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### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Local leaders gather for annual flood meeting

By Mitchell Roland  
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Preparation and readiness dominated the conversation during Lewis County's annual flood meeting Thursday morning, while forecasters said predictions of a drier winter don't assure the county will be spared from flooding.

The event, held at Jester's Auto Museum in Chehalis, brought together elected officials, law enforcement, emergency services, real estate agents, engineers, insurance agents, the National Weather Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to prepare for the upcoming flood season.

"I'm so happy to see our partners here," said Ross McDowell, deputy director of emergency management for Lewis County. "We had a lot of our partners show up today, which is fantastic."

While the meeting is a yearly opportunity for flood officials to prepare for the upcoming onslaught of rain, this year's

please see **FLOODING**, page Main 7

## Best of Lewis County celebration was 'something special' this year



Photos by Jared Wenzelburger / jared@chronline.com

A crowd of about 300 people fill seats during the Best of Lewis County awards gala at McFiler's Chehalis Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 18.

By The Chronicle staff

The Chronicle's annual "Best of Lewis County" online competition and in-person awards show is as close to the Academy Awards as Lewis County gets.

Unlike the elite Oscars, however, Lewis County votes on categories for a massive variety of businesses, people, events and organizations. This year, from 144 total categories, there were a total of 21,581 votes submitted.

On Wednesday night, McFiler's Chehalis Theater hosted a huge turnout of Lewis County

celebrities, friends, family and competitors. An estimated 300 people attended the event.

Brian Watson, regional sales manager for CT Publishing, the parent company of The Chronicle, has been involved in the annual competition for the better part of two decades, he said.

Watson served as the emcee on Wednesday night.

"This year in particular, there was something special going on Wednesday night," Watson said. "We've had a couple of events since the pandemic ended, and they were fine, but this one was different. The community showed up to

support and honor each other the likes of which I haven't seen this decade. For one beautiful fall night in October, it gave me hope."

Watson said Wednesday was also particularly special thanks to the McFiler's crew's dedication and "incredible" work renovating the theater, which closed in 2009.

He said they have managed to maintain the old building's "nostalgic vibe" while adding drinks and food, which Watson also praised.

"Chef James Wheeler served up the fanciest, most delicious sandwich bar and charcuterie

board I've ever had in my life," Watson said.

Best of Lewis County, Watson said, is The Chronicle's opportunity to honor the community we cover. Both the event and the newspaper itself exist thanks to the support of those businesses, individuals and organizations.

A copy of the Best of Lewis County magazine is included with this edition of The Chronicle.

Photos from the event can be viewed on pages B15 and B16 of this edition. For a full gallery of photos of winners and finalists, visit chronline.com.



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Visitors gather at McFiler's Chehalis Theater to attend the Best of Lewis County awards gala on Wednesday, Oct. 18.

### East Lewis County



Work begins on new sheriff substation near Randle / Main 4

### Hoof rot



New study finds hoof disease impact a lot more than an elk's hooves / Main 12

### Deaths

Ackerman, Sally J., 69, Winlock  
Kincaid, Larry G., 84, Chehalis

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# Beak of the Week: Two ubiquitous waterfowl species usher in cold weather

By Isabel Vander Stoep

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Regular readers of The Chronicle's "Beak of the Week" feature have likely noticed the piece's misnomer. There is not a beak every week. Some weeks, there are two.

The reality is, birdwatching is not regular. Its more challenging cousin, bird photography, is even less so. Some weeks, you get lucky. Others, the birds seem to be avoiding you.

In the fall in Western Washington, though, there are two birds so reliable and ubiquitous that The Chronicle ought to hire them for a weekly feature.

Those are the Canada goose and the mallard duck. Most Washingtonians see these birds on a weekly or even daily basis without thinking twice.

In Lewis County, we have a front row seat for the Pacific Flyway's migratory birds. Like clockwork, birds use this highway in the sky to travel their desired routes anywhere between South America and the Alaskan and Canadian tundra.

Western Washington's wetlands and farm fields make it ideal for waterfowl of all shapes and sizes. Canada geese and mallard ducks don't discriminate. They're often found alongside coots, widgeons, ducks, geese and swans of many sorts.

Geese especially love freshly mowed corn and wheat fields, where they scavenge for food and often stay for a rest. Geese also have teeth, which is weird and somewhat terrifying. When bothered, they hiss.

Mallards are resilient. They visit every continent in the world besides Antarctica and live five to 10 years in the wild on average.

He likely wasn't a pure mallard, but one domestic duck in Chehalis — named "Drake," naturally — lived to be at least 19 years old.

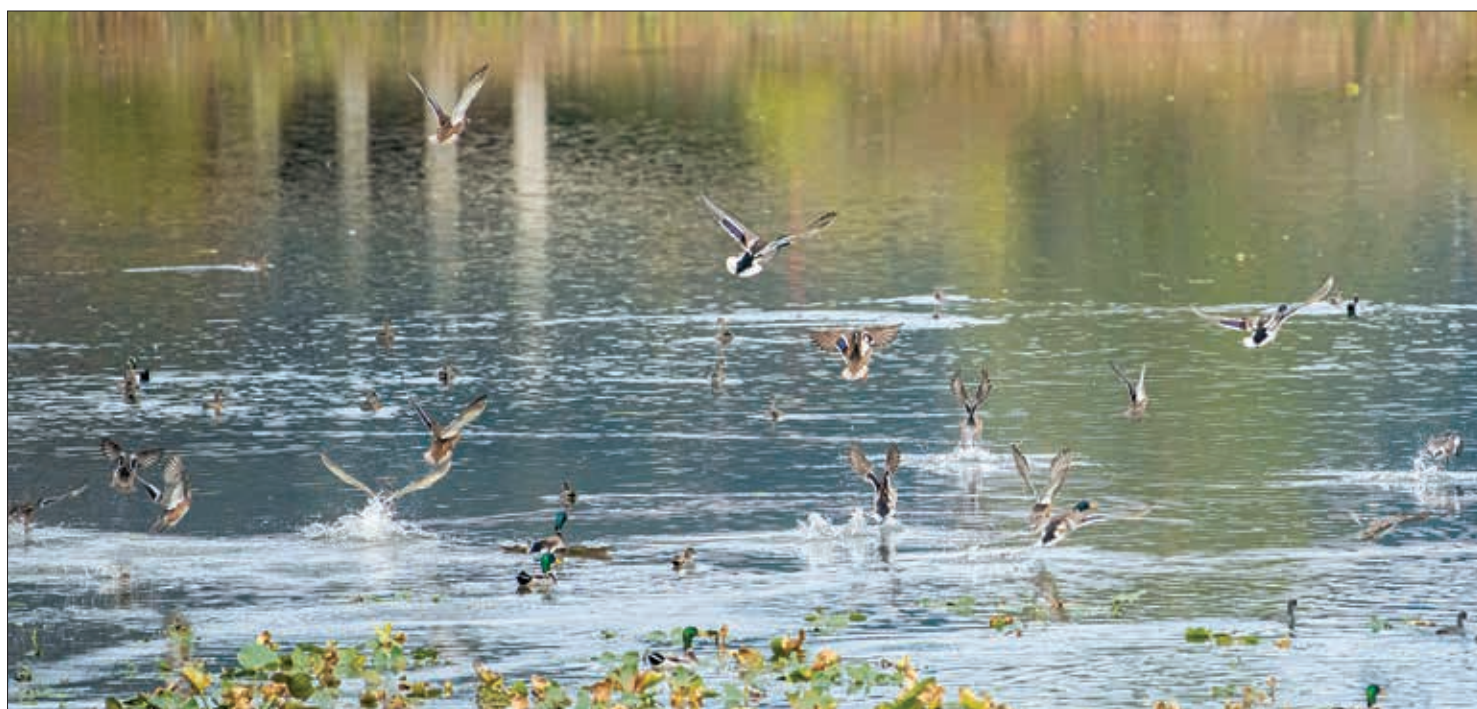
Drake was my childhood pet. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has resources for waterfowl identification at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/requirements/waterfowl/identification>.

Also, I won't give up the "Beak of the Week" name. It's fun.



Photos by Isabel Vander Stoep / isabel@chronline.com

Flying Canada geese appear as silhouettes against the gray sky above the Willapa Hills Trail in Chehalis on Thursday evening.

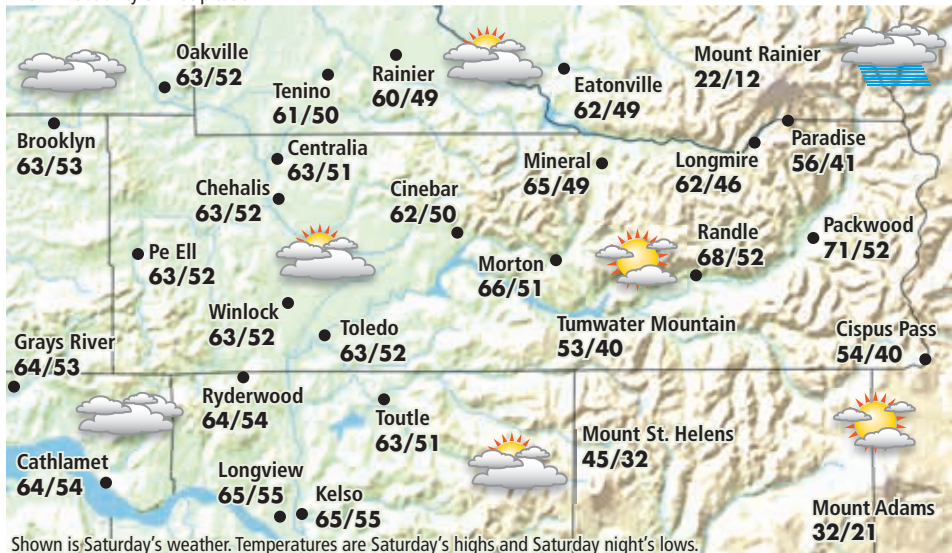


Ducks take off from a pond at the trailhead of the Willapa Hills Trail in Chehalis on Thursday evening.

## TWIN CITIES WEATHER

SATURDAY	SAT. NIGHT	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Some sun, then turning cloudy	Cloudy with a shower in spots late	Mostly cloudy with a shower in places	Cloudy	Cloudy with a bit of rain in the afternoon	Cloudy	Cloudy with a few showers in the afternoon	Rain
<b>HIGH: 63</b>	<b>LOW: 51</b>	<b>60 48</b>	<b>57 42</b>	<b>55 44</b>	<b>56 41</b>	<b>58 50</b>	<b>51 37</b>
POP: 10%	POP: 65%	POP: 40%	POP: 5%	POP: 60%	POP: 15%	POP: 75%	POP: 75%

POP: Probability of Precipitation



Shown is Saturday's weather. Temperatures are Saturday's highs and Saturday night's lows.

### REGIONAL CITIES

City	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Aberdeen	63/54/c	62/48/c	56/46/c
Bellingham	59/49/pc	58/43/c	56/45/c
Bremerton	61/48/c	58/46/c	57/43/c
Cle Elum	72/47/pc	62/40/c	58/38/c
Coulee City	70/51/pc	64/41/c	62/38/pc
Eatonville	62/49/pc	57/44/c	56/42/c
Ellensburg	74/49/pc	65/41/c	62/40/c
Elmer City	70/51/pc	64/40/c	64/39/c
Enumclaw	61/49/pc	59/43/c	55/41/c
Everett	59/51/pc	58/47/c	56/44/c
Forks	65/51/c	64/47/c	57/44/c
Kelso	65/55/pc	62/49/c	59/44/c
Kennewick	74/55/pc	68/48/c	68/44/c
Long Beach	61/54/c	60/51/c	60/48/c
Longview	65/55/pc	61/48/c	58/44/c
Moses Lake	72/50/pc	67/41/c	64/41/pc

River/location	Flood Stage	Stage	24-hr. Chg.
<b>Skookumchuck River</b>			
near Bucoda	211.5	203.25	-0.04
at Centralia	189.0	177.01	-0.11
<b>Chehalis River</b>			
near Doty	318.0	307.48	-0.46
at Centralia	168.5	152.99	-0.61
near Grand Mound	141.0	130.82	-0.47
at Porter	48.0	32.78	+1.19
<b>Newaukum River</b>			
near Chehalis	202.5	193.04	-0.22
<b>Cowlitz River</b>			
at Packwood	10.5	0.81	-0.18
at Randle	18.0	4.27	-0.40

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City	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Mount Vernon	60/50/pc	59/44/c	56/45/c
Olympia	62/50/pc	59/44/c	57/41/c
Omak	66/50/pc	62/40/c	63/40/c
Pasco	74/55/pc	68/46/c	70/43/c
Port Angeles	59/49/c	58/42/c	54/43/c
Portland	68/57/pc	65/54/c	69/42/pc
Pullman	72/51/pc	60/46/c	59/39/c
Richland	75/55/pc	69/48/c	69/42/pc
Seattle	59/51/pc	58/48/c	56/43/c
Spokane	71/51/pc	63/45/c	58/40/c
Sunnyside	74/53/pc	69/43/c	68/38/pc
Tacoma	59/48/pc	58/43/c	56/42/c
Vancouver	67/57/pc	63/51/c	61/46/c
Walla Walla	72/55/pc	67/51/c	65/44/pc
Wenatchee	68/52/pc	65/46/c	62/44/c
Yakima	73/52/pc	66/41/c	66/38/c

### SOLUNAR TABLE

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

	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.
Major	5:33 a.m.	6:32 a.m.	7:28 a.m.	8:18 a.m.
Minor	11:48 a.m.	12:23 a.m.	1:14 a.m.	2:04 a.m.
Major	6:02 p.m.	7:01 p.m.	7:55 p.m.	8:44 p.m.
Minor	---	12:47 p.m.	1:42 p.m.	2:31 p.m.

### SUN AND MOON

	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.
Sunrise	7:37 a.m.	7:39 a.m.	7:40 a.m.	7:42 a.m.
Sunset	6:15 p.m.	6:13 p.m.	6:11 p.m.	6:10 p.m.
Moonrise	3:12 p.m.	3:48 p.m.	4:16 p.m.	4:39 p.m.
Moonset	11:22 p.m.	none	12:44 a.m.	2:08 a.m.

First Oct 21    Full Oct 28    Last Nov 5    New Nov 13

### ALMANAC

Centralia statistics through Thursday

TEMPERATURES	70/46
High/low	70/46
Normal high	61
Normal low	43
Last year high	68
Last year low	43
Record high	75 in 1938
Record low	27 in 1949

PRECIPITATION (inches)	0.00
Thursday	0.00
Record for date	0.05 in 1954
Month to date	2.15
Normal month to date	2.13
Year to date	12.84
Normal year to date	29.85
Last year to date	12.04

#### 7-DAY TEMPERATURE TREND

Daily range — Normal high — Normal low

10/13	64	10/14	63	10/15	61	10/16	63	10/17	61	10/18	73	10/19	70
10/13	43	10/14	54	10/15	48	10/16	46	10/17	46	10/18	48	10/19	46

#### 7-DAY PRECIPITATION TREND

Daily amount (in inches) — Normal amount

10/13	0.02	10/14	0.04	10/15	0.02	10/16	0.04	10/17	Trace	10/18	0.00	10/19	0.00
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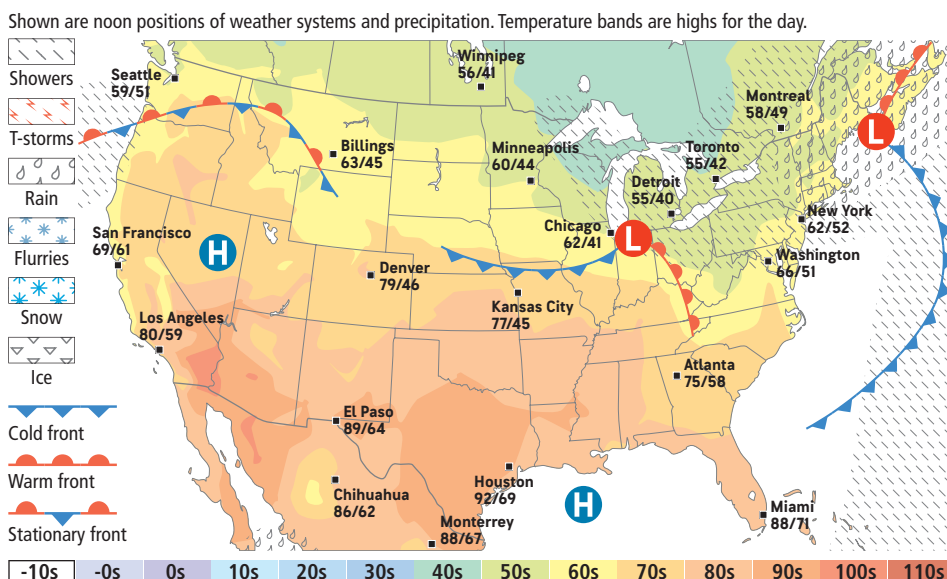
### DAILY CONDITIONS

Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.
2	1	1	1
9	6	8	6
8	6	8	6

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### NATIONAL FORECAST SATURDAY



### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	82/54/s	81/52/s	78/54/s
Anchorage	31/21/s	31/26/s	33/24/s
Atlanta	75/58/s	73/49/s	73/50/s
Billings	63/45/pc	69/40/pc	47/37/r
Boise	79/54/pc	72/49/sh	68/43/pc
Boston	62/52/r	58/48/c	59/43/pc
Cheyenne	72/40/s	74/44/s	69/38/pc
Chicago	62/41/c	57/41/s	61/52/c
Cleveland	56/45/sh	52/37/c	58/46/s
Dallas	92/66/s	90/69/s	84/68/t
Denver	79/46/s	78/49/s	78/42/s
Detroit	55/40/sh	54/34/s	57/46/pc
Honolulu	86/72/sh	86/75/pc	87/72/s
Houston	92/69	88/67	
Los Angeles	80/59	89/64	88/67
Los Vegas	92/69/s	87/70/pc	84/71/pc
Las Vegas	93/64/s	88/61/s	77/61/s
Los Angeles	80/59/pc	72/61/pc	74/56/pc
Miami	88/71/s	87/70/pc	87/75/pc
Minneapolis	60/44/pc	59/49/c	64/48/c
New York City	62/52/r	56/46/c	60/44/pc
Omaha	69/42/s	64/49/pc	76/60/pc
Phoenix	102/71/s	98/70/s	91/65/s
Rapid City	64/41/s	72/44/s	58/37/c
St. Louis	76/46/s	66/49/pc	76/62/pc
Salt Lake City	76/54/s	79/51/pc	69/47/pc
San Francisco	69/61/pc	70/57/c	70/58/s
Washington, DC	66/51/pc	64/44/s	63/44/s

# 80-year-old woman dies after being struck by vehicle in Chehalis

By The Chronicle staff

An 80-year-old Chehalis woman was struck and killed by a vehicle while she was crossing Southwest Interstate Avenue in Chehalis on Wednesday, according to the Chehalis Police Department.

Law enforcement personnel did not release the woman's name Thursday morning.

The vehicle was reportedly traveling southbound in the 100 block of on Southwest Interstate Avenue when it struck the pedestrian, according to the Chehalis Police Department. Officers were dispatched to the scene at approximately 7 p.m.

"Lifesaving measures were attempted at the scene, but they were unsuccessful," the Chehalis Police Department said in a news release.

The roadway remained closed for several hours Wednesday evening.

The Washington State Patrol is assisting with the ongoing investigation, according to the Chehalis Police Department. No arrests had been made as of Thursday morning.

The Chehalis Police Department asks anyone with information about this incident to contact Detective Sgt. Warren Ayers at 360-748-8605.



Sarah Burdick / The Chronicle

Personnel from the Lewis County Coroner's Office are pictured at the scene of a fatal vehicle vs. pedestrian incident in Chehalis on Wednesday night.

## News in Brief

### Thurston County deputies arrest man accused of killing dog near Nisqually River

By The Olympian

Thurston County deputies arrested a 27-year-old man Wednesday on suspicion of killing someone's dog with a knife and a firearm.

The alleged killing occurred in the Nisqually Valley area on Monday, according to a Facebook post from the sheriff's office. Deputies reportedly responded to a disturbance at a residence in the area and found the dead dog.

The sheriff's office alleges the man slit the dog's throat, shot it and rolled it down an embankment toward the Nisqually River. Deputies recovered the dead dog from the riverbank, per the post.

The man fled the scene before deputies arrived but the post says they were able to locate him after "numerous follow ups."

Deputies booked him into the county jail Wednesday on suspicion of first-degree animal cruelty and unlawful possession of a firearm, according to the jail roster.

Records from Grays Harbor Superior Court show the man was previously convicted of third-degree rape of a child, a felony, in 2019. He was sentenced to 12 months and one day in prison.

### Washington recovers \$2 million from 'predatory' student loan debt adjusters

By The Seattle Times

With the recovery of \$139,600 in restitution this week, Washington state's yearslong cam-

paign to prosecute student loan adjusters has now recouped more than \$2 million for residents who were charged illegal fees.

Since 2017, more than 30 debt adjusters have been forced to pay back Washington customers for charging "excessive" fees related to managing their student loans, according to the state Attorney General's Office. These settlements were paid out to more than 2,600 Washingtonians, averaging around \$755 per person.

These debt adjusters are mainly offering to help students with the process of consolidating their federal loans, but loan consolidation is free if borrowers go directly through the federal government.

The Attorney General's Office found several illegal practices, including false marketing about loan forgiveness and charging above the legal limit in fees. Some adjusters even claimed to be affiliated with the federal government.

"It is a chaotic time for millions of borrowers as student loan repayments resume after more than three years," state Attorney General Bob Ferguson said in a news release. (Ferguson announced his candidacy for governor in May.)

Student loan payments resumed this month after pausing for several years during the pandemic. Many borrowers are still eligible for up to \$20,000 in loan forgiveness through a Biden administration program.

The \$139,600 that the state recovered most recently comes from Skyway Financial Group, a Texas-based debt adjuster that advertises a specialty in student loan forgiveness. Student Aid Group and Allied Financial were also required to pay out restitution this year, totaling more than \$200,000.

Each restitution came about

because of a complaint from a consumer, according to the state. Borrowers who suspect illegal practices from a debt adjuster can submit their concerns to the state Attorney General's Office.

### Natural gas pipeline through Washington approved to expand capacity

By The Spokesman-Review

A project that will expand the daily volume of an existing natural gas pipeline that connects Canada to California and passes through Spokane County was approved Thursday.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission authorized TC Energy, an Alberta, Canada natural gas company, to move forward with its GTN Xpress pipeline expansion.

The Gas Transmission Northwest pipeline, built in 1961, travels 1,377 miles through Idaho, Eastern Washington and Oregon. The expansion will add 150 million cubic feet per day to the pipeline's existing 2.9 billion capacity by increasing pressure through upgrades to three compressor stations in Athol, Idaho; Starbuck, Washington; and Kent, Oregon.

The project is intended to



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meet increased demand in the region.

"The GTN Xpress Project will play a critical role in keeping energy affordable and reliable for consumers in California and the Pacific Northwest," TC Energy said in a statement. "We appreciate FERC's bipartisan action today to approve the Project and will work diligently to place it into service as soon as possible."

The pipeline passes under the Spokane River in Liberty Lake.

Environmental groups and politicians have criticized the project as increasing emissions and reliance on fossil fuels.

Gov. Jay Inslee released a statement saying the project locks in long-term infrastructure investments that are against state and national climate goals. The project's estimated lifespan is at least 50 years.

"Today's decision by FERC flies in the face of what is morally and economically necessary to protect our communities from the worsening impacts of climate

change," Inslee said.

Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson filed a motion with attorneys general in Oregon and California to oppose the project last year.

On Wednesday, U.S. Sens. Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, of Washington, and Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden of Oregon, signed a letter urging the commission to reject the proposal, writing that the project repeatedly failed to demonstrate public need and failed to consult with affected tribes.

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, formed by the four tribes of the Columbia and Snake River Basin, sent a letter to the energy commission last year referencing the tribes' climate goals for reducing fossil fuels use.

