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Man Accused of Stealing 26 Catalytic Converters From Toledo Business

JAILED: Catalytic Converters Recovered **During Washington** State Patrol Arrest in Cowlitz County

By The Chronicle staff

Law enforcement officials have referred theft and burglary charges against a Portland man accused of stealing 26 catalytic converters from a Toledo business last week, the Lewis County Sheriff's Office announced on Tuesday.

The suspect, who the sheriff's office identified Tuesday as 38-year-old Jesse Vaidabid Jr., is accused of cutting the catalytic converters off 26 new trucks in the early morning on July 13.

A trooper with the Washington State Patrol arrested Vaidabid shortly before 8 a.m. on July 13 after law enforcement officials reportedly found him cutting a catalytic converter off of a vehicle in Cowlitz County, according to the sheriff's office.

The investigating deputy with the Lewis County Sheriff's Office had contacted the Washington State Patrol after they reviewed surveillance footage from the Toledo business that reportedly showed a state patrol vehicle in the background as Vaidabid left through the fence line with the catalytic converters in a garbage can, according to a news release from the sheriff's office.

The investigating deputy responded to Cowlitz County as a trooper was completing a

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Candidate Forum in Morton Highlights Races Ahead of Primary



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Candidates, from left, Scott Brummer, Harry Bhagwandin, Pat Saldaña, Tracy Murphy and Rob Snaza listen to questions from the crowd at the Roxy Theater in Morton on Tuesday.



Lewis County sheriff candidate Tracy Murphy smiles during a candidate forum in Morton at the Roxy Theater.



Lewis County Sheriff Rob Snaza smiles during a candidate forum in Morton at the Roxy Theater.

AUG. 2 ELECTION:

Commissioner, Sheriff *Hopefuls Gather at Roxy* Theater to Discuss Issues

By Isabel Vander Stoep

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Voters and elected officials gathered at the Roxy Theater on Tuesday night for a show unlike most hosted by the classic Morton venue.

The East County Journal held a free, public candidate

forum for two of the races pertaining to voters in Lewis Election

mission trict 3. The races included candidates for sheriff and the district

County's Com-

3 county commissioner. Currently,

there are five candidates running for the commissioner seat. Two were unable to attend

Tuesday due to one having prior engagements and another potentially having been exposed to COVID-19. Those were Jodery (Jody) Goble, of Toledo, and Pete Krabbe, of Randle, respectively.

Present at the forum were commissioner candidates Pat Saldaña, of Morton, Harry Bhagwandin, of Onalaska, and Scott Brummer, of Winlock.

In the race for sheriff, both candidates who have filed were present, which were Detective Sergeant Tracy Murphy, of the

Centralia Police Department, and Lewis County Sheriff Rob Snaza, the incumbent who has been in the position since 2015.

The two-hour forum was kicked off by candidates' opening statements lasting up to five minutes ahead of a question and answer period. The forum was then capped off by threeminute closing statements from

each of the runners. Each of the candidates present on Tuesday have filed as

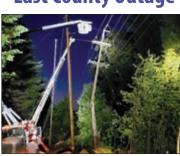
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Drug Arrest



Police Find Fentanyl, Meth and Heroin in Centralia

East County Outage



Crews **Work All** Night to Restore Power to 3,400 / Main 18

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Deaths

Owens, John M., 86, Olympia Chick, Ralph G., 68, Chehalis Waller, Edmunda "Eddie" B., 85, Winlock Thayer, Sherry Lea, 62, Ethel Rich, Dale Glen, 58 Hedgers, Jo Ann Ruth, 87 Auman, Robert E., 92, Onalaska Ledbetter, Beulah Mae, 97 Jarman, James Rodney, 79 McCain, Ronald Ray, 79



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Pe Ell Auto Shop Owner Faces Felony Charge for Allegedly Putting Paint Thinner on Customer's Vehicles

By Emily Fitzgerald

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A Chehalis man who runs an auto shop in Pe Ell is facing felony charges for allegedly throwing paint thinner on six vehicles in the 1300 block of Windsor Avenue in Centralia on Monday.

Dakota Solomon Earl Ingram, 37, is accused of "driving (by) and squirting paint thinner' at six vehicles belonging to the alleged victim after he reportedly refused to pay Ingram more money for a paint job Ingram completed.

The alleged victim told police he had paid Ingram, who runs a shop in Pe Ell, \$500 to paint a 1965 Chevrolet. But when he went to pick up the vehicle, Ingram reportedly "demanded more money" and sent him text messages "asking for speakers and/or another vehicle as payment."

Ingram allegedly sent a text "threatening to put paint stripper" on one of the victim's vehicles, according to court docu-

The victim later received a text from Ingram "with an emo-



Dakota Solomon Earl Ingram, 37, of Chehalis, appears virtually in Lewis County Superior Court on Tuesday.

ji of two hands shaking" that meant "they were even," according to court documents. After receiving that message, the alleged victim went outside, saw his vehicles were damaged and called law enforcement, according to court documents.

An officer with the Centralia

Police Department responded to the alleged victim's address just after 11:30 p.m. on July 18 and noticed "the paint (on the cars) was starting to peel where the substance had contacted it," according to court documents.

The alleged victim estimated the cost to refinish all six vehicles would exceed \$5,000.

Police used surveillance video from the victim's property to identify the suspect vehicle and a trooper with the Washington State Patrol conducted a traffic stop early Tuesday morning.

The trooper identified Ingram as the driver and arrested

him for driving with a suspended license. Ingram was booked into the Lewis County Jail just before 1:50 a.m. on July 19 and has since been charged with one count of first-degree malicious mischief, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

Judge J. Andrew Toynbee set Ingram's bail at \$10,000 during a preliminary hearing in Lewis County Superior Court on Tuesday.

Deputy Prosecutor Brad Meagher recommended that amount due to concerns about Ingram's criminal history and out of concern that Ingram would interfere with witnesses.

Ingram had reportedly tried to contact a witness from the jail after his arrest, according to Meagher.

While Ingram's attorney asked Toynbee to grant Ingram unsecured bail, Toynbee opted to set \$10,000 bail "to address that failure to appear risk and also to prevent interference with the administration of justice or intimidation of a witness."

Ingram's next court appearance is an arraignment hearing scheduled for Thursday, July 28.

TwinStar Credit Union **Announces Plan to** Merge With Oregon-**Based Credit Union**

By The Olympian

TwinStar Credit Union, which is headquartered in Lacey, announced Thursday a plan to merge with an Oregonbased credit union. The planned merger is subject to regulatory approval and a vote of the members at Eugene-based Northwest Community Credit Union. It is

expected to be finalized in 2023.

"People have asked, and are going to continue to ask us, why merge?" said Jeff Kennedy, chief executive of TwinStar, in a statement. "To be frank, it goes beyond just one reason. It's because we would gain economies of scale; it's because we'd grow to 36 branches across two states; it's because with that growth comes more opportunity.

"Ultimately, however, we are pursuing this merger because we believe we can provide more member, employee, and community value together and we've found a great partnership."

News in Brief

Kennedy could not be reached Thursday. If the merger is approved, the credit union's combined assets would be about \$4 billion, with more than 245,000 members throughout Oregon and Washington, and 700 employees.

Also if approved, Kennedy would be CEO of the new organization and John Iglesias, the current CEO of Northwest Community Credit Union, would be president.

In the interim, the two credit unions would operate under their existing names until a new name is determined.

TwinStar has provided some

answers to frequently asked questions about the proposed merger on its website.

Some of those questions and

- Why has TwinStar CU decided to pursue a merger? Several years ago, TwinStar did formalize a merger strategy as part of our overall strategic plan.
- Would you close branches? There are no plans for any branch closures.
- Would any employees lose their jobs as a result of the merger? The intent is to retain all existing staff.
 - What is the merger time-

line? It is anticipated the merger would be finalized in early 2023, with systems fully integrated in late 2023 or 2024.

Under the guidelines of the National Credit Union Administration, a successful merger is contingent upon Northwest Credit Union Community member approval.

NWCU members would vote to accept the organization's plan to merge under the authority of a Washington state charter. TwinStar members are currently under the Washington state charter authority, according to a news release.

THURSDAY THU. NIGHT **FRIDAY SATURDAY**

Increasing clouds Clouds giving way LOW: **54** HIGH: **82**

POP: 0% POP: 5% POP: Probability of Precipitation

Partly sunny and

POP: 25%

50

Partly sunny and **POP: 0%**

Very warm with abundant sunshine 90 62

SUNDAY

POP: 0%

Record-tying temperatures with sunshine 96 73

MONDAY

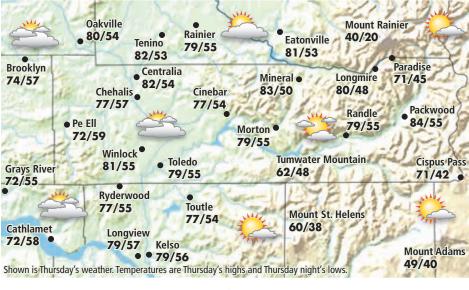
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TUESDAY WEDNESDAY Hot with plenty of

POP: 0%

Mainly cloudy and 61 **POP: 0%**

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REGIONAL CITIES Thu.

Fri. Sat. Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/W City Aberdeen 69/58/c 70/55/c 71/56/c Bellingham 75/58/pc 72/56/pc 73/57/s Bremerton 80/53/s 75/53/pc 78/53/pc Cle Flum 92/60/pc 84/57/s 88/56/s Coulee City 97/65/s 91/62/s 91/64/5 Eatonville 81/53/pc 75/51/pc 77/54/pc Ellensburg 94/62/s 88/59/s 92/61/5

Elmer City 99/59/5 93/60/s 92/60/s 81/54/pc Enumclaw 76/54/pc 77/55/pc Everett 75/56/pc 71/56/pc 73/57/pc Forks 70/55/pc 68/54/pc 70/52/pc Kelso 79/56/pc 76/54/pc 78/57/pc Kennewick 103/67/s 94/61/s 98/64/5 Long Beach 67/56/pc 67/57/sh 66/57/c

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City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Aberdeen	69/58/c	70/55/c	71/56/c	Mount Vernon	77/55/s	72/54/pc	75/53/pc
Bellingham	75/58/pc	72/56/pc	73/57/s	Olympia	79/54/pc	75/50/pc	79/52/pc
Bremerton	80/53/s	75/53/pc	78/53/pc	Omak	97/61/pc	94/62/s	95/61/s
Cle Elum	92/60/pc	84/57/s	88/56/s	Pasco	102/65/s	94/60/s	97/62/s
Coulee City	97/65/s	91/62/s	91/64/s	Port Angeles	69/54/s	68/54/pc	69/55/pc
Eatonville	81/53/pc	75/51/pc	77/54/pc	Portland	85/60/pc	81/58/pc	83/60/pc
Ellensburg	94/62/s	88/59/s	92/61/s	Pullman	89/57/pc	80/52/s	86/54/s
Elmer City	99/59/s	93/60/s	92/60/s	Richland	106/67/s	98/64/s	101/66/s
Enumclaw	81/54/pc	76/54/pc	77/55/pc	Seattle	81/56/pc	75/58/pc	77/57/pc
Everett	75/56/pc	71/56/pc	73/57/pc	Spokane	92/62/pc	85/59/s	88/60/s
Forks	70/55/pc	68/54/pc	70/52/pc	Sunnyside	100/60/s	95/57/s	94/60/s
Kelso	79/56/pc	76/54/pc	78/57/pc	Tacoma	81/54/pc	76/52/pc	79/53/pc
Kennewick	103/67/s	94/61/s	98/64/s	Vancouver	85/60/pc	79/59/pc	83/60/pc
Long Beach	67/56/pc	67/57/sh	66/57/c	Walla Walla	97/66/s	89/63/s	92/64/s
Longview	79/57/pc	76/54/c	78/56/pc	Wenatchee	95/66/pc	91/64/s	93/66/s
Moses Lake	97/61/s	92/58/s	93/60/s	Yakima	98/58/s	93/56/s	94/59/s
Weather(W): s-sun	ny, pc -partly c	loudy, c -cloud	y, sh -showers,	t-thunderstorms, r-ra	in, sf -snow flu	rries, sn -snow,	i-ice

RIVER STAGES SOLUNAR TABLE

Four-day forecast indicates peak feeding times for fish and game.

n feet as of 7 a.m. 1	uesday		
River/location	Flood Stage	Stage	24-hr. Chg.
Skookumchuck I	River		
near Bucoda	211.5	203.78	none
at Centralia	189.0	177.31	none
Chehalis River			
near Doty	318.0	306.54	-0.01
at Centralia	168.5	152.27	-0.01
near Grand Moun	d 141.0	129.80	-0.01
at Porter	48.0	31.58	none
Newaukum River			
near Chehalis	202.5	193.18	-0.01
Cowlitz River			
at Packwood	10.5	1.55	-0.18
at Randle	18.0	5.86	-0.31

Sun. Thu. Fri. Sat. 6:42 a.m. 7:24 a.m. 8:06 a.m. 8:49 a.m. Major Minor 12:31 a.m. 1:13 a.m. 1:54 a.m. 2:37 a.m. 7:04 p.m. 7:47 p.m. 8:30 p.m. 9:13 p.m. 12:53 p.m. 1:35 p.m. 2:18 p.m. 3:01 p.m. SUN AND MOON

	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Sunrise	5:39 a.m.	5:40 a.m.	5:41 a.m.	5:43 a.m.
Sunset	8:57 p.m.	8:56 p.m.	8:55 p.m.	8:54 p.m.
Moonrise	12:41 a.m.	1:02 a.m.	1:27 a.m.	1:57 a.m.
Moonset	3:10 p.m.	4:19 p.m.	5:25 p.m.	6:28 p.m.
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ALMANAC Centralia statistics through Tuesday PRECIPITATION (inches) **TEMPERATURES**

82/55 High/low Normal high 79 Normal low Last year high 81 Last year low 50 101 in 1956 Record high Record low 42 in 1962 7-DAY TEMPERTURE TREND

53 49 50 7/13 7/14 7/15 7/16 7/17 7/18 7/19

Thu. AccuWeather.com UV Index™ Tuesday 0.00 0.01 in 1996 Record for date Month to date 0.36 **Hiking Index** Normal month to date 0.45 Year to date 11.38 Normal year to date 25.02 **Boating Index** Last year to date 19.65 7-DAY PRECIPITATION TREND The higher the AccuWeather UV Index Daily amount (in inches) number, the greater the need for eye and 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 Trace 0.00 skin protection. 0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate,

7/13 7/14 7/15 7/16 7/17 7/18 7/19

6-7: High, 8-10: Very high, 11+: Extreme. Hiking and Boating Index: 0-2: Poor; 3-4: Fair; 5-6: Good; 7-8: Very Good; 9-10: Excellent. Forecasts and graphics provided by

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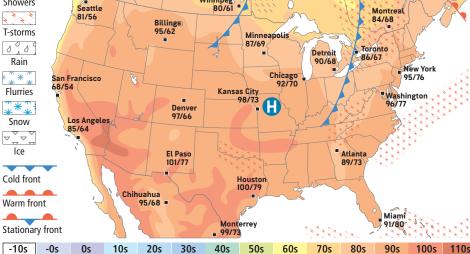
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NATIONAL FORECAST THURSDAY Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

Showers 0,09 Rain



City

NATIONAL CITIES

	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	97/71/pc	97/74/c	98/72/pc
Anchorage	59/51/sh	59/50/sh	60/49/pc
Atlanta	89/73/t	90/72/t	94/75/pc
Billings	95/62/s	95/61/pc	85/59/s
Boise	101/67/s	96/63/s	94/64/s
Boston	91/73/t	92/72/s	91/75/s
Cheyenne	91/61/pc	94/64/c	87/59/pc
Chicago	92/70/t	92/74/pc	96/74/t
Cleveland	86/70/s	87/69/pc	92/76/pc
Dallas	98/84/t	101/80/t	101/81/s
Denver	97/66/pc	99/71/c	97/64/pc
Detroit	90/68/pc	90/69/pc	91/72/pc

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Sat. Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/W 100/79/pc 98/79/t 98/77/s Houston Las Vegas 111/89/pc 111/89/pc 110/85/pc Los Angeles 85/64/pc 82/65/s 83/62/pc 91/80/pc 91/80/t 91/79/t Miami Minneapolis 87/69/s 92/74/s 88/65/t 93/76/s **New York City** 95/76/t 96/79/s 94/70/s 95/80/s 102/71/t Omaha Phoenix 114/91/pc 115/89/pc 107/87/pc Rapid City 95/61/s 99/63/pc 86/59/pc 98/77/s St. Louis 100/82/s 102/83/s Salt Lake City 101/77/s 102/77/s 98/74/pc 68/54/pc San Francisco 69/55/pc 68/56/pc Washington, DC 96/77/t 98/79/s

95/77/s

Potential Contract Between Pe Ell and Morton Would See East Lewis County City Provide Police Coverage to West Lewis County Town

By Matthew Zylstra

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A contract establishing law enforcement coverage in Pe Ell by the Morton Police Department is currently under review by the Morton City Council after it was approved by the Pe Ell Town Council on July 5.

In its current form, the contract would be in effect for three

According to Pe Ell Mayor Lonnie Willey, the idea of Morton providing police coverage for Pe Ell was introduced to the council several months ago when Lewis County Sheriff Rob Snaza and Morton Police Chief Roger Morningstar visited the town.

'Sheriff Snaza recommended Morton because they were handling Mossyrock and that seemed to be working out there," Willey told The Chronicle.

The idea for the contract originated with the Lewis County Sheriff's Office. After the Pe Ell marshal left in September 2020, the sheriff's office began providing coverage for the town while Pe Ell sought a new marshal, a position the town is still actively trying to fill. But, due to staffing shortages, the sheriff's office began searching for another agency to administer law enforcement services for Pe Ell, Snaza said.

"The sheriff's office cannot guarantee presence all the time for them," Snaza told The Chronicle Wednesday.

According to Snaza, the sheriff's office first reached out to Toledo to see if its police department could cover Pe Ell. Snaza said former Toledo Police Chief John Brockmueller was open to the idea. Snaza said without a marshal, Pe Ell's reserve police officer was legally unable to



Morton Police Chief Roger Morningstar talks with The Chronicle in this 2019 file photo.

do's officers to cover Pe Ell while While Morningstar was initially the town's reserve police officer underwent training to become the new Pe Ell marshal. However, those plans fell apart after the Pe Ell reserve officer left his posi-

The purpose of having Brockmueller there was to administer until the officer was qualified," Snaza explained.

When Pe Ell's reserve officer left, there was no longer a police presence in Pe Ell for Brockmueller to administer.

After the Toledo plan was scrapped, Snaza reached out to Morton Police Chief Roger Morningstar and began developing what he called a "collaborative idea" for the Morton Police Department to provide police coverage to Pe Ell. Snaza said he began discussing the idea with carry out law enforcement duties. Morningstar at least six months, The original plan was for Tole- and possibly over a year, ago.

hesitant about the plan, Snaza said in the past few months, after considering Morton's police coverage in Mossyrock the past several years, he's come to believe his department would be capable of providing the necessary coverage for Pe Ell.

"I think what Morningstar was looking at in Mossyrock, he felt Pe Ell could be an option," Snaza said.

Still, the plan is not without its problems.

Morton Mayor Mortensen told The Chronicle there are concerns in Morton about the administrative challenges the contract presents.

Being on the opposite end of the county is the first concern," Mortensen said. "Staffing and administrative procedures have to be taken into account before anything can happen."

Mortensen, who said the council was first approached by Snaza and Morningstar after the sheriff had reached out to Pe Ell and Morton, made clear Morton would not accept a situation in which its officers would have to commute across the county.

"One thing we don't want is to commute, so we have to come up with staff that will be close to Pe Ell but will be managed by our department. Those things are being addressed," Mortensen said. "We're not going to com-

According to Mortensen, the commuting issue could be resolved by having Morton police officers who live west of Morton

"We have some people on board currently here in Morton that have voiced some interest in working in (Pe Ell) who live much closer to that area than we

currently are," he said.

Mortensen described himself as being "optimistically cautious" toward the contract.

'We have (the contract) on the agenda for (our city council meeting) Monday for consideration, but not necessarily to be accepted," Mortensen said. 'There's a lot of work that has yet to be completed. ... We're not going to move forward until we're ready and we feel we can fulfill those requirements appropri-

Snaza is optimistic about the plan's ability to work.

"I think this is a challenge for (Morningstar) but I think it's something he would be able to do. He's got ideas," Snaza said. "I think this is a win-win opportunity for everyone if chief Morningstar is able to provide those services. Unfortunately because of staffing issues, we can't provide those services at this time."

Even if the contract doesn't work out, Snaza said he still believes his department will be able to continue supporting the Pe Ell

"With what (Morningstar) is able to offer I hope it works, and if it doesn't, then the sheriff's office will still be able to provide coverage," Snaza said.

Morningstar was contacted by The Chronicle but chose to refrain from commenting until after a final contract has been approved by both municipal coun-

The Chronicle has also requested a copy of the contract as currently written from both Pe Ell and Morton but neither has provided copies, citing ongoing negotiations between the two municipalities. The Chronicle was told a copy of the contract could be provided following final approval.

Lewis County COVID Cases Increase as Deaths, Hospitalizations

Remain Consistent

By The Chronicle staff

The total number of COV-ID-19 cases reported this week by Lewis County Public Health and Social Services (LCPHSS) jumped upward to 144 new cases in the week of July 8 to July 14 after seeing a dip the previous week

Deaths and hospitalizations in Lewis County from the disease stayed the same in the reporting week of July 8-14 with no new deaths and 17 new hospital- Lewis County Residents

The total number of COV-ID-19 outbreaks reported in congregate care settings remained the same as well, with seven total underway.

A total of 229 individuals were tested at the Lewis County Mall Discovery Health Test Site in the last week, with 10,886 tests having been administered since the site opened on Nov. 26, 2021.

The county's case totals do not include those discovered from at-home testing.

Vaccines are now available for residents ages 6 months and older. By the last reporting period, 57.4% of county residents in that age group had initiated the primary vaccination series.

To find COVID-19 vaccine appointments and locations, visit https://vaccinelocator.doh.

Online, Mailed Voters' **Pamphlets Available for Ahead of Primary**

By The Chronicle staff

Ahead of the Aug. 2 primary election, the Lewis County Auditor's Office has mailed a printed voters' pamphlet to all households with a primary race.

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Benjamin Charles and Grace

his wife Mary, son Dennis

and his wife Gayle, son

Chuck, daughter Mary Ann

and her husband Ray, five

grandchildren and seven great-

by his parents, three sisters,

brother and two grandchildren.

held at Forest Grove Cemetery,

in Tenino. A public celebration

of life will be announced at

a later date. Arrangements

are under the care of Newell-

Mortuary,

He was preceded in death

A private committal was

Harold is survived by

(Day) Vassar.

grandchildren.

News in Brief

An online voters' guide is also available at www.votewa.gov. Voters can access the VoteWA website by logging in with their name and date of birth. When logging into VoteWA, voters will only be able to view measures that they are eligible to vote on.

A generic voters' guide listing all candidates and measures in the election is also available at https:// instructions. elections.lewiscountywa.gov.

guide:

- Select "Current Election > Voters' Guide > Search"
- If a candidate statement has been submitted, click on the candidate's name to view their state-

ment. Click the back button to go back to the list of candidates.

• If there is a measure on the ballot, select measure heading.

To check registration status:

- If an individual is not a registered voter, a message will appear giving them the opportunity to register. Select "Register to Vote" and follow the step-by-step
- If an individual is already To access the online voters' registered and an address update needs to be made, select "Voter- box by 8 p.m. on election day. Registration > Update my name or address" and follow the stepby-step instructions.

To check ballot status:

• Select "My Ballot > Ballot 562-6130 ext. 1278 or 1164.

Status" to see if your ballot has been received in the office and accepted for tabulation.

• For a replacement ballot, select "My Ballot > Online Ballot." The ballot can be marked online and then printed or printed first and marked by hand. A declaration will print as well, the voter must sign and return the declaration with their ballot. The ballot envelope must be post-marked by election day or in a ballot drop

For questions, call the Lewis County Auditor's Office at 360-740-1164, 360-740-1164 or toll free within Lewis County, 1-800-

In Loving Memory Of

Donald Arthur Shafer, age 86, of Centralia, Washington, passed away on May 21, 2022. He was preceded by his wife of 59 years, Patricia Fay (Ticknor) Shafer, age 78, on March 29, Donald was born in Seattle,

Washington, in 1935 and grew up in Salzer Valley on the eastern side of Centralia. He attended the one-room Salzer Valley Schoolhouse until it was closed in 1944. After graduating from Centralia High School, he joined the U.S. Air Force in 1954 and served his country for just under four years. After the service, he attended Centralia Community College (where he met Patricia) and then Washington State University

Donald & Patricia Shafer

Washington, Pullman, graduating with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture in

Patricia Fay (Ticknor) **Shafer** was born in Chehalis, Washington, in 1941. She grew up on a dairy farm in north Centralia and graduated from Centralia High School in 1959. She went on to attend Centralia Community College, where she met Donald. They were married in 1960. She accompanied him to Pullman where they started their family.

In 1967, Donald and Patricia moved into a house of their own in Salzer Valley and lived there, raising their family and farming until they each passed away.

Donald was born to Arthur Bourgette and Anna Svinth. After Anna divorced and remarried, he was adopted by his stepfather Charles Shafer. Patricia was born to Ruthven Charles Ticknor and Rosa (Durman) Lucile Ticknor. Donald was preceded in death by his sister Joanne (Shafer) Hotopp. Patricia was preceded by her brothers James Alden Warman, Glen Wade Warman,

Ruthven James Ticknor and Donald Ticknor; and by her sisters Dottie (Warman) Hopkins and Dorothy (Ticknor) Peterson. She is survived by her sister Charlotte (Ticknor) Jolly.

