood for nearly 40 years, and was held by Chris Nelson, set back in 1985.

The Bearcats will play Ridgefield in a loser-out, winner-to-regionals contest at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Tumwater High School.

## NBA

### Harden Makes It Clear the Sixers Were His 'First Choice' at Introductory Press Conference

PHILADELPHIA (TNS) — James Harden says the 76ers were his preferred destination a season ago.

"When I was going through everything I was going through in Houston, Philly was my first choice," he said. "It just didn't happen."

At the time, the perennial All-NBA selection was traded from the Houston Rockets to the Brooklyn Nets in a three-team trade on Jan. 13, 2021.

"It's just the details, I don't really want to get into the Brooklyn situation," Harden said Tuesday during his introductory press conference. "I just knew for a very long time this was a perfect fit and obviously you had a big man, the best big man in the league in Joel [Embiid] and obviously the coaching, just top to bottom it makes sense. I'm just happy and blessed that I'm here."

"As Doc [Rivers] and everybody knows and everybody wants to win, and be the last team standing. So I'm excited for the opportunity."

So are the Sixers, who acquired Harden and Paul Millsap

from the Nets in exchange for Ben Simmons, Seth Curry, Andre Drummond, and two first-round picks on Thursday.

Harden said he will opt in to his \$47.3 million contract for next season and can sign a four-year, \$223 million extension at the start of free agency.

On paper, Harden and Embiid are the NBA's best guard-center tandem.

Harden can get a bucket, finish isolation plays, take opponents off the dribble, and drain step-back 3-pointers.

However, he's averaging 22.5 points and shooting a career-low 33.2% on 3-pointers, but he is averaging 10.2 assists this season. It is his lowest scoring average since averaging 16.8 points per game as a member of the Oklahoma City Thunder during the 2011-12 season. The 32-year-old, who is a 10-time All-Star, had a four-point performance in a Feb. 2 road loss to the Sacramento Kings and has been sidelined the last three games with hamstring tightness.

Some have questioned the severity of the hamstring injury, noting that Harden wanted out of Brooklyn. A league source thinks a change of scenery will enable Harden to go back to him being the player who averaged 29.6 points and shot 36.2% on 3-pointers during his nine seasons in Houston.

### Ben Simmons Believes in his Fresh Start in Brooklyn: 'Gonna Be Scary'

NEW YORK (TNS) — Cue the Scary Hours, Part 2.

That's how newly acquired Nets star Ben Simmons envisions his fit with Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving when the three finally take the floor together some time after the Feb. 20 NBA All-Star break.

Simmons' winding journey took him to Brooklyn as part of the blockbuster trade-deadline deal that sent James Harden to the Philadelphia 76ers. Now, he inherits the same co-stars Harden ditched, the same all-time scorers who stand to benefit tremendously from Simmons' unique blend of size, speed, athleticism and court-vision.

"I think it's gonna be scary," Simmons said in his introductory press conference at Nets' HSS Training Facility in Industry City. "Having those guys run alongside me, multiple different weapons on the floor and I think at the pace we want to play at, it's going to be unreal." Simmons will first have to clear the hurdles that kept him off the floor this entire season in Philadelphia.

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# Life

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The Daily Herald

The Evergreen State ferry is a 310-foot decommissioned vessel.

## Buyer of Decommissioned State Ferry Outlines Plans

By Andrea Brown

The Daily Herald

LANGLEY — Bart Lematta is living a ferry tale.

What's up with that?

He's the guy who bought a boat. Not just any boat. A 310-foot decommissioned state ferry, the Evergreen State.

"It's a massive windup toy, to use a bad analogy," said Lematta, a former helicopter pilot and Oregon coast toy shop owner.

The green-and-white ferry has been moored at a private dock in Langley since October 2021, stirring up curiosity about why it's sitting there, especially with the long waits on the Mukilteo-Clinton ferry route these days.

Lematta paid \$290,000 as is at auction in 2020 for the workhorse that was operated by Washington State Ferries from 1954 to 2015, and was then the system's longest-serving vessel.

The days of hauling cars and commuters are over for this rig. Both the boat and its owner are getting major career changes.

Lematta, 54, has made renovating Evergreen State his full-time job, with a crew composed of an electrician, welder and a retired ferry engineer.

"This is some prime floating real estate," Lematta said. "It's just shy of a half-acre of floating land."

For \$290,000, he could have bought a pretty sweet 30-foot yacht and not had to worry about finding a place to park it.

"Where's the fun in that?" Le-

matta said.

The ferry came with about 20,000 gallons of old diesel fuel in its belly, which raised some concerns. In October, the boat was tugged from the Port of Olympia to Whidbey Island. The plan is to dry dock the thing in Everett by summer to examine it from bottom to top.

Lematta wants to convert the vessel to be fully electric, with diesel motors as a backup in a pinch. He said batteries, along with a cooling system, will fill two 20-foot shipping containers housed on the car deck, in addition to 3,000 solar panels.

"The solar panels can be floated around the boat," he said. "The boat can be kind of a hub."

Renewable energy is a priority for the vessel and in his life.

He bunks on the boat weekdays, and on weekends he drives his Tesla to his solar-powered home in Vancouver, Washington, to see his wife and 14-year-old twin daughters.