Audrey Leonard, staff attorney for Columbia Riverkeeper, said the organization would join others in filing a petition for rehearing with the regulatory commission to challenge the project.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## Nora Collins

1926 ~ 2023

Nora Mae Collins, age 97, of Chehalis, Washington, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023.

She was born to Charlie and Lela Freeman on April 10, 1926 in Winthrop, Washington. For Nora, family was everything. She adored her 10 children and doted upon her grandchildren.

Nora enjoyed a long career as a chef in several restaurants in Lewis County. She also worked in the retail-fabric department of Yard Birds shopping center. Nora was incredibly thoughtful. She sent out cards to acknowledge everyone's birthdays and anniversaries. Her favorite pastimes were sewing and embroidery. Nora loved a night out at the casino, and she loved to spend her winters in Arizona. She was adored by her family and by many friends. Nora will be deeply missed.

Nora was preceded in death by her first husband, Al Murphy, her second husband, Floyd Collins, her dear companion Glenn Netteland, her granddaughter

Jamie Jacaway and her great-grandson Cameron Rager.

Nora is survived by her daughters, Norma Szabo, Cassandra Chaparro, Nancy Durga (Myron), Wendy Cline, Penny Goodwillie, Lonna Jacaway (Michael) and Lela Nachatilo (Greg); her sons, Gary Murphy (Dorothy), Mike Murphy and Leonard Collins (DeAnn); her 29 grandchildren; her 45 great-grandchildren; her 31 great-great-grandchildren; and her one great-great-great grandchild.

There will be a memorial service on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 11 a.m. at Jester Auto Museum, 321 Hamilton Road, Chehalis, Washington. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Lewis County Animal Shelter.

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# Lewis County breaks ground on new substation near Randle

By Mitchell Roland  
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Lewis County has started construction on a long-discussed project to rebuild a law enforcement presence on the east end of the county.

Sheriff Rob Snaza, County Commissioner Scott Brummer and County Manager Ryan Barrett broke ground in ceremonial fashion Oct. 9 on a new substation for the Lewis County Sheriff's Office.

The substation is being built at 8911 U.S. Highway 12, between Glenoma and Randle, on property already owned by the county on Kiona Road.

The project will cost up to \$300,000 and is funded with money from the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency

Fund. The fund was created by the American Rescue Plan.

The structure is 12 feet wide by 36 feet long and will include four car bays. According to a Lewis County news release, the structure will be completed by the spring and will be staffed by "support staff several days a week."

"I'm excited to be here and break ground on a great facility that the sheriff's department will be able to use to keep the residents of east Lewis County safe," Brummer said in the news release. "We support our law enforcement, our sheriff and all of our deputies that are out here keeping us safe and we want them to have the best facilities possible."

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office previously operated a substation 20 miles up U.S. Highway 12 in Packwood. The substation was open two days

a week but closed in September 2018 as a cost-cutting measure. At the time, the services offered at the substation were transferred to the Law and Justice Center in Chehalis.

While running for re-election last year, Sheriff Rob Snaza said the closure was "not by choice, that was by need," ac-

ording to previous Chronicle reporting.

At the groundbreaking, Snaza said the work to reopen the station was "in the process for over six years."

Snaza appears excited for the new substation.

"It will place a sheriff's footprint in the east end of the

county, housing emergency equipment for deputies and first responders providing search and rescue operations," Snaza said in the release. "Citizens will be able to meet with deputies and receive law enforcement resources in East County that are currently offered at the Law and Justice Center in Chehalis."



From left, Lewis County Sheriff's Office Captain Richard VanWyck, Sheriff Rob Snaza, Commissioner Scott Brummer, County Manager Ryan Barrett and Undersheriff Wes Rethwill are pictured at the groundbreaking of the new East Lewis County Sheriff's Substation near Randle.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR LOVING  
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## CURTIS THOMPSON

10/30/1931 ~ 9/18/2023



Washington, and also a long-standing member of the Alpha Grange #154 Onalaska, Washington.

Curtis is survived by sister Nancy Hiller, Tacoma, Washington; children Frank (Annie) Thompson, Troy, Montana, Donna Thompson, Centralia, Washington, Eva (Jesse) Valentine family home Rochester, Washington, Nancy Thompson Hobbs, Charlotte, North Carolina; 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Emma Thompson; love-of-his-life Fern Lucille "Lucy" Thompson; son Curt Allan Thompson; grandchildren Franklin Wilford Thompson and Wayne Allan Thompson.


Family will lay Curtis to rest alongside the love of his life, Fern, on Nov. 4, 2023 at 2 p.m., Alpha Grange. Celebration of Life with military honors will be in the spring of 2024. Time and place will be announced at a later date.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## BOBBY SERL SR.

1935 ~ 2023



Notably, he also served many years as a City of Chehalis reserve police officer providing security for W.F. West home games and dances, and he was a Centralia College adjunct professor, where he taught wastewater treatment courses.

Being an avid outdoorsman, he passed his passion for deer and elk hunting, as well as salmon fishing, on to his many children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and countless others. He will be remembered as a skilled athlete who enjoyed playing baseball and slow pitch until he was well over 50. He coached his own sons and many talented Twin Cities youth in Babe Ruth baseball, where he also served as president. A talented bowler, "Uncle Bob," as he was known by many, bowled throughout Lewis County until 2020. Bobby loved to volunteer and was an active member of Kiwanis for decades.

The family would like to extend a special thank you, love and appreciation to Dad's caregivers, Lottie, Eva and great-grandson Kenton, for walking alongside us in Bob's final years, months and days and for providing care above and beyond expectations.

To view the extended obituary, and leave comments for family, please visit [www.cattermolefh.com](http://www.cattermolefh.com).

Please join the family in a celebration of life from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, at the Veterans Memorial Museum, 100 SW Veterans Way, in Chehalis, Washington.

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Ann Marie was born May 10, 1929, in Butte, Montana, to Timothy and Nellie (Riley) Dwyer. Growing up in Butte, she enjoyed ice skating and biking as a young girl, and even started driving at the age of 12 years. She often reminisced about Saturday strolls through downtown with her mother and grandmother, where they would window shop, visit with everyone and enjoy lunch out. After graduating from Butte Girls Central High School, she attended business school in Minnesota. Throughout her lifetime, she enjoyed working as a bookkeeper for Standard Oil in Butte, Montana, Texaco in Seattle, Centralia College, Leprechaun Dairy and eventually retired from the City of Centralia.

On Aug. 18, 1962, Ann Marie married Frank (Pete) Rosa, who she had known since childhood in Butte, Montana. She joined Frank to live in Centralia, where they raised three children and enjoyed trips to Ocean Shores, picnics with friends and lived in the same home for over 50 years before moving to Seattle to be near kids and grandkids. Ann Marie's thoughts were never far from Butte. She and Frank shared a deep love for their Irish heritage and Butte roots. They would sit at the kitchen table most nights and enjoy a drink before dinner; the conversation almost always included the many special friends, family and places they both treasured in memories of Butte.

Ann Marie's charm was matched only by her wit, and she had a penchant for fashion. She knit and sewed beautiful garments for herself and her grandchildren, enveloping her family in warmth with her hand-knit Irish sweaters and cozy afghans. She was a "lady" in the truest sense, yet beneath that refined exterior was a great strength drawn from her Butte-Irish heritage.

Life was enriched by her cherished relationships with friends and family in Butte, and she maintained regular correspondence with her cousins in Ireland. In Centralia, she had a circle of friends too numerous to name and rarely missed Saturday morning coffee with neighbors, a testament to her strong social connections.

Ann Marie is survived by her children living in Seattle with their families, Paul (Kelly) Rosa, Catherine (Bruce) Mirkin and Margaret (Bradley) Mansker; grandchildren, Kate and Mary Rosa; Sarah, Annie and Patrick Mirkin; and Tim and Maura Mansker; brothers-in-law living in Butte, Dan (Loretta Gay) Rosa, Jim (Cathy) Rosa and Ben Pezdark.

Ann Marie was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Frank (2016); father-in-law, Mitchell Rosa; mother-in-law, Margaret Rosa; sister and brother-in-law, James and Margaret Freebourn, and sister-in-law Mildred Pezdark.

A lifelong Catholic, a funeral mass will be held in Seattle at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Nov. 3, 2023, at 4 p.m. followed by a reception. The burial will take place in Butte, Montana in spring or early summer 2024.

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# Records

## CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT Suspicious circumstances

At approximately 4:40 p.m. on Oct. 18, a doctor in the 900 block of South Market Boulevard reported a patient had forged her signature.

A group of eight “somewhat aggressive” male subjects was reportedly “getting a little handsy” and possibly following someone in the 300 block of Southwest Third Street at approximately 6 p.m. on Oct. 18.

Just after 8:30 a.m. on Oct. 19, a caller in the 1000 block of Northwest West Street reported a male subject was standing on top of the railing on the West Street overpass. The caller expressed concern the subject might jump. Crisis services were dispatched.

## Assault

A subject was arrested in the 700 block of Northwest Ohio Avenue at 5 p.m. on Oct. 18 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for fourth-degree assault, domestic violence after a caller reported her mother wasn’t letting her get her belongings from her residence while she was moving out.

Just before 7:20 p.m. on Oct. 18, a caller reported an unidentified subject grabbed him by the neck and threw him on the ground at W.F. West High School about five to 10 minutes prior. The victim did not want to press charges.

## Theft

A third-degree theft reported in the 1500 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue just before 6:20 p.m. on Oct. 18 is under investigation.

A vehicle prowling was reported in the 1600 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue at 8:40 a.m. on Oct. 19.

## Juvenile problems

A juvenile was reportedly “being disorderly and (was) obviously under the influence of something” in the 300 block of Southwest 16th Street at 7:45 p.m. on Oct. 18.

A “juvenile problem” reported in the 1300 block of Southwest Wilson Avenue just before 9:05 p.m. on Oct. 18 is under investigation.

## Dispute

A “disturbance/dispute” reported at the intersection of Southwest Third Street and Southwest Chehalis Avenue just before 8:20 p.m. on Oct. 18 is under investigation.

A verbal dispute was reported in the 200 block of Southwest 13th Street at approximately 3:10 p.m. on Oct. 19.

## Vehicle accident

Just after 9:40 p.m. on Oct. 18, a caller in the 1600 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue reported he was walking out of a business when “a car sped by (and) hit the milk in his hand” then left the scene. The caller advised he walked in front of the vehicle, the vehicle tried to miss him and hit the milk. No injuries were reported.

## Hit-and-run

A hit-and-run was reported in the 500 block of Southwest Pacific Avenue just after 8:45 a.m. on Oct. 19.

A hit-and-run was reported at the intersection of Southeast Dobson Court and Southeast Park Hill Drive just before 2:20 p.m. on Oct. 19.

## Criminal trespass

A male suspect accused of stealing from a business in the 1600 block of Northwest Louisi-

ana Avenue was trespassed from the business at 9:10 a.m. on Oct. 19.

Two subjects involved in a verbal dispute outside a business in the 1200 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue were trespassed from the business just before 12:50 p.m. on Oct. 19. The dispute began after one subject’s vehicle reportedly hit a grocery cart the other subject was pushing.

## Harassment

Possible harassment was reported at the intersection of Northwest Middle Street and Northwest State Avenue just before 1:20 p.m. on Oct. 19. The caller reported a male subject was “on private property acting ‘in a threatening manner.’” The caller did not identify the subject. Officers determined no crime had occurred.

## Malicious mischief

Just before 6:35 p.m. on Oct. 19, a caller reported a male subject driving a “late model SUV-type (vehicle) just tried running over two boys” in the 300 block of Southwest Ninth Street. One of the boys reportedly threw a skateboard through the vehicle’s windshield, causing significant damage. No arrests were made.

## CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Theft

Just after 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 28, a vehicle was reported stolen from the 3000 block of Borst Avenue sometime overnight.

A 37-year-old Centralia man was cited for shoplifting in the 1100 block of Harrison Avenue just after 10:50 a.m. on Oct. 18.

Just after 10 a.m. on Oct. 19, items were reported stolen from a business in the 300 block of North Tower Avenue sometime over the weekend. The case is under investigation.

## News in Brief

LC Coffee Co. in Centralia.

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## Twin Transit board meeting set for Oct. 24

*By The Chronicle staff*

The regular board meeting of the Lewis Public Transportation Benefit Area, which does business as Twin Transit, will be held on Oct. 24 at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Port of Chehalis conference room at 321 Maurin Road in Chehalis. As of 10 a.m. Friday, an agenda for the meeting was not available.

## UnitedHealthcare failed to meet mental health requirements, Washington says

*By The Seattle Times*

UnitedHealthcare, one of the largest insurers in Washington, is facing a \$500,000 fine for failing to prove its operations are in line with laws outlining mental and behavioral health coverage requirements.

Washington’s Office of the Insurance Commissioner said the fine was the first in the state for this kind of violation and one of the largest fines the office has issued. It comes after the OIC said UnitedHealthcare failed to provide adequate information demonstrating how the company administers its mental health and substance use disorder benefits, as compared to medical and surgical benefits, despite at least four requests between 2019 and 2021.

Stephanie Marquis, the public affairs director for the OIC, said the office discovered the

violations during a review of all insurance plans in Washington.

Under a concept known as parity, federal and state laws require insurers to provide coverage for mental health and substance use disorder treatment and services no more restrictively than coverage for physical health concerns. If a patient who went into a diabetic coma would not be refused emergency hospital care and told to diet first, that means a patient in a mental health crisis should not be sent away and told to try talk therapy first.

However, a Seattle Times review of mental health parity in Washington found those regulations difficult to enforce for a few reasons: The process to appeal an insurer’s denial can be lengthy and confusing and often requires expensive legal action. The system for governing insurance companies is also bifurcated, creating a patchwork set of rules that can vary by plan. Mental health has also been historically disregarded, leaving awareness of treatment needs decades behind.

One way the system fails to ensure consistent mental health coverage is through enforcement.

The OIC can only force compliance for about 1 in 5 health care plans in Washington, including fully insured small and large group plans and individual plans bought on the health care exchange. It does not have jurisdiction over other types of plans. For example, the federal government — not the OIC — is responsible for administering Medicare and overseeing self-funded plans.

This is the first time the insurance commissioner has taken action against an insurer specifically for violating mental health parity requirements, Marquis said.

The OIC has previously taken enforcement action against insurance companies, including

A 19-year-old Auburn man was cited for shoplifting in the 1100 block of Harrison Avenue at 10:20 p.m. on Oct. 19.

## Assault

A 39-year-old Centralia man was arrested in the 1600 block of Eshom Road just after 8:50 p.m. on Oct. 18 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for fourth-degree assault, domestic violence.

## Harassment

Harassment reported in the 400 block of Courtland Street just after 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 19 is under investigation.

## Vehicle accident

A vehicle collided with the back of another vehicle at the intersection of Harrison and Fords Prairie avenues just after 5:25 p.m. on Oct. 19. No injuries were reported.

## LEWIS COUNTY JAIL STATISTICS

As of Friday morning, the Lewis County Jail had a total system population of 131 inmates, including 118 in the general population and 13 in the Work Ethic and Restitution Center (WERC). Of general population inmates, 91 were reported male and 27 were reported female. Of the WERC inmates, 11 were reported male and two were reported female.

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UnitedHealthcare, though fines are often smaller and range from hundreds of dollars up to tens of thousands.

Experts, including state lawmakers, believe government agencies need to more proactively investigate inequities in coverage and be less dependent on members to come forward with complaints.

According to Wednesday’s announcement, it appeared more UnitedHealthcare customers were being denied admittance to inpatient facilities for mental health and substance use disorder cases than for medical services. There were also apparent disparities in reimbursement rates for mental health and substance use disorder providers compared to medical and surgical providers.

State insurance commissioner Mike Kreidler also specified “potential noncompliance” with mental health parity laws as reasoning for the fine.

“We expect companies to deliver critical benefits to consumers who need them, without barriers, and to demonstrate their compliance when asked,” Kreidler said in a news release. “If they cannot do so, we will hold them accountable.”

UnitedHealthcare and Optum Behavioral Care, which manages the behavioral health care branch of the company, were not immediately available for comment Wednesday evening.

## Death Notices

**SALLY J. ACKERMAN**, 69, Winlock, died Oct. 19 at Providence Centralia Hospital. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home.

**LARRY G. KINCAID**, 84, Chehalis, died Oct. 18 at Woodland Village in Chehalis. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home.

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## Vote to invest in 911 and Lewis County's first responders

There's a saying sometimes used to encourage people to volunteer for their local fire districts: "What if you called 911, and nobody came?"

This week I was thinking about a related idea: "What if the emergency worker who is trying to rescue you called for backup, and nobody could hear?"

In Lewis County, which has more than its share of hills, valleys, twists and turns in our remote wooded areas, that can happen as first responders use radios and gear that have a hard time reaching out from spots near Pe Ell, Packwood or the peaks of the Cascades.

It's one reason why voters who open their ballots this week will see a request to increase Lewis County's sales tax rate by 0.2% to create a dedicated, stable



By Brian Mittge

funding source for Lewis County's 911 center and emergency services.

No one likes raising taxes, but in this case we know exactly where the money will go — to supporting, modernizing and keeping up our county's first response system.

It's a proposal worthy of support.

**I HAD A CONVERSATION** this week about the measure with Gregg Peterson. He has been a volunteer firefighter since he was 15 and has worked as a professional firefighter as well. After retirement, he has continued to volunteer for the fire district serving his home in Boistfort. He's a self-sufficient guy who has given a lot to or community and others, saving countless lives. After 55-plus years of service to his neighbors as a firefighter, he has earned the right to be heard.

His quiet, measured request

is for Lewis County voters to support this 0.2% sales tax increase.

"It's two dimes on a \$100 purchase or a penny on a \$5 latte," he said, noting that most non-prepared groceries are not subject to sales tax. It also wouldn't affect gasoline or most prescription medications.

This proposal would also, for the first time, ensure that visitors to Lewis County — when they shop at local stores — will help pay for the services they use when things go awry during their visit.

"Sporting events and people staying in hotels and calling 911 keeps us busy, but they don't contribute toward it," Peterson said. "Campers don't contribute. They call 911 when they have a heart attack or get stranded on the river ... This is all being paid for by local citizens."

Currently the county's 911 dispatch center is funded partly

by a tax on phone service and mostly by fees charged to local emergency services departments, which they pay from the property taxes that we all pay. As those costs have increased, the ability of fire districts to pay hasn't kept up (since taxing districts can't increase their property tax rates more than 1% a year).

The more our local fire and police services pay for 911, the less they have to pay for the people who will respond to those calls.

Peterson told me about a first responder in Pe Ell who called for backup before she even got to the crash site. She knew that her radio wouldn't work at that location, and she didn't want to have to leave her patient to go back to her vehicle to call in. Better radios and more repeater antenna would address that problem.

**ANDY CALDWELL**, a military veteran and local police officer with more than 20 years of experience, said this sales tax is a way to keep our 911 system function-

ing well and to keep our first responders equipped.

The funds raised are dedicated to emergency communications systems and facilities, and can't be redirected to other governmental expenses.

"It has to stay in 911," Caldwell said, noting that this proposal has been in the works for the better part of a decade.

Modern radios and communications equipment will help protect first responders and their ability to serve their neighbors.

"The community deserves it," Caldwell said. "They deserve the best service we can provide."

**WHEN YOU VOTE**, this is a measure that deserves support.

When we call 911, we want someone to show up with the tools they need. This tax is an important part of making sure that will keep happening in the best way our volunteer and professional first responders know how.

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### Letters to the Editor

### Hydrogen hub should be viewed as a positive step for our community

Recently, there has been a lot of political drama around \$1 billion in federal funding, Fortescue, the Economic Alliance of Lewis County and the Lewis County Commission. Drama aside, there is confusion around information, which is driving questions around the \$1 billion.

Recently, Commissioner Lindsey Pollock posed questions and comments because she did not receive answers for the information she asked for. The following is what I found in my brief research into her questions. I have provided supporting links with this letter.

Schools not seeing property tax benefit?

I may be wrong, but I do not see where Fortescue would fall under the designation of a State Assessed Utility and qualify for the recent Green Energy Tax Incentive, which would give them an exemption from the assessed utility tax. I would assume this facility will be assessed as any other business property in Lewis County. With that will come taxes for our schools depending on the valuation of their property. There are federal incentives under the inflation reduction act that they should qualify for, but those incentives would not impact local tax rolls directly. Regardless, the incentives are there to encourage moving away from fossil fuels and toward more planet-friendly and sustainable energy choices.

300 megawatts (MW) needed to power the facility?

The loss of the coal plants' MW capacity has been planned for years and will be replaced with renewable sources from the power grid. The power Fortescue will use will come from renewable sources (primarily hydro and abundant), which is why Washington is attractive as a net-neutral choice. They will have to purchase their power, which will mean income to another Northwest power producer — a positive for other PNW renewable jobs in other communities.

Hydrogen going to China?

One article shows that produced hydrogen is earmarked for multiple Western Washington entities already, including Amazon, heavy truck maker PACCAR, and the Northwest Seaport Alliance.

Where are the jobs?

The exact number is unclear as the scope of the project is not

determined. Sean Swope is way off base in quoting 10,000 jobs in The Chronicle. The 10,000 is for the entire Northwest hydrogen hub, which includes other locations, and the number includes construction jobs (over 8,000 of the 10,000). Regardless, 35 to 65 permanent high-paying jobs are better than zero if that is the number.

Overall, we should look at this project as a positive for the direction our community should go. It demonstrates prudent use of existing land and infrastructure and leaves room for other businesses at the same location in the future. Bigger is not always better. It is less risky not to rely on one or two large employers in our community and spread the job base around to a variety of business segments. It is a good approach to start branding our community as an innovative hub with progressive and forward-thinking intentions. This will encourage further investment into our community. We will all benefit from that in the long run.

MATT EVANS  
Centralia

### Washington, D.C. doesn't care about you: Realizing the power of the local vote

As we approach the Nov. 7 general election, I find myself reflecting on the dichotomy of federal politics and our local elections here in Lewis County. It's disheartening to have to anticipate low voter turnout for such vital positions like school boards and city councils, especially when many of us are putting in tireless effort to support strong candidates. I write this with an overarching desire to not only inspire but to galvanize each of you to rise above the bread and circuses of D.C. Recognize that the power to drive change in Lewis County rests firmly in your hands.

Just imagine, every elected seat in Lewis County filled with a solid Republican, and every non-elected board position with a Republican majority. This isn't just a dream, it's an achievable reality within our grasp.

Let's be honest: federal politics often serve as a distracting sideshow. President Biden isn't the one fixing potholes in our streets, and Matt Gaetz isn't going to stop transients from invading county property with drug-use and crime. AOC isn't losing sleep over explicit material in our local libraries, acces-

sible to our children. We can't stop the Hamas attacks, but we halted the Seattle YMCA from setting up shop in a rural community that lacked the infrastructure to support their facility.

Think about this: Did Kevin McCarthy or Mitch McConnell personally step in to ban mask mandates in Lewis County? The answer is a resounding no. It was, again, our dedicated Lewis County Republican commissioners and supportive community members who took a stand. These are just the partisan positions. Imagine what we could accomplish if all of the non-partisan positions in Lewis County were filled with fearless Republican leadership?

It's time to shift our focus away from the federal circus and toward the immediate, crucial impact we can have right here in our own backyard. Let's rally behind strong Republicans who share our values and vision. Republicans who won't cave to Democrat influence in order to "cast a wide net" or cower in fear of pathetic leftist name-calling. Let's spark genuine change by casting our votes in the local election. Let's seize this opportunity and transform our community into a beacon of conservative principles and advancement.

This year we have outstanding Lewis County Republican Party-endorsed and recommended candidates who are vying for crucial positions on school boards, city councils and various other roles across our county. These candidates are fully vetted and stand as shining examples of Lewis County's conservative Republican community.

The most effective path to bring about profound change in our community and to propel these exceptional individuals to victory is to not only cast your vote by Nov. 7, but also to fervently rally everyone in your local circles to do the same. Washington, D.C., is not going to keep Lewis County red. You are.

ERIN VOLZ  
Lewis County Republican Party vice chair

### A house divided

Jesus said "If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand."