Donald and Patricia are survived by their daughters Julie Shafer, Elizabeth Schalk, Phyllis Owen (Arthur) and Carolyn Sabin (Darren); grandchildren Stephen Mohney (Lindsey), Aaron Mohney, Matthew Mohney, KT Hernandez (Robert), Levi Sabin, Kadin Sabin, Jeffery Hulse and Jenna Zachman (Steaven); and great-grandchildren Mohney, Ezra Mohney and Luke Zachman.

A joint memorial service for both Donald and Patricia will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary Chapel at 205 W. Pine St., Centralia, Washington. All are welcome to attend. The service will also be live streamed and recorded. Please contact Hoerling's Mortuary if you are interested in watching the service remotely.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

HAROLD VASSAR



TENINO - Harold Ray Vassar, a longtime resident of Thurston County, passed away at the age of 91 on Monday,

July 11, 2022, at his home in He was born Nov. 12, 1930, in Alvin, Wisconsin, to

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Herrera Beutler Calls Respect for Marriage Act 'Election-Year Pageantry'

By Isabel Vander Stoep

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On Tuesday, the United States House of Representatives passed a bill titled the Respect for Marriage Act (RFMA), that, ac-



Jaime Herrera Beutler congresswoman

cording to language in the bill, would provide statutory thority for samesex and interracial marriages in federal law. The

came after concerns from the U.S. Supreme Court's

cent decision overturning Roe v. Wade. Per the statement on the decision, Supreme Court ples have a right to marry.

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Justice Clarence Thomas also which ruled that same-sex cou-

The RFMA, if passed by mentioned Obergefell v. Hodges, the Senate and signed into law, would replace provisions in federal law that define marriage as

between a man and woman and the word "spouse" as being a person of the opposite sex.

The bill was passed with a 267-157 vote, with 47 Republicans joining all Democrats in favor.

Washington's District 3 Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-Battle Ground, was not among those 47, telling The Chronicle, "House leadership rushed this bill for a vote theoretically in response to Supreme Court rhetoric, yet the Supreme Court majority wrote in its Dobbs decision that 'nothing in this opinion should be understood to cast doubt on precedents that do not concern abortion."

She went on to say that rights related to contraception and same-sex relationships are inherently different, and that "marriage as it exists in the U.S. today is viewed by a majority of this Supreme Court as a settled matter. I'm not interested in further involving the federal government in marriage."

She also said the bill was not well thought-out, nor did it have enough time to be researched by members of congress.

"If Congress is truly interested in solidifying the issue of marriage going forward, House leaders would have given this legislation committee hearings and provided members more than 18 hours' notice to study a bill that could impact the laws of more than 30 states," Herrera Beutler said in a statement. "But they didn't, which makes it clear that today's vote was more about election-year pageantry than anything else."

News in Brief

Air Tour Plan Developed for Mount Rainier

By The Chronicle staff

The National Park Service (NPS) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) completed an air tour management plan for Mount Rainier National Park

The plan establishes measures to protect park resources including the Mount Rainier Wilderness, habitat for native species of wildlife, including the northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet, along with plans for visitor experiences, according to a news release.

"The purpose of the air tour plan is to ensure that park resources and values in Mount Rainier National Park, including natural sounds, wilderness character, visitor experiences, wildlife, and other natural and cultural resources, are protected in national parks where air tours occur," said Greg Dudgeon, the park's superintendent in a written statement. "The air tour management plan for Mount Rainier National Park establishes how and where an air tour may occur while protecting the qualities that make Mount Rainier National Park a special place."

Commercial air tours have occurred over Mount Rainier National Park for many years without defined operating parameters. The air tour management plan protects national park resources and values by providing continued education and management oversight.

The plan authorizes up to one air tour per year on a defined route conducted over the park and up to one half mile outside the park's boundary. There was, on average, one air tour per year reported at Mount Rainier National Park from 2017 to 2019.

The plan's operating parameters will be effective within 90 days from the date of signature on the air tour management plan.

Mount Rainier National Park is among 24 parks in the National Park System for which the agencies are developing air tour management plans.

20th Annual Pickersfest **Music Festival to Return** to Winolequa Park

By The Chronicle staff

The 20th annual Pickersfest Music Festival is returning to Winolequa Park on Friday, Aug. 5, and will last through Sunday, Aug. 7. The Washington Acoustic Music Association will host the three-day music event, which will include bluegrass, gypsy jazz, Americana and much more.

clude Pearl Django, a Tacomabased gypsy jazz band that's re-

1957. In 1964, they moved

into the house, which they designed and built in the St.

Urban area. Eddie began as

a volunteer at the Timberland

libraries in Winlock and

Chehalis and retired as the

manager of the Salkum Timberland Library. She was

a driving force behind the

preservation of the historic St.

Urban Church, near her home

in Winlock. Her knowledge of

people, places and events in

the area, were the foundation

for the publication of the

book, "Saint Urban Church

Community — Early Years." After retirement, Eddie enjoyed working in her

flower gardens, reading and

traveling. She and husband,

Robert, visited Alaska many

times by car, van and ship. She also visited Ireland,

Scotland, Great Britain, Italy,

held at 11 a.m. on Friday,

July 22, at St Joseph Church in Chehalis, with graveside services following at 1:30

A funeral service will be

Austria and Germany.

leased 15 albums over 27 years; The Portland Radio Ponies, a bluegrass collective featuring a rotating cast of Portland's "finest pickers"; String Theory, a bluegrass group that includes experienced and new musicians from the Northwest; and Sunny South, an acoustic quartet focused on vocal harmonies in the "true bluegrass style" and Choroloco, a trio of Seattle musicians who love Brazilian music.

Attendees will have the chance to participate in playing Celtic music, old-time music and swing music. A slow jam will also be held for beginners on Saturday. Free physical features workshops on guitar, mandolin, bass, fiddle and banjo will be taught by members of the headlining bands. There will be open mic opportunities on Saturday afternoon. There will be multiple opportunities to participate in jam sessions during the day and into the night.

Camping costs \$10 per night. Food prepared by the Winlock youth baseball organization will be available at the festival, with proceeds going to support Winlock youth baseball.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs for seating as there are only a small number of picnic tables at the

For more information, con-Headliners for the event in- tact Marv Sobolesky at 360-880-

Tenino to Celebrate

Oregon Trail Days This Weekend

By The Chronicle staff

Oregon Trail Days in Tenino will return to the Stone City this weekend, and like the quarry pool when it's not undergoing repairs, is filled to the brim with history and celebration of the town's heritage. The annual event, hosted by the Tenino Area Chamber of Commerce and the Puget Sound Free Trappers, is

With many vendors, creative arts markets, presentations, demonstrations and farmer's booths, the weekend will be filled with to-dos from 9 a.m. on Friday until 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The beloved, free Pioneer Village will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday with many hands-on projects and learning opportunities for children and families. It is hosted at the Tenino Depot Museum.

"It's a great way for us to cel-

previously told The Chronicle. The schedule of events is subject

to change, but the most up-to-date information can be found online at www.teninoacc.org under the "Oregon Trail Days (OTD)" tab.

Centralia Police Department to Host Hot Dog Picnic for National Night Out Campaign

By The Chronicle staff

The Centralia Police Department (CPD) announced its participation in this year's National Night Out campaign.

As part of the campaign, CPD will host a hot dog picnic on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at George Washington Park from 6 to 8 p.m.

The picnic will include police vehicles from the CPD and the Lewis County Sheriff's Office, officers attendees can speak with, live music by Jeremiah Vaught, ice cream, a raffle and kids activities. For more information, contact the CPD at 360-330-7680.

Twin Transit to Hold Meeting July 26

By The Chronicle staff

The next meeting of the Lewis Public Transportation Benefit Area, which operates as Twin Transit, will be at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, at 1638 Bishop Road, Chehalis.

Chaenn Hill Name Change Approved by State Board, Awaits Federal Approval

By The Chronicle staff

The Washington State Board on Geographic Names voted to approve a proposed name change for Chaenn Hill near Tenino during a July 5 meeting.

The vote was unanimous and moved the proposal forward to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (USBGN). The USBGN meets monthly and will hear the proposal at an upcoming meet-

The proposed name change is being championed by Tenino historian Richard Edwards, who prompted the move to change 'Chain Hill" to "Chaenn Hill" to reflect historical accuracy.

scheduled for July 22-24.

The Oregon Trail Days pa-

rade will start at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 23, and will travel from South Custer Street down Sussex Avenue to McArthur Street South. The T90 Motorcycle Drill Team will perform 15 minutes before the parade begins.

ebrate local history and we really do it for kids and families, so anybody can come to this and it doesn't cost anything," Tyler Whitworth, event coordinator,

IN LOVING MEMORY OF EDMUNDA WALLER 1937 ~ 2022



Edmunda Barbara Fries Waller, of Winlock, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 8, 2022.

Edmunda was preceded in death by her husband Robert J. Waller and their son Ronald J. Waller, both of Winlock. She is survived by her brother George Fries, of Silver Spring, Maryland; her children Ann Crawford, of Rochester, Kelly Sawka of Aurora, Colorado, and Dan and John Waller, both of Winlock. She is also survived by her grandchildren Robert, Dallas and Katie and her great-granddaughter

"Eddie" was born Feb. 12, 1937, and attended the Evaline School. She graduated from St. Mary's Academy, in Toledo, and later received an associate's degree from Centralia College. Edmunda and Robert were married in

203 NW Kerron St.,

p.m. at the St. Urban Cemetery in Winlock. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation in Eddie Waller's memory to the St. Urban Settlement, the Timberland Library, or the Red Cross.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF JAMES ROBERT COOPER, JR.

A gathering of Jim Cooper's friends is being hosted this Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. by his brother, Allan Cooper of Beaverton, Oregon at The Shire, 465 NW Chehalis Ave., in Chehalis. Jim, a longtime resident of Salkum passed away on Dec. 18, 2020. At the time, health protocols necessitated postponing a gathering to honor Jim and share stories. Jim built friendships with his neighbors, the staff at Salkum Superette, the Salkum Post Office, the Salkum Library, the staff at Sweet Inspirations and Book 'n' Brush. If you are able to join us this Saturday please call Book 'n' Brush at 360-748-



7680 or email us directly at booknbrush@gmail.com so we can make sure we have enough hors d'oeuvres prepared. We hope you can join us to honor our friend, James Robert Cooper, Jr. this Saturday.

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MORTON POLICE DEPARTMENT **Morton Incidents**

- An officer was dispatched to assist Cascade Mental Health in the 100 Block of Third Street just before 2:10 p.m. on June 20. The officer remained until the scene was under control.
- An officer was dispatched to state Route 7 just before 11:10 a.m. on June 20 regarding a rollover log truck. Officers assisted with traffic control until the Department of Transportation could take over.
- An officer was dispatched to the Dollar General just before 10:10 p.m. on June 21 regarding a suspicious person. The officer was unable to locate the individual.
- An officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Collar Avenue just after 12:50 p.m. on June 22 regarding a nuisance complaint.
- An officer was dispatched to the 100 block of First Street just after 8:45 p.m. on June 22 regarding a juvenile complaint. The officer gave a prevention talk to all parties involved and an informational report was taken.
- An officer was dispatched to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Collar Avenue just before 9:55 p.m. on June 27. The officer did not observe any suspicious activity and an informational report was taken.
- An officer received a report of a panic alarm at the Arbor Health Hospital just before 10 p.m. on July 3. The alarm was determined to be false.
- At 12:15 p.m. on July 4, an officer was notified of a suspicious circumstances complaint at a vehicle parked along state Route 7 near the mills. The officer contacted the subject and requested medical aid to respond. The officer remained on scene until a Lewis County Sheriff's Office deputy arrived on scene.
- An officer responded to a nuisance complaint in the 300 block of Collar Avenue just before 1:55 p.m. on July 5. An informational report was taken.
- An officer responded to a nuisance complaint in the 100 block of Wood Avenue just bemational report was taken.
- An officer responded to a nuisance complaint in the 100 block of Adams Avenue just after 3:05 p.m. on July 5. An informational report was taken.

Mossyrock Incidents

- · An officer was dispatched to the Soap and Suds Laundromat just before 7 a.m. on June 19 regarding a burglary complaint. A few tools and a small amount of change was taken. The case is pending further evidence.
- An officer was dispatched to a noise complaint in the area of Mossyrock Avenue and Court Street at 11:10 p.m. on June 20. The residents agreed to quiet down and the officer resumed regular patrol.
- An officer was dispatched to the 200 block of State Street at 1:40 p.m. on June 21 regarding a disorderly complaint. An informational report was taken.
- An officer was dispatched to the 700 block of Williams Street just after 2 p.m. on June 21 regarding a request for inforwas taken.
- An officer was dispatched to the 300 block of Main Street just after 11:10 a.m. on June 22

regarding a verbal dispute. An informational report was taken.

- An officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Aldrich Road just after 1:55 p.m. on June 23 for a welfare check. The officer spoke with the individual and at their request, the officer requested Mobile Crisis to contact the individual.
- An officer was contacted by Grays Harbor county dispatch at 8:10 p.m. on June 25 requesting a search in the 200 block of State Street to locate a missing individual. The officer was able to locate the individual and notified the Ocean Shores Police Department their missing person was located.
- An officer was dispatched to the 200 block of James Street at 6:45 p.m. on June 29 regarding a juvenile problem. The investigation is ongoing.
- An officer was dispatched to the 700 block of Williams Street just before 7:40 p.m. on June 30 regarding a theft complaint. An informational report was taken.
- An officer was dispatched to Klickitat Creek Park just after 10:35 p.m. on July 2 regarding a missing person. While patrolling the area, the officer was notified the individual had returned to his home.

CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT Vehicle Prowl

- A vehicle prowl reported in the 1000 block of Southeast Evergreen Drive just after 8:05 a.m. on July 18 is under investigation.
- At 2 p.m. on July 19, a vehicle prowl that occurred sometime overnight in the 500 block of Southwest Pacific Avenue was reported.
- A vehicle prowl was reported at the intersection of Northwest Maryland Avenue and Northwest Vine Street just after 4:10 p.m. on July 19.
- Possible vehicle prowls were reported in the 300 block of Northeast Adams Avenue just after 3 a.m. on July 20.

Burglary

• A burglary was reported in fore 2:20 p.m. on July 5. An infor- the 600 block of North National Avenue just before 3:55 a.m. on July 19. No arrests were made.

Retail Theft

- west Louisiana Avenue just after 6:40 p.m. on July 19.
- rested in the 1600 block of North- p.m. on July 18. west Louisiana Avenue just after 11:20 p.m. on July 19 and were booked into the Lewis County Jail for alleged shoplifting.

Other Theft

- At 2:15 p.m. on July 18, a caller in the 1500 block of North National Avenue reported someone had stolen her grandfather's medications while he was in the hospital.
- A backpack and a life vest were reported stolen from the 1300 block of Southwest Wilson Avenue just before 6:15 a.m. on July 20.

Hit-and-Run

- Just before 9:50 a.m. on July mation. An informational report 18, a hit-and-run that occurred in the 300 block of West Main Street sometime overnight was reported.

North Market Boulevard just be- 5:05 p.m. on July 18. fore 1:55 p.m. on July 19.

Sirens

Disputes

- ported in the 1100 block of South Market Boulevard just before 8:45 p.m. on July 18. No arrests were made.
- A verbal dispute was reported in the 700 block of Southwest Chehalis Avenue just before 9:10 p.m. on July 18. No arrests were made.
- A possible physical dispute was reported in the 100 block of Southwest Interstate Avenue just after 9:50 p.m. on July 18. No arrests were made.
- A verbal dispute was reported in the 300 block of Southwest Third Street at 2:20 a.m. on July 19. No arrests were made.
- A verbal dispute involving a juvenile was reported in the 300 block of Southwest Third Street at 11:10 a.m. on July 19. No arrests were made.

Possible Animal Abuse

• At 12:35 p.m. on July 19, a caller reported seeing a dog with a leash fall out of a truck window in the 1000 block of Northwest Maryland Drive. The dog's owner reportedly "dragg(ed) the dog yelping across the parking lot" before putting the dog back in the vehicle.

Death Investigation

• At 2:50 p.m. on July 19, a caller requested a welfare check on a senior living in the 1500 block of North National Avenue, stating no one had heard from the senior in a while and his wife had recently passed away. The senior was found to be deceased. The case is under investigation.

CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Vehicle Accidents

- A minor collision was reported in the 600 block of South Tower Avenue at 2:10 p.m. on July 18.
- Injuries were reported following a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of West Main and Yew streets just before 9:30 a.m. on July 19.

Bicycle Theft

- A bicycle was reported sto-• Alcohol was reported stolen len from the 100 block of South from the 1300 block of North- Silver Street at 3 p.m. on July 18.
 - · A bicycle was reported stolen from the 300 block of West • A man and a woman were ar- Magnolia Street just after 3:30

Burglary

- A Centralia man was arrested in the 1100 block of Harrison Avenue just after 4:40 p.m. on July 18 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for seconddegree burglary after he allegedly shoplifted from a grocery store he was trespassed from.
- A burglary to a commercial building in the 100 block of East First Street was reported just after 6:45 p.m. on July 18.
- A purse and credit/debit cards were reported stolen during a burglary in the 1100 block of Woodland Avenue just before 5:40 a.m. on July 19. The case is under investigation.

Catalytic Converter Theft

• A catalytic converter was reported stolen at the intersection • A hit-and-run to a building of South Washington Avenue

Patriot Prayer Leader Joey Gibson Acquitted on Riot Charge in 2019 Brawl

By The Oregonian

In a huge blow to prosecutors, a Multnomah County judge swiftly ended the trial of Patriot Prayer leader Joey Gibson and one of his compatriots Tuesday, ruling the state failed to provide sufficient evidence that either ror could convict the two based on given the state of the evidence."

man had committed the crime the evidence presented. of riot during a brawl outside a Portland bar in 2019.

Circuit Judge Benjamin Souede acquitted Gibson, 38, and Russell Schultz, 52, after the state rested its

"I am somewhat bewildered that the state has driven the case to this point," Souede said. "As an institution, the district attorney's office's decision to push case, finding that no reasonable ju- this case to trial is surprising,

was reported in the 200 block of and West Pear Street just after

Organized Retail Theft

• Two subjects were arrested · A verbal dispute was re- for allegedly stealing more than \$900 worth of merchandise from an outlet in the 100 block of West High Street at 6:50 p.m. on July 19. Alex R. Williams, 26, of Tacoma, allegedly tried to run and struggled with officers during the arrest. Manuel R. Loredo, 27, of Hoquiam, allegedly ran onto the freeway into traffic but gave up after he tired out. Both were booked into the Lewis County Jail for organized retail theft and referred to the prosecutor's office for resisting arrest.

Damaged Headstones

· Damage to headstones in the 500 block of South Tower Avenue was reported just after 9 a.m. on July 19.

LEWIS COUNTY JAIL STATISTICS

As of Wednesday morning, the Lewis County Jail had a total system population of 146 inmates, including 128 in the general population and 18 in the Work Ethic and Restitution Center (WERC). Of general population inmates, 104 were reported male and 24 were reported female. Of the WERC inmates, 16 were reported male and two were reported female.

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

Death Notices

- JIM COOPER, Salkum, died Dec. 18, 2020. A gathering of his friends is being hosted at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 23, by his brother, Allan Cooper of Beaverton, Oregon, at The Shire, 465 NW Chehalis Ave., Chehalis. Call Book 'n' Brush at 360-748-7680 or email booknbrush@gmail.com if you plan to attend.
- JOHN M. OWENS, 86, Olympia, died July 13 at Providence St. Peter Hospital. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home.
- RALPH G. CHICK, 68, Chehalis, died July 14 at his residence. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home.
- EDMUNDA "EDDIE" B. WALLER, 85, Winlock, died July 8 at Providence Centralia Hospital. There will be a funeral service at 11 a.m. July 22 at St. Joseph Church in Chehalis with a graveside service following at 1:30 p.m. at St. Urban Cemetery in Winlock.
- SHERRY LEA THAYER, 62, Ethel, died June 17 at Lucky Eagle Casino. Arrangements are under the care of Forest Funeral Home and Cemetery, Olympia.
- DALE GLEN RICH, 58, died July 11. Arrangements are under the care of Fir Lawn Funeral Home.
- IO ANN RUTH HEDGERS, 87 died July 18. Arrangements are under the care of Fir Lawn Funeral Home.
- ROBERT E. AUMAN, 92, Onalaska, died on July 19 at Providence Centralia Hospital. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home.
- BEULAH MAE LEDBETTER, 97, died July 13 at home. There will be a service at 11 a.m. July 22 at Brown Mortuary followed by a burial at the Morton city cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Brown Mortuary Service.
- JAMES RODNEY JARMAN, 79, died July 13 at home. There will be a burial at Tahoma National Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Brown Mortuary Service.
- RONALD RAY MCCAIN, 79, died July 18 at home. Arrangements are under the care of Brown Mortuary

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It's Time for Congress to Finally Reassert Itself

While critics contend the U.S. Supreme Court decision limiting how the nation's main antiair pollution law can be used to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from power plants was a "gut

punch," it wasn't. The court appropriately threw the ball back to Congress to rectify.

By a 6-3 vote, the Supreme Court said the federal

Clean Air Act does not give the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) broad authority to regulate greenhouse

that contribute to global warming. Chief Justice John Roberts wrote that Congress must speak clearly on this subject. A decision of such magnitude and consequence rests with Congress itself.

gas emissions from power plants



In 1970, President Richard Nixon, a Republican, and Democrats who controlled Congress, created the EPA to enforce new air, water and hazardous waste laws. Since then, the EPA has gradually extended its authority and reached a point where the Supreme Court said it is time for Congress to reassert itself.

That's a wise move. It is time those elected by voters weigh in.

In the early 1970s when the Clean Air Act was enacted, I was a congressional press aide for a Montana congressman in Washington, D.C., and carefully watched the debates over jurisdiction. Specifically, Congress was wrestling with limits of EPA authority.

In those days, the air quality issue was "acid rain." Midwestern and Atlantic coast coal-fired power plants were burning highsulfur Appalachian coal. Previously, power companies had heightened their "smoke stacks" to disperse the pollutants higher into the atmosphere. Unfortunately, rainfall in northeastern forests became more acidic and trees were dying.

The Clean Air Act also applied to western copper smelters only under a specific set of regulations. Those facilities were not only emitting sulfur, but arsenic and heavy metals.

In western Montana, our congressional district, smelters in Anaconda, Helena and Great Falls, contaminated farm lands, woods and streams. The ASARCO smelter in Rustin was a unique problem because it was located in densely populated Tacoma. It also was contaminating Puget Sound waters. Through strict emissions requirements, smelters were required to capture pollutants before releasing emissions back into the atmosphere. When the price of copper and

other metals made it impossible to operate, the smelters were closed, razed and the site clean-up commenced. But again, the smelterowners were addressing specific EPA rules. So what's next?

Chad Taylor, Publisher

Coralee Taylor, CEO

First, Congress needs to reassert itself. It needs to look at environmental legislation and establish policies under which EPA has clear authority.

Second, air pollution is more than eliminating coal-fired power plants. In fact, tailpipe emissions from cars, trucks and buses account for over one-fifth of the United States' total global warming pollution.

Third, Congress must consider how countries, such as China and India, are contributing to CO2 emissions from coal-fired power plants. Pollution knows no international boundaries.

Most of the world's existing coal-fired power generation is in emerging and developing economies. Roughly 60% of the

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electricity generated in China, India and Indonesia is from coal. Similarly, almost 90% of the new coal power plants being developed worldwide are also in emerging and developing econo-

mies, mostly in Asia. With the Russian invasion of Ukraine, countries such as Germany, are resorting to reopening coal-fired power plants. The

The bottom line is our country cannot act in a vacuum.

Germans have little choice.

It is not as if we're starting from scratch. EPA summarized it best in its 50-year report: From 1970 to 2019, emissions of six key pollutants have dropped 77%, while the economy has grown 285% — proving that clean air policies and a robust economy can go hand in hand."

It's time for a thorough reexamination.

Don C. Brunell is a business analyst, writer and columnist.

COMMENTARY: I Was Just Thinking ...

Life Goes On — So Let's Have a Summer

All my life I've been under the impression that old age was something that slowly crept on you when, possibly, your back was

It was supposed to be like wanting to sleep an extra 10 or 15 minutes before throwing off the covers and reaching for fresh underwear.

It wasn't supposed to smash you in the face

with anything wet or unpleasant.

If you've been following these scribblings of mine for the past five or six months, you'll have already become aware that one darned thing after

another has destroyed the peace, the good health and, certainly, the wealth of this nonagenarian — starting from just about the same time that the big ball hit the ground in New York City at the beginning of 2022.

By Bill Moeller

A short list includes tripping on some concrete and falling face first onto a small portion of Centralia's Main Street, being diagnosed with "the virus" even though I'd had three shots to prevent such an event and then tripping onto concrete once again (backwards, this time) which resulted in some unpleasant and painful damage to both arms and elbows.

But then did I mention that I'm 94 years old? Oh, I guess I have, many times recently — if my memory works. All I can think of to ask is, "Where are the Guardian Angels when you need one?"

That question could have been safely asked about midway through last week.

I fell again.

My mission for the day was to clear off all the ivy shoots and blackberry bushes that had been creeping through the fence that divides my back yard from a field of them. My plan of action was simple: try to reach through small cracks and cut the invading specimens as far from the back side of the fence as I could.

The previous resident of my domicile had used large rocks almost small boulders in some locations — to form a slightly raised bin of native plants. It was one of those rocks that apparently reached out and grabbed the toe of my boot, causing an unexpected connection between me and solid ground. One foot was twisted and folded underneath my body, causing a sharp pain in my ankle.

My first thought was, "Here I go to the emergency room again!" My second thought was, "No! I've already been there too many times this year. I'll suffer my way through in the manner that a former paratrooper would be expected to." A good friend whose occupa-

tion was once that of a nurse guided me through what I should do to ease the pain and quicken the healing, a procedure that eventually brought me back to my previous status of an old man who should have known better. But is that progress?

Other than that, life goes on and I still hope to be able to transfer my kayak from its cradle to the top of my Jeep and get it wet a few times this summer. We'll see.

