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Laurel Khan smiles outside Mackinaw's while holding a glass of non-alcoholic wine Tuesday afternoon.

## Mackinaw's Raided by Liquor and Cannabis Board, Court Date Coming for Owner

**LAUREL KHAN:** Business Targeted for Alleged Violations of COVID-19 Restrictions

By Isabel Vander Stoep  
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Laurel Khan, owner of Mackinaw's Restaurant and connected bar, Curious, in Chehalis, didn't defy Washington's COVID-19 restrictions against in-person dining as a political protest — at first.

She said she wanted to maintain a sense of normalcy and prevent the suffering caused by isolation. But after the Liquor and Cannabis Board revoked her alcohol license just before Christmas 2021 for repeated violations of Gov. Jay Inslee's emergency order, Khan's beef with the state and bureaucracy inevitably became about politics. So much so that Khan announced a desire to run for governor via Facebook earlier this year.

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## Tenino Makes April 19 'Raise for Rowyn Day' in Perpetuity



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Brynn Johnson wipes tears from her eyes as she is surprised alongside family Tuesday during an event honoring Raise for Rowyn Day in Tenino.



Brynn and Cody Johnson pose for a photo with their children Tuesday during an event honoring Raise for Rowyn Day in Tenino.

**HONOR:** Organization Has Helped More Than 500 Families Since Being Founded in 2014

By Daniel Warn  
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Even the smallest angel can have the largest impact.

At least, that's what the Tenino City Council thought when it declared April 19 "Raise for Rowyn Day" at a recent meeting.

After Brynn Johnson suffered the worst experience a parent could endure with the death of her 17-month-old daughter Rowyn, who died after being accidentally run

over by a vehicle in their driveway, she founded the Raise for Rowyn organization in 2014 to assist others who have experienced the same pain and losses.

Due to all the good work Johnson and her organization have done since that time, and to honor the memory of Rowyn, Johnson's family and the Raise for Rowyn board



Rowyn Johnson

hosted a surprise party for Johnson Tuesday morning as Tenino Mayor Wayne Fournier presented Johnson with a copy of the resolution to make April 19 "Raise for Rowyn Day" in perpetuity in Tenino.

Johnson, who had no idea the city and her family were going to do this for her late daughter, arrived at the Raise for Rowyn headquarters on Sussex Avenue in Tenino

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# Judge Dismisses Charges Against Final Codefendant in Skookumchuck Wind Farm Manslaughter Case

**JONATHAN STRINGER DEATH:**  
*Prosecutors Lacked Sufficient Evidence to Pursue the Case, Judge Rules*

By Emily Fitzgerald  
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A Lewis County Superior Court judge has dismissed all charges against the last codefendant criminally accused of causing the death of a Chehalis man in a trench collapse during construction of the Skookumchuck Wind Farm in January 2020.

Kenneth P. DeShazer, 51, of Los Angeles, had been facing one count of first-degree manslaughter for his alleged involvement in the events leading to the death of 24-year-old Jonathan F. Stringer on Jan. 9, 2020.

DeShazer was one of five codefendants charged in August 2021 for Stringer's death.

Lewis County Superior Court Judge James Lawler dismissed all charges against the other four codefendants — worker Paul S. Csizsmar, 25; site foreman Matt Buckles, 43, of Edmond, Oklahoma; site manager Kurt Schwarting, 46, of Bakersfield, California; and site supervisor Joel A. Thome, 32, of West Lowville, New York — in January 2022.

In arguing for the dismissal of their clients' cases, the attorneys for DeShazer's codefendants argued that DeShazer's case was the only one where state prosecutors had enough evidence to allege the defendant acted in a way that led to the victim's death.

However, Lawler ruled Tuesday that prosecutors didn't have enough evidence to prove DeShazer caused Stringer's death.

DeShazer, Stringer and Csizsmar had been working to install a conduit under a culvert at the Skookumchuck Wind Farm site along the Lewis and Thurston county border on Jan. 9, 2020.

During the installation process, the conduit became jammed, and DeShazer entered the trench to set up rigging that would allow them to pull the conduit under the culvert using the excavator.

Due to poor weather and poor soil conditions, the trench walls collapsed on DeShazer



Kenneth Phillip DeSchazer appears in Lewis County Superior Court last August in Chehalis.



Thurston County Sheriff's Office

According to interviews with the Thurston County Sheriff's Office, around 25 employees took turns trying to dig out Jonathan Stringer, who was buried during a pair of trench collapses at the Skookumchuck Wind Farm on Jan. 9, 2020. Contractors told the sheriff's office around 30 minutes passed before they stopped hearing Stringer's screams.

while he was inside, burying him in an estimated 1-and-a-half feet of dirt. Csizsmar and Stringer then jumped into the trench to free DeShazer.

"I told John (Stringer) to get out of the trench, and he said 'No,'" said DeShazer in an interview that was quoted in the court documents. "He goes, 'I'm not letting you' — he goes, 'If you're going, I'm going,' and then he goes 'I'm going to save you.' That's his exact words ...

That's when it caved in on top of him."

Stringer, DeShazer and Csizsmar were all buried "in varying depths of soil" during the secondary collapse, according to court documents.

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

His body was recovered the next day.

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

While prosecutors argued DeShazer's actions were criminally negligent, Lawler ruled that the prosecutors' case didn't meet the burden of proof required by law for the case to continue to trial.

Lawler ruled that DeShazer didn't proximately cause Stringer's death — and even if proximate cause existed, "the fateful actions of Mr. Stringer, and the second collapse, were intervening and superseding causes of the death of Mr. Stringer, that relieve Mr. DeShazer of criminal liability," according to court documents.

"Mr. DeShazer was not the cause of the death of Mr. Stringer. He never took any action directing Mr. Stringer to enter the ditch. In reality, the company's failure to ensure a safe work environment is to blame for the death of Mr. Stringer," said DeShazer's attorney, D. Angus Lee, in an email to The Chronicle following Tuesday's ruling.

The Washington state Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) levied \$579,874 in fines against three companies



Jonathan F. Stringer

involved with the Skookumchuck Wind Farm project for worksite safety laws violations that L&I determined played a role in Stringer's death.

Roughly \$545,000 of those fines were issued to RES-Americas System 3 LLC, the main site contractor, which was cited for eight workplace violations, and parent company RES Americas Construction Inc., which was cited for six violations, according to previous Chronicle reporting. A third company, GEMS, a medical service contractor, was cited for one serious violation and fined \$4,200.

L&I approached the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office in early 2020 with the results of its preliminary investigation about the possibility of pursuing criminal charges, according to Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney Jonathan Meyer. It was around that time when Stringer's estate was negotiating a large settlement against RES-America, RES-America Construction and Weyerhaeuser, which owns the land the project was constructed on.

Stringer's family settled a wrongful death claim against those three companies for \$12 million in February 2021.

The settlement, according to probate case documents filed in the court, is believed to be "one of the largest payments for the wrongful death of a single individual in Washington state history, and may be tied for the largest such settlement."

The estate's beneficiaries include Stringer's daughter, who was 3 years old when the settlement was reached in March 2021. Stringer is also survived by his fiancée, Ashlee Thompson.

## News in Brief

### Thurston County First-Half Property Taxes Due April 30

By The Chronicle staff

April 30 is the deadline for Thurston County residents to pay their 2022 first-half property taxes.

Since the deadline falls on a Saturday this year, the law allows the payment to be made the next business day, so payments must be made by Monday, May 2, to avoid late fees being added.

Taxpayers may pay online at <http://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/treasurer> or by mail to 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia,

98502. Payments can also be dropped off in a secure drop box in the courthouse's parking lot at the same address or in person at the treasurer's office from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If paying by credit card there is a 2.35% transaction fee and a flat fee of \$3.95 for a VISA debit card payment.

Call 360-786-5550 or email [trs@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:trs@co.thurston.wa.us) for more information.

Property owners can also sign up for paperless property tax bills so they can receive future property tax bills electronically, saving paper and postage. For those who create an account, it comes with the option to

schedule a tax payment in advance of the due date, with email payment reminders being sent ahead of the due date.

### I-5 Toutle River Rest Areas to Close April 25 Through May 5 for Maintenance

By The Chronicle staff

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) maintenance crews will close the Toutle River rest areas in both directions of Interstate 5, located north of Castle Rock near milepost 54, for annual maintenance work from April

25 to May 5.

As such, travelers who need to take a break while on I-5 near Castle Rock should plan to stop elsewhere starting at 7 a.m. on April 25 and until 5 p.m. on May 5.

WSDOT maintenance crews will repair the water and plumbing systems, deep clean each location, repair damaged picnic areas, update the landscaping and conduct routine safety inspections of the electrical system.

### Twin Transit, Intercity Transit Signal Change in Masking Requirements

By The Chronicle staff

Twin Transit as well as Thurston County's Intercity Transit have signaled a change in masking policies on their outlets of public transportation, with Twin Transit expected to make its policy change public by the end of the week.

The policy changes come after the federal Transportation Security Administration (TSA) stated it would "no longer enforce its Security Directives and Emergency Amendment requiring mask use on public transportation and transportation

hubs" in a Monday statement.

The statement referred to the Monday ruling of the U.S. District Judge Kimball Mizelle, which declared the mask mandate on public transportation was unlawful. Mizelle was appointed to the court by former President Donald Trump.

"Based on council's advice, Twin Transit will be putting forth a policy aligned to recent court decisions," stated Andrea Culletto, Twin Transit communications director, in an email to The Chronicle.

"We anticipate implementing this policy by week's end and will make further announcements as needed to ensure our clients and community are aware of our most current policies and procedures."

Nicky Upson, senior marketing, communications and outreach coordinator for Intercity Transit, shared with The Chronicle a statement the transit authority made with its customers Tuesday declaring the transit's mask mandate is no longer in effect due to TSA's recent statement.

Intercity Transit stated it would still provide masks for people who want to wear them, and that the bullying of those who do so will not be tolerated.

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# Boys and Girls Club of Lewis County Hosts the ‘Most Important Meal of the Year’

By Isabel Vander Stoep

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Nothing goes better with biscuits and gravy than a young man's inspiring story of a community supporting him through trying times.

The Boys and Girls Club of Lewis County held a breakfast fundraiser on Wednesday morning called “The Most Important Meal of the Year.” Community members came to hear about the club's mission and impact.

Rome Zucati, the Lewis County club's first ever “Youth of the Year,” was struggling with trauma and transition when life circumstances brought him to his grandparents' home in Chehalis. But the Boys and Girls Club of Lewis County, he said, became a family to him.

“Without the Chehalis club, I have no idea how my story would have unfolded. I do know that without club, traumas like relocating, leaving my siblings and friends and starting high school through my teenage years would have been too overwhelming for me to handle alone,” Zucati said. “But, the thing is, I wasn't alone. I had club with me the whole time.”

Zucati now works for the Boys and Girls Club of Lewis County as a staff member supporting youth development programming.

The organization's mission, which was repeated many times during the breakfast fundraiser, is “to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, caring citizens.”

“That's a tall order,” said Dr. Amy King, a clinical psychologist who trains individuals and organizations on helping children through stress and trauma by building their resilience.

But through just one supportive adult in a kid's life, King said,



Executive Director Lauren Day welcomes attendees to “The Most Important Meal of the Year,” event hosted by the Boys and Girls Club of Lewis County at the Jester Auto Museum.



Rome Zucati, a club youth development staff member and first Youth of the Year for the Boys and Girls Club of Lewis County, smiles for a photo Wednesday in Chehalis.

their chances of reaching those goals are increased greatly.

In places like the Boys and Girls Club, King said, kids get the opportunity to be in safe, stable

relationships, which have a direct impact on health outcomes including social and emotional development. In short, relationships built through the club save



Marlie Miller and Brady Holmes introduce speakers during “The Most Important Meal of the Year,” event hosted at the Jester Auto Museum by the Boys and Girls Club of Lewis County.

lives, she said.

Zucati ended his testimony with: “I'm truly honored to pass along all the support and guidance I experienced to the next

generation of my kids.”

For more information on the Boys and Girls Club of Lewis County or to donate, visit <https://www.bgcchehalis.org/>.

## Boil Water Advisory Lifted for Vader After Repair of Water Facility Pump

By Isabel Vander Stoep

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Lewis County Public Works lifted its boil water advisory for Vader water on Wednesday after it was initially issued early Monday morning.

While the advisory was in place, Vader-area residents were instructed to use only boiled or bottled water for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth and food preparation.

According to Public Works

Director Josh Metcalf, a pump in the Vader water facility broke on Sunday night. The boil water advisory was in place until the pump was fixed and the treatment facility could be flushed.

Metcalf originally estimated the system would be “back online” near the end of day Tuesday.

The notice was issued through the Lewis County alerts system.

“The Vader water system is a surface water intake,” Metcalf said.

This means untreated water is drawn directly from the Cowlitz River. The facility then has two reservoirs, one full of treated water and one of “raw water,” Metcalf said, which is straight from the river. The raw water reservoir must be kept full in case of fires, so water must continue to be pumped from the river as it is drained.

The pump being broken meant raw water could be entering the treated water reservoir, therefore water being pulled

through residents' taps was potentially contaminated by river water, he said Monday. Though, Metcalf said on Wednesday there was “never” any raw water in the system, adding the advisory was issued because of “minimal levels in the reservoir and the chlorination time could not be achieved.”

High temperatures in boiling kill potentially harmful bacteria, viruses and parasites that could be found in the raw water, Metcalf said.

A company was at the facility replacing the pump by Monday afternoon.

Lewis County has managed Vader water since 2010, though city electeds and candidates have many times weighed the idea of taking back control of the system. According to Lewis County Commissioner Sean Swope, the county allocated \$3 million worth of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for Vader water in the last two weeks.

### News in Brief

#### Sen. Braun Calls for Special Session to Address High Gas Prices

By The Chronicle staff

In a news release Thursday, state Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia, called for a special legislative session to provide “tax and inflation relief” to Washington residents.

Braun, who serves as the minority leader in the state Senate, released his statement following the recent announcements that the national inflation rate had hit 8.5% and the state government had raised \$255 million more in taxes than had been projected in February.

“State government's financial picture keeps getting better while the affordability crisis keeps getting worse,” Braun said. “Higher costs ... are predictably harder on gig-economy and hourly-wage workers, and older people with fixed incomes. For younger people looking to become first-time homeowners or start a family, it's a real shock — and the Democrats don't seem to have any useful answers.”

Braun attacked Democrats for what he viewed as expanding government rather than “helping families with the rising cost of living” that he said Republicans had “offered idea after idea” for.

“In spite of a 15-billion-dollar budget surplus we couldn't get our Democratic colleagues to agree. They just poured most of those billions into making gov-

ernment even larger,” he said.

Braun said higher than expected revenue presented an opportunity to revisit a proposal to suspend the state gas tax that the Senate had voted 28-21 to not bring to the Senate floor for consideration near the end of this year's legislative session.

“If Democrats would just drop their resistance to providing inflation relief, we could easily meet in a one-day, remote special session to suspend the regressive gas tax,” he said.

The Republican leader argued that Democrats couldn't use Russia's invasion of Ukraine as a defense for rising gas prices, arguing that gas prices had been rising before the invasion. Braun cited a statement by Rep. Kim Schrier, a Democrat representing Washington's 8th congressional district, from before the invasion calling for a suspension of the federal gas tax through the end of the year.

In closing his statement, Braun criticized his Democratic colleagues in the Legislature for the transportation package that was passed during this year's session.

“The new transportation package they pushed through in Olympia this year may mean more bicycle lanes, and free transit for children, but it won't do a thing to help parents afford the gas to get to their jobs or to their kids' soccer games,” Braun said. “The governor ... and Democrat legislators should now join Republicans to make gas more affordable.”

#### Former Bureau of Reclamation Employee Receives \$1.7M Age Discrimination Judgment

By The Spokesman-Review

A former federal employee who handled real estate transactions for the Bureau of Reclamation in Ephrata was granted a nearly \$1.7 million judgment last week by a judge presiding over her age discrimination complaint. U.S. District Court Judge

Stanley Bastian approved on April 12 the judgment in favor of Kelly O'Kell after an 11-day bench trial held in Spokane in February. O'Kell convinced Bastian that she was passed up for a promotion that she was qualified for in 2016 in favor of a younger applicant with no experience working for the federal government, that her supervisors retaliated against her for filing an Equal Employment Opportunity claim against the bureau and that an investigation into her discrimination claims was delayed for nearly a year.

“She was glad and humbled to have the opportunity to hold

the government to account in a federal court,” said Matt Crotty, one of the attorneys based in Spokane representing O'Kell. “It's something that few people would be able to do.”

The Bureau of Reclamation is reviewing Bastian's judgment, said Michael Coffey, a regional public affairs officer for the bureau based in Boise.

“We are disappointed the court has not agreed with the agency's position,” Coffey said.

O'Kell was hired by the office, which handles water resource management for the U.S. Department of the Interior, in July 2014.

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# 'Badass' Lewis County Team Unites for Ukraine, Raises Tens of Thousands of Dollars in a Few Weeks

By Isabel Vander Stoep

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Imagine the scene in an action movie when the group of specialized team members first assembles: but the entire cast is people from Lewis County.

That's what it's been like in the first three weeks of a new local nonprofit, Unite for Ukraine. Already, the organization has contributed thousands of dollars to helping Ukrainian citizens in the midst of Russia's invasion.

Otto Rabe IV is a CPA in Chehalis. He served in the military for 22 years, including at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, before moving to the Twin Cities.

Like many across the globe, he and his son, Otto Rabe V, are horrified by the ongoing suffering of Ukrainian citizens.

"In 70 years ... this is the first time that we've had what you would call a 'peer-to-peer conflict,' which is a major superpower invading and damaging the sovereignty of a neighboring nation. That is super bad," Rabe said.

So the duo began looking for ways to help. Otto Rabe V signed up for a volunteer humanitarian mission, but was denied because he couldn't commit to a full month of service.

Instead of giving up there, Rabe said this just kickstarted their desire for action.

Rabe called a client of his. By the end of the phone call, the client — who has chosen to remain anonymous — had committed to donating \$30,000. The following week, Rabe had recruited Centralia Law's Todd Rayan for general counsel, Dr. Jennifer Polley — co-founder of Northwest Pediatrics — for medical counsel, the CEO of PC Technologies



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Otto Rabe IV talks about supplies being dropshipped and delivered to refugee camps around Poland.

to run a website and two local Ukrainian-Americans getting in contact with families on the ground in Ukraine.

In total, there are 15 Lewis County residents involved in the project, most of whom would prefer to stay anonymous. Rabe would have preferred to be unnamed as well, but he felt it was important to give the work some publicity with the hopes of recruiting more help and asking for donations.

"I want to be clear about the fact that I'm surrounded by about 15 people who are straight-up badass. Who, without their efforts, this would have gone nowhere,"

Rabe said.

Already, Unite for Ukraine has raised over \$45,000 and sent about \$13,000 to families and refugee hubs in Ukraine. Soon — The Chronicle is withholding the timeframe for his safety — Otto Rabe V will fly to Budapest, where he will meet with a boxcar loaded with \$20,000 of supplies funded by the local group. He will drive to locations near Ukraine's border to drop off equipment, which includes socks, underwear, USB cords to charge phones, eyeglasses and trauma kits.

"We gave the Washington State Ukrainian Association

\$5,000 to fill a plane to go over to Ukraine. We gave a church refugee camp in Tyachiv, which is on the border of Romania and Ukraine, \$5,000 to fund their food supplies and wood. We gave three — one church and two individual residences that are housing refugees — sums of money totaling around \$3,000 in Sumy, which is one of the hardest hit places," Rabe said.

The work has just begun, Rabe said, but he felt it would only continue to compel him more.

One of the things he was most proud of is how Unite for

Ukraine has been sending funds to an organization assisting orphans and mothers who have been having premature babies due to the stress of the war.

"There is no end to need. It just doesn't stop. That was one thing I didn't look at right," Rabe said. "The more you look at this, the more you're like ... I'm not 100% sure where this is going. But, I know where that \$30,000 is going."

Rabe also added: "I will drive anywhere to pick up a check."

To donate or learn more, visit <https://www.ukrainianhelpers.org/>.

## All the Omicron Variants You've Probably Never Heard of — and What They Mean for the Future of COVID

By The Seattle Times

New evolution of the coronavirus's omicron variant could mean the virus is becoming more "steady" and "flu-like," said Trevor Bedford, a leading infectious disease scientist in Seattle who has tracked the virus's genome since the pandemic began.

Local and global researchers are attempting to predict how the virus might evolve over the next year as new COVID-19 resources roll out, including the federal government's new pandemic early warning system launched on Tuesday.

One theory comes from a team led by Bedford, who studies the coronavirus and its evolution at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

The idea that the coronavirus will one day look similar to seasonal influenza has been widely discussed over the past year, though last winter's emergence

of omicron and its unusually rapid spread prompted a lot of questions about the theory. Now, more research about how omicron's subvariants have evolved has shed new light on the topic, Bedford said during a Tuesday webinar hosted by UW Medicine and Fred Hutch.

Since January, three omicron lineages have emerged — BA.1, BA.2 and BA.3 — with each differing in how they spread through communities, he noted. BA.2's advantage over BA.1, for example, appears to be that BA.2 is more transmissible, while omicron's spread last December was most likely due to waning population immunity.

Because BA.2 has become the dominant strain in the United States — including in Washington state — researchers expect further sublineages to stem from that subvariant, he said.

According to Bedford, the "one to watch," based on the number of mutations, is a sublineage spreading in New York and Massachusetts called BA.2.12.2. One noticeable mutation that appears in BA.2.12.2, Bedford said, is a mutation on the same spike that "appeared to have an important role in promoting the spread of (the delta variant)."

Lineages BA.4 and BA.5 have also been spreading in South Africa, and share a spike mutation with BA.1 and BA.2.

"All three of these then have about the same apparent advantage as BA.2 did over BA.1, so we'd expect a growth over the coming months, rather than these immediate, large epidemics," Bedford said Tuesday.

He added on Twitter that he generally expects future evolution to occur in a gradual accumulation of mutations in the coming months, similar to influenza viruses — rather than how omicron likely came about, which Bedford and other researchers think happened when the virus incubated in an immunocompromised person with a chronic infection for a year or more.

Some predictions aren't yet clear, however, and Bedford added that more recent, targeted experiments are needed.

In Washington, BA.2 continues to make up the largest proportion of circulating variants. The initial omicron strain accounts for 38.1% of variants, while BA.2 makes up about 61.9%, according to the state Department of Health's weekly sequencing and variants report.

Cases are still gradually ticking up in Seattle and King County, which this week is reporting an average of about 550 daily infections. Infection rates are highest in South King County, including in Auburn, Kent and Federal Way — which last week reported a 56% increase in

cases — while Bellevue, Issaquah and Mercer Island recently saw a 16% decrease in cases.

## Idaho Man Accused of Murder, Cannibalism

By The Spokesman-Review

A Bonner County, Idaho, man accused of murdering and eating parts of his victim was recently deemed competent to stand trial. James D. Russell is charged with first-degree murder and cannibalism in the September 2021 death of David Flaget.


A competency evaluation determined Russell, who was admitted after his arrest to the Idaho Security Medical Program, is fit for trial, according to KHQ. The evaluation was sent to an Idaho judge earlier this month.

This after he was ruled by a judicial officer in October as unfit to proceed, leading to the court-ordered mental competency evaluation. The 70-year-old Flaget, reportedly the groundskeeper for the Russell family property, was found by police dead in his pickup truck on the land along Lower Mosquito Creek Road in North Idaho. Police said investigators found postmortem mutilation on parts of Flaget's body, while other evidence — including a bloodied bowl and microwave — were seized from his apartment.

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Gary held leadership positions in both Grange and the International Order of Foresters, enjoying social outings with both organizations. Gary and Viola enjoyed being snowbirds in their motorhome, camping and boating on Hood's Canal, and spending time with family.

Gary is survived by his wife Viola, daughter Teri (Doug) Wright, stepson Ken Arnold, sister Bonnie (Cliff) Larson, brothers Allen (Karen), Bob (Carol) and Clyde (Sandy) Andrews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His parents, brother Phillip Andrews and stepson Wayne Arnold precede Gary in death.

Friends and family are welcome to gather for a graveside service at Alpha Cemetery in Onalaska, Washington, at 1 p.m. Friday April 29, 2022, with a luncheon reception following at the Virgil R. Lee Community Building, Chehalis, Washington.

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## No Injuries After Two-Vehicle Collision Takes Down Pole



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Police and a tow truck respond to the scene of a two-vehicle crash that occurred at East Floral Street and South Gold Street in Centralia on Tuesday afternoon. Police said there were no injuries, though a light pole was toppled during the crash.

### Sirens

#### CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT Burglary

- A woman was arrested in the 100 block of North Market Boulevard just before 8:30 a.m. on April 18 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for second-degree burglary after she allegedly used pliers to attempt to break into a residence.

#### Theft

- A catalytic converter was reported stolen from the 1200 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue at 9:15 a.m. on April 18.
- A third-degree theft reported in the 300 block of Southwest 16th Street just before 2:35 p.m. on April 18 is under investigation.
- An attempted vehicle theft was reported in the 1900 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue just before 3:15 p.m. on April 18.
- A person in the 500 block of Northwest Pacific Avenue reported his teeth were stolen a week ago just after 9:50 a.m. on April 19.
- A person in the 700 block of Southwest Cascade Avenue reported someone had accessed their online banking account and transferred \$800 to a different account around 1:35 p.m. on April 17.
- A person in the 1300 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue reported a welder had been stolen just after 7:50 p.m. on April 19. No arrests were made.

#### Hit-and-Run

- A hit-and-run was reported in the 300 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue at approximately 3:30 p.m. on April 18.
- A hit-and-run was reported at Southeast Washington Ave-

nue and Southeast Second Street at approximately 12:25 p.m. on April 19. The reporting party stated the person who hit her vehicle spit in the reporting party's face before leaving the scene.

#### Malicious Mischief

- At 6:20 p.m. on April 18, a caller in the 1600 block of Southwest Gails Avenue reported someone threw a rock through the back window of a vehicle. No arrests were made.

#### DUI

- A subject was arrested at the intersection of Southwest First Street and South Market Boulevard at approximately 5:25 a.m. on April 19 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for allegedly driving under the influence after they were involved in a non-injury, two-vehicle collision.