Everything that the Democrats, Biden, Inslee and all the rest are doing is stupid, evil and wrong. A partial list of stupid, evil and wrong is open borders, destruction of the energy in-

dustry, police state tactics, providing support for the enemies of America, unreliable in our support of our natural allies, trying to make our military into a social experiment instead of a fighting force, showing weakness in our international relations, doubled grocery prices, and of course \$5 gas.

The Republican Party is full of disloyal members, whether the disloyal members recognize it or not.

In Lewis County, there is a new organization, "The Conservative Coalition of Lewis County," a group of longtime Republicans who don't like the fact that the current majority at the Lewis County Republican Party support Donald Trump and Joe Kent, and perhaps because the majority has become more conservative. Also some members don't like the Lewis County Republican Party leadership. So they pick up their marbles and go away. As a result, these voters did not support the Republican Third Congressional District candidate Joe Kent, and by a narrow margin we now have a liberal Democrat representing our district.

When members at the Lewis County Republican Party, before the primary, promoted Joe Kent against the impeacher Representative Jamie Herrera Beutler, the long-time Republicans, who supported Jamie, asked the question "If Jamie wins will you vote for her?" The answer of course is "yes" because we would never vote for a liberal Democrat. But when Joe in fact won the primary, did they vote for Joe? Apparently they did not. Their lack of support gave the election to the Democrat.

The national Republicans also contain enough disloyal members to prevent the party from working as the majority and actually attempting to save our country from the crazy Democrats. So far, I assume that those disloyal people are sincere in their disloyalty, but our country cannot be saved from the destroyers if the Republican dissidents don't begin to support their party.

So I ask the disagreeing Republicans, members of the Conservative Coalition of Lewis County, to come back to the Lewis County Republican Party and reenter the debate, finally supporting the agreed upon Republican candidate.

And I ask the Republicans in Congress to select a speaker and get on with the country's business.

Further disloyalty and delay only empowers the Democrat destroyers.

"If a house is divided against

itself, that house cannot stand."

MIKE KIMBREL  
Oakville

### Support sales tax initiative to support Lewis County 911 center

As members of the communities throughout Lewis County, we are writing to encourage support for the sales tax initiative for our 911 Communications Center. Voters are being asked to consider a two-tenths of 1% sales tax to address emergency communications needs in Lewis County. This initiative will be on your ballot for the Nov. 7 general election. This sales tax represents 20 cents for every \$100.00 spent and would:

- Provide an independent funding source for emergency communications, reducing reliance on property tax revenue.
- Allow the 911 center to receive funding from tourists, shoppers and travelers that use the system but are not currently providing funding for it.
- Stabilize funding for 911 operations, including maintenance and support of communications systems.
- Allow for the implementation of new technologies that would help 911 provide faster and more efficient assistance to the public and first responders.
- Not be collected on most prescription medications, non-prepared food (grocery store), nor gasoline.

This sales tax is already in place in counties all over Washington; when you shop in Olympia or Longview, you are paying for their 911 communications system. Shoppers and travelers passing through our county use local emergency services when they need them — but they are not directly contributing to help cover the costs for those services. This sales tax would help bring balance to that burden.

As fellow citizens, we strongly urge you to join us in supporting the two tenths of 1% sales tax for emergency communication services in Lewis County.

ANDY CALDWELL  
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Firefighters from across Lewis County listen to presentations during a Lewis County Emergency Management meeting at Jester's Auto Museum in Chehalis on Thursday, Oct. 19.



Lewis County Emergency Management Deputy Director Ross McDowell talks to attendees about partnerships across the county during a meeting at Jester's Auto Museum in Chehalis on Thursday, Oct. 19.



Commissioner Scott Brummer makes opening remarks during a Lewis County Emergency Management meeting at Jester's Auto Museum in Chehalis on Thursday, Oct. 19.



Centralia Amateur Radio Emergency Service operators watch a presentation at the annual flood meeting in Chehalis.

## Flooding

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meeting included an added emphasis on flood insurance.

### What does the upcoming flood season look like?

In its latest models, the National Weather Service (NWS) predicted an El Niño winter. The weather pattern is associated with warmer and drier conditions, though large storms can still occur.

Brent Bower, a hydrologist at the NWS, said there's a "100% chance" that El Niño will exist through the end of the year.

"That's not actually a typical probability. They are often much smaller than that," Bower said, adding there's currently a moderate El Niño in effect. "But 100%, we don't see that very often."

When the calendar flips to the new year, the weather pattern is unlikely to change significantly, with models showing a 95% chance of the pattern lasting from January through March and potentially beyond. Models show the winter has a 71% chance of a strong El Niño, which Bower said "does not happen super often."

The strength of El Niño does not equate to the strength of potential storms but instead refers to how strongly the pattern is locked into place.

The region will likely see "above normal temperatures" and "drier than normal precipitation" through the end of the

winter.

"As far as rainfall and flooding, we're expecting lower than normal precipitation," Bower said.

But that doesn't mean Lewis County is out of the woods.

"That in no way means we won't get a couple of really powerful storms in a row and still have the potential for flooding," Bower said. "So we always have, every year, the potential for flooding because those storms are what ... causes them, and will not be absent, even in a dry year."

Up in the mountains, the snowpack will likely be smaller than normal while Bower said the drier and warmer weather "leaves us with fewer chances for lowland snow."

"That doesn't mean it doesn't happen," he said.

### How to prepare for a flood

McDowell said with an increasing population, it's important for newer residents to get familiar with their surroundings.

"We have a lot of new people that are moving into the area. We have a lot of new building going on," McDowell said. "Talk to people that are your neighbors. Ask them, if you're new, 'Hey, do we get any water here? What does it do?'"

McDowell said it's important to know how water pools around your residence, and what conditions of nearby rivers are during storms.

"That's your best way to get any kind of answer," McDowell said. "We can tell somebody that it gets up to 19 feet, but they

have no clue what 19 feet looks like. But their neighbors do since they were there."

To stay informed in a flood, McDowell said Centralia residents should look for information from the Centralia Police Department. Outside of the county, Lewis County Emergency Management serves as a "conduit" for assistance. Emergency Management can be contacted at 360-740-1151 or dem@lewiscountywa.gov.

During an emergency, McDowell said first responders are "going to be busy" and that it's important for residents to "set themselves up for surviving."

"If you have a 72-hour kit, it gives you enough stuff that you can have so that you don't need to call anyone for 72 hours," McDowell said. "You can survive on your own."

The kit should include a plan, important papers, food and other necessities.

### The county prepares for the upcoming flood

Lewis County was represented at the meeting by Commissioner Scott Brummer and new County Manager Ryan Barrett, who recommended residents sign up for the Lewis County Alert System.

The free service allows residents to sign up for text, email and phone alerts for updates on police, fire, severe weather, health and safety situations. To register, residents can go to lewiscountywa.gov/departments/emergency-management/lewis-county-alert/. The site also includes information on what to

pack in an emergency kit, and trackers that monitor the current water level of local rivers.

During his remarks, Brummer said it's important to be aware, which assists the limited number of emergency services when resources are stretched thin.

"The best way I can think of to help them out is to not get in that situation in the first place," Brummer said.

### 'Be aware, be prepared'

Scott Boettcher with the Chehalis River Flood Authority said the "surprise" of the 2007 flood should be a reminder to always be alert.

"The more aware you are of where you're living and the flood risk, the better prepared you can be," Boettcher said. "Decision-making in panic mode is not good decision-making."

The Dec. 3, 2007 storm, which dropped 14 to 20 inches of rain, caused more than \$500 million in flood damage to Pe Ell, Boistfort, Doty, Adna, Chehalis and Centralia. At its crest, the Chehalis River was 10 feet over flood stage at Mellen Street. The flood occurred after a "super storm" that slammed much of Western Washington.

In the first 24 hours of their response, Lewis County Dispatch received over 1,400 emergency calls.

Systems have been implemented since then to prevent a similar surprise storm, which includes a Doppler radar on the Washington coast.

"The 2007 surprise won't happen again today," Boettcher said.

"We have tools that enable people to not be surprised."

Boettcher recommended residents go to chehalis.onerain.com for flood maps, weather forecasts and road closures.

"We want to be a front door for people who don't know where the front door is," he said.

### Stay informed on home insurance

Chris Forespring, a local insurance agent, described the rush of homeowners who approach him before a flood.

"My office blows up, probably about four days before a flood, 'hey I need flood insurance,'" Forespring said. "And I'm the guy that says 'well, you should have taken it out 30 days ago' ... if you think you're going to take it out right before there's an imminent flood, it's not going to happen. Thirty days is generally the time that we wait to get approved and through."

Forespring said when submitting applications to FEMA, the two required documents are the flood zone and the elevation certificate. On older homes, an elevation certificate could be a challenge, and can often require hiring a contractor, which could further delay the process.

FEMA flood insurance will cover a maximum of \$250,000 of building coverage and \$100,000 content coverage in the event of flood. Forespring recommended that residents explore potentially securing private insurance to cover losses that exceed these amounts.

"\$250,000 is not going to cover a \$750,000 home," he said.

# 40 years of Dick's meat: Centralia's Northwest Sausage and Deli celebrates milestone anniversary

By Owen Sexton  
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Dick's Northwest Sausage and Deli, a longtime staple of the Centralia community, celebrated its 40th anniversary on Thursday, Oct. 19, as it hosted the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce's monthly Business After Hours event.

The deli was originally established in 1983 by Richard "Dick" Young, who wanted to bring old-world custom smoked meats to the Centralia community. Additionally, he provided meat processing for hunters, which the deli still does to this day.

Located at 5945 Prather Road SW in Centralia, the business is now run by Young's daughter, Julie Pendleton, who took over following Young's death 14 years ago. While little things have been adjusted here and there, she said the deli is still operated mostly the same way Young ran it.

Her husband, Dave Pendleton, now runs Dick's Brewing Company alongside the deli, overseeing beer production and distribution.

"We have done some new things, tried new recipes and other adventures like that, just to keep things fresh for the customers, but the mainstays are still here," Julie Pendleton said.

Following her father's death, Julie Pendleton had the option of closing down the deli and pursuing other interests, but she couldn't do it.

"I worked for my dad before he passed away and I look back to 14 years ago when he did pass away, and the idea of (the deli) going away, I obviously had a choice, but I couldn't let it go. It's home to me," Julie Pendleton said.

She worked on and off at the deli while in high school and college and took over as a manager about five years before Young died.

Not only did she have strong family connections to the deli, but relationships with customers that she didn't want to lose either. One of Young's grandchildren now works at Dick's.

"Our employees are family too," Julie Pendleton added.

The deli does everything from stuffing sausages and curing salamis and pepperonis to smoking pork.

Dick's also features classic deli sandwiches such as Cuban and Reuben sandwiches, along with local favorites like the Grand Mound Trio — a sandwich featuring extra-large portions of roast beef, turkey and ham with house-sliced Swiss and provolone cheeses, mustard, mayonnaise, lettuce and tomato on sourdough bread.



Back row, Julie and Dave Pendleton smile alongside Maddie McGregor and Daryl Lund as family members from left, Jackie Creed, Lori Severns, June Young and Marilyn Gallagher pose for a photo at a table during Business After Hours at Dick's Brewing NW Sausage and Deli in Centralia on Thursday, Oct. 19.

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**"We have done some new things, tried new recipes and other adventures like that, just to keep things fresh for the customers, but the mainstays are still here."**

Julie Pendleton  
owner

Additionally, customers can purchase beer made by Dick's Brewing Company, which Young opened in 1994. The brewery will be celebrating its 30th anniversary next year.

While Young's passion for custom smoked meats started the original business, he also liked to brew beer. He began brewing and letting deli customers sample the beer. Demand for the beer eventually grew to the point he had to open a separate facility.

As for the beer itself, Dave Pendleton explained that like the deli, most of the original recipes are still used, though they do produce new styles in smaller batches.



Dick's Brewing NW Sausage and Deli employees from left, Maddie McGregor, Odette Cilluffo, Julie Pendleton, Karla Vaughan and Ashley Duerr-Nedrow smile and pose for a photo in Centralia on Thursday, Oct. 19.

"We try to do at least 10 new beers a year, even if it's just for here at the deli," Dave Pendleton said. "It keeps the brewers interested more, instead of having to brew the same thing every week."

While the brewery used to distribute to multiple states, the family downscaled the operation as they discovered they

could maintain the same revenue by only distributing in-state and saving on shipping costs, Dave Pendleton explained.

Dick's Brewing Company is located at 3516 Galvin Road in Centralia. For more information on both Dick's Northwest Sausage and Deli and Dick's Brewing Company, visit <https://dicks-beer.com/>.

Dick's Northwest Sausage and Deli is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Dick's Brewing Company is open for tastings from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

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# Cardinale no longer campaigning in Lewis County Fire District 6 commissioner race

**'THINGS HAVE CHANGED':**  
Gregory Greene the only active candidate, though Cardinale will remain on ballot

By The Chronicle staff

While he was the top vote-getter in the primary election for position 3 on the board of commissioners for Lewis County Fire District 6 (LCFD4), Ken Cardinale announced this month he is withdrawing from the race.

The deadline for candidates to formally withdraw has long passed, so Cardinale's name will still appear beside his opponent's on the November ballot. If elected,

Cardinale would need to resign, at which point the board would appoint a commissioner to fill the vacant position.

"Things have changed in my life that will not allow me to fulfill the six-year term that the commissioner position requires, so it would not be right to continue as a candidate. The safety of the citizens is far too important and (they) need a fire com-

missioner that has the time to dedicate to ensure the public is properly protected," Cardinale said in an email to a Chronicle reporter on Oct. 5.

The remaining candidate in the race, Gregory Greene, opted to send The Chronicle responses to the five-question questionnaire that was sent to both candidates. Greene was asked to keep his responses to about 75 to 100 words per question.

Responses have been lightly edited for spelling and grammar.

### Gregory Greene

**Can you talk about your background and how your experience qualifies you for this position?**

I am currently serving as a fire commissioner for Lewis County Fire District 6. Prior to this appointment, I was a firefighter in Thurston County. I have professional experience with auditing statutory compliance.

**Why did you decide to run for this position?**

Giving back to my community has always been a passion of mine. I fell in love with the fire service, and serving as a commissioner allows me to enjoy both passions.

**What, in your opinion, are the primary issues facing LCFD6 and how do you intend to address them if you're elected?**

Positioning the district to best be able to adapt to the growth ahead of us. The nationwide decline in volunteer firefighters. Moving forward, I feel it's vital to be able to allocate enough resources and support to both areas in order to ensure a beneficial outcome to our efforts. This should not be looked upon solely as a financial issue. Providing the proper support and opportunities to staff members and residents of our district is crucial to the success. Fiscal responsibility plays a big factor as well. The district needs to be able to capitalize on the resources we currently have and maximize the investment the taxpayers of our district have entrusted us with.

**What sets you apart from your opponent in this race?**

The pathways that brought me here are quite different from my opponent. I was born and raised locally and have always viewed our community as home. My family is actively involved in our community, by choice. We have a vested interest to ensure our community thrives, not just for me personally but for my children and those who also call this home.



Gregory Greene

**Is there anything else that voters should know about you?**

I strive to ensure service to our residents is my No. 1 goal. That means I have to be willing to support creative ways to

maximize our capabilities as a district. I say support because this position is not about what I can do. It's about what we can do as a team. That includes district staff as well as residents of our district.

# Meet the candidates: Lewis County Fire District 4, commissioner position 2

By The Chronicle staff

Morton-area voters have a choice between two candidates for position 2 on the Lewis County Fire District 4 (LCFD4) Board of Commissioners in the November election.

The candidates are Roger Smith and Christopher Grantham.

The candidate who wins the election will serve a six-year term on the board.

The Chronicle sent each candidate the same five-question questionnaire with a request to keep their responses to about 75 to 100 words per question.

Responses have been lightly edited for spelling and grammar.

### Roger Smith

**Can you talk about your background and how your experience qualifies you for this position?**

I have been a Morton resident for the past eight years and I am presently retired. Since November of 2021, I have filled the position of commissioner two for FD4. I was appointed to fill the term of Gerald Klepach, who passed away in 2021. I also volunteer at the local food bank. I attended grade school, high school and one year of college in the Seattle area. In 1977, I started my own business and was involved in the following industries: health care, corrections, pharmacy and the aquatic therapy industry.

**Why did you decide to run for this position?**

After my appointment to the commissioner position, we have



Roger Smith

had many successes as a team at FD4. We have purchased gear and equipment for the station and the volunteers. We have worked with a team from WSU to gain information regarding a replacement building for our outdated facility. We are presently working with our State Representative Peter Abarno and Sen. John Braun to help with a grant from the state to fund the replacement of our building. What we have accomplished as a team can move forward much easier with continuity of personnel. I am asking for your vote.

**What, in your opinion, are the primary issues facing LCFD4 and how do you intend to address them if you're elected?**

1. The biggest concern for FD4 is the outdated (80 years old) building. We need to explore all avenues of finance short of having to burden the taxpayers.
2. We need to have a pleasant and comfortable place to work, as well as emergency capability should we have a disaster. We currently have no emergency housing.

**What sets you apart from your opponent in this race?**



Chris Grantham

Thirty-plus years as a business owner.

### Christopher Grantham

**Can you tell me about your background and how your experience qualifies you for this position?**

I was a long-time volunteer for Lewis County Fire District 4

beginning at the age of 18 and I have been a small business owner. I have seen first-hand the needs of the district in the form of equipment and volunteer retention. I want to bring my ideas and vision from a citizen and volunteer point of view to help support the quality and functionality of LCFD4.

**Why did you decide to run for this position?**

Giving back to the community that has raised me brings me so much fulfillment. I wanted to give my support to LCFD4 in a way that benefits the whole district from the volunteers to the community that LCFD4 serves.

**What, in your opinion, are the primary issues facing LCFD4 and how do you intend to address them if you're elected?**

The need for a new modern

facility that was built to be a fire station and equipment. I would handle it by looking into every funding opportunity I could find and seek support from the community.

**What sets you apart from your opponent in this race?**

I believe that my history in the area and the amount of time I have spent volunteering and supporting District 4 makes me the best candidate for commissioner. I have enjoyed giving back to the community that raised me.

**Is there anything else that voters should know about you?**

I hope to accomplish seeing the fire district move forward with a more modern facility and equipment. I'm ready to serve the community as LCFD4 commissioner with dedication and diligence.

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# Meet the candidates: Centralia School Board, position 4

By The Chronicle staff

Centralia-area voters have two candidates to choose from on the upcoming November ballot for position 4 on the Centralia School Board.

**Election 2023**



Incumbent Mandi McDougall is facing a challenge from Sarah Holmes.

The candidate who wins the election will serve a four-year term on the board.

The Chronicle sent each candidate the same five-question questionnaire with a request to keep their responses, printed below, to about 75 to 100 words per question.

Responses have been lightly edited for spelling and grammar.

## Mandi McDougall

**Can you talk about your background and how your experience qualifies you for this position?**

A long-time Centralia resident, I have a bachelor's degree in children, youth and family studies from Trinity Lutheran College. My husband and I are raising our two children in Centralia. They are 9 and 13. I have owned and operated a photography studio in downtown Centralia for the last 12 years. I have extensive nonprofit and volunteer leadership experience; I run both the Lighted Tractor Parade and the Summerfest Parade, I served in leadership of Centralia Mothers of Preschoolers and was coordinator for two years, and I helped start the nonprofit Kiddin' Around and currently serve as board president. I have served as a Centralia School Board director for the last four years, and am currently the vice chair of the board.

**Why did you decide to run for this position?**

I love living in Centralia and believe in our community. I want to see Centralia thrive, and a huge part of that is building success for our school district, our students and our families. Our district has made huge improvements in transparency and communication over the last four years, and I believe with Dr. Lisa Grant at our helm, we will continue working hard to meet our goals. I want to be a part of helping direct and support that work, so that all of our children have access to a quality education.



Mandi McDougall

**What, in your opinion, are the primary issues facing the Centralia School District and how do you intend to address them if you're elected?**

Our single most pressing issue currently as a district is getting our kids caught back up to grade level. We know they are behind, we know there are multiple reasons for this challenge, and now it's time to do the work. We must address behavior so that our kids are safe in school and can focus on education. We have to support and offer ongoing training for our teachers and staff, and we must work cohesively with our families and community to make this happen.

**What sets you apart from your opponent in this race?**

I take very seriously the task I was elected to do by the community. Nothing is more important than the safety and education of our children, and I am always ready and listening when families and community members have concerns, comments and suggestions to share with me. I want to find more ways we can work together to support the good in Centralia, and work on the challenges we face.

**Is there anything else that voters should know about you?**

I am proud to be from Cen-

tralia — we have bright, courageous students, kind-hearted and hard working staff, a respectful and dedicated school board, and the most amazing superintendent who goes above and beyond every single day to serve our community. It has been a challenge, an incredible learning opportunity and a joy to serve on the Centralia School Board for the last four years, and I hope I will have your vote to work hard for the next four.

## Sarah Holmes

**Can you talk about your background and how your experience qualifies you for this position?**

I was born and raised here in Lewis County. I know the values our community holds highest. I graduated from Onalaska High School and have an associate degree in medical administration from Centralia College. I am currently working on a bachelor's degree in elementary education. I worked for Centralia School District as a paraprofessional for four-plus years. My husband and I own a business here in Centralia. With that comes experience with financial management, legal and regulatory compliance, adaptability and risk management. I have also held community service positions, including coach-



Sarah Holmes

ing, Girl Scouts, school volunteer/PTO, and elected precinct committee officer for the Lewis County Republican Party.

**Why did you decide to run for this position?**

Like many members of our community, I am dissatisfied with the lack of transparency. The budget issues our district is faced with is causing a loss of staff and students to other districts. We need financial responsibility to maintain programs that keep families here. I am extremely concerned with the safety issues that are across the district. The level of risk at the middle school is baffling. These students are in weekly lockdowns. There is absolutely no excuse to be living in a constant state of fight or flight. As a mom of two kids in the district, I need to know that my kids are safe when they walk through those doors.

**What, in your opinion, are the primary issues facing the Centralia School District and how do you intend to address them, if you're elected?**

Safety is the primary issue facing Centralia. Ensuring the safety of our students and staff has always been my top priority because none of the other aspects of education matter if student/staff safety is at risk. Safety should be non-negotiable. This is a bare minimum to be able to teach or learn successfully. We can achieve safety and wellbeing with firm, effective policies and procedures. I will be focusing on student accountability as well as parent and staff accountability. It's imperative we have full-time school resource officers in every school. It's crucial that we don't have a loss of learning caused by negative actions and behaviors. Transparency and responsible governance are also a primary

issue. We need to rebuild trust and the relationship between the community and the district. We can do this by listening and representing the families in our community to be a voice for all, holding decision makers accountable, making informed and ethical choices, providing academic, science-based and age-appropriate curriculum, and having fiscal responsibility.

**What sets you apart from your opponent in this race?**

I am not bought and paid for by radical special interest groups like the teacher's union. I will be prioritizing student and staff safety. I will have and encourage the hard conversations and look for the best solutions forward not the path of least resistance. The role of the school board is to ensure that the district is responsive and representative to the values, beliefs and priorities of the community. I will stay true to this role and bridge the gap between the district and the community.

**Is there anything else that voters should know about you?**

We can do better! Let's work together to advocate for our children and provide a quality education with a success-proven curriculum. We need to support our teachers and students by freeing them from the toxic, divisive social ideologies that don't belong in the classroom. It is crucial to work together to empower parents to be the primary stakeholders in their child's upbringing, which includes their education.

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Joe Vetter, the Centralia School District's executive director of fiscal services and operations, presents the draft 2023-24 budget to the Centralia School Board during a public hearing in the district's board room on Wednesday, July 26.

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# Centralia City Council position 1 at-large candidates: an in-depth look

By Owen Sexton

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With election day less than three weeks away, candidates vying for various offices around Lewis County are making their final campaign pitches.

The Chronicle sat down with Russell Barr and Chris Brewer, who are facing off on Nov. 7 for Centralia City Council position 1 at-large, to talk about the issues currently facing Centralia and what they hope to accomplish if elected to the council.