On a less personal subject, ere seems to be some conflicts in the Port of Centralia lately, but then, that's been the situation from almost the beginning of that

I'd given a lot of thought toward filing for a vacancy at the last election, but eventually decided against it, based mainly on my hearing problems in areas where sound seems to bounce around and become muddled, like in closed rooms

I now wish I'd been thinking of what's best for the community instead of what's best for the ego. I've often mentioned my feelings on the premise that "bigger is better." My conclusion is that it isn't, or at least it seldom is.

In the case of a community, it usually only increases the need for more schools and more law enforcement while also increasing the cost of owning a home and driving behind more cars and trying to find parking spaces closer to our destination.

We citizens need to pay attention to decisions being made that may impact what has been our "normal" way of life — even if some of us are 94.

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Vote to Allow Bhagwandin to Continue Caring for Lewis County

As East Lewis County residents and former voters for Gary Stamper, we support Harry O. Bhagwandin for Lewis County commissioner in District 3. As per the voter's pamphlet, he shows the most already achieved accomplishments in caring for our county.

As the founding President of Onalaska Alliance, he focused on tourism and economic development in rural areas. He has 23 years of experience in salmon recovery.

He was a program administrator for the Washington Department of Natural Resources. He brought back state and federal tax dollars

to benefit local communities. He managed multi-million dollar budgets for

Washington residents with accountability. He's a timber and agriculture property

He's the father of four children raised in Onalaska with a loving wife of more than 40

He is our choice to continue his work, caring for Lewis County.

Lance and Judith Nowland

Mollycoddled Firearm Thieves Are the Problem, Not Legal Gun Owners

Regarding your recent article titled "Two Suspects Arrested for Allegedly Stealing Nine Firearms From an Onalaska Residence

This is how illegal firearms end up in the hands of criminals.

They should not be allowed to down plea firearm theft and should be given minimum two years in jail.

They are the ones that supply guns used in murders and mayhem and should be made ex-

Judges and prosecutors should realize that mollycoddled firearm thieves are the problem, not legal gun owners.

> CHRIS VANASSE Pierce County

boxes, displaying her and President Trump side by side as if she is supported by Trump, Heidi denies any connection with the mailing.

This campaign is not a referendum on Christianity or a contest to determine who is the best Christian, though I am aware that Heidi uses church connections to appeal to voters on that

Joe Kent is in a contest to become our next Congressman.

I know him.

I trust him.

He abides by his agreements.

Heidi has proven that her desire to win drives her to break promises and make dishon-

I do not want another betrayer like Jaime in

I want someone who will truthfully and loyally represent me.

That is Joe Kent.

Now Heidi is denying that she ever entered into an agreement to drop out of the race and support the candidate President Trump would endorse.

There is video of it, with Heidi laughing and saying that the Trump-endorsed candidate would "suck all the oxygen out of the room."

Joe Kent knows that when you make a public promise, you keep it.

Having served 11 tours in mideast hot zones and worked at high levels in military intelligence, Joe Kent has a thorough understanding of the threats facing America, including those posed by islamic, communist and socialist na-

This does not stop Heidi from wildly accusing Joe Kent of being a 'socialist,' and attempting to justify her oath-breaking when she was shocked that she did not get President Trump's endorsement and Joe Kent did.

She can't justify breaking her public promise to drop out of the race, so she flings accusations.

Her behavior is appalling. I am amazed that she takes time out of her

campaign to focus on people like me who are not candidates.

Even if she could silence us, there are just too many holes in the dam of her integrity.

It is collapsing, and she blew the first hole in

Bob Larimer Clark County

Heidi St. John Showed Lack of **Integrity in Reversal of Trump Endorsement Claim**

Regarding Mr. Mosier's July 18 letter in The Nothing anyone can say, do or allege can

take away the significance of the fact that Heidi St. John voluntarily, publicly, entered into an agreement with other candidates to drop out of the race and support the candidate President Trump chose to endorse for Congress. That candidate turned out to be Joe Kent.

Heidi immediately broke her promise, claiming she didn't have all the information when she entered into the agreement. Since then she has descended into even more

dishonesty, flinging unfounded accusations against Joe Kent.

Then when glossy mailers appeared in mail-

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French Toast & Co. Mercantile Brings a Vintage Touch to Downtown Centralia, Celebrates One-Year Anniversary

By Matthew Zylstra

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When Tammie Krist was looking for a place to set up her French Toast & Co. Mercantile store one year ago, as an Olympia resident, she didn't have any connections to the Centralia area. But when she saw her present location on South Tower Avenue, she knew she wanted to set up shop there.

"I saw pictures of the inside and just thought, 'I could do something with that," Krist said. "When I saw the building, I fell in love. That's kind of when I knew this is where I wanted to be."

Setting up in a new place, Krist didn't know what to expect. She said she'd heard about a lot of festivities in Centralia but didn't know much else about the town. So when it came time to open, she was surprised by the welcome she received. "People we didn't know just

came in and welcomed us and brought us flowers," Krist said, reflecting back during her store's one-year anniversary celebration on Saturday. Krist opened her vintage

store one year ago in an old building on South Tower Avenue, next to a Lewis County Coffee Company stand. She said she's enjoyed building her business in a new space.

"It's been cool how you can take an empty space and have your imagination and make it something amazing," Krist said.

Krist, who has been a vendor in the vintage market for many years, said the name of her store comes from her childhood and the traditions she carried on from her mom with her own children. She explained how French toast was her favorite breakfast her mom made for her growing up and how she made French toast for her daughters and grandson.

Krist told The Chronicle the reference to French toast in her business name represents her desire to care for and support others and create a place where women can come and have a community where they can buy "the sorts of things women love."

Krist said her favorite thing about her business is the community she's helped create.

"I love how people come in and you create these relationships and friendships and people into this."



daughters Staci, middle, and Amberly.

meet each other in here. It's like a home away from home," Krist said. "Once people get to know each other in here, it just creates this kind of community."

For Krist, opening up a store would allow her to use her knowledge of the vintage market to advance her desire to support others.

When you have gifts you want to be able to use them," Krist said. "This just seemed like the next step. It's been kind of like a dream that's flourished

Krist sources the vintage goods she sells from all around the western U.S., from Idaho to lection of vintage items is focused on the sorts of "vintage home decor" folks want in their homes.

French Toast and Co. Mercantile owner Tammie Krist, left, celebrates her business' one year anniversary on Saturday with her

Krist said she changes the arrangement of her store every

We change things out with the seasons to get a different look. We try to give people a visual of how to decorate," said Krist, whose daughters, Amberly and Staci, assist her with her business, difficulties of being a new small

which she described as a "family adventure."

A year since French Toast's California. She explained her se- opening, while Krist has received a warm welcome and helped build a community, her store has faced some challenges, primarily getting their name out.

"We're on South Tower Avenue, away from the hubbub, so the difficulty has been getting people to know us," Krist said. "Some people just go along and don't even know this nugget is here."

Krist told The Chronicle the

FRENCH TOAST & CO. **MERCANTILE**

Location: 404 S. Tower Ave. Website: frenchtoastandco. mercantile@gmail.com Facebook: @ frenchtoastandcomercantile

business, like the ones French Toast has experienced, are why she goes out of her way to support other business owners.

"The vendors that are here (at our anniversary celebration)

are all small businesses, so we

love to support other businesses." Krist said. "We invited all those vendors here because we've gotten to know them and it's nice to be able to help them. It all goes back to small businesses rallying around each other to support and encourage one another." She said getting to know other small business owners and

supporting them has been part of building her business' community. For Krist, getting to know other female entrepreneurs and working with them has been a meaningful experience. "We just met these gals who

started small businesses, to see what they've done and what they're doing is amazing," Krist told The Chronicle. "And that's their journey so that becomes part of my journey."

In explaining her dream for her store, Krist emphasized the process of creating a business.

"I want to grow to say that I made something from scratch. To see something that was nothing become something," she said.

Krist offered her appreciation to the community for its support.

"We really appreciate the community that welcomed us, encouraged us and prayed for us. And I want to say we should support small businesses in the area,"

French Toast & Co. Mercantile opens for a couple of days once a month. Upcoming dates the store will be open are Sept. 9 and 10, Oct. 14 and 15, Nov. 4 and 5 and Dec. 2 through Dec. 4. On Fridays, it is open from 2 to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A special ticketed event will be held on Nov. 25 with hours to be announced at a later date.

Washington Hospital Leaders Call on State to Help With 'Unprecedented' **Capacity Crisis**

By The Spokesman-Review

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Hospital Association is asking the state for help in addressing "unprecedented" capacity issues at hospitals.

cluding most on the west side, are over 100% capacity. Although hospitals in Eastern Washington els yet, hospital leaders say they could soon, with many currently around 95% capacity.

The issue isn't COVID-19, at least not directly. What's causing the backup is a mixture of lack of staff and available beds and the continued challenge to transition patients into long-term care facilities. Current guardianship law in Washington requires a family member with legal guardianship to sign off before moving a patient out of a hospital. If no family member is available, the patient can use a court-appointed guardian, but that can take time as there are only so many guardians available in the state.

"We have solutions that we know will decant the system, hurts rural hospitals because and we need to make sure those strategies are being deployed as quickly as they can be," said Taya Briley, the association's executive vice president.

ment to change guardianship requirements for those needing medical care and a lack of beds

to move to long-term care, fund bed readiness programs statewide, expand rapid response teams for long-term care facilities and increase support for child and adult respite services.

Briley said there are indications that progress may be made on the capacity issues "in the days and weeks ahead."

Mike Faulk, spokesman for Gov. Jay Inslee's office, said additional steps to address capacity will likely take legislative action.

'The governor's office has Many hospitals statewide, in- been working on a number of these issues for a long time," Faulk wrote in an email.

He said the governor's office have not reached the same lev- is actively engaged with legislators on the issue of bed readiness, incentives for discharging challenging patients and rapid response teams. He said their data does not point to a lack of guardianship as a significant barrier.

While the problem is not directly linked to COVID, already full hospitals are not helped by an increase of COVID cases, said Dr. Steve Mitchell, medical director of the Washington Medical Coordination Center.

"Many of our hospitals, especially on the West Side, are more strained today than really at any other point since the pandemic began," Mitchell said.

When large hospitals in the state experience overcapacity, it their patients can't be transferred to larger hospitals, Mitch-

Though there is some CO-VID-19 element, Dr. David The hospital association is O'Brien, at MultiCare South again urging the state govern- Sound Region, said it's mostly caused by a demand for general

and staff for those people.

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Many hospitals have patients they could discharge to longterm care facilities or adult family homes but cannot because finding a guardian for patients

can take time. Kristy Carrington, regional chief nursing officer at Providence Swedish, said about 17% of their patients no longer require hospital care but can't be trans-

ferred to a long-term care facility. The hospital association has continued to ask the state to change its interpretation of the guardianship law to allow family members who are not guardians to make decisions, which could make the process move more quickly.

"We are unique in the nation in taking this position," Briley said. "And we are feeling that pain

across our health care system."

The change in the guardianship process could come from the state reviewing legal briefings and changing its interpretation, or it could mean a legislahappen until the Legislature is back in session in January.

The hospital association supported a bill last session that would have eased the guardianship process some, but it did not

In January, Inslee said he did not have the authority alone to change the law. Instead, he brought in another 75 guardians to help patients who may need someone to sign off to their moving to a different facility.

ship issue, both hospitals and COVID-19 pandemic.

long-term care facilities are experiencing staffing shortages and a lack of funding, making it harder to transition patients to those facilities.

The state hospital associative change, which likely couldn't tion is asking for funding to allow hospitals and long-term care facilities to stand up programs to help patients who need longterm care beds.

It helps the post-acute care facilities get a bit more reimbursement for patients that need a bit more help, Briley said.

The association is also asking the state to expand rapid response teams to help provide extra staffing to long-term care facilities, which Briley said have experienced significant staffing In addition to the guardian- challenges exacerbated by the



Gifford Pinchot Trash Force Reminds All: Littering and Dumping Is Illegal, Unsafe

By The Chronicle staff

Sheryl Hall is a Packwood resident and leader of the Gifford Pinchot Trash Force, a volunteer group that cleans up litter in the most spacious of public lands in Lewis County.

After a recent update on the High Rock lookout restoration in Randle included reports of vandalism, Hall was compelled to share a message on littering.

"I know anything we do doesn't really touch the ones we need but on recent litter cleanup events, the pattern is often the same," she said.

Hall said whether folks are on Forest Service roads, on backroads, in the backcountry or just off the highway, the message is the same: littering or dumping of any kind of waste is illegal. Bottles or cans especially should never be thrown into fires. They will not burn and will instead be left behind to accumulate with other trash.

"Do not throw litter, garbage or solid waste over embankments thinking they are hidden. They are not and it is illegal, unsafe and a larger issue for those coming behind to clean as volunteers," Hall said.

Learn more about the Gifford Pinchot Trash Force by visiting its page on Facebook.



The Gifford Pinchot Trash Force provided this photograph of a scene left behind by campers that was discovered by volunteers during a recent cleanup event.

Applications Open for Little Miss Friendly to Determine Official **Hostess of Southwest**

By The Chronicle staff

Washington Fair

The Southwest Washington Fair is returning on Aug. 16 and applications are open for the Little Miss Friendly program.

Applications are available https://southwestwashingtonfair.org/events/little-missfriendly and must be submitted by July 29 at 5 p.m.

Little Miss Friendly serves

as the official hostess and living logo of the Southwest Washing-

The Little Miss Friendly program was started in 1968 to help market the fair and showcase how "friendliness" defined Southwest Washington.

A contest is held each summer at the Southwest Washington Fair to select Little Miss Friendly.

The contest is open to girls 8 to 10 years old.

The 2022 Little Miss Friendly will spend six days greeting visitors at the fair and promoting

During the remainder of her year-long reign, Little Miss

Friendly will attend "parades, coronations, teas and many other events as the official representative of the Southwest Washington Fair," according to a news release.

News in Brief

For more information, contact the fair office at 360-740-1495 or stop by the office at 1909 S. Gold St. in Centralia.

Washington Tribes to Get \$50 Million to **Restore Puget Sound**

By The Seattle Times

Tribes in Western Washington will receive \$50 million

in federal funding from the infrastructure bill, effectively doubling support for restoration and protection of Puget President Joe Biden. Sound.

The Environmental Protection Agency announced Tuesday in Sequim that it will give the money over the next five years to the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, which supports 20 treaty tribes.

Previously, the EPA provided the commission with \$50 million over 10 years to support habitat restoration, infrastructure updates, water quality, commercial fisheries, flood protection and climate resiliency.

"For too long, the federal government has failed to live up to its trust and treaty responsibilities — and persistently failed to provide the federal funding needed to invest in the infrastructure our tribal communities need," said U.S. Rep. Derek Kilmer, D-Gig Harbor, in a statement.

Projects that will benefit include the restoration, conservation and monitoring of Sequim Bay, the Dungeness River flood plain, Chambers Creek, Lummi Bay and the Nooksack and Skokomish rivers.

The funding — \$7.5 million as a down payment for up to \$50 million — was announced by Casey Sixkiller, EPA regional administrator for District 10, who was appointed in May by

Sixkiller, an enrolled citizen of the Cherokee Nation, is responsible for implementing the Biden administration's climate agenda in Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Idaho and 271 tribal nations.

"This funding made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law ensures that this region's tribes — the original stewards of Puget Sound — will continue to lead our joint efforts to restore and protect these waters for future generations," Sixkiller said Tuesday.

The infrastructure which the president signed last November, authorizes more than \$100 billion for federal public transportation programs nationwide.

"All of the tribes eligible for this funding depend on Puget Sound fish and shellfish for subsistence, ceremony and commerce," Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission Chairman Ed Johnston said Tuesday. "We are deeply concerned by the threat of climate change to our usual and accustomed areas and treaty-protected rights. Our economic and cultural well-being is directly linked to the health of our homelands."







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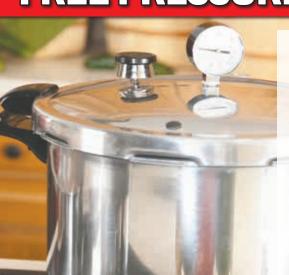
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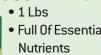
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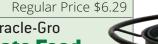
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Tacoma Man Charged After Police Find Fentanyl, Meth, Heroin During Welfare Check in Centralia

By Emily Fitzgerald

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Bail has been set at \$75,000 for a Tacoma man who was arrested Sunday when officers found over 100 fentanyl pills, about 12 grams of heroin, 46.6 grams of methamphetamine and \$3,440 in cash during a welfare check in a Centralia parking lot.

Officers with the Centralia Police Department contacted the vehicle's driver, Larry Sam Young, 35, in a parking lot in the 1300 block of Lum Road following a report that "two people (were) passed out in a running vehicle," according to court documents.

Officers knocked on the window to wake Young and his passenger, at which point Young reportedly "attempted to put his car in reverse and drive away," according to court documents. Young's vehicle was blocked in by the officers' patrol vehicle. Both of the vehicle's occupants report-



Larry Sam Young, 35, of Tacoma, appears virtually in Lewis County Superior Court on Tuesday.

according to court documents.

edly had "bloodshot eyes" and then stepped out of the vehicle. according to court documents. the passenger reportedly admit- Officers then reportedly found ted to recently consuming heroin, \$3,440 in cash on Young's person

A K9 officer then arrived on scene with K9 Pax, who is and "over 100 blue fentanyl pills" trained in the detection of con-Young and his passenger in a purse Young was carrying, trolled substances. Pax "alerted"

on the vehicle, prompting the officers to secure a search warrant, according to court documents.

While searching the vehicle, officers found 46.6 grams of methamphetamine, three "clear plastic baggies" containing in total about 12 grams of heroin and a box of unused baggies under the seat that were "purportedly used for dividing substances into smaller user amounts," according to court documents.

Young was arrested and booked into the Lewis County Jail just after 6:30 p.m. on July 17. He has since been charged with three counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, each of which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

The passenger in the vehicle had not been charged in Lewis County Superior Court as of Tuesday afternoon.

Young's next court appearance is an arraignment hearing scheduled for Thursday, July 28.

Chehalis Man Charged for Domestic Violence Jailed on \$150,000 Bail on Monday

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COURT: Man Accused of Strangling Woman, Breaking Her Phone, Pushing Her Down Stairs

By Emily Fitzgerald

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A 21-year-old Chehalis man was remanded into custody on \$150,000 bail Monday afternoon following a hearing on domestic violence charges in Lewis County Superior Court.

The man is accused of squeezing a woman's neck, pulling her down a set of stairs and breaking her phone following an argument on July 15.

The Chronicle is not releasing the man's name in order to protect the identity of the alleged

The reporting party contacted law enforcement just before 2 p.m., saying she had received a text message from the alleged victim asking her to call 911 because "he's beating me up," according to

"Not only are you a risk to community safety, you're a particular risk to this alleged victim and you have shown that you cannot follow court orders."

> Judge Joely Yeager Lewis County Superior Court

court documents. When officers arrived at the scene in the 1200 block of Centralia Avenue, a man outside the residence reportedly told them "he's beating the crap out of her in there," according to court documents.

The alleged victim later told police she and the suspect got into an argument at a Chehalis residence that ended with the man allegedly "grabbing her around the neck and squeezing," according to court documents. He reportedly stopped when the man's mother "came into the

ening (the man) with the bat," according to court documents. At some point during the argument, the man allegedly threw shattering the screen.

The two eventually ended up at the Centralia address, where the man reportedly "became paranoid the police were looking for him," according to court documents. The alleged victim reportedly started crying, which prompted the man to allegedly "(get) into her face yelling at her to stop crying so the police room with a baseball bat threat- wouldn't show up," according

to court documents. The victim Deputy Prosecutor Scott Jacksaid this is when she texted the reporting party. After she'd done so, the man allegedly "knocked her down and pulled her down a set of stairs" before fleeing the residence, according to court documents.

The officers entered the house and saw the alleged victim had "what appeared to be injuries to her body and head," at which point they were advised a man "ran outside the back of the house, jumped a fence and ran from the area," according to court documents.

Officers located the man a short time later, according to the victim's phone on the ground, court documents. He reportedly "denied touching (the victim) at any time," according to court documents.

> A court administrator set the man's bail at \$20,000 following the man's arrest on Friday pending a preliminary hearing in Lewis County Superior Court on Monday. However, the man posted bail over the weekend and appeared for his hearing out of custody.

Regarding the \$20,000 bail, day's hearing.

son said Monday, "I don't believe that's appropriate given the circumstances so I'm going to ask the court to increase it." Jackson asked Judge Joely

Yeager to raise the man's bail to

\$75,000 due to concerns about community safety and the man's warrant history. Defense Attorney Rachael Tiller cited the man's return to court after his release and his

assurance that he would follow court orders as reasons not to raise his bail. However, Yeager opted to set bail higher than both requests at \$150,000, citing the man's domestic violence history, warrant histo-

ry and the fact that he was out on bail for an unrelated case when this offense allegedly occurred. "Not only are you a risk to community safety, you're a par-

ticular risk to this alleged victim and you have shown that you cannot follow court orders," Yeager told the man Monday.

He was remanded into custody immediately following Mon-

Thurston County Reports Increase of COVID-19 Cases as 615 Are Tallied

By The Chronicle staff

Thurston County reported 615 new COVID-19 cases and no deaths during the period of July 10 through July 17.

The previous week there were 533 cases reported and 13 deaths between July 3 to July 9.

The health department now updates its weekly reports on Wednesdays.

Out of the 53,560 total county cases reported by July 13, patients who have recovered or are recovering increased to 52,425, according to the county health department.

As of July 13, the county health department reported a total of 2,549 COVID-related hospitalizations and 410 deaths in Thurston County since the start of the pandemic.

Health care workers have vaccinated 66% of the population countywide since the beginning of the pandemic, according to the Washington State Department of Health (DOH).

In neighboring Pierce County, deaths per 100,000 population couldn't be calculated because less than 10 people died, and new cases were down at 221.5 per 100,000 population as of July 19, according to the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

The total number of cases in the county reached 217,450 as of July 19, with 1,452 deaths, according to DOH.

June 21, there were 1,701,691 total confirmed cases of CO-VID-19, a total of 66,993 people have been hospitalized because

of the illness, and 13,434 people in California, Argentina, Italy, have died, according to DOH.

Over 14 million vaccine doses have been administered in the

Nationwide, as of July 19, there were 89,329,839 total cases since the start of the pandemic. There were 1,019,210 confirmed deaths and 83.3% of Americans 5 years old and up have at least one of the vaccinations, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters Protect Against 'Severe Disease' From Omicron, UW-**Led Study Finds**

By The Seattle Times

While omicron subvariants evolved to evade antibody responses from the primary COV-ID-19 vaccine series, a new laboratory study led by researchers at UW Medicine suggests boosters may offer some protection against serious disease.

An international research team analyzed plasma samples from people who had been infected with COVID-19 before vaccines were available, from those who had completed only a primary vaccine series, and from others who had been boosted with currently available vaccines.

Led by the lab of David Veesler, associate professor of biochemistry at the University of Washington, the research team assessed seven of the world's primary vaccines as well as immunity acquired through previous In Washington state, as of infection. The team consisted of infectious disease research physicians and scientists from UW Medicine, Fred Hutch Cancer Center and research institutes

Pakistan and Switzerland.

News in Brief

Sinopharm and Sputnik V.

The omicron variant has several sublineages, including BA.5, which are predicted to dominate globally and are likely to become the most immune-evasive SARS-CoV-2 variant to date, UW said in a news release about the study.

The vaccines included in the officials around the world are study were Moderna, Pfizer, No- recommending boosters several vavax, Jannsen, AstraZeneca, months after the initial vaccine series. Veesler and his team measured and compared the benefits of vaccine boosters on the plasma-neutralizing activity against the original coronavirus as well as against the omicron subvariants.

> The study, published Tuesday in Science, found a marked

As reinfections and break- improvement in omicron-neuthrough cases rise, public health tralizing activity in the plasma of boosted individuals. The authors said this highlights the importance of vaccine boosters in improving antibody responses against omicron strains, including BA.5.

Vaccine boosters may provide sufficient protection against omicron-induced severe disease," the authors wrote in the study's



Primary

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Republicans. Krabbe, who was absent, is the sole districtwide candidate who will appear on the Aug. 2 ballot not filed as such; he is filed under the "Stop the Steal" party.

Opening statements Tuesday, which were held in random order, ranged from descriptions of backgrounds and experience to listing off political beliefs and personal ideologies.

Before the candidates began, Ric Hallock, editor of the East County Journal and host of the forum, asked them to maintain civility and focus on their own platforms, rather than discussing what they felt the other candidate was or was not doing well. He asked for the same level of respect from the crowd, adding that questions should be kept to inquiries rather than statements.

Race for Sheriff

The ultimate vote for sheriff, a four-year term, will be a

ing the November election.

Murphy was the first to give an opening statement, where he detailed his decades of experience with the Centralia Police Department after being raised in Centralia. He spoke of his wife and children, who he said are very supportive of his candidacy. He detailed experience attending Bible school in Oregon for a year before returning to Centralia, where he enrolled at Centralia College and got a parttime job as a community service officer. He spoke about the importance of that program for the department and community.

'When I was 26, I got diagnosed with cancer. That changed everything. It changed my perspective on life and what's important," Murphy said toward the end of his opening statement. 'My belief is that relationships are the most important thing and the most important relationship is my relationship with God. As long as I'm doing everything I can do to please and honor him, then I really don't have to worry about anything else."

Snaza was the last candidate countywide decision made dur- to give his opening statement,

which he began by outlining his lifelong career aspirations of being a cop, alongside his twin brother, John, who is the sheriff of Thurston County. He began his policing career in Napavine.

"I thought, you know, 'Who would want to work in a twoman agency?' And I think, at that time, I'm a man of faith, and I felt that God was really talking to me, because that's where we learned about community policing, that's where we learned about how to talk to people," Snaza said.

He detailed how in 1995, he was hired by the Lewis County Sheriff's Office, and that he has played a variety of roles in the office since, including in narcotics enforcement and in a street crimes unit. He closed by saying Lewis County is the largest county in Western Washington, making it a challenge to cover, and that he considers it an honor.