"It's literally a vessel for change," he writes on his website, [joinevergreennow.com](http://joinevergreennow.com). "The project tethers together a coalition of causes and organizations to transform the historic 1950s-era vessel."

The Evergreen State has a colorful past. Electric drive motors were pulled from a World War II-era Navy destroyer escort for use in the boat, which was refurbished in 1988.

"When it started it was the pride of the fleet," said Ian Sterling, Washington State Ferries spokesperson. "It served the

state several times. It would get retired and they'd need it and haul it out of the mothballs."

The aging boat was a pain to repair. A sister ship, the Tillikum, built in 1959, is the last in this ferry class in service and serves the San Juan Islands.

The Evergreen State was on the auction block three times.

The ferry first sold for \$300,000 in March 2017 to a Florida man who renamed it "The Dream," with plans for it to be an event venue in the Caribbean Sea. The boat was moored in Olympia in preparation for its move to Florida when its owner failed to make the dock payments.

It was listed on eBay in January 2020 and after many bids sold for \$205,100 from to a buyer hoping to convert it into an art studio. A screaming deal, but it fell through.

The boat went to auction again in November 2020, for the third time. Lematta heard about the auction that morning. He won within five minutes of bidding.

"I got it and here I am," Lematta said.

He isn't the only "guy who just bought a boat," to steal from what was a recurring joke on "Saturday Night Live."

Life imitated art in January when "SNL" actors Pete Davidson and Colin Hanks purchased a former Staten Island ferry, the 300-foot John F. Kennedy, for \$280,100.

"We bought a ferry, the windowless van of the sea," David-

son said on a recent show.

"Yes, it's very exciting. We thought the whole thing through," Jost added, joking.

Most people can't just wake up one morning and decide to buy a ferry.

Lematta had the vision and the means.

He got lucky with Beanie Babies when he had the toy shop and bought Tesla stock at the right time.

"Heavy investment with Tesla got me more into the batteries and technologies," he said.

He was a commercial pilot for Columbia Helicopter, started by his parents, well known philanthropists in Oregon. After the company was sold, he invested in Tesla.

"I have my fingers crossed that I bought this boat at the right time," he said. "This is the right time to put the batteries aboard this boat."

Lematta gave The Daily Herald a tour of the watercraft, which has a capacity for 87 vehicles and 981 passengers.

The high-ceiling car decks could hold over 1,000 people at a concert or be a virtual reality platform or walled into lodging, he said.

"You can have 15 condos down one side here and 15 condos on the other side, and two or three larger condos at one end and maybe a whole greenhouse at the other end, and if you timeshare this and give everyone a week of time on the boat per year and sold those for \$20,000 — and do a weeklong

trip," he said.

"That's one idea. There are so many things you can do with this."

The passenger deck could be floating office space, he said.

For now, some booth tables are computer desks with panoramic views of the water and ever-changing skies. It looks hard to get any work done.

On the top deck, he said, a Chinook helicopter could be parked, if so inclined, on the two pilot houses. Staterooms sleep a total of 16, mostly in bunk beds.

Lematta said he was "giddy" the first time he walked into the main engine room.

"I can picture all the work that's gone into it and all the hands that have been part of building it, the artistry and craftsmanship," he said. "It's a beautiful piece of artwork."

Though "The Dream" seems an apt name, Lematta plans to retain Evergreen State and the state color scheme.

"I like that forest green look," he said. "I might add a touch of some other color. Nothing fancy."

He doesn't have a target date to get it operational.

"Like Walt Disney said, 'Disneyland will never be done,'" he said.

On the commute between his Vancouver home and his ferry, Lematta has to take a working one.

At times he has had to wait two to three hours at the Mukilteo-Clinton terminal.

"The irony," he said.

### Community Calendar

#### Miss Lewis County

March 5 at the Centralia High School Center for Performing Arts, 813 Eshom Road, Centralia; 7 p.m.

Five young women will compete for the title of Miss Lewis County at this scholarship pageant. Tickets will go on sale soon.

#### 38th Annual Winter Carnival

March 5 and 6 at White Pass Ski Area. Visit [skiwhitepass.com](http://skiwhitepass.com) for a full schedule of events.

#### Riverside Fire Authority Meeting

March 9 at Station 2 headquarters, 1818 Harrison Ave., Centralia; 5 p.m.

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

#### Workgroup for Parents of Children With Disabilities

March 9 at the Jensen Memorial Event Center, Veterans Memorial Museum at 100 SW Veterans Way; 5:30 to 7 p.m.

This class is hosted on the second Wednesday of every month until May by Reliable Enterprises and Lewis County Public Health and Social Services.

Topics include preparing for graduation and other transitions, social security, employment supports and more.

Register by calling organizer Shawna Haller at 360-520-9299 or email [shaller@reliableenterprises.org](mailto:shaller@reliableenterprises.org).

#### Lewis County Cemetery District #1 Monthly Meeting

March 9 at the cemetery office, 407 Cowlitz Road, Winlock; 7 p.m.

These meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month.

#### Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet

March 18 at Hotel Washington, 545 N. Market Blvd., Chehalis; Social hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and program at 7 p.m.