Barr, 60, has lived in Centralia since 1989 and currently works as a software engineer for Tyler Technologies, making computer programs for local governments and municipalities to use.

Because of his profession, he said he's familiar with many issues local governments face as well as how technology can help solve them. Barr also spent some time as a part of the Centralia School District, where his children attended school.

Brewer, 39, has moved around a bit but has lived in Centralia for the better part of the past decade. He currently works for Lewis County in the IT department and is on the board of the Lewis County Trails Association.

Before working for Lewis County, Brewer was a reporter for The Chronicle. He is a U.S. Air Force veteran who worked in broadcasting for the Armed Forces Network.



From left, Russell Barr and Chris Brewer are candidates for Centralia City Council.

**"I think there's room for more enforcement. People are going to have their stories of difficulties with the police, but I see them are trying to do a good job, and the job of the council is to support that."**

Russell Barr  
candidate

driving up the number of people experiencing homelessness, he said, as inflation is also making housing unaffordable for some.

"A family who was OK 10 years ago and could afford something with a 3% interest rate and maybe putting 10% to 15% down, prices are well out of reach for a lot of those folks these days," Brewer said.

He worries inflation is going to raise the cost of living to the point where it will drive out a lot of long-time residents who still rent and have been on the precipice of purchasing a home.

### Crime and policing in Centralia

As for crime, it's actually been trending down over the last year, according to statistics from the Centralia Police Department.

Even with a recent decline, Barr said he still wants to do whatever he can on the council to help make it easier for the police to do their jobs. Currently, state law restricts police from stopping people unless they have probable cause, while before a series of state law enforcement reforms, officers needed only reasonable suspicion.

"That makes them less able to intervene," Barr said.

He isn't sure if any city ordinance could help address this issue, but he said he wants to try whatever he can to loosen state-level policing restrictions. He is also in favor of raising the police department's budget.

"I think there's room for more enforcement. People are going to

**"I want to keep conversations going with the police department and with people who see or are affected by crime going on to see what we can do and what some of their ideas are."**

Chris Brewer  
candidate

have their stories of difficulties with the police, but I see them are trying to do a good job, and the job of the council is to support that," Barr said.

When it comes to Brewer's views, he initially was opposed to the new Flock Safety cameras the city purchased earlier this year, but now he supports the acquisition.

"I had thoughts and concerns about surveilling people who aren't committing crimes to catch those who are, but the way it was described to me is that the Flock Safety cameras are a force multiplier," Brewer said.

He's still wary of surveillance, but with state restrictions on policing, he is in favor of using any tools the city can to deter crime. Brewer also wants to ensure the police department stays fully

staffed and funded.

"I want to keep conversations going with the police department and with people who see or are affected by crime going on to see what we can do and what some of their ideas are," Brewer said. "To kind of be a liaison between the citizens and police to see what we can do."

### Final thoughts

Whatever the future holds for Centralia, Barr believes the city will look much different than it does now.

"Change and progress are washing over Centralia like a huge wave," Barr said. "We're in the midst of a huge amount of change. We've got WinCo coming, and all of a sudden this is a great place to live and rent is rising."

While he acknowledges there is no stopping the change, he wants to "pump the brakes" and make sure the city is considering long-term outcomes whenever implementing any sort of change. For example, while he is happy WinCo is coming, he is worried about traffic and a potential uptick in crime in the area.

If elected, he vows to ensure the council is always considering the long-term effects of any decision, especially when it comes to infrastructure, to help mitigate growing pains for city residents.

As for Brewer's final words, he concurred with Barr about growth in the city, especially when it comes to infrastructure.

"I talked to a couple current sitting city councilors who were running four years ago, and they said the biggest issue was infrastructure and potholes four years ago," Brewer said. "There's a lot of people still concerned about it now."

Many voters he's talked to have said they want to see the city fix existing infrastructure before building more new structures. He is in favor of the Hub City Greenways proposal, which will establish a trail system throughout Centralia to make it more walkable and bikeable over the course of 20 years.

Brewer views serving on the council as the highest form of volunteerism and if elected hopes to serve and "bless" his community.

He believes if he is elected to the council, he will be a person who can get things done.

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### Homelessness and the housing crisis

When it comes to the uptick in people experiencing homelessness, Barr believes there is only so much local governments can do.

"We can work toward addressing the issues of the majority of homeless, but not all of them. Some will fall through the cracks, not that I don't have sympathy," Barr said.

While he believes the city can still do more to help, he also feels the Washington state government should be doing more to aid city governments.

Many experiencing homelessness are often fighting addictions or dealing with mental illnesses, he noted. Though the city has been working with Lewis County to help build a new shelter, he said he feels it's not going to be enough to fully address the issue.

"The state gave up a lot of responsibility in the 80s and 90s ... There used to be state-supported facilities for people to go, and now there aren't," Barr said. "We can't solve it locally, and we're already doing a lot."

He wants to work more with lawmakers at both the state and federal level to help formulate local solutions.

Barr said homelessness has been an issue that has always existed in larger cities, but it's

finally making its way to smaller communities such as Centralia. Barr said the housing crisis is affecting more than just people already experiencing homelessness.

"It's making more people homeless and we're in a housing bubble right now ... Everybody is getting screwed on housing," Barr added.

Brewer believes whatever is done to help address homelessness and related issues needs to happen fast.

"People are of the mind that they just want to see something done, whether it be getting people help or whatever," Brewer said.

He agreed homelessness has been a long-standing issue in the U.S. and it has been getting a lot worse. Brewer currently supports the Centralia Housing Assessment and Action Plan (CHAAP) the council created earlier this year.

"The way it appears to me, it's going make it easier for people to develop housing that is much needed in our community," Brewer said. "That's what I would hope to lend my voice to, to make it easier for housing to be built here and develop sustainably and responsibly while at the same time increasing our housing inventory."

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# Study: Elk hoof disease goes beyond the hoof



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A bull elk in the Toutle River Valley suffering from hoof rot. A study published last month in the journal Scientific Reports suggests that treponeme-associated hoof disease, or TAHD, is causing systemic molecular changes throughout the animal.

By Michael Wright  
The Spokesman-Review

A disease that has mangled the hooves of elk in Western Washington and other parts of the country is affecting more than just the animals' feet, according to a new study from Washington State University.

The study, published last month in the journal Scientific Reports, suggests that treponeme-associated hoof disease, or TAHD, is causing systemic molecular changes throughout the animal.

Scientists at the university examined knee tendons from elk to look for changes in its epigenetics — molecular factors that regulate gene activity. The analysis found significant epigenetic changes in samples from animals that had TAHD.

Michael Skinner, a molecular biologist at Washington State University and one of the authors of the study, said because

the tendon isn't in the part of the animal impacted by the disease, that likely means the disease is altering cells throughout the body.

"It's a much more broad effect on the elk than just its hoof," Skinner said.

The study was the first of its kind for the disease, which only affects elk. It also notes that it's possible the alterations are passed down through generations, and that it could mean mutations that make an animal more or less likely to catch TAHD are being passed to newborn elk.

TAHD is a bacterial infection that causes lesions and deformities in an elk's hooves. It can cause one part of the hoof to grow longer than the other, create painful lesions and lead to the hoof falling off completely. Elk that become infected often are seen limping, and deformed hooves can make it harder for them to get food or run away from predators.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife first encountered the disease in 2008 in southwestern Washington. It has since been reported in 17 counties, most of them west of the Cascades.

"It's all throughout Western Washington," said Brendan Oates, an ungulate specialist for WDFW.

Other detections have been confirmed in Idaho, Oregon and California.

Wildlife officials and researchers track the disease through reports from hunters and abnormal-looking hooves that hunters submit for testing.

Oates said he doesn't have hard numbers for prevalence, but said that between 10% and 15% of hunters in Western Washington who report information about their elk are seeing abnormal hooves. The disease is particularly common in the elk herd near Mount St. Helens — roughly 25% of hunters who submit reports on elk killed there report hoof abnormalities.

Margaret Wild, a biologist at WSU and one of the other authors of the study, is leading a team of researchers looking at the disease. They have spent the past several years building out their baseline knowledge, from how it infects elk to how it spreads to what it does to the animals.

"Right now, we just have all these pieces of a puzzle and we're trying to put them together," Wild said. "The more pieces of the puzzle come in, the more clear a picture we'll have."

Some of her work involves captive elk at the university, but much of it relies on samples submitted by hunters, which usually include the hoof and a few inches of the leg. Researchers try to use the sample in as many ways as possible. They can inspect the hoof itself, and then they can use other parts of the sample for other studies.

That's how the epigenetic study was done. They used tendons from a mixture of Rocky Mountain elk and Roosevelt elk samples from five states, some infected with TAHD and some not.

Skinner, the other WSU researcher, did the analysis of the epigenetics in specific cells within the tendon. In doing so, he can see whether certain genes were turned on or off — an epigenetic mark.

Environmental factors can cause those marks in an animal, but in the case of this study, he found that the marks only in the diseased animals. Those marks can be passed down to offspring.

More research would be needed to confirm that is what's happening in this case. Some other basic questions are still unanswered — like why the disease is creating epigenetic alterations, and how those changes impact an individual elk.

But confirming that it is causing a change is the first step, and it sets the stage for more studies in the future.

"Now we know a change has occurred," Wild said. "We don't know why or what the impact is, but over time we can use that as foundational information to continue to learn more."

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# Governor appoints Chris Thomas to Centralia College Board of Trustees

By The Chronicle staff

Gov. Jay Inslee has appointed Chris Thomas to serve on the Centralia College Board of Trustees, Centralia College announced Wednesday.

Trustees are appointed by the governor for five-year terms for a maximum of 10 years.

Thomas, who was introduced at the board's Oct. 16 meeting, replaces Doris Wood-Brumsickle, who ended a 10-year stint on the board in September.

"Doris is irreplaceable, but we're so excited to bring Chris Thomas on board," Centralia College President Bob Mohrbacher said. "Chris is deeply connected to Centralia College through his work with Centralia High School and the Centralia School Board, and he has important connections with the health care sector, which is an important field for many of our students. He's engaged in the community and brings a great perspective and energy to the Centralia College board."

Thomas has been the senior communications manager for Providence South Puget Sound, which includes Providence Centralia Hospital, Providence St. Peter Hospital, and the clinics of Providence Medical Group Southwest Washington, since 2006. Prior to that, he worked 14 years as a journalist, copy desk chief and editor at The Chronicle in Centralia. He has a bachelor's degree in communications from Seattle University.

He currently serves on a number of local community organizations. He is an executive board member for the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce and a board member for Centralia



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Chris Thomas and Todd Chaput ask candidates questions as attendees listen in during a candidate forum at O'Blarney's in Centralia on Thursday, Oct. 12.

**"I've always been interested in the college and I'm happy to serve the college in this way."**

**Chris Thomas**  
Centralia College Board of Trustees member

High School Dollars for Scholars and Riverside Golf Men's Club. He previously served on the Centralia School District board.

"I'm happy to be here," Thomas said on Monday. "I've always been interested in the college and I'm happy to serve the college in this way."

During the Monday board meeting, Thomas shared he graduated from Centralia High School and took calculus at the college in the days before Running Start. He also did on-air play-by-play during some early

television broadcasts of Blazer basketball games and wrote articles for the Blue & Gold, Centralia College's former student newspaper, according to Centralia College.

The Centralia College Board of Trustees generally meets on the second Thursday of every month at 3 p.m. in the Hanson Building. Meetings are open to the public.

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# Lewis County courts to host National Adoption Day event on Nov. 17

By The Chronicle staff

Lewis County Superior and Juvenile Court and the Division of Children and Family Services will celebrate National Adoption Day with an event at the Lewis County Law and Justice

Center in Chehalis at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17.

During the event, Lewis County Superior Court Judge James Lawler will finalize the adoptions of four children from foster care.

Judge J. Andrew Toynebee,

Judge Joely Yeager, Court Commissioner Paul Strophy, Superior Court Administrator Susie Palmateer, Assistant Superior Court Administrator Paula Willey, Juvenile Court Administrator Shad Hail, juvenile court dependency attorneys, child ad-

vocates and community stakeholders will all be invited to attend and celebrate the adoption process.

A reception will follow at 2:15 p.m. on the fourth floor of the Law and Justice Center.

This celebration is part of a nationwide effort to call special attention to the more than 113,000 foster children waiting in the United States for adoption, and to celebrate all loving families that adopt, according to a news release from event organizers.

Currently, there are 5,500 foster children in Washington state with 1,000 children legally free and waiting for adoption.

Here in Region 6, approximately 230 or more have permanently lost their parents and are waiting to be adopted, according to the news release.

Since 1987, the number of children in foster care nationally has doubled, and the average time a child remains in foster care has lengthened to nearly three years, according to the news release.

Each year, approximately 20,000 foster children will age out of the system without ever

being with a permanent family, according to the news release.

National Adoption Day is sponsored nationally by the Alliance for Children's Rights, Casey Family Services, Children Action Network, Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption and the Freddie Mac Foundation.

For more information, visit [www.nationaladoptionday.org](http://www.nationaladoptionday.org).

If anyone is interested in more information on becoming a foster parent, contact Elaine Peet at the Division of Licensing Resources at 360-807-7107.

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# Meet the candidates: Chehalis School Board, Director District 5

By The Chronicle staff

With two candidates eliminated in the August primary, two remain in the race for the District 5 director position on the Chehalis School Board.

The candidates are incumbent J. Vander Stoep and challenger Julie Balmelli-Powe.

The candidate who wins the election will serve a four-year term on the board.

The Chronicle sent each candidate the same five-question questionnaire with a request to keep their responses, printed below, to about 75 to 100 words per question.

Responses have been lightly edited for spelling and grammar.



J. Vander Stoep



Julie Balmelli-Powe

## J. Vander Stoep

### Can you talk about your background and how your experience qualifies you for this position?

I'm seeking a second term on the school board. On the board, I supported policies giving parents a direct role in choosing curriculum. The board adopted a no-cell-phones-in-class policy. Four years in a row, 100% of W.F. West grads have been admitted to tech, college, apprenticeships or military. During COVID-19, the board acted so that Chehalis had students safely back into class months sooner than any district our size in the state. These accomplishments came after listening to parents as well as staff and students. I would like an opportunity to keep working as a board member to increase the quality of education and career and college opportunities for every single student.

### Why did you decide to run for this position?

Because I saw the progress being made in career and technical education, STEM and career and

college preparedness for our students and I wanted to help make sure that the district remained focused on continued improvement. A quality school district is important for our kids, but also valuable to the entire community.

### What, in your opinion, are the primary issues facing the Chehalis School District and how do you intend to address them if you're elected?

The forever challenge is to continue to enhance quality education within revenue limits set by local voters and by the state.

### What sets you apart from your opponent in this race?

I respect my opponent as a person and as a candidate. I am an imperfect person and board member. But I care a lot about improving our schools and I work hard to do my best. I believe that I have played a useful part in helping our students, parents and community in my four years on the board. I learned a lot during this first term. It takes time to learn how to be most effective as a board member. I have already put in this time.

### Is there anything else that voters should know about you?

My wife and I have three

daughters, all of whom graduated from W.F. West in recent years, and I'm also a Bearcat. I have volunteered an enormous amount of time and effort before and since I joined the school board, working to help give students here a leg up toward a quality education because I believe that is a key for them achieving the American dream of a brighter future.

## Julie Balmelli-Powe

### Can you talk about your background and how your experience qualifies you for this position?

Being a lifelong resident and third generation farmer, I know well the strong, traditional values that are ingrained in our community. My children are recent graduates of W.F. West High School, so I'm very aware of the opportunities and challenges students and families face. I've worked 35-plus years managing the financial affairs of a multi-faceted company, giving me an acute sense of fiscal responsibility. Being a small business and property owner, I know the tremendous burden of property taxes, and how to live within a budget. I have served on several boards at local, county and state levels. Through these boards, my employment and my occupation

as a farmer, I have dealt with many county, state and federal agencies. And finally, having a long history of civic involvement, I have good relationships with our local leaders and many hard working volunteers.

### Why did you decide to run for this position?

It is my belief that the job of an elected official is to represent the people who elected them. After attending meetings last summer, it became clear to me that the current board was not representing the will of its voters. My frustration and the frustration of others was my catalyst for running. There are forces in society today that want to degrade our traditional values and tear apart the family structure; I want a seat at the table to fight for families and do whatever possible to protect our children's physical and mental health.

### What, in your opinion, are the primary issues facing the Chehalis School District and how do you intend to address them if you're elected?

Curriculum — Schools need to get back to basics, focusing on core subjects and life skills that set every student up for success, and all social and political propaganda needs to be removed. Chehalis schools offer amazing opportunities in advanced learning, which is great for those who excel, but the main objective of K-12 is to teach all students the fundamentals. Students have struggled to get extra help in math; a core subject required for the majority of post secondary institutions; any available funds should be spent helping students before making elective or athletic improvements.

Transparency — Curriculum, text books and library book titles should be posted on the school website, and an open door

policy for parents and guardians is needed, allowing them to observe their child's classes, access the school library and have full access to their child's school records. I will be a voice for parents' rights.

### What sets you apart from your opponent in this race?

I don't really care for the term "opponent," because I'm not running to oppose anyone, I'm running to put a director on the Chehalis School Board that will fight for families, protect their values, foster a safe learning environment and safeguard the mental and physical well being of each and every student in the Chehalis School District. In my opinion, what sets me apart from the other candidate is that my first priority is the people and families I represent.

### Is there anything else that voters should know about you?

In my years serving on boards, I have always been a strong, independent thinker; not afraid to be a lone voice in fighting for what is right. As a parent, I stand with parents. In my 30-plus years working with children, as a coach, classroom volunteer and a Boy Scouts of America leader, it has been my experience that the more a parent is involved, the better a child's chance for success.

As a school board member, I will fight for parent's rights, and I will oppose anything that infringes on a parent's involvement in their child's educational process. For more information, please visit my facebook page at Julie Balmelli-Powe.

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The 18-day voting period began on Oct. 20. Ballots are due by 8 p.m. on Nov. 7. Learn more at <https://elections.lewiscountywa.gov>. For more information about the Chehalis School District, visit <https://chehalissschools.org/>.



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## Regional Economic Forecast & Innovation EXPO

### CHAIR'S CORNER

## Fall Highlights in Our Region

*Lewis County Attracting Positive Investments, from Hydrogen Hub to \$3.14M in Grant Dollars to the Port of Chehalis*

BY LUKE MOERKE

Chairman — Economic Alliance of Lewis County

It's October and fall is in full swing. It is amazing how fast the seasons come and go, but whether we are ready for them or not, they're here, and then gone.

Fall is one of my favorite seasons for many reasons; a few of those are harvest time, making apple cider, hunting and cooler weather. All this makes me think of all the good things that are happening around our county. Let's visit a few to highlight.

The Port of Chehalis was able to secure \$3.14 million in final grant dollars for the grain terminal project, with help from U.S. Rep. Mary Gluskamp-Perez, and the Northwest Agriculture Business Center (NABC).

The Southwest Washington Growers Cooperative is likely elated to see this happen, as 2023 harvests appear to boast record numbers. The growers cooperative is led by Dave Fenn, whose addendum to one of my last columns was much appreciated. He is an authority on farming, and I respect his knowledge of such.

The cooperation of the NABC and the Port of Chehalis is a great example of getting things done to serve a need. I applaud them for that and look forward to other ways we can work together in the future. Fenn's highlighting of the near plight of crops due to required halts in harvest only reinforces the need that this project will serve.

There is a desire to find easier access to markets for our local farmers and I think we would all benefit from that realization. This is something that Maureen Harkcom of the Lewis County Farm Bureau has touched on as well.

I encourage anyone reading this to think more about where your food comes from and try to find ways to access it locally. For farmers, if you're interested in engaging in the conversation more, please reach out to the NABC (Mike Perroni) or Maureen Harkcom of the Lewis Farm Bureau for information on a stakeholder meeting in November being facilitated by the Economic Alliance.

Next up is the big announcement of the Pacific Northwest being selected as a Hydrogen Hub by the federal government. This is confirmation that the groundwork that has been laid and is being laid for an emerging energy market is the prime reason Lewis County is one of the first mentioned by Gov. Jay Inslee when it comes to a site to suit this need.

There is no doubt that across the country, significant investment is being made in this technology. Would you



LUKE MOERKE  
Chairman — Economic Alliance of Lewis County



A packed house listens to a panel at a past Thurston County Economic Development Council's EXPO.

Keynote speaker Dr. Hart Hodges is an associate professor in the Department of Economics at Western Washington University and director of Western's Center for Economic and Business Research.



play cutting-edge technology, products and innovations. Attendees will have the opportunity to network, attend breakout sessions, hear an economic forecast from leading regional economists and more.

### EDC Directors' Panel

Jennifer Baria, Executive Director, EDC Mason; Lynnette Buffington, Chief Executive Officer, Greater Grays Harbor Inc.; Michael Cade, Executive Director, Thurston EDC; Richard DeBolt, Executive Director, Economic Alliance of Lewis County; and Susan Yirku, Executive Director, Economic Development Council Pacific County

### Keynote and Forecast Speakers



Keynote speaker James McCafferty is a director of the Center for Economic and Business Research, Western Washington University.

James McCafferty, director, Center for Economic and Business Research, Western Washington University; and Dr. Hart Hodges, associate professor, Western Washington University are this year's keynote speakers.

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*'Building Regional Economic Prosperity' Is the Theme for Thurston County Economic Development Council's Annual Event Dec. 7 at the Great Wolf Lodge*

BY THE ECONOMIC ALLIANCE OF LEWIS COUNTY

The Thurston County Economic Development Council is hosting a regional gathering on Dec. 7 at the Great Wolf Lodge.

This year's theme of "Building Regional Economic Prosperity" will once again have a strong emphasis on workforce and will showcase the economic impact tribal nations have on the regional economy.

Content and discussions will delve into the issues facing business communities related to infrastructure, energy, AI, the creative economy and more. Business and community leaders will gain insights into critical and emerging trends, and will be provided with information to guide business models and action plans.

The Regional Economic Forecast & Innovation Expo is presented in partnership with the Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council and the five economic development organizations of the Pacific Mountain Workforce Region.

### Target Market

This important networking event draws over 500 decision makers, community leaders and innovators from all sectors of business and industry in the five-county region of Thurston, Mason, Grays Harbor, Lewis and Pacific counties and beyond.

This conference in its 15th year brings together regional businesses from a wide range of industry sectors, as well as leadership from non-profit, education and the public sector. Exhibitors will dis-

## Hydrogen Program Could Rake in \$40B in Private Investment

BY GRETE SUAREZ  
Quartz

U.S. president Joe Biden recently announced an ambitious \$7 billion program to grow the domestic market for hydrogen, a relatively clean energy source.

Billed as a magnet for private investment, the funding will go toward establishing seven regional hydrogen hubs. By producing some 3 million metric tons of hydrogen a year, the hubs could eliminate 25 million metric tons of carbon emissions annually — roughly the same as the pollution from 5.5 million gas-powered cars.

Biden claimed his \$7 billion initiative will draw more than \$40 billion in private capital to the hydrogen hubs. "Federal investments attract private sector investment," he told the audience

during an event at the Port of Philadelphia on Oct. 13. "A lot of it."

Spanning 16 states, the seven hubs will finance proposed hydrogen projects run by local utilities and private companies.

Startups that produce, transport, and store hydrogen are becoming buzzy. This year as of Oct. 13 in the U.S., private equity firms had committed \$6.9 billion to them via 29 deals, according to PitchBook, versus \$5.6 billion for the whole of 2022. Venture capitalists have invested \$2.5 billion across 187 deals so far this year, compared to \$4.2 billion for the previous year.

Meanwhile, Biden's hydrogen program saw its first green hydrogen startup unicorn (a company valued at a \$1 billion or more): Electric Hydrogen. Its latest series C fundraising round closed at \$380 million, with investments from

BP, Microsoft Corp., and United Airlines.

Hydrogen storage, a complementary and critical process to production, has drawn about \$3 billion in capital over the past five years, PitchBook said.