#### Dispute

- A physical dispute between a man and a woman was reported in the 500 block of North Market Boulevard just after 7 a.m. on April 19. No arrests were made.

#### Suspicious Vehicle

- A caller reported a blue Saturn was parked in the 1100 block of South Market Boulevard just before 8:55 a.m. on April 19. The reporting party stated the person in the driver's seat was "passed out." The passenger of the vehicle reportedly walked through the parking lot while they looked into other vehicles.

#### Suspicious Circumstance

- A woman called police just before 10:50 a.m. on April 19 to report a window was open at her

rental house in the 100 block of Southwest 12th Street, which indicated a possible trespassing incident was in progress. The reporting party asked police to meet her at the home which had signs stating the property was condemned. No arrests were made.

- A person called police just before 6:50 p.m. on April 19 to report that someone in a green pickup truck dumped trash in McFadden Park in the 500 block of Southeast Hilltop Road. No arrests were made.

#### Animal Neglect

- A person called police at 2:45 p.m. on April 19 to report the abuse of one to two cats in the 1500 block of North National Avenue. The reporting party stated he inspected the apartment of the person who was out of town and found waste "all over" the apartment. No arrests were made.

#### CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Vehicle Prowl

- Money and documents were reported stolen from a vehicle parked in the 300 block of N Street just after 8:20 a.m. on April 19. No arrests were made

#### Assault

- A parent of a student reported her child had been assaulted by another student in the 900 block of Johnson Road at around 8:45 a.m. on April 19. The case is under investigation.

#### Vehicle Theft

- A vehicle was reported stolen sometime over the last 24 hours by an unknown suspect in

the 900 block of F Street shortly before 1:05 p.m. on April 19. No arrests were made.

#### Accident

- A two-vehicle, non-injury collision was reported in the 1200 block of South Gold Street just before 3:35 p.m. on April 19. A city street light pole was damaged by one of the vehicles that collided with it.

#### Fight

- Two individuals were cited for fighting in public in the 1200 block of Harrison Avenue just after 11:32 p.m. on April 19. A 35-year-old and a 21-year-old were arrested and released.

#### Vehicular Assault

- Alexander J. Perez, 26, of Centralia, was arrested for vehicle assault after he reportedly drove impaired and crashed into another vehicle, injuring the other driver. The incident took place just before 3:30 a.m. on April 20 at H Street and West First Street.

### Death Notices

- JUNIOR THEODORE MATHIS**, Lacey, died April 15 at Roo Lan Health and Rehab. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. April 23 at Lone Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Fir Lawn Funeral Chapel.
- TOMAS LEROY BUTLER**, Winlock, died April 8 at Providence St. Peter Hospital. Arrangements are under the care of Fir Lawn Funeral Chapel.
- BEVERLE LOU DAVIS**, 86, Marysville, died April 11 at Providence Regional Medical Center, Everett. Arrangements are under the care of Funeral Alternatives of Washington.
- JOSEPH WERT TYLER**, 40, Chehalis, died April 13 at his residence. Arrangements are under the care of Funeral Alternatives of Washington.
- VERA JEANETTE FIFIELD**, 90, Chehalis, died April 16 at home. Arrangements are under the care of Funeral Alternatives of Washington.
- DALE "DWAYNE" D. GOODRICH**, 40, Castle Rock, died April 14. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home.
- RUDOLF J. WEYRAUCH**, 91, Castle Rock, died April 9 at his residence. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home.
- SHIRLEY J. LANNOVE**, Chehalis, died April 11 at home. Arrangements are under the care of Fir Lawn Funeral Chapel.
- THOMAS MICHAEL TERCEK**, Centralia, died Feb. 22 at home. Arrangements are under the care of Fir Lawn Funeral Chapel.
- KIME RANDALL GRIFFITH**, Centralia, died April 9 at Providence Centralia Hospital. Arrangements are under the care of Fir Lawn Funeral Chapel.

### News in Brief

the number of people employed in Lewis County increased from February to March, rising by 192 new workers.

That increase in employment was offset by an increase of 12 in the number of unemployed workers in Lewis County. Overall, there was an increase of 204 in the size of Lewis County's labor force.

Meanwhile, the state's overall unemployment rate fell by 0.3%, declining from 4.6% to 4.3%.

The statewide labor force actually saw a slight decrease in March, falling by 3,120 individuals.

The decline in the unemployment rate was driven by a sharp

drop in unemployment of 11,486 individuals accompanied by an 8,366 increase in the number of employed workers in the state.

Elsewhere, Thurston County saw a 0.1% increase in its unemployment rate, rising from 4.9% to 5.0%. In Pacific County, there was a 0.3% increase in the unemployment rate, from 7.6% in February to 7.9% in March. Grays Harbor County also saw a 0.1% increase in unemployment from 7.5% to 7.6%. Cowlitz County's unemployment rate saw a slight decrease of 0.2%. Meanwhile, Wahkiakum County saw a 0.9% decrease in its unemployment rate, which declined from 7.2% to 6.3%.

## Lewis County Unemployment Rate Holds Steady at 6.5% in March

By The Chronicle staff

Lewis County's March unemployment rate remained unchanged from February at 6.5%, according to new data released by the Washington State Employment Security Department.

February's unemployment rate is itself a downward revision of .1% from 6.6% to 6.5%.

However, while the unemployment rate stayed the same,

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# Opinion

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## Make a Mistake? You Should Hang a Lantern on It

I have been a student of leadership for many years, which means I try to learn all I can about effective leadership.

One of the life lessons I have learned that translated well to leadership is we must be honest with ourselves and especially with others. Being honest with ourselves and others means we need to admit when we are wrong. Admitting you were wrong is never easy, but it's necessary. Do you admit when you are wrong?



By Richard Stride

By admit, I mean, not only to yourself, which is harder than it sounds, but to those you love, to your colleagues or to your employees. If you have a hard time admitting when you screw up, this month's column is for you.

### COMMENTARY: Cookies on the Bottom Shelf

Now let's be straight here. No one likes to admit they were wrong. But permit me to share with you the immense benefits of admitting when you are wrong.

I attended a National Behavioral Health Conference a while back. One of the keynote speakers was Chris Matthews, from the television show "Hardball." Do you remember his show?

Matthews, on his show, talked mostly about politics and politicians. His show was on CNBC and then MSNBC before it was canceled in 2020. At the conference, he talked about politicians, politics and leadership, among other topics.

I was duly impressed with his speech, so I bought his book. His 1988 book I bought is "Hardball: How Politics is Played Told By the One Who Knows

the Game." His show "Hardball" came from the title of his book. His book is filled with stories of politics and lessons concerning leadership principles.

It was a very good read for aspiring leaders, or for anyone for that matter.

One chapter I found particularly intriguing is titled "Hang a Lantern on Your Problem," which basically means let your wrongs be known. In fact, not only make them known, but shine a light on your wrongs for everyone to see.

In this chapter of the book, Matthews tells stories of leaders taking responsibility for their mistakes and mishaps. One incident he talks about concerns Ronald Reagan.

In November 1986, President Reagan asserted, to the world, that no arms were shipped to

Iran in exchange for hostages. You may not remember the scandal, but at the time, it was a big deal.

President Reagan later had to reverse that assertion. Not only did he admit he was wrong, but he did so on national television.

Talk about shining a light on his problem. Wow.

Here is what he said in a nationally televised event on March 4, 1987, from the Oval Office: "A few months ago I told the American people that I did not trade arms for hostages . . . The facts and the evidence tell me that's not true. Now, what should happen when you make a mistake is this: you take your knocks, you learn your lessons, and then you move on . . . You know, by the time you reach my age, you've made plenty of mistakes. And if you have lived your life properly, so you learn. You put things in perspective. You pull your energies together. You

change. You go forward."

Take your knocks and move on. I like it. The lesson is, don't shy away when you're wrong. Admit when you make a mistake and move on. No one expects you to be perfect. Admit it when you've messed things up. Admit it when you have wronged someone. Admit it when you are less than what you should have been.

In other words, take responsibility for your mishaps. Everybody appreciates an honest and humble admission. Humbly admitting that you made a mistake will make you a better co-worker, leader, friend, husband, wife, partner, mom or dad.

So take a lesson from President Ronald Reagan and hang a lantern on your problem. You will be glad you did.

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

## Miscellaneous Thoughts

You've read it before, haven't you? I mean the part where this so-called columnist complains about an overcrowded drawer in his file cabinet just bulging with bits and pieces that he thought would make the base for a full column because he didn't want to throw any away.

Here — in no chronological or sensible order — is about 600 words demonstrating just such a situation.

Did you ever think about:

1. Only one person can be the first to do what "couldn't be done."

2. A showing of an early program in the TV series "M\*A\*S\*H" demonstrates that it began as a series based only on laughs but slowly became an argument against the horrors (and senselessness) of war.

3. Scam phone callers ought to be taught how to speak in a manner that doesn't immediately display them as a person who couldn't find a decent job — and that this one may be their last resort.

4. If a tear begins to come to your eye when you remember how you felt in the movie "Casablanca" when Humphrey Bogart says to Ingrid Bergman, "We'll always have Paris," you may have gone through the same experience yourself at one time.

5. If you're old enough to remember the musical quartet that called themselves "The Hoosier Hot Shots" and heard an old recording today, you'll realize that they weren't as talented as you thought they were at the time. Perhaps that's why few people today have heard of them.

6. You wish that the TV show "Northern Exposure" would have paid whatever they had to to keep Rob Morrow as Dr. Joel Fleishman. He may not have been your favorite character but the program fell to pieces when he was let go. Along the same line, the program "Death in Paradise" is still running but I, for one, stopped watching when Ben Miller was let go as the inexperienced head of police. Good news! Reruns are bringing

him back.

7. Melting glaciers means eventually diminishing amounts of water for electric power. So, if the predictions for automobiles all eventually switching to electricity are correct, where is the staggering amount of electricity going to come from?

8. And it's time to ask my semi-perpetual, semi-annual question: Why are so many local people who came here — and stayed — often so anxious to change us into something closer to what they left? Have they never tried to drive on Centralia's Harrison Avenue on a weekday afternoon?

9. What is the past tense of sneeze? Snoze? Sneezed sounds so sterile to me.

10. Why do people say "forever" when they really mean something less than eternal?

11. I guess I don't qualify as being macho when my favorite sport to watch is a tennis tournament. Outside of boxing and wrestling, it's the only sport where one person is pitted against one other (I get bored, though, watching tennis doubles).

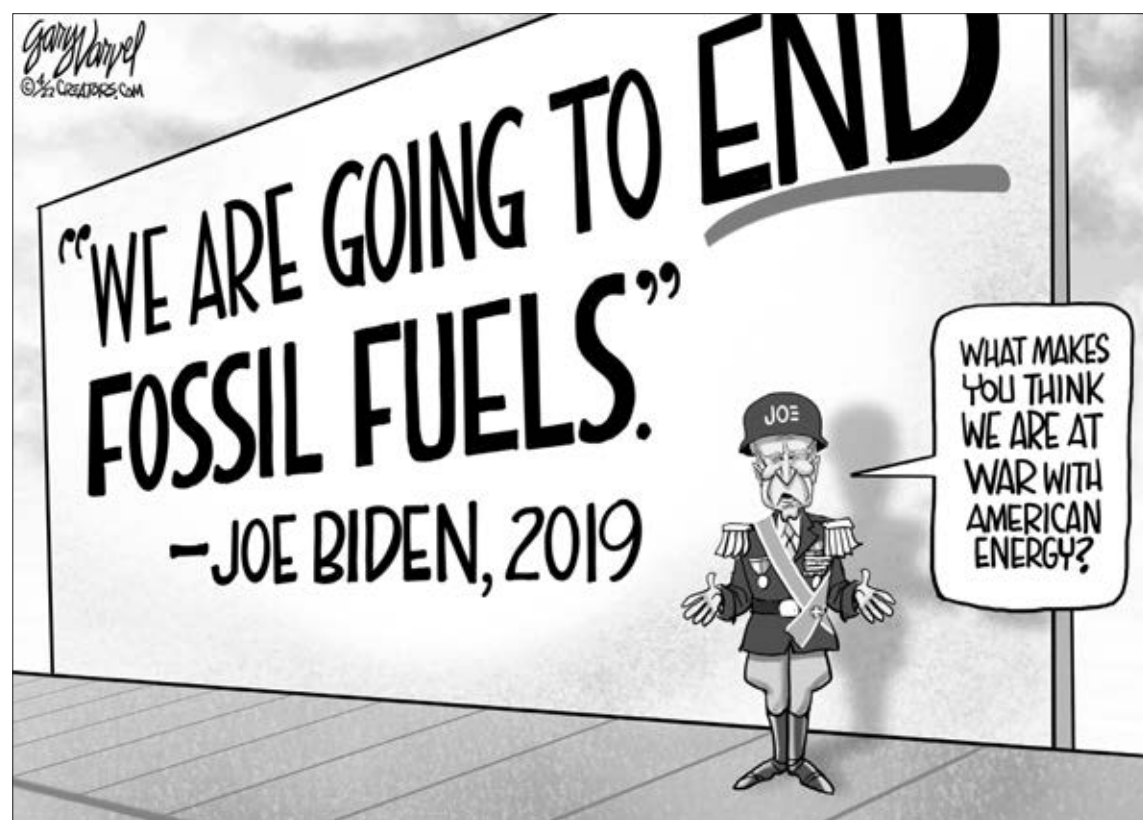
12. If you had a chance to go back to any part of your past life, what would it be? After pondering the various ups and down in my life, I'd have to answer that it would be when we first moved here and lived in a huge old house that sat on 5 acres of cleared pasture land and the children could help feed the animals and could build a fort in a wooded area across the street and we couldn't even see the houses of our nearest neighbors but had an unobstructed view of Mount Rainier.

13. Here's a quote from Garrison Keillor: "Committees are God's way of preventing change." This would seem especially appropriate in our current political scene.

And, sadly, the "committees" that produced the changes and solutions of the 60s — ERA, civil rights, etc. — have shown how tentative those solutions might be!

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### Letters to the Editor

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### Insurance Commissioner's Credit Score Ban Is Wrong

My husband and I live on a fixed income. We have paid our bills, been productive in our work and communities, earned a very good credit rating and have downsized to accommodate our much reduced income now that we are both retired. No one could have predicted the impact of COVID-19 on Washington state.

Our governor declared a statewide state of emergency, which appears to be unending. The impact on jobs, medium and low income citizens has been enormous. Now, the Washington insurance commissioner has passed a ban that prohibits insurance companies from using credit rate scoring in determining rates.

While I applaud the idea of helping those whose incomes were wiped out or severely reduced due to the pandemic, it is apparent someone hasn't truly factored the impact on citizens who are living on fixed incomes. These are the retired senior citizens, those with medical disabilities and others who for a variety of reasons are already struggling to stretch their budgets to increased food and fuel costs, the increases in purchased goods as the companies providing them pass on the costs of fuels, supplies, etc. There is a ripple effect

which will only compound the financial insecurity.

When we received a renewal notice from our car insurance company, we were shocked. Our agent is also struggling to comprehend the impact on their clients. How much of an increase? About 25%. Our rates are already increasing because of our ages and it appears will increase every year.

How can the insurance commissioner justify that ban? RCW 448.02.060 (4) appears to tie that action to a time when the governor has declared a state of emergency. Gov. Jay Inslee's state of emergency should have ended quite some time ago. If not, we can only see that one by one, another agency will add another rule, another ban, another mandate, which will destroy budgets already stretched to breaking.

What is being done to end the state of emergency and prevent one left leaning politician to enable others in office to bring greater instability to our citizens? How can the insurance commissioner's ban be revoked? It's been challenged in court and he's lost, but somehow it's still happening.

As our insurance agent gently suggested, write to the politicians who represent the citizens of Washington and share the impact of these declarations and bans on your life. We will, and we hope that many of you will do the same.

### Strengthen the Guardrails of Presidential Power

Republicans and Democrats should be able to agree that no president, regardless of party, should be able to obstruct and undermine the will of the American people or exploit weaknesses in our political system for personal gain.

That's where the Protecting Our Democracy Act comes in. If passed, it would prevent future abuse of presidential power and corruption, increase transparency and ensure presidents of either party can be held accountable.

Strengthening the guardrails on presidential power is just common sense. If the average person used their office for personal gain, they'd go to jail. If the average person could pardon themselves, there would be no rule of law.

No president should be above the law. That's why I'm urging Congress to pass the Protecting Our Democracy Act. We must prevent future presidents of any party from abusing the power of their office.

Sincerely,

WALTER ABPLANALP  
Lewis County

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# Rochester's Northwest Grind Coffee Stand Eyes Expansion

By Daniel Warn

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Crystal Bundy, the owner of popular Rochester coffee stand Northwest Grind, has made plans to expand the service to a second location, located on Yelm Highway and Burnett Road.

The “Yelm Public Notices” webpage shows that Bundy has turned in an application with the city of Yelm to begin the development process on what is listed as “Bundy Commercial Center.”

The plans, Bundy said, are to build the coffee stand first — at 9243 Burnett Road SE — by October, and then build a shopping center the following year on the same acre of property she bought a couple of years ago.

“The next (Northwest Grind) is going to be slightly bigger,” Bundy told The Chronicle. “I have a surprise that I’m not going to announce yet, but it’s going to be coffee and something else.”

She said she prides herself and her employees on being customer service minded, always going the extra mile for their customers.

“Our coffee shop is super popular,” Bundy said. “We’re crazy busy. We’re known not only for our wonderful drinks, but we’re kind of over the top. We’re ‘extra,’ as you would say.”

Like the one in Rochester, the stand will have a drink of the month that’s some form of a 32-ounce blended drink that has all sorts of yummy treats on top. Take this month’s special, for example. It’s the “S’more Northwest Coffee Please” drink that’s a blended, 32-ounce beverage with whipped cream, toasted marshmallows, gram crackers, chocolate and a cherry on top.

But as Bundy said, customer service is queen at the shop, and if a drink doesn’t come out right, Northwest Grind’s guarantee on all drinks allows the baristas to make a new one for free.

Bundy said she even prefers if someone tastes their drink before they pull away from the stand, just so everyone can be 100% sure the customer is satisfied, with a new drink on the way if the first doesn’t stand up to scrutiny.

When a customer drives up to the stand’s window, Bundy said the goal will be to answer



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From left, Tricia Howard, Ellie Barrios, Brittany Frailey and Liz Yates pose for a photo outside Northwest Grind in Rochester.

the call to service within three seconds.

The shop also sells branding merchandise, fresh food that’s never been frozen, and each drink comes with a candy on top.

She said she knows that the coffee market can be competitive, but that her policy is that no employee of hers ever talks bad about competing businesses, saying that “we’re all good vibes.”

“Sometimes people tend to bad-talk other businesses,” Bundy said. “Especially coffee shops. People will try to talk bad about other coffee shop people. And we don’t do that. We don’t play that game.”

Ultimately, Bundy said she’s heard wonderful things about the Yelm community and hopes

to receive the kind of welcome she’s heard is possible.

A family-owned and operated institution, Rochester’s Northwest Grind opened four years ago at 10408 U.S. Highway 12 SW, in Rochester to wild success, Bundy said. The Bundys originally planned for the mini storage business they own on the same plot of land to be the star of the show, but all that changed on day one.

“The first day we opened, it was a big hit, and I knew it,” Bundy said. “I knew at that time that this was going to be something big, that it was going to be special. I would have never imagined. And I definitely never dreamed of having more than one. I don’t know, I didn’t think about it, but

it’s definitely a good thing.”

The Rochester store hosts seasonal pop-up markets, with the first one of the year being May 7, where about 25 vendors will open up shop in the parking lot, selling their local products and services. Bundy expects to conduct similar events at the Yelm store.

And business has been good at Rochester, Bundy said, reporting that each month’s sales have been better than the last.

With most of its operating life being concurrent with the COVID-19 pandemic, Northwest Grind has worked to be a place of solace during hard times, even offering a few drinks on the house to people going through a hard time, Bundy said.

“The times are stressful and challenging, but we never slowed down,” she said. “We just try to make everyone’s day better. I mean, we have people that come through, and they are very upset. Their jobs are in question, or someone’s sick in their family. We lend an ear and ... try to make their day a little bit better.”

Bundy and her team believe in charity and giving back, recently donating a portion of their proceeds to a Rochester family that lost a home in a fire.

“It makes us feel good that we can contribute anything, and Rochester has just really taken us in with open arms, and I feel like Yelm is going to be the same way,” Bundy said.

## Lewis County Man Extradited for Allegedly Failing to Register as Sex Offender

By Emily Fitzgerald

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A man convicted of third-degree rape in Lewis County in September 2020 has been arrested for allegedly failing to properly register as a sex offender with the Lewis County Sheriff’s Office.

Tony L. Jackson, 55, was sentenced to six months in prison on Sept. 30, 2020, for sexually assaulting a woman in Centralia.

Because the conviction was a felony sex offense, state law required Jackson to register as a sex offender upon his release. He is currently registered as a transient offender in Lewis County, which requires him to check in at the Lewis County Sheriff’s Office every Monday, according to court documents.

Jackson was allegedly one day late to check in the first week of March 2022 and was warned that “subsequent violations would re-

sult in his arrest,” according to court documents.

He checked in as required for the next three weeks but allegedly failed to check in the week of March 28.

Neither the Lewis County Sheriff’s Office nor the Department of Corrections heard from Jackson by the end of the week, and Lewis County Superior Court issued a warrant for Jackson’s arrest on Monday, April 4.

Jackson was arrested in Mult-

nomah County, Oregon, the next day and has since been extradited back to Lewis County.

“Mr. Jackson would like for me to express great frustration for him on the underlying 2020 matter,” said Defense Attorney Rachael Tiller during Jackson’s preliminary hearing on the new failure to register charge on Tuesday.

This case is not the first that has required Lewis County to extradite Jackson from out of state, according to Deputy Prosecutor

Joe Bassetti.

Jackson was extradited out of California for failing to register and escaping community custody in April 2021, according to Bassetti, and had an escape from community custody case in September 2021. He was convicted in both cases.

“Clearly, Mr. Jackson is having trouble following court orders,” said Bassetti on Tuesday.

Judge James Lawler set Jackson’s bail at \$10,000.

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murder and unlawful imprisonment. He pleaded not guilty at arraignment and was ordered held without bail.

According to court documents, Perez is believed to have issues with his mental health. The court ordered that he undergo a mental health evaluation.

Pierce County Sheriff’s Department deputies began investigating after a 911 caller told dispatchers that her son had killed his grandfather. Deputies responded and arrested Perez at the Frederickson home without incident. According to charging documents, Perez allegedly told detectives he choked his grandfather.

Deputies reported that the victim appeared to have suffered blunt force trauma to the back of the head, court documents state.

### Car Charging Stations Coming to Washington’s Scenic White Pass Thanks to a Tri-Cities Agency

By The Tri-City Herald

Charging an electric car

along one of Washington state’s most scenic drives will be easier thanks to Energy Northwest in Richland.

The agency is leading work to add eight more options for charging along the White Pass Scenic Byway as it winds past the shadows of Mount Rainier, Mount St. Helens and Mount Adams.

Energy Northwest already has helped with installation of electric vehicle charging stations in eastern and central Washington, including in Kennewick, Pasco, Richland, Connel, Prosser, George, Cle Elum, Ellensburg and Yakima in recent years.

But the 110 miles of U.S. Highway 12 from near Naches west to Mary’s Corner has remained an underserved corridor for electric vehicle drivers.

“The White Pass Scenic Byway is a beautiful drive and there are amazing recreational opportunities all along the way,” said Maree Lerchen, White Pass Scenic Byway organization president.

“We’re thrilled that EV drivers who want to get out and explore ... can do so without the worry of where they can charge their ve-

hicles.”

The Federal Highway Administration calls the scenic byway Washington state’s best roadway for wildlife watching, passing through habitat for elk, bald eagles, mountain goats, big-horn sheep, black bears and other animals.

There are more outdoor recreational opportunities along its length — including for camping, wilderness hiking, fishing, snowmobiling and hang-gliding — than anywhere else in the south Cascade Mountain region, it says.

Adding charging stations on the White Pass Scenic Byway also will help connect travelers between eastern and western Washington.

The new stations are expected to be finished by the end of the year and will include at least one DC fast charger and one Level 2 charger at each site.

Energy Northwest secured two grants for the charging station project — a \$1.15 million grant from the Clean Energy Fund of the Washington state Department of Commerce and a \$667,000 grant from the Trans-Alta Coal Transition Fund.

The work to add more charg-

ing stations comes as the Washington state Legislature set a new goal in the state’s transportation plan for only electric vehicles to be sold in the state just eight years from now.

“Energy Northwest is striving to help Washington state meet its climate goals and looking to ways we can make an impact in both the energy and transportation sectors,” said Greg Cullen, Energy Northwest’s vice president for energy services and development.

“As transportation evolves, getting the infrastructure in place is vital for communities across Washington,” he said.

Transportation is the state’s largest source of polluting greenhouse gas emissions, according to the Washington state Department of Commerce.

The charging station project is a collaboration between Energy Northwest and Lewis County PUD and Twin Transit, with support from the Benton REA, the White Pass Scenic Byway organization and communities along Highway 12.

Once the stations are operating, drivers can find them on the PlugShare website and mobile app.

### 80-Year-Old Man Alleged to Have Been Killed by Grandson in Pierce County Identified

By The News Tribune

An 80-year-old man who Pierce County prosecutors have alleged was killed by his 27-year-old grandson at their Frederickson home was identified Monday by the Pierce County medical examiner.

Raymond Plattner of Tacoma died April 12 in the 16500 block of 50th Avenue Court East, according to a news release from the Pierce County Medical Examiner’s Office.

The man’s cause and manner of death are pending, which is a temporary designation when more investigation or test results are required.

According to the county’s website, the medical examiner classifies manner of death as one of five categories: accident, homicide, natural, suicide and undetermined.

Plattner’s grandson, Antonio Ray Perez, was charged the day after the victim’s death with first-degree murder, second-degree



# Man Accused of Shooting at Semi-Truck Near Mineral

By Emily Fitzgerald  
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Bail has been set at \$100,000 for a Spanaway man accused of firing three shots at a semi-truck on southbound state Route 7 near Mineral on Monday.