Reservations per person cost \$50, or groups can sponsor a table for \$350. RSVP by Jan. 17 by contacting the chamber at 360-748-8885 or visiting [chamberway.com](http://chamberway.com).

#### Riverside Fire Authority Meeting

March 23 at Station 2 headquarters, 1818 Harrison Ave., Centralia; 5 p.m.

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#### Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet

March 26 at the Jester Auto Museum and Event Center, 321 Hamilton Road, Chehalis; 4 p.m.

This is the Chehalis chapter Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's 30th annual banquet and auction.

For ticket info contact Sandy Yanish at 360-508-0234 or go to <https://events.rmef.org/m/chehalis1>.

#### Business After Hours

Feb. 17 at The Chronicle, 321 N. Pearl St., Centralia; 5 to 7 p.m.

This Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce networking event will be hosted at The Chronicle. Light drinks and snacks will be provided.

#### Twin Cities Lacrosse Free Clinic

Feb. 19 at the field next to Olympic Elementary at 2057 SW Salisbury Ave., Chehalis; 3 to 6 p.m.

No experience or equipment is needed to join this free lacrosse clinic for children in third through sixth grades. Kids will have the chance to try a new sport and consider joining a team. For more information, visit <https://tclax.org/>.

#### Relay for Life Lewis County Art Class Fundraiser

Feb. 19 at Dick's Brewing Company, 3516 Galvin Road, Centralia; 3:30 p.m.

This fundraiser is a creative art class and community event

to raise money for Relay for Life of Lewis County. Tickets cost \$40, with half of the ticket price automatically going to the organization, and can be purchased at <https://bit.ly/3FGXjv5>. Tickets will include snacks and drinks.

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#### Pop-Up Timberland Regional Library in Toledo

Feb. 24 at the Toledo Community Library; 3 to 5 p.m.

Timberland Regional Library will host 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.

# Puzzles

Find Answers to the Puzzles in the Next Edition

## Crossword

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- 1 Tempo
  - 5 Sticky fruit
  - 8 Carol
  - 12 "Better late — never"
  - 13 Geisha's tie
  - 14 Cancel
  - 15 — Derr Biggers
  - 16 Furnish
  - 17 Paris streets
  - 18 Life forms
  - 20 Part of NBA
  - 21 Perceive
  - 22 Wood ash product
  - 23 Sudden outpouring
  - 26 Fragrant fir
  - 29 Mendicant's shout
  - 30 First-magnitude star
  - 31 Flood residue
  - 33 Taxi
  - 34 Votes in favor
  - 35 Pepsi or RC
  - 36 Modern breakfast
  - 38 Roused

- 39 FBI acronym
- 40 Seemly
- 41 Feels under par
- 43 Slogans
- 46 First 007 movie (2 wds.)
- 47 Slow pace
- 48 October's stone
- 50 Cartoon shrieks
- 51 Bullfight cheer
- 52 Emperor before Galba
- 53 Poison ivy symptom
- 54 Ben & Jerry rival
- 55 Sweater flaw

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- 1 AAA suggestion
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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## Sudoku

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## Bake & Decorate Word Search