### Green vs. Blue Hydrogen

For environmentalists, the sticking point with the Biden administration's investment is whether the hubs will produce hydrogen via green or blue methods. Green hydrogen is more environmentally friendly because unlike blue hydrogen, it yields no greenhouse gases during production.

"Two-thirds of total project investment are associated with green (electrolysis based) production, within the hubs,"

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Unions make a real difference for our families, our communities, and our workers. And the answer to the question of who builds the workforce? Workers!



EDITORIAL

# Hydrogen is the next green thing for WA

The Seattle Times

Anyone who drives out to the Columbia Gorge or into Eastern Washington sees green energy in the state's huge hydroelectric dams, towering windmills and shining solar panels. There's even the odd geothermal system tucked away. Now, thanks to an infusion of federal cash, Washington will up its stake in another green energy sector — hydrogen.

The Biden administration last week announced funding for seven hydrogen production hubs across the country. One of them is in the Pacific Northwest. Washington, Oregon and Montana will receive up to \$1 billion for eight hydro-

gen projects, half of them in Washington.

Hydrogen is an excellent way to store energy. It combusts easily, without creating greenhouse gases, and it's portable. So a long-haul truck could run on hydrogen and top off its tanks just like it does with diesel. Hydrogen also can power generators and is used to manufacture fertilizer.

The trick is getting enough hydrogen. It's the most abundant element in the universe, but it likes to bond with other elements. Two hydrogen atoms combine with one oxygen atom to make a water molecule. Separating them requires energy.

Because Washington already pro-

duces a lot of green energy, it can supply clean electricity to split water into hydrogen and oxygen through a process called electrolysis. That will help the state and the nation reach important greenhouse gas-reduction milestones to help curb the worst of climate change. Some of the technology is still developing, but the science is sound.

Other hydrogen hubs without bountiful sunlight, wind and waterways will rely on natural gas and must sequester greenhouse gas byproducts.

The proposed Washington sites are near Bellingham, Centralia, East Wenatchee and Kennewick. Each is located along a major transportation corridor and is a relatively rural commu-

nity that will benefit from investment in a burgeoning, future-forward industry. The projects will create thousands of temporary construction jobs as well as hundreds of permanent jobs.

The \$7 billion that the Biden administration will spend on hydrogen was included in the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The administration hopes that its initial investment will spark more than \$40 billion of private investment in the projects.

Washington has built out its green energy infrastructure for decades. Now that is paying off as the state is perfectly positioned to capitalize on hydrogen, the next green thing.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

# Pacific Northwest Cookie Company Offers Fall Specialties

*An Economic Alliance Member, Chehalis-Based Firm Unveils Pumpkin-Doodle and Peppermint Hot Chocolate Cookies*

BY THE ECONOMIC ALLIANCE OF LEWIS COUNTY

Pacific Northwest Cookie Company was founded by Callie Carpenter in 2018 when her brother became gluten and dairy intolerant.

Built by the love of baking and delicious cookies, Carpenter set out in 2018 to make a vegan, gluten free and soy free cookie so delicious that her brother and even her traditional baking grandmother and mother would love them too.

They knew cookies would have to be completely reinvented, but it would have to be without compromising flavor, texture and consistency.

With their family pride on the line, they set out to make a cookie so good and so naturally cookie-ish that you would never be able to tell it was also 100% vegan and gluten-free.

After reinventing their family recipe from months of rigorous testing, they realized their cookies would be a game changer for those with food intolerances, restrictive diets and those just wanting to eat healthier.

The Pacific Northwest Cookie Company was officially born. Some laughed and others mocked, while others even thought it was a joke — that is until they took their first bite. They witnessed jaw-dropping reactions from critics



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and cynics alike, and like a wildfire, the word spread fast about their cookies.

They were invited to participate in an investors' pitch competition, and won the Alliance's business incubator competition and walked away as one of the winners, earning a \$10,000 scholarship to build their business further.

### A Better Vegan and Gluten-Free Cookie

Since then, they've been baking the best vegan and gluten-free cookies in the game. Word has gotten out fast because there simply isn't a vegan and gluten-free cookie on the planet like theirs. They've cracked the cookie code, and done it with locally sourced, wholesome ingredients all without compro-



Photos courtesy Pacific Northwest Cookie Company

Just in time for fall, the Pacific Northwest Cookie Company has baked up some Pumpkin-Doodle Cookies — giving pumpkin spice lattes a run for their money. This flavor is seasonal and always flies off the shelves fast.

missing flavor, texture and those little nuances that make a cookie, a cookie.

From tasty classics, like Chocolate Chip and Peanut Butter, to distinct palattes, like Molasses and Snickerdoodle, to textured delights, like Double Chocolate and Oatmeal and Raisin, they have a strong line-up of tasty treats.

### Seasonal Treats

For the holiday season, Pacific Northwest Cookie Company has created two specialty items — Pumpkin-Doodle and Peppermint Hot Chocolate (which will be featured at the upcoming Polar Express excursions put on by the Chehalis-Centralia Railroad).

### Pacific Northwest Cookie Company cookies outlets in Lewis County

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- Avenue Espresso — 921 W Main Street, Centralia
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- 125 Kirkland Road, Chehalis
- 1757 N National Ave., Chehalis
- Bray's — 13040 Highway 12, Packwood
- Burger Claim and More — 20320 Old Highway 99, SW Centralia
- Coffeezaun — 1595 National Ave., Chehalis
- Fiddler's Coffee — 1220 Mellen St.
- 101 Interstate Ave., Chehalis
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- Jeremy's Fruit Stand and Market — 1849 National Ave., Chehalis
- Jones Creek Brewing — 173 Beam Road, Chehalis
- King Street Cove and Bistro — 200 S King St., Centralia
- Let's Play Something — 109 N Tower Ave., Centralia
- Market St. Bakery — 492 N Market Blvd., Chehalis
- The Station Coffee Bar and Bistro — 120 S Tower Ave., Centralia

## EXPO:

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McCafferty seeks to broaden the connections between the University, the College of Business and Economics and the real world — businesses, non-profits, tribal communities and government agencies — through student internships, classroom based projects and consultative projects drawing on faculty, staff and students.

McCafferty brings a unique perspective and critical tools to problems faced by organizations today based on professional and community service experience at local, regional and national levels. He blends the best approaches from the for-profit, non-profit, government and individual sectors to create blended responses that are effective, efficient and practical while also maintaining long-term sustainability.

McCafferty's core skill areas include research, financial modeling, business development, branding/identity, marketing, finance, tax and legal issues (from

a lay perspective), operations, growth management and strategic partnering.

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Hodges taught economics from 1993-1995 at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, and then served as the natural resource damage assessment economist for the U.S. Department of the Interior.

He also spent several years working with an economic consulting firm in Alaska. He joined the faculty at Western in the fall of 2000. His research interests

include natural resource and environmental economics, health economics and applied business economics. Hodges is a member of the Northwest Workforce Council board and works with a variety of businesses and public agencies serving the mission of the Center for Economic and Business Research.

### Breakout Sessions

Breakouts will focus on the very real issues and opportunities facing the five-county region — first and foremost among these — workforce. A strong focus will be placed on the future — where are we at today; where do we want/need to be; and how do we get there?

Major topics include explorations of infrastructure and energy needs, the rising importance of the creative economy and how AI is impacting our regional business world.

From the importance of planning, to the very real challenges of implementation, the panels of experts will engage you in discussions on how to best create the world we want to live in. Intent will

also be given to how diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging are woven into these themes and innovations.

"The annual EXPO is a great way to end the year. (Last) year's breakout sessions were informative," said Tenino Mayor Wayne Fournier. "I especially appreciated the chance to network all day at the event."

"Learning about the way the EDC helped transform the supply chain for locally sourced grain inspired me," said Port of Olympia Commissioner Amy Evans about last year's EXPO. "The EDC EXPO can help other industries evolve by bringing stakeholders together and reimagining the way our local economy works. Thankful for the opportunity to attend."

### If You Want to Attend

The Regional Economic Forecast & Innovation EXPO is from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec 7 at the Great Wolf Lodge. Attendees: \$100; exhibitors: \$700 (includes two registrations). Tickets can be purchased at [thurstonedc.com](http://thurstonedc.com).

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the White House's press release stated.

The hydrogen hubs will impact steel-making, a fossil fuel-reliant industry that the Biden administration hopes to pivot to hydrogen. The sector currently accounts for 9% of global greenhouse gas emissions, according to environmental group the Sierra Club.

But the proposed hubs in steelmak-

ing counties — those in the Appalachians and the Midwest — would use blue hydrogen production. Also, environmentalists maintain, Biden's program isn't far-reaching enough to make steelmakers switch to hydrogen from the outdated blast furnace, which uses coal to produce steel from iron ore. Because moving to hydrogen involves updating those furnaces, the costs would add up.

Green hydrogen uses an extraction method that splits water into hydrogen

and oxygen through electrolysis powered by renewable energy, such as the Northwest's hydroelectric dams.

Hydrogen obtained this way can be stored or used in industrial or heavy mobility processes, according to Spanish energy giant Iberdrola. Given that the energy source for production is already green, only oxygen is released into the atmosphere, so the hydrogen has zero carbon emissions.

The downside of this method is its high costs. But they should fall 30% by

2030, according to the International Energy Association (IEA), thanks to cheaper renewable energy and economies of scale in hydrogen production.

Blue hydrogen is more economical to produce. But it requires heating methane — a form of natural gas — to separate hydrogen from oxygen, with carbon dioxide as the byproduct. Current practice is to store the CO2 underground or beneath the ocean via "carbon capture" to prevent release into the atmosphere, but there's still a risk of leaks.

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rather that investment go somewhere else as the TransAlta plant shutters, or here? That is rhetorical of course.

The fact is, it's partly our tax dollars being used, so why wouldn't we want them re-invested here, rather than Oregon, California or somewhere else. There will be a huge benefit to our local economy if this plays out.

I believe we should continue to be diligent in preparing for this. We need

to be smart on housing, infrastructure, and plan out the projects that we have in the next 3 to 10 years to accommodate growth in manageable ways.

The Alliance is dedicating time and resources to things like Dig Once, The Housing Alliance, and others to try to help in these areas. This is what I believe most of our local leaders have in mind, and I think it could go very well for our community in the long run. We are looking to facilitate a forum on the hydrogen topic in the coming month or so. Please keep an eye out for that.

The last thing I wanted to mention in

this month's column is the upcoming local elections. I encourage everyone to be engaged in the process, read up on the candidates, and voice your opinion by voting. Too often there are lots of complainers who don't voice their opinion when it matters.

I heard recently that the average voter turnout in Lewis County is 35%. That is good, compared to other counties/states. I think it should be higher of course.

One thing that I usually vote against is raising taxes. However, the proposed emergency services sales tax rate in-

crease appears to me to make sense. Please do your own research and consider what we will need in emergency services in our growing county in the future.

If you've ever relied upon emergency services in a life and death situation, you know the value in a system that works.

Please keep that in mind and enjoy the rest of your fall season!

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Luke Moerke is chair of the Economic Alliance of Lewis County, and owner of Exodus Engineering.



Photos by Lenee Langdon

The Tilton River is a somewhat hidden, but a true gem found in East Lewis County.

# Discover Tilton River State Park — A Hidden Gem in Lewis County

BY LENE E LANGDON

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Nestled in the picturesque landscapes of the Pacific Northwest, Tilton River State Park is a hidden gem waiting to be explored.

Located in Lewis County, this park offers an incredible natural retreat for outdoor enthusiasts and those seeking a serene escape from the hustle and bustle of city life.

### Natural Beauty

Tilton River State Park is a haven for nature lovers. The park boasts lush forests, serene meadows, and pristine riverbanks.

As you wander through trails, you'll encounter a diverse range of flora and fauna. Keep your eyes peeled for the myriad bird species that call the park home, making it a paradise for bird-watchers.

### Recreational Opportunities

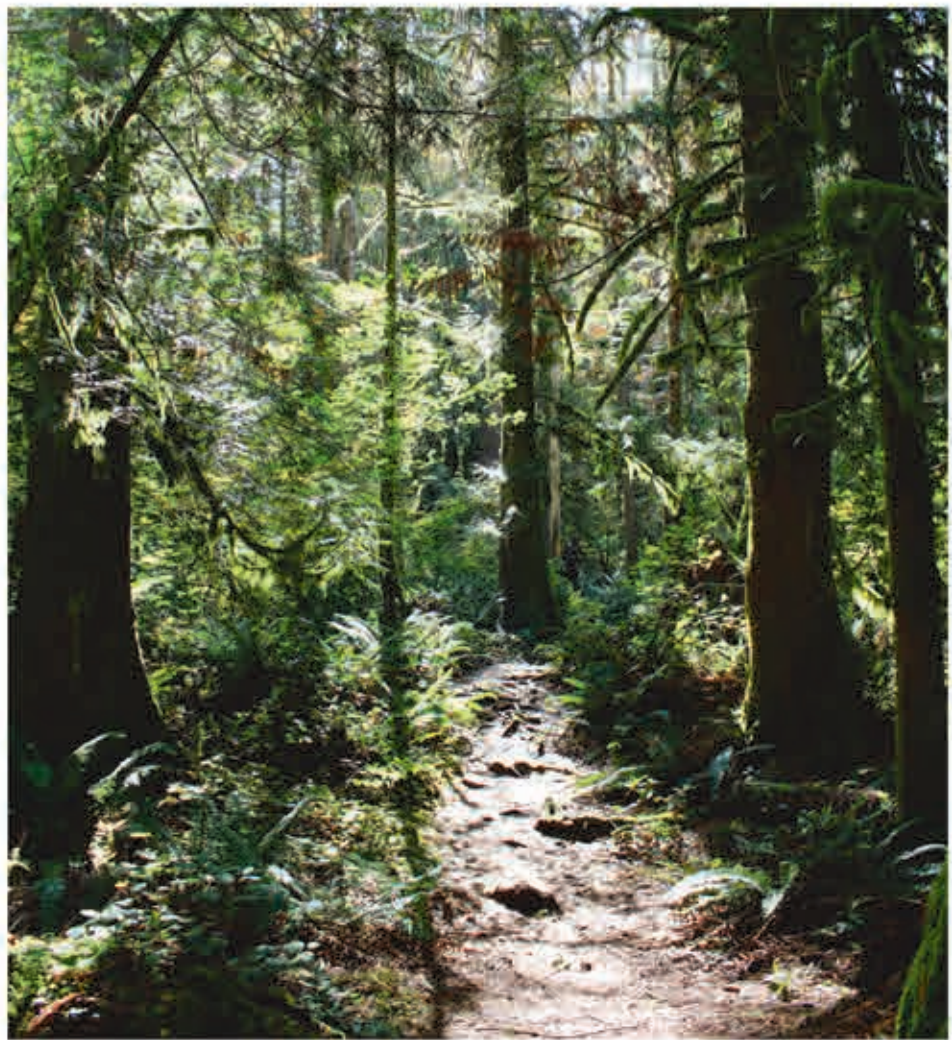
The park offers a variety of recreational activities for visitors of all ages. Anglers will find Tilton River a great spot for fishing. The river is known for its healthy salmon and trout populations, providing ample opportunities for a peaceful day of angling.

Hikers and explorers will appreciate the network of trails that wind through the park. These trails vary in length and difficulty, catering to both beginners and seasoned hikers. Whether you're seeking a leisurely stroll or a more challenging hike, Tilton River State Park has it all.

### A True Pacific Northwest Gem

Tilton River State Park is more than just a park; it's a sanctuary of natural beauty, a playground for outdoor enthusiasts and a place to escape the stresses of daily life.

As you explore its trails, cast your line into the river, or simply unwind in the great outdoors — you'll discover why this



Solitude can be found walking the trails throughout the Tilton River State Park. Pictured below, a plaque details the 1994 gift of the land making up the Tilton River State Park by William and Otto Studhalter.

park is a hidden gem in the heart of Lewis County.

Whether you're a local or a visitor, Tilton River State Park welcomes you to experience its magic and create lasting memories in the embrace of nature.

### Getting There

Tilton River State Park is easily accessible, making it an ideal day trip. The park is located just a short drive from nearby towns, making it a convenient destination for anyone in the region.

Tilton River State Park is located on state Route 508, about halfway between Cinebar and Morton.



## Key Economic Forecaster Predicts Mild Recession at Worst

Economic Alliance of Lewis County

Matthew Gardner, the chief economist for Windermere Real Estate, was the keynote speaker for the Oct. 4 Lewis County Infrastructure and Real Estate Seminar, presented by the Economic Alliance of Lewis County. He spoke before a packed house of real estate agents and community developers at the Loft in Chehalis. Gardner said the country is unlikely to see a recession in 2024, predicting a 35% chance of the odds of such an economic downturn. "You mention a recession and people immediately go back to 2007. It's not that. It won't even be similar to the 2000 recession," Gardner said. "It will feel a lot like the 1991 recession: very shallow, a couple of negative quarters, and then we start growing again."

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Wednesday's 2A Golf

# Wasson defends EvCo title



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Von Wasson tees off on the 18th hole the 2A Evergreen Championships on Oct. 18 at Tumwater Valley Golf Course.

**BACK TO BACK:** Centralia senior cards 1-under 71 to beat Black Hills' Flores by four strokes

By Dylan Wilhelm

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Von Wasson was the only player to shoot under par on Wednesday at Tumwater Valley, as he comfortably won at the 2A Evergreen Championships.

After rain and wind impacted the 1A tournament earlier this week, the skies cleared for the 2A tournament.

Wasson led the way throughout, and ended up topping Black Hills' Phoenix Flores by four strokes to take the league crown.

Wasson was under par for most of the day, and even after a tough finish on hole 18, he still finished at 1-under 71.

Flores finished in second



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Black Hills' Phoenix Flores uses his rangefinder during the 2A Evco Championships on Oct. 18.

place with a 3-over 75. Four golfers shot a 7-over 79 to finish tied for third, including W.F. West's Weston Potter and Tumwater's Braeden Konrad and Nolan Campbell.

Tumwater's Landen Baydo finished seventh with an 8-over

80, and fellow Thunderbird Nick Niebuhr finished tied for eighth, shooting 10-over par at 82.

Just two strokes back of a top-10 finish was Black Hills' Jack Casler, who shot an 84. Rounding out the top 15 was Tumwater's Zane Laposky with an 87

and Centralia's Tyler Fagerness with an 88.

With five golfers in the top 15, Tumwater won the team league title, finishing with a team score of 407. Centralia finished second with a score of 437, though Aberdeen was close behind at 439.

W.F. West and Black Hills finished one stroke apart at fourth and fifth with scores of 446 and 447, respectively. Shelton finished sixth with a score of 463, and Rochester finished in seventh with 534.

All 41 golfers who played on Wednesday have qualified for the district tournament next week. Many had already qualified via their play over the course of the season, while the remaining golfers shot under 120 to secure their spot.

The district tournament will begin next Monday at Alderbrook Golf Club in Union, and it will wrap up on Tuesday.

Thursday's 2B Volleyball

# Toledo works through rough spots, beats MWP

By Josh Kirshenbaum

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TOLEDO — The even sets looked great and the odd ones less so for the Toledo volleyball team Thursday, but the Riverhawks worked through it all and came out with a four-set win over Morton-White Pass, 25-23, 25-11, 18-25, 25-13.

"We weren't talking, we weren't moving, we weren't being as aggressive as we needed to be," Toledo coach Kelli Larson said. "But when we were talking and moving, things went pretty well."

Eighth grader Ellie Fallon posted 19 kills to lead the Riverhawks (7-6, 4-2 C2BL) on offense, on a .304 hitting percentage. She also racked up 26 digs and two blocks on defense.

"She just plays with such confidence," Larson said. "To me, she just fits right in. Sometimes she can be a little hesitant, but for the most part she's one of our most aggressive. She can make a few errors and just keep swinging."

Jordynne Hensley and Stefa Arceo-Hansen both had eight kills of their own for Toledo,

and Irys DeAguiro had five.

Libero Lyndzie Filla posted 40 digs in a monster defensive effort, leading the hosts in a match that featured a host of long, back-and-forth rallies. Arceo-Hansen had 29 digs as well, and Whitney Olson — who finished her night with 42 assists — had 22.

Senior Brynn Davis came

off the bench to give the Riverhawks 10 digs.

"She came in and did a very good job defensively," Larson said.

Despite jumping out to an early lead, Toledo let MWP come back in the first set, and ended up needing to go on a run over the final few points to

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Edén Jones spikes the ball during the first set of Toledo's match against Morton-White Pass on Oct. 19.

Cross Country

# Marty, Ingram run home with C2BL crowns

By The Chronicle staff

ONALASKA — Toledo's Treyton Marty and Rainier's Madison Ingram came away with the titles on the line at the Central 2B League championship meet, held Thursday at Onalaska Middle School.

Ingram led a contingent of five Mountaineers in the top seven spots in the girls race, as Rainier dominated its way to the team title, while host Onalaska came away with the boys' team win in a much more spread-out field.

Covering the course in 21:57.39, Ingram beat teammate Angelica Askey (22:22.58) by 25 seconds, with Onalaska's Melissa Reiman (22:52.76) taking third place. After her, it was two more Mountaineers, with Rayana Wisner (23:03.17) finishing fourth and Ella Marvin (24:53.01) finishing fifth.

Winlock's Victoria Sanchó was sixth in 25:01.85, and right on her heels came Kinsley Barlow, capping off Rainier's team card in 25:08.21 to take seventh place before six of the nine schools on the course brought their first runner in.

Natalie Cardenas Hernandez was eighth for Winlock in 25:09.72, Mossyrock's Joan Wedam was ninth in 25:14.21, and Rainier's Emma Mathson rounded out the top 10 with a time of 25:22.22.

Adna's Megan Price finished 14th in 27:05.29. Abigail Sympson led Morton-White Pass with a 17th-place time of 27:33.65, and Toledo's Kasey Landreau finished in 28:45.65.

Marty ran the 5,000 meters in 16:46.78 for his second-best time of the fall, with Adna's Jordan Stout coming second place in 17:07.84. Winlock's Chase Trodahl took third with a time of 17:28.89, while MWP's Hunter Brackett was fourth in 18:26.69, and Onalaska's Isaac Fitch made it five schools in the top five with a time of 18:51.78.

But behind Fitch came

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# T-Birds win 2A EvCo team championships

By The Chronicle staff

Aberdeen runners took both individual titles available at Borst Park on Wednesday, but it was all Tumwater in the team competitions, as the T-Birds took both the girls and boys' team titles at the 2A EvCo championship meet.

The T-Birds stuffed three runners in the top six in the girls' race, with Annabelle Clapp (21:11.23), Olivia Ahrens (21:16.73) and Alexandra Broome (22:00.08) taking fourth through sixth, respectively. Jesse Brumbaugh was 12th in 23:55.64, while Rachel Zahn rounded out the team card with a 15th-place finish in 24:39.75.

On the boys' side, Reis Howell was fifth in 17:46.04 for the T-Birds with Malaki Jenkins behind him in sixth at 17:59.92. Alan Penrose III was 11th with a time of 18:42.52, Joshua Morgan was 12th at 18:51.04 and Benjamin Morgan was 13th in 18:52.27.

Black Hills came in second in both team competitions, with Luke Grunenfelder placing fourth in the boys' race in 17:36.42, Truman Wimsett coming in seventh at 18:06.11 and Landen McKissick finishing ninth in 18:32.8. For the girls,

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## Centralia College Roundup

# Trailblazers lose to Lower Columbia in shutout

By The Chronicle staff

The Centralia women's soccer team's three-game unbeaten streak was snapped on Wednesday in a 4-0 loss against Lower Columbia.

The Trailblazers (5-6-1, 4-5-1 NWAC) couldn't keep up with the Red Devil offense, which outshot them 27-6.

After Adalie Schierscher got LC on the board in the 13th minute, the Trailblazer defense was able to hold for the rest of the first half, despite several Red Devil scoring chances.

Nataija Blaylock doubled the advantage in the 51st minute, but it wasn't until late in the second half that Lower Columbia

poured on.

After a red card put CC down a player in the 84th minute, Maddie Kohout and Brynlee Grant scored less than two minutes apart to make it 4-0.