The defendant, Denny J. N. Felt, 28, had allegedly been following the semi-truck in a red four-door Volkswagen in an attempt to make the driver of the semi-truck stop, according to court documents.

The driver of the semi-truck told law enforcement that the situation started as a "road rage incident" in Pierce County, where Felt reportedly attempted to overtake the semi-truck and then fell behind. Felt then reportedly continued to follow the semi-truck into Lewis County, allegedly passing the semi-truck "in a double yellow zone and then slammed on his brakes" while "flipping (the semi-truck driver) off," according to court documents.

The driver of the semi-truck stated he heard a gunshot while passing Pleasant Valley Road on state Route 7 and when he looked into his mirror, he "heard two more gunshots and could see two muzzle flashes," according to court documents.

The semi-truck was later taken to a mechanics shop and was actively searched for bullet holes, but neither the driver nor the mechanics were able to find "any obvious impact locations."

The Washington State Patrol was dispatched to mile marker



Denny J. N. Felt, 28, of Spanaway, appears virtually in Lewis County Superior Court on Tuesday.

13 on state Route 7 on reports of a red four-door Volkswagen "traveling behind a semi-truck, flashing its lights, making hand gestures and attempting to pass in a no passing zone," according to court documents.

A deputy with the Lewis County Sheriff's Office and an officer with the Morton Police Department soon located the Volkswagen and contacted the driver, later identified as Felt.

The deputy and the officer asked Felt if he had a firearm, and Felt reportedly said "yes" and pointed to his lap. The officers found no weapon in his lap, but a firearm — later identified as a Smith & Wesson SD9

VE semi-automatic pistol — was observed "in open view on the front passenger seat," according to court documents.

Officers also located a knife and a "glass smoking device" on Felt, according to court documents.

The gun contained 13 rounds with one in the chamber, according to court documents. Felt reportedly advised law enforcement he regularly carried the firearm with 16 rounds in the magazine and no round in the chamber.

When asked about the incident with the semi-truck, Felt allegedly said "the semi-truck driver almost 'made him die,' "he was upset at how the semi-

truck driver was driving" and "he was trying to make the semi-truck stop," according to court documents. Felt allegedly admitted to shooting at the semi-truck two to three times "to get the driver's attention."

When asked "if he thought this was the best thing to do," Felt allegedly said "no, I can guarantee you it wasn't the best thing to do," according to court documents.

The deputy reportedly smelled the odor of marijuana while speaking with Felt and noticed Felt's "speech seemed slurred at times and he was disoriented when first asked where the firearm was located," according to court documents.

Felt allegedly admitted to smoking a blunt or a joint three to four hours before the law enforcement contacted him.

Felt was booked into the Lewis County Jail at 2:20 a.m. on Tuesday and has since been charged with one count each of drive-by-shooting and reckless endangerment.

He appeared in Lewis County Superior Court for a preliminary hearing later that afternoon, where Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Joe Bassetti asked Judge James Lawler to set bail at \$100,000.

Bassetti acknowledged that Felt had no criminal convictions, but said the facts of the case were "very troubling to the state" and based on those allegations, the state believes Felt "presents a significant community safety risk."

Defense Attorney Rachael Tiller argued for bail to be set no higher than \$20,000, citing Felt's lack of criminal convictions and a stable living situation.

"Despite the lack of history and ... the things that point to stability, we have an incident here where he's accused of firing a gun on a freeway, endangering all sorts of people," said Lawler in response.

Lawler stated that he agreed with Bassetti's concerns about community safety and granted Bassetti's request for \$100,000 bail.

Felt's next court appearance is an arraignment hearing scheduled for Thursday, April 21.

## Lewis County to Hold Two Earth Day Recycling Events on Saturday

By The Chronicle staff

Lewis County residents will

have the opportunity to recycle a variety of items at two locations this Saturday as part of Earth Day 2022 celebrations, the county announced on Tuesday.

Sensitive documents and styrofoam will be accepted in the

parking lot at the Lewis County Central Transfer Station, 1411 S. Tower Ave., Centralia, starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Sensitive documents can be dropped off until 1 p.m. and styrofoam can be dropped off until 4 p.m.

Customers may drop off up to three bags or boxes of documents to shred. Block styrofoam and food service styrofoam may be dropped off in clear, plastic bags, if it is clean, dry and free of tape or labels.

A community recycling event will also take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the old Winlock Drop Box, located at 1105 Winlock-Vader Road.

E-cycle collection, styrofoam recycling and household hazardous waste collection will be offered during the event.

Each household is limited to two electronic two items, such as televisions, computer monitors and CPUs.

Households are also limited to recycling no more than 10 compact fluorescent lights, 5 gallons of motor oil and 5 gallons of antifreeze. No residential dwelling paint and no containers larger than 5 gallons will be accepted.

No garbage or other materials will be accepted at either location, according to the county.

Participants at either event should be prepared to provide proof of residency as the event is limited to Lewis County residential customers only, stated the county in a news release.

The events are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Certain recycling opportunities may end early, if containers fill up, stated the county.

Both recycling events are sponsored by the Lewis County Department of Public Works

Solid Waste Utility, the state Department of Ecology and E-Cycle Washington. A Department of Ecology grant is providing partial funding to pay for the community recycling events, according to the county.

Anyone with questions is encouraged to call 360-740-1451 or email swu@lewiscountywa.gov.

## State Patrol Investigating Cause of Death of Man Found in Olympia

By The Olympian

An investigation is underway after a Washington State Patrol trooper came across a deceased man behind the Heritage Park public bathroom building in Olympia on Monday morning.

Sgt. Darren Wright said a trooper came across the 27-year-old man behind the bathroom during a wellness check at around 5:15 a.m. The area was taped off for an investigation, which is being conducted by WSP and the Thurston County Coroner's Office.

Wright said police don't believe there's any danger posed to the public, and they aren't expecting any foul play to have been involved.

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# Man Charged for Allegedly Hiding Missing Girl Near Mineral

By Emily Fitzgerald

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A Tacoma man accused of fleeing King County with his 15-year-old daughter in January is facing felony charges after deputies with the Lewis County Sheriff's Office located the pair camping near Mineral earlier this month.

The 15-year-old had been listed as a missing and endangered juvenile in the Washington Crime Information Center (WCIC) and National Crime Information Center (NCIC) systems since the defendant, Kamel Hasim Mallette, 45, of Tacoma, allegedly assaulted the girl's mother and fled with the girl in the mother's vehicle on Jan. 10.

The girl's mother is her legal primary custodial parent per a signed parenting plan in King County, according to court documents. Mallette allegedly "has continually and repeatedly refused to return (the girl) to her mother," ac-



Kamel Hasim Mallette, 45, of Tacoma, makes a video appearance in Lewis County Superior Court.

ording to court documents.

A deputy with the Lewis County Sheriff's Office located the mother's stolen vehicle on Feb. 5 and determined Mallette and the girl "were possibly camping in the mountains in the Mineral area" but was unable to locate them, according to court documents.

ments.

On April 13, someone notified the sheriff's office that the girl had called her mother from the Mineral General Store, according to court documents. A deputy spoke with several witnesses in Mineral and was advised that Mallette and the girl

had been in town earlier that day. The witnesses advised they believed the pair were camping off of U.S. Forest Service Road 74 near Mineral.

Upon investigating that location, the deputy "found two fresh sets of prints in the snow, and tracked those tracks up the logging road," according to court documents.

The deputy found Mallette at his campsite around 10:30 p.m. that evening.

When contacted by the deputy, Mallette allegedly had the girl "run into the tree line in the deep snow as he ran into the tree line in the opposite direction," according to court documents. Mallette reportedly refused to obey "clear verbal directions" from the deputy and "based upon officer safety issues," the deputy left the area.

Mallette was charged with one count each of first-degree custodial interference, domestic violence and second-degree

criminal mistreatment, domestic violence on April 15. Judge James Lawler signed a \$250,000 warrant for Mallette's arrest.

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office took him into custody that evening.

While Deputy Prosecutor Joe Bassetti asked Lawler during Mallette's preliminary hearing on Monday to maintain that \$250,000 bail, Lawler opted to reduce the bail amount to \$50,000.

"That (\$250,000 amount) was in order to get Mr. Mallette into custody and he is here now, so that concern is gone," Lawler said.

However, Lawler said he agreed with Bassetti's concerns regarding community safety and Mallette's ability to follow court orders, citing those as his reasons for denying Defense Attorney Rachael Tiller's request for Mallette to be released.

Mallette's next court appearance is an arraignment hearing scheduled for Thursday, April 21.

# \$250,000 Bail Set for Man Extradited for Allegedly Abusing Two Children in Morton

By Emily Fitzgerald

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An Oregon man accused of sexually abusing two children in Morton between 2016 and 2019 has been extradited from California on multiple felony charges related to the alleged abuse.

The man is not being identified by The Chronicle to protect the identities of the victims, who were both younger than 12 when the abuse allegedly began.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office contacted the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office on March 28 to inform the prosecutor that the sheriff's office learned a child sexual assault it was actively investigating had occurred in Lewis County. Reports from the sheriff's office in-

**"He informs me he's never been arrested before, therefore he has no criminal history."**

Rachael Tiller  
defense attorney

dicated that San Bernardino deputies had responded to a March 25 report from Child Protective Services regarding one of the victims. Investigators learned about the second victim while interviewing the first victim, according to court documents.

When contacted by law enforcement, the defendant reportedly denied allegations of sexual abuse. He reportedly claimed he may have "unknowingly" as-

saulted one of the victims but said he "did not have any memory (of) the incident and blamed it on him being too intoxicated," according to court documents. He allegedly said that "if (the victims) said he did those things, then he must have done them."

The defendant voluntarily participated in a polygraph examination and "was deceptive with his answers," according to the examiner's report.

The San Bernardino's Sheriff's Office arrested the defendant on the sexual misconduct charges and extradited him to Lewis County.

The most serious offenses he has been charged with carry maximum penalties of life in prison.

Based on his lack of connections to Lewis County and the "extreme" nature of the allegations, Deputy Prosecutor Joe Bassetti asked Judge James Lawler to set the defendant's bail at \$250,000 for this case.

Bassetti also asked Lawler to issue protection orders in favor of the two victims, who were both under the age of 18 at the time of the defendant's preliminary appearance in Lewis County Superior Court in April.

Defense Attorney Rachael

Tiller, however, asked Lawler to set bail no higher than \$50,000 due to the defendant's financial inability to post bail and his lack of criminal history.

"He informs me he's never been arrested before, therefore he has no criminal history," said Tiller.

Regarding the allegations, Tiller said the defendant informed her "the CPS report shows no signs of abuse." She added, "I'm sure further info will come out to that."

Lawler opted to grant Bassetti's requests, setting bail at \$250,000 and approving protection orders for the two victims.

The defendant's next court appearance is an arraignment hearing scheduled for Thursday, April 21.

# Centralia Man Charged for Allegedly Attacking Parents on Friday

By Emily Fitzgerald

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A Centralia man is facing assault charges after he allegedly attacked his stepfather and injured his mother during a dispute on Friday.

The defendant, Chase J. Naillon, 19, of Centralia, is accused of attacking his stepfather "without provocation" during a dispute with another person in the house. Naillon allegedly threw two energy can drinks at his head before allegedly choking and beating him until he "was knocked unconscious and went limp," according to court documents. When his mother attempted to break up the dispute, Naillon allegedly "grabbed ahold of her and threw her to the ground, causing her to slide across the floor and hit her head," according to court documents.

When an officer with the Centralia Police Department arrived at the scene, Naillon was reportedly "on his knees with his hands on top of his head" and allegedly told the officer "he assaulted three people inside the home, that he needed to go away, and that he was guilty," according to court documents.

Both victims were in the courtroom for Naillon's preliminary appearance hearing in Lewis County Superior Court on Monday.

"His parents have told me they want nothing more than for Mr. Naillon to get help," said defense attorney Rachael Tiller, adding that Naillon had given her permission to disclose that he had mental health issues.

While Deputy Prosecutor Joe Bassetti expressed concerns about the victims' safety and asked for Judge James Lawler to issue no contact orders for their protection, Lawler opted to allow Naillon to remain in contact with his parents so long as they don't discuss the case.

"He looks like he's looking for some help and his family wants to get him some help, so let's see where this can go," he said.

Lawler did grant Bassetti's request for \$50,000 bail.

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# JHB, Kent Keep Fundraising Lead Over Rest of Candidates

By Brennen Kauffman

The Daily News

When it comes to the financial side of the local congressional election, Jaime Herrera Beutler and Joe Kent remain far ahead of the rest of the field.

Candidates for Washington's Third District House race filed their quarterly campaign finance reports with the Federal Election Committee on Friday. Republicans Herrera Beutler and Kent reported more than double the fundraising totals of the next-closest candidate in the race and are the only two campaigns that have more than \$1 million in cash on hand.

Herrera Beutler retained her overall fundraising advantage during the quarter. Her campaign raised \$604,000 during the first quarter of 2022, compared to \$457,000 raised by Kent, and entered April with just over \$2 million on hand. More than \$1.6 million of the funds came from individual donors and \$1.2 million came from Political Action Committees.

"Jaime is pleased to have the resources needed to run a successful campaign based on her record of focusing on Southwest Washington's priorities," a



Challenger Joe Kent, left, and U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-Battle Ground.

spokesman for Herrera Beutler told The Daily News on Tuesday.

Kent had the slight edge when it came to recent individual donations. His campaign brought in \$372,200 from individuals and sources other than

PACs last quarter, compared to the \$362,200 Herrera Beutler took in, and he has received a total of nearly \$1.5 million from individuals.

Kent told the Daily News Tuesday that he was deliberately

avoiding major donations from PACs so far. "Once you get big money in politics, from corporations and special interest groups, it's a quick way to owe people that are not your constituents," Kent said.

## News in Brief

### Supreme Court: Yakama Nation Land Ownership Ruling Stands, Half of Mount Adams Remains Part of Reservation

By The Spokesman-Review

After more than a century, the debate over who owns the eastern half of Mount Adams and more than 120,000 acres in southwestern Washington is over.

On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court decided it wouldn't consider a land dispute case between the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation and Klickitat County.

Klickitat County wanted the Supreme Court to hear the case and overturn a 2021 decision by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. The 9th Circuit ruled against the county last summer, arguing that the nearly 200 square miles of disputed land has formally been part of the Yakama Nation since the mid-1800s when the nation signed a treaty with the U.S.

"The Supreme Court's decision once again validates the continuing strength of our Treaty rights under the United States Constitution," Yakama Nation Tribal Council Chairman Delano Saluskin said in a news release. "The Yakama Nation will never compromise when our Treaty is at stake."

Attempts to reach Yakama Nation attorney Ethan Jones, Klickitat County Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel and the Klickitat County commissioners

for comment were unsuccessful.

The formerly disputed territory — known as Tract D — makes up a relatively small percentage of the 1.1 million-acre Yakama Indian Reservation, but it's still sizable. The land is vaguely triangular, with a northern corner at Mount Adams, a southwestern corner less than 15 miles north of the Oregon border and a southeastern corner 15 miles northwest of Goldendale.

The written descriptions of the land's boundaries have confused and frustrated governments and cartographers for more than 100 years.

Governor of the Territory of Washington Isaac Stevens negotiated a treaty between the Yakamas and the U.S. in 1855. Working out the language of the treaty was a challenge.

The Yakamas didn't speak English and were unfamiliar with the concepts of latitude and longitude. That meant the boundaries of the Yakama Indian Reservation had to be described exclusively with natural features.

In at least one case, the word used to describe those features was problematic.

"Spur" played a central role in the legal battle between the Yakama Nation and Klickitat County. The treaty states that the southwestern border of the reservation would be "passing south and east of Mount Adams, to the spur whence flows the waters of the Klickitat and Pisco rivers ..."

What "spur" means in that context isn't clear. Klickitat County argued such a spur exists, but neither the U.S. District

Court for Eastern Washington nor the 9th Circuit found the county's arguments persuasive. The treaty's description of the reservation's southwestern boundary is ambiguous, the courts said, and some of the natural features it references — including the spur — don't exist.

There were other issues with the written reservation description.

In the decades following the treaty, surveyors kept drawing new reservation boundary lines, unable to make sense of the described landmarks. A federal surveyor in 1900 said there was no way of reconciling the wording of the treaty "with the topography of the country."

Not only did different surveys dramatically change the boundaries of the Yakama Indian Reservation — one cut out nearly half a million acres — the reservation map disappeared soon after the treaty was signed. It didn't show up again until 1930 when an employee in the Office of Indian Affairs found it, filed under "M" for Montana instead of "W" for Washington. Surveys after the map's rediscovery included Tract D as part of the reservation.

Tract D's status has repeatedly changed over the last 120 years.

In 1904, Congress passed legislation authorizing the selling of Yakama Indian Reservation lands without the Yakamas' consent. That 1904 law, which doesn't recognize Tract D, was essential to Klickitat County's argument. In the county's eyes, the 1904 act showed Tract D had been removed from the reserva-

tion.

In 1939, Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes told Congress that the land belonged to the Yakamas — although not all federal agencies agreed.

The Indian Claims Commission in the 1960s also said Tract D belonged to the Yakamas and the U.S. has officially recognized the land as Yakama Nation territory since 1982.

But the dispute never stopped and it got louder five years ago.

On Sept. 27, 2017, the Klickitat County Sheriff's Office arrested an enrolled Yakama member. The Sheriff's Office said the minor had committed statutory rape and that the crime occurred on Tract D, near the town of Glenwood. The individual, who is not named in court documents, was prosecuted and detained at the Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Facility.

If the minor had committed the crime on Klickitat County land there wouldn't have been a dispute. But the Yakama Nation argued Klickitat County had no jurisdiction over the matter since it involved a tribal member on tribal lands. Only the Yakama Nation or the federal government had authority in this situation, the Yakamas argued.

The Yakama Nation sued and the case went to the U.S. District Court for Eastern Washington. After District Court Judge Thomas O. Rice ruled in the Yakama Nation's favor, Klickitat County appealed and its case moved up to the 9th Circuit.

The 9th Circuit upheld the District Court's ruling for two primary reasons.

First, the Yakamas in 1855 believed the treaty they signed included Tract D. Treaty terms must be interpreted "in the sense in which they would naturally be understood by the Indians," the 9th Circuit wrote, referencing a previous Supreme Court case. How the Yakamas understood the treaty matters, the 9th Circuit wrote, and they understood it to include Tract D.

On top of that, the 9th Circuit cited another Supreme Court case that found "Indian treaties are to be interpreted liberally in

The next-closest candidate in terms of fundraising is Heidi St. John, who brought in \$222,600 during the first quarter of the year and ended March with \$280,000 on hand. All of St. John's campaign donations this quarter came from individuals.

On the Democrat's side of the race, Marie Gluskamp Perez and Brent Henrich ended the quarter neck-and-neck. The two of them and Republican Leslie French each have raised between \$67,000 and \$77,000. Perez was the newest entry into the crowded field when she declared her candidacy in February, so the entirety of her fundraising was limited to one and a half months.

The other major name among the candidates is Republican state house Rep. Vicki Kraft, who raised \$12,700 during the first quarter and a total of \$25,100 since entering the race, though her campaign had less than \$5,000 on hand at the end of March.

The Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee is holding an in-person straw poll vote at the party headquarters in Kelso through April 23.

Washington's primary elections take place Aug. 2.

favor of the Indians," and "any ambiguities are to be resolved in their favor." The description of the southwest boundary is ambiguous, therefore legal precedent states the court must rule in favor of the Yakamas.

If the legal dispute arises again, the Yakama Nation will be ready to engage it, Saluskin said.

"We have repeatedly defended and will continue to defend our Treaty rights against Klickitat County if challenged," he said, "but hope this starts a new relationship between our governments founded on respect for the Yakama Nation's Treaty rights and history."

### Thurston County Pot Shop Robbed at Gunpoint Monday for Second Time This Year, Police Say

By The Olympian

Lacey Police are investigating an armed robbery that happened at Forbidden Cannabis Club in Lacey on Monday night.

Sgt. Shannon Barnes said two suspects entered the store at 6326 Martin Way E. about 8 p.m. demanding money from the safe and registers. One suspect fired a round from a handgun, though no injuries were reported.

The suspects fled the scene before officers arrived. One suspect was described as wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black sweatpants, and tennis shoes and he walks with a limp. The other was described as a larger male wearing a black jacket and gray sweatpants.

This is the second time the dispensary has been robbed at gunpoint this year. The Olympian previously reported that three men robbed the store on Jan. 3 and stole cash and product after pointing their guns at employees. No one was injured in that incident.

Anyone with information about the suspects is asked to contact the Lacey Police Department at 360-459-4333 or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477.

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Family members pose for a photo Tuesday morning during an event to honor Raise for Rowyn Day in Tenino.

## Rowyn

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unaware of what the day would hold. Seeing her family gathered Tuesday on Rowyn's birthday of all days, moved Johnson to tears.

"This blew me away," Johnson told The Chronicle with tears in her eyes. "I was super surprised. I had no idea. (I'm) shocked in all the right ways. This is really special."

When Fournier presented Johnson with the resolution, he opened with a few words of levity regarding Johnson and her husband Cody.

"I want to recognize that they are the longest and most enduring relationship to ever come out of my parents' hot tub," he said.



Tenino Mayor Wayne Fournier presents a proclamation by the City of Tenino during an event honoring Raise for Rowyn Day Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

Yet after the joke, he took a more serious tone, reading the resolution to Johnson and her gathered family, which heralded all the work Raise for Rowyn

has done across the country to help families who've experienced their darkest day.

"Now, therefore, in celebration of this organization's impact

on families in the Tenino community, throughout Washington state and all around the country, April 19 will celebrate Rowyn's birthday and will be designated 'Raise for Rowyn Day' in the city of Tenino from here on forth."

Johnson took a moment to reflect on Rowyn's legacy in the community with The Chronicle. "I mean, how amazing? I feel just like she is such a huge part of this community still, and this is a really great way to honor her," Johnson said through tears. "Her memory will never be forgotten in this town. This is really awesome."

Since 2014, Raise for Rowyn has served over 500 families nationwide that have suffered the loss of a child. The organization helps families with emotional support as well as financial re-

sources for the laying to rest of each of their own "angels," as Johnson put it.

As for the city of Tenino's feeling on the matter, Fournier said an honor like this was past due.

"They are not only impactful here in Tenino, but they are impactful all over the country," Fournier said. "I feel, and so does the city council, that this is an organization that really exemplifies Tenino's best and how we can create all sorts of different things here and share with the world, and it's significant. They are a real example of tragedy turned to triumph, and it's inspiring to everybody."

To learn more about the organization, visit <https://www.raise4rowyn.org>.

## Raided

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Her gubernatorial aspirations, however, are on hold. Last Thursday, Khan said around 10 law enforcement officers — some from the Liquor and Cannabis Board, and some from another agency, she wasn't sure which — arrived at Mackinaw's.

Officers obtained and executed a search warrant at the business and, according to Brian Smith, spokesperson for the Liquor and Cannabis Board, seized alcohol including wine, spirits and beer. Smith said there were eight officers from his agency.

Smith said the other agency was the Department of Revenue and that no local law enforcement was involved.

Smith said the board had received several tips from people claiming Khan or her staff were continuing to serve alcohol without a license.

"We did (an) undercover operation in there and verified that, indeed, that was happening at Mackinaw's," Smith said.

The Liquor and Cannabis Board was filing charges with the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office on Wednesday.

Asked whether she continued serving alcohol after her license was revoked, Khan said she had non-alcoholic wine and spirits for "mocktails." She said she also



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Laurel Khan smiles while sitting at Curious The Bar with a glass of non-alcoholic wine Tuesday afternoon.

used some alcohol in recipes including her fondue, though Khan did not specify whether that was before or after the state revoked her liquor license.

"Well, come to find out you can't have any. If you don't have a license, you can't have any alcohol other than cooking sherry," Khan said.

When the state seized her license and supply in December, Khan told The Chronicle she didn't think the business would survive. She echoed that this week.

"I can't, at this level of restaurant, survive without alcohol. People expect to have wine. They expect to have something. And this is a bar," Khan said from a barstool in Curious as she sipped non-alcoholic white wine on Tuesday.

Khan was a Democrat for

**"I can't, at this level of restaurant, survive without alcohol."**

Laurel Khan  
owner

government," she said.

COVID-19 radicalized her, she said.

"Definitely the pandemic (did). I was focused on business. And then when I saw the government overreach, that got me right back in my political self," Khan said.

Right now, though, the several thousand dollar filing fee

for the governor's race is a hurdle. Asked about fundraising or crowdsourcing, Khan said she has trouble requesting money from others. She said her friends in politics have told her to "wait and see" for the time being. The outcome of her court case will also be a factor.

Khan has pleaded with the Liquor and Cannabis Board to see if they would reinstate Mackinaw's liquor license if she handed ownership to one of her sons, but said she has yet to receive a response.

A court date had not been set by The Chronicle's press deadline on Wednesday, but Khan said she was going to rally a big group of people for her appearance, including possibly 3rd Congressional District candidate Joe Kent.



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# Students Ask Grays Harbor County Commissioners for Additional Protections for the Elusive Sasquatch Population

By Erika Gebhardt  
The Daily World

What do Whatcom County, Skamania County, and Grays Harbor County all have in common? As of this month — due to the diligent work of Ms. Andrews' fifth grade class at Lincoln Elementary School in Hoquiam — it's that they all have designations for Sasquatch protection.

Sharpening their persuasive skills, the students wrote to the Grays Harbor County Board of Commissioners on March 16 requesting that additional protections be made for the elusive local Sasquatch population.

Students engaged in a thorough research process to first determine their stance on the existence of Bigfoot before deciding if laws were needed to protect the creature.

"They had to make a decision from day one if Bigfoot was real and hadn't been discovered yet, or that it was just a big bear and people had misidentified it," said Ms. Andrews. "They had to do research on Bigfoot, and they could change their mind as they went."

According to Andrews, the class was fairly evenly split on day one, with about 60 percent of students in favor of Bigfoot's existence and 40 percent opposed.

Presley Mitchell is one of the students who agrees with the existence of Sasquatch, and she has the evidence to back it up.