The questions fielded by both candidates varied greatly, with several questions to Murphy focusing on his stance on constitutional rights and how he would have handled enforcement of Gov. Jay Inslee's mask mandates, which Snaza notably denied to do.

Snaza was asked to defend policy changes he made while in office and explain the types of training done by the sheriff's

Few topics were discussed evenly by both candidates, but one discussed by both Murphy and Snaza where their opinions differed was related to the size and capacity of a proposed sheriff substation in East County.

Both the candidates agreed Lewis County needs a more significant law enforcement presence in East County, but Murphy discussed building a second law and justice center, with a holding cell and even potentially animal control services. Snaza, on the other hand, said the Lewis County Board of Commissioners "balked" at funding two new deputies and spoke about his current quest to push for an East County sheriff's substation on county property on Kiona Road in Randle, which would likely have fewer services available than in Murphy's concept, but is something the county is

In Snaza's closing statement, he discussed accomplishments of the office while he's been in the seat, including adding three deputies, increasing mental health counseling services at the jail and furthering a focus

on creating pathways to success for those who enter facilities. He referenced Inslee's COVID-19 related mandates and their effects on local businesses.

He also said in summary that he feels blessed to be in his role, calling Lewis County one of the greatest communities.

"The men and women at the Lewis County Sheriff's Office are working tirelessly for you each and every day. So with that being said, I want to thank you. I look forward to serving as the sheriff for the next four years," Snaza said.

In Murphy's closing statement, he said safety is his number one priority and through collaboration with all local law enforcement agencies, the sheriff's office can increase training opportunities, thereby increasing safety.

He spoke about the Joint Narcotics Enforcement Team's (JNET) efforts to hold drug dealers accountable and get illicit substances out of the local communities. The Lewis County Sheriff's Office is not currently part of JNET. Murphy promised that if he were elected, the sheriff's office would participate in that program. He talked about increasing efficiency in law enforcement services, adding more "manpower" on the roads and said, if elected, he would be fiscally responsible.

"I just ask that you consider what I've had to say. Thank you for being here. And I would like your vote for sheriff," Murphy

Commissioner Candidates

Citizens of district 3 will vote in the Aug. 2 primary to narrow down the race of five. The district encompasses most of South and East Lewis County. In acreage, the district makes up well over half of the county. The top two finishers in the August primary election will move on to the general election in Novem-

Opening statements by the three commissioner candidates present on Tuesday were held in the order of Brummer, Saldaña and Bhagwandin.

Brummer, 51, of Winlock, talked about being a farmer, pastor and longtime Lewis County resident before he listed off his beliefs on the importance of small government, among a longer list of issues of importance to him.

Saldaña, 55, of Morton, noted her service as Morton School Board president and her concerns for mental health issues and mentioned founding Northwest Backpack Snack, a nonprofit focused on reducing food insecurity for children.

Bhagwandin, 63, of Onalaska, mentioned the crisis of lack of affordable housing in Packwood, maintaining rurality with growth and his experience in the past where he worked with the county on various community issues.

The Chronicle ran a more extensive writeup on each of the candidates in the commissioner race in the Tuesday, June 7 edition. To read that, visit https:// www.chronline.com/stories/ meet-the-candidates-in-theprimary-race-for-lewis-county-

commissioner-district-3,295044. Of the questions asked to all three runners on Tuesday, two points arose where the candidate responses most notably differed. One of those was about critical race theory, after someone previously asked Saldaña her opinion on the state-mandated curriculum, as a school board member. She said her opinion on the topic wasn't what was important as a school board member, but that she had to move to adopt the curriculum in order to keep the district funded by the state.

Another attendee later asked her and the other candidates if they felt it was the role of a commissioner to be a buffer between the community and the state, supposing the community did not want such curriculums ad-

Brummer said he felt the county commissioners should "stand up to Olympia" and "say no to these edicts."

Saldaña said she honestly wasn't sure how the county commissioners would play a role in that process, but that with the backing of a supportive community, the commissioners have the opportunity to lead important causes.

Bhagwandin said if elected, as a representative of the people, he would champion the issues his community expressed to him as important.

The other issue where the commissioner candidate responses differed was related to the Lewis County Planning Commission's recent vote to recommend a rezone of land north of Mineral Lake owned by the YMCA of Greater Seattle. If approved by the county commissioners, the rezone will designate the land from forest resource land to a master planned resort, with the YMCA hoping to eventually build an overnight camp there.

All three candidates said they had spoken with representatives from the YMCA on the topic and with folks who live in Min-

Both Saldaña and Bhagwandin said the rezone itself was a property rights issue, and that they did not feel it was the responsibility of the government to tell property owners what to do with their land. However, both mentioned that on the project level — the actual creation and running of an overnight camp - the YMCA needed to address community concerns before rolling forward.

Saldaña expressed more outright support for the project itself, saying that even if only a handful of kids' lives were improved by the camp, it would be worth building.

Bhagwandin said it was fortunate that the rezone would prevent the construction of a bunch of "McMansions" (a slang term for mass produced, generic mansion-style homes) on Mineral Lake, but that in general on the project level, it is his belief that the YMCA needs to do more work in the community to

Brummer was the only one of the three candidates who took a stance adamantly opposing the rezone and the project overall, saying he had never met a Mineral resident who was in

address concerns.

support of the camp being built. He said it was not a property right's issue, and that the camp would have "tremendous" impacts to groundwater, infrastructure and the community.

Brummer added the YMCA representatives stated would address those concerns "in time. But I also know that once the wheels start moving I've been in government for a long time — and it's very difficult to stop them."

The Chronicle livestreamed Tuesday's event on Facebook, but technical difficulties occurred during the final few minutes of the question and answer session. To read more about the candidates, their websites are as follows alphabetically.

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search warrant on the vehicle and was able to recover the 26 catalytic converters, as well as "the unique garbage can used to remove them from the business," according to a news release from

the sheriff's office. The sheriff's office has referred Vaidabid to the prosecu-

tor's office on charges of second-

theft for the alleged crimes occurring within Lewis County.

The prosecutor's office will review the referred charges before the prosecutor decides whether to formally charge Vaidabid.

"This is an excellent example of local law enforcement entities working hand-in-hand to put the pieces together," Sheriff Robert Snaza said in a prepared statement. "Especially when we can make an impact in this rising crime trend."

Third Congressional District Candidates Answer Questions About Inflation, Guns and Jan. 6 Riot

By Brennen Kauffman

The Daily News

The House race for Washington's District 3 is heading into the primary with a lengthy list of candidates.

Incumbent Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler began facing challengers for her seat months after being re-elected for her sixth term in 2020. Herrera Beutler was one of the handful of Republicans who voted to impeach President Donald Trump after the Jan 6. attack on the U.S. Capitol.

That vote quickly created a field of Republican challengers for the seat who have campaigned for more than a year, most notably the Trumpendorsed veteran Joe Kent and Christian author and podcaster Heidi St. John. On the other end of the political spectrum, small business owner Marie Gluesenkamp Perez emerged this spring as the major Democrat on the

To help voters prepare for the Aug. 2 primary, The Daily News reached out to all nine candidates who are currently campaigning for the District 3 seat with a list of questions about their legislative priorities and some of the biggest issues affecting Washington at the moment.

The paper received responses from seven candidates. The Daily News was in touch with St. John throughout the week but was not able to receive answers by the paper's deadline. Washington state Rep. Vicki Kraft did not respond to requests to fill out the questionnaire. The other candidates who answered are Oliver Black of the American Solidarity Party, Republican Leslie L. French and Democrat Davy Ray.

Gluesenkamp Perez was the only candidate to answer questions in a conversation; all other candidates answered by email. Some written responses have been abridged for clarity and leg-

Q: What should the U.S. be doing right now to address inflation?

Black: In the short term, we need to fix supply chain issues, but over the long term we need to make our local economies more robust so that global disruption have a less severe impact on prices at home. We need prosperity for all. Raising wages isn't enough. Large corporations will just pass those off to the consumer. We need to give workers an ownership stake in their places of employment.

Byrd: Anyone who tells you there is a great solution is mistaken. Ultimately it requires a slow down of the economy, which is tricky ... I would support a temporary gas tax holiday at both the federal and state level... Fuel costs are related to supply and demand. Both of these need to be addressed. As a society we need to move away from our high rate of consumption of gas

and diesel. flation is the Biden administration's war against oil and gas energy production. America's vast energy reserves have been the foundation of the modern American economy for over 120 years... While electric automobiles make up about 2% of the cars on the road, the primary source of fuel for the electric energy that powers those cars is oil, gas and coal.

Gluesenkamp Perez: Interest rates have been at practically 0% for the last three years and Congress has done nothing to invest in electrifying the grid or decarbonizing our electric system. They're just sitting on their hands and waiting for workingclass people to feel the pain. When gas prices go up and food prices go up, that's who hurts the first and the longest.

Herrera Beutler: The U.S. must get spending under control, address supply chain bottlenecks that continue to impact costs and make necessary everyday items scarce, and let people keep as much of their paychecks as possible. I've opposed trillions in ute to spiking prices ... I'll also



Jaime Herrera Beutler



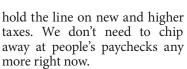




Heidi St. John



Oliver Black



Kent: We need to get back to being a net exporter of energy, turn on the Keystone XL pipeline and get back into exploratory drilling, harness all of our nuclear power to get our energy sector back up. I would stop all of the different COVID relief plans that are out there and get people back to work.

Ray: Inflation is a funny critter and it usually occurs with significant global events ... The current government is doing what it can with interest rates but let's face it, we're coming out of a global pandemic causing supply chains to clog up and we have a Russian madman with delusions of grandeur whom I hope bankrupts his country. As soon as some of those things settle down I suspect we'll see things return to equilibrium.

Q: The House of Representatives recently passed a package of gun reforms and mental health spending. What policies do you think need to change around guns to address mass shootings?

Black: These were great steps toward addressing the issue. Policies that support responsible gun ownership are an important piece of solving this issue. We also need to invest in providing healthcare, including mental

Byrd: We can strengthen laws so those who have threatened acts of violence are unable to acquire guns. We can then strengthen background checks French: The root cause of in- to support laws designed to keep guns out of the hands of those who have broken laws related to threats and/or acts of violence. For schools, we should add procrease funding for mental health

> French: As we have seen recently, mental health is the major single factor, but our laws prevent our local governments from properly dealing with criminals who are mentally at risk to kill. We need to focus on the killers, not the guns. Almost all mass shootings are perpetrated against soft targets such as schools or public venues where the killer knows there will be little or no resistance.

Gluesenkamp Perez: Hardening schools is not it. If you harden the schools, they're going to come for the softball fields. Universal background checks are the first line of defense and that is a critical step. I think that it is multi-faceted, it is hand-inhand with the rates of suicide

and depression and hopelessness. Herrera Beutler: I support



exercising their Constitutional rights. I supported the banning of bump stocks in the wake of the 2017 Las Vegas shooting... But the details of these proposals matter. Southwest Washington has a heritage of law-abiding citizens who value their Second Amendment rights for hunting, self-defense or sport shooting.

ings, we need to allocate federal resources to secure schools and ment, and then really give teachers and people that work there the ability to carry and defend children. Making schools gunfree zones has done absolutely

killing children. Ray: I own guns. I'm happy that something was actually done in regards to gun safety but periods, raising the age limit try or how the last election went. ity magazines.

Q: How do you feel about the **House committee hearings** about the Jan. 6 attack that have been taking place?

Black: It is important to know what information is being revealed. Any information that comes out should be taken with a grain of salt until it comes to a real trial.

Byrd: What happened on Jan. 6, 2021, was not normal or acceptable for our nation. The peaceful transfer of power is a cornerstone of the United States. ful transfer of power must be thoroughly investigated. Anyfuture of our country.

French: I think a committee investigation is in order regarding the Jan. 6 riots, but the current committee members are operating a sham proceeding. These public hearings are highly edited and scripted to broadcast a narrative, and do not answer the fundamental questions about what happened on that day and the days leading up. I will be hopeful that when the Republicans take charge of the committee, a fair slate of members will be seated.

Gluesenkamp Perez: I'm not sure that the people who should be watching those are. Especially in Washington state, we have the gold standard of election security. We have paper ballots and I think people who have concerns about the reliability of our election system need to go down and wasteful spending that contrib- reforms that make gun owner- talk to their local auditor. These ship safer as long as they do not are public servants, these are pa-



inhibit law-abiding citizens from triots. These are not faceless bureaucrats.

Herrera Beutler: A lot of this evidence we've seen or heard about already. In early 2021, I voted on this matter in accordance with my oath of office. Now our nation has other problems that the people I talk to every day expect us to solve ... So while we should make sure Kent: To prevent mass shoot- there's never a repeat of Jan. 6, folks in Southwest Washington don't want Congress losing sight train and arm professional se- of current problems and getting curity, professional law enforce- tunnel vision on that event from 1.5 years ago.

Kent: Every Republican who voted for impeachment and the Jan. 6 committee must be replaced; they are incapable nothing to deter maniacs from of leading in the current fight against the authoritarian left. We can't back down on exposing the truth behind Jan. 6 and the election of 2020. The Jan. 6 narrative it was just lip service to make is being smeared against every everyone shut up about it. It had conservative or anybody who no teeth to it ... We need univer- has an issue with the way things sal background checks, waiting are being conducted in the coun-

to 21, and dare I say it, banning Ray: I feel good about it. I weapons of war and high capac- actually wrote a letter to the Cheyenne and Casper newspapers asking their readers not to be too quick about throwing Rep. Liz Cheney under the bus. And I don't agree with a single one of her policy decisions. But that took some stones.

Q: Do you plan to accept the results of the primary election in August?

Black: Yes, unequivocally. We have a robust voting system in Washington that we should be proud of and confident in.

Byrd: Absolutely.

French: I certainly do plan Any attempts to block the peace- on accepting the results, but not blindly. President Ronald Reagan had a famous approach fessional security. We should in-crease funding for mental health is not in the best interest of the "Trust but Verify." I have a similar expectation that the county elections officials will obey the law and preserve the voting records as required in federal elections.

Gluesenkamp Perez: I do. I have confidence in our democracy and our elections system.

Herrera Beutler: Yes. If there is clear evidence that a sufficient number of irregularities or instances of voter fraud could have swayed the results of an extremely close election, a candidate has please see CANDIDATES, page Main 19



Davy Ray

the legal right to present that evidence in a court of law. That candidate also has the obligation to abide by the outcome of such a legal challenge.

Kent: If I am not the Republican that primaries Herrera Beutler, I will do everything I can to ensure the other candidate crosses the finish line in the general election. If it is Herrera Beutler and a Democratic candidate that advances, then I will launch a write-in campaign, which has a successful track record in Southwest Washington.

Ray: That's how democracy works, my friend. Unless, of course, there is evidence of some hanky-panky.

Q: If elected, what is your top economic priority to support **businesses in Southwest** Washington?

Black: We need to fix the tax code so that small business aren't penalized and large corporations pay their fair share.

Byrd: We need small and local businesses to be able to flourish. Streamlining the loan process for these businesses is one way we can help. In addition ... solving supply chain issues and balancing the supply and demand of fuel costs will also substantially help small and local businesses prosper.

French: My highest priorities are getting a Columbia River Crossing project agreed upon, whatever it takes, including the addition of highway toll lanes to replace HOV lanes, with the remaining lanes free use to the public ... and removal of the "homeless" drug camps which are expanding in the area. Those people cannot be allowed to live in such inhumane filth and

Gluesenkamp Perez: Right now we need to invest in kids having the skills to participate in these critical jobs. You can't get a plumber or a carpenter or an electrician for love or money right now, the waitlists are months long. We've got to invest in career and technical education programs ... One of the things that Washington state can be a leader in is the production of paper products that replace ... plastic containers.



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Lewis County Fire District 6 Asks Voters to Double EMS Levy Rate to Improve Staffing, Response Time to Outlying Areas

By Emily Fitzgerald

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It's time for Lewis County Fire District 6 to renew the 10year emergency medical services (EMS) levy that provides much of the district's funding, but the district is asking voters to double the rate from 25 cents set by voters in 2012.

If approved, the measure will authorize the fire district to continue its EMS property tax levy at a rate of 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 10 years.

The additional funding would allow District 6 to maintain its equipment and hire more paid firefighters, which would help the district fully staff its Adna station and improve its response time.

"We're in the business of saving lives. And we can't do that without the public's support," said District 6 Commission Chair Colin Mason.

District 6, which covers rural Chehalis, Adna and Logan Hill, responds to most calls for service from Station 61 in Chehalis. That station is fully staffed with a combination of paid and volunteer firefighters, but the district's outlying stations in Adna and Logan Hill are staffed solely with volunteer firefighters when they are available. And while the district has historically been a volunteer fire station, District 6 has struggled in recent years to recruit and retain enough volunteer firefighters to provide reliable, consistent service throughout District 6's coverage area.



The Lewis County Fire District 6 station on Jackson Highway just south of Chehalis.

"One of the things with volunteers is they're volunteers. And they work and they have families and they have commitments. And so it's hard to rely on just the volunteer system to staff us when we get more than one call at a time," Mason said.

District 6 has agreements with neighboring districts for mutual aid when multiple calls come in at once, but relying on those mutual aid agreements risks pulling other agencies away from their own incidents and increases response times.

Between 2012 and 2021, Dis-

trict 6 experienced an increase in calls for service of nearly 21%, according to data from the district.

Of all calls for service, approximately 80% are EMS and 20% are fire calls. In 2021, 43% of these calls originated in the Adna/Newaukum Hill areas, making it the busiest area in the district.

Currently, District 6's average response time to the Adna area is 14 minutes.

The American Heart Association recommends an eightminute response time for cardiac arrests, with brain damage starting to set in at the five minute mark.

"With the (additional) staffing, we can reduce response times anywhere from four to six minutes," said Mason. "I can't even put a value to it, when someone's life is in danger or we have a house catch fire," said Mason.

The district-wide benefits of staffing Station 62 in Adna were especially apparent during the January flood event, when flooding prevented crews staffing the Chehalis station from reaching the Adna area.

We actually had at least half a dozen calls, rescues. And we had four or five people at (Station) 62 because I live out there and some people who lived out there went to that station," said Mason. "Had we not had those people at 62, we would have had an extremely delayed response, if even being able to get out there to a vehicle that was submerged on Highway 6, with water rising. These are just examples of bringing the community to realize we need their help and (to) be a part of this."

With the 50 cent rate, an average home of \$500,000 value would pay a total of \$250 per year — an increase of \$125 per year, or roughly \$10.42 per month, from the expiring 25 cent levy.

If the proposal fails on the August ballot, the existing 25 cent levy will expire at the end of this year with nothing in place to make up for the lost funding.

"We're going to work on informing the public of where their tax dollars are going to go and how they're going to benefit from (this). We're not just going to take the money and not communicate," said Mason.

"We're going to have transparency in our system. And we're going to be opening our communication."

To view the levy proposal in full, visit https://elections.lewis-countywa.gov/current-election/.

Visit https://lcfd6.org/ for more information on the fire district.

Washington Law Enforcement Agencies Report Violent Crime and Vehicle Thefts Increased, Drug Arrests and Number of Officers Decreased in 2021

By The Chronicle Staff

Violent crimes and murders increased, while drug and fraudrelated numbers decreased along with the number of commissioned officers in 2021, according to a report released this week by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC).

WASPC consists of more than 900 members from agencies around the state, including elected county sheriffs and 240 police chiefs, as well as representatives from the Washington State Patrol, the Washington Department of Corrections and representatives of several federal agencies.

"WASPC's function is to provide specific materials and services to all law enforcement agencies in the state, members and non-members alike," according to a news release.

The annual Crime in Washington report tracks crime and arrest data from contribut-

ing law enforcement agencies throughout Washington. The Crime in Washington 2021 report is compiled with data from 232 state, county, municipal, and tribal agencies and is designed to give residents, elected officials and law enforcement data-driven information about crime in their communities, according to a WASPC news release.

The full Crime in Washington 2021 report is available online at https://waspc.memberclicks.net/assets/2021%20CIW.pdf.

For reference, the total population for the state of Washington in 2021 was 7,772,506, compared to 7,656,066 in 2020, an increase of 116,440 residents, according to WASPC.

Increases From 2020

• The report shows there were 325 murders in 2021, an increase of 5.9% over 2020, following a 47% increase the year before, according to WASPC.

"This is the highest number of murders recorded since WASPC began collecting this data in 1980," the association said in a news release.

• Violent crime overall in-

creased 12.3%. Robbery increased 10% and aggravated assaults increased 15.4%, according to WASPC.

• A total of 592 hate crime

incidents were reported in 2021, an increase of 26% over 2020, according to WASPC.

• Motor vehicle theft increased 27.3% in 2021, and theft of motor vehicle parts increased 100%.

Decreases From 2020

• Identity theft dropped from 36,358 in 2020 to 7,704 in 2021, a 78.8% reduction. This drop was related to the spike in 2020 pandemic-related fraudulent claims to the state, according to WASPC.

• There was a 60.9% drop in drug offenses and a 73.6% fewer arrests related to drug use.

WASPC contributed that decline to the State Supreme Court's ruling in the State v. Blake case. In that case, justices struck down Washington state's drug possession law since it punished offenders regardless of whether or not they knew they had drugs on them. The decision was retroactive, meaning drug charges dating all the way back to the

1970s can now be re-evaluated.

The state Legislature approved a replacement drug possession law, which went into effect in June 2021, that criminalized possession of a controlled substance as a gross misdemeanor — not a Class C felony like it was under the original law — and prioritized behavioral health prevention, treatment and related services for individuals using or possessing controlled substances, counterfeit substances and legend drugs.

The legislation "significantly changed the ability to charge a criminal offense for personal

possession of any drug, including heroin, fentanyl and methamphetamine," according to WASPC.

Fewer Commissioned Officers

The total number of commissioned officers statewide in 2021 was 10,736, a net loss of 495 from 11,231 in 2020, according to WASPC. This represents an overall 4.4% statewide reduction in staffing. With population increases, the number of officers per thousand residents fell from 1.47 to 1.38 officers per thousand

in 2021, according to WASPC.

"This is the lowest per capita rate of officers since WASPC began tracking this data in 1980, and is the lowest rate in the nation," according to WASPC, which said the national average per capita rate is 2.33 officers per thousand.

There were a total of 1,968 assaults on law enforcement officers in Washington in 2021, according to WASPC.

Two People Charged After Detectives Say

Found in Their SUV

By The Daily News

Two people are charged with felony drug violations after law

\$350K Worth of Drugs

enforcement last week say they seized 13 pounds and more than 30,000 pills of illegal drugs in a vehicle off Interstate 5's exit 39 in Kelso.

Natasha Louise Djordjevic, 40, of Lakewood, and Richard Lee Ernsting, 40, of Tacoma, each were charged Tuesday in Cowlitz County Superior Court with two counts of violating the News in Brief
Uniform Controlled Substances
Act. Detectives say they found
\$350,000 worth of drugs in the
vehicle the pair was in during a

traffic stop.

According to a police report, Longview officers and Cowlitz County deputies arrested the pair on July 14 after they were pulled over at around 7:30 p.m. in the 1400 block of Allen Street in Kelso, near the I-5 exit, a park and ride and a Dutch Bros Coffee shop. A Kelso Police Department K-9 detected the smell of controlled substance in the pair's maroon Acura SUV, reports Longview police.

Detectives knew the make and model of the SUV Djord-jevic was driving because a source working with law enforcement ordered drugs from what detectives called "a known supplier," who said Djordjevic would drop off the stash, according to a police report. Ernsting was in the passenger seat.

After receiving a search war-

After receiving a search warrant, detectives say they found \$27,000 in cash, 11 pounds of crystal meth, two pounds of heroin and more than 30,000 fentanyl pills disguised as oxycodone in the vehicle. A backpack found near Ernsting's feet had drugs inside and a ledger of

payments and names, the report

states. All of the drugs have an estimated \$350,000 street value.

Djordjevic and Ernsting each have separate arraignments scheduled for July 28 in Cowlitz County Superior Court.

The investigation was a partnership between Longview Police Department's Street Crimes Unit and the sheriff office's detective unit called the Cowlitz County Crime Reduction Team.

Cowlitz County District Court Judge Debra Burchett Suspended From Bench for 10 Days

By The Daily News

Cowlitz County District Court Judge Debra Burchett is suspended from the bench for 10 days without pay starting Aug. 2.

The Supreme Court of Washington filed the decision Tuesday, almost two months after a state ethics committee recommended a bench suspension for the first-term judge after Burchett and the organization agreed she violated parts of the state's Code of Judicial Conduct.

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The Washington state Commission on Judicial Conduct

in May censured Burchett and recommended she be suspended from the bench for 10 days and required her to receive permission from the ethics commission to run for re-election. Burchett's term ends this January and she did not file for re-election.

The censure is the highest reprimand the commission can impose.

This was the second time Burchett has faced disciplinary action from the ethics commission recently. She was also reprimanded in April 2021.

The ethics commission says Burchett agreed she violated judicial conduct rules under her latest set of charges, including not acting impartially or ensuring every person with a legal interest in a proceeding is heard.

During a June 2021 small claims case in which a plaintiff was suing a defendant, Burchett awarded the defendant money the defendant didn't ask for, which prevented the plaintiff from arguing against the reward.

from arguing against the reward. In August 2021, the commission says Burchett also had an off-the-record conversation with a litigant that resulted in her dismissing his traffic infraction without explanation.

The April 2021 violations include similar misconduct.



New Fees Proposed at Gifford Pinchot National Forest

By Sydney Brown

The Daily News

Visitors to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest could soon pay more for parking and camping passes, with the forest service suggesting fee increases at several outdoor spots.

If all proposed fees are approved by a citizen's advisory committee, the Johnston Ridge Observatory fee would go from \$8 to \$12 for people 16 and older.

People would also have to pay \$25 per motorcycle or \$30 per private vehicle to get a Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument Pass. The pass would be valid for one week at Johnston Ridge and all day use sites in the monument boundary, the United States Forest Service said in a press release.