The Trailblazers return home to Bob Peters Field on Saturday, when they'll host Clark in the second leg of a doubleheader with the men's team at 4 p.m.

## Trailblazers stifled by Thunderbirds

The Centralia men's soccer team was also shutout on Wednesday, falling 4-0 at Highline.

Centralia (3-8-4, 2-7-

3 NWAC) was outmatched throughout by the unbeaten T-Birds, as they were outshot 31-0.

The defense and keeper Daniel Bailey were able to keep Highline off the board through the first 30 minutes, but goals from Dugsyie Ahmed and Shoo Shee made it 2-0 before the break.

It was more bend but don't break for the Trailblazers throughout the majority of the second half, but Shee scored two late goals to finish off a hat trick.

Bailey finished the game with eight saves.

The loss extends the Trailblazers winless streak to seven games.

They'll have the chance to

snap that streak on Saturday, when they'll host Tacoma at Bob Peters Field at 2 p.m.

## Centralia swept by Lower Columbia

The Centralia volleyball team lost its fourth straight game on Wednesday, losing in straight sets to Lower Columbia 27-25, 25-13, 25-11.

CC (2-20, 1-6 NWAC) gave the Red Devils a run for their money in the first set, forcing them to earn extra points to come away with the win.

Over the course of the match, however, the Red Devils took control, cruising in each of the

final two sets to improve to 17-7 overall and 6-1 in league play.

Morgan Rogerson led the offensive effort for the Trailblazers with eight kills, while Ayzha Fuller added five and Paige Houghtelling added four. Fuller also dished out 13 assists.

Evie Rooklidge was the team's top defender, tallying 12 digs, while Rogerson added eight and Fuller notched seven.

Centralia's next chance to get back in the win column will come on Friday, when the Trailblazers will make the trip to Olympia to take on South Puget Sound at 7 p.m.

## Wednesday's 2B Girls Soccer

# Onalaska comes back for crucial win over Adna

By The Chronicle staff

The Onalaska girls soccer team pulled off a huge win on the road for the Central 2B League standings Wednesday, coming back to beat Adna 2-1.

The Pirates (5-6-3, 5-2-1 C2BL) jumped out a lead at the early doors, going up inside two minutes thanks to Lydia Tobin, who picked up a rebound off a Reagan Naillon shot and buried it.

That put the Loggers (8-5-0, 6-2-0 C2BL) on the back foot, but they rallied to come back, and in the 26th minute, Jules Auman took a feed from Kaiyah Sandridge and leveled the score at 1-1.

In the 34th minute, Sandridge took control of the ball up the field and worked her way past the Adna

defense before slotting it past the keeper to give Onalaska the lead.

The chances didn't slow down in the second half — the two teams combined for 30 shots on target — but neither team could break through for either an equalizer or insurance.

Adna goalie Jordanne Moon made nine saves, and on the Onalaska half of the field, Hailee Brown had seven to keep the Pirates off the board for the final 77 minutes.

The win slots the Loggers two points ahead of the Pirates for third place in the C2BL, with two games left on both teams' schedules. Adna will face Toutle Lake on Monday, while Onalaska will take on Winlock.

## Tigers bury Fishermen on coast

The Napavine girls soccer team picked a clear and beautiful afternoon to head out to the coast to take on Ilwaco, and made the evening even better with a 6-0 Central 2B League win over Ilwaco.

Hayden Kaut started the scoring 26 minutes in, and Jenna Gallagher made it 2-0 in the 38th.

Coming out of halftime, the Tigers (9-2-3, 7-0-1 C2BL) scored three times in eight minutes, with Hannah Fay, Kaut and Taylen Evander bagging goals.

Evander — Napavines, No. 1 goalkeeper who made one save in the first half — also got an assist, setting up Briley Fay for the eighth

grader's first high school goal.

The Tigers ended up outshooting the Fishermen 15-1.

Napavine will get its senior night Monday, hosting Forks in its penultimate regular-season matchup.

## RSB comes back to beat Winlock

Despite playing a player down the full 80 minutes, the Winlock girls soccer team found itself in a barnburner Wednesday, ultimately losing 6-4 to Raymond-South Bend at home in Central 2B League play.

The Cardinals (1-10, 1-7 C2BL) took a 3-2 lead going into halftime, and nearly had

more if not for a penalty kick sent off the post. In the second half, RSB came back with four goals to take the lead for good.

Victoria Sancho had a hat trick for three of Winlock's goals.

The Cardinals will face Onalaska on the road next Monday.

## Riverhawks lose in Westport

The Toledo girls soccer team lost 5-0 in a C2BL matchup at Ocosta on Thursday.

No stats were reported.

The Riverhawks will play Friday Harbor in a non-league, neutral-site game at Black Hills on Saturday.

## Thursday's 2A Girls Soccer

# Centralia puts 10 past Ilwaco

By The Chronicle staff

The Centralia girls soccer team bounced back in a decisive way Thursday against Ilwaco in a non-league match, rolling to a 10-0 win at home.

"It was a good game to come back and boost our team morale," first-year coach Luis Magana Reyna said.

Going up against an overmatched 2B side, Magana Reyna suited up 30 girls, playing his varsity players for the first half before bringing in swing players and the JV team for the latter 40 minutes.

"It was a good experience for some of the younger girls to play under the lights for the first time," he said.

Thirteen Tigers found their way onto the scoresheet, with Izabella Hernandez as the only player to score more than one goal. Alia Gomez, Trinity Smith, Olivia Gruginiski, Evan Reinetz and Jaslin Corona all joined in on the scoring in the first half to make it 7-0 at the break. In the second half, Jocelyn Navarro, Ana Blankenship and Taylor Herman added goals.

The Tigers (9-5, 6-4 2A EvCo) will take on Black Hills on Tuesday, before wrapping up the regular season with a crucial match against Aberdeen. The Tigers and Bobcats are currently tied for

third place in the league, and whichever team ends up in fourth place will have to play in a pigtail matchup to get into the 2A District 4 tournament.

## Bearcats score early to down Wolves

The goals the W.F. West girls soccer team has waited for much of the fall began to show themselves Thursday, as the Bearcats scored three goals in the opening 25 minutes of a 3-1 win over Black Hills.

"We're starting to play better at the right time, going into the playoffs," WFW coach Kevin Schultz said.

Freshman Ashlen Gruginiski started the scoring in the fifth minute, then set up Emily Mallonee in the 10th.

In the 23rd minute — after Hailey Tinsley got one back for the Wolves in the 18th — Gruginiski took one of W.F. West's 13 corner kicks and curled it straight into the net for the Olimpico.

Gruginiski also nearly set up Mallonee for a second goal that was ultimately called off-sides, and hit the post on another shot.

"She's really coming into her own, and we're really excited about that," Schultz said.

W.F. West outshot Black Hills 15-4, with Staysha Fluetsch and Charlee Nelson both making two saves in a half of work apiece.

The win was just the fourth time all season the Bearcats (8-7, 7-4 2A EvCo) have scored more than one goal, and the first time since Sept. 14.

W.F. West now gets a week off, with one more game left in the regular season: at home against Rochester on Thursday. The Warriors beat the Bearcats 2-1 on Oct. 3. The Bearcats currently sit in second place in the EvCo, on account of having played one more game than Centralia and Aberdeen, who the Bearcats are a half-game ahead of.

The Wolves (2-10, 2-8 2A EvCo) will host Centralia on Tuesday in their final home game of the year.

## T-Birds shut out Bobcats

The Tumwater girls soccer team ended the penultimate week of the regular season with another shutout, beating Aberdeen 3-0 in 2A EvCo play.

No stats were reported. It's the Thunderbirds' (14-0-1, 11-0 2A EvCo) 14th straight shutout pitched on defense.

The T-Birds will wrap up the regular season Tuesday at Rochester.

## Lewis County Sports Scoreboard

### Local Schedules

Saturday, Oct. 21

### Volleyball

Toledo at Rainier, 6:15 p.m.

### Football

Cedar Park Christian at Morton-White Pass (Randle), 2 p.m.

### Girls Soccer

Toledo vs. Friday Harbor (at Black Hills), 12 p.m.

### Men's Soccer

Tacoma College at Centralia College, 2 p.m.

### Women's Soccer

Clark College at Centralia College, 4 p.m.

### Monday, Oct. 23

### Volleyball

Toutle Lake at Morton-White Pass (Morton), 7 p.m.

Toledo at Napavine, 7 p.m.

Winlock at Adna, 7 p.m.

Rainier at Onalaska, 7 p.m.

Mossyrock at Willapa Valley,

7:15 p.m.

### Girls Soccer

Adna at Toutle Lake, 6 p.m.

Winlock at Onalaska, 6 p.m.

Forks at Napavine, 6 p.m.

Hoquiam at Tenino, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, Oct. 24

### Volleyball

Black Hills at Centralia, 7 p.m.

W.F. West at Montesano, 7

p.m.

Rochester at Tumwater, 7

p.m.

Hoquiam at Tenino, 7 p.m.

Napavine at Toutle Lake, 7

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yrook, 7 p.m.

### Girls Soccer

Centralia at Black Hills, 7 p.m.

Tumwater at Rochester, 7

p.m.

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EvCo

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Zaniah Robinson (23:49.9) was 11th, Taelor Woo (24:00.05) was 13th, Averie Reynolds (25:16.93) was 17th and Adeline Rice (25:18.34) was 18th.

Rochester's Gunnar Morgan had the best individual finish of the day, taking second in the boys' race with a time of 17:23.32. Taydee Evenstar was the only other Warrior in the top 20, finishing 16th in 18:58.75. Mercedes Dupont led the Rochester girls, overcoming W.F. West's Mercedes Ricks in a dead sprint at the final yard to place eighth in 23:25.75.

Ricks led the W.F. West girls, with Centralia's Ruth Gonzalezz coming in just behind her with a time of 23:31.91 to take 10th.

Ezra Birchard led the W.F. West boys with an eighth-place time of 18:29.97, and Adam Leon led the Centralia boys at 18:53.86 to take 14th.

The 2A District 4 championship meet will be held next Thursday, Oct. 26 at Lewis River in Woodland.



Clockwise from top: Runners line up for the boys' race at the 2A EvCo cross country championship, Oct. 18 at Borst Park; Rochester's Mercedes Dupont overtakes W.F. West's Mercedes Ricks in the final feet of the girls' race; Tumwater's Annabelle Clapp finishes fourth in the girls' race.

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C2BL

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fellow Logger Conner Blair (19:14.76), and after James Mel-drum took seventh for Rainier (19:22.82) and Aiden Kampa (19:28.70) was eighth for MWP, Cole Russon came in for Ony in 19:31.10, out-sprinting Winlock's Xavier Sancho-Carrillo for ninth place.

Three spots down the line, Riley Carter was 12th at 19:49.57, Austin Sturza capped off the team score with a 14th-place time of 19:53.40.

The Loggers beat out Adna, which also placed Nathanael

Scheuber (19:47.07) in 11th, Treven Willis (20:01.51) in 15th, Bailey Davis (20:19.79) in 17th and Brady Morgan (21:10.68) in 24th.

MWP was third in the team scores, with Noah Gilstrap joining Brackett and Kampa in the top-20 with a 16th-place time of 20:11.37. Rainier was fourth and Winlock took fifth.

Mossyrock freshman Axel Diaz led the Vikings with a time of 21:02.30 to finish 23rd, and Napavine's Landon Engelbertson was 37th at 22:17.90.

All 95 runners on the course Thursday qualified for the 1B/2B District 4 championship, which will be held next Saturday in Rainier.



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Top: Rainier's Madison Ingram comes in to finish first at the Central 2B League championship meet on Oct. 19 at Onalaska.

Middle: Treyton Marty crosses the finish line to win the boys' race at the C2BL championships on Oct. 19 in Onalaska.

Bottom: Onalaska's Cole Russon lets out a yell as he approaches the finish line, just ahead of Winlock's Xavier Sancho-Carrillo, at the C2BL championship meet in Onalaska on Oct. 19.

2A Boys Tennis

W.F. West's Justin Chung wins Sub-District singles championship

By The Chronicle staff

W.F. West's Justin Chung took home the 2A Evergreen Conference Championship on Thursday, topping Centralia's Jacoby Corwin 6-0, 6-1 to capture the league's singles crown.

Chung was dominant throughout the tournament, first topping Centralia's Pablo Dominguez 6-1, 6-2 before topping Tumwater's Bodie Jackson 6-1, 6-2 in the semifinals.

As finalists, Chung and Corwin will head to the district tournament next week, as will W.F. West's Javyn Han and Tumwater's Kieran Cox, who will play in a third-place match tomorrow.

Jackson rebounded to take fifth place by beating Centralia's Jonah Lowe, making him the top alternate for next week's district tournament.

In the double's bracket, Shelton's Jayden Lovingfoss and Wyatt Wagner rolled through the tournament, losing just four games en route to the league title.

In the final, they topped



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Justin Chung lunges forward to backhand the ball during the second day of the 2A Evergreen tournament on Oct. 19.

Tumwater's top duo of Max Bunn and Luke Houk 6-0, 6-0.

Both duos are also heading to the district tournament, as are Centralia's Connor O'Dell and Kadin Yeung and Tumwater's Cody Lambert and Kaleb Peterson. Those duos will also be facing off for third place tomorrow.

The fifth-place match and alternate doubles bid will be decided tomorrow, as Tumwater's

Lawson Lougheed and Billy Clemens will go up against W.F. West's Christian Patana and Will Cummings.

All remaining matches will take place tomorrow at Black Hills, while the district tournament will begin on Wednesday at the Steamboat Tennis & Athletic Club in Olympia on Wednesday.

Thursday's 2A Volleyball  
Tigers fall to Heritage in five wild sets

By The Chronicle staff

The Centralia volleyball team won its first set against 3A Heritage 25-19 on Thursday, and then everything went completely bonkers, as the Tigers lost after the next four sets all went to extra points, 19-25, 26-24, 25-27, 28-26, 14-16.

"Overall for a spectator, it was probably a very fun match to watch, just because of the back-and-forth," Centralia coach Marti Smith said.

For Smith and the Tigers (8-5, 6-4 2A EvCo), it was a little bit more stressful, and playing up a classification, they had the Timberwolves on the ropes for much of the night. Up two sets to one, Centralia gave away 11 points in the fourth on unforced errors, helping Heritage to the win and the momentum.

"Just give us two or three of those, and it's a different match," Smith said.

Lauren Wasson posted 21 kills to lead the offense, and Makayla Chavez had seven kills and five aces.

Gracie Schofield had 17 digs on defense, while Heaven Jacobson and Makenzie Erickson both had 12. At the net, Payton

unbeaten 3A North Thurston.

On Thursday, Paige Henderson led the way offensively with nine kills, though Natalie Montoya-Kilmer and Chloe Henderson weren't far behind with seven and six, respectively.

Emily Robello dished out 18 assists and tallied seven digs, and Brooklynn Hayes had a team-high 13 digs.

With just one league game remaining, the Thunderbirds are two and a half games above 8-2 Black Hills, giving them the top spot at the district tournament.

The Thunderbirds (13-1, 11-0 2A EvCo) will wrap up their league slate on Monday against Rochester before heading to Fife to take on the Trojans in a non-league matchup on Thursday.

Thunderbirds clinch league title with 12th straight win

The Tumwater volleyball team's winning streak is now at a dozen, as the T-Birds swept Aberdeen 25-13, 25-20, 25-13 to clinch the regular season league title.

All 12 of those wins have been in sweep, and their lone loss on the season came against

Wolves beat Bearcats

The Black Hills volleyball team beat W.F. West 3-1. No set scores or stats were reported by either team.

Black Hills will play at Centralia on Tuesday, while W.F. West will play at Montesano in a non-league match.

## 1B Volleyball

## Cournyer's big night lifts Vikings over Trojans

By Dylan Wilhelm

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MOSSYROCK — It's no secret that when the Mossyrook offense flows through Erin Cournyer, they tend to have success.

Thursday was no different, as Cournyer led the team in both kills and assists to lift the Vikings to a 25-14, 27-25, 25-12 win over Pe Ell.

"She's our team captain, and there's a reason," Mossyrook coach Alex Nelson said. "She has the full package and is a very good player."

Heading into the game, Nelson said that the team was working on being more patient and explosive through the ball, and Cournyer was up to the challenge. She ended up with 20 assists, 12 kills, four digs and four aces.

"I don't always talk her up because every night she does that," Nelson said. "I'm just accustomed to that. That's what I want to see from her all the time."

While Cournyer was the focal point of the Mossyrook offense on Thursday, she was far from the only one to have success.

Chesney Schultz and Saydi Mendoza combined for 12 kills, while Delaney Marshall dished out 12 assists. With Cournyer and Marshall leading the way, the Vikings had 33 assists as a team, something that Nelson said is key to their offensive success.

"That's what makes us play



Chesney Schultz and Saydi Mendoza celebrate after the Vikings took the first set in their win on Oct. 19.

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well," Nelson said. "When we play well, it's because we're passing well."

As a result, points came in droves early for the Vikings (11-3, 10-0 1B Columbia Valley), who raced out to a 12-4 lead after an 8-0 run. While Pe Ell was able to claw within striking distance later in the set, Mossyrook put it out of reach and ended the set on a 7-0 run.

The Trojans (7-6, 4-5 1B Columbia Valley) had their most success in the second set, operating the offense at a high level and capitalizing on Mossyrook mistakes.

Late in the set, the Trojans had a 22-19 lead and twice were one point away from tying the match at one set each, but the Vikings were able to climb back on top and finish the job.

The third set closely resembled the first, with the Vikings using a 10-0 run late in the set to put the game out of reach.

While the Trojans struggled in the first and final set, Pe Ell coach Eddi Peterson was pleased with the fight she saw from them.

"We have been playing really well and tonight didn't disappoint at all," Peterson said. "We continued our scrappy play

and played to our potential."

Next week, both teams will wrap up league play and the regular season. The Trojans will play on three straight days, beginning on Monday when they'll host Firm Foundation at 7 p.m.

Mossyrook's match at Wilapa Valley that was originally scheduled for Thursday has been moved up to Monday at 7:15 p.m.

## Volleyball

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squeak out the two-point win.

The second set went a whole lot smoother, with DeAgüero — who doesn't usually serve — getting her chance at the line and sparking a massive run that put things out of reach in a hurry.

But just as the Riverhawks were searching for their brooms, the T-Wolves (4-10, 0-7 C2BL) found their grip, turning things back on defensively and buckling down with a set full of rallies that only seemed to end when Toledo finally made an error.

"It's not like they didn't make mistakes in that set," MWP coach Jamie Brazil said. "But they lifted each other up more, they worked together as a team. It brings it back to that positive mindset that we continuously work on."

The MWP momentum wouldn't last, though, with Toledo finding the groove it got into in the second set and rolling back in the fourth, ending the night on a dominant note.

Natalia Armstrong had 25 digs to lead the T-Wolves on defense. Kimberly Gilstrap had four kills and eight digs.

Maddie Clevenger and Rye-elin Wiedenmann had three kills apiece, and Clevenger also sent back three blocks.

Toledo will take on Rainier on Saturday in a rare weekend league game, making up a postponed match from earlier in the season. That kicks off a tough final stretch to end the season for the Riverhawks, who currently occupy fifth place in the C2BL, with a matchup against Napavine on Tuesday and a huge finale against Onalaska next Thursday.

MWP will be back in action on Monday against Toutle Lake at White Pass.

## Mountaineers overcome early deficit to sweep Tigers

The Rainier volleyball team was down early, but quickly kicked it into high gear on Thursday, sweeping Napavine 28-26, 25-19, 25-19 to jump the Tigers in the C2BL standings.

The Mountaineers (10-3, 5-1 C2BL) were down 18-9 and 24-20 at separate points in the opening



Toledo celebrates a point during its match against MWP on Oct. 19.

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set, but clawed back to take a 1-0 lead.

They had success throughout the night serving, as the Tigers (11-3, 5-2 C2BL) struggled to get the ball to their setters, which slowed down their offense.

As a result, the Tigers sent over 24 free balls, allowing the Mountaineer offense to go to work.

Acacia Murphy and Allyson Ooms had nine kills each, while Haleigh Hanson had five. Katelyn Eckroth had 11 assists and three aces.

Olivia Earsley and Lilly Johnson led the defense with 16 digs each, though Liberty Adair wasn't far behind with 12 kills of her own.

"We played amazing as a team and I am super proud of how they played. We really came together and worked hard," Rainier coach Carrie Ooms said. "Napavine is a tough team to beat and my girls have been working hard to bring home the win, especially for Senior Pink Out Night."

As for the Tigers, they just couldn't get rolling offensively, and it cost them, especially late in that first set.

"We came out firing on all cylinders, we were playing hard, we were playing fast and they were unstoppable," Napavine coach Monica Dailey said. "And we just couldn't put it away ... it was probably our weakest outing of the season."

The bright spot for the Tigers came at the net defensively, where they racked up 16 blocks as a team.

"We've never blocked better," Dailey said. "We just couldn't do anything else right."

Anna Thompson led the way with six blocks, while Keria O'Neill had four in addition to six kills. Dakota Hamilton had a double-double with 11 kills and

10 assists while also adding four aces.

Grace Gall led the defense with eight digs, while Jessie McCoy added five kills.

Rainier will return to the court on Saturday, playing a rescheduled match against Toledo, while Napavine will welcome the Riverhawks on Monday.

## Loggers, Pirates honor breast cancer survivors prior to matchup

Prior to their matchup on Thursday, the Adna and Onalaska volleyball teams joined as one to honor breast cancer survivors and those who are still battling the disease.

Over the course of the season, Onalaska has been collecting money at all of their home matches this month, and all of the donations will be sent to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

"It was quite an amazing night for the girls to meet and thank the women in attendance," Onalaska coach Susan Gordon said.

Adna coach Wendie Dotson said it was nice that the Pirates were invited to join the important event.

On the court, the Pirates (13-0, 7-0 C2BL) took care of business, sweeping the Loggers 25-11, 25-12, 25-18.

Danika Hallom led the offensive attack with 11 kills while adding eight assists and six digs, while Gaby Guard led the team in assists, dishing out 18 while also adding five digs, three kills and two aces.

Charissa Schierman added 14 assists of her own while adding two kills, two aces and a block. Karsyn Freeman tallied

nine kills, six digs, two blocks and two aces, while Kendall Humphrey had eight kills and five digs of her own.

Onalaska freshman Emalie Jacoby had another stellar night for the Loggers (8-7, 3-4 C2BL), notching a triple-double with 17 digs, 10 kills and 10 assists, and she also added two aces.

Sommer Zurinkas had six kills and two blocks, while Capri McGraw led the defensive effort with five digs. Karsyn Koenig and Rebecca Thayer also had two blocks each.

"When the #1 ranked team comes to play, you know you are going to have a battle on your hands," Gordon said. "I am very proud of my young team, they played hard every ball and pushed themselves tonight. They kept pushing despite the score and never gave in."

Both teams wrap up with two league games next week, starting on Monday, when Onalaska hosts Rainier and Adna welcomes Winlock.

## Cardinals adapt after slow start to take down Mules

The Winlock volleyball team made the trip to Cathlamet on Thursday, and they returned with a victory after taking down Wahkiakum in four sets, 25-27, 25-16, 26-24, 25-13.

The Cardinals quickly bounced back from a tough first set, one where they made several serving errors.

The Mules responded in the third set, making several scrappy plays to stay in it.

"We just decided we needed to pick it up," Winlock coach Terri Dalsted said.

And the Cardinals did, finishing off the third set before handling the Mules in the fourth to seal the win.



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The Winlock offense struggled to find a rhythm on Thursday, as a result of both unforced serving errors and a heavy dose of double hits called by the officials.

Instead of setting the ball to pass, the Cardinals opted to bump it to avoid those calls late in the game.

"We couldn't get any momentum going," Dalsted said. "The girls did great at making that adjustment."

Charlee Connelly was all over the court defensively, collecting 53 digs while also going 20 for 21 from the service line. Kindly Kelly had 23 digs of her own and also added 14 kills, and Kyleigh Creach had 25 assists. Madison Rohman and Kendall Guenther combined for 14 kills.