"I feel like Sasquatch should be protected," she said. "A lot of the evidence we found shows that they're real, and I found some footprints not from us. I took some shoes outside and the prints didn't match any of them."

For Harley Quimbey, author of the letter sent to the commissioners, additional protections for the Sasquatch community are necessary so their existence can be proven once and for all.

"As we were writing the letter,



Erika Gebhardt / The Daily World

Students were surprised and excited when they learned that their request had been taken up by the Grays Harbor County Board of Commissioners. They enjoyed the process of working collaboratively and engaging in research throughout the project.

and did more and more research, we wanted to know if it was real," she said. "We put in our letter that we wanted laws to protect the Sasquatch so kids can have more research and know for real."

Some of their peers, however, participated in the healthy debate by representing differing perspectives.

Dawson McFadden and Peyton Wideman enjoyed working with each other to oppose the additional protections. They were a part of the initial group that believed in the existence of Bigfoot, but they have reservations about the ramifications of the protection area.

"Bigfoot could be a harm to other wildlife in the future. There are already some species that are rare and hard to find, and you can only get one hunting tag every couple of years," said McFadden.

Wideman agrees, and is concerned that a robust Sasquatch population could disrupt the food chain and endanger other species, such as white and black tailed deer.

The students of Ms. Andrews' class seem to have found some middle ground between their different stances. Some students, including McFadden, believe the designation of protection could be lifted in the future when the Sasquatch population begins flourishing.

"When the species starts thriving, we hope then we can perform research and do something about the overpopulation," said Kyson Dixon. "We're worried about right now, not about future."

The resolution passed by the Board of Commissioners acknowledges that if Sasquatch exists, it is not flourishing, and is

likely an endangered species requiring protection from extinction. While no legal consequences were added to the resolution, it asks that residents recognize and honor the area as a "Sasquatch protection and refuge area."

The students of Ms. Andrews' class learned of their success upon returning from spring break last week. After completing their project, they had sent the letter "just for fun," and never expected it to make a permanent mark on Grays Harbor.

"It was hard to get them to believe me," said Andrews about telling her class the resolution had passed. "I told them 'You just changed the world in a little way. You got something on the books,' — they took the time to write to their local government, and their local government acknowledged the fact that they did that. I hope they take that

into the rest of their lives."

The process has helped her students practice persuasive and opinion-based skills, but also to recognize the impact they can have through traditional action channels.

"We're just 11- and 10-year-olds that basically made a law and convinced the County Commissioners," said Quimbey.

And what did she do after she heard the news?

"I went home and partied."

Even McFadden, with his reservations about additional protection, was happy that his peers had seen their request realized. The students are excited to see how their work may help the Sasquatch population thrive and provide the possibility for future scientific research.

"Young students can make a big difference," said Ashtin Franco-Foster.

## News in Brief

### Oregon Woman Murdered by 'Happy Face Killer' Identified After Nearly 30 Years

By The Oregonian

California detectives have

identified a Colton woman as a victim of the "Happy Face Killer," almost 30 years after her body was found.

The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office announced Monday that Patricia Skiple was the person who was found dead on the side of a road in unincorporated Gilroy, California in 1993.

Keith Hunter Jesperson, a serial killer currently serving a life sentence at the Oregon State Penitentiary, acquired the "Happy Face Killer" moniker after he wrote a series of anonymous letters to the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office and to The Oregonian where he confessed to committing five

murders and used a happy face symbol as a signature. The Oregonian in 1994 printed a five-part series about the "Happy Face Killer," and the confessions.

For nearly 30 years, the identity of the woman found dead on June 3, 1993, was unknown. She was a "Jane Doe," who authorities referred to as "Blue Pacheco," because of the blue clothing she was wearing when she was found.

Jesperson has claimed to have committed more than 100 murders, but authorities have confirmed only eight killings of women in Washington, Oregon, California, Florida, Nebraska and Wyoming.

In 2006, Jesperson wrote a letter to the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office admit-

ting to killing a woman along a dirt turnout on Highway 152 in California, the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office said. In July 2007, Jesperson pled guilty to killing the woman, though her identity wasn't yet known when Jesperson was convicted.

Skiple wasn't identified as the victim until last week on April 13. The sheriff's office said Skiple was a mother and a longtime resident of Colton, Oregon. She would have been about 45 years old when she was killed.

Cold case detectives were able to finally identify Skiple with the assistance of the DNA Doe Project, a volunteer organization that uses genetic genealogy to identify "Jane and John Does," and often works with law enforcement agencies.



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# Washington Insurance Chief Apologizes for Using Racist Slurs

By Joseph O'Sullivan

The Seattle Times

OLYMPIA — Washington Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler apologized for using racist slurs during interactions with his employees and promised to take diversity training, as Washington's longest-serving current elected state official faced questions and concerns from a handful of fellow Democrats.

Kreidler's apology on Monday came after a story published Sunday by The Seattle Times and public radio's Northwest News Network in which half a dozen state workers recounted Kreidler's use of racist slurs and derogatory terms for people of Mexican, Chinese, and Italian or Spanish descent as well as transgender women; alleged that he mistreated staff; and said he asked employees of color for unusual favors.

On Monday, Gov. Jay Inslee, Attorney General Bob Ferguson and Washington State Democratic Party Chair Tina Podlodowski said in statements or through spokespeople that they had never heard Kreidler use derogatory language.

"However, it's clear his behavior toward others has been inappropriate, disturbing and unacceptable for an elected official of any party on numerous occasions," Podlodowski said in prepared remarks.

"It's time to reevaluate whether Mike can still serve the people of Washington state with their full faith and trust," she added.

Through a spokesperson, Ferguson said he was "deeply disappointed and troubled by these reports."

In addition to the use of the racist slurs, two former employees said Kreidler, 78, asked them for unusual favors. One former executive assistant, who is Korean American, said Kreidler repeatedly asked her to help him communicate with his Korean neighbors. And a former policy analyst who is from India said Kreidler asked for help arranging



Erika Schultz / The Seattle Times

Mike Kreidler, Washington state insurance commissioner.

a trip the commissioner was set to take to that country.

Other former staff members recounted demeaning treatment from Kreidler, including a time when he allegedly threw a folder at an assistant who booked him a flight in economy class, not business, for a trip to a conference in Switzerland.

In a statement released Monday through his office, Kreidler apologized: "Words matter and I know they can have a lasting impact on the people who hear them, regardless of my intent."

"It pains me deeply to think that the careless words I have used in the past — even if infrequent — could have hurt someone," Kreidler said in the statement. "I am sorry for any pain I have caused and for taking attention away from the accomplishments and efforts of the people I work with here."

Kreidler made a separate apology to the agency's staff in an email sent late Friday afternoon, before the Sunday story was published.

"I will be joining the rest of the Executive Team in attending in-depth training in diversity awareness over the coming months," Kreidler said in that message.

Details are still being worked out, but agency spokesperson Stephanie Marquis said, "We expect it to take a total of eight to 12 hours, although that is uncertain until the exact course content and provider are identified."

Kreidler said he intends to remain in office and fulfill his duties, she added. He was elected to a four-year term in 2020.

Outside of regular elections, there are few ways for an elected state official to lose their position. The Washington Constitution allows the Legislature to vote to impeach a state official, but only for "high crimes or misdemeanors, or malfeasance in office." Citizens seeking to recall a state official must not only gather enough signatures to put the recall measure on a ballot, but must also effectively argue that the official has violated the oath

of office, or "committed malfeasance or malfeasance."

The stories by Kreidler's former employees have revealed a disparity between the commissioner's public image as a progressive Democrat and his management style leading the 260-person agency.

Elected commissioner in 2000 after serving in the state Legislature and Congress, Kreidler has advocated for the federal Affordable Care Act and reproductive health, has pressed insurance companies to cover medically necessary gender-affirming treatments and pushed to protect consumers against surprise health care bills. He's also pushed to ban the use of credit scoring in setting insurance rates, calling it a discriminatory practice.

None of the former employees coming forward now have recently filed complaints against Kreidler.

But a story last month by Northwest News Network first detailed workers' allegations that

Kreidler had mistreated staff. The commissioner's office dismissed the complaint within a week.

On Monday, Office of Insurance Commissioner Chief Deputy Michael Wood sent an email to staff explaining why he and other top officials didn't take action on that complaint, and sharing responses given to reporters before that story published.

That reasoning includes the assessment that "All agency policies are established by the authority of the Commissioner, and any disciplinary action taken against any OIC employee is taken under the authority of the Commissioner."

Therefore, an "investigation to determine whether the Commissioner should take disciplinary action against himself has no rational purpose," Wood wrote. "If the Commissioner fails to follow a policy he has set, then he is accountable to himself ..."

That's not the case with other state elected officials.

Inslee and Ferguson are bound by their own anti-harassment and nondiscrimination policies, according to spokespeople, as are Lt. Gov. Denny Heck and State Schools Superintendent Chris Reykdal.

In a statement, Heck said he read the accounts of Kreidler's conduct, and "When leaders fail to meet this standard they ought to apologize and take corrective action if they want to retain public trust and confidence in their leadership."

Asked Monday about the new accounts of Kreidler's conduct, Inslee spokesperson Mike Faulk repeated the governor's statement from last month for the earlier story.

"All leaders, including elected leaders, owe their employees respect and dignity," Faulk wrote in an email. "Commissioner Kreidler has acknowledged his responsibility to do better and the governor hopes he takes the necessary steps to effectively lead that office in a way that affirms the dignity and value of every employee."

## Washington Congressman Dan Newhouse Returns Campaign Donations From Chinese-Controlled Companies

By The Seattle Times

U.S. Rep. Dan Newhouse refunded \$17,500 in political donations to PACs affiliated with two Chinese-controlled agribusiness giants last month, according to a new Federal Election Commission filing.

The unusual refunds of contributions stretching back as far as 2016 come as Newhouse, the Sunnyside, Yakima County, Republican seeking a fifth term this fall, has positioned himself as a hawk warning against China's growing influence on U.S. agriculture.

On March 31, Newhouse returned \$16,500 in donations to a PAC for Syngenta and \$1,000 to Smithfield Foods' PAC, his campaign disclosed in an FEC report filed Friday. Both companies operate in the U.S. as wholly owned subsidiaries of Chinese firms.

The refunds were among the notable highlights in FEC filings late last week documenting first-quarter fundraising and spending by congressional candidates in Washington's top 2022 mid-term contests.

Derek Flint, Newhouse's campaign manager, said in a text message: "Congressman Newhouse has deep concern over the Chinese government's aggressive acquisition of American farmland. Upon learning that Syngenta and Smithfield are wholly owned by or controlled by the Chinese government, he returned their PAC contributions."

Both companies had been purchased years ago by Chinese corporations in deals widely reported in the media.

Syngenta, the Swiss pesticide and seed seller, was bought in 2017 for \$42 billion by ChemChina, the Chinese state-run

chemical company. Smithfield, the Virginia-based pork producer, was taken over by a Chinese company in 2013 for \$4.7 billion.

Prior to the refunds, Newhouse was tied with Rep. Dan Costa, D-California, as the largest recipient of Syngenta PAC money in the 2022 election cycle, according to OpenSecrets, a nonprofit group that tracks political spending and influence.

Newhouse has been publicly sounding the warning about growing Chinese influence in the U.S. food-supply system.

In a speech on the House floor this month, he touted proposals to stop "foreign adversaries, like communist China, from gobbling up American farmland and taking control of our food supply chain." He also highlighted the China threat on a recent Fox News appearance with host Tucker Carlson and sent a fundraising appeal this month asking for support of his efforts to "stop China from starting an agricultural monopoly" in the U.S.

While China's U.S. farmland holdings have grown rapidly in recent years — a development that has alarmed some lawmakers from both parties — they are still a tiny slice of the land, according to the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a bipartisan nonprofit research organization.

All foreign companies combined owned 2.7% of U.S. farmland in 2019, with Canada holding the largest portion of that, about 29%, according to a report by the CSIS in September. China, by contrast held just 0.05%. The foreign holdings "do not represent a substantial enough portion of food production in the United States to threaten national food security," the CSIS reported.

Newhouse, a third-generation farmer of hops and other crops in the Yakima Valley, is seeking a fifth term representing Central Washington's 4th District.

His vote to impeach former President Donald Trump last year has drawn backlash among many Republicans and a pack of GOP challengers including

Loren Culp, the GOP's 2020 gubernatorial candidate, state Rep. Brad Klippert, R-Kennewick, and Jerrod Sessler, a Prosser businessman.

In the latest fundraising reports, which cover January through March, Newhouse maintained his financial edge, pulling in about \$236,000 in the quarter, and reported \$928,000 cash on hand. His challengers have struggled to keep pace.

Culp, who was recently endorsed by Trump, raised \$47,000 in the quarter but spent more than he took in and reported \$26,000 in cash on hand. Sessler raised about \$9,200 in the quarter but reported nearly \$147,000 cash on hand. (He has largely self-funded his campaign with a \$350,000 loan.) Klippert raised \$5,000 and was left with \$4,800 cash on hand.

Other highlights in the recent round of fundraising reports:

- In Washington's Senate race, U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, the Democrat seeking a sixth term, maintained a huge cash advantage, ending the first quarter with nearly \$7.9 million in the bank, compared with \$2.5 million for GOP challenger Tiffany Smiley. But Smiley, a Pasco veterans advocate and first time candidate, came close to matching Murray in first-quarter fundraising, pulling in \$1.66 million to Murray's \$1.72 million.

- In the closely watched race for Washington's 8th District, U.S. Rep. Kim Schrier, D-Sammamish, raised \$1.2 million for the quarter and reported \$4.9 million cash on hand. Her first-quarter haul was more than her three top Republican challengers combined. King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn raised about \$260,000 and reported \$467,000 cash on hand. Jesse Jensen, a combat veteran and tech manager who ran for the seat in 2020, raised \$187,000 for the quarter, with \$425,000 cash on hand. Matt Larkin, an attorney and businessman, raised about \$106,000, with \$355,000 cash on hand.

- In southwest Washington's 3rd District, Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-Battle Ground, also

faces a trio of GOP challengers due to her Trump impeachment vote. Herrera Beutler, who is seeking a seventh term, raised about \$605,000 in the first quarter, leaving her campaign with \$2 million cash on hand.

Republican challenger Joe Kent, a combat veteran endorsed by Trump, raised more than \$456,000, with \$1 million cash on hand. (He has given his campaign more than \$40,000 and loaned it \$205,000.) Heidi St. John, a Christian author and home-school advocate, raised \$226,000, with \$283,000 cash on hand. State Rep. Vicki Kraft, R-Vancouver, who entered the race more recently, raised under \$13,000 and reported \$4,100 cash on hand. Brent Hennrich, a Democrat who has worked as a film equipment installer, reported raising about \$32,000 in the quarter, with about \$14,000 cash on hand. A second Democrat, Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, who with her husband runs an independent auto repair shop, raised \$67,000 and reported \$57,800 cash on hand.

## Second Teen Suspected in Deadly Pierce County Pot Shop Robbery Arrested

By The Seattle Times

Police on Tuesday arrested a 16-year-old boy wanted in connection with a deadly Tacoma cannabis store robbery last month, according to the Tacoma Police Department.

The teen, Montrell Hatfield, was arrested by Seattle police in Kent and was turned over to Tacoma police and booked for investigation of first-degree murder, according to a news release.

Pierce County prosecutors charged Hatfield and a 15-year-old boy in connection with the fatal shooting of employee Jordan Brown, 29, during a March 19 armed robbery at World of Weed in Tacoma, according to court documents.

The Seattle Times does not typically name juvenile defendants unless they are charged as adults. Under state law, juveniles who are 16 and 17 years old can automatically be charged as adults for serious violent crimes like first-degree murder and first-degree rape.

Hatfield was charged as an adult, and Pierce County prosecutors filed a motion requesting a decline hearing for the 15-year-old so a judge can decide whether to keep the case in juvenile court or transfer it to adult court.

Police did not say whether a third suspect, who acted as a lookout during the robbery, has been identified or arrested.

All three are suspects in at least 10 armed robberies across Pierce and King counties in recent months, according to charging documents.

Tacoma police responded to a report of an armed robbery and shooting at World of Weed just after 10 p.m. on March 19. Officers found Brown unresponsive with a gunshot wound to the neck, according to charging documents. He died at the scene.

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# Ultimatum Ignored in Mariupol as Attacks Intensify in East Ukraine

By Tribune News Service

RUBIZHNE, Ukraine — Russia delivered what it said was a last-chance surrender ultimatum Wednesday to Ukrainian forces in the besieged port of Mariupol, whose desperate defenders, pleading for international help, declared that they were “probably facing our last days, if not hours.”

Along hundreds of miles of a scythe-shaped battlefield in Ukraine’s east, the din of Russian bombardment echoed in cities and towns, while Moscow’s ground forces made a series of what Ukrainian military officials described as probing attacks that did not yield any substantial new territorial gains.

With the war about to grind into a ninth week, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in his nightly video address to the nation that nearly all Russia’s combat-ready forces were “concentrated on the territory of our state” and just outside its borders. Moscow, he said, was deploying “almost everyone and everything that is capable of fighting.”

Russia’s Feb. 24 invasion of its smaller neighbor has triggered a refugee crisis on a scale not seen in Europe since World War II. The United Nations’ refugee agency Wednesday put the total of those fleeing Ukraine at 5 million. More than 7 million are internally displaced.

As the fighting’s ferocity has increased — and in the weeks since gruesome evidence began emerging of Russian atrocities against civilians in the suburbs of Kyiv — diplomatic efforts have floundered. On Wednesday, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov blamed Ukraine for the impasse, saying that Moscow had sent Zelenskyy’s government a draft document with “absolutely clear” proposals and that Ukraine had not answered.

## Biden Weighs Mask Mandate Appeal That May Be Fruitless

By Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department said it is ready to appeal a ruling that eliminated the mask mandate for plane and train travel if necessary, even after some argued the best way to preserve the government’s authority was to let the case die.

Monday’s federal court ruling scuttling the requirement has posed a difficult legal and political calculus for the department and President Joe Biden, with airlines opposed to the mandate and widespread public exhaustion with masking. Late Tuesday, the U.S. said it would appeal the ruling if the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention decides that masks should remain in place past the current assessment period, which is due to expire May 3.

The government’s top priority is to protect what power it has left to enact a mandate months down the road if there’s another surge in COVID-19 cases, administration officials said earlier, speaking on the condition of anonymity as deliberations



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Relatives of Mykhailo Romaniuk, 58, who was shot dead on his bicycle on March 6, help to bury his coffin at a cemetery in Bucha, on April 19, 2022, during the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

“The ball is in their court,” Peskov told reporters. In the past, Ukraine has accused Moscow of distorting what was said in negotiations.

Less than three weeks remain before the symbolically crucial date of May 9, when Russia annually celebrates its historic victory over Nazi Germany. Russian President Vladimir Putin is thought to be determined to notch a significant triumph by then in a military campaign in Ukraine that has been plagued by setbacks for Moscow.

The likeliest prospect of that is the capture of Mariupol, a port city on the Sea of Azov that has been nearly wiped off the map by continuous Russian bombardment.

In a message recorded deep within a sprawling steelworks where Ukrainian forces and some frightened civilians are holed up, a Ukrainian commander said the defenders were outnumbered 10 to 1 by Russian attackers.

“We are probably facing our last days, if not hours,” the officer, Serhiy Volnya of the 36th Marine Brigade, said in the vid-

continued.

Appealing carries a significant downside, said Andy Slavitt, a former COVID response team official for the Biden administration.

“While it’s highly tempting to appeal a very dubious ruling like this, there is a risk in doing so,” Slavitt said. “If they appeal and lose, the CDC could end up powerless to take some basic public health precautions in the event of a surge in cases in the fall or winter.” With a slew of Trump-appointed judges, he said, that concern had to weigh on them.

The ruling was issued by U.S. District Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle, who was nominated by former President Donald Trump and confirmed by the Senate in November 2020 after being admitted to the Florida bar in September 2012. She was the eighth federal judge confirmed during the Trump administration to be rated “not qualified” by the American Bar Association, which typically requires a minimum of 12 years of experience to rate a nominee qualified.

Republicans have accused the ABA of being biased against conservatives.

Mizelle’s ruling, while momentous, is just one front in the culture war over the pandemic

response, in which conservative groups have pushed back against what they say are onerous public health measures and pursued legal challenges to rein in agency authority.

The CDC argued that planes, trains and airports are unique disease vectors, with passengers often jammed up against one another for long stretches of time. Still, it extended the mandate by only 15 days last week, its shortest yet, and appeared poised to lift it if cases and hospitalizations driven by the BA.2 subvariant of the coronavirus — the pandemic’s latest threat — don’t surge.

Appealing would be a “huge mistake” for Biden, said Peter Pitts, co-founder of the Center for Medicine in the Public Interest and a former associate commissioner at the Food and Drug Administration.

The science behind COVID-19 right now is that BA.2 typically has mild symptoms, particularly for the vaccinated and boosted, as well as a very low death rate, he said. At this point, mandatory mask wearing serves only to divide the public while serving no health purpose, exacerbating “mask PTSD” for some and serving as a “virtue signal” for others, Pitts said.

The Biden administration has been weighing the politics, said Carl Tobias, a professor at the University of Richmond School of Law.

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## Moderna Says Redesigned COVID-19 Vaccine Booster May Work Better Against Variants

By Tribune News Service

Moderna’s updated COVID-19 booster shot shows even more efficiency against variants, the pharmaceutical company announced Tuesday, citing preliminary results from a trial.

The bivalent mRNA booster,

supplies.

Mariupol, a once-thriving port city of nearly half a million people, now lies in ruins, with three-quarters of its pre-war population either displaced or dead, but is still considered a strategic prize. Capturing it would allow the creation of a land corridor linking Russian-controlled parts of the Donbas — Ukraine’s eastern industrial heartland — to the Crimean peninsula, which Moscow annexed eight years ago.

While Russia was focusing its “main effort” on capturing Mariupol, the Ukrainian military said Russian forces were also making repeated thrusts in the eastern regions of Donetsk and Luhansk, which make up the Donbas. Ten Russian ground attacks were repulsed in the previous 24 hours, the military said in an operational report early Wednesday.

Since both sides declared Monday that the war had entered a new phase, Russian forces have captured Kreminna, an eastern town of about 18,000 people on the front lines.

Although some Western officials and analysts have questioned whether the Russian offensive in the east was underway in earnest, British military intelligence said in a new assessment that fighting in the Donbas was growing in intensity, with Russian forces seeking to break through Ukrainian defenses and disrupt supply lines and troop redeployment on the Ukrainian side.

“Russian attacks on cities across Ukraine show their attempt to try and disrupt the movement of Ukrainian reinforcements and weaponry to the east of the country,” the assessment said.

Supply and reinforcement, combined with serious morale problems, were key weaknesses in Russia’s own drive to capture

a combo shot that targets the beta variant of COVID-19 as well as the original version of the disease, “demonstrated superiority” against beta, delta and omicron variants after one month and still attacked the omicron variant after six months, according to Moderna. Those who were given the shot that also targeted beta saw more than twice the level of antibodies against the omicron variant as the current shot on the market.

Moderna is also currently testing a bivalent shot that targets omicron, with results expected in June.

“We believe that a bivalent booster vaccine, if authorized, would create a new tool as we continue to respond to emerging variants,” Moderna CEO Stéphane Bancel said in a statement.

Both strengths of the shot, 50 and 100 micrograms, were “generally well tolerated” in all participants, with similar side effects and rates of effects as the original booster shot.

Moderna plans to have the updated booster available for the fall across the northern hemisphere, but did not announce a timeframe for filing for authorization with the Food and Drug Administration.

Last month, the FDA authorized a second booster shot of the Pfizer and Moderna shots for everyone 50 years of age and older. Dr. Ashish K. Jha, the new White House COVID-19 response coordinator, said Sunday on Fox News that those 60 and older should get the booster, citing “compelling” new data out of Israel.

Moderna’s mRNA shot is currently approved for adults, while Pfizer’s version has been FDA-approved for those 16 and older, with emergency use authorization for children 5-15.

## Boris Johnson Apologizes to UK Parliament Over ‘Partygate’ Fine

By Tribune News Service

LONDON — Prime Minister Boris Johnson apologized to the

Kyiv, the Ukrainian capital, an effort that Moscow abandoned a month ago. Analysts say those same issues could plague Moscow’s efforts in the east as well.

But vast tracts of open territory and superior firepower could favor the Russian push in the east — the main reason that Zelenskyy has been making near-daily pleas for more heavy weaponry from the West.

“If we had access to all the weapons we need, which our partners have and which are comparable to the weapons used by the Russian Federation, we would have already ended this war,” he said in his overnight address.

The United States, Canada and Britain have promised Ukraine more artillery, and Norway is sending air-defense missiles. In addition to new sanctions on Russia that the White House says are in the works, President Joe Biden is expected to announce a new military aid package for Kyiv in coming days.

Some allied countries, including Germany, have been name-checked by Ukrainian officials as flagging in their provision of armaments just when the need is greatest. Seemingly stung by the criticism, German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock on Wednesday cited recent shipments of antitank weapons and Stinger anti-aircraft missiles to Ukraine.

Baerbock, speaking at the start of a visit to the three Baltic states, said Germany was also providing “other things that we didn’t talk about in public.”

Despite renewed bombardment this week of the Ukrainian capital, Western VIPs continue to arrive. Charles Michel, head of the European Council, on Wednesday became the latest senior European official to make a visit to Kyiv aimed at showing support for Ukraine.

House of Commons for breaking the U.K. lockdown rules that he devised, while insisting he didn’t think at the time that he had done anything wrong.

Johnson has paid a fine for attending an event at Downing Street on his birthday in June 2020, and may face further fines as London’s Metropolitan Police complete their probe into a dozen gatherings in government buildings during the coronavirus lockdowns of the past two years.

“It did not occur to me then or subsequently, that a gathering in the Cabinet Room, just before a vital meeting on COVID strategy, could amount to a breach of the rules,” Johnson said, seeking to explain why he previously said no rules were broken. “That was my mistake. And I apologize for it, unreservedly.”

Johnson is trying to ride out a scandal that has dragged on for months and could still sink his leadership, not least because he’s the first prime minister known to have broken the law while in office.