At other sites in the monument boundary, parking fees would go from zero dollars to \$5 per vehicle per day. This would apply to Coldwater Lake picnic and boating area, Hummocks, South Coldwater, Loowit, the Coldwater Science and Learning Center in winter only, Cascade Peaks Interpretative Site, Donnybrook and Cedar Creek Viewpoint.

A climbing permit for Mount St. Helens would cost \$20 per rent \$15 fee.

Outside the monument boundary, the Siouxon, June Lake and Marble Mountain trailheads would see a \$5 vehicle fee. Mount Margaret Backcounperson per night, and the group



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Mount Rainier is seen from Forest Service Road 1260 outside of Packwood just after sunset in late June.

Shelter would cost \$100 per day.

16 to submit comment on fee changes that forest officials say will help keep trails open, maintain facilities and add more overnight camping opportunities.

Gala Miller, public affairs ofperson, an increase from the cur-ficer with Gifford Pinchot National Forest, said a noticeable increase in tourism the last few years spurred ideas about how to Miller said. add services and upgrade utili-

picnic site Marble Mountain "We want to find creative ways hicle per day.

to be able to maintain these fa-The public has until Sept. cilities at the standard people the district would also see a bigexpect."

> Gifford Pinchot keeps 95% of the fee collection, Miller said, which helps pay for forest service staff, repairing toilets, trail maintenance and including night cabins.

'It's been a long time coming,'

District, the current non-fee "We are definitely seeing that recreation sites like Snowgrass try Permit would charge \$10 per people are interested in getting Trailhead and Chambers Lake out to the forests," Miller said. Day Use would charge \$5 per ve-

Overnight campgrounds in ger fee. Chambers Lake and Cat Creek Chimney campgrounds would cost \$15 per night at a single site and \$30 per night for a double site.

Group campgrounds more amenities like new over- Wakepish and Orr Creek would cost \$100 per night.

A cabin at La Wis Wis Guard Station would cost \$150 per In the Cowlitz Valley Ranger night and have capacity for up to eight people. Another cabin at Nisqually (Big Creek) Guard Sta- make the fees more consistent tion would charge \$85 per night and be able to accommodate up

HOW TO COMMENT

What: Proposed increased fees at Gifford Pinchot National Forest

Deadline: Sept. 16. Mail: Gifford Pinchot Forest Service, Attention: Recreation Fees, 987 McClellan Road, Vancouver, WA 98661.

Email: SM.FS. GPNFRecFees@usda.gov.

Lookout would also cost \$90 per night.

A full list of which fees have been proposed at which sites in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest can be viewed in an interactive map found on the forest service's website at https://bit. ly/3aVO2WH.

Though the changes would affect several sites in Gifford Pinchot, the forest service said "about 70% of the 234 developed recreation sites on the forest would remain non-fee."

Miller said the forest service will compile all public comments before giving the feedback to the citizen's advisory committee, who will deliberate this fall on whether to approve the fees.

"We recognize how important recreation sites are to our local communities and those who use the sites. These fee increases will help us maintain the sites to the level and quality people have come to expect as well as throughout the state," said Eric Veach, forest supervisor for the to four people. Burley Mountain Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

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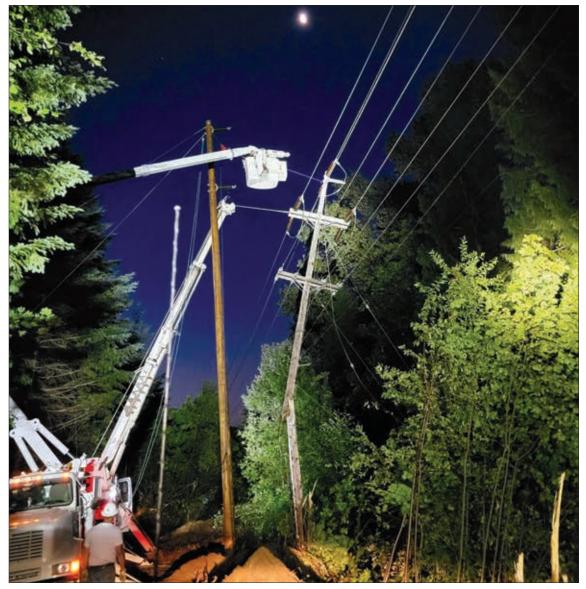
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 $Crews \, work \, to \, restore \, power \, in \, Randle \, and \, Packwood \, in \, this \, photograph \, provided \, by \, the \, Lewis \, County \, Public \, Utility \, District.$

Lewis County PUD Restores Power for 3,400 Customers in Randle and Packwood

By The Chronicle staff

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Crews with the Lewis County Public Utility District worked through the night Tuesday into Wednesday morning to restore electricity for an estimated 3,400 customers in the Randle and Packwood areas.

"The outage occurred when an excavation contractor's heavy equipment unintentionally contacted the transmission pole guy wires, snapping the pole and causing the guy wire to contact the energized lines," the PUD wrote in an online update. "Fortunately, the contractor was not injured in this accident."

According to the PUD, crews had to have a road built for access and worked to remove heavy vegetation in the area before work on the transmission pole could begin.

The outage began Tuesday

afternoon. Power was restored at about 9:45 a.m. Wednesday.

"We would like to thank and acknowledge the crew's hard work and dedication, for working around the clock in difficult circumstances to safely repair the damage caused by a contractor accident involving PUD transmission lines," the PUD wrote. "Thank you for all of your continued patience during this outage."

News in Brief

Southwest Washington Real Estate Market Begins to Cool

By The Columbian

Around the nation, real estate markets are cooling. The same is true in Southwest Washington: pending sales are down, closed sales are down, but don't expect prices to fall substantially.

Rising interest rates have slowed the local real estate market. Realtors are now seeing the number of new listings up, while sales are down, according to the latest RMLS report.

For those looking to buy a home, there's a month and a half of home inventory, a number which hasn't been seen since June 2020, when home inventory was just over a month and a half.

The number of pending sales decreased by 22.7 percent compared with May, while the number of closed sales decreased 1.5 percent in the same comparison.

The average market time for homes sold in Southwest Washington is 16 days, however, which is lower than it had been in May.

Interest rates have risen by 2 percent since the start of the year.

In his 25 years in real estate, Terry Wollam, a broker at Wollam and Associates, has never seen such a large swing in interest rates.

"We tend to focus very much

on price," Wollam said. "But the interest rate has a substantially greater impact on what we pay for a house than the actual price of the house."

For those financing homes, that interest rate directly affects buyers' monthly payments.

So for that family wanting to get into a bigger home, they'd need to give up an interest rate which could have been near 3 percent to probably get a house with an interest rate near 5 percent. This could very well mean they end up paying more for the same house.

The current interest rate is still a historically good interest rate, but it will take time for buyers to adjust to that.

"We're in the midst of a transition period," Wollam said.

Summer generally sees a dip with folks going on vacation. And this year, people may be getting out more to do other things after two years of the pandemic. These are also likely impacting the market.

Wollam expects the slow-down to continue into July and expects pending sales and inventory to start balancing out in September.

the median sale price increased by 16.9 percent from \$449,000 to \$525,000, according to the report.

The market is still active in

Compared with June 2021,

this price range of homes, Wollman said. But for other market segments, it's slowed.

The region's median sales price did decline slightly compared with May. But Wollam doesn't think trends of falling home prices seen in other areas of the nation will be seen here.

"The Southwest Washington market has been more active, with higher demand and less inventory than other markets," Wollam said.

"We'll be feeling similar trends but not to the extent that the national trend is because the strength of this market is quite a bit better than it has been nationally," he added.

Vancouver has averaged the fourth lowest home inventory of midsized cities nationwide, according to a new study from Inspection Support Network. Only Tacoma, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Lakewood, Colo., have lower inventories.

JBLM Veteran Sentenced to 18 Years in Prison After Pleading Guilty to Sexually Abusing Child

By The News Tribune

An Army veteran and former Joint Base Lewis-McChord resident was sentenced to over 18 years in prison for sexually abusing a girl under his care.

On Friday, a U.S. District

Court judge in Tacoma sentenced Shawn Matthew Wilcher to 225 months in prison. The U.S. Department of Justice announced Wilcher's sentence in a Monday news release. In it, sentencing Judge Benjamin Settle described the abuse as "horrendously serious ... she endured unimaginable terror."

Wilcher, 40, molested the girl on multiple occasions between 2015 and 2019. The abuse took place while he was living at JBLM and Hickman Air Force Base in Hawaii as a civilian resident, according to the news release

He had previously served with the Army in Iraq and Afghanistan but was no longer an active-duty soldier at the time of the crimes.

While most of Wilcher's court documents were ordered sealed to protect his victim's identity, his sentencing memorandum indicates he abused the victim on at least two separate occasions.

Law enforcement first became aware of the crimes after a friend of the girl reported the incidents to a school counselor in May 2019.

Wilcher was arrested that same month, and he accepted a plea bargain in August 2021, court records show.

The news release notes that Wilcher will be treated for post-traumatic stress disorder while imprisoned. U.S. Attorney Nick Brown said that Wilcher blames the molestation on his mental illness, but Brown also emphasized that "studies indicate this young victim will suffer long-lasting trauma throughout her life."

Wilcher must register as a sex offender and will be subject to lifetime supervision following his release.

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Washington Schools Chief Wants to Sever Connection Between Timber Sales, K-12 Construction

By Jeanie Lindsay

The Seattle Times

State revenue from logging public land would no longer be used for building and remodeling schools in urban areas under a new set of recommendations from Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal.

Instead, the money generated by timber sales and leasing on public school trust lands would go toward school construction in rural districts and be used for sustaining healthy forests.

During a news briefing Tuesday, Reykdal outlined several proposals for the Legislature to decouple the state's K-12 Common School Trust revenue from statewide school construction funding support and ensure dollars generated in rural areas go toward supporting schools there.

At times, Reykdal sounded more like an environmental leader than a superintendent as he talked up the need for healthy forests to capture carbon and efforts to help natural resources withstand climate change. It was unclear how his recommendations to change education- to change how trust land fund-

could affect state timber harvests.

Currently, revenue from timber sales and leasing on roughly 1.8 million acres of public land goes toward the trust fund, according to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. After districts pass local bonds, the state provides them with a matching grant through the School Construction Assistance Program. That program pulls dollars from the Common School Trust, with counties contributing more than \$600 million in revenue since 2012.

The amount of timber and other trust land revenue benefiting schools has declined over the past decade, making up a little more than 10% of the total state funding allocated for school construction in 2021 and just 1.35% of total school construction costs. Washington spends nearly \$4 billion in local and state dollars on school construction each year.

Timber sales alone made up just .7% of total construction expenditures for schools in 2021, compared to 2% in 2012.

Reykdal said now is the time

focused public trust spending ing works for schools, as fewer districts have passed bonds the Legislature matches with public dollars. That's especially true in rural areas where real estate is worth less. Rural residents pay a higher tax rate than residents of wealthy, urban districts to raise the same amount of money, so those districts struggle to pass bonds for school construction.

> "We know there's capacity to make this transition," he said. 'Let's do it now at a time when the demand for state capital dollars is at the lowest point it's been in the last seven or eight years."

Reykdal is proposing school trust lands no longer fund the state's School Construction Assistance Program and the Legislature use other state funding sources, like general obligation bonds or cash, to fill out the budget. He plans to ask for the changes as part of his budget request during the next legislative session.

Part of the issue, Reykdal said, is that dollars generated in rural communities are largely spent in more urban areas.

When we calculate where all of it's coming from, county by county, and where it is spent, you

see enormous differences ... the money from this trust is disproportionately going to urban communities even though the revenue and the timber is generated in rural communities," he said.

According to data presented at Tuesday's briefing, King County schools spent more than \$169.7 million of Common School Construction funds since 2012, but generated a little more than \$40 million of common school revenue in that time frame.

Yakima, Spokane and Pierce counties also spent more than their share of revenue. Together they generated a little more than \$32.4 million for the trust while spending more than \$304 million.

By using other state funding sources to pay for the School Conurban schools will essentially receive funding more in proportion to the amount of state revenue they pitch in, Reykdal said.

Another challenge the recommendations aim to address is the ability and willingness of communities to approve local bonds — for a capital funding ballot measure to succeed, it has to win approval from at least 60% of voters.

"It should not be the case that because you can pass a bond in a wealthier part of our state that you're the one getting all those matching dollars versus a community that might be very property-poor ... there's a way to do it that's significantly more equitable," Reykdal said.

Rural schools would still be eligible for matching funds through the School Construction Assistance Program if they pass local bonds, Reykdal added. Instead of being used to match bonds in larger, wealthier districts, trust dollars generated largely by rural communities should go toward addressing long-standing issues and supporting critical upgrades for rural schools, he said.

Some of those needs include struction Assistance Program, modernizing to reduce the risk of earthquake or tsunami damage to buildings, expediting clean water access by replacing lead pipes and fixtures and providing energy efficiency grants for rural schools — which can also reduce their carbon footprint. He also recommended the dollars be used for career and technical education equipment grants to update high-cost equipment and labs.

Candidates

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Herrera Beutler: Small and medium-sized businesses have always been the economic engine of Southwest Washington, and they are being harmed by the same affordability crisis and supply shortages as everyone else. When these employers succeed in our region, good-paying jobs follow, so we must address the hurdles that are making it harder for them to do business.

Kent: We need to bring supply chains back to the U.S. We need to tell manufacturing industries that they must come back to America or we're going to tariff them. For the companies that want to continue to exploit slave labor in China, they need to face economic consequences. If corporations are willing to bring their business back to America, they can be rewarded with lucrative tax cuts.

Ray: I would go for some of that infrastructure money and address the traffic problems across the Columbia. Then we can address public transit into our outlying counties. Also I would try to attract some aerospace to the area.

Q: How should the federal government address COVID-19 going forward?

Black: We need to make sure testing and treatments stay readily available. It is important for us to keep looking at the data and take necessary precautions, though they should take the form of recommendations.

Byrd: If COVID cases continue to result in strains on our healthcare system then it will continue to be an issue. Public health is best addressed at the state level and not the federal level.

French: Public health matters fall under the purview of the state government, not federal, in terms of enforcement. The role of the federal government is to direct research and to acquire ample medical supplies for distribution.

Gluesenkamp Perez: I think that COVID-19 illuminated some of the biggest problems we have: supply chain issues, offshoring, the lack of trust in public agencies. Those were all preexisting conditions that COVID identified and illuminated. We have done almost nothing to solve most of those and in fact, a lot of those problems have gotten worse during COVID.

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Herrera Beutler: COVID has shown us that our nation must be better prepared to respond to the next pandemic. We have to secure supply chains so that medical equipment remains available to hospitals and clinics and families can get basic household items. Additionally, we've now seen the steep costs of massive government-mandated lockdowns and school closures ... Government officials must weigh seriously the costs of lockdowns on families and our economy before turning to them as a public health tool in the future.

Kent: I will do everything in my power to end the COVID lockdowns on our businesses, schools and places of worship and ensure that nothing like this occurs again. Congress must prevent federal funding from being used to bail out activist governors like Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, who insist on locking down their economies.

Ray: It appears the virus is getting less virulent but I have to be careful because my son-inlaw has a compromised immune system and I am not going to be the one responsible for killing my grandkid's father. And it's not the

it's the anti-vaxxers. People who irrationally or not think getting a vaccine is denying their freedom.

Q: What is the most common concern you've heard from people in Southwest Washington over the last month?

Black: People in our district understandably worried about rising inflation. Many don't have the margin in their budgets to successfully navigate the rise in prices. Inflation also affects the lowest income Americans the most.

Byrd: The biggest concern for people in (the district) currently are gas prices and inflation.

French: The price of gas and inflation is the No. 1 issue. Unemployment is never mentioned as an issue, folks have almost forgotten about the war raging in Ukraine.

Gluesenkamp Perez: cently, it's absolutely Roe. The rate of volunteers that have come through the website is ... magnitudes higher. People are so angry. I think there was a sense that 'well, Trump is gone, does it really matter?' And now we see in those court rulings that yeah, it does.

Herrera Beutler: Rising prices of everything from gas to groceries are making life difficult for everyone. Combine that with parents having to spend time and gas money driving from store to

store because they can't get formula or other essential items, and we have an affordability crisis.

Kent: President Biden's economic policies have put a boot on the neck of families here in Southwest Washington. His spending policies have caused rampant inflation that has robbed households of nearly 9% of their income. He has strangled our domestic energy production which has caused record-high gas prices. And enabling him every step of the way has been Herrera Beutler. She's consistently voted for his budgets and has made no attempt to leverage these votes for relief for the families of our district.



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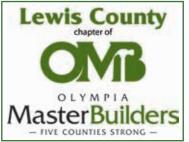
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Social distancing this summer may be a thing of the past, but there are some guests you should never allow into your home — pests such as ants, roaches, rats, and termites. Not only are pest infestations a nuisance, but it is also critical to protect your family from disease due to food contamination, and your property from damage caused by pests.

The National Pest
Management Association
reported that pests are catching
on to people spending more
time at home this year. With

people generating more amounts of food and waste, pest encounters at home are growing more common. Here are some steps you can take now to help keep your home pest-free.

Inside Your Home

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends a few things you can do inside your house to control future infestations:

Keep Food Stored. Make sure no food is left out in the kitchen without being covered or placed in a sealed plastic or glass container. If you have food waste in a garbage can outside your home, make sure it has a tightly covered lid.

Fix Leaky Plumbing. Some pests, such as cockroaches, can survive a long time without food, but need water more often to survive. Check your home for leaky faucets, radiators, dishwashers and washing machines, and make the necessary repairs.

Declutter and Caulk Cracks. Piles of newspapers, magazines or cardboard are havens for pests, so it's best to remove them. Identify and seal cracks and openings along baseboards, behind sinks and around pipes and windows. Critters like to hide in crevasses.

Outside Your Home

Pests enter your home from the outside, so you will also need to prepare the exterior of your house to keep pests out:

Check delivery items.

Inspect all packages for pests
before bringing them into your
home.

Repair Exterior Damage. Look for cracks and holes on the outside of your home and seal them up. Be sure to include points where utility lines enter the house. Head up to the roof to look for any rotted or decaying shingles.

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Babe Ruth Baseball



Courtesy Photo / Derek Oberg

The 14u Twin Cities Babe Ruth All-Star team poses for a photo after winning the South Washington title Sunday in Longview. Not pictured: Hudson Waterfield.

Twin Cities All-Stars Advance to Regionals in Ferndale

By The Chronicle staff

Winning the South Washington title last weekend, the 14U Twin Cities Babe Ruth All-Star team went undefeated at the tournament in Longview, and will advance to regionals in Ferndale to play against the top squads from Montana, Idaho, Oregon, and British Columbia.

The Twin Cities squad consisted of Bryce Pine, Beckman Dvorak, Jonah Lowe, Hunter 5. Vanderhoff, Mykel Sneller, Hud-

son Waterfield, Jake Johnson, cluding Ozretich, Trodahl, and Chase Davenport, Cole Ozretich, and Preston Trodahl. They were managed by Derek Oberg, Brandon Johnson, and Katelyn Pine.

None of TC's games were close, dispatching host Longview, 16-7 in the first game, defeating Black Hills 18-1 in the quarterfinals, Centerfield 19-6 in the semis, and finally defeating Longview again in the finals, 15-

A strong pitching staff, in- Facebook.

Kade Warner, Zeke Haskins, Davenport as starters, and Sneller and Johnson in relief, helped set the tone, and hot bats from Haskins, Dvorak, Lowe, Johnson and Pine erased any doubt. Warner caught all but one inning behind the plate over the course of the four games.

Oberg has also started a fundraiser to pay for travel expenses as TC looks to take its run even further. For more information, search Twin City Babe Ruth on



Josh Kirshenbaum / The Daily News

Chase Davenport winds up to deliver a pitch against Longview in the South Washington Babe Ruth title game in Longview Sunday.

Willie's Sports Shop Wins Tyler Gussin Woodbat Slowpitch Tournament

By The Chronicle staff

With all proceeds directly benefiting the Centralia baseball program, the Tyler Gussin Memorial Woodbat Slowpitch Tournament in Centralia had a great turnout, and was won by a team representing Willie's

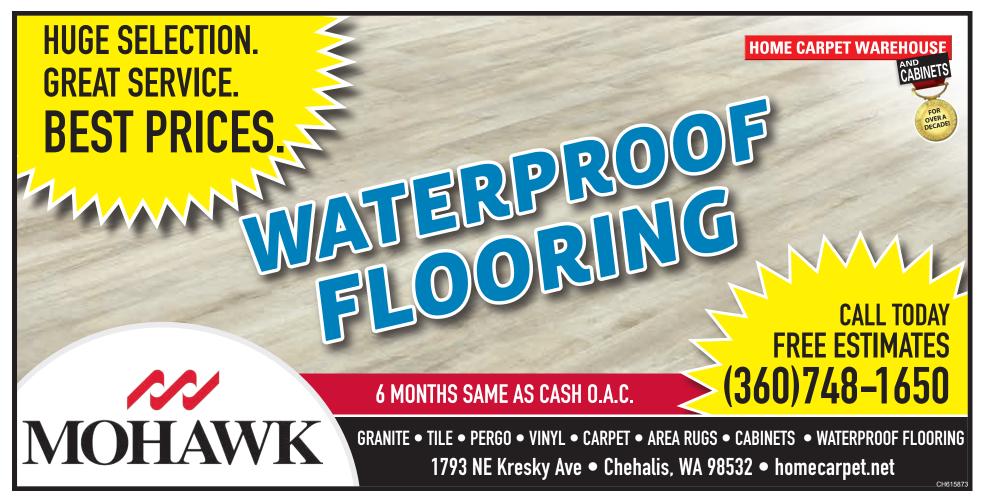
Sports Shop this past weekend.

Willie's defeated Fred's Tires 6-5 in the championship game on Sunday to take home the title.

Tigers' baseball coach Adam Riffe organized the event, and thanked Chelsea Jane from Parks and Rec and Dennis Faber for helping to organize umpires.



Willie's Sports Shop's team poses for a photo after taking home the Tyler Gussin Memorial Woodbat Slowpitch Tournament title last weekend in Centralia.



'Do You Guys Ever Lose?': M's 14-Game Win Streak Captures All-Stars' Attention

By Larry Stone

The Seattle Times

LOS ANGELES — While brushing shoulders with his baseball heroes and savoring every bit of the All-Star experience, a buoyant Julio Rodriguez discovered that the incredibly surging Mariners are a major topic of conversation in the American League clubhouse.

As in, "Do you guys ever lose?"

"A good amount of people have been asking about that," Rodriguez said with a grin.

It would have been a preposterous notion just a month ago that the Mariners, of all teams, would be the talk of baseball as the sport headed into its midsummer showcase at Dodger Stadium. And yet, there they were Monday, capturing their fair share of All-Star buzz with the likes of multithreat superstar Shohei Ohtani, retiring legends Albert Pujols and Miguel Cabrera and local hero (and National League starting pitcher) Clayton Kershaw.

American League manager Dusty Baker's day job as the Astros head man has definitely caused him to take stock of the Mariners' hot streak - especially knowing those two teams will square off immediately in seven of the first 10 games after the break. From a low point of 29-39 June 19, the Mariners have won 14 in a row and 22 of their past 25 to take hold of the second AL wild-card spot. But they have made up just four games on Houston during that stretch enough to at least cut their deficit in the AL West standings to single digits at nine games.

"Well, I thought the Mariners had a good team from the very beginning, and I told everybody back then," Baker said. "They finished extremely strong last year. You have to beat them; they're not going to beat themselves. And the thing about the Mariners is that they had probably the toughest travel in baseball in the first month or so, going back and forth across the country four or five times. Now a lot of their games are at home, where they're extremely tough. So they're going to be tough down the stretch.

Funny he should mention the excessive early travel. The Mariners' other All-Star, Ty France, cited it as an unavoidable factor in the ballclub's rocky



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Julio Rodriguez (44) of the Seattle Mariners celebrities with teammates Abraham Toro (13), Adam Frazier (26) and Cal Raleigh (29) after hitting a grand slam home run against the Texas Rangers during the eighth inning at Globe Life Field on July 15 in Arlington, Texas.

start. Not in an excuse-making way, but just the reality of not playing a single road game in the Pacific time zone until June 21.

"Our scheduled sucked the first month and a half," France said. "We had three East Coast trips in a row, and we were exhausted. It's hard. And so once we were able to get that out of the way, we were able to just focus on our game again, not worrying about travel. We were able to play our baseball."

And if there was a common theme to their peers' perception of "Mariners baseball" as I canvassed the All-Stars during Monday's media availability, it was a litany of non-sexy factors. Such as: They present quality at-bats up and down the lineup. They rarely mess up a play on defense. And their pitching staff battles with intensity from the starters through their relievers.

Here's a sampling:

• Jake Cronenworth, Padres (swept in two games during the streak): "I think the biggest thing for that team, it just felt like every at-bat there is fire in each one of those guys. They were having quality at-bats every time, and their pitchers were going out and pounding the zone. It just felt like they played the right way that entire series."

• Manny Machado, Padres: "They've got a tremendous team out there, and they're going to compete every single day. They're a fun team to watch."

• Jordan Romano, Blue Jays (swept in four games during the streak): "That's what happens when a team gets hot — great starting pitching, clutch hitting and their bullpen has been phenomenal. ... They're a pretty dangerous team right now. I'm sure they'll keep it up to some extent. They're a tough team to beat, and I'm sure they'll be right there at the end."

• Paul Blackburn, A's (beaten twice by Mariners at the outset of the streak): "That's kind of what a lot of people thought how they're going to be the whole year. I feel like the Mariners are the type of team that makes you work for a lot of stuff, and from a pitching standpoint, they put together really good at-bats. They fight off a lot of tough

pitches. There's really no soft spot throughout that lineup."

• Corey Seager, Rangers (swept in four games during the streak): "They're playing really good baseball. It's something that when you run into a team like that, they're hard to beat. For the last two weeks, they've been a really good team."

• Justin Verlander, Astros: "I think they played the Astros very tough last year. I think this potential was definitely there early in the season. With J-Rod getting going and their pitching, it makes them very dynamic."