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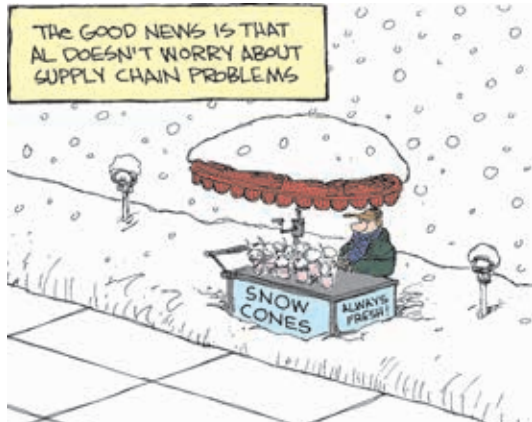
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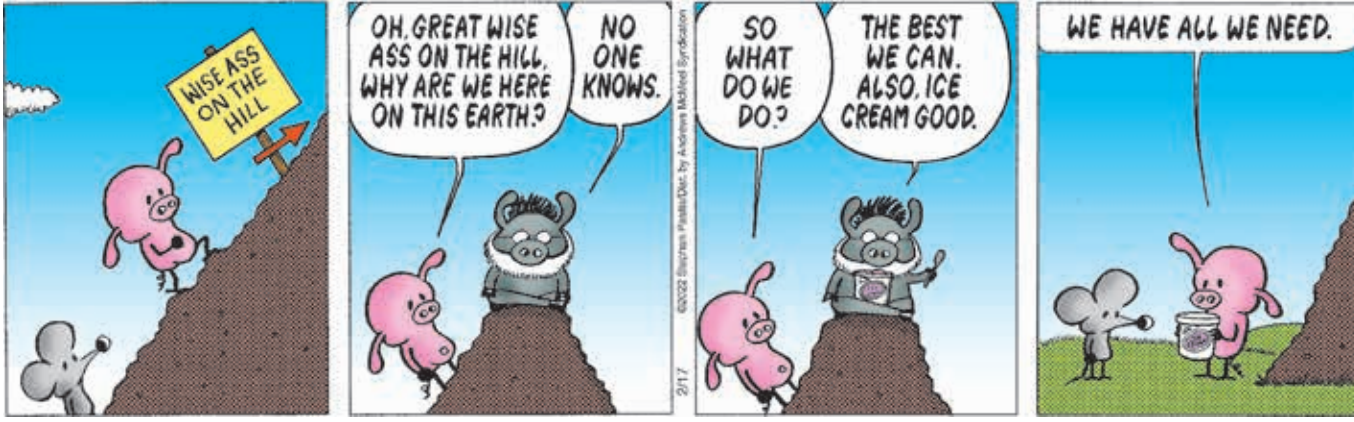
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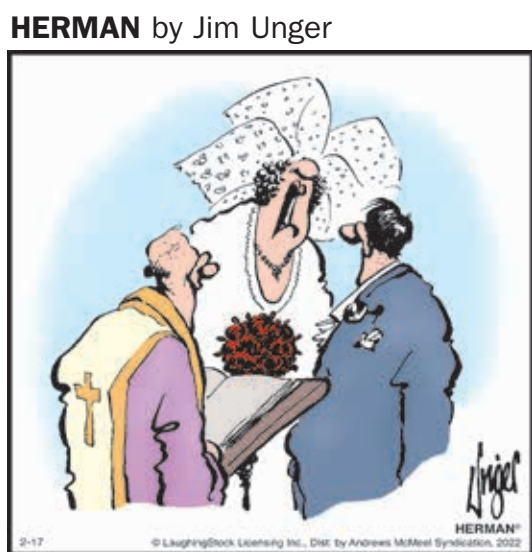
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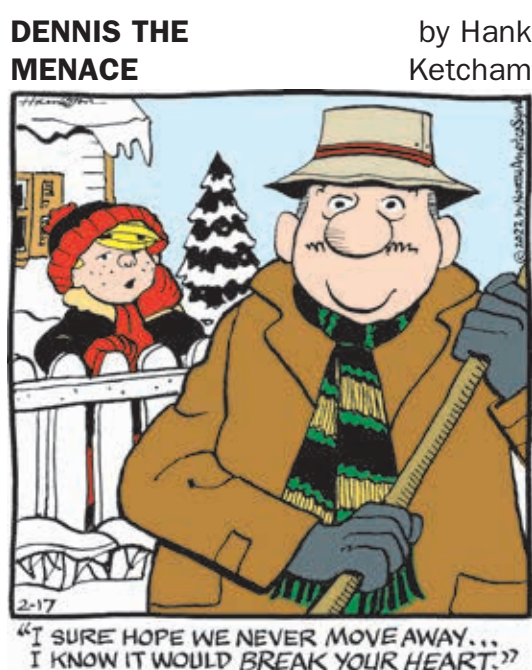
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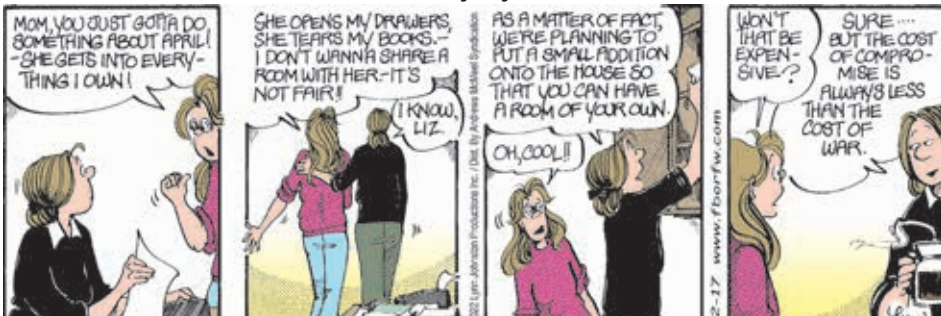
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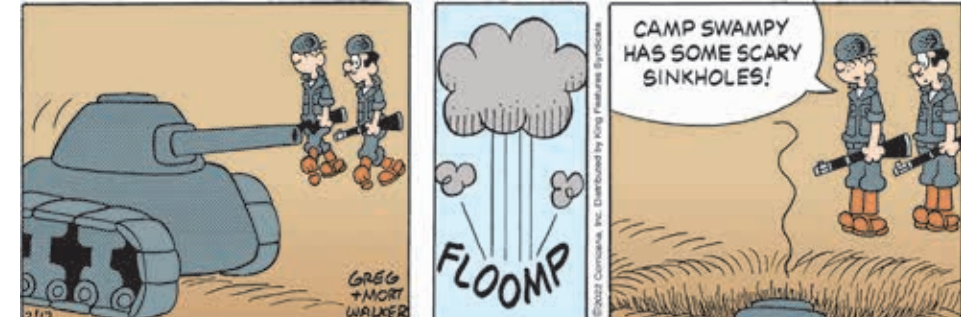
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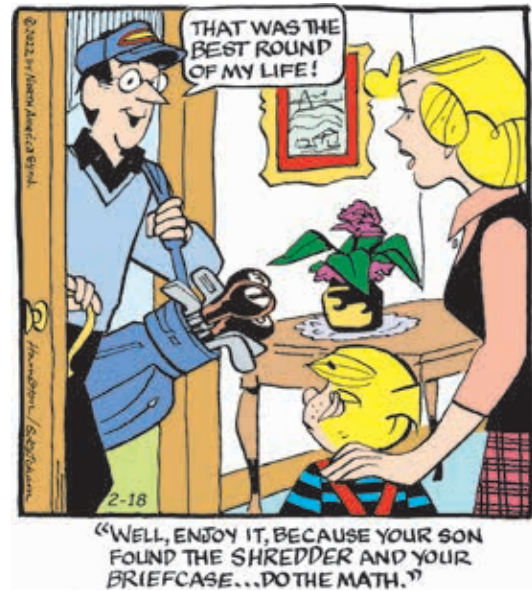
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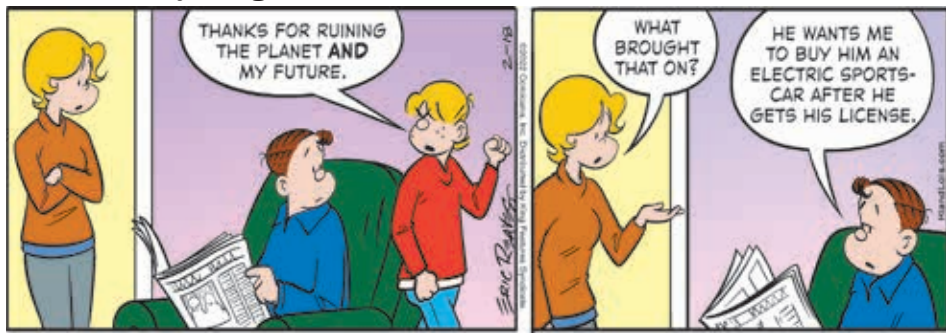
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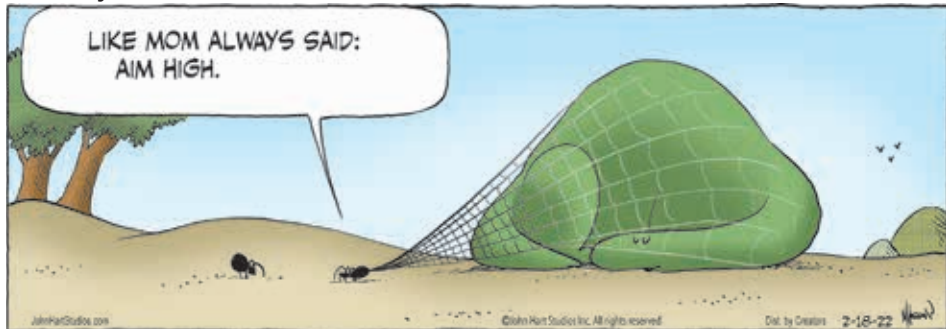
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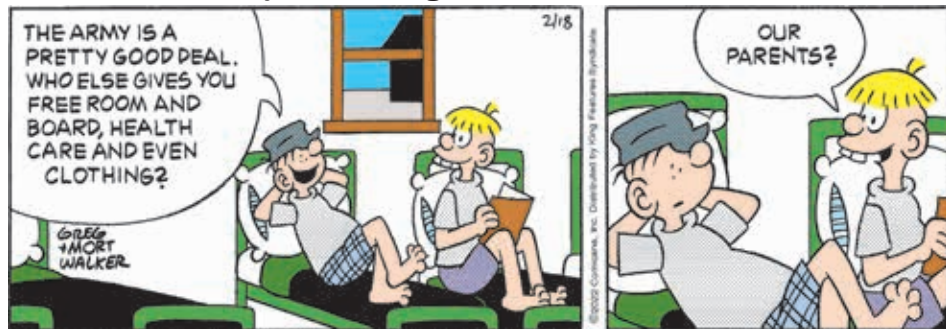
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**REMEMBER...**  
An ad under Card of Thanks is only \$20 a day for 100 words or less! Call Customer Service at 360-736-3311 to place your ad today!