In February, his premiership was on the brink amid Tory discontent over a series of missteps, but many have reassessed in light of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, saying it’s the wrong time to consider a change of leader.

That’s something Johnson sought to highlight, by delivering his apology in a statement that also touched on the war in Ukraine and the rising cost of living domestically. The premier said he is busy “standing up to Russia.”

Members of Parliament will vote in the Commons on Thursday on whether to refer Johnson to the committee on standards for misleading Parliament. With a majority of around 80, Johnson is unlikely to lose a vote, but a significant number of abstentions may damage his authority.

Knowing this, Labour leader Keir Starmer directed his appeal to the Tory MPs sitting behind Johnson: “Don’t follow in the slipstream of an out-of-control, out-of-touch prime minister. Remove the prime minister from office. Bring honesty and integrity back to our politics.”



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# Lewis County Sees No New COVID Deaths for Second Straight Week

By The Chronicle staff

Lewis County saw another week where there were no new deaths associated with the virus caused by COVID-19.

According to Lewis County Public Health & Social Services, 22 new COVID-19 cases were reported during the April 8 to April 14 timeframe. The number represents a week-over-week

decrease of one new case. In all, there have been 17,539 total cases of COVID-19 reported since March 15, 2020.

Keeping pace with the last reporting week, there were three new hospitalizations in association with the virus. The hospitalizations are just the latest addition to the 1,219 total individuals who have been admitted to the

hospital because of COVID-19 in Lewis County since March 15, 2020.

There are two current outbreaks in congregate care settings, which is also consistent with the previous reporting week.

In the last two weeks, there have been 56.1 new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the county, which marks an in-

crease from the previous 14-day interval. However, the number falls well below the statewide rate of 163.3 new cases per 100,000 population over 14 days.

For vaccinations, 56.5% of all Lewis County residents have received their first shot, while 51.2% of all residents are fully vaccinated.

And 78 people were tested for

the virus at the Lewis County Mall Discovery Health Test Site during the April 8 to April 14 timeframe, bringing the total tests administered at the site since its Nov. 26, 2021, opening to 8,651.

There have been 238 recorded deaths associated with the virus in the county since the beginning of the pandemic.

# Thurston County Adds 189 New COVID-19 Cases But Hospitalizations Hold Steady

By Martin Bilbao

The Olympian

Thurston County reported 189 additional COVID-19 cases over the past week as disease activity remains moderate.

No deaths due to COVID-19 were reported in Thurston County during the past week, according to Public Health and Social Services.

PHSS confirmed the cases the week of April 11-17, but they did not necessarily all occur then. In all, PHSS has recorded 45,878 cases and 359 deaths since the pandemic began. Of that total, PHSS considers 45,585 cases as recovered or recovering, meaning 293 confirmed cases remained active as of Monday.

From April 4-10, PHSS reported 272 cases and no deaths. Though the county saw fewer cases last week than the previous week, recent case counts have been fluctuating.

As of Monday, the state Department of Health considers disease activity to be "moderate"

in Thurston County.

The county's case rate per 100,000 people was 88.7 from March 27 to April 9. The record high case rate was 3,071.1 from Jan. 2-15, according to the latest data.

There has been a slight uptick in disease activity and outbreaks in recent weeks, said Health Officer Dimyana Abdelmalek during a Tuesday morning briefing for the Board of County Commissioners.

"Now is a good time to remind everyone that if you're experiencing symptoms, stay home, get tested," Abdelmalek said. "If you test positive with an at-home-test, make sure you notify the appropriate person at your workplace, school, childcare facility, whatever that may be. Just ensure other folks don't get sick."

PHSS reports it was investigating nine ongoing outbreaks at congregate care settings as of Monday. So far, there have been 190 such outbreaks during the pandemic — one more than re-

ported last week.

At school settings, the county reported just one closure involving two cases the week of March 28 to April 3 in the Tenino School District. No other outbreaks have been reported since Feb. 21, per the data.

PHSS confirmed three hospitalizations over the past week. Since the start of the pandemic, the data show 2,258 Thurston County residents with COVID-19 have been hospitalized at some point in their illness.

About 75% of county residents who were hospitalized had a known underlying condition, according to an April 5 weekly report. However, it's possible some had an unknown underlying condition.

Among the 359 who had died of COVID-19 as of April 10, the report says 100% had a known underlying condition.

Hospitalizations started falling in mid-January and have recently reached levels lower than recorded last summer. There

were about 0.7 hospitalizations per 100,000 people from April 3-9 in Thurston County, according to the latest state data.

"Hospitalization rates within the county are holding steady," Abdelmalek said on Tuesday. "We're continuing to watch the situation pretty closely."

The current record high rate was 37.8 which was recorded from Jan. 9-15.

As of Friday, about 87.8% of Intensive Care Unit beds were occupied over a seven-day period in the West region, which includes Thurston County and some of its neighbors. The data show just 3.6% of ICU beds were occupied by COVID-19 patients.

Hospitals in the region were 90.2% full over a seven-day period, while COVID-19 patients accounted for just 3.2%.

Just 65.5% of all Thurston residents were fully vaccinated as of Saturday, and 72.2% had at least initiated vaccinations, according to state data.

This represented just a 0.2%

increase for both metrics compared to the previous week.

Meanwhile, the data show 76.3% of Thurston County residents 5 and older have initiated vaccinations and 69.2% had been fully vaccinated.

As of April 11, 81.5% of the state population 5 and older had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 74% had been fully vaccinated. The state 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.

In Thurston County, the state reports 58.7% of those 12 and older had received a booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine as of Saturday. Across the state, about 58.5% of that population 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.

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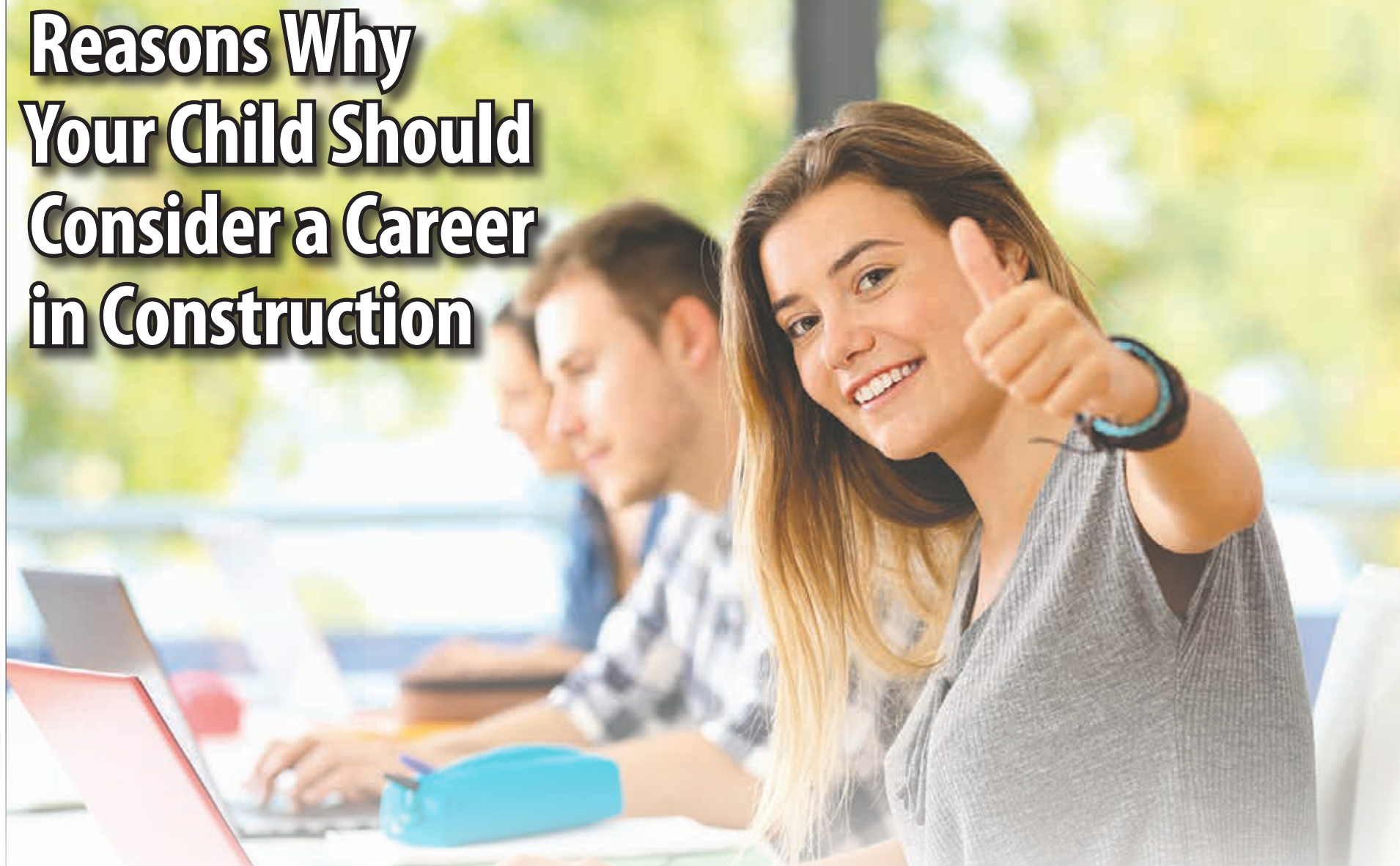
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### Prep Softball

## Rochester Pitcher Overcomes Double Knee Surgeries to Earn College Roster Spot



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Rochester senior Lakota Escott smiles during an at-bat against W.F. West at Chehalis Sports Complex on April 13.

By Eric Trent

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It was Lakota Escott's freshman year of high school when she first discovered a problem with her knees.

Escott — now a senior at Rochester — dislocated her left knee while playing in a varsity softball game as a freshman. At the doctor's office, she learned she had oddly-shaped fibulas, or calf bones, in both her legs.

The shape of her fibulas allows her knee caps to unnaturally slide out easier than a normal person's would. And her knee muscles weren't strong enough

to hold her knee caps in place.

Escott's injury required surgery and then a 10-month-long rehabilitation process. Months after being fully healed, near the end of her sophomore year, it happened again — only this time to her right knee.

"I wasn't expecting knee surgeries," Escott said. "Then the surgeon said I needed it all of a sudden to keep playing softball. It was definitely worth it."

After another long recovery process, Escott healed again and has been off to the races ever since.

The 5-foot-7 lefty pitched the Warriors to the 2A District 4

quarterfinals as a junior last season, spinning a one-hitter with seven strikeouts in a 14-0 win over Black Hills in the district opener.

This season, Escott and Sadie Knutson are the lone seniors on a Warriors' team that's 6-3 overall, so far. Escott pitched nearly every inning of the first four games with Knutson out. Now, they switch back and forth as the dual aces.

"With only two seniors, she's really stepped up," Rochester coach Joni Lancaster said of Escott. "She's been the backbone of our lineup and we go to her

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### Tuesday's Prep Softball

## Beavers' Offense Stalls in Twinbill Sweep by Grizzlies

By The Chronicle staff

Tenino's offensive struggles to start the season continued as the Beavers lost back-to-back home games to Hoquiam in 1A Evergreen Conference play on Tuesday.

In Game 1, the Beavers surrendered seven runs in the top of the second to the Grizzlies and were never able to catch back up in an 11-5 loss.

The Beavers committed six errors and collected just five hits. They plated three runs in the first and one each in the second and third innings before being held scoreless the rest of the way.

"We couldn't get out of our own way," Tenino coach Chris Johnson said. "Six errors in a game, you're not gonna win those games."

Grace Vestal led the Beavers' offense by going 2 for 4 with an RBI. Emily Baxter was 1 for 3 with an RBI and Brooke Bratton was 1 for 2 with a run and an RBI.

Baxter went all seven innings on the mound, allowing six earned runs on 11 hits and two walks while striking out 12.

In Game 2, the Beavers struggled to string together hits in a 7-1 loss.

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### Tuesday's Prep Baseball



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Rochester pitcher Braden Hartley rounds third base for home after a Tony Groninger hit against W.F. West on Tuesday.

## Hartley Fans 14 as Warriors Beat W.F. West



W.F. West's Logan Moore sends off a pitch against Rochester on Tuesday in Chehalis.

By The Chronicle staff

Rochester pitcher Braden Hartley spun 14 strikeouts while allowing just three hits as the Warriors slipped past W.F. West in a 2-1 victory in 2A Evergreen Conference action in Chehalis on Tuesday.

Hartley was solid in what turned out to be a pitching duel with W.F. West's Logan Moore. Hartley allowed zero earned runs with four walks and three hits in a complete-game victory.

Moore helped keep the Bearcats in it, striking out eight while allowing just one earned run on five hits and three walks.

"Hartley was real impressive,"

W.F. West coach Bryan Bullock said. "He's one of the top pitchers in our league, if not in the state in (Class) 2A. Logan did a good job matching him. It was a good baseball game if you like pitching duels."

But the Warriors, who took advantage of three Bearcat errors, including one in the first inning where a W.F. West player scored on a dropped flyball in the outfield.

Landon Hawes led the Warriors' offense by reaching base in all four plate appearances, going 3 for 4 at the plate with a walk and an RBI. Hartley helped

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Chehalis Activators Classic Makes Its Return With Over 25 Participating Schools

By The Chronicle staff

After the COVID-19 pandemic halted the annual event, the Chehalis Activators Classic will mark its return to the spring track schedule in fashion, welcoming over 25 schools to the Mint City for a huge invitational meet Friday and Saturday.

With Friday traditionally being a day where anyone from any of the invited teams get to participate, the top 18 seeds, all based on the 2022 season-best marks, will automatically earn a bid to run, jump, or throw on Saturday in the finals.

The meet, started by former W.F. West track coach Don La-

kin, was once just an area track meet, but now features teams from all over the state, and has had entries from Alaska and Canada in past years.

Lakin wanted to create a track meet that allowed everyone to participate, and not just the best athletes on each team. The current meet format still honors that original vision, with everyone allowed to compete in every race on Friday, with the more traditional invitational and finals portion beginning on Saturday with the best of the best.

Events are set to run on Friday starting at 4 p.m., and on Saturday at noon.

Monday's 2B Track & Field

Toledo Relay Teams Highlight Drizzly Ridgefield Meet

By The Chronicle staff

The lone 2B squad competing in a meet with higher-classified schools, the Toledo track and field team finished with three event winners, including two boys relay squads.

Showcasing their overall team speed, the Riverhawk 4x100-meter relay team of Tyler Harris, Jordan Mckenzie, Wyatt Nef and Conner Olmstead took first with a time of 47.26 against the likes of R.A. Long, Ridgefield and Columbia River, all of the 2A GSHL.

The Riverhawks doubled down in the 4x400-meter boys relay, with Harris, Mckenzie and brothers Conner and Carson Olmstead getting the win with a time of 3:42.11. The last winner of the day for Toledo was Conner Olmstead in the high jump, anchoring a strong day for the junior. Olmstead cleared a personal-best 5 feet, 8 inches.

The Riverhawks 4x400-meter time is currently second-best in the Washington 2B ranks.

Though they weren't win-

ners, Conner Olmstead (55.46) and Mckenzie (56.44) finished third and fourth, respectively, in the 400 meters. In the 1600 meters, freshman Treyton Marty finished fifth with a time of 4:56.04 and third in the 3200 meters with a 11:03.07. Zack Smith had a third place finish in the 110-meter hurdles (17.28), and Carson Olmstead finished second in the 300-meter hurdles in 44.69.

Smith also jumped a personal-best, 18 feet, 6 inches for second in the long jump.

On the girls side, Jasmine Kemmerer finished fifth in the 200 meters in 30.27 and sixth in the 300-meter hurdles in 56.15, both PRs, Paige Hill finished sixth in the 800 meters in 2:56.70, and Lyndzie Filla (89 feet, 8 inches) and Hope Gould (85 feet, 3 inches) finished second and third in the javelin.

Full results can be found on athletic.net.

Monday's 2A Girls Golf

Warriors Best Tigers in Rain-Filled EvCo Golf Battle

By The Chronicle staff

Rochester's Izzy Masias won match medalist honors with 16 points to help Rochester girls golf pull past Centralia, 49-34, during a rainy, 2A Evergreen Conference match at Riverside Golf Course on Monday.

In the lone high school sports competition taking place Monday due to rainouts, the Warriors were powered by Masias, along with Abi McLellen's 11 points.

"Very rainy day," Rochester

coach Brian Keese said. "We played the back nine to avoid most of the puddles."

Centralia's top point-scorers were Sam Johnston and Emily Wilkerson, who each finished with 11.

Centralia and Rochester next head to Alderbrook Golf and Yacht Club near Shelton for the Sibley Scramble. Other participating schools are Aberdeen, Black Hills, Montesano, Tumwater, W.F. West and host Shelton.

College Basketball

UCLA's Jules Bernard Entering NBA Draft But Preserving Option to Return

LOS ANGELES — Jaime Jaquez Jr. is coming back to UCLA and Peyton Watson and Jake Kyman are leaving.

Jules Bernard? It could go either way.

The senior guard announced Tuesday on Instagram he will enter the NBA draft while retaining his ability to return to college in case he wants to use the extra season of eligibility granted in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bernard, who averaged 12.8 points and 4.7 rebounds last season, is not listed on most mock draft boards but could improve his standing if he secures an invitation to the draft combine next month in Chicago or workouts for individual teams. He has until 8:59 p.m. PDT on June 1 to withdraw his name from draft consideration and preserve his college eligibility.

"I'm super excited to start this process," Bernard wrote, "and I'm looking forward to taking steps toward achieving my dreams."

One of UCLA's most improved players since his arrival, the 6-foot-7 Bernard earned praise from coach Mick Cronin as one of the nation's top wing players while often being overlooked, even on his own team. He's increased his scoring in each of his three seasons under Cronin and ranked third on the team last season, trailing only Jaquez and Johnny Juzang.

"Jules and I are in constant communication about his process," Cronin said in a statement. "We are supporting Jules every way that we can, and we are excited for him to go through his evaluation and workout process over the next month. He has been a great Bruin and has improved as a player every season at UCLA. Should Jules decide to play as a super senior, we would be absolutely thrilled to have him back in Westwood."

The Bruins still are waiting to learn whether guards Tyger Campbell and Juzang and post players Myles Johnson and Cody Riley will return.

MLB

Mariners Beat Texas in Robbie Ray's Home Debut

By Ryan Divish

The Seattle Times

No early deficit followed by a crazy comeback?

A lack of drama in the later innings?

Another comfortable win without a save situation?

It's all so very un-Mariners compared to a season ago. It also offers another glimpse of what this team, with its offseason improvements, can be when it performs up to capabilities.

Powered by three homers and more steady starting pitching and shutdown relief work, the Mariners rolled to an easy 6-2 win Tuesday over the Texas Rangers.

It was their fourth win in five games and moved them to 6-5 on the season.

Making his first start as a member of the Mariners at T-Mobile Park and the third start in Seattle of his career, Robbie Ray delivered another typically solid if not lengthy outing. The hard-grunting lefty pitched six innings, allowing two runs on four hits with a walk and four strikeouts. He threw just 85 pitches in the outing with 57 strikes.

His teammates gave him ample run support from the first inning, grabbing a quick 3-0 lead against Rangers starter Jon Gray. With one out, the baseball magnet that is Ty France was hit by a pitch for the third time this season, and Jesse Winker worked his team-high 11th walk to bring Eugenio Suarez to the plate.

After throwing a pair of fastballs for called strikes on the outside corner, Gray tried to throw a slider just a little farther outside of the previous two pitches to see if Suarez would chase. Instead, the pitch hung in the part of the zone where Suarez could get his arms extended, sending the mistake well over the wall in dead center for his third homer of the season. The blast measured 415 feet, which was impressive considering the roof was open at the time with temperatures dropping into the 40s.

The Mariners made it 4-0 in the second inning when Jarred Kelenic continued his assault on right field foul poles around the league.

Kelenic ambushed a first-pitch fastball from Gray, yanking a screaming line drive that

bounced off the foul pole in right for his third homer of the season. Two of his homers have been off the right field foul pole this season.

The Rangers picked up their first run against Ray in the third inning when Eli White led off with a double and later scored on Marcus Semien's sacrifice fly to left field. Texas made it 4-2 in the fifth when White reached on a two-out walk and scored from first on Semien's double into the left-field corner.

With a rested bullpen following the off day and only a two-run lead, manager Scott Servais turned the game over to his top relievers for the final three innings.

After Drew Steckenrider pitched a scoreless seventh, Seattle got two big insurance runs from an unlikely source. Abraham Toro came into the game with just two hits in 23 plate appearances this season and hadn't hit the ball with any sort of authority. That changed on an 0-2 fastball up and out of the strike zone. Toro got on top of the 92 mph fastball from Spencer Patton, sending it into the seats in deep right-center for his first homer of the season.

LEWIS COUNTY Sports SCOREBOARD

Local Schedules THURSDAY, April 21

Baseball

Winlock at Toledo, 4 p.m. Kalama at Rainier, 4 p.m. Adna at Napavine, 4 p.m. Onalaska at MWP, 4 p.m.

Softball

Adna at Toledo, 4 p.m. Onalaska at Winlock, 4 p.m. W.F. West at Centralia, 4:30 p.m. Rainier at Wahkiakum, 4 p.m.

Track

Black Hills & Shelton at Tumwater, 3:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 22

Baseball

W.F. West at Centralia, 4:30 p.m. Black Hills at Tumwater, 4:30 p.m. Hoquiam at Tenino, 4 p.m. Mossyrock at Lake Quinalt, 4 p.m. Naselle at PWV, 4 p.m.

Softball

Centralia at Aberdeen, 4:30 p.m. Tumwater at Rochester, 4:30 p.m. Shelton at Black Hills, 4:30 p.m. Tenino at Hoquiam, 6:45 p.m. Adna at Toutle Lake (DH), 3 p.m. Taholah at Mossyrock, 4 p.m.

Soccer

W.F. West at Centralia, 7:30 p.m. Rochester at Aberdeen, 7:30 p.m. Black Hills at Tumwater, 7:30 p.m. Tenino at Hoquiam, 4 p.m.

Track

Activator's Meet, 4 p.m. at W.F. West

Twilight Invite, 4:30 p.m. at Kalama

Tennis

Centralia at W.F. West, 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, April 23

Baseball

Aberdeen at Rochester (DH), 1 p.m. Adna at Onalaska (DH), noon

Softball

Davis at Toledo (DH), noon

College Baseball

Lower Columbia at Centralia, 1 pm.