The Cardinals will head to unbeaten Adna on Monday, but they will then host Kalama on Wednesday in a game that could determine who gets the final spot at the district tournament that begins on Oct. 28.

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# In Focus: Activators Middle School Classic returns

By The Chronicle staff

The Chehalis Activators Middle School Football Classic made its return to the Lewis County Gridiron after a three-year absence Wednesday, with Chehalis Middle School Wildcats facing off against Centralia Middle School Yellow Jackets at Bearcat Stadium in Chehalis.

It was the first Activators Classic since 2019. The 2020 and 2021 editions of the series were canceled due to the COVID-19

pandemic, and while it was set to return last year, its comeback was postponed due to poor air quality caused by last fall's wildfires.

Chehalis and Centralia lined up for two games Wednesday, with the seventh graders taking the field first, followed by the eighth graders.

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## NHL

# Kraken release the offense, score 7 on Carolina

By Kate Shefte

The Seattle Times

Last year, it would have been easy to poke holes in a 7-4 victory the Kraken came close to giving away. On Thursday, they'd take a win any way they could get it.

Defenseman Vince Dunn and forward Oliver Bjorkstrand each had a goal and two assists as the Kraken won their first game of the

season on their fifth try against the Carolina Hurricanes at Climate Pledge Arena.

"That's a big one for us," Dunn said. "We need to keep this energy moving forward."

Fourth-line center Pierre-Edouard Bellemare scored his first goal in a Kraken jersey, set up by Dunn on a short-handed 2-on-1. Dunn chased Carolina starting

goaltender Antti Raanta with his power-play goal to make it 4-1 less than three minutes into the second period.

Ten days into the season, the goals started falling for the Kraken (1-3-1), who more than doubled their output from the previous four games.

Seattle nearly let Carolina erase a three-goal lead. The Hurricanes, widely expected to finish toward the top of the league standings this year, scored twice in the first six minutes of the third period to close it to 4-3. Then the Kraken's Jared McCann and Tye Kartye scored 39 seconds apart to restore the gap.

Kartye registered his first regular-season goal and his first NHL fight in quick succession, scrapping with Carolina's Brendan Lemieux between the benches.

"I got beat up pretty good," Kartye laughed. "But that's all right."

There were just under five minutes left in the game, so he and Lemieux headed down the tunnels early.

Winger Jaden Schwartz was the one to secure his team's first multi-goal outing of the young season. He scored six seconds into the Kraken's first man advantage when Carolina left him alone in front of Raanta, and Kailer Ya-

mamoto deflected the puck into Schwartz's skates. Schwartz kicked it to himself and had time to deke the goalie and tuck it past his foot.

Both of Schwartz's goals have come on the power play (2 of 4 on Thursday) with the former second PP unit quarterbacked by Dunn. It has been sent out first the past two games, so at the moment, it's the first group.

Schwartz's first shift of the third period was his last. He left the game and didn't return. Seattle coach Dave Hakstol didn't offer a status update.

Yamamoto came close to his second goal in two games, picking up a rebound of Yanni Gourde's shot, but Raanta kept it in his sights.

The teams traded goals 19 seconds apart in the game's first eight minutes. Gourde redirected an Andre Burakovsky shot headed wide past Raanta. The Kraken let the Hurricanes' Jesper Fast crash the net and redirect a Jacob Slavin shot.

Another Burakovsky milestone came at home against the Hurricanes. He recorded his 300th NHL point against the Hurricanes on Oct. 17, 2022, then reached 200 assists with his second of the night Thursday.

The passes were shaky, and the

action centralized until the game opened up about five minutes in. It was some 24-on-24 jersey-number excitement as Carolina's Seth Jarvis took Jamie Oleksiak on a ride during a wraparound attempt, and a home-run pass to Schwartz didn't connect.

Seattle goaltender Joey Daccord hit the splits to deny Carolina's Martin Necas twice in the final five seconds of the period. He finished with 32 saves.

Jarvis scored Carolina's second goal 1:08 into the third period. Jesperi Kotkaniemi closed it to a one-goal game near the midway point with Daccord facing the wrong way, expecting the puck to spit out to his right. Jarvis struck again late.

"On some of the goals-against, he's going to have some learning points," Hakstol said. "In terms of how aggressively he's playing on some of those plays. But here's the real key — he made good saves at the right times. He shows the confidence to overcome a goal going in the net. He's on to the next one."

Seattle hopped to it after that, pelting goalie Pyotr Kochetkov, who entered the Carolina net in relief.

The Kraken penalty kill finally allowed a goal in the third period after a 14-for-14 run to start the season.

They narrowly avoided becoming the last NHL team to win a game this season. The San Jose Sharks fell to 0-3-1 with a loss Thursday against Boston.

"There's moments in this game. There's ups and downs. But I liked our ability to push back when we needed to," Hakstol said.

"You look at the way we scored goals tonight. We used the bottom of the zone offensively. We got inside and net front. Not a lot fancy there."

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## SEAHAWKS

## How linebacker Boye Mafe honors late mother after every sack

By Shane Lantz

The Seattle Times

RENTON — Whenever Seattle Seahawks linebacker Boye Mafe takes the field, there is one person he knows is always watching from above.

Before every game, Mafe finds a quiet spot on the sideline and closes his eyes, tilts his head to the sky, and speaks to his mother, Bola, who died of cancer on Mother's Day 2018. Now, more than five years later, Mafe is quickly establishing himself as a key contributor to Seattle's defense, and he's bringing his mom with him every step of the way.

Once he completes his pregame ritual, and any time he gets a sack, Mafe pays tribute to Bola by signing the phrase "I love you" in American Sign Language.

Mafe did the sign after sacking New York Giants quarterback Daniel Jones on Oct. 2 during the Seahawks' 24-3 win on Monday Night Football, which drew the attention of ESPN broadcaster Joe Buck.

Mafe's tribute was also the subject of a short documentary from ESPN, which laid out the origins of what had previously been a quiet, private moment for the second-year linebacker.

"My mom was a big part in me growing up, she taught me a lot," Mafe said. "One of the things I pride myself on is carrying myself in the light that she did. Being that joy and being a spark in the room. She was always that person to bring the light out of other people. So I try to do that every day. Make someone happy, brighten someone's day a little bit."

Mafe's parents, Wale and Bola, immigrated to the United States from Nigeria. The pair raised their children to appreciate their culture and native country, sending each of their kids to Nigeria to spend a year at boarding school.

But Golden Valley, Minnesota, was where Mafe and his five

older siblings spent the vast majority of their childhood. Mafe was very close with his mother, and spent many hours with her at her Minneapolis seamstress shop, where Bola made traditional clothing.

While he was growing up, Mafe knew that he could go to his mother for anything. No matter what he'd done or how much trouble he got into as a kid, he knew she would listen to him and try to understand.

"She would always keep a level head," Mafe said. "I could bring anything to her, and she would never judge me and never look at me in a shameful way, but just hear me out, and help me out of the situation."

Once he got older, Mafe became a star at Hopkins High School in nearby Minnetonka, where he was a standout football, basketball, and track athlete. He was a second team All-State football player his senior year, and accepted a scholarship from the nearby University of Minnesota, where he redshirted his first year.

Mafe chose the school so he could stay close to Bola, who by this point was struggling with the pancreatic cancer she had been diagnosed with before his junior year in high school.

Toward the end of Mafe's freshman year at Minnesota in 2018, Bola died, without ever getting the chance to see her son play college football.

Mafe began his redshirt freshman season for the Golden Gophers the following fall, and eventually decided to signify his love for his late mom with a simple sign. Mafe and several of his siblings took sign language in school, and he knew that signing "I love you" was a perfect visual way to salute the woman who meant so much to him.

Mafe's tribute became a regular occurrence in college, as he developed into a star on the defensive line for the Gophers. He finished his collegiate career with 15 sacks, 87 career tackles,



Jennifer Buchanan / The Seattle Times

Seattle Seahawks linebacker Boye Mafe gets to Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow for the sack during the fourth quarter Sunday, Oct. 15, in Cincinnati.

and 19.5 tackles for loss, and was picked by the Seahawks at 40th overall in the 2022 NFL draft.

He had a solid rookie season in Seattle, with three sacks, 41 tackles, and three tackles for loss to his name, but is currently on pace to shatter those totals in Year Two.

Mafe has already matched his rookie total with three sacks through his first four games of 2023, along with four tackles for loss, and four QB hits.

Mafe's Pro Football Focus grades also tell the tale of a dramatically improved player. His overall defensive grade has gone from a 65.8 last season to a 79.4 this year, and his pass rush rating leapt from a mediocre 54.1 to a solid mark of 70.8 in his second professional season. His run defense mark, already strong at 72.6 last season, has risen to 75.6.

"He's made a big jump," head

coach Pete Carroll said. "I think I've said he was probably the most improved guy from year one to year two, noticeably to us. It's basically in his awareness, his understanding of what's expected of him, how the game goes and being able to play in all situations, run and pass. He's been a really nice player for us this year so far. He's really just getting started."

Bobby Wagner has noticed Mafe's jump, too. While he wasn't here to see Mafe's rookie year in person, Wagner can tell that he has gone from someone trying to figure things out at the pro level, to being a player ready to make a major contribution.

"This year, being able to kind of have another year under his belt, go through a full offseason, he definitely understands the game a lot better," Wagner said.

"I think the angles that he takes on some of his pass rushes has been really cool to see, and he's a guy that, you just know what you're going to get out of him. He's going to be a playmaker, and be where he's supposed to be."

No matter where his career takes him, Mafe knows there is someone who will never leave his side. When the game is about to start and the crowd is at its loudest, he just needs to take a quiet moment to himself.

Bola is there. All Mafe has to do is look to the sky.

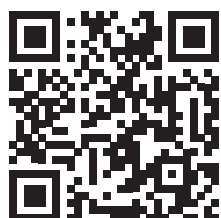
"I'm trying to work on just being the best version of myself and finding ways to get better and improve my game," Mafe said. "I know she'd be proud of me today. She didn't really follow along with football, but I know that today she'd be proud and excited to see me doing what I'm doing."

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# Puzzles

Find Answers to the Puzzles in the Next Edition

## Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Main point
  - 4 "— of Duty"
  - 8 Hi-tech scan
  - 11 Gleeful cry
  - 12 Garage job
  - 13 Meditative exercise
  - 15 Stick up
  - 16 In that case (2 wds.)
  - 17 Midday
  - 18 Yawning gulf
  - 20 Toyota offering
  - 21 Pumper's pride
  - 23 "Scream" director — Craven
  - 24 In a frenzy
  - 27 Smoke ham
  - 29 Montreal's prov.
  - 32 Asian royalty
  - 33 "Exodus" name
  - 34 Thurman of "Gattaca"
  - 35 Very, in Veracruz

- 36 — Vegas
- 37 Tiny tastes
- 38 Musical about Henry VIII's wives
- 39 Animal skin
- 40 Inventory wd.
- 41 Roast beef au —
- 42 Worthless coin
- 44 Peer Gynt creator
- 47 Wild guesses
- 51 Levee
- 52 Type size
- 55 Torah chest
- 56 Tumult
- 57 Author Dinesen
- 58 Hurry along
- 59 Winding curve
- 60 Famed lava spewer
- 61 Baste

- DOWN**
- 1 DEA operative
  - 2 "Yikes!" (hyph.)
  - 3 Rum-soaked cake

Answer to Previous Puzzle

M	E	D		C	A	B		R	O	Y			
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- 4 Use a ladder
- 5 — Wiedersehen
- 6 UPS units
- 7 August kid, maybe
- 8 Talking birds
- 9 Dorm unit
- 10 Composer — Stravinsky
- 14 Some
- 19 Munro's pen name
- 20 Passing grade
- 22 Weighing devices
- 23 Carpal joints
- 24 Tattoo sites
- 25 Molokai neighbor
- 26 Deep black
- 28 Eurasian mountains
- 29 Tobacco chew
- 30 Refs
- 31 Relieve tension
- 37 Chimney dirt
- 39 Groaner, maybe
- 41 Catcalls
- 43 Port near Kyoto
- 44 Carder's demands
- 45 Nibble
- 46 Snowmobile parts
- 48 Pleased sighs
- 49 Soft, ripe cheese
- 50 Twist
- 52 Crusty dessert
- 53 Is, to Fritz
- 54 Put up food

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## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to Halloween.

**IKTYCR**

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*Answer: Trick*

## Sudoku

DIFFICULTY RATING:☆☆☆☆☆

8				9		5		
	1			8	5			7
	9		3	4				
		9						1
5				1				9
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				7	6		9	
1			8	2			7	
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### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

1	6	7	5	4	8	9	3	2
4	3	8	2	1	9	7	6	5
5	2	9	6	7	3	1	4	8
8	9	5	3	2	6	4	1	7
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3	1	6	4	8	7	5	2	9
7	8	3	9	6	4	2	5	1
9	5	2	8	3	1	6	7	4
6	4	1	7	5	2	8	9	3

**HOW TO PLAY:**  
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

# Fright Night Word Search

E	W	I	Y	Y	E	N	U	M	U	P	Y	D	U	S	P	I	R	I	T
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|------------|----------|----------|-----------|---------|----------|
| BAT        | CAULDRON | DARKNESS | GHOULS    | HAUNT   | SKELETON |
| BLACK CAT  | COFFIN   | EERIE    | GOBLINS   | PUMPKIN | SPIDER   |
| BONES      | COSTUMES | FRIGHTEN | GRAVES    | SCARY   | SPIRIT   |
| BROOMSTICK | CRYPT    | GHOSTS   | HALLOWEEN | SCREECH | SPOOKY   |

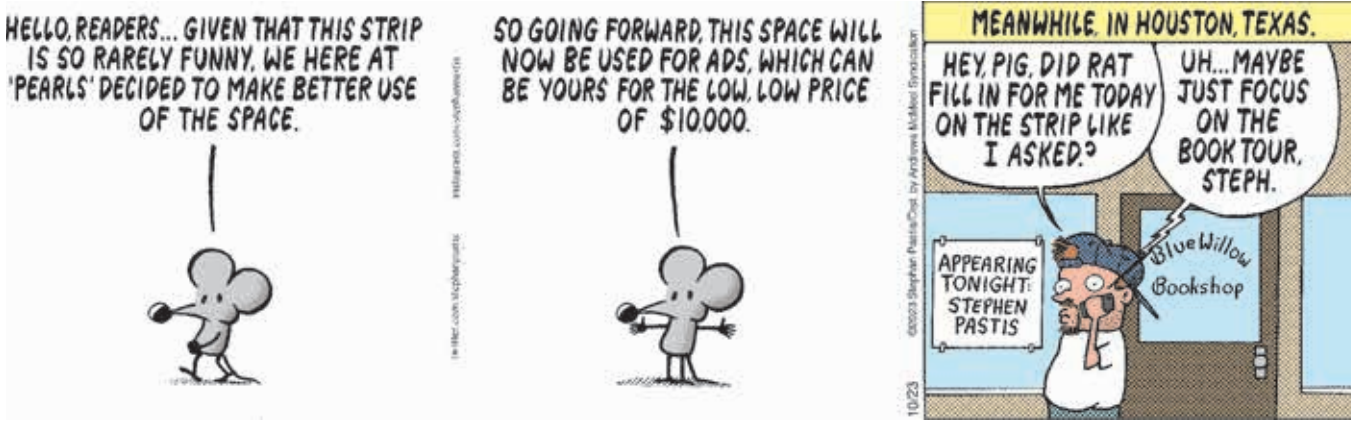
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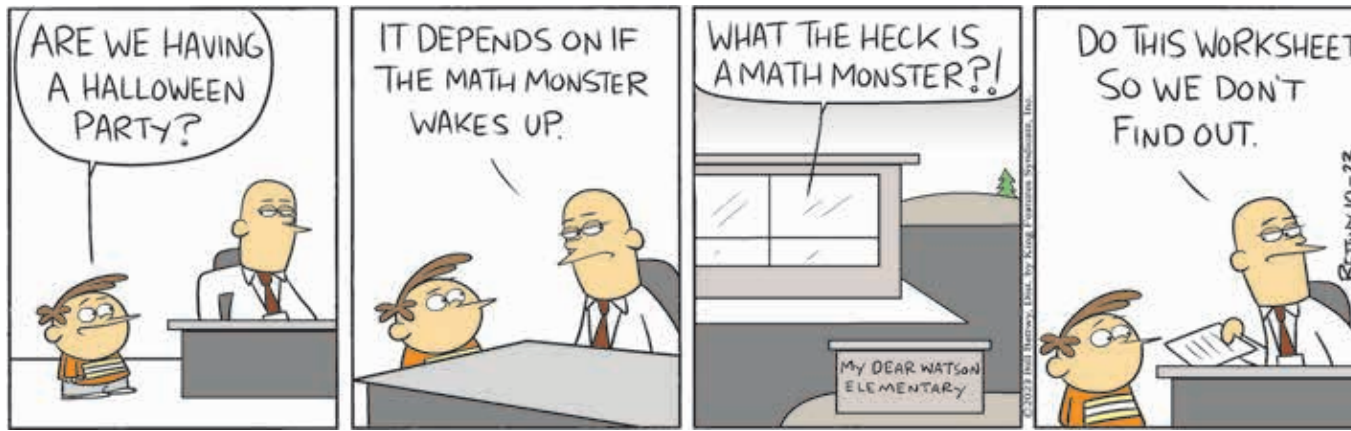
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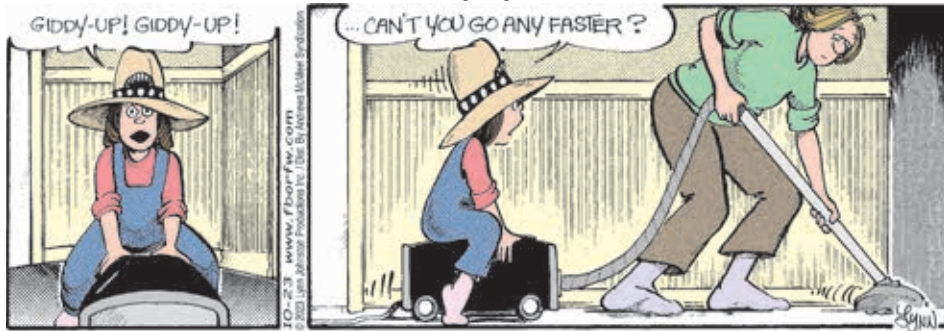
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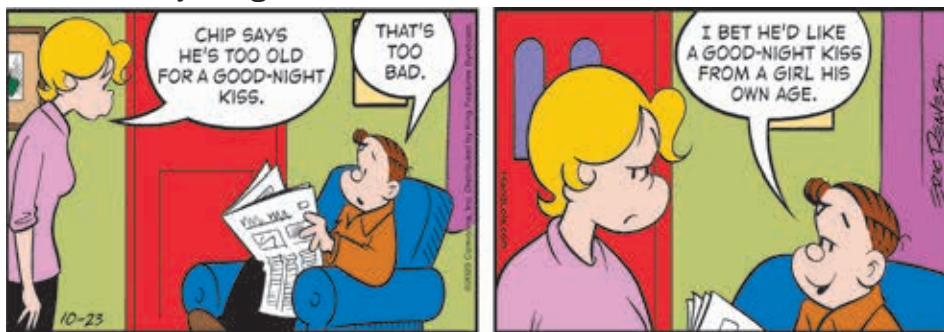
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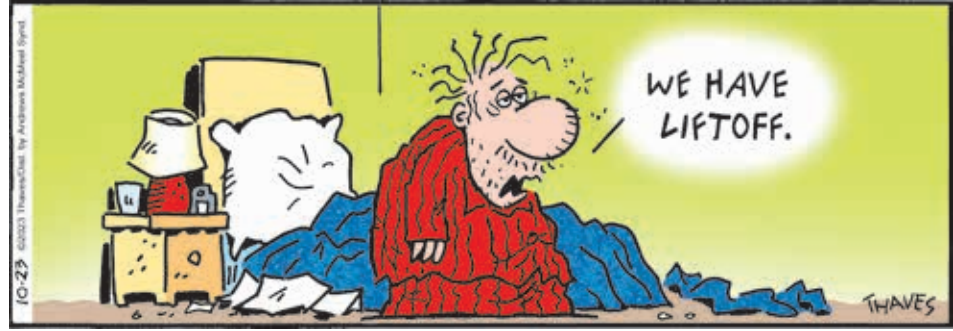
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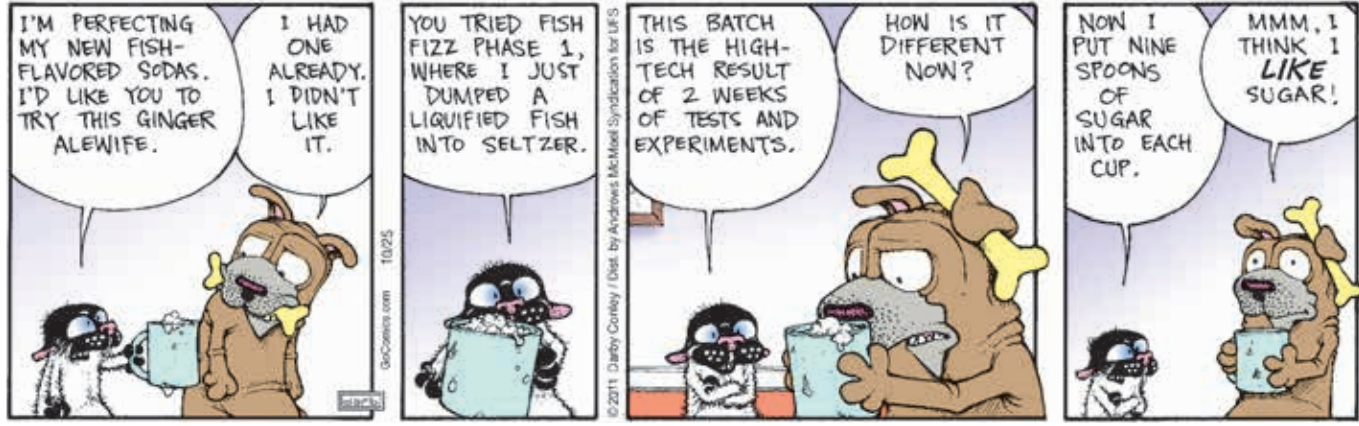
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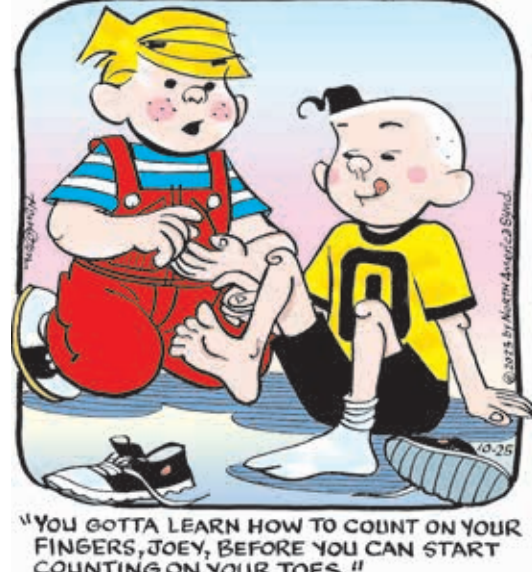
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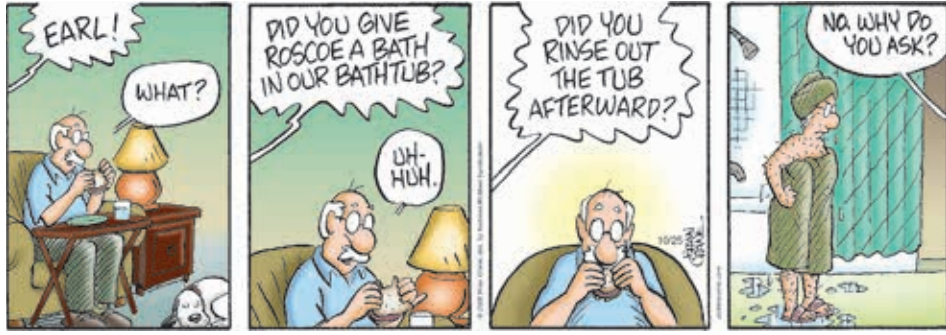
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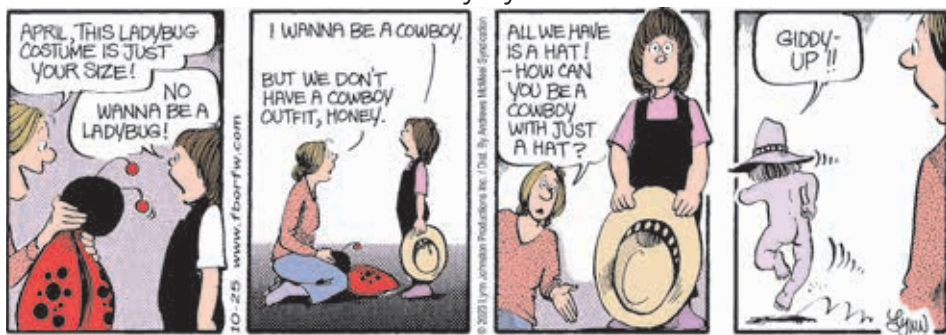
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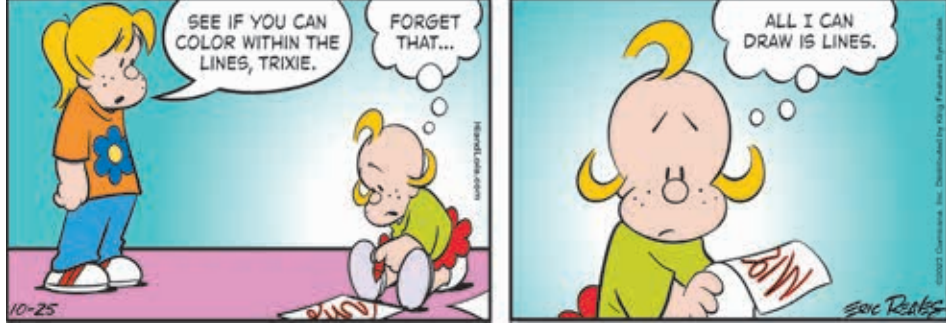
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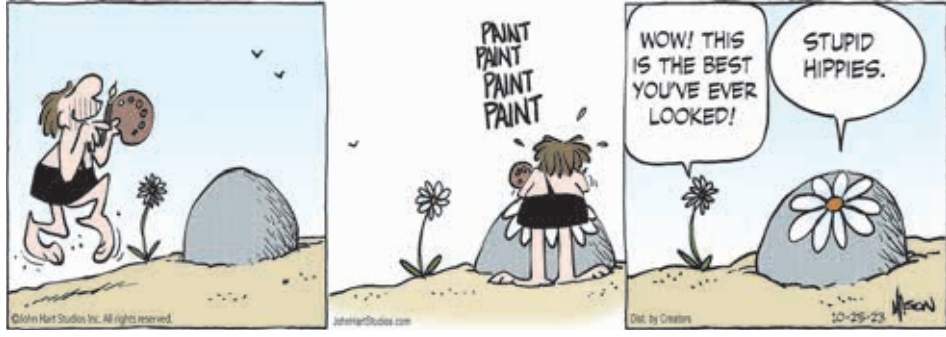
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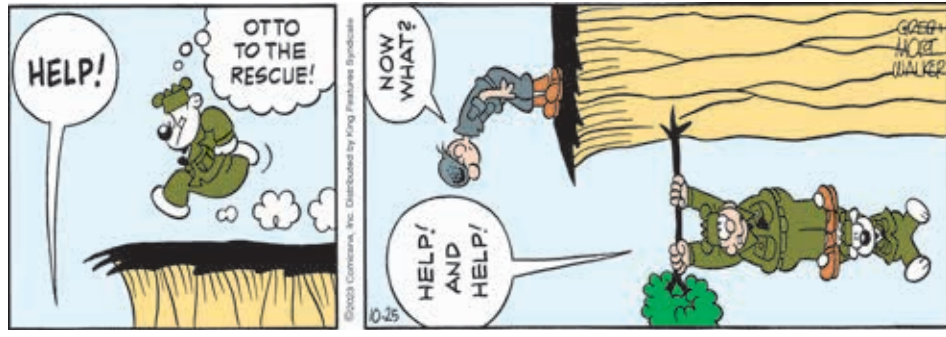
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Adding your ad in the Nisqually Valley News in Yelm, WA and The Reflector in Battle Ground, WA