The other common theme that emerged was the sense that the Mariners were having a whole lot of fun. Of course, who wouldn't have fun winning every day for two full weeks (and almost every day for a month)? Watching from afar, Dodgers All-Star Tyler Anderson noticed the joy emanating from the Mariners, which he saw close up as a team member during last year's playoff run that fell just short.

"Being on that Mariners' team was so much fun," he said. "I've told guys before, and we

talked about it the other day on the bench — it's just different. They play baseball a little differently. You watch those guys every day, and they just have so much fun."

Again, that perception was confirmed by France, who said the attitude alluded to by Anderson has carried over to this year and helped sustain them during their early struggles.

""I think there's our core group from last year who took a lot of pride in making baseball fun," France said. "We went through that tough stretch last year, and it was hard showing up to the field every day. So we had to find a way to make baseball fun again. And we found that

"We now know who we are as a team, and we're able to just run with it. No one makes fun of us more than us."

Such teasing and self-deprecation is an internal coping mechanism. Externally, the incredibly streaking Mariners are invoking nothing but grudging admiration from their rivals.

Mariner Rookie Julio Rodriguez's Rise to Stardom Continues to Get Brighter

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By Ryan Divish
The Seattle Times

LOS ANGELES — As Ty France searched for an opening to get to his locker in the embarrassing closet that is the visitors clubhouse in Dodger Stadium, he understood that it wouldn't be simple given who was in the middle of the crowd.

In the middle of the scrum of bodies, Julio Rodriguez was answering questions about his performance in the Home Run Derby, a rookie season that has earned him a spot on the All-Star team and likely the American League Rookie of the Year award and an official coronation as Seattle's biggest sport star.

"It's still Julio's world it looks like," France is told.

"Always," he said. "And it's going to be for a very long time."

France finally found a way to wiggle his linebacker-sized body through the assembled media to get to his locker next to Rodriguez and grab his gear for batting practice before Tuesday's All-Star Game.

Less than 24 hours after a stunning runner-up performance in the Home Run Derby and announcing his presence as baseball's next young superstar, Rodriguez was the center of attention.

"I feel like I just came out to do what I do," he said. "I guess they know me a little more. I've just gotta keep on going, keep on staying focused and staying within myself in the way that I have been doing. I'm just being

have been doing. I'm just being me."

Being Julio Rodriguez is easy. At age 21, he has a mature

understanding of who he is and

what he wants to be in baseball. He's completely comfortable in the spotlight because he doesn't change his personality for it.

Of course, he still gets a little wide-eyed at times.

When Steph Curry quote tweeted a picture of Rodriguez wearing the NBA star's signature shoes, saying: "I see the kicks, J-Rod! Good luck tonight," he was stunned. Utah Jazz star guard Donovan Mitchell tweeted during the Home Run Derby: "This kid Julio Rodriguez is nice!!"

"It's crazy because I'm a pretty big basketball fan and a big fan of those guys," Rodriguez said. 'It was just amazing to see that my name was thrown out by players like that."

Both Curry and Rodriguez have shoe deals with Under Armour. Rodriguez had custommade spikes for the game.

On the toe of his right shoe were the words, "If you can dream it, you can believe it" and on the toe of his left shoe was his favorite saying: "Don't let anyone set your limits."

While Rodriguer's popular

While Rodriguez's popularity has skyrocketed among baseball fans outside the Pacific Northwest, his fellow MLB players have already taken notice.

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"Julio is unbelievable," said Mike Trout. "Just got all the

tools, all the hype. You know, he's fun to watch."

The two have had multiple conversations over the past two

days in Los Angeles.

"He plays the game the right way," Trout said. "He's always got a smile on his face and he reminds me of myself when I first

Rangers lefty Martin Perez was still shaking his head about Rodriguez turning a 96-mph fastball at the top of the strike zone from Jose Leclerc into a grand slam in Texas.

"He showed me that he's really good," Perez said. "I was like, 'Wow, this kid is gonna be a superstar. The big thing is because his mentality is that he's a winner."

Asked about Rodriguez, Marlins ace Sandy Alcantara laughed.

"He's great," Alcantara said.
"What can I say, he hit his first homer off me."

Indeed, on May 1 in Miami, Rodriguez smashed a 97-mph sinker off the facing of the upper deck in deep left-center for a three-run homer in a 7-4 victory. The homer traveled 450 feet.

"That day I was so mad because I mean, I threw my best pitch against him," said Alcantara, who gave up a season-high five runs that game. "He was ready for it and he hit a big homer."

Blue Jays closer Jordan Romano was told all about Rodriguez by former teammate Ryan Borucki.

"It's not just his physical tal-

"It's not just his physical talent, but he has the makeup to be a superstar, the work ethic and a super nice guy," Romano said of the scouting report.

Then Romano saw it first-hand in Seattle.

"I think the first thing I noticed was his arm," Romano said. "I think he threw one about 100 miles an hour from the outfield. And then we saw his speed too, and then the bat — he had a dou-

ble, a couple of singles. When

you think about him, he's a fivetool player, an absolute physical specimen. I think he's gonna be

great for years to come.' How great?

"Incredible, incredible," said Vladimir Guerrero Jr.

"Star," said Justin Verlander.

"He's special," said Manny Machado.

How special?

Trout summed it up: "He's great for the game of baseball."

The Retired Life

While his parents were in town for the All-Star Game, including having his dad, Jeff, pitch to him in the Home Run Derby, Corey Seager said his big brother, Kyle, was on vacation with his family.

The youngest of the three brothers then joked, "well, he's retired, so he's sort of always on vacation."

Asked about Kyle's shift into a full-time life and softer dad-

body, Corey laughed.
"He sure has," Corey said. "It is impressive."

But could Kyle start training and come back next season?

"Yeah, I think so," Corey said.
"Whether he wants to or not, I don't know. It doesn't seem like he misses it. He's very happy with where he's at."

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Corey tried very hard to recruit Kyle to play with him in Texas. But he also knew that Kyle was banged up physically,

Kyle was banged up physically, needing offseason elbow surgery. "He definitely was and he just he wanted to go home and spend some time with his family," Corey said. "I can't really

knock him for that. I had mixed

feelings on it. I was nervous

that he'd miss it and stuff like that. And I just didn't want him to kind of stop before he was ready and but he was completely

ready."

Corey and Rangers manager
Chris Woodward, who was an
infield coach for the Mariners
when Kyle won a Gold Glove,
couldn't convince him to come
to Texas.

"I talked to him a few times," Corey said. "Once he kind of said no to playing with me, to be able to just at least have that experience, that's how I kind of knew that he was ready to be done."

Winning = Fans

The Mariners announced Monday that Friday's game vs. the Astros – the first out of the All-Star break is sold out.

"We are thrilled at the excitement and support our fans continue to show this team. Returning from the All-Star break on a 14-game winning streak in front of a sell-out crowd is incredible," Frances Traisman, Mariners vice president of sales, said in a statement. "While tickets for Friday have sold out, we still have great seats available for the rest of this homestand and all remaining games at T-Mobile Park this season."

Before the All-Star break, the Mariners were expecting a crowd of just more than 25,000. But ticket sales have been brisk with the team looking tie a franchise record of 15 straight wins.

Per the Mariners, there have been close to 37,000 tickets sold for Saturday's game and 30,000 sold for the series finale with the Astros.

How Ty France Earned Singular Respect of Manny Machado, Baseball

The San Diego Union-Tribune

One day in Peoria, Ariz., in the middle of mundane and relentless spring-training drills, Ty France decided to up the ante with one of the most confident and established players in Major League Baseball.

France, scooping up ground balls next to Manny Machado, leaned in.

"I told Manny, 'Hey, whoever makes more errors buys dinner," zFrance, now with the Mariners, said at Dodger Stadium in advance of Tuesday's All-Star Game. "He said, 'Ty, I'm not saying this to be mean, but you can't afford where I eat.' I said, 'Even better, let's go."

The chuckle revealed how much France, a first-time All-Star, cherished his time with the Padres, despite all the things blocking his shot at hitting his way into baseball's big time.

France, one of the best first baseman in the game this breakout season, had a stop sign in front of him in the form of Eric Hosmer's \$20 million annual contract. Machado, one of the best in the game, manned third. Jake Cronenworth, a budding All-Star, anchored second.

Add in the fact the National League lacked a designated hitter without any guarantee it would arrive and the roadblocks were complete.

"I understood the business side of it," France said. "It was such a great clubhouse and team. I loved every single one of those dudes in there. To have to leave them, that was the only hard part.

"Career-wise, this was the best situation for me. I'm very grateful the trade happened."

Know this: France was absolutely and uniquely beloved in the Padres' clubhouse and respected by a front office that, rightly or wrongly, felt handcuffed while filling other gaps during a playoff run in 2020.

When GM A.J. Preller uncorked trade-a-palooza, with 26 players bouncing like pinballs across six deals, France was



In this photo from May 7, 2019, the Padres'Ty France, right, is greeted by Manny Machado after France hit a two-run home run in the fourth inning against the Mets at Petco Park in San Diego, California.

swept up in regime change.

"Of all those guys at the tradeline, I remember Ty standing out," said Greg Garcia, France's former teammate who is now retired. "Everyone in the clubhouse was like, 'Oh man, that hurts."

The collective groan was two-

Teammates were drawn to the smile and infectious personality of France, a young guy bold enough to absorb barbs from a \$300 million player like Machado and firing it right back. They also dreaded the loss of a blossoming bat that consistently raked at every level on his climb to the big leagues.

The clubhouse believed in the future of France, even if the front office felt it could not untangle things. Nothing, though, cemented him in Padres' lore more than singular validation from

ever done it, ever," Machado said of a young player going toe-totoe with him verbally. "I loved that. He told me all the time, I'm just trying to push you to be better every single day. I love that about him. That's why we always got along really well.

said, 'Hey, I just want you to teach me. I look up to you and I see what you're doing, and I want to be just as good as you.' ... That's just the type of person he

awesome."

Earning praise of that stripe from that particular player in that particular way requires, well,

dres' All-Star, laughed at Machado saying France represented a first. Though a late addition for "Ty was the only guy that's injured Mike Trout of the Angels,

France refuses to limit possibilities or conversations.

"It's a testament to who Ty is," Cronenworth said of France, who matched Machado defensively the day they bet. "Even with the player Manny is and how long he's been an elite play-"He got me on the side and er, it kind of shows who Ty is. It was a wrong that was righted, for him to get here. He's having an incredible season."

> Did Cronenworth survive early tests from Machado?

"No way," he said, with a grin. "Man, I miss that guy. He's "I was on the other side of the field. I tried to stay away from Manny."

France has made the most of his shot to play every day. He's a certain part of the male anato- hitting .308 with an .846 OPS, 11 home runs, 49 RBIs and a 2.2 Cronenworth, another Pa- WAR (wins above replacement) total that ranks No. 69 among everyone in baseball, according to FanGraphs.

Hosmer, the Padres' current to bet on it.

first baseman, stands at .271, .709 six homers, 35 RBIs and an 0.3 WAR that stands 545th in the

"He should have made (the All-Star Game) from the get-go," Machado said. "Ty's been a hitter since he's been with us. Finally, it's being shown. It's freakin' awesome to see him doing what he's been doing."

Garcia argued the initial All-Star misfired on France seemed

"If he didn't make it, it would be a here-we-go-again thing,' said Garcia, who worked out with the former San Diego State star in the offseason as both chased new jobs in new cities. 'He hasn't had the easiest road to where he's at. He's been a later-round pick (34th round). At every level, he's had to do more than other guys.

"He was probably sitting there like, 'Man, what do I gotta do?' He's in an elite group now. Nobody can take this away from

The Machado story, Garcia said, underscored France's uncommon calm and confidence.

"To give it right back to Manny, that's a future Hall of Famer," he said. "Most young guys would keep their mouth shut and take it. He has that confidence about

"He always has a smile on his face. All those pictures of him blowing bubbles, he's like a Little Leaguer out there. That's hard to do, treating it like that at the bigleague level with all the pressure.

Keeping shoulders square in a game that revels in un-squaring them allowed France to churn forward.

"I think I've always played with a chip on my shoulder," said France, whose Mariners are baseball's hottest team with a 14-game winning streak. "I think my entire baseball career, I've kind of been overlooked. Just kind of used that as fuel to get to where I am today.

"It's all paid off."

Doubt him? France is willing

Julio Rodriguez Dazzles in First Home Run Derby but Comes Up Short to Juan Soto

By Ryan Divish

The Seattle Times

LOS ANGELES — What do you do when you whiff on your first swing in your first Home

You put on a performance morable enough to make ev eryone in attendance and watching on television to forget to the faux pas. And you also offer an impressive introduction to the rest of the baseball world on Monday, providing a glimpse of what fans in the Pacific Northwest have experienced and already know - he is baseball's next superstar.

Julio Rodriguez's quest to win the annual Home Run Derby in his first try, in what has already been a rookie season that exceedold man-child, fell just short in the finals.

Juan Soto of the Nationals, aided by a 60-second bonus round, hit his 19th homer with 30 seconds left in the extra time, surpassing Rodriguez's total of

Flinging his bat high in the sky when the horn sounded signaling his victory, Soto was mobbed by friends and fellow National League All-stars.



Washington Nationals' Juan Soto tosses his bat after defeating Cleveland Indians' Jose Ramirez with 18 home runs to advance to the second round during the MLB ed expectations for the 21-year- All-Star Home Run Derby at Dodger Stadium on Monday in Los Angeles, California.

ment and then gave him a hug postgame. The two players who fail from the Dominican Republic used play Call of Duty against each other online a few years ago.

"Just being able to perform on this day, it was pretty fun," Rodriguez said.

While Soto was the win- had a lot of joy." ner, it was Rodriguez who stole Gracious in defeat, Rodriguez standing ovation from the sold- toxicating charisma and mega- Pena, pitching, an amped-up Ro-

applauded Soto's accomplish- out crowd in attendance and hugs from his parents that were watching on the field.

"Really fun," he said of the experience. "My family was loving it. I feel at the end of the day, everything I do is just to make them proud and make them happy. To just see their faces, they

the show, earning a boisterous tensity accompanied by the in- night. With his friend, Franmy

watt smile, Rodriguez delivered a driguez swung viciously at the brilliant performance.

After blasting 32 homers in the first round to defeat Corey Seager and following that up with 31 homers in the second round, knocking off two-time defending champion Pete Alon- tion for the fans. so in the semifinals, Rodriguez seemed poised to pull off a stunner of a victory.

But in the final round, which is only two minutes, Rodriguez hit 13 homers in regulation. But only one of the balls traveled farther than 440 feet. It earned him a 30-second bonus. In the first two rounds, he hit at least two balls more than 440 feet to earn a full one-minute bonus.

That extra 30 seconds was likely the difference. Rodriguez hit five in the 30-second bonus

Soto hit nine homers in the first 90 seconds of the regulation round and then took a timeout. He came back with seven more in the final 30 seconds for 15 at the end of regulation. He wouldn't need the full minute.

Batting in the leadoff spot of the Home Run Derby, like he's been doing in the Mariners lineup, Rodriguez stepped to With his typical on-field in- the plate as the first hitter of the

first pitch and didn't touch it. It drew gasps and laughter from the fans. Rodriguez smiled a little at what happened. He fouled off the second pitch into the back of the net, drawing more reac-

For Mariners fans, the fear of Bret Boone going homerless, momentarily entered into their mind. But it was only momentarily. Their precocious rookie was unfazed by it. Similar to the first-month struggles of his career, he knew he'd be fine. He'd practiced for the moment, simulating a round in Texas on Saturday, blasting 37 homers in four minutes.

"I wasn't really thinking about it," he said. "If you think about it, this is my first time going into the home run derby. I've never been into a derby. It was fun to get it out of the way, and for (Pena) too. It was a low pitch, but I still swung at it. After that, I feel we were able to lock it in and have success.

Indeed, he and Pena found a rhythm. Pena tossed the ball lightly to the inner half of the plate above his belt, the sweet spot, and Rodriguez started mashing baseballs with frighten-

NASCAR Sets a Date With History in Chicago for First Street Race

CHICAGO (TNS) — The CAR iRacing Pro Invitational and the IMSA machines will course that starts and ends at make us the perfect hosts for this Chicago next year — and it'll tualized until now. make history when it does.

NASCAR announced Tuesday that it will break into the third-largest media market in the U.S. when it hosts a first-of- of another major metropolitan its-kind street course race on July market," Ben Kennedy, NAS- will be held for three consecutive 2, 2023, in downtown Chicago.

in the U.S. — a prospect imag- Cup Series street race. The NAS- lect surrounding throughfares" coupled with our city's history ined and piloted in the eNAS- CAR Cup Series Next Gen cars into a 12-turn, 2.2-mile street as a conduit for sports talent, NBC.

NASCAR Cup Series will visit Series last summer but never ac- race along the shores of Lake iconic Buckingham Fountain. unique event."

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for our sport." The agreement between the

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"Chicago's streets are as iconic as our skyline, and our reputation as a world-class sports city is indisputable," Chicago may-The course will transform or Lori Lightfoot said, adding, ing World Truck Series and drivers will be maneuvering the egy, said. "This is the ideal set- Lake Shore Drive, Michigan Av- "Chicago's world-class entertain- IMSA will be announced at a streets of one of the biggest cities ting for the first-ever NASCAR enue, Columbus Drive and "se-ment and hospitality industries,

In a corresponding move,

Sports Business Journal reported Road America will lose its Cup Series race in 2023 to make room for the new Chicago event. The remainder of the 2023 schedules for the Cup Series, NASCAR Xfinity Series, NASCAR Camplater date, per the association.

The race will be televised on

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NHL

'Christmas Came Early' for the Kraken with Shane Wright — Which Could Delay Their Playoff Debut

By Geoff Baker

The Seattle Times

Last week's opening of NHL free agency told us a whole lot about the direction the Kraken appear to be headed in the next few seasons.

In short, it's a revised threeto five-year plan to make the playoffs. Not quite "building through the draft" but also not the dramatic summer-roster infusion openly discussed last winter and spring.

Indeed, the team did not trade draft picks for NHL-ready players in Montreal two weeks ago, as general manager Ron Francis previously stated he'd be attempting. And Francis also did not use ample salarycap space to make a splash by landing any truly marquee free agents during or since last week's opening of the signing period.

Instead, he added secondtier free agents in winger Andre Burakovsky and right-handed shot defenseman Justin Schultz. In fairness, the Burakovsky deal was for a longer five-year commitment, during which the 27-year-old could blossom into an elite scorer.

For now, we'll see whether his 22 goals with Stanley Cupwinning Colorado translate to identical or better numbers with a team that was third-worst in the league last season. It's doubtful even the Kraken feel they've done enough to bridge the 39-point gap between them and the playoffs. But they don't really seem to be trying to, at least for this coming season.

Much of that has to do with how the team's plans shifted this month once it lucked out in Montreal by having Shane Wright topple from a projected No. 1 overall draft slot into their hands at No. 4.

When that happened, the Kraken were no longer thinking about drafting a defenseman likely two years from the NHL. No, instead the 2022-23 season became all about a supposedly NHL-ready Wright and the team's No. 2 overall draft pick from last year, Matty Beniers, being trotted out together.

Suddenly, through what Kraken scouting director Robert Kron termed a "Christmas came early" scenario, the team has been gift-wrapped a pair of potential future top-line centermen for years to come.

And the Kraken want those lv as possible. So this coming season almost certainly will be used to fully break both players into the NHL, replete with



Seattle Kraken's Shane Wright (51) skates during a drill at the NHL hockey team's first Prospect Development Camp on July 11 in Seattle. For several years, Shane Wright was predetermined to be the No. 1 pick in the NHL draft. When the draft finally arrived, Wright tumbled right into the waiting arms of the Seattle Kraken, a team in need of a boost heading into its second season.

the tribulations, setbacks and growing pains that entails. No, it won't be some silly "tank" to land next summer's projected top pick. More of a season getting everybody on the same page, learning to win tough games and staying relevant beyond Thanksgiving this time.

Reinforcing that Beniers-Wright focus, the Kraken last week added a free-agent center in John Hayden regarded as much for his ability to throw a punch as putting the puck in the net. Somebody, after all, needs to protect Beniers and Wright from being manhandled by opponents. The Kraken can't have top defenseman Jamie Oleksiak sitting out for five minutes every time a warning or response needs to be sent in pugilistic

Having Beniers and Wright meant the Kraken passed on a more proven NHL center in free agent Nazem Kadri, who remains unsigned. They also appear to have balked at the longer-term financial commitment sought by defenseman top-line years to arrive as quick- John Klingberg, settling for a two-year deal with the older Justin Schultz.

> If Schultz doesn't pan out, the Kraken can cut him loose

after the 2023-24 season, likely the first one in which they hope to realistically contend for something. By then, Beniers and Wright should have a full season under their belts and — in a perfect universe — be ready to take the next step.

That season is also the final one before Beniers becomes a restricted free agent and — if performance matches hype would earn a major pay increase. Same with Wright a year after

So Francis, having chosen to fashion his future playoff team — and his Kraken future around the two prospects, is understandably reluctant to tie up further serious long-term cash before knowing exactly what they'll cost. Right now, between Beniers, Wright, Burakovsky and the five-year extension given to winger Jared McCann in March, the Kraken have arranged things so that — by fall 2023 — they'll have a solid core of seasoned, under-30 forwards ready to attempt a postseason

Given all that, pundits who nalyze sports transactions based on fiscal prudence and risk aversion will undoubtedly hail the lower-key Kraken freeagent additions as "wise" or 'smart" moves.

The challenge, though, becomes if the Kraken don't make a serious playoff push by Year 3, which is entirely possible. Perhaps the projected young stars need time. Then you're looking at a four- to five-year plan that looks less "wise" or "smart" as goalie Philipp Grubauer's freeagent deal winds down.

Francis certainly didn't sign Grubauer for six years, \$35.4 million last summer because he had some distant five-year plan.

The Kraken also will seek renewals from season-ticket holders locked into three-year deals following the team's third campaign in 2023-24. If it has become a four- or a five-year plan by that point, the responses could get interesting.

Sure, that seems a distant worry while basking in the afterglow of the Wright draft. But prospects are just that until they prove themselves, and it doesn't always happen overnight.

On the flip side, things could go better than hoped.

In fact, there are likely folks the Kraken's front office secretly thinking there's an outside shot at playoffs next season. Remember, some advanced statistical models projected the Kraken could have had a 90-point team last season. So a similar dynamic could theoretically still exist if Grubauer rebounds, the Kraken jell without expansion distractions and COVID-19 is a nonfactor.

The addition of Burakovsky and, to a lesser extent, Schultz, should improve the overall offense and power play. Not as much as prized free agents Johnny Gaudreau or Klingberg would have, but they'll at least be better. Throw in returns from injury by Jaden Schwartz and Brandon Tanev, plus having Beniers all season, and a longshot playoff bid doesn't sound that far-fetched. Right?

Well, to quote my favorite pugilistic character not Oleksiak or Hayden but literary fiction ex-military cop Jack Reacher: "Hope for the best, plan for the

The Kraken are planning like a team that knows its first realistic playoff chance won't come until at least two seasons from now. And the sooner they get there by blending their two top draftees into a team hopefully not competing for another top-five pick next spring, the better everyone will be for it.

Eddie Olczyk Joining Seattle Kraken's TV Broadcast Team

By Geoff Baker The Seattle Times

A league source has confirmed that longtime NHL player-turned-broadcaster Eddie Olczyk will be joining the ROOT Sports booth for Kraken games this coming season alongside play-by-play man John Forslund, whom he's paired with on national telecasts throughout the years.

Olczyk, 55, a member of the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame and a brother of Kraken assistant general manager Ricky Olczyk, will be part of a new three-man booth alongside Forslund and current on-air analyst JT Brown. Also, the plan is to have Olczyk fulfill his full national broadcast schedule with TNT, meaning he

won't be available for all Kraken games and might not start the season off with the ROOT Sports crew.

Olczyk will also be doing additional work for the team and network, including recorded video segments and profiles.

The Chicago Sun Times first reported that Olczyk would be joining the Kraken broadcasts after doing analysis locally on games for his former Chicago Blackhawks squad the past 15 years. The team put out a statement Monday afternoon thanking Olcyzk for his contributions.

"We are going to miss him as much as our fans will," it stated.

The Kraken have yet to release any statement confirming Olczyk's hiring.

Talks with the Blackhawks

at renewing Olczyk's deal, which expired June 30, slowed in recent weeks. Multiple sources close to the situation said talks with the Kraken began last month, at which time it was decided the team would keep Brown if Olczyk was to join the broadcast.

Brown, also a former NHL player, joined the Kraken broadcasts last year with almost no on-air experience other than giving interviews and team officials were said to be pleased with his progress and the audience connection he made.

Olczyk's arrival should nonetheless help bolster the broadcasts, which started off garnering very high ratings last season before quickly plummeting along with the team's on-ice

fortunes. Numbers supplied by a broadcasting source show the Kraken's games drew a 0.96 rating for the season on ROOT Sports — numbers inflated by a strong opening month when the team was still a novelty for local

sports fans.

After garnering a dazzling 5.5 rating in the franchise opener against the Vegas Golden Knights and a strong 2.2 average through eight October games, the Kraken broadcasts declined to a 1.4 average rating in November and 1.3 in December. By January, the ratings had dropped to a 0.7 average and then bottomed out at 0.6 in February and March, respectively.

Olczyk for years also did NBC Sports national broadcasts

of NHL games, many alongside Forslund and continued to do so for TNT in its new deal with the league starting this past season. Under terms of his Kraken deal, the Sun Times story said, he will continue to do some TNT

games nationally. After being drafted third overall by the Blackhawks in 1984, Chicago-born centerman Olczyk went on to play 1,031 regular season games over 16 seasons with six different teams, scoring 342 goals and adding 452 assists. He also played for Team USA at the 1984 Winter Olympics in Sarajevo and coached the Pittsburgh Penguins for parts of two seasons beginning in 2003-04, compiling a record of 31-64-8-10.