Track

Activator's Meet at W.F. West, noon

Local Results

Baseball

At W.F. West

WARRIORS 2, BEARCATS 1

Rochester 100 010 0 — 2 6 1 W.F. West 010 000 0 — 1 3 4 W.F. West Pitching — Moore 6.1 IP, 8 K, 1 ER, 5 H, 3 BB; Highlights — Fugate 1-4; Stajduhar 1-3, R; Kelley 1-2

Rochester Pitching — Hartley 7 IP, 3 H, 0 ER, 14 K, 4 BB; Highlights — Hawes 3-4, RBI; Hartley 1-2, R; Ubias 1-3, R

At Hoquiam

Game 1

BEAVERS 15, GRIZZLIES 3

Tenino 041 064 X — 15 16 2 Hoquiam 102 000 X — 3 5 3 Tenino Pitching — Burkhardt 4 IP, 4 hits, 3 runs, 3 ER, 2 K, 3 BB; Vasser 2 IP, 1 hit, 0 ER, 1 K, 2 BB; Highlights — Vasser 4-4, 2 runs, 5 RBIs; Gonia 2-3, 2 RBIs, BB Hoquiam Pitching — Jump 3.2 IP,

8 ER, 13 hits, 2 K; Highlights — Mc-Minn 1-2, RBI, BB

Game 2

BEAVERS 12, GRIZZLIES 1

Tenino 052 32X X — 12 11 1 Hoquiam 100 00X X — 1 0 0 Tenino Pitching — Noonan 5 IP, 1 ER, 6 K, 3 BB, no hits; Highlights — Vasser 1-2, 3 RBIs; Strawn 2-4, run, 2 RBIs; Hoquiam Pitching — Mefford 2.2 IP, 8 ER, 2 K, 4 BB; Highlights — Templar RBI

At Toledo

Game 1

CHINOOKS 8, RIVERHAWKS 0

Kalama 102 004 1 — 8 8 0 Toledo 000 000 0 — 0 0 0 Kalama Pitching — Imboden 7 IP, 0 H, 16 K; Highlights — Mills 2-4, 2 R, 3 RBIs Toledo Pitching — Schultz 5.2 IP; 15 K, 7 ER, 7 H; Highlights — Z. Ranney BB

Game 2

CHINOOKS 3, RIVERHAWKS 2

Kalama 002 001 0 — 3 5 0 Toledo 000 200 0 — 2 5 2 Toledo Pitching — Sorenson 5 IP, 5 K, 2 ER, 5 H; Highlights — Umbriaco 2-3, 2 2B, R, RBI; Miller 1-2, R, RBI; Gilreath R

Softball

At Tenino

Game 1

GRIZZLIES 11, BEAVERS 5

Hoquiam 170 102 0 — 11 11 2 Tenino 311 000 0 — 5 5 6 Hoquiam Pitching — Blood 7 IP, 5 H, 3 ER, 7 K; Highlights — Howas 3-4, 2 RBIs; Cady 2-4, 3 RBIs Tenino Pitching — Baxter 7 IP, 11 H, 6 ER, 12 K; Highlights — Vestal 2-4, RBI; Baxter 1-3, RBI; Bratton 1-2, R, RBI

Game 2

GRIZZLIES 7, BEAVERS 1

Hoquiam 131 101 1 — 7 9 3 Tenino 001 000 0 — 1 5 5 Hoquiam Pitching — Sauer, 7 IP, 7 K, 0 ER, 5 H; Highlights — Bonney-Spradlin 2-3, 2 R, 2 RBIs Tenino Pitching — Baxter 7 IP, 7 K, 2 ER, 9 H; Highlights — Vestal 2-3; Goodwin 1 for 3; Feltus 1-3; Severse R

At Aberdeen

BOBCATS 10, WOLVES 1

Black Hills 000 100 0 — 1 0 0 Aberdeen 300 214 X — 10 8 0 Black Hills Pitching — Theophilus 6 IP, 8 hits, 10 ER, 5 BB, 12 K; Highlights — Parker RBI; Theophilus run, BB Aberdeen Pitching — Camp 7 IP, 0 hits, 1 ER, 2 BB, 11 K; Highlights — Gore 2-4, 2 runs, 4 RBIs, 2 HR

At Onalaska

Game 1

LOGGERS 9, MOUNTAINEERS 4

Onalaska 202 310 1 — 9 10 0 Rainier 200 002 0 — 4 6 0 Onalaska Pitching — Zigler 7.0 IP, 6 hits, 4 ER, 10 K, HR; Highlights — Cleveland-Barrera 2-2, 3 runs, 2 HRs, four RBI, BB; Holmes 3-4, 2 RBIs

Rainier Pitching — Elwell 7.0 IP, 10 hits, 9 ER, 6 K, 5 BB, 2 HR; Highlights — Elwell 1-2, 2 RBI, run, HR; Anderson 1-3, run, RBI, 3B

Game 2

LOGGERS 9, MOUNTAINEERS 7

Rainier 000 042 1 — 7 11 2 Onalaska 304 100 1 — 9 7 4 Rainier Pitching — Elwell 3 IP, 3 K, 7 R, 8 H; Highlights — Lofgren 2-4, 2 RBIs 2 R; Taylor 2-3, R Onalaska Pitching — Liddell 4 IP, 7 R, 5 K, 1 BB; Highlights — Smith 2-3, Cleveland-Barrera 1-3, 2 RBIs

At Winlock

DUCKS 17, CARDINALS 4

Winlock Highlights — Connelly 2B; Hall RBI, 2B; Keene RBI

At Cathlamet

Game 1

RIVERHAWKS 32, MULES 2

Toledo (22)37 — 32 16 0 Wahkiakum 101 — 2 3 0 Toledo Pitching — Bowen 2 IP, 2 hits, 1 ER, 4 K, BB; Robins 1 IP, 1 hit, 1 ER, 1 K, 1 BB; Highlights — Jurica 2-3, 4 runs, 3 RBIs, BB, HR; Norberg 3-3, 4 runs, 3 RBIs, BB, HR

Game 2

RIVERHAWKS 24, MULES 2

Toledo 2(15)7 — 24 19 1 Wahkiakum 002 — 2 4 0 Toledo Pitching — Bowen 3 IP, 4 hits, 0 ER, 3 K, 1 BB; Highlights — Clark 1-2, 2 runs, 2 RBIs, HR; Marcil 2-3, 2 runs, 3 RBIs, HR

Local Bowling

April 10-16 Results

FAIRWAY LANES

Top 10 Men

1. Drew Robertson, 759; 2. Justin Marks, 749; 3. Chris Wood, 717, and Sean Hamilton, 717; 4. Brett Devlin, 714; 5. John Hart, 703; 6. Joe Masters, 694; 7. Mike Reid, 688; 8. Corey Pratt, 682; 9. Dyson Faulk, 674; 10. Rick Lyons, 673; High Game: Drew Robertson, 300

Top 10 Women

1. Elizabeth Steen, 675; 2. Miranda Smith, 607; 3. Teresa Russell, 584; 4. Cricket Nichols, 564; 5. Lynn Wiltzius, 542; 6. Sahlee Aldrich, 524; 7. Barb Overlin, 521; 8. Annette Haworth, 517; 9. Heidi Kuse, 509; 10. Nikki Postlewait, 495; High Game: Elizabeth Steen, 277

Top 5 Senior Men

1. Jerry Jobes, 648; 2. Dave Reynoldson, 623; 3. Jesse Gac, 578; 4. Ernie Smith, 571; 5. Greg Kiser, 520; High Game: Jerry Jobes, 277

Top 5 Senior Women

1. Teresa Johnson, 500; 2. Gail Dean, 497; 3. Ginny Eddy, 482; 4. Susan Prier, 455; 5. Connie Gray, 453; High Game: Gail Dean, 192 Top 4 Friday MatchPlay (4 games) 1. Bruce Peterson, 846; 2. Junior Martin, 782; 3. Jason Burnside, 687; 4. Jerry Jobes, 686; High Game: Bruce Peterson, 257



## Tuesday's 2A Track &amp; Field



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W.F. West's Katelynn Guenther clears the bar in the girls high jump during a rivalry meet at Centralia on Tuesday.

## Bearcats Sweep Tigers in Rivalry Track Meet

By The Chronicle staff

W.F. West boys claimed a 77-66 win and the Bearcat girls a 74-70 victory over Centralia in a rivalry track and field meet at Tiger Stadium on Tuesday.

Savanna Bolivar was a triple winner to lead the Bearcat girls, sweeping the 200-meter dash (28.83), the long jump (14-9) and the triple jump (32-02).

"Savanna really looked strong and fast today," W.F. West coach Autumn Ledgerwood said. "Her triple jump was a new PR."

Other Bearcat girl winners were Olivia Remund in the high jump, Laurel Toynbee in the 100-meter dash, Chloe Phillips (300 hurdles), Tessa Stidham (pole vault) and the 4x100 and 4x400 relays.

Centralia girls were highlighted by Lucy Nowicki's win in the 400-meter dash (1:07.67), Ruth Gonzalez in the 800 (2:56.27), Olivia Grugenski in

the 1600 (6:14.17) and Keira Jones in the 3200 (15:11.68).

On the boys side, William Buzzard had a breakthrough performance for the Bearcats, throwing over a 2-foot PR to win the shot put at 40-10.5.

The Bearcat boys were able to sweep both hurdle races with Silas Briggs winning the 110s and Emmett Imboden winning the 300s. Brian Anouma won the high jump and triple jump while also taking second in the long jump. Ryan Hilliker won the pole vault and ran legs in the winning 4x100 and 4x400 relays.

For Centralia, Jonathan Wilkerson was a triple winner in the 100 (11.86), 200 (25.07) and the 400 (59.22). Devin Harrison captured both the mile and two-mile. Willie Stinkeoway won the discus and Colton Aitken the javelin.

For full results, visit athletic.net.



Centralia's Aiden Cox launches the boys javelin during a rivalry meet against W.F. West Tuesday in Centralia.

### Tuesday's 2A Girls Tennis

## Wolves Race Past Tigers With Strong Singles Play

By The Chronicle staff

Black Hills swept all three singles matches to earn a 4-2 road win over Centralia in 2A Evergreen Conference play on Tuesday.

- No. 1 singles — Stella Moore (BH) defeated Olivia Wiley (C), 6-1, 6-1

- No. 2 singles — Ella Sarno (BH) defeated Norah Sas (C), 7-6 (9-7), 7-6 (7-5)

- No. 3 singles — Monica Pedit (BH) defeated Maya Lackie (C), 6-1, 6-1

- No. 1 doubles — Sienna Moore and Athena Moore defeated Liza Hopkins and Maddie Corwin (C), 6-1, 6-0

- No. 2 doubles — Maya O'Dell and Serina Stehr (C) defeated Carey/Medynter 7-6 (9-7), 6-2

- No. 3 doubles — Sophie Wiley and Olivia Norris (C) defeated Pearson/Glasburn, 6-2 6-0

Centralia continued league play when it headed to Aberdeen on Wednesday. Black Hills traveled to Shelton on Wednesday for another league contest.

### Beaver Tennis Remains Undefeated in League

Tenino girls tennis stayed unbeaten in 1A Evergreen League play with a 3-2 home victory over Castle Rock on Tuesday.

"Just grateful to get out there after having a tough season with rainouts," Tenino coach Sam

Chea said. "It was good to shake off the rust and know what we need to improve on in practice."

- No. 1 singles — Megan Letts (T) defeated Taylor Madden (CR), 6-4, 6-2

- No. 2 singles — Bailey McKittrick (T) defeated Anna Rose (CR), 6-2, 6-2

- No. 3 singles — Paige Ogden (CR) defeated Abigail Archibald (T), 6-2, 6-2

- No. 1 doubles — Rilee Jones and Ashley Schow (T) defeated Kate Loftus and Natalie Swoford (CR), 6-3, (6-6), 7-1

- No. 2 doubles — Myla Landgon and Mayle Herrington

(CR) defeated Destiny Sampley and Lauren McClasin (T), 6-3, 0-6

Tenino (3-0 1A Evergreen) continues league play when it heads to Montesano on Monday.



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Centralia's Liza Hopkins returns a serve from Black Hills during the No. 1 doubles match Tuesday in Centralia.



## Tuesday's Prep Boys Soccer



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Rochester's Alexis Castillo-Corona celebrates with his team after a penalty kick goal against W.F. West on Tuesday.

## Castillo-Corona's Hat Trick Carries Warriors to Fourth-Straight Win

By Eric Trent

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Rochester senior Alexis Castillo-Corona scored his second-straight hat trick to help Rochester to a 3-1 win over W.F. West in a 2A Evergreen Conference matchup at home on Tuesday.

Castillo-Corona, who was coming off a hat trick against Black Hills last week, continued his hot streak on Tuesday by notching his eighth goal in the past four games. It's no coincidence the Warriors have now won four matches in a row.

"He's on a roll," Rochester coach Matt Ashton said. "We have the bus rolling in the right direction."

It didn't come easy as Ashton said he and his team knew W.F. West would come out and challenge them from the get-go — and the Bearcats did.

"We knew Chehalis was going to come in and play us hard," Ashton said.

But the Warriors were able to keep shape defensively and keep possession of the ball, for the most part. And when the Bearcats did gain possession, the Warriors were able to get it back.

"Defensively, over the last four games, that's what has kept us going," Ashton said. "It's al-



Rochester defender Levi Jennings (right) and W.F. West's Adrian Jaimes jockey for position on Tuesday.

lowing our goal scorers to get opportunities."

Castillo-Corona put the Warriors up 1-0 in just the eighth minute off an assist from Eduardo Francisco. Castillo-Corona notched his brace in the 31st minute off a penalty kick to make it 2-0.

But the Bearcats battled back to pull within one just before the

half with a goal from Adrian Jaimes off a penalty kick.

Castillo-Corona gave the Warriors a two-goal lead with a goal in the 53rd minute off an assist from Levi Jennings.

"Really good ball control from Alexis on the inline," Ashton said. "It was a pretty hard angle and I was kind of surprised he made it."

For the Bearcats, it was their second loss in the past three games — and Tuesday's loss was made even more frustrating with a slew of Bearcat starters out with injury.

"Probably not our best game of the year," W.F. West coach Allen Anderson said. "We're struggling with adversity right now. We have a handful of start-

ers out with injury and the rest of the starters are not playing at 100% health. But the guys played hard. Rochester did a good job adjusting and getting numbers back."

W.F. West (5-3 EvCo) heads to Centralia for the inaugural The Chronicle Cup rivalry match.

Rochester (4-4 EvCo) travels to Aberdeen on Friday.

### United Can't Overcome Three-Goal Deficit Against Bruins

Though the Toledo-Winlock United boys soccer team nearly overcame insurmountable odds, it couldn't quite get there after falling behind 3-0, losing 3-2.

After Columbia (White Salmon)'s third goal in the second half, Matthew Ethridge responded with a strong run and goal soon after, and in the 69th minute, Ethridge found Nolan Swofford to bring the deficit to just one with just over 10 minutes to go.

But despite pressuring for that last goal, United couldn't get a good enough chance and fell, 3-2.

United will look to respond against Stevenson on the road Thursday at 5 p.m.

## NFL

## Seahawks Re-Sign Jon Rhattigan, 8 Other Young Free Agents — So His Army Career Still Waits

By Gregg Bell

The News Tribune

Jon Rhattigan isn't re-joining the Army.

Not just yet.

The Seahawks announced Tuesday they have re-signed the linebacker and special-teams player who played in 14 games as an undrafted rookie in the 2021 season. The former Army Black Knight, the first West Point graduate to play for the Seahawks, was among eight restricted free agents and exclusive-rights free agents Seattle re-signed for 2022.

The others are wide receiver Penny Hart, guard Phil Haynes, defensive tackle Bryan Mone, linebacker Tanner Muse, safety Ryan Neal, cornerback John Reid and center Dakoda Shepley.

The Seahawks also re-signed Geno Smith. The 31-year-old quarterback will compete with, for now, Drew Lock and Jacob Eason to replace traded Russell Wilson as Seattle's quarterback in 2022.

The team made the announcements on the first day of its offseason workout program. The Seahawks have two weeks of weight lifting and rehabilitation

work in the training room before the second offseason phase, workouts on a field.

Rhattigan is rehabilitating from reconstructive knee surgery this winter. He tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his knee in Seattle's loss at the Los Angeles Rams in December.

He is part of the Pentagon granting active-duty service deferments for graduates of military service academies who earn professional sports contracts.

If Rhattigan didn't get an NFL contract for last year or this year, from Seattle or any other team, the terms of his service deferment from the Department of the Army say he is poised to receive his delayed commission and begin serving as his West Point classmates already are: on active duty in the Army.

Rhattigan was one of four service academy graduates to get deferments of their active-duty assignments to pursue NFL roster spots in the summer of 2021. The others were Nolan Laufenberg (Denver Broncos) and George Silvanic (Los Angeles Rams) from the Air Force Academy, plus Cameron Kinley (Tampa Bay Buccaneers) from the Naval Academy.

The Seahawks had a Naval Academy graduate playing for them in 2018, Keenan Reynolds. He was on Seattle's practice squad then played two games that season as a wide receiver.

Reynolds entered the NFL drafted in the sixth round by the Baltimore Ravens in 2016. He initially was on a Department of Defense policy similar to the one that's allowed Rhattigan onto the Seahawks: a two-year waiver of his service time. Then the Trump Administration changed that. Lieutenant Junior Grade Reynolds was allowed to play in the NFL while the Navy put him on active-reserve status as a cryptologic warfare officer. He's now out of the NFL and continuing to serve as a Naval officer.

Rhattigan wants to serve his country. Every cadet does. No one goes to a service academy seeking to avoid its obligation serving our nation on active military duty for years. There are colleges for that. Cadets at West Point and the Air Force Academy and midshipmen at the Naval Academy are volunteering to defend the Constitution, as Rhattigan did by taking that oath in 2017 fresh out of

Neuqua Valley High School in Naperville, Illinois.

"Regardless of what happens, I'm going to represent myself, the Academy and the Army the best I can," Rhattigan told The News Tribune last August, just before making the 2021 Seahawks out of training camp.

Most, if not all, his Seahawks teammates have had no understanding of what's been at stake for Rhattigan to get a contract from Seattle the last two years. The life of a military academy graduate isn't exactly common NFL locker-room talk.

"For the most part, no," Rhattigan said. "Some might have family members here and there, but certainly it's a football focus out here."

"I certainly talk about it a good bit. A lot of people are interested. It is an interesting path for me to have gotten here, so I like to share some of my experiences."

"It can be applicable, both in football and just leadership, life on and off the field. It's good for me to be good at telling what I went through, and how the Army and military life can apply to football."

"Certainly, people are curious

about it."

Rhattigan said some of his Seahawks teammates have been "shocked" to learn he got up at 6 a.m. every day for four years, shined his shoes and his brass for uniform and room inspections, attended mandatory classes for physics, calculus, chemistry and engineering, went to summer Army training instead of the beach — while all other college football players prepared for the NFL by ... well, being in college.

"At the same time, they expect it to be different. You know, you live a structured life, you live an organized life," he said. "They are more just interested to hear what it was really like because they could only have an imagination about it."

Technically, the Army considers Rhattigan to be in the In-active Ready Reserve for three years.

"After my playing career, whenever that may be, I will still require five years of active duty, or service in some capacity," he said.

The Seahawks made sure on Tuesday his playing career continues — and his military career waits.



## NBA

# Curry Erupts for 34 Points as Warriors Take 2-0 Lead Over Nuggets

SAN FRANCISCO (TNS) — Stephen Curry had a lot to shimmy about Monday night in the Warriors' dominant 126-106 win over the Denver Nuggets.

After missing his first five shots in Game 1, Curry showed no signs of rust in Game 2 in front of an electric crowd at Chase Center. He made his first shot after entering the game off the bench and scored 11 points during his second-quarter stint.

The Warriors' three-guard lineup of Curry, Jordan Poole and Klay Thompson, was just as lethal Monday as it was in Saturday's game. Golden State closed out the second quarter on a 22-8 run with Poole, Thompson and Curry to give the Warriors a 57-51 lead at the half.

The trio also led an entertaining and at times unbelievable shooting clinic in the third quarter, scoring a combined 31 points as the Warriors outscored the Nuggets 46-30 in the quarter.

Oh, and about that guy, Jordan Poole. He had another outstanding playoff performance in what might as well have been his official initiation into the Splash Brothers family. The third-year guard, who oozes confidence every time he steps on the court and has emerged as one of the Warriors' most reliable scorers this season, went 5-of-10 from 3-point range, just like Curry. The 22-year-old finished with 29 points and eight assists.

Poole's latest showing comes less than a day after he was excluded from the list of Most Improved Player finalists. Asked about the omission Monday, Poole brushed it off and said he had bigger fish to fry.

"Luckily we're still fighting for a championship," he said.

And with two commanding playoff victories in their rear-



Stephen Curry (30) of the Golden State Warriors has words with Nikola Jokic (15) of the Denver Nuggets during Game Two of the Western Conference First Round NBA Playoffs at Chase Center on Monday in San Francisco, California.

view mirror, it seems like the Warriors are on track to make another run at a title.

The Nuggets' frustrations from Game 1 seemed to boil over to Monday's contest. Forward Jeff Green, center DeMarcus Cousins and guard Will Barton seemed to get into a heated exchange during a timeout in the third quarter. Nikola Jokic also

was assessed two technicals in the second half, resulting in an ejection from the game. His second came in the fourth quarter as he argued with an official over a non-call.

While it initially appeared that Draymond Green was right when he said that Jokic was "coming back with vengeance," as Jokic drew two fouls within

the first 1:30 of the game. That doubled the number of Jokic's free throws from Game 1 before some fans even got to their seats, but the Warriors were able to slow the Joker for the remainder of the game.

Jokic finished with 26 points, 11 rebounds and four assists on 9-of-20 shooting.

Thompson had 21 points on

9-of-19 shooting and Andrew Wiggins added 13 points and grabbed eight rebounds in what was another productive performance for the All-Star guard.

The Warriors own a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series and are scheduled to travel to Denver later this week, where they'll play Game 3 on Thursday and Game 4 Sunday.

# Butler's 45 Points Power Heat to 115-105 Victory Over Hawks, 2-0 Series Lead

MIAMI (TNS) — It is the next gear that creates the fear.

Sunday, in Game 1 of this best-of-seven opening-round playoff series, it came in the second quarter, when the Miami Heat decided a rout was better than doubt, in what turned into a 24-point blowout win.

Tuesday night at FTX Arena, Erik Spoelstra's team this time took it up a level in the third quarter behind the play of Jimmy Butler, on the way to a 115-105 victory over the Atlanta Hawks.

Butler led the Heat with a career playoff-high 45 points, an effort that included four 3-pointers.

Up 2-0 in the series, the Heat now head out for Friday and Sunday games at State Farm Arena, having shown Tuesday they can win even when Hawks guard Trae Young actually makes shots and even with center Bam Adebayo yet to hit his series stride.

With Butler's offense more than enough to offset 25 points from Young, the Heat were able to overcome early turnovers, a shaky close and foul trouble for Adebayo.

Bogdan Bogdanovic scored 29 points for the Hawks.

For as good as the Heat were in the third, and for as much as they carried that momentum into the fourth, building a 16-point lead, it still came down to the closing minutes, the Hawks far more competitive



The Miami Heat's Bam Adebayo (13) reaches for the ball during the first quarter against the Atlanta Hawks in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference first-round playoff series at FTX Arena on Tuesday in Miami. The Heat won, 115-105, for a 2-0 series lead.

than in Game 1.

## Closing Time

The Heat led 26-25 at the end of the opening period, 56-54 at halftime and then pushed to a 14-point lead in the third with a 16-4 run before taking an 87-76 lead into the fourth.

The Heat then moved to a 16-point lead early in the fourth, but a 13-0 run drew the Hawks

within 94-91 with 6:27 to play.

A 3-point play by Kyle Lowry with 5:41 to go upped the Heat's lead to 100-93, with a Butler steal and score pushing the lead to 102-93.

But with a Young 3-pointer, the Hawks were back within 102-98 with 4:24 to go, with a Bogdanovic 3-pointer later drawing Atlanta within 104-101.

After the Heat moved ahead 106-101, Spoelstra won a coach's

challenge, Butler drained a 3-pointer and that effectively was it.

## Butler Time

There was little pretense from Butler other than eyes on the rim, his 12-point second quarter putting him at 21 points at the intermission.

Butler was 6 of 12 from the field and 7 of 7 from the line in

the first half.

From there, there was his third 3-pointer of the night early in the third period, lifting him to 3 of 4 on the night, as part of a personal eight-point burst over 2 1/2 minutes.

He was over 30 points for the night midway through the third period, moments later fouled on a 3-pointer, making all three free throws.

## Foul Mood

Adebayo, in the midst of an uneven start to the series, was forced to the bench with his fourth foul just 1:22 into the second half.

With backup center Dewayne Dedmon already with three fouls, Spoelstra went with Caleb Martin, who had been out of the rotation and limited to mop-up duty in Game 1. Martin had entered late in the second period, after Adebayo and Dedmon each had been whistled for their third fouls.

The ledger quickly was evened, with Atlanta's DeAndre Hunter and Bogdanovic each called for their fourth fouls shortly thereafter.

But then, with 2:37 left in the third, Heat starting power forward P.J. Tucker was called for his fifth foul.

Adebayo had been limited to six points and six rebounds in Sunday's series opener.

# Memphis Shuts Down Timberwolves 105-81 to Even Playoff Series

MEMPHIS (TNS) — The Timberwolves said all the right things ahead of Tuesday's 124-96 blowout at the hands of Memphis.

How they weren't satisfied with just winning Game 1, how they would be ready for a turbo-charged Grizzlies team to amp up the intensity and make adjustments.

It was all just talk.

The Grizzlies back up their talk and responded like a No. 2 seed should while all of the Wolves' warts were on display.

Everything the Wolves did right on Saturday — control the glass, hit from outside, Karl-Anthony Towns keeping himself out of foul trouble — they couldn't do Tuesday at all or until it was too late.

The series is now tied 1-1 with Game 3 on Thursday in Minneapolis. Ja Morant continued to dazzle with 23 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds, and could have had more had a brief injury scare not sidelined him in the third quarter.

After a foul-plagued first-quarter for both teams, the night shifted in Memphis' favor during the second quarter when the Grizzlies attacked the offensive glass and opened up their first double-digit lead of the series.

Memphis coach Taylor Jenkins kept starter Steven Adams on his bench for all but three minutes after Adams struggled guarding Towns. Jenkins productive minutes from his bench, especially Xavier Tillman, who helped ignite a second burst that

put Memphis ahead for good. In that second quarter, the Grizzlies had nine second-chance points and held Minnesota to just 17 points. Tillman finished with 11 points and six rebounds.

The Wolves' offense lacked the crispness and flow it had in the opening game. Anthony Edwards eventually got going and scored 20 points, but most of that damage didn't come until the Wolves were already down 27 in the third quarter.

Towns picked up three fouls by halftime — his third coming on an unnecessary kick-out on a three-pointer.

Memphis led 60-49 at the half, but the break did nothing to settle down the Wolves, who looked disheveled at best in the third quarter and overmatched

at the worst. Memphis got what it wanted at the rim and hit 11 three-pointers on the night, matching the Wolves.

That marked trimmed a three-point gap the Grizzlies talked about tightening between them and the Wolves. Jaren Jackson Jr., who played at the five with Adams out, did his best Towns impression by hitting 4-for-7 from three-point range for 16 points

Towns had to watch from the bench as Jackson hit a pair of threes to put Memphis ahead 24 early in the fourth and officially squash the Wolves' last hopes.

The only issue for Memphis was a brief injury scare to Morant, who appeared to hurt his left thigh coming around a screen. He left for the locker

room but returned in the fourth.

Towns finished with 15 points and 11 rebounds while D'Angelo Russell again struggled from the field with 11 points on 3-for-11 shooting.

The Wolves are going to need more out their maximum-contract point guard if they want to win the series. Russell is 5-for-22 through two games.

One player who typified the difference between games for the Wolves was Jaden McDaniels. McDaniels was pivotal in Game 1 with 15 points, seven rebounds and exemplary defense off the bench. In Game 2, McDaniels had two points and was 1-for-7 and didn't come close on three of his four three-point attempts.

The Wolves were never close to getting Game 2 at all.



## Escott

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when we need someone.”

Lancaster, who’s in her first year coaching the Warriors, has known Escott since Escott was a little girl as Lancaster used to date Escott’s older brother.

“Joni was a big part of my life and was the entire reason I started playing softball,” Escott said.

Lancaster, who was playing softball at Rochester High School at the time, asked then-8-year-old Escott if she’d like to play catch one day. Escott, who was playing multiple sports at the time, then decided she want-

ed to play softball and be just like Lancaster. The rest is history.

Fast forward to summer 2021 — in between Escott’s junior and senior years. She had gained the interest of a few community college softball programs. The only thing was, none had gotten her attention.

It wasn’t until later that summer while playing in a college exposure tournament in Las Vegas that she finally met face-to-face with a program she was interested in.

One of George Fox University’s assistant coaches had watched Escott pitch two innings at the tournament and grabbed one of her profile sheets after the game.

The coach then found Escott at a player-coaches meeting where college coaches can meet and talk to the high school athletes. Escott estimates there were around 100 coaches in attendance, and the one from George Fox introduced herself and set up an official campus visit.

Later that fall, on Nov. 17, Escott made the two and half hour drive to George Fox’s campus in Newberg, Oregon — about 24 miles southwest of Portland.

“It was definitely overwhelming,” Escott said. “It was my first real visit and I met the head coach for the first time. But I really got a feel for the school.”

The Bruins coaches flew down to California the follow-

ing weekend to watch Escott pitch again in another tournament. They offered her a spot on the team the following week, but she was still unsure at the time — wanted to keep her options open.

On Jan. 9, 2022, she drove down to make another campus visit and meet with the coaches. Five days later, she officially committed.