# HOROSCOPE

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023



**AQUARIUS**

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)**  
Be wary of anyone trying to push you in a questionable direction. Stick to a budget, regardless of temptation or bullying. A firm position will make it difficult for anyone to trip you up.



**PISCES**

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)**  
Make your money work for you. Use your skills strategically and make alterations as you move forward. A change of heart might disrupt your plans. A financial or partnership opportunity is favored.



**ARIES**

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
Reach out and connect with people with something to offer. Don't make unnecessary changes to show off. Take care of your responsibilities and live up to your promises.



**TAURUS**

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
Accept the inevitable and make it work in your favor. Keep your life simple, stick to what works best for you and optimize your talents to ensure you get the most out of everything you pursue.



**GEMINI**

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
With hard work, you can stabilize your position and boost your reputation. Don't expect everyone to be happy for you. A jealous onlooker will try to muscle their way into the spotlight.



**CANCER**

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
Dump the routine and delve into something challenging. Explore your options, learn something new and help a cause you care about. An unexpected opportunity will blossom.



**LEO**

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Keep a low profile. A sensitive situation will spin out of control if you are too vocal or pushy. Don't mix business with pleasure or complain about your work problems at home.



**VIRGO**

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Take advantage of learning opportunities. Adopt a routine that is new and exciting. Take responsibility for your happiness. Join forces with someone who shares your likes and dislikes.



**LIBRA**

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**  
Look for a unique way to handle pushy people and unscrupulous situations. A proactive approach will thwart anyone trying to take advantage of you. Self-improvement is favored.



**SCORPIO**

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**  
Speaking up and saying what's on your mind will help you move forward. Honesty and integrity may take work, but they will help you clarify your position and choices. Make necessary changes.



**SAGITTARIUS**

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**  
Get your facts straight, share your thoughts and concerns, and make a difference. An articulate assertion of what you propose to do will help you build confidence and gain support.



**CAPRICORN**

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Stick to your plan and don't stop until you reach your goal. Your enthusiasm will ignite onlookers, inspiring them to help out. A joint venture will help you save money.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023



**AQUARIUS**

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)**  
Keep your eye on the ball and take notes. Don't expect anyone to give you something for nothing. A hyped-up deal will disappoint, but investing more time in your own interests will pay off.



**PISCES**

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)**  
Establish what you want and what it will cost, and start saving money. A change may seem unattainable, but you will reach your target with ingenuity and discipline.



**ARIES**

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
Focus on what's important to you. Do your own thing and stay out of sight. You'll gain ground if you maintain focus and follow your heart. Refuse to let anyone bully you.



**TAURUS**

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
Don't hesitate; take the initiative and reach for the stars. You've got what it takes to make a difference and to sink your teeth into something that brings you joy.



**GEMINI**

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
Don't give away your secrets or allow others to interfere with your plans. Work undercover, and you'll find it easier to reach your objective quickly. Stay ahead of the game.



**CANCER**

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
Juggle your schedule to suit your needs. Talk to experts, consider your options and align yourself with people who can help you reach your goal. Alter your home and lifestyle as needed.



**LEO**

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Stay calm, avoid chaos and live within your means. Refuse to let others dictate what's best for you. Keep your life simple, under control and heading in a positive direction.



**VIRGO**

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Short trips, conversations and a change for the better are within reach if you broaden your horizons and network with like-minded people in your community. Don't procrastinate if action is necessary.



**LIBRA**

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**  
Listen, and you'll keep the peace. Changing how you allocate money will encourage a lifestyle that puts your mind at ease and enables you to follow what makes you happy. Use your imagination.



**SCORPIO**

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**  
Make home improvements, network and implement the changes necessary to reach your objective. A joint effort will lead to unexpected opportunities. Make worthwhile connections.



**SAGITTARIUS**

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**  
Keep an open mind, listen to others and contemplate what's best for you. Set boundaries and expectations if someone is being too aggressive or not pulling their weight.



**CAPRICORN**

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Find out how to cut your overhead. Sell items you no longer need and declutter your space to make room to accommodate things that are meaningful to you. Romance is favored.

### PRODUCE & FOOD ITEMS

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### GARAGE SALES CENTRALIA

Beautiful wood dining table 42x60, Two 18 inch leaves with 6 chairs. \$150. 360-736-2161.

### VISIT VISITED

**FIND YOUR NEXT FAVORITE TREASURE AT GRANDMA'S ESTATE SALE!**  
**Friday & Saturday, October 20, 8-2, October 21, 8-12.**  
**2520 Sharon St, Centralia, WA 98531.**

After 50 years, Grandma is moving & everything goes. Queen size hide-a-bed, oak wall unit, washer/dryer, two flat screen TVs, glass top pedestal dining table, two full size mattresses with holly wood frames, metal shelves, vintage Singer sewing machine in wood cabinet, dishes, silverware, pots, pans, utensils, & small appliances. Partyware, wine & bar glassware, memorabilia from travel, garden tools & supplies, Christmas decorations, wrapping paper/bags for all occasions & many more treasures.

### VISIT VISITED

**INSIDE MOVING SALE!**  
**Fri, Sat & Sun, October 20, 21 & 22, 10-5.**  
**201 W Oakview Ave #90, Centralia, WA 98531.**  
Lots of furniture & miscellaneous. Everything must go!! Reasonable prices.

### VISIT VISITED

**OAKVIEW GRANGE HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR**  
**Sat & Sun, Oct. 20 & 21st, 9-4.**  
**2715 N. Pearl St. Centralia, WA 98531**  
MULTI-VENDOR SUPPORT LOCAL ARTISANS ~ BEAUTIFULLY CRAFTED ITEMS ONE-OF-A-KIND GIFTS BAKED GOODS ~ CANDY ~ KNIT ITEMS WOOD CRAFTS ~ JEWELRY  
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Pe Ell School District is seeking proposals from interested parties capable of providing Construction Consultant Services and Project Construction Management Services, Value Engineering (VE), Constructability Reviews (CR), Furniture Fixtures and equipment (FFE), and Building Commissioning (Cx) Management Services for ongoing district-wide capital construction projects and planning and construction management which may include a major modernization School Project serving Pre-K through 12th Grade. Interested parties for construction and project management services must be able to provide subject matter expertise in the planning and execution of capital construction projects from concept to construction closeout and have the experienced staff to execute minor to major projects with multiple funding sources. The District intends to award based on a qualifications-based selection. Price is to be determined after consultant selection as part of contract negotiations. The full RFQ and submission information can be found on the Districts website at: <https://www.peell.k12.wa.us>

**Key Dates:** Release(s) of RFQ October 11th, 2023; SOQ Proposals Due October 24th, 2023; Review and Final Selection with services anticipated by end of October 2023

/s/ Kyle MacDonald  
Mr. Kyle MacDonald,  
Superintendent  
Pe Ell School District

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128032 NTC: Hatfield

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS**  
**In the Matter of the Estate of JOE F. HATFIELD, Deceased.**  
**NO. 23-4-00361-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Joe F. Hatfield. 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 assets.

Date of First Publication: October 21, 2023  
Personal Representative: JAY HULTBERG  
Attorney for the Personal Representative: Dana L. Williams, WSBA#12519  
Address for Mailing: Buzzard O'Rourke, PS P.O. Box 59 Centralia, WA 98531

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127836 NTC: Lininger

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS**  
**In the Matter of the Estate of JEANETTE M. LININGER, Deceased.**  
**NO. 23-4-00354-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)**

The personal representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative, or the personal representative's attorney, at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets of the decedent.

**DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:** October 7, 2023.  
**DENNIS LININGER**  
Personal Representative  
**ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:** LARRY W. FAGERNESS  
WSBA #7795  
**ADDRESS FOR MAILING AND SERVICE OF CLAIMS:** Fagerness Law Office  
P. O. Box 88  
3508 Galvin Road  
Centralia, WA 98531  
(360) 736-7400  
**COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSE NUMBER:** Lewis County Superior Court #23-4-00354-21

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127934 NTC: Olson

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS**  
**In Re the Estates of: ALAN OLSON, Deceased,**  
**NO. 23-4-00352-21 NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The Administratrix, Jaime Daniel, has been appointed and has qualified as Administratrix of this Estate. Persons having claims against the Deceased must, prior to the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, serve their claims on the Administratrix, or the attorneys of record at the address stated below, and file an executed copy of the claim with the Clerk of this Court within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this Notice or within four (4) months after the date of the original filing of this Notice with the Clerk of the Court, whichever is later, except under those provisions included in RCW 11.40.011, or section 4 of this act, or the claim will be forever barred.

**DATED this 9th day of October, 2023.**  
/s/ Joseph P. Enbody  
**JOSEPH P. ENBODY,**  
WSBA #1796  
Attorney for Estate  
**ENBODY & DUGAW**  
Attorneys at Law  
P.O. Box 855,  
107 S. Tower  
Centralia, WA 98531  
Phone: (360) 736-8269  
STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
: ss.

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127933 NTC: Ross

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS**  
**In Re the Estates of: ROBERT RICHARD ROSS, Deceased,**  
**NO. 23-4-00353-21 NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The Administratrix, Donna Ross, has been appointed and has qualified as Administratrix of this Estate. Persons having claims against the Deceased must, prior to the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, serve their claims on the Administratrix, or the attorneys of record at the address stated below, and file an executed copy of the claim with the Clerk

of this Court within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this Notice or within four (4) months after the date of the original filing of this Notice with the Clerk of the Court, whichever is later, except under those provisions included in RCW 11.40.011, or section 4 of this act, or the claim will be forever barred.

**DATED this 9th day of October, 2023.**  
/s/ Joseph P. Enbody  
**JOSEPH P. ENBODY,**  
WSBA #1796  
Attorney for Estate  
**ENBODY & DUGAW**  
Attorneys at Law  
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That on the 9th day of October, 2023, I caused to be deposited with the United States Postal Service at Centralia, Washington, first class postage prepaid, one each copy of the attached NOTICE TO CREDITORS addressed to the Department of Social and Health Services, Office of Financial Recovery, Attention at their last known address as follows:  
Estate Recovery Unit  
P.O. Box 9501  
Olympia, WA 98507-9501  
DATED this 9th day of October, 2023.  
FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.  
/s/ Brynyn J. Kershaw  
BRYNYN J. KERSHAW  
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 9th day of October, 2023.  
Kelly M. Stueve  
Notary Public in and for the State of WA, residing: Chehalis  
My commission expires: 09/25/2024

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128040 NTC: Ostertag

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WESLEY OSTERTAG, Deceased.**  
**NO. 23-4-00376-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030**

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020 (1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in 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-probate assets. Date of filing copy of Notice to Creditors 10/16/2023  
Date of first publication October 21, 2023  
/s/ Robin Pittack  
**ROBIN PITTACK**  
Personal Representative  
c/o ALTHAUSER RAYAN ABBARNO, LLP  
114 W. Magnolia;  
P. O. Box 210  
Centralia, WA 98531  
Telephone: (360) 736-1301  
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127933 NTC: Ross

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS**  
**In Re the Estates of: ROBERT RICHARD ROSS, Deceased,**  
**NO. 23-4-00353-21 NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The Administratrix, Donna Ross, has been appointed and has qualified as Administratrix of this Estate. Persons having claims against the Deceased must, prior to the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, serve their claims on the Administratrix, or the attorneys of record at the address stated below, and file an executed copy of the claim with the Clerk

of this Court within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this Notice or within four (4) months after the date of the original filing of this Notice with the Clerk of the Court, whichever is later, except under those provisions included in RCW 11.40.011, or section 4 of this act, or the claim will be forever barred.

**DATED this 9th day of October, 2023.**  
/s/ Joseph P. Enbody  
**JOSEPH P. ENBODY,**  
WSBA #1796  
Attorney for Estate  
**ENBODY & DUGAW**  
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127933 NTC: Ross

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS**  
**In Re the Estates of: ROBERT RICHARD ROSS, Deceased,**  
**NO. 23-4-00353-21 NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The Administratrix, Donna Ross, has been appointed and has qualified as Administratrix of this Estate. Persons having claims against the Deceased must, prior to the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, serve their claims on the Administratrix, or the attorneys of record at the address stated below, and file an executed copy of the claim with the Clerk

of this Court within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this Notice or within four (4) months after the date of the original filing of this Notice with the Clerk of the Court, whichever is later, except under those provisions included in RCW 11.40.011, or section 4 of this act, or the claim will be forever barred.

**DATED this 9th day of October, 2023.**  
/s/ Joseph P. Enbody  
**JOSEPH P. ENBODY,**  
WSBA #1796  
Attorney for Estate  
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/s/ Joseph P. Enbody  
**JOSEPH P. ENBODY,**  
WSBA #1796  
Attorney for Estate  
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127910 Termination Sevier

**Notice and Summons by Publication**  
**No: 23-7-00578-34 (Termination) (SMPB) (Optional Use)**  
**Clerks Action Required SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF THURSTON FAMILY AND JUVENILE COURT**

In re the Welfare of: ELLAH SEVIER  
D.O.B.: 12/08/2021  
  
To: RAYLYNN SEVIER, Mother; and to: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER, OR ANYONE EXPRESSING A PATERNAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE-NAMED CHILD:

A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights was filed on September 19, 2023. A Fact Finding hearing will be held on this matter on: **NOVEMBER 15, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.** at Thurston County Family and Juvenile Court, 2801 32nd Avenue SW, Tumwater, Washington 98501. You should be present at this hearing.

The hearing will determine if your parental rights to your child are terminated. If you do not appear at the hearing, the court may enter an order in your absence terminating your parental rights.

To request a copy of the Notice, Summons, and Termination Petition, call DCYF at 360-807-7081 or 1-800-562-6926. To view information about your rights, including right to a lawyer, go to [www.atg.wa.gov/TRM.aspx](http://www.atg.wa.gov/TRM.aspx).

Dated: October 4, 2023, by Linda Myhre Enlow, Thurston County Clerk.

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Adorne Medical Esthetics took home a plaque for best infusion therapy during the Best of Lewis County awards gala at McFiler's Chehalis Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 18. See more photos at [chronline.com](https://www.chronline.com).



Tiki Taphouse took home a plaque for best pizza during the Best of Lewis County awards gala at McFiler's Chehalis Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 18.

# In focus: Community celebrated at Best of Lewis County awards



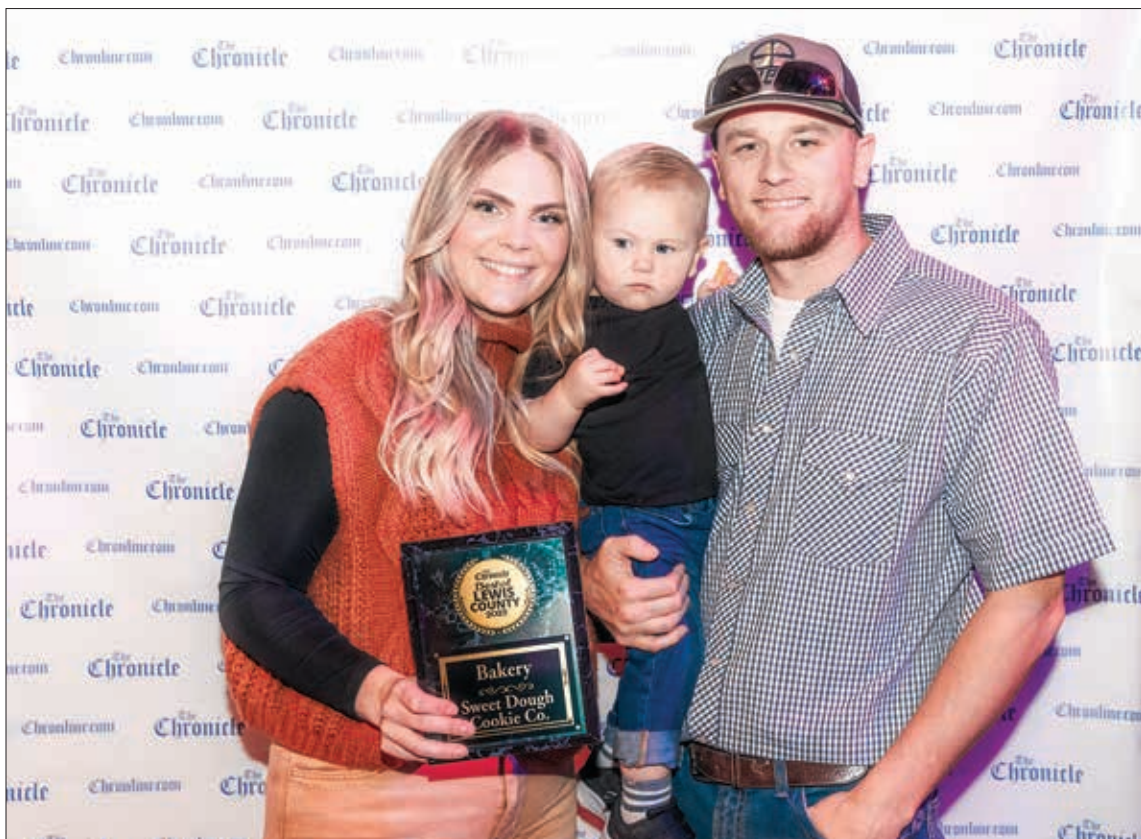
A crew from Courtyard Salon and Spa poses for a photo with their plaque for best spa during the Best of Lewis County awards gala at McFiler's Chehalis Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 18.



Nate's 98 won best barbershop during the Best of Lewis County awards gala at McFiler's Chehalis Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 18.



Central Park Tanning and Wellness won best tanning during the Best of Lewis County awards gala at McFiler's Chehalis Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 18.



Sweet Dough Cookie Co. Owner Ashlee Shirer smiles for a photo with her family and a plaque for best bakery during the Best of Lewis County awards gala at McFiler's Chehalis Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 18.



Alex Cook smiles and holds up two plaques for best tattoo shop and tattoo artist during the Best of Lewis County awards gala at McFiler's Chehalis Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 18.



Tim Filer talks to attendees during the Best of Lewis County awards gala at McFiler's Chehalis Theater before being awarded a plaque for best bar on Wednesday, Oct. 18.



ToledoTel Vice President and CEO Dale Merten, left, and his wife Tina smile for a photo with a plaque for best phone/internet provider during the Best of Lewis County awards gala at McFiler's Chehalis Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 18.



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Salon Logan took home a plaque for best salon during the Best of Lewis County awards gala at McFiler's Chehalis Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 18. **More photos can be found at chronline.com.**



Ken Wiseman smiles and holds up a plaque for best grocery checker during the Best of Lewis County awards gala at McFiler's Chehalis Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 18.

## In focus: Best of Lewis County



Lewis County Coffee Co. took home plaques for best barista in Sophie Moorhead, best place to work, best customer service and best coffee shop during the Best of Lewis County awards gala at McFiler's Chehalis Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 18.



Jordan Zurfluh Ray smiles for a photo with her family after being awarded a plaque for best teacher during the Best of Lewis County awards gala at McFiler's Chehalis Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 18.



Alderson's Awards West Printwares won best printing company during the Best of Lewis County awards gala at McFiler's Chehalis Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 18.



Talea McNurlin smiles for a photo with a plaque for best nurse during the Best of Lewis County awards gala at McFiler's Chehalis Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 18.



Riverside Golf Club took home two plaques for best place to golf and best bartender in Ericka Pogue, right, during the Best of Lewis County awards gala at McFiler's Chehalis Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 18.



The Mason Jar Gathering Barn took home two plaques for best wedding venue and event venue during the Best of Lewis County awards gala at McFiler's Chehalis Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 18.



Summit Funding took home a plaque for best lender during the Best of Lewis County awards gala at McFiler's Chehalis Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 18.