Prep Sports

WIBCA Enshrines Rick Sloan, Ray Ricks, Jamie Nilles at Annual Banquet

By The Spokesman-Review

The Washington Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association (WIBCA) will induct its Class of 2022 at its annual July banquet on Tuesday.

The Eastside ceremony at the Gaffney Room at Gonzaga University will honor head coaches Ray Ricks (Northwest Christian) and Rick Sloan (Central Valley). For his many years of service as a coach and athletic director, Jamie Nilles (West Valley) will receive the Ed & Shirley Pepple Service Award. Sloan retired in 2018 at 54

after 22 years with the Bears, whom he led to five Greater Spokane League championships, five state tournaments, two state finals, two fourth-place finishes

and a record of 318-197, a 62% winning mark. Before Sloan took over the boys basketball program at CV, he was an assistant coach in football and basketball and

told The Spokesman-Review in

2018 he would have applied for 'whichever head coaching job opened first."

"It's been a lot of fun, but I think it's selfish to stay on too long," Sloan said in 2018. "I don't want coaching to define me. I want to be defined mostly as a father, a teacher and builder of young men."

In 18 seasons, Ricks led Northwest Christian to a record of 404-95 (.809 winning per-

centage). As a student at NWC, Ricks played on the 1989 basketball team and helped lead the Crusaders to their first state championship title in any sport. It was the first time a private school had won the state B champion-

He became the NWC boys basketball coach during the 2000-01 season and led the program to six state championships (2006, '07, '08, '09, '11 and '16). NWC was the first 2B program

to win four consecutive state

Nilles coached West Valley boys basketball before becoming the athletic director. He was recently recognized by the school district for achieving 25 years in service to education. In addition to his duties at

West Valley, Nilles organizes the annual Eagle Holiday Tournament which hosts dozens of boys and girls teams from multiple classifications across the state and North Idaho, as well as hosting district and regional games at the school.

Ranking Washington's 10 Most Intriguing Conference Realignment Matchups

The Seattle Times

Change can be a good thing. Or an intriguing thing, at

More than two weeks after USC and UCLA agreed to join the Big Ten in 2024, the fate of the Pac-12 — or 10? — remains frustratingly fluid. Conference realignment has temporarily paused, while the Pac-12 negotiates its next media rights deal in an exclusive 30-day window with ESPN and FOX.

(Remember, FOX owns the seismic rights to the jumbo Big Ten, which just poached USC and UCLA, and thus is unlikely to submit a bid.)

If ESPN's offer satisfies the Pac-12's remaining members, the conference may stick together ... or even expand. The Pac-12 could also proactively partner with the ACC, which would theoretically boost television revenue while positioning the aligned conferences squarely behind the Big Ten and SEC's dueling Death Stars.

But, should ESPN's offer fall flat, the Pac-12 could conceivably crumble — with the Big 12 and ACC left to pick up the pieces.

Regardless of which scenario wins, Washington football fans could be presented with some fresh and compelling matchups in 2024 and beyond.

For now, let's assume the Big Ten and SEC stick with 16 programs apiece, excluding UW (momentarily) from the super conference sweepstakes. In the event of a partnership or mem- three-star defensive back Diesel here are the Huskies' 10 most in- safety Jordan Sanford could also triguing matchups.

10. Virginia Tech

Virginia Tech has built itself into an annually competitive program — with six division titles, four ACC titles and enough Mike Vick highlights to suck you into a YouTube stupor.

But this is about more than football.

UW and Virginia Tech also tout two of college football's premier traditions, as sailgaters descend on Husky Stadium from the banks of Lake Washington, while the Hokies enter Lane Stadium to the frenzied fury of "Enter Sandman."

If you gravitate to college football's pomp and circumstance, this is a home-and-home series you wouldn't want to miss.

If UW is serious about re- themselves.



Sean Meagher / The Oregonian

Washington quarterback Dylan Morris drops back to throw as the Huskies face the Oregon State Beavers in a college football

cruiting the state of Texas, match ups with TCU - a mainstay in the Dallas-Fort Worth market could pay some serious divi-

game at Reser Stadium in Corvallis, Oregon on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021.

Of course, UW is currently doing damage in the Lone Star State, with two 2023 commits from Texas - four-star defensive lineman Anthony James and bership with the Big 12 or ACC, Gordon. Four-star Arlington join that list when he announces his commitment on Aug. 4.

> UW had moderate success mining Texas under Chris Petersen, with Levi Onwuzurike and Aaron Fuller notable success stories. The Huskies could add to that list under Kalen De-Boer.

8. Kansas State

Four-star 2023 quarterback Avery Johnson took an official visit to UW in early June, but the Maize, Kansas, standout ultimately committed to nearby Kansas State. The Huskies accepted a verbal pledge from three-star Pierre, South Dakota, quarterback Lincoln Kienholz

Come 2024, UW could con- the SEC. ceivably face off against Johnson as the Wildcats starting quarterback. The preview stories write

7. BYU

OK, so UW and BYU have already played plenty — with Washington winning the most recent matchups in 2018 and time against the Cougars.

But considering standout wide receiver Puka Nacua's recent transfer from UW to BYU, BYU's unwillingness to schedule UW in the pandemicshortened 2020 season, and the programs' shared recruiting territory, there'd be no shortage of intrigue in future meet- 2-3 seasons, but it seems Aranda ings.

6. North Carolina

As two premier brands on opposite coasts, Washington and North Carolina have never met in a football game.

So from that perspective, sign us up. But UW and North Carolina are also two of the most valuable programs sitting outside of the Big Ten/SEC umbrella. UW is an obvious choice should the Big Ten continue to expand, while North Carolina - currently tied to the ACC's grant of rights agreement — might be appealing to either the Big Ten or

each other.

5. Baylor

UW could have an opportunity to play the best team in

No, not the Longhorns. Not 2019. The Huskies are 7-4 all- Texas A&M or TCU or Texas Tech, either.

We're talking about Baylor.

At 11-2, Baylor won the Big 12 championship last December, then downed SEC foe Ole Miss in the Sugar Bowl. Oh, and the Bears did it all in Dave Aranda's second season on the job.

Of course, a lot can change in is building something at Baylor. And from a recruiting and results standpoint, this would be a significant matchup for UW.

4. Florida State

Scheduling the first matchup between college football blue bloods Washington and Florida State doesn't require much sell-

But here's a partially related question: Would UW consider more consistently recruiting the state of Florida? The Huskies have trended in that direction in the 2023 class, offering 10 pros-But that may have more to do Perhaps, until the super con- with director of player personferences come calling, these nel Courtney Morgan's existing programs will be content to play relationships than a strategic ini- ture?) rival — might stand in his tiative to further expand UW's way.

recruiting reach.

From a geographic standpoint, it's a difficult sell. But Florida is always teeming with talent, and an FSU matchup might put the Huskies on some new recruiting radars.

3. Iowa State

On the surface, a UW-Iowa State pairing doesn't seem particularly interesting.

But consider that Washington reportedly offered Iowa State's Matt Campbell its head coaching job this offseason, before being rejected and hiring Kalen DeBoer. Now, DeBoer could lead his Huskies into a meeting against Campbell two (or three, or four)

Yeah, that's a more compelling pitch.

2. Clemson

For all the Power Five programs that have long sought to earn membership to the Big Boys Club, Clemson is the blueprint.

When Dabo Swinney took over at Clemson in 2008, the Tigers hadn't won a conference championship in 17 years. They'd also claimed a single national title to that point, one fewer than UW.

Swinney has helped Clemson secure six playoff appearances and two national titles in the 14 seasons since.

If Washington wants to someday announce itself as a national title contender, toppling Clemson would certainly help.

1. Miami

Where do we begin?

This pairing has history, as the Huskies upset Miami 38-20 in 1994 to snap the Hurricanes' 58-game home winning streak in a game later dubbed "The Whammy in Miami." (To put it in perspective, Miami hadn't lost a home game in nine years before the Huskies headed east.)

It also has hard feelings. After Oregon defeated UW 26-16 inside Husky Stadium last fall, a Duck player recorded head coach Mario Cristobal telling his team, "Those (expletive) guys right there, they represent everything that's wrong with football. So when you kick their ass, you let

them know it." Now, buoyed by a boatload of NIL money, Cristobal is attemptpects from the Sunshine State. ing to build a dynasty at Miami

> Someday, the Washington Huskies — his former (and fu-

— his alma mater.

leagues.

Washington Must Prioritize Playoff Access Above All Else in Conference Realignment Shuffle

The Seattle Times

On Feb. 2, while discussing his program's incoming recruiting class, Kalen DeBoer was asked what he wants prospects to

see when they visit Washington. "I think it's about showing what we're capable of doing," De-Boer said, raising his hand to the sky for added emphasis. "There's two national championship trophies sitting in our trophy case. There's a lot of Pac-12 championships that have happened here, the Rose Bowl appearances, all the players that have developed and went on to the NFL. So, it's showing what's capable of happening from that standpoint."

Which brings us, of course, to the College Football Playoff and conference realignment ... and whether Washington will still be capable of winning a national title in 2026.

(Of course, it might be worth debating if a Pac-12 program is capable of climbing that particular mountain as it is, considering the conference has been shut out of the CFP since UW succumbed to Alabama in 2016. But that's a different argument for a drearier

College Football Playoff, which features four annual at-large bids, is set to expire following the 2025 season. Last year, a brain trust comprising SEC commissioner Greg Sankey, Notre Dame Mountain West commissioner Craig Thompson and then-Big

"I think it's about showing what we're capable of."

Kalen DeBoer UW football coach

12 commissioner Bob Bowlsby proposed a 12-team model to take its place, featuring the six highest-ranked conference champions as well as six at-large participants.

The Pac-12, Big Ten and ACC members of an "alliance" that has since imploded with industry-altering intensity — collectively, and bafflingly, blocked the proposal.

Of course, you know what happened next.

USC and UCLA agreed last month to join the Big Ten in 2024, weakening a betrayed and vulnerable Pac-12 while further separating the Big Ten and SEC from the rest of the pack. As college football's expanding overlords, the Big Ten and SEC suddenly wield unparalleled power in determining the immediate future of the CFP.

And while speaking at SEC The current iteration of the Media Days Monday, Sankey made it clear that his previous proposal — which the Pac-12 in particular would now be desper- opportunity erodes. ate to accept — is unsurprisingly

off the table. Essentially, the Pac-12, ACC athletic director Jack Swarbrick, and Big 12 had their chance to solidify a playoff structure that would all but guarantee access

to their conference champions. (Such a format might have even appeased USC and UCLA, but that's yet another argument for a

drearier day.) Oh, and now? Not so much.

"If we're going to go back to square one, we're going to take a step back from the model introduced and rethink the approach, number of teams, whether there should be any guarantee for conference champions at all. Just earn your way in," Sankey said. "There's something that's healthy competitively about that and creates expectations and support around programs."

Of course, "earning your way in" is easier when strength of schedule and national exposure favor — you guessed it — the Big Ten and the SEC.

Still, a 12-team model — even without automatic qualifiers might still present UW with a greater opportunity for inclusion than the current format.

"I'd be fine with no (automatic qualifiers) — whether it's four (teams) like we have now, a model that's worked, eight, 12," San- provide the clearest annual key continued. "But the inclusion of conference champion access

was, I thought, an effective com- between the Pac-12 and Big 12 promise to the (previously pro- regarding a partnership or full posed) 12-team playoff."

case scenario — outside of a Big Ten/SEC-exclusive playoff — is a four-, six- or eight-team model entirely comprising at-large bids, the vast majority of which would inevitably be sucked into the Big Ten/SEC stratosphere. While it'd be possible for UW (or any other outside program) to qualify, the odds would increasingly fall in the super conferences' favor.

In other words: Saint Peter's can't upset Kentucky if it doesn't get invited to the dance.

Granted, Washington is a far cry from Saint Peter's as well. Like DeBoer noted, UW's considerable trophy case features 17 conference titles, seven Rose Bowl wins and a pair of national championships. The Huskies have a nationally recognizable brand, a distinguished athletic tradition, a reputable academic ranking ... and a seismically significant media market as well.

While the Big Ten and SEC seem set (for the moment) with 16 teams, UW has perhaps more to offer than any other outside program — be it to the Pac-12, the Big 12 or the ACC. And, when it comes to confer-

ence realignment, UW president But take away teams, and that Ana Mari Cauce and athletic director Jen Cohen must prioritize potential playoff access above all

But which conference would

merger have ended without an For Washington, the worst- agreement. The Pac-12 — currently in an exclusive 30-day media rights negotiating window with existing partners ESPN and Fox — could also consider a partnership with the ACC that might somewhat stabilize both

> For UW, other options include headlining (alongside Oregon) a surviving Pac-12 while waiting for the Big Ten to (hopefully?) come calling, perhaps while earning a larger slice of the revenue pie. The Pac-12 could also consider expanding, either by poaching Group of Five programs like San Diego State and SMU, or somehow convincing Kansas, Baylor, TCU, Houston, BYU, etc. to betray the suddenly bullish Big 12.

But if UW deems the Pac-12 a sinking ship, and/or doubts the eventuality of a Big Ten invite, it might also explore full membership in the Big 12 or ACC. Such a move would likely require a longterm commitment, as the Big 12's next media rights deal commences in 2025 and the ACC's grant of rights agreement ties its programs' television revenue to the conference through 2036.

As the realignment wheel keeps spinning, the Huskies have options — and non-negotiables.

UW has long been capable of winning a national title. Its next move, whatever that is, must ultimately protect said capability path to the CFP? An ESPN re- and help the Huskies add to their port Monday stated that talks trophy case.

Stanton Comes Full Circle with Homer to Take Home All-Star Game MVP

By Mike DiGiovanna

Los Angeles Times

Giancarlo Stanton's two-run homer in the fourth inning of Tuesday night's All-Star Game traveled 457 feet and landed toward the back of the left-field pavilion in Dodger Stadium, not far from where the former Sherman Oaks Notre Dame High star usually sat when he attended Dodgers games as a kid.

The tape-measure blast was the first All-Star Game hit of the New York Yankees slugger's career — he had been 0 for 7 with four strikeouts in six appearances — and keyed a decisive three-run inning in the American League's 3-2 victory over the National League.

It also earned Stanton the most-valuable-player award, joining Hall-of-Fame closer Mariano Rivera (2013) and shortstop Derek Jeter (2000) as the only Yankees to win All-Star Game MVP honors.

"Growing up, I'd always sit in left field and try to get players to throw me a ball," Stanton said. "To be playing left field tonight and hitting one out there means everything to me. It's a full-circle moment. It's gonna be an amazing memory for all of my life."

Stanton, who earned All-Southern Section honors in football, basketball and baseball in high school, said he procured 50 tickets to the game for family members and friends, including his father, Mike.

"He took me to my first Dodgers game and showed me how to have love for this game," Stanton said. "I can't really explain how special this is. It's hard to put into words that this is reality right now. It's really cool. I'm



American League outfielder Giancarlo Stanton, of the New York Yankees, left, celebrates with American League outfielder Aaron Judge, of the New York Yankees, in the dugout during the 2022 MLB All-Star Game at Dodger Stadium on Tuesday in Los Angeles.

soaking it all in."

Stanton's blast wasn't his longest homer in Chavez Ravine. On May 12, 2015, while playing for the Miami Marlins, Stanton hit a 475-foot homer off the roof and over the left-field pavilion.

Only four other players have hit a home run clear out of the stadium — Willie Stargell (twice), Mike Piazza, Mark Mc-Gwire and Fernando Tatis Jr. Byron Buxton followed with a 425-foot homer to left, the seventh back-to-back homers in All-Star Game history and first since Alex Bregman and George Springer in 2018.

Stanton hit .237 with an .835

on-base-plus-slugging percentage, 24 homers and 61 RBIs in the first half and teamed with slugger Aaron Judge (33 homers, 70 RBIs) to lead the Yankees to a major league-best 64-28 record. The Dodgers, Stanton's favorite team as a kid, lead the NL with a 60-30 record.

This wouldn't be a bad year for the first Dodgers-Yankees World Series since 1981, would

"Do I ever think about it? Absolutely," Stanton said. "On paper, it's lined up that way for a few years, so now both sides need to take care of business and get it done. If that's how it ends

Brotherly Love

They were brothers in arms growing up together in Puerto Cabello, a bustling port city on the north coast of Venezuela, and brothers with arms, hardthrowing catchers who were good enough to reach the big leagues.

For two days in Los Angeles this week the brothers were arm in arm, Willson Contreras of the Chicago Cubs and William Contreras of the Atlanta Braves achieving a childhood dream by starting together for the NL team Tuesday night.

"This is special, something we've worked for since we were

kids," said Willson Contreras, 30, who is six years older than William. "When you're kids, your dream is to get to the big leagues, and once you're in the big leagues, you want to be in the All-Star Game."

They were the first brothers to play in the same All-Star Game since Aaron and Bret Boone in 2003 and the first to appear in the starting lineup together since Roberto and Sandy Alomar in 1992.

Willson Contreras struck out and reached on an error in five innings, and William struck out looking in his only at-bat, but that hardly detracted from their evening.

"This is one experience where we can die and we will never forget," Willson said. "It's amazing for me, my family, and I'm proud of everything we've done."

The Kid II

Julio Rodríguez was still basking in the afterglow of his dazzling performance in Monday night's home run derby, when the 21-year-old Seattle phenom burst onto the national scene by crushing 32 homers in the first round and 31 in the semifinals before losing to Washington's Juan Soto in the

"Yeah, there were a lot of people (I heard from)," said Rodríguez, who is hitting .275 with 16 homers, 52 RBIs and 21 stolen bases and helped the Mariners close the first half with 14 wins in a row. "But it's the same as when I first signed and first got called up. The bigger the stage, the more people you're gonna

Mariners Stockpile Young Pitching Depth on Second Day of MLB Draft

Bv Adam Jude

The Seattle Times

The "shocking" twist for the Seattle Mariners on Day Two of the MLB draft, as Scott Hunter described it, came fairly late Monday.

Already the Mariners had made sizable commitments on long-term projects when they selected two high-school prospects - shortstop Cole Young and right-handed pitcher Walter Ford, respectively — with their first and third selections Sunday.

On Monday, they added two more high-end, high-school pitchers to the fold in righthanders Ashton Izzi and Tyler

In what would be something of a coup, Hunter, the M's director of amateur scouting, said he expects the Mariners to be able to sign both Izzi and Gough.

Both pitchers had committed to play college ball at two respected programs — Izzi at Wichita State and Gough at Oregon State.

Getting Gough where they did (in the ninth round, with pick No. 276) was a surprise for Hunter — almost as surprising as Hunter's reaction when he learned earlier in the day that Gough was eager to sign and start his pro career.

"Wow," Hunter said Monday afternoon. "It was a shocking

Mariners scouts got to know both Izzi and Gough last month during the MLB draft combine in San Diego. Izzi, 6-foot-3 and 185 pounds with a 95-mph fastball, "fits everything we do as an organization," Hunter said.

Gough (pronounced Goff) is listed at 6-2 and 205 pounds. He's from Perris, California, and he had helped lead JSerra Catholic High School to its first state title this spring. He then impressed scouts by striking out all five batters he faced at the combine at San Diego's Petco Park, showing off a mid-90s fastball and a high-spin curveball.

"When we got to meet him at the combine, he was a special kid. ... And when his agent gave me a call and said he wanted to play, we started scrambling a little bit to see if we get could make it work dollars-wise," Hunter said. "And we were able to pull

Hunter did not disclose financial terms, but high-school draft picks typically sign for more than the value of their designated draft position. The combined slot values for the three high pitchers the Mariners have drafted — Ford, Izzi and Gough - is roughly \$1.5 million, and Hunter indicated the team was

prepared to go well over that to sign them.

'We're excited about, not only Tyler, but where we were able to get that kind of talent in this year's draft," Hunter said. "It's going to be a fun one with Ford, Gough and Izzi going out as a three-man rotation, almost, of

Hunter said he had to get creative elsewhere in the draft to not exceeded the Mariners' bonus pool of \$7,254,400.

young up-and-coming pros-

pects.

To supplement the highschool picks, the Mariners drafted five college prospects Monday: left-hander Reid VanScoter (Coastal Carolina); shortstop Josh Hood (North Carolina State); second baseman Hogan Windish (UNC Greensboro); catcher Tatem Levins (Pitt); and outfielder Bill Knight (Mercer).

Hunter said he expects all

seven of the team's Day Two draft picks to sign, pending physicals.

"We're creating really good waves of talent throughout our system, especially with our major league team doing so well," Hunter said. "It's kind of fun to get the OK from Jerry [Dipoto] to go, 'Hey, take the best player available.' Upside is what we need to get out of this draft, because it was a difficult draft to be honest.

"... We were able to navigate our way through and make the bonus pool work and it looks like we're in a good spot. It was kind of fun and nerve-wracking at the same time trying to find the best players available that were the right cost. There were probably five players we kind of went all-in on, and then you just had to make the adjustment once we got past that point."

NFL

How Panthers QB Baker Mayfield Can Earn \$3.5 Million in Incentives

By Tribune News Services

For new Panthers quarterback Baker Mayfield to earn back the \$3.5 million paycut he took to join Carolina, he'll have to achieve several on-field thresholds, most of which he never did while in Cleveland.

The former Browns quarterback must play 75% of the team's regular season snaps and win 10 games to reach the first \$250,000 bonus, according to multiple league sources. A divisional round win (\$500,000),

an NFC Championship victory (\$600,000) and a Super Bowl victory (\$750,000) would add incrementally more to the contract, according to those sources. Mayfield would have to play at least 50% of snaps in each of the playoff games.

The remaining \$1.4 million is earned through a combination of playing time, total team offense numbers, Mayfield's completion percentage and a Pro Bowl bid.

If Mayfield plays 75% of

snaps and the Panthers have a top five NFC total offense or a top 10 NFL total offense then he earns \$300,000. He can make another \$300,000 if Carolina is a top five NFC scoring offense, or a top 10 NFL scoring offense.

Mayfield has \$500,000 dependent on a Pro Bowl bid. If he finishes top 5 in the NFC in completion percentage or carries a top 10 NFL completion percentage he'll make \$300,000.

Over his four-year career, the only mark Mayfield has surpassed is 10 or more wins. He led the Browns to an 11-5 record in 2020, culminating in a divisional round loss in Kansas City. His highest completion percentage finish is 17th (63.8% in 2018). His highest total offense ranking is 16th in 2020. The Browns finished 14th in total points that same season, another careerbest for Mayfield. Carolina was careful to ne-

gotiate numbers Mayfield has never reached. If he earns back some of his \$3.5 million, then all

parties win. Owner David Tepper and coach Matt Rhule would earn their first double-digit win NFL season. Rhule would likely continue into Year 4, and Mayfield would likely garner a lucrative \$35 to \$40 million longterm extension, from Carolina or another team.

If Mayfield earns all \$3.5 million back, the Panthers would be Super Bowl champions, with a top 10 offense, led by a top 10 Pro Bowl quarterback.

NBA

Warriors' Wiggins on COVID Vaccine: 'I Still Wish I Didn't Get' It, Even After Title

By Tribune News Services

In the midst of a prolific playoff run in which he helped guide the Golden State Warriors to their fourth title in eight seasons, it was easy to forget All-Star Andrew Wiggins almost began the year without his shot. His COVID shot.

At the beginning of the 2021-2022 season, a San Francisco health order required Warriors players to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to be eligible to participate in home games at Chase Center. Wiggins said in Septem-

ber he preferred not to get vaccinated, telling reporters at a press conference the decision was "none of your business is what it comes down to."

Wiggins ultimately chose to comply with the health order

and get the vaccine, but even after the best season of his professional career and his first NBA title, the forward said he regrets the decision.

"I still wish I didn't get (the vaccine) to be honest with you," Wiggins told FanSided in an interview Monday. "But you've got to do what you've got to do."

The sentiment echoes comments Wiggins made in March, after he was named an All-Star for the first time in his eightyear NBA career.

"I still wish I hadn't gotten it," Wiggins told the Bay Area News Group at the time. "Bigger picture, it all worked out for the best. I'm here on the most exciting team in the league. I'm an All-Star. So I feel like I made the right choice at the end of the

An iconic poster dunk over Luka Dončić in the Western

Conference finals and a ré-

sumé-padding effort on both ends of the floor in the NBA Finals against the Boston Celtics weren't enough to change Wiggins' tune. In his interview with FanSided, Wiggins added he was happy he didn't miss out on the triumphs of a career year, but was frustrated by having to make a choice he felt was out of his hands. "I did it and I was an All-Star

this year and a champion, so that was the good part. Just not missing out on the year, the best year of my career," he said. "But

for my body, I don't like putting

all of that stuff in my body so I didn't like that and I didn't like that it wasn't my choice. I didn't like that it was either get this or don't play." Had Wiggins elected not to

get the vaccine, he would not have been paid for any game missed this season. The 27-yearold earned \$31.6 million this year and is set to make more than \$33 million as he enters the last season of a five-year, \$147 million extension he signed with the Timberwolves before the 2018 season.



A cat is pictured in a tree in this photograph from Canopy Cat Rescue, a nonprofit that retrieves treed kitties across Western Washington.

Kitty Up a Tree? Come Along as Canopy Cat Rescue Saves Them Across Western Washington

By Jim Brunner

The Seattle Times

PORT ORCHARD — On a recent Tuesday morning, Iris, a cat, was letting everyone in the neighborhood know about her unhappy predicament.

The 4-year-old tortie had stranded herself up a fir tree overnight in the parking lot of a single-story apartment complex. "Meow-rr!" she announced mournfully at regular intervals. "Meow-rr-rr!"

Her owner, Terry Quesnell, said he'd tried to coax her to the ground, standing in the back of a truck with a blanket. No dice. Now Iris was hungry and wanted to leave the tree, but, like most cats, she's better at climbing up than down.

Quesnell had called the local fire department, but was told they don't deal with cats in trees anymore. So, he turned to Canopy Cat Rescue, a nonprofit that retrieves treed kitties across Western Washington.

Tom Otto and Shaun Sears, a pair of certified arborists, founded the outfit in 2009, transitioning from tree caretakers to cat saviors. Operating solely on donations, they rescue hundreds of cats a year, from Vancouver, Washington, to the Canadian border.