Escott never believed she’d be playing softball again after having double knee surgeries — let alone earn a roster spot on a university softball team.

“I didn’t think I was going to have two knee surgeries, so I feel like playing now is a big deal,” Escott said. “Being able to play college softball is an even bigger

deal.”

Now, she’ll get the chance to test her mettle in the Division III ranks with a Bruins team that has seven Northwest Conference (NWC) Tournament appearances, two conference titles and two NCAA Tournament appearances.

As of April 19, the Bruins are currently second in the NWC with a 30-10 overall record and 22-6 conference record. They’re also on a 10-game winning streak.

“The biggest thing is being able to find a new group of girls,” Escott said. “Excited to get out of my comfort zone and be around people who love softball as much as I do.”

## Softball

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Vestal again led the Beavers in hitting, going 2 for 3. Abby Severse scored the lone run, while Kayla Feltus and Kiyah Goodwin each went 1 for 3.

“Happy with how well (Vestal) hit today and played defensively,” Johnson said.

Baxter fanned seven batters on the mound while allowing two earned runs on nine hits and two walks.

Tenino heads to Hoquiam for a rematch at 3 p.m. on Friday.

## Wolves Downed in Aberdeen

Still searching for its first win of the season, the Black Hills softball team was defeated for the second time this season by Aberdeen, dropping the contest 10-1, Tuesday afternoon.

It was Bobcats pitcher Lilly Camp’s second straight no-hitter thrown against the Wolves this season, with the freshman toss-

ing a complete game no-no with 11 strikeouts and just two walks.

The Wolves’ lone run came after back-to-back batters were hit by Camp, and Madison Parker hit a sacrifice fly to score a run in the fourth inning.

In the circle for the Wolves, Zoey Theophilus pitched six with eight hits allowed, 10 earned runs, five walks, and 12 strikeouts.

Black Hills will try for its first win of the season when it hosts Shelton at 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

## Loggers Win Fifth Straight in Sweep of Mountaineers

Onalaska softball extended its win streak to five with a home doubleheader sweep of Rainier on Tuesday in a pair of tight games.

In Game 1, after being notched up at 2-2 through two innings, the Loggers took the lead for good in the third inning and fended off Rainier the rest of the way for a 9-4 victory.

Alex Cleveland-Barrera pro-

vided the firepower offensively, smashing two two-run homers while walking once and getting it by a pitch to reach base all four times. Catcher Raelee Holmes was 3 for 4 with two RBIs and Hope Rhodes finished 2 for 3 with an RBI.

Ony ace Dylan Zigler fanned 10 batters while allowing four earned runs on six hits across seven innings.

Rainier ace Bailey Elwell threw all seven innings, striking out six while allowing nine runs on 10 hits and five walks.

Elwell also led the Mountaineers’ offense, hitting a home run and driving in two runs. Keira Anderson was 1 for 3 with a triple, a run and an RBI.

In Game 2, Onalaska held off Rainier’s late surge as the Mountaineers nearly overcame an eight-run deficit by piling up seven runs in the final three innings before the Loggers held on for a 9-7 victory.

Cleveland-Barrera again paced the Loggers’ offense, going 1 for 3 with two RBIs, while Desi Smith went 2 for 3.

Freshman pitcher Lisa Lid-

dell threw four shutout innings before giving up four runs in the fifth, a run in the sixth and two in the seventh, but was hampered by four Logger errors.

“Take away those errors and she pitched a good game,” Onalaska coach Rich Teitzel said.

Elwell tossed three innings, fanning three and allowing seven runs on eight hits and two walks. Alyssa Lofgren led the Mountaineers’ offense, going 2 for 4 with two runs and two RBIs. Azlyn Taylor was 2 for 3 with a run.

Rainier headed to Morton-White Pass on Wednesday. Onalaska travels to Winlock on Thursday.

## Riverhawks Dismantle Mules in Twinbill

In a pair of games that weren’t close, the Toledo softball team swept Wahkiakum Tuesday evening, 32-2, and 24-2.

The Riverhawks were dominant from start to finish, with Quyn Norberg, Mialeigh Jurica, Greenlee Clark and Abbie Mar-

cil hitting home runs across two games, and Bethany Bowen and Averie Robins finishing with strong performances on the mound, with just four total runs allowed.

The Riverhawks will look to keep it rolling against Adna in a pivotal league matchup Thursday.

## Cardinals Can’t Slow Ducks’ Offense in Run-Rule Loss

Winlock softball was unable to keep up with or slow Toutle Lake in a 17-2, run-rule loss at home to the Ducks in four innings on Tuesday.

The Cardinals were led offensively with RBI hits by Addison Hall and Storm Keene, with Hall adding a double and Keene a single. Charlee Connelly also hit a double.

The losing pitcher for the Cardinals was Cali Geehan.

Winlock hosted Adna in a make-up game on Wednesday.

## Baseball

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himself by going 1 for 2 and scoring a run, Mason Ubias was 1 for 3 with a run while Tony Groninger drove in Hartley in the first inning.

The Bearcats offense was held to just three hits, with Gavin Fugate going 1 for 4, Evan Stajduhar scoring the lone run while going 1 for 3 and Ross Kelley going 1 for 2 with a walk.

“We just did not swing the bat well,” Bullock said. “We’ll look to get back on track.”

W.F. West (9-3, 4-2 EvCo) and Rochester were right back at it with a rematch on Wednesday.

## Beavers Sweep Grizzlies in Doubleheader

Recording its second straight doubleheader sweep, the Tenino baseball team needed just one day and two games to win the season series with Hoquiam in 15-3 and 12-1 victories Tuesday afternoon on the road.

The highlight for the Beavers was a no-hitter thrown by Brody Noonan in the second game. Though Noonan gave up a run in the first inning after a walk, a sac bunt, a wild pitch and a fielder’s choice all advanced a runner home, he was lights out the rest of the second game with six strikeouts over five innings in

the 12-1 win.

Mikey Vasser starred at the plate in both games, hitting a combined 5 for 6 with eight RBIs.

Vasser also relieved Jack Burkhardt in the first game, giving up just one hit with no earned runs in two innings, while Burkhardt pitched the first four innings, striking out two with three earned runs.

“All three of our pitchers today threw great,” Beavers coach Ryan Schlessler said. “A lot of strikes and challenges, defense made plays behind.”

The Beavers (9-4, 4-1 1A Evergreen) faced Hoquiam again Wednesday.

## Riverhawks Drop

## Home Twinbill Against Chinooks

Toledo baseball was no-hit in Game 1 and edged, 3-2, in Game 2 during a home doubleheader against Kalama in Central 2B League play on Tuesday.

In Game 1, the Riverhawks were no-hit had just two batters reach base — a hit by pitch and a walk — in an 8-0 loss. Kalama’s Noah Imboden tossed a no-hitter and struck out 16 batters.

The only two Riverhawk batters to reach base were Zane Ranney with a walk and Justin Filla, who was hit by a pitch.

Caiden Schultz tossed 5 ⅓ innings for the Riverhawks, striking out 15 batters while allowing

seven earned runs on seven hits and six walks.

In Game 2, the Riverhawks were tied 2-2 through five innings before the Chinooks plated a run in the sixth to come away with a 3-2 win.

Aiden Umbriaco led the Riverhawks offensively, going 2 for 3 at the plate with two doubles and an RBI. Mason Miller was 1 for 2 with a double, a run and an RBI and Geoffrey Glass was 1 for 3.

Ryker Sorenson threw five innings on the mound for Toledo, striking out five and allowing two earned runs on five hits and two walks.

Toledo continues league play when it hosts Winlock at 4 p.m. on Thursday.

## NFL

# Seahawks Make Official the Re-Signing of Geno Smith to Possibly Replace Russell Wilson

By Gregg Bell

The News Tribune

It’s official: Geno Smith has entered the Seahawks quarterback derby.

The backup to Russell Wilson the last three seasons officially re-signed with Seattle, the team announced Tuesday.

It’s a one-year, incentive-heavy deal. A league source first told The News Tribune of it last week.

The team made the announcement on the first day of its offseason workout program. The Seahawks have two weeks of weight lifting and rehabilitation work in the training room before the second offseason phase, workouts on a field.

The 31-year-old Smith gets \$3.5 million in base salary, according to NFL Network’s Ian Rapoport. He could earn an additional \$3.5 million in bonuses. That is if he wins the job to replace the traded Wilson.

Smith is 13-21 as a starter in his nine-year NFL career. He went 1-2 last season replacing Wilson after Wilson’s first missed games of his career because of surgery on his finger in October. Those were Smith’s first starts since 2017. He started one game late that season for the New York Giants.

Smith did not play a snap backing up Wilson during the Seahawks’ 2019 season. He played 18 snaps late in one game for the team in 2020.

Smith was the New York Jets’



Bettina Hansen / The Seattle Times

Seattle Seahawks backup quarterback Geno Smith takes over in the fourth quarter against the New York Jets on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020 at Lumen Field in Seattle, Washington.

starter in 2013 and ‘14.

Seahawks coach Pete Carroll said since early March resigning Smith was a priority. Carroll believed Smith played nearly perfectly in leading the Seahawks to a 31-7 win at home over Jacksonville Oct. 31. He completed 20 of 24 passes for 195 yards and two touchdowns that day in his third start for the injured Wilson. Wilson returned to start Seattle’s next game.

It took a while to get him resigned because Smith asked to be paid more than Seattle’s paid him the last three seasons (just over \$1 million last year). He wanted to be paid this year for finally having a realistic chance to be the team’s full-time starter.

He will compete with fourth-year veteran Drew Lock to be Seattle’s quarterback. The Seahawks acquired the 24-year-old Lock, Denver’s former second-round draft choice, in the

trade of Wilson to the Broncos last month.

Jacob Eason is a third, more unlikely candidate. The former University of Washington passer from Lake Stevens has yet to start an NFL game.

“Oh, I like Geno, a lot,” Carroll said last month at the league’s scouting combine in Indianapolis. “You know, he’s really valuable to us, really valuable, and he can play, and I don’t have any question that he can go

in the game and play at a really high level. So we’ll let them all battle it out. It’ll always be the competition, though, and we’ll see what happens.”

The Seahawks are considering whether to draft a quarterback for the third time in Carroll’s and general manager John Schneider’s 12 years running the team. Seattle last week hosted quarterback Desmond Ridder from the University of Cincinnati.

Ridder was one of the 30 prospect visits at team headquarters Seattle is allowed before the draft that begins April 28. He’s the first quarterback prospect known to visit the Seahawks for the 2022 draft.

Smith posted online on his Twitter account Tuesday upon the Seahawks announcing his new contract: “Lets get to WORK”

In January, the Washington State Patrol arrested Smith on suspicion of driving under the influence after a trooper said Smith was driving 96 mph east of Seattle. Smith reportedly told an officer he had been drinking wine earlier that Sunday evening after he and the Seahawks had returned home from their season-ending win at Arizona Jan. 9.

Carroll said last month of Smith’s legal situation from that incident: “I think it’s going to run its course and everything should be worked out” by the start of the 2022 season.



# Life

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Northwest Wind Symphony musicians perform during a previous concert in this Chronicle file photo.

## Northwest Wind Symphony Returns After Two-Year Hiatus

By Matthew Zylstra

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The Northwest Wind Symphony (NWS) is returning after a two-year hiatus. The symphony, which hasn't held concerts because of the COVID-19 pandemic, will be holding its spring concert on Saturday, April 23.

The concert will feature "American music by American composers," according to the program.

"It's very exciting," said NWS co-founder Dan Judd.

Judd, who is returning to the area after living for several years in Oregon, said that when he co-founded the NWS in 1991, he had heard about a group of musicians that came together from all over the state who would practice together before playing and going home. Judd said he thought it was a crazy idea but decided they might be able to pull it off.

He found a conductor and told her if she was willing to conduct the concert, he would gather the band for the event. Ultimately, he was able to get enough musicians, mostly from Western Washington and a few from Northwest Oregon, to participate that they nearly had a full band. From then on, Judd said, lots of musicians have come back.

"Once we did it and everyone figured out, you had to come with the music practiced yourself, and they had to come

together to get it to work. Then people wanted to keep coming (back)," he said.

Judd said usually the concert has 40 to 45 musicians while this year there will be 52.

Judd said there's a lot of excitement among this year's symphony participants after the long hiatus.

"(The) universal feeling for musicians is the joy to be able to sit down together and play... it's just a thrill to be able to play live music and to share it with a crowd," he said.

"To play together as a group is exquisite," Judd said. "It's a double thrill for me, not just as a musician, but as someone who is returning to the community."

Judd, who will be serving as co-conductor for this year's concert, added "these are fine, fine players, and it really is a treat to bring them in and share them with the area and I hope people will come out and enjoy it."

Dan Schmidt, who is serving as co-conductor with Judd, said "it seems like ages ago" since the musicians last saw each other.

Schmidt, who was in charge of selecting the pieces for the symphony, said the theme for the upcoming concert is "getting the cobwebs out." He said out of the 10 pieces the symphony will be playing, four of them are technically difficult. He said when selecting pieces, beyond just selecting what he hoped would be entertaining for the audience, he asked himself, "What would be a challenge for

them (the band) after a two-year hiatus?"

When asked what he was most looking forward to for the upcoming concert, Schmidt said the people, especially the other band members. He said that while the symphony members saw each other three times a year before COVID-19, they haven't seen each other in the two years since the pandemic started.

But he says he's also looking forward to the audience.

"The audience in Centralia is always warm," he said. "We will have a good time. It will be delightful to see the audience again."

One local man, Louie Blaser, has been playing in the symphony for over 20 years. Blaser, who teaches band to students at Centralia College, Centralia High School and fifth and sixth grade students, first participated in the symphony as a high school student.

"They used to invite local high school players, like one or two kids from around the area, and I was selected as one of those players, probably my sophomore year, 1998 or something, and I just kept getting asked to play," he said.

Blaser said a lot of other band teachers participate in the symphony.

"I'd say about half the band are music educators of some kind and the other half are musicians that can handle higher level music ... For some people, myself included, it's about

professional development (for teachers), that's a plus," he said.

According to Blaser, the symphony is "definitely our highest tier band in the area."

"It's a fun one, but it's intense too," he said, describing the difficulty of preparing for the symphony's concerts.

"On my end there's been a lot of practicing, there's definitely a lot of excitement about what we're going to be playing," he said.

But it hasn't been easy practicing music during the pandemic. For Blaser, COVID-19 presented new challenges teaching his own students.

"It's been strange. Overall, there's been a lot of adaptation and adjustment and stuff that I've made to my curriculum," he said.

Blaser said learning about new technology while students were learning from home was a "trial by fire ... A lot of that technology, just like anything else that's new, is scary at first."

"As a band teacher, the extent of my personal technology, I can answer emails, make paper brochures for concerts and make excel spreadsheets," he said.

But, Blaser said, learning the new technology has had some big impacts on the way he teaches as students come back into the classroom.

One area where Blaser said he's been able to do more teaching is in music theory.

"You know (because of) certain websites and certain pro-

grams, last year we delved into music theory more than in the past," he said. "There's some websites that have some sequenced lessons on music theory ... I used that as a teaching tool."

And, he said, the students came back from the pandemic ready to learn.

"All my students were so anxious to play music together again that we would have all worn hazmat suits to be together," he said.

Blaser said he feels similarly about returning to the symphony after two years.

"I'm looking forward to the music for sure, but I haven't seen these people in two years and you get to a certain point and there's a lot of fellowship that takes place ... I think the thing for me is getting to see the people and getting to reignite those friendships," he said.

"The musicians in the band come from all over to play in Centralia," Blaser added.

"A chance to see one of the top bands in our region is a rarity. I would encourage anyone with an interest to come out and listen to a performance by local musicians like this."

The Saturday show starts at 7 p.m. at Corbet Theatre on the Centralia College campus. Tickets are \$12 for general admission and can be purchased at Book 'n' Brush in Chehalis or at the door the night of the event. Tickets can also be purchased online at <https://www.northwestwindsymphony.org/tickets>.

### Community Calendar

#### Fishing Derby

April 23 at Fort Borst Park; 9 a.m. to noon

Anyone is welcome to come participate in a fishing derby put on by the Lions Club. There will be drawings for prizes in three age groups, and hot dogs will be available to eat. Everything at the event, including food, will be free.

#### Girls Night Out

April 23, Downtown Centralia; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

It's time to shop, dine and play in downtown Centralia for a Girls Night Out. Stop by The Station Coffee Bar and Bistro at 120B S. Tower, during the event's timeframe for a guide to specials and prizes. A bag to fill with goodies along the way will also be provided. Cost is \$5, with a portion going to Hope Alliance.

Enjoy complimentary limousine service during the event. For information, go to [girlsnightoutcentralia.com](http://girlsnightoutcentralia.com) or call 360-736-4333.

#### Lewis County Stream Team Earth Day Event

April 23 at the Borst Home Museum, 2030 Borst Ave., Centralia; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Learn about invasive weeds and the importance of riparian trees from guest speakers. Take part in removing invasive Italian arum and replanting native species. Snacks, shovels and work gloves will be provided. Wear long sleeves and work boots. Connect with your community and give back to the environment for Earth Day. Families are welcome.

For more information call 360-996-4560 or email [Fosnacht@lewiscdwa.com](mailto:Fosnacht@lewiscdwa.com).

#### Experience Chehalis Earth Day Clean-up

April 23, Lewis County Historical Museum, 599 NW Front St., Chehalis; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Experience Chehalis is holding an Earth Day Community Clean-up event and entrants can participate for as little of as long as they would like. Check

in at the Lewis County Historical museum and sign up for one of the clean-up activities. Raffle tickets will be exchanged for full track bags full of litter. Call 360-345-1738 to register by April 14 and receive a free Experience Chehalis Earth Day t-shirt.

#### Potato Bake

April 23 at the Adna Grange, 123 Dickman Road, Chehalis; 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Lunch costs \$7 and will include a potato, toppings, a beverage, salad and dessert.

#### Riverside Fire Authority Meeting

April 27 at Station 2 headquarters, 1818 Harrison Ave., Centralia; 5 p.m.

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

#### Spring Youth Fair

April 29, 30 and May 1 at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds

Parking and admission are free on Friday, April 29 and

throughout the fair for kids ages 5 and below. Saturday/Sunday parking costs \$5 and admission is \$5 per day for anyone age 13 or older, \$4 per day for ages 6 through 12. Entries are open on April 26 from 4 to 8 p.m. For more information, visit [www.springyouthfair.org](http://www.springyouthfair.org).

#### Gate Community Club Plant Sale

April 30 at the Historic Gate City Schoolhouse, 16925 Moon Road SW, Rochester; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Proceeds from the plant sale will be used for improvements of the historic schoolhouse.

#### Spring Fling

April 30, Logan Hill Grange, 105 Hewitt Road, Chehalis; 1 to 5 p.m.

Clap your hands, stomp those feet, dance to that fine blue grass of the Dills Family Band. There will be music, hot dogs, potato chips, home-baked beans, cookies, and beverages for \$10 per person. No charge for children 12 and under. Call 253-302-1955 or email [raswino29@outlook.com](mailto:raswino29@outlook.com) for more information.

To add upcoming events to the Community Calendar, email reporter Daniel Warn at [dan@chronline.com](mailto:dan@chronline.com).

#### Business After Hours

April 21 at 1437 S. Gold St., Centralia; 5 p.m.

Enjoy a night of networking, food, beverages, fun and prizes with the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce, hosted by Sticklin Funeral Chapel.

#### Earth Day Work Party

April 22 at Chehalis Discovery Trail, 1545 Goodrich Rd, Centralia; 9 a.m. to noon

The Chehalis River Basin Land Trust will hold an Earth Day Work Party. Folks will be working to clean up and restore sections of the trail and vegetation that were damaged by last winter's flood events. Bring sturdy work gloves and footwear. Some garden tools and gloves will be available.

To pre-register, email [office@chehalislandtrust.org](mailto:office@chehalislandtrust.org) or call 360-807-0764.



# Puzzles

Find Answers to the Puzzles in the Next Edition

## Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bay at the moon
  - 5 Arctic native
  - 10 Cliffside abodes
  - 12 Disinclined
  - 13 College unit
  - 14 Sachet components
  - 15 Self-confidence
  - 16 Mensa stats
  - 18 Orchestra leader — Baxter
  - 19 Gases up
  - 23 Cosmic force
  - 26 Boxing legend
  - 27 Porpoise relative
  - 30 Threads
  - 32 Flat
  - 34 Wyoming range
  - 35 Headpieces

- 36 Quick letter
- 37 Oxford tutor
- 38 Sass
- 39 Fix flowers
- 42 Pale gray
- 45 Sapporo sash
- 46 Cries
- 50 Sounded loudly
- 53 Serving of lamb
- 55 Cookie cooks
- 56 Reliable
- 57 One-celled animal (Var.)
- 58 Kennel sounds

- DOWN**
- 1 Queen of Olympus
  - 2 Assayers' samples
  - 3 More spread-out
  - 4 Luau welcome
  - 5 "— had it!"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 7 Eurasian mountains
- 8 Large cay
- 9 Miss Trueheart of the comics
- 10 Winning serve
- 11 Suppress
- 12 Altar area
- 17 On the — vive
- 20 Employed one
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- 23 Trim a doily
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- 25 Mr. Preminger
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- 29 Jai —
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- 33 Mind reader's letters
- 35 Pick-me-ups
- 37 Smidgen
- 40 Poles
- 41 Organic compound
- 42 "Waterloo" pop group
- 43 Loud noise
- 44 Ocean fish
- 47 Canute's foe
- 48 Rose patches
- 49 Messy place
- 51 Yiddish "Mr."
- 52 Time period
- 54 Hagen of "The Other"

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## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to poetry.

**T R C O I M N A**

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Answer: Romantic

## Sudoku

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

8		6		3		5		
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### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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1	6	2	8	9	3	7	4	5
3	7	4	6	8	2	9	5	1
5	9	6	1	7	4	3	2	8
2	8	1	3	5	9	4	6	7

**HOW TO PLAY:**  
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

## Eyes On You Word Search

F	D	V	Q	S	P	S	V	S	R	W	Q	A	W	W	C	N	F	B	D
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

- |               |          |            |        |        |          |
|---------------|----------|------------|--------|--------|----------|
| AQUEOUS HUMOR | CONTACTS | EYEGLASSES | LENS   | OPTIC  | STYE     |
| BROW          | CORNEA   | FOVEA      | LIDS   | PUPIL  | TEARS    |
| CATARACTS     | CORRECT  | IRIS       | MACULA | RETINA | VISION   |
| CONJUNCTIVA   | DUCT     | LASHES     | NERVE  | SCLERA | VITREOUS |



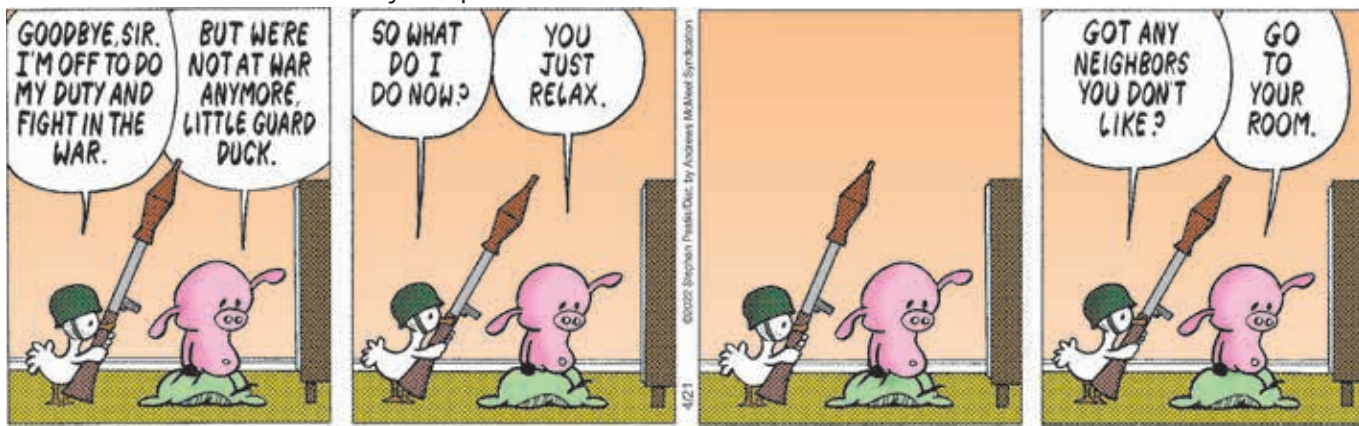
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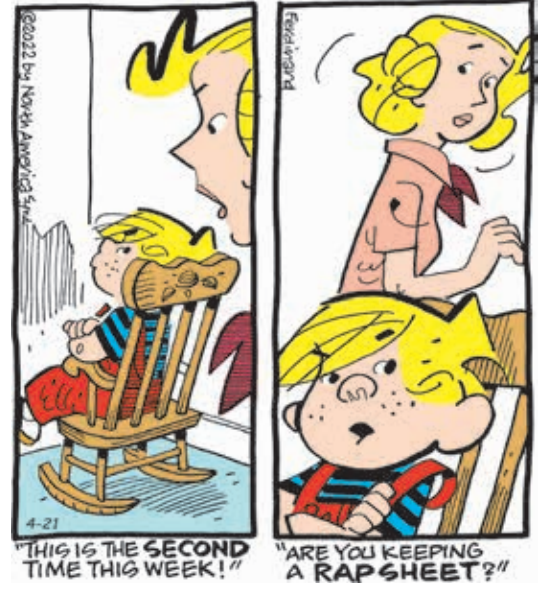
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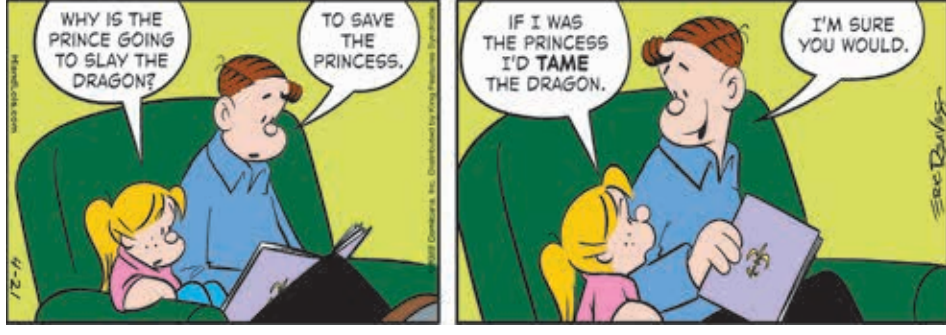
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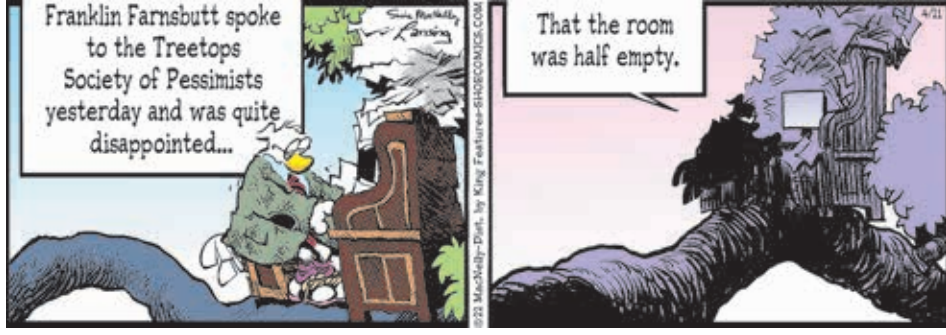
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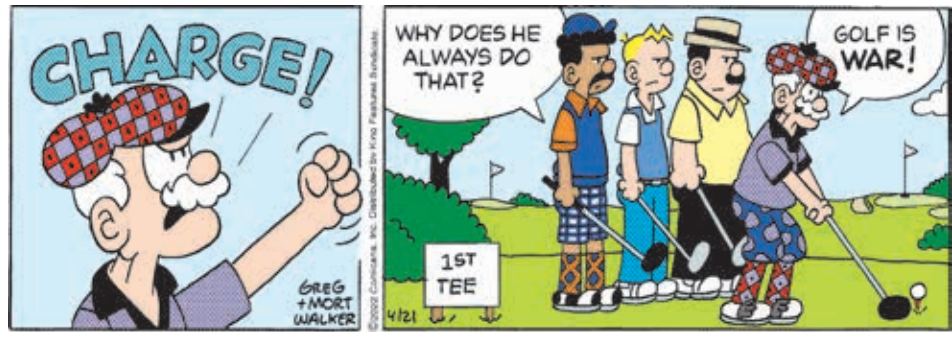
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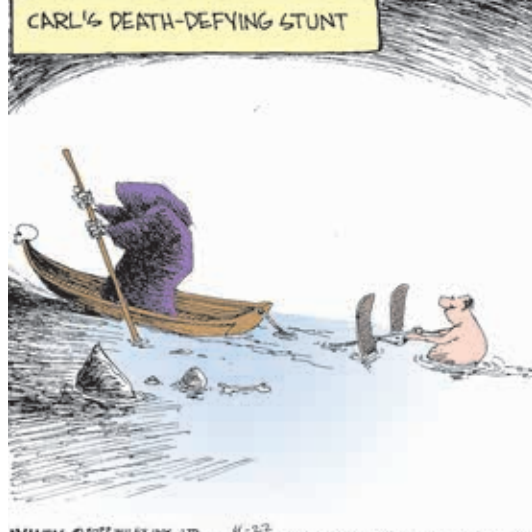