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• Belt, vape pen, bolt, flip phone, left at Courthouse Security, week of 1/31 through 2/4/22, case #22C1728.  
Please call Lewis County Sheriff's Office to describe & claim. 360-740-1470

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**EMPLOYMENT**

**HELP WANTED**

**NEW TODAY!**



**DRIVERS**

Scot Industries is hiring a full time driver. Class A CDL & clean driving record are required. Must possess an enhanced license or passport. Ideal candidate would have 3 years flatbed experience & must be able to go to Canada. Home on weekends. Canada route drivers pay to be 55¢ per mile plus drop. We offer competitive pay, profit sharing, insurance, paid holidays, & paid vacation. Please apply in person with complete drivers abstract Mon - Fri 8am to 5pm @ 3020 Foron Rd., Centralia, WA 98531.

**HELP WANTED**

Federal law prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin or age. The law states that publishing or printing discriminatory advertisements or causing the printing or publishing of such advertisements constitutes an unlawful employment practice. Employment advertisements must not indicate preferences, limitations, or discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin or age, except when religion, sex or national origin is a bona fide occupational qualification for employment.

We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that positions advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

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**HAVE YOU HEARD?**  
You can get your ad into The Reflector & The Nisqually Valley News.  
Call us at 360-736-3311 to ask how!