On this day in Port Orchard, Otto showed up to assess the Iris

This would not be a particularly difficult mission. Îris was only about 20 feet up. Their average cat rescue is 60 feet or higher in a tree, and has been up there three days.

Neighbors gathered around with opinions.

To add upcoming events to the Community Calendar, email reporter Matthew Zylstra

at matthew@chronline.com. You're a Good Man, Charlie

July 21-30 in the Tenino High School lunchroom, 500 W. Second Ave., Tenino; Thursday and Friday: 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Brown

Watch the 1967 musical based on the Peanuts comic strip. Tickets are \$13 for students and seniors and \$15 for general admission. Wednesday, July 27, will be Pay What You Can Night, with donations going to support the Tenino Boys and Girls Club. Vaccination cards and masks will be required.

Movies in the Park

July 21, Recreation Park, 221 13th

Ave., Chehalis; 7 p.m. "Luca" will show at dusk. Popcorn, snacks and water will

"That cat is not very smart, I'll tell you that!" a man called out. Otto jumped to Iris' defense: "She got away from whatever was chasing her, you know."

Cinching himself up the fir with a harness, rope and animal-handler net, Otto talked to Iris, calming her as he approached the limb on which she was perched, still crying for assistance.

Reaching Iris' branch, Otto pulled her close and plopped her in the net and the crying stopped. Lowering himself down, he handed the net to Quesnell, directing him to let Iris out only when back inside his nearby apartment.

Iris joined a long roster of cats returned to solid ground and grateful owners. In recent months, Canopy Cat Rescue has retrieved Sancho, Dilly, Belly, Kitten George and Lil Bear. They've also been there for Pebbles, Pep-Citrus, Indica, Mischief, Vindaloo, Tinkerbell, Stinkyface, plenty of Lunas and Tigers, and, the other week, Brian.

They document many of their jobs on Twitter, Facebook and YouTube. In 2015, the duo starred in their own reality show, "Treetop Cat Rescue," on Animal Planet. It lasted 10 episodes. Back then, Otto and Sears were rescuing 250 cats a year. Now they're up to about 750.

The calls for help get split by location. Otto, 49, who lives in Olympia, generally takes everything from about Auburn south, while Sears, 43, from Woodinville, handles the Seattle area and anything north.

It's largely a labor of love.

be available. Bring blankets and chairs for a comfortable viewing.

Tenino to Celebrate Oregon Trail Days

July 22-24, throughout Tenino

Oregon Trail Days in Tenino will return to the Stone City this weekend, and like the quarry pool when it's not undergoing repairs, is filled to the brim with history and celebration of the town's heritage.

The annual event, hosted by the Tenino Area Chamber of Commerce and the Puget Sound Free Trappers, is scheduled for July 22-24.

With many vendors, creative arts markets, presentations, demonstrations and farmer's booths, the weekend will be filled with to-dos from 9 a.m. on Friday until 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The beloved, free Pioneer Village will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday with many hands-on

They don't charge any fee, but — probably 65 or 70 feet — in a accept donations to help pay themselves a modest amount and defray expenses, especially gas. Some people have offered a dozen eggs or cookies. Others drop \$100 or even \$500.

"It's somewhat of a calling for us. It feels great to help people," said Otto, who owns two rescued cats, Bean and Bug, in addition to Miko, a border collie.

"We don't like cats. We love cats," said Sears, who owns a big fluffy orange cat named Medi, or "King Cat," plus a 16-year-old black lab, Tommy, and a 3-year-old miniature Australian Shepherd.

The distress calls come in almost daily, and are triaged by the amount of time a cat has been in a tree and its temperament. Sears says with feral or skittish cats, they'll sometimes advise people to give it a couple of days, as some cats do come down on their own.

The difficulty of their jobs can vary wildly. Sears said some cats will be stranded at the very tippy top of a conifer, like a star on a Christmas tree. Their highest rescue was 170 feet up, according to Sears.

A few years back, a cat named Slint evaded rescue by jumping between three or four trees in a stand of Douglas firs as Otto tried to reach him. Otto eventually got wise and sawed off branches the cat was using as bridges. "When I got to him he was like [purrs] 'Hey, Buddy!' '

The day after the relatively easy Iris rescue, Sears faced a far more difficult extrication.

Ludo, a fluffy white Persian cat, was meowing from way up

Community Calendar

projects and learning opportunities for children and families. It is hosted at the Tenino Depot Museum.

The Oregon Trail Days parade will start at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 23, and will travel from South Custer Street down Sussex Avenue to McArthur Street South. The T90 Motorcycle Drill Team will perform 15 minutes before the parade begins.

Music in The Park

July 22, Recreation Park, 221 13th Ave., Chehalis; 6:30 p.m.

The free country music themed event will be the first of three shows this summer. The night will feature Michelle Write and Ty Herndon. There are no seats so bring your own chair or blanket. Both performers will be available for autographs and pictures after the show. You may bring your own food and drink maple tree in Seattle's Dearborn Park, barely visible from the forested floor. The slightly swaying branches looked fine to support Ludo's weight. But a human?

"This one's an issue, just where he is in the tree. It's not super thick up there," Sears said, sizing up the maple before strapping on his climbing gear, including ropes, carabiners and spiked shoes. Sears says he and Otto like to assign each rescue a difficulty rating. If Iris was a 1 or 2, Ludo looked like an 8 or a 9.

Ludo was a repeat customer. This was his fifth time getting rescued by Canopy Cat Rescue and the third time in this park.

"It's not a lesson a cat learns," Sears said nonjudgmentally. On the bright side, Ludo was not likely to try to flee him. "He kind of knows the drill."

Cats generally climb high up trees to escape a perceived threat, Sears said. Sometimes it's people startling them. Sometimes other cats. Sometimes it's dogs or coyotes.

'Hey, Ludo. Hey, buddy. Be right there!" Sears called out.

Jonathan Smith, Ludo's owner, said he has tried to halt the escapes and installed a "catio" so Ludo can enjoy the outdoor air in an enclosed space. But Ludo darted out the door again a day ago when he and his wife were leaving the house. After that, he wound up in the tree.

"He just gets scared and goes up there and doesn't come back down," Smith said, noting he's heard coyotes howling in the

Sears made a plan to scale

the maple and rope it together with nearby trees to create more stability. Once he started climbing, the rescue went fairly quickly. Ludo helpfully did not try to get away and even clambered down a little lower.

Once Ludo was safely netted, Sears descended quickly on a rope, dangling in midair and handing the cat off to Smith. "Not as hard as I projected. I'd probably give that one a 6," he said.

Before leaving the park, Sears pointed to some decomposing poop, identifying it as coyote scat. It appeared like the coyote had dined on something furry, so Sears scanned the scat with a microchip reader.

He noted a 2020 study by the National Park Service and California State University, Northridge which found domestic cat remains in 20% of urban coyotes' scat.

Fortunately, Sears' scan found no microchip.

Smith was grateful for Ludo's latest rescue. "A lifesaver for me and my family," he said. "Emotional wife, emotional daughter. They're very attached to Ludo, so just knowing he's up in the tree overnight is stressful. I can't get up there."

Hopefully, he said, this would be Ludo's final tree adventure, though the cat, asked for comment, was making no promises.

If Ludo gets stranded again, Sears will be back — no problem.

"He could call us 10, 15, 20 times and we're not going to say no. The cat is going to end up suffering in the tree or he's going to call somebody else who may not be as good at it," he said.

but alcohol is not allowed.

Packwood Music in the Park

July 23 at Packwood Community Park, 12935 U.S. Highway 12, Packwood; 6 to 8 p.m.

Watch Cheap Whiskey for family-friendly live music. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be on sale. For questions, call Jan Grose at 360-494-4007.

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Wardrobe July 29, 30 and 31 at the Evergreen Playhouse, 226 Center Street, Centralia; July 19 and 30 at 7 p.m. and July 31 at 2

The Theatre of Arts and Discipline (TOAD) will be presenting The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe on July 29, 30 and 31. The cast will feature children ages eight to 16 who have been participating in a three week summer camp where they learned about acting, set design, costumes and stage combat. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 students 17 and under and seniors 60 and over. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by emailing toadinc@ gmail.com. For more information, call 360-996-4511.

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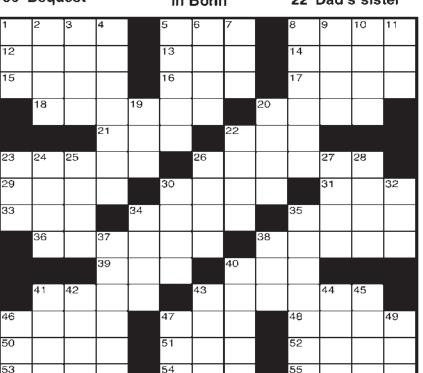
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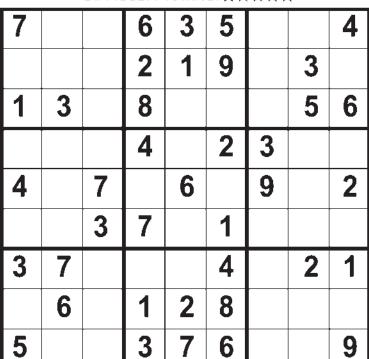
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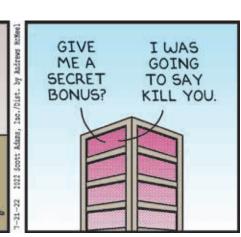




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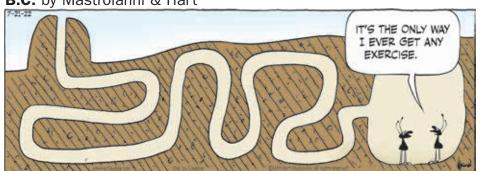




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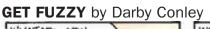


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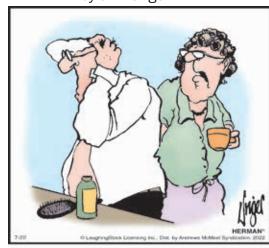
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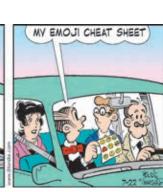




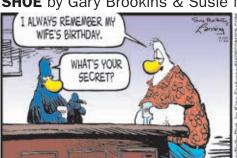








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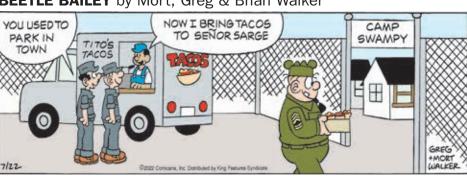
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Centralia, WA 98531. Teenager & kids clothes toys, athletic supplies, leaf blower, tv monitor, desk & chair, lamps, art supplies, books and more!

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123032 SEP22-0008

LEWIS COUNTY -STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT THRESHOLD DETERMINATION **DETERMINATION OF** NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS) **LEAD AGÈNCY:** Lewis

County - Community **Development Department** PROPONENT: Thomas Arndt **FILE NUMBERS:** SEP22-0008,

MSR22-0117, S22-00062 **DESCRIPTION OF** PROPOSAL: Conversion of parcel to a non-forestry use in order to construct a single family residence, shop, garage and associated utilities. The driveway was previously constructed during forest practice activ-

LOCATION OF

PROPOSAL: The project is located at 3946 State Route 508, Cinebar Lewis County, WA - Section 23, Township 13N, Range 02E, WM on parcel number 033299002000. **THRESHOLD**

DETERMINATION: The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it 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 by Lewis County of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with this agency and such information is adopted herein by reference. This information is available electronically here https://lewiscountywa .gov/departments/commu nity-development/currentplanning-applications/ This DNS is issued under

WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the issue date below. Written comments must be submitted by 4pm on August 4, 2022. Responsible Official: Lee Napier, Director

Lewis County Community Development 2025 NE Kresky Avenue Chehalis, Washington **Contact Person:**

Planner for Responsible Official Date of Issue: July 21, 2022 This SEPA determination

Preston Pinkston,

may be appealed in writing to the Lewis County Hearings Examiner until 4 pm on August 11, 2022 at the Lewis County Community Development Permit Center. Appellants should be prepared to make specific factual objections. The appeal procedure is established in Lewis County

Code

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17.110.130 and LCC Section 2.25.130. The administrative appeal fee is established by Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. The current adopted fee schedule is available online at https://lewisc ountywa.gov/departments/ community-development/p ermit-applications-and-ha ndouts/.

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LEWIS COUNTY - STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT **THRESHOLD DETERMINATION DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE** (DNS) **LEAD AGÈNCY:** Lewis

Development Department PROPONENT: Jeff Ashe FILE NUMBERS: SEP22-0025 SHF22-00025 **DESCRIPTION OF** PROPOSAL: Shoreline stabilization along a portion of the North Fork Newau-

kum River to protect single

family residence and wells

County - Community

serving the residence. LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: The project is located at 143 Aubrey Ln, Chehalis Lewis County, WA - Section 35, Township 14N, Range 01W, WM on ..., vvM on number 020866014001.

DETERMINATION: The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it 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 by Lewis County of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with this agency and such information is adopted herein by reference. This information is available electronically

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Submit written testimony.

Written testimony may be

submitted until 4:00 PM on

the business day preced-

ing the hearing.

Mail: Lewis County

c/o Mindy Brooks.

Planning Commission,

2025 NE Kresky Ave.

Chehalis, WA 98532

testimony to:

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123306 NPDES

R3 Investments LLC, Jobhan Randhawa, 7752 S Kent, WA 259th St is seeking 98032-7316. coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's Construction Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit.

The proposed project, A-1

Pallets_3001 Bennett Rd

Centralia, is located at

3001 Bennett Rd in Centralia in Lewis county. This project involves 5.1 acres of soil disturbance for Commercial construc-

tion activities. The receiving waterbody is Chehalis River.

Any persons desiring to

present their views to the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding this Application, or interested in Ecology's action on this Application, may notify Ecology in writing no later than 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice. Ecology reviews public comments and considers whether discharges from this project would cause a measurable change in receiving water quality, and, if so, whether the project is necessary and in the overriding public interest according to Tier II anti-degradation requirements under WAC 173-201A-320

Comments can be submitted to: cyrewqianoi@ecy.wa.gov, or ATTN: Water Quality Construction Stormwater Washington State Department of Ecology P.Ö. Box 47696 Olympia, WA 98504-7696

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123001 Notice of Public Hearing NOTICE OF

PUBLIC HEARING LEWIS COUNTY **PLANNING** COMMISSION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-

the LEWIS EN that COUNTY, Washington PLANNING COMMISSION will hold a public hearing on August 9, 2022 at 6:00pm to receive public testimony on the Good-Avapollo Mining Opt-in Rezone Proposal. Alan and Pamela Good.

along with Avapollo Land Corporation, requests an amendment to the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan to change the classification of 443.5 acres from Agricultural Resource Land to Mineral Resource Land. The parcels that are the subject of the proposed rezone are 028043004001, 028043004002, 028061000000 028025001000 and 028024001000. Details about the proposal are

untywa.gov/departments/c ommunity-development/re zones/. A physical copy of the proposal is available for review at the Lewis County Community Development Office, 2025 NE Kresky Avenue, Chehalis, WA 98535. If you wish to receive a paper copy of the

available at https://lewisco

proposal, please contact Community Development at <u>megan.sathre</u> @lewiscountywa.gov 360.740.2677 and a copy will be mailed to you.

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Hearing location: Lewis Historic Court-County 351 NW North house. WA Street. Chehalis. 98532 Attend virtually: Zoom at https://us06web.zoom.us/i

/85301197403 or by phone

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hearing.

7403. To sign up for Community Development email announcements, please visit: http://lewiscountywa.gov/c ommunitydevelopment/rec eive-email-announcements The meeting site is barrier free. People needing speaccommodations should contact the phone number shown above 72 hours in advance of the

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meeting.

123029 Notice of Public

NOTICE OF PUBLIC **HEARING Before the LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-

EN that a public hearing will be held before the Lewis County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) in the Historical Courthouse, 351 NW North Street, Chehalis, Washington, on the 2nd day of August 2022. Written comments also can be submitted by mail at 351 N.W. North Street,

Chehalis, WA 98532 or

email at

@lewiscountywa.gov

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budget comment amendment" in the subject line. The hearing will be held on or after 10:00 a.m. to consider an amendment to departments within the 2022 budget for Cur-

rent Expense and vari-

ous funds. All those speak for or against the amendment shall be afforded the opportunity to be heard. This amendment proposes increasing expenditures for various funds and the General fund in the amount of \$7,812,839 increasing revenue in the amount of \$2,479,595 with a decrease in estimated ending fund balance of Additional \$5,333,244, adjustments for unanticipated grant funds and expenditures may be added prior to the hear-

ing on August 2nd. Said amendment can be obtained from the Budget Department, Room 209 351 N.W. North St. -Chehalis, WA. Phone: (360)740-1198, Email: beckybutler @lewiscountywa.gov. Written comments may submitted to the BOCC prior to the meet-This meeting site is barri-

er free. People needing special assistance or accommodations should contact the Clerk of the Board 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Phone: (360) 740-1419

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Meeting

CITY OF CHEHALIS NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Chehalis City Council will hold a special meeting on Monday, July 25, 2022, at 4:00 pm at Chehalis City Hall located at 350 N Market Blvd. in Chehalis. The purpose of the meeting is to hold a work session to consider revisions to the subdivision code. No other business will be conducted at the meeting.

Kassi Mackie, City Clerk

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122864 NTC Robertson Jr.

LEGAL NOTICES

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 22-4-00145-08
SUPERIOR COURT OF
WASHINGTON FOR
COWLITZ COUNTY Estate of

The Personal Representative named below has been ap-

CHARLES F. ROBERTSON JR.,

Deceased.

pointed 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 filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the probate assets and nonprobate assets of the Decedent. Date of First Publication: July 7, 2022 BRYAN E. ROBERTSON Personal Representative Attorneys for Personal Representative: MICHAEL A. CLAXTON, WSBA #25095 WALSTEAD MERTSCHING PS Civic Center Building, Third Floor 1700 Hudson Street PO Box 1549 Longview, Washington

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Telephone: (360) 423-5220

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GERALD E. AMACHER, Deceased. NO. 22-4-000300-21 TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030

The administrator named be-

low 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 limitaapplicable statute of ilmitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the administrator or the administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020 (1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred. except as otherwise provided in section 11 of this act and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-Date of filing copy of Notice to Creditors 07/12/22 Date of first publication July 14, 2022 /s/ Theresa Amacher Theresa Amacher Administrator c/o ALTHAUSER RAYAN ABBARNO, LLP 114 W. Magnolia; P. O. Box 210

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Telephone: (360) 736-1301 Subsequent Publications:

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122956 NTC: Anderson

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of LARRY DAVID ANDERSON, Deceased. No. 22-4-00291-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Larry David Anderson. 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 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 this notice. If

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Personal Representative:

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Attorney for the Personal Representative: James M.B. Buzzard, WSBA#33555 Address for Mailing or Service: c/o Buzzard O'Rourke, PS 314 Harrison Avenue P.O. Box 59 Centralia, WA 98531 Published: The Chronicle

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ERIC DAVID ANDERSON

123043 NTC: Durham

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CARL DURHAM, Deceased. NO. 22-4-00305-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 The administrator named be-low 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 com-menced. 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 laim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in section 11 of this act and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
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Notice to Creditors 07/15/22 Date of first publication July 21, 2022 /s/ James Durham JAMES DURHAM Administrator c/o ALTHAUSER RAYAN ABBARNO, LLP 114 W. Magnolia; P. O. Box 210 Centralia, WA 98531 Telephone: (360) 736-1301 Subsequent Publications:

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122913 NTC: George

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY IN MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY G. GEORGE, Deceased. Case No.: 22-4-00298-21 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 atbelow 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

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: July 14, 2022. /s/ Loren George, Personal Representative c/o VANDER STOEP, BLINKS, JONES & UNZELMAN Attorneys for Personal Representative 345 N.W. Pacific Ave. P. O. Box 867 Chehalis, WA 98532 Telephone: (360) 748-9281

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> COURT OF LEWIS COUNTY ESTATE OF STEVEN LEONARD GRIZZLE, Deceased. No. 22-4-00286-21 PROBATE NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR

TO CREDITORS. RCW 11.40.030 personal representative ed below has been ap-

pointed 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 attornev at the address stated below a copy of the claim and 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 as-Date of First Publication: July 7, 2022
Personal Representative:

Rhonda Lynne Grizzle Address for Mailing or Service: Law Office of Tonya Hebert, c/o Rhonda Lynne Grizzle, C/O Rhonda Lynne Grizzie, P.O. Box 69, Winlock, WA 98596, Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Lewis County Superior Court, 345 W. Main Street, Chehalis, WA 98532. Cause No.: 22-4-00286-21

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123023 NTC: Lacey

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS In the Matter of the Estate Of RUSSELL JON LACEY,

Deceased. NO. 22-4-00304-21 NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 The Personal Representative named below has been ap-

pointed as Personal Representative of the estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable stat-ute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as 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 as-

July **21**, 2022 Personal Representative: DYLAN JON LACEY Attorney for the Personal Representative: LAUREL L. TILLER Address for Mailing or Service: THE TILLER LAW FIRM Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 58 Centralia, WA 98531 /s/ Dylan Jon Lacey DYLÁN JON LACEY

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COURT OF LEWIS COUNTY ESTATE OF JUNE MURIEL SCHUMACHER, Deceased. No. 22-4-00273-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS. RCW 11.40.030

named below has been ap-

pointed 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 or mailed the notice to the or market 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 as-

Meghan Smith Address for Mailing or Service: Law Office of Tonya Hebert, PLLC c/o Meghan Smith, P.O. Box 69, Winlock, WA 98596, Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Lewis County Superior Court, 345 W. Main Street, Chehalis, WA 98532. Cause No.: 22-4-000273-21 Published: The Chronicle

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COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY
IN MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
DEBORAH LYNN
SIMMONS, Deceased.
Case No.: 22-4-00303-21
PROBATE NOTICE
TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030 The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim

against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were com-menced. The claim must be presented within the later of:

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(1) thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 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 otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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122953 NTC: Storelee

Blake Simmons,

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345 N.W. Pacific Ave.

Administrator c/o VANDER STOEP, BLINKS, JONES & UNZELMAN

Representative

P. O. Box 867

COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of HAROLD MARLYN STORELEE, Deceased. No. 22-4-00293-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Represen

tative of the Estate of Harold

Marlyn Storelee. 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 this 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 as-Date of First Publication: July 14, 2022 Personal Representative: MARLO MICHELE

STROFLEF Attorney for the Personal Representative James M.B. Buzzard, WSBA#33555 Address for Mailing or Service: c/o Buzzard O'Rourke, PS 314 Harrison Avenue P.O. Box 59 Centralia, WA 98531

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122031 Ordinance

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE LEWIS COUNTY **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** AND INTENT TO ADOPT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-EN that the LEWIS COUNTY, Washington BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS will hold a public hearing on August 2, 2022 to receive public testimony on proposed amendment to County Code Lewis

9.20.050.

The hearing will take place at or after 10 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse in Chehalis, Washington. Interested parties are encouraged to check the Commissioners' Business Meeting agenda for the Zoom log-in details. The agenda will be posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting on the Lewis County Agendas & Calendar webpage. The public hearing will

consider amendment to the Lewis County 9.20.050 to update the meeting schedule for the Law and Justice Council.

Details about the proposal will be available online at the agenda link provided above. Please select the agenda for July 19 (Notice) or August 2 (Hearing) to see the draft ordinance. The draft is subject to change before or at the hearing.

During the hearing, individuals will be invited to speak and/or provide written statements regarding the proposed changes. All indi-

submitted in advance of the hearing by emailing Amber Smith, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, at amber.smith @lewiscountywa.gov or by postal mail to Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, c/o Amber Smith, 345 W. Main St, 2nd Fl., Chehalis, WA 98532. The meeting site is barrier free. People needing speaccommodations cial should contact the phone number shown above 72 hours in advance of the

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viduals wishing to speak

are encouraged to attend.

Written comments may be

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meeting.

122946 Surplus Sale

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SURPLUS SALE NOTICE

Rochester School District is

as is, with no warranty, with priority given to governmental agencies. All sales are final. For a list of items available go to www.rochester.wednet.edu. To preview sale items, contact Shawna Kiliz at (360) Shawna 273-9242 Location: Rochester School District Office 10140 Hwy 12 SW Rochester, WA 98579

confirming the availability of surplus equipment and materi-

als for sale. Items will be sold

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Items will be sold through public auction at www.publics urplus.com beginning the week

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE
COUNTY OF LEWIS ALEXANDRA VEEREN, a single person, Plaintiff,

MICHAEL J. HILDEBRAND, a wilchael J. HILDEBHAND, a single person, 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),

Defendants. NO. 22-2-00472-21 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE DEFENDANTS: MICHAEL J. HILDEBRAND, a single person, 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 30th day of June, 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 under-signed attorneys for the Plain-tiff 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 with the Clerk of said Court.
The object of this action is to obtain a judgment and/or de-cree quieting title in real

situated in Lewis County, Washington described Lots 1 & 2 of Short Plat No. 04-00004, recorded March 14, 2006, under Auditor's File No. 3246471, in Volume 2 of Short Plats, page 210, records of Lewis County, Washington, being located within the southeast quarter of Section 10,
Township 13 North, Range 9
East, W.M., Lewis County,
Washington. TOGETHER WITH easements for ingress, egress and utilities, as delinea-ted in Short plat recorded under Auditor's File No. under TOGETHER with and subject to easements, covenants, con-ditions, restrictions and reser-

vations of record, if any, affecting title which may appear in the public record including those shown on the face of any recorded plat or Lewis County, Washington
Against the claim of the
defendants and anyone claiming by or through them. DATED this 20 day of June, VANDER STOEP, BLINKS, JONES & UNZELMAN

/S/Scott E. Blinks Scott E. Blinks, WSBA 21837 Of Attorneys for Plaintiff Published: The Chronicle June 30, 2022 July 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2022

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