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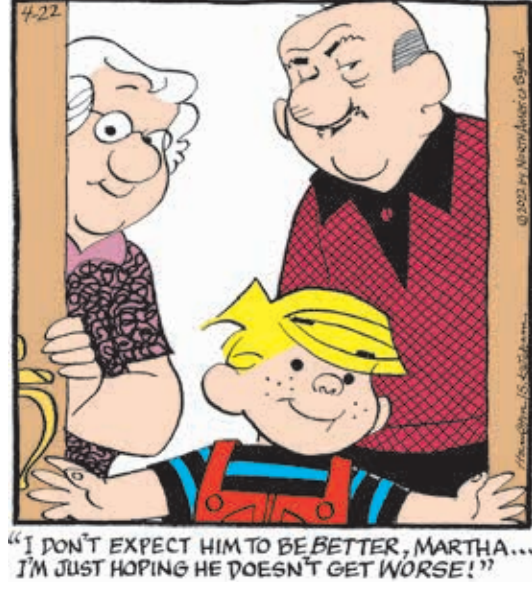
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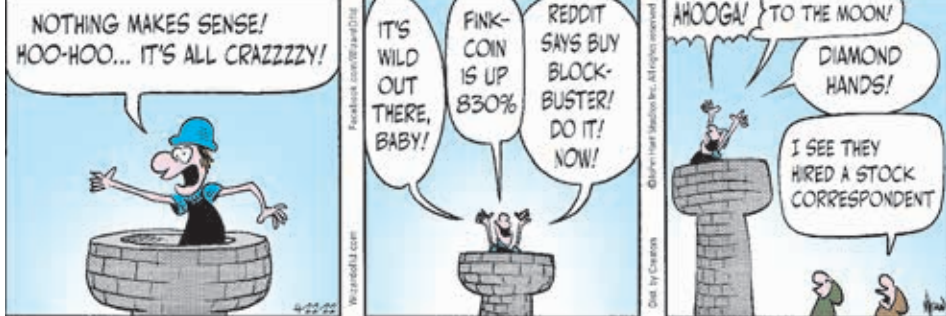
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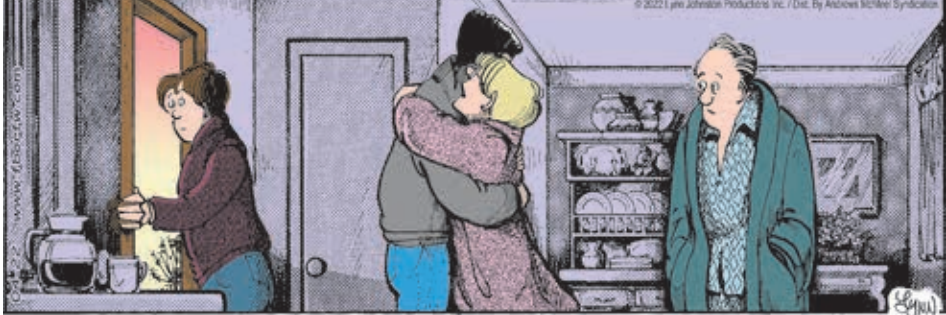
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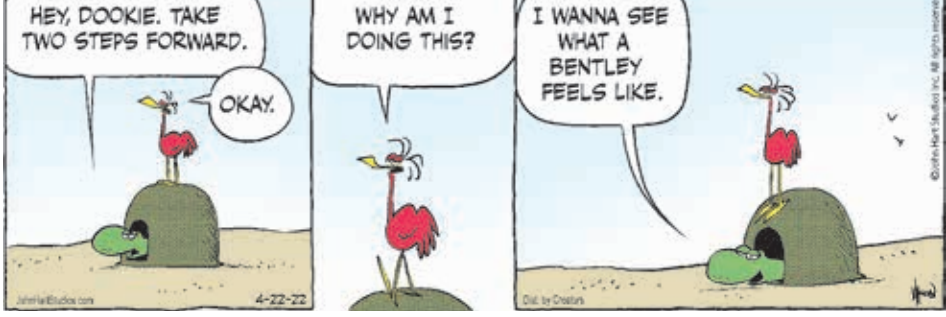
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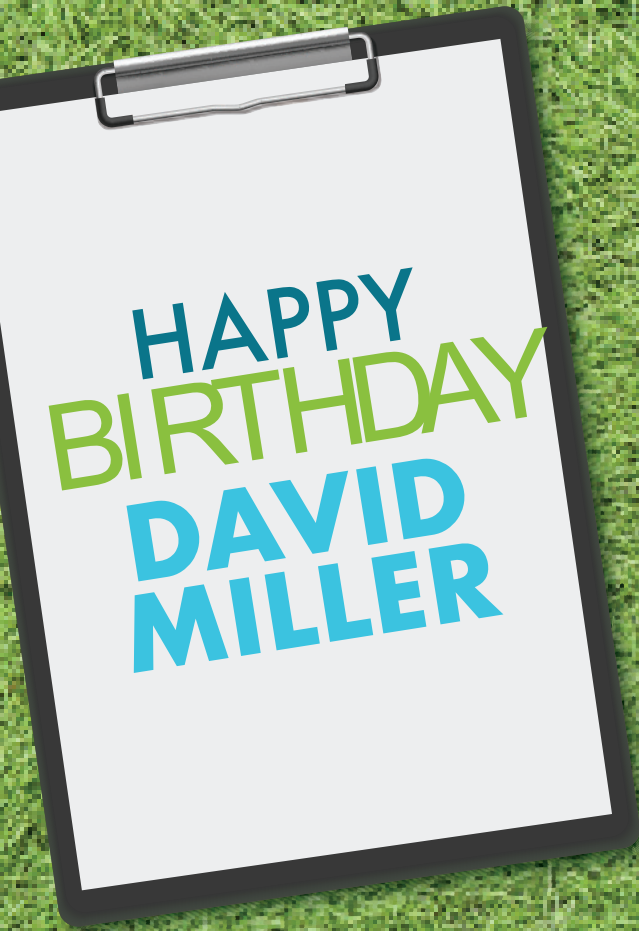


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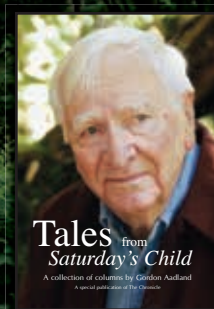
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121961 635 W Reynolds  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

Description of proposal: Zoning map amendment and comprehensive plan designation amendment to rezone parcels from R:5A, Rural Residential, R:4, Low Density Residential, R:8 Medium Density Residential and M-1 Light Industrial, to all parcels being zoned as R:15, Medium-High Density Residential or R:20, High Density Residential.

Proponent: Ben Booher  
Location of proposal: 635 W Reynolds Avenue

Date of Application: 3/2/2022  
Date of Notice of Completeness: 4/1/2022

Lead agency: Centralia Community Development

Project Permits: Zoning Amendment, Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Environmental Documents on file: SEPA checklist

The City of Centralia Community Development Dept. has determined this request does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2) (c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the City.

Proponent: William Martin

Location of proposal: 2307 N Pearl Street

Date of Application: 2/18/2022

Date of Notice of Completeness: 3/18/2022

Lead agency: Centralia Community Development

Project Permits: Zoning Amendment, Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Environmental Documents on file: SEPA checklist

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required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2) (c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the City. The proposal may include mitigation measures under applicable codes and the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an EIS is prepared.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the City will not act on this proposal for 15-days from the date of publication. **Comments are due by: May 6, 2022.**

Conditions: These properties are located in the 100-year floodplain. Future development must comply with CMC 16.21 - Floodplain Management.

Responsible official: Hillary Hoke  
Position/title: Assistant Director, City of Centralia  
Community Development  
Phone: (360) 330-7662  
Email: [hoke@cityofcentralia.com](mailto:hoke@cityofcentralia.com)  
Address: PO Box 609, Centralia WA 98531

The complete application may be viewed at the Community Development Dept. located at 118 W Maple, Centralia, WA 98531, during regular business hours, M-F 8:00 am-5:00 pm, 2022. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. If you have any questions regarding the SEPA or appeal processes please contact the Responsible Official.

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121961 635 W Reynolds  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

Description of proposal: Zoning map amendment and comprehensive plan designation amendment to rezone tax parcel 009367000000 from C-1, General Commercial to LBD, Limited Business District. Case #2022 0087

Proponent: Ben Booher  
Location of proposal: 635 W Reynolds Avenue

Date of Application: 3/2/2022  
Date of Notice of Completeness: 4/1/2022

Lead agency: Centralia Community Development

Project Permits: Zoning Amendment, Comprehensive Plan Amendment

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Proponent: William Martin

Location of proposal: 2307 N Pearl Street



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Date of Completeness: April 2022  
Date of Notice of Threshold Determination: 4/18/2022 DNS with conditions

Date, Time and Place of Public Hearing: May 12, 2022, at 6:00 PM  
Centralia City Council Hearing Chambers  
118 W Maple Street  
Centralia, WA 98531

Staff Contact: To view the proposed amendments, or to request copies of documents, please contact:  
Hillary Hoke, Asst. Director  
118 W Maple Street,  
Centralia, WA 98531  
360-330-7684, or email at [hhoke@cityofcentralia.com](mailto:hhoke@cityofcentralia.com)

Citizens with disabilities requiring special accommodation may call 360-330-7662, by 10AM, at least 3 days in advance of the hearing.

Anyone interested may appear and be heard at the hearing, or submit comments in writing to the staff contact. Please refer to the Case # in all correspondence. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM, May 12, 2022.

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121906 Invitation to Bid

**INVITATION TO BID CITY OF CHEHALIS CHEHALIS AVENUE Improvements**

Sealed proposals for furnishing all materials, labor and equipment for the following described work will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Chehalis, 350 North Market Blvd., Rm 101, Chehalis, WA 98532 until 10:00 am on April 28, 2022. At this time the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read. A contract will be awarded, or all bids rejected within 60 days after the bid opening. Bids received after the fixed time for opening cannot be considered. The City of Chehalis will set their clock based on [www.time.gov](http://www.time.gov).

All bid proposals shall be accompanied by a bid proposal deposit in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of such bid proposal. Should the successful bidder fail to enter into such contract and furnish satisfactory performance bond within the time stated in the specifications, the bid proposal deposit shall be forfeited to the City of Chehalis.

City of Chehalis reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities in the bidding.

Prospective bidders can view specifications for free through the online plan center link at [www.gibbs-olson.com](http://www.gibbs-olson.com). There is a \$15.00 non-refundable fee to download a full set of contract documents in pdf format. Bids will not be accepted from any prospective bidder who has not purchased contract documents through QUESTCDN. Bidders should contact QUESTCDN at (952) 233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) if unable to join or access the documents online.

QUESTCDN is a web-based platform for construction project advertisements, bid documents distribution and plan holder lists. Prospective bidders will need to join QUESTCDN to purchase and download the contract documents. QUESTCDN offers several membership levels and a "REGULAR" membership is free. If prospective bidders access the project directly from the QUESTCDN website, the seven-digit QUESTCDN project number 8182529 will be needed to locate the job on the QUESTCDN website search page.

Technical inquiries regarding the project should be directed to the City of Chehalis consulting engineer, Gibbs & Olson, Inc., 1157 3rd Avenue, Suite 219, Longview, WA 98632 (Phone 360.425.0991, Fax

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360-423-3162).

The City of Chehalis hereby notifies all bidders that it is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer. Small, Minority, and Women owned businesses are encouraged to submit bids.

The improvements for which bids will be received is described below:

**Schedule A:** Roadway improvements for 1,900 linear feet along SW Chehalis Avenue and matching intersecting streets in Chehalis, Washington. These improvements include roadway excavation; removal of existing storm utilities, catch basin and storm drain piping installations; removal of existing asphalt speed berm; installation of curb, gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps; installation of chain link fence and 14-foot double gate; HMA Pavement; signing and striping, and roadway restoration, as shown on the Plans and as specified herein.

**Schedule B:** Installation of approximately 50 linear feet of 6-inch water main, 2,120 linear feet of 8-inch water main, 4 fire hydrants, water services, valves, fittings and appurtenances, abandonment or removal of existing water utilities, and restoration along SW Chehalis Avenue, as shown on the Plans and as specified herein.

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121902 New Video Monitoring System

White Pass School District No. 303, located in Randle, WA phone 360.497.3791 is seeking proposals for a new video monitoring system. This project includes the purchase and installation of new video camera devices, supporting hardware, software and infrastructure wiring for the High School, Elementary, Transportation, and Sports facilities. For project details and bid requirements, please download the bit document from the District's website at <https://www.whitepass.k12.wa.us/browse/308767>. Implementation of the equipment, software, licensing, and materials included in the scope of this project is dependent on approval by White Pass School District 303 Governing Board.

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121934 Notice of Hearing

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS IN THE ESTATE OF MARGARET KAREN GOBER Deceased. NO. 22-4-00043-21 NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ORDER CLOSING THE ESTATE AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF FEES/EXPENSES NOTICE IS GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS INTEREST IN THE ABOVE THAT**

1. Commencement Bay Guardianship Services, as Administrator of the above estate has filed with the clerk of the above Court the Petition for Order Closing the Estate, for approval of payment of fees/expenses, along with the Notice of Final Accounting and Intention to pay Fees/Expenses, and the Court is asked to settle and close the estate, and discharge the Administrator;  
2. The final account and petition to distribute will be heard at the above Court at 9:30 a.m. on May 13, 2022, at which time and place any person interested in the Estate may appear and file objections to and contest the petition and/or final account.  
Date of Publication: April 21, 2022.  
DATED this 14 day of April, 2022.  
/s/ Scott E. Blinks

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SCOTT E. BLINKS, WSBA 21837, Attorney for ROBIN H. BALSAM, Executive Director, Commencement Bay Guardianship Services, Administrator

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121950 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 National Frozen Foods Corporation to install, construct, operate, and maintain water facilities located within Lewis County road right of way in the following location description: All that portion of Airport Road lying in the South Half of Section 18 and the North Half of Section 19; Township 14 North, Range 2 West, W.M.

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 May 10, 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/agednas-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 newspaper of the county, the last publication to be not less than 5 days before the day fixed for hearing.

**Title VI Notice to Public** It is the policy of Lewis County that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, or national origin, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise discriminated against under any of its Federally funded programs and activities. Any person who believes his/her Title VI protections have been violated may file a complaint with WSDOT's Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO). For additional information regarding Title VI complaint procedures and/or information regarding our nondiscrimination obligations, please contact Lewis County's Title VI Coordinator at (360) 740-2612.  
Dated: April 19, 2022  
Rieva Lester  
Clerk of the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners

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121952 Notice of Public Hearing

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CENTRALIA PLANNING COMMISSION**

Purpose: The Planning Commission will take public testimony regarding zoning map, comprehensive plan designation and Centralia Municipal Code text amendment applications for 2022. The amendments are as follows:

1. Case #20220105: Zoning map and comprehensive plan amendment application by SMRE LLC, to rezone 604 Grove Street from R:15, Medium-High Density Residential to C-1, General Commercial.
2. Case #20220107: Zoning map and comprehensive plan amendment application by Ben Booher, to rezone 635 W Reynolds Avenue and the surrounding area from R-5A, Rural Residential, R:8, Medium Density Residential, R:4, Low Density Residential and M-1, Light Industrial to R:15, Medium-High Density Residential or R:20, High Density Residential.
3. Case #20220087: Zoning map and comprehensive plan amendment application by William Martin, to rezone 2307 N Pearl from C-1, General Commercial to LBD, Limited Business District.
4. Case #20220208: Zoning map and comprehensive plan amendment application by the City of Centralia, to rezone the old golf course property from R:2, Very Low Density Residential to R:8, Medium Density Residential.
5. Case #20220209: Zoning map and comprehensive plan amendment application by the City of Centralia, to rezone 3420 Galvin Road and 1660 Eshom Road from PMP, Port Master Plan to C-1, General Commercial.
6. Case #20220210: CMC text amendment applications by the City of Centralia to reflect state and local changes to sections 16.21 Floodplain Management, 18.04 International Residential Code, 20.69 Home Occupations, 20.72 Off-Street Parking and Loading and 20.96 Time to Initiate an Amendment.
7. Case #20220094: CMC text amendment application by Dale Kerlin to define live-work units and zones units are permitted in.
8. Case #20220070: CMC text amendment application by Richard Watkins to allow marijuana retail stores in the C-1, General Commercial District.
9. Case #20220108: CMC text amendment application by Amber Farkas to allow dog kennels in the R:5A, R:2 and R:4 district by conditional use permit.

Date of Application: January - March 2022  
Date of Completeness: April 2022  
Date of Notice of Threshold Determination: 4/18/2022 DNS

Date, Time and Place of Public Hearing: May 12, 2022, at 6:00 PM  
Centralia City Council Hearing Chambers  
118 W Maple Street  
Centralia, WA 98531

Staff Contact: To view the proposed amendments, or to request copies of documents, please contact:  
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121854 NTC: Christiansen

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY IN MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF VIRGINIA M. CHRISTIANSEN, Deceased. Case No.: 22-4-00167-21 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

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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 bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: April 14, 2022.  
/s/  
Sarah Schaeffer, Administrator  
c/o VANDER STOEP, BLINKS, JONES & UNZELMAN  
Attorneys for Administrator  
345 N. W. Pacific Ave.  
P. O. Box 867  
Chehalis, WA 98532  
Telephone: (360) 7489281

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121868 NTC: Coble

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY IN MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF DORIS (MELLIE) W. COBLE, Deceased. Case No.: 22-4-00169-21 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 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.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: April 14, 2022.  
/s/  
Barbara L. Guenther, Personal Representative  
c/o VANDER STOEP, BLINKS, JONES & UNZELMAN  
Attorneys for Administrator  
345 N. W. Pacific Ave.  
P. O. Box 867  
Chehalis, WA 98532  
Telephone: (360) 7489281

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121846 NTC: Coleman

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LEWIS COUNTY ESTATE OF BRIAN BARRY COLEMAN, Deceased. No. 22-4-00166-21 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: April 7, 2022  
Personal Representative: Tonya Elledge  
Address for Mailing or Service: Tonya Elledge, Personal Representative for the Estate of Brian Barry Coleman, 547 Silverbrook, Randle, Washington 98377.  
Attorney for the Estate of Brian Barry Coleman, Law Office of Tonya Hebert, PLLC  
c/o Albert F. Bates, 411 NE First Street, P.O. Box 69, Winlock, WA 98596,  
Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Lewis County Superior Court, 351NW North Street, Chehalis, WA 98532  
Cause No.: 22-4-00166-21

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121824 NTC: Ullren

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY IN MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF GEORGIA ANNE ULEN, Deceased. Case No.: 22-4-00126-21 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 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.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: April 7, 2022.  
/s/ Richard Paul Ulen  
Personal Representative: c/o VANDER STOEP, BLINKS, JONES & UNZELMAN  
Attorneys for Administrator  
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Telephone: (360) 7489281

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121796 NTC: Zabetel

**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF LEWIS In the Matter of the Estate of: DORIS L. ZABOTEL, Deceased. No. 22-4-00153-21 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 (30) days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); 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 non-probate assets.

Date of First Publication: April 7, 2022  
Administrator: Russell Batrick  
Attorney for the Administrator: Marc Wheeler, WSBA No. 7860  
Address for Mailing or Service: Russell Batrick c/o Marc Wheeler Attorney at Law 1303 Grand Avenue Centralia, WA 98531  
Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Lewis County Superior Court Cause No. 22-4-00153-21 s/ Russell Batrick Administrator

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121963 RFP Jail

Lewis County has extended the deadline for its RFP for the Jail Door Control Upgrade. Proposals are due by 4 p.m. May 9, 2022. For further details, visit <https://lewiscountywa.gov/offices/commissioners/bocc-legal-notices/>.

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121889 RFP Reynolds Rd Harrison Avenue Corridor

**LEWIS COUNTY NOTICE TO CONSULTANTS FOR: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN REYNOLDS ROAD/ HARRISON AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS**

Lewis County Public Works in conjunction with the City of Centralia is seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide Design, PS&E, Surveying, Right-of-Way, and Utility Coordination services for improvement of the Reynolds Road and Harrison Avenue corridors. This project is to be funded using state and local agency funds. No federal funds are included

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in this project. All work is required to comply with WSDOT, AASHTO, Lewis County, and City of Centralia requirements and regulations.

Firms desiring consideration shall submit a complete proposal packet, not to exceed twenty (20) pages. Resumes for Project Managers and Discipline Leads may be included in the submittal as "Attachment B" and will not be counted as part of the twenty (20) page proposal submittal. Five (5) copies of the proposal documents shall be submitted.

Proposals are due by 4:00 PM on Monday May 2, 2022. The submittal shall be marked "Reynolds Road/ Harrison Avenue Corridor Improvements" and be submitted to:

**Hard Copies**  
Lewis County Public Works  
Attn: Josh Metcalf,  
Director  
2025 NE Kresky Avenue,  
Chehalis, WA 98532  
**Electronically**  
[Josh.Metcalf@lewiscountywa.gov](mailto:Josh.Metcalf@lewiscountywa.gov)

The Recipient, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000a-2 to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged enterprises as defined at 49 CFR Part 26 will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, of sex in consideration for an award.

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121702 Summons By Publication

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS**

RANDAL B. JOHNSON, a single person, Plaintiff, v. MARVIN L. JOHNSON and LEORA I. JOHNSON, husband and wife, both deceased, and the known and/or unknown heirs and devisees of same, TOGETHER with any and all persons, parties and/or entities known and/or unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien and/or interest in the real property described herein and/or by or through said individual(s) and/or entity(s), Defendant(s).

**NO. 22-2-00208-21 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE DEFENDANTS:**

LEORA I. JOHNSON and MARVIN L. JOHNSON, husband and wife, both deceased, and the known and/or unknown heirs and devisees of same, TOGETHER with any and all persons, parties and/or entities known and/or unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien and/or interest in the real property described herein and/or by or through said individual(s) and/or entity(s). YOU AND EACH OF YOU are hereby summoned to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this Summons, to-wit, within sixty (60) days after the 31th day of March, 2022, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled Court and answer the complaint of the Plaintiff and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for the Plaintiff at their office below stated; and, in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be entered against you according to the demands of the complaint in this action which has been filed with the Clerk of said Court.

The object of this action is to obtain a judgment and/or decree quieting title in real property situated in Lewis County, Washington described as: Lot 2, Block 21, Washington's Addition to the City of Centralia, as recorded in Volume 1 of Plats, page 28. TOGETHER with and subject to easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions and reservations of record, if any, affecting title which may appear in the public record including those shown on the face of any recorded plat or survey.

Lewis County, Washington Against the claim of the defendants and anyone claiming by or through them. DATED this 22nd day of March, 2022. VANDER STOEP, BLINKS, JONES & UNZELMAN /s/ Scott E. Blinks Scott E. Blinks, WSBA 21837 Of Attorneys for Plaintiff

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