Hiring a Bilingual (Spanish/English) Child Care Aware Specialist to serve Lewis County. Position is full time, year-round. \$47,257.60 annual salary. For full job details and to apply visit: [www.esd112.org/takeroot](http://www.esd112.org/takeroot) or inquire by email [hr.dept@esd112.org](mailto:hr.dept@esd112.org).

Housekeeper needed, Rochester area, once per week. Call 360-273-7659 for inquires.

**NEW TODAY!**

**Engineering Technician I -**



The City of Centralia, WA is accepting applications for the position of **Engineering Technician I - Engineering Department**. This position is a full time, IBEW non-exempt position. Salary range \$30.63 - \$33.98/hr. Please go to <http://www.cityofcentralia.com/Employment.asp> or 118 W Maple for an application packet and detailed job posting, description and basic requirements. Position closes on March 1, 2022 at 5 pm. EOE

Local Mortuary seeking responsible employee for care & transport of deceased persons in hospital, home, & outdoor settings. Drives company owned vehicles. Maintains professional appearance & must be able to lift over 50 lbs. Apply at Fir Lawn Funeral Chapel 351 N 5th St, Toledo.

**FOR RENT RENTALS**

**ROOMMATE WANTED**

Fully furnished private room with key for rent. Clean & sober house, \$500 per month. Utilities & some supplies included. 360-508-5075.

**ROOMS FOR RENT**

**NEW TODAY!**

ROOM FOR RENT, private bathroom, fridge, no pets, no smoking, \$600/mo rent, \$150 deposit, female prefers a female age 45-55 call for more info. 360-269-8463

**LIVESTOCK & PETS**

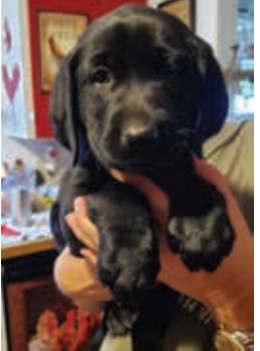
**CATTLE FOR SALE**

★★★★★★★★★★  
DO you have cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or rabbits for sale? We have a deal for you! 10 lines, 3 print days for \$20!  
Call customer service today @ 360-736-3311  
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**PET & PET SUPPLIES**

**NEW TODAY!**

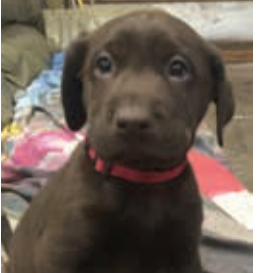
**AKC Black Lab Puppies**



2 girls, dew claws removed, 1st shots & wormed, born 12/24/2021. 360-269-6279

**NEW TODAY!**

**Chocolate Lab Puppies**



6 males and 1 female available now, shots and wormed, mom and dad on-site, non papered, \$800. Call for more information, 360-537-1114.

**PLACE YOUR PET AD HERE!**



Email or call your ad in today! [classifieds@chronline.com](mailto:classifieds@chronline.com) 360-736-3311

**MERCHANDISE**

**FREE MERCHANDISE**

Do you have a **FREE ITEM?**  
Call Customer Service today to place your **\* FREE AD! \***  
The Chronicle 360-736-3311  
Ads run 3 days, 4 lines for FREE!

Autos sell more quickly when you add a photo.

**MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE**

**BUYERS BEWARE!**

If a deal seems too good to be true, **it probably is!** If someone asks you to send money without a transaction, or asks for your credit card - **DON'T** send money or give your credit card out, **especially** if you do not know them!

The City of Chehalis is currently selling lime pasteurized class A biosolids fertilizer for 10 cents per yard to recipients that can securely haul and ergonomically land apply the product.  
Please call/ Message 1-360-740-7536 ext. 0

**\$100 OR LESS**

Selling an item for **\$100 or less???** Call customer service today to place your Ad! The Chronicle 360-736-3311  
Ads run 3 days, 10 lines for \$20

**Turn last season's stuff into this season's spending money.** Do you have an item for **\$100 or less???** Call customer service today to place your AD! The Chronicle, 360-736-3311. Ads run 3 days, 10 lines 4 \$20!

**MISCELLANEOUS WANTED**

**CLASSIFIED DEADLINES**

- \* Monday, 11:00 a.m. for Tuesday's paper.
- \* Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. for Thursday's paper.
- \* Friday, 11:00 a.m. for Saturday's paper.

To place your ad, call 360-736-3311! [classifieds@chronline.com](mailto:classifieds@chronline.com)

**WANTED**

Rare, antique & collectible books. We purchase collections & individual books of value. Also photographs, letters, diaries, & documents of historical interest. 360-880-3160

**AUCTIONS SALES**

**NEW**

Grant's Towing & Automotive/Grant's Centralia/Grant's South Abandoned Vehicle Auction Every Friday 11:30 am at 915 Koontz Rd, Chehalis. Viewing every Friday beginning @ 8:30am. Call 360-330-2442 for current list.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

• The Town of Bucoda is accepting applications for a part-time temporary Seasonal Maintenance Worker position. The position is maximum 32 hours per week and pay \$14.49 per hour. Application packets are available at Town Hall. Submit application materials to Town of Bucoda, 101A East 7th Street, Bucoda, WA 98530. Position is open until filled. Equal Opportunity Employer.  
• The Town of Bucoda is accepting part-time applications for Clerk/Treasurer. The position pays \$14.49 per hour, max 32 hours per week. This will become full-time in April. Application packets are available at Town Hall. Submit application materials to Town of Bucoda, 101A East 7th Street, PO Box 10, Bucoda, WA 98530. Position is open until filled. Equal Opportunity Employer.

**GARAGE SALES CENTRALIA**

**NEW TODAY!**

**VISIT VISITED**

**SPRING CLEAN OUT Sat Only! Feb. 19, 7-4. 811 Park Way Centralia, WA 98531. CASH ONLY!**  
Remodel stuff: old double drain double sink, Cast iron natural gas earth stove, ladders- 16' & 10' aluminum & 8' step, loose shop left overs, portable RF scanner, solar controller 30amp, UHF-VHF antenna, new portable wheelchair, shower chair & crutches, Homak tool cabinet, miscellaneous items.

**BAZAARS**

**WE NOW HAVE BAZAAR & GARAGE SALE PACKAGES AVAILABLE!**  
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Packages include 2 laminated signs, 4 sheets of pricing stickers, 3 sale sheets, a sharpie and balloons! packages are only \$5 with the purchase of a classified ad.

**AUTOMOTIVE**

**MOTOR HOMES**

**WANTED: Motorhome or truck & travel trailer, any type, size, condition considered, cash buyer. Call Paul or Maryann 360-434-3993.**

**LEGAL NOTICES**

121129 NTC: Conzatti  
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS In Re the Estate of: EARL L. CONZATTI, Deceased. NO. 22-4-00040-21 NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The Personal Representative, Kristin Conzatti, has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this Estate.  
Persons having claims against the Deceased must, prior to the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, serve their claims on the Personal Representative, or the attorneys of record at the address stated below, and file an executed copy of the claim with the Clerk of this Court within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this Notice or within four (4) months after the date of the original filing of this Notice with the Clerk of the Court, whichever is later, except under those provisions included in RCW 11.40.011, or section 4 of this act, or the claim will be forever barred.  
DATED February 1, 2022. JOSEPH P. ENBODY, WSBA #1796 Attorney for Estate Enbody, Dugaw, Enbody & Arcuri Attorneys at Law

**LEGAL NOTICES**

P.O. Box 855, 107 S. Tower Centralia, WA 98531 Phone: (360) 736-8269 STATE OF WASHINGTON ) : ss.

COUNTY OF LEWIS )  
Brynn Kershaw, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states as follows:  
That on February 1, 2022, I caused to be deposited with the United States Postal Service at Centralia, Washington, first class postage prepaid, one each copy of the attached NOTICE TO CREDITORS addressed to the Department of Social and Health Services, Office of Financial Recovery, at their last known address as follows:  
Estate Recovery Unit P.O. Box 9501 Olympia, WA 98507-9501 DATED February 1, 2022. FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT. BRYNN KERSHAW SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 1st day of February, 2022. Notary Public in and for the State of WA, residing: Chehalis My commission expires: 08/06/2025

Published: The Chronicle February 3, 10 & 17, 2022

121274 Advertisement for Bids

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed proposals will be received for the following project:  
PROJECT NO.: 2021-187 G (5-1)  
TITLE: Multi-Purpose Sports Complex  
ESTIMATED BASE BID COST RANGE: \$3,087,270.00 to \$5,006,070.00  
AGENCY: Facility Professional Services for Centralia College  
BID DATE/TIME: Prior to 3:00 P.M./Tuesday/March 8, 2022- please see full advertisement for COVID-19 related bid delivery & process changes.  
WALK-THROUGH: 10:00 A.M. /Wednesday/February 23, 2022.  
PROJECT MANAGER: Rafael G. Uréña, R.A.  
BY: Department of Enterprise Services / Facility Professional Services  
Full advertisement available at: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ga/app/EASBids/BidCalendar.aspx>. Please direct questions regarding this project to the office of

the Consultant, MSGS Architects (360) 943-6774. STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES FACILITY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
Published: The Chronicle February 17, 2022  
121170 Notice of Hearing

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners, Lewis County, Washington (BOCC), has received an application for a non-exclusive franchise from Northwest Open Access Network to install, construct, operate, and maintain telecommunications facilities located within Lewis County road right of way in the following location description:  
The telecommunication facilities are located in all County Rights of Way within Lewis County. The franchise being considered is for a period of five years.  
The application and all related materials have been reviewed by the BOCC and found appropriate for further proceedings. A hearing on the non-exclusive franchise will be held on March 1, 2022 at or after 10 a.m., in the Commissioners' Hearing Room on the 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse in Chehalis, Washington, when and where all persons may appear and be heard upon the granting of the franchise. Interested parties are encouraged to check the Commissioners' hearing schedule online at <https://lewiscountywa.gov/offices/commissioners/agendas-calendar/> for updated details as the hearing date approaches.  
RCW 36.55.040 requires that notice of hearing be posted in three public places in the county seat of the county at least 15 days before the day fixed for hearing, and also published two times in the official



Scot Industries is a leading manufacturing company ([www.scotindustries.com](http://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:**

- Paid Training
- Health insurance with company paid HRA
- Profit Sharing
- Opportunity for advancement
- Vacation available after one year
- Shift premiums
- Competitive wages \$ 16- \$18.00

# HOROSCOPE

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2022



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)**  
Discuss sensitive issues with care. Information you share may be used against you. Listen and observe to avoid backing yourself into a corner. You'll accomplish the most if you stick close to home.



**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)**  
Offer to help those who lack your skill set. A partnership will prove to be lucrative and engaging. Be open to suggestions and quick to offer a unique twist.



**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
Aligning yourself with like-minded individuals will help you advance faster. Refuse to let anyone use manipulative tactics to push you in a direction that compromises your beliefs.



**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
Take hold of whatever situation you find yourself in and use your strengths to push forward. You will gain support if you are direct and honest about your concerns and intentions.



**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
Double-check everything before agreeing to participate in something. Someone will try to take advantage of you if you aren't careful. Use your intelligence, ask questions and leave nothing to chance.



**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
Use the power of persuasion to get your way. Show the people around you how you feel, and let them know your intentions. Update your image or appearance, and compliments will come your way.



**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
You are a better leader than you are a follower. Don't feel compelled to back down or do something you don't want to do, regardless of pressure. Make necessary changes that are within your budget.



**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Don't be shy. Do what you want to do. Social events will give you a perfect setting to approach someone who interests you. A unique partnership looks promising. Romance will enhance your life.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**  
Be careful how you handle domestic matters. Getting along with the people around you will be challenging. Take good care of your health and well-being. Avoid gatherings that put you at risk.



**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**  
Pick up the pace and be optimistic about your future. The right attitude will help you convince others to take a chance on you and support your efforts. A change is overdue.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**  
Keep an open mind, but don't trust anyone who likes to exaggerate or is controlling. Have confidence in yourself and your ability to get things done. Don't count on others today.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
A domestic change will be a good investment. There is money to be made and more options to consider. Explore the possibilities and work hard to secure your financial situation.

### LEGAL NOTICES

newspaper of the county, the last publication to be not less than 5 days before the day fixed for hearing. Dated: February 8, 2022 Rieva Lester Clerk of the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners

Published: The Chronicle February 10 & 17, 2022  
121199 NTC: Albright

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LEWIS COUNTY ESTATE OF VICKIE J ALBRIGHT, Deceased. No. 22-4-00078-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS. RCW 11.40.030

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the below court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

Date of First Publication: February 10, 2022  
Personal Representative: Christopher Eric Schmid  
Address for Mailing or Service: Law Office of Tonya Hebert, PLLC  
c/o Christopher Eric Schmid, P.O. Box 69, Winlock, WA 98596, Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Lewis County Superior Court, 345 W Main Street, Chehalis, WA 98532  
Cause No.: 22-4-00078-21

Published: The Chronicle February 10, 17 & 24, 2022  
121131 NTC: Furrer

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS In the Matter of the Estate of ROSMARIE B. FURRER, Deceased. NO. 22-4-00042-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the co-personal representatives, or the co-personal representatives' attorney, at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the co-personal representatives served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets of the decedent.

**DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: February 3, 2022.**  
ROBERT KAECH Personal Representative  
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121271 NTC: Hamstreet

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WHATCOM In Re the Estate of RICHARD L. HAMSTREET, Deceased. NO. 22-4-00116-37 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: 1. thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or 2. four months after the date of the first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

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#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA JEAN JACOBSON, Deceased. NO. 22-4-00063-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS [RCW 11.40.030]

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this Estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This

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bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.  
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#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS In the Matter of the Estate Of JANET MACON MARSHALL, Deceased. NO. 21-4-00423-21 NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of the estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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PATRICIA LYNN CRAIG Personal Representative

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121126 NTC: McDougall

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY IN MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN MCDUGALL, Deceased. Case No.: 22-4-00043-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This

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bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.  
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#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS In the Matter of the Estate of MICHAEL JAY REEDY, Deceased. NO. 22-4-0008521 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

The personal representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative, or the personal representative's attorney, at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets of the decedent.

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#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY IN MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HO SUN WARREN, Deceased. Case No.: 22-4-00049-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If

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the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.  
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#### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS SYSTEM CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION SUPPORT SERVICES FOR CITY OF CENTRALIA CONTRACT NO. CCL-22-07PS

Notice is hereby given that a submission of system control and data acquisition support service qualifications will be received by Centralia City Light, 1100 N Tower Avenue, Centralia, Washington 98531 until 2:00 PM, local time, on March 9, 2022. The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Documents may be obtained after Thursday, February 17, 2022 by registering on the City's Website: <https://cityofcentralia.procureware.com/login> 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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#### Special Board Meeting Notice

The Lewis County Hospital District No. 1 Board of Commissioners will be holding a Special Board Meeting on Monday, February 21, 2022 at 3:30 PM. The meeting will be available via Zoom: <https://myarborhealth.zoom.us/j/88234386418> Meeting ID: 882 3438 6418 One tap mobile: +12532158782,,88234386418# Dial: +1 253 215 8782

The purpose of this meeting is to have Kurt O'Brien Consulting present on Developing a High Functioning & Effective Board.

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