

# News of the Weird



## Police Take Stray Pig Into Custody Outside Detroit-Area Home

SHELBY TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — Officers in suburban Detroit took a stray pig into custody, holding the animal in the back of a police vehicle before reuniting it with its owner. Debbie DeRiemaeker told WXYZ-TV that she was doing yard work last Thursday evening at her home in Macomb County's Shelby Township when the pig came barreling toward her. It chased her into the front yard before apparently getting distracted by a decorative ball. DeRiemaeker called 911 and explained the situation. She says police officers soon pulled up at her home and got the pig off the streets, though it left a mess inside the police vehicle.

## Birkin Sets Auction Record for Handbags, Sold for \$222,000

HONG KONG (AP) — Christie's said Monday that a Hermes designer handbag smashed a world auction record in Hong Kong. The auction house did not identify the buyer of the crocodile skin Birkin Bag in fuschia with 18 karat gold and diamond hardware. It sold for 1.72 million Hong Kong dollars (\$222,219). The previous record was set at a U.S. auction in 2011 for another Birkin Bag, in red crocodile skin, that sold for \$203,150. The Birkin Bag was designed for and named after British actress Jane Birkin. It's famous for having a price tag in the thousands of dollars and a years-long waiting list. The bag was one of more than 300 that Christie's put on the block in Hong Kong, which has emerged as a global auction center thanks to wealthy

mainland Chinese. A similar black Birkin Bag was offered for auction but didn't sell after failing to attract the minimum bid of 1 million Hong Kong dollars (\$130,000).

## German Police Alerted to Armed Mob, Find Asparagus Pickers

BERLIN (AP) — Police in rural northeastern Germany rushed out to track down a reported mob of up to 15 people armed with knives and sticks. Instead, they found a group of asparagus harvesters. Police in the town of Ludwigslust said a man called their emergency number Saturday to report having seen "10 to 15 people armed with knives and sticks" on a local road. Within minutes, six police cars were on their way to the scene. Officers quickly discovered, however, that the group was asparagus harvesters walking along the road with their work tools as they went to take a lunch break. White asparagus is a popular delicacy in Germany and a ubiquitous sight on restaurant menus in late spring.

## Bothell Mayor Agrees to Sell Golf Course — Or, at Least the Back Nine

BOTHELL (AP) — The mayor of the northeast Seattle suburb of Bothell has agreed to sell the 39-acre back nine of a golf course to a conservation group, ending a plan to build 50 expensive homes along an undeveloped section of the Sammamish River. The Seattle Times reported that Mayor Joshua Freed says he's pleased to come to terms with Forterra. Earlier, he seemed prepared to proceed with development in partnership with other investors, despite criticism from residents who wanted the land preserved. Forterra Executive Vice President Michelle Connor says the organization will also try to buy the 50-acre front nine of the Wayne Golf Course and preserve the entire property. She says Forterra has until Aug. 6 to complete an appraisal of the back nine and secure financing.

## Daily Outtake: Look Over There



Students from Hobart and William Smith College in New York measure angles of Mount St. Helens at Windy Ridge viewpoint at Mount St. Helens National Monument Thursday. A lack of snow this year has led to early access for the popular viewpoint, which normally opens later in the summer. Photographs from the viewpoint taken Thursday are available to subscribers at [www.chronline.com](http://www.chronline.com).

## Notable Quote

**"I don't know if words describe it. I didn't even see what happened out on the field (at the end), I was just in disbelief."**

**Rex Ashmore**  
Centralia baseball coach  
(see the Sports section for the full story)



Eric Schwartz  
editor

## Editor's Pick

### A Good Problem to Have

The Chronicle has a long history of celebrating the accomplishments of area youths. Whether it's publishing photographs and information on top graduates, or the box score of a recent athletic competition, we do our best to keep readers up to date on the successes of the next generation of adults. In that spirit, we've always tried to give front page coverage for teams that win state championships. We were in quite the conun-

drum Monday as we toiled over how to properly acknowledge four local teams that emerged as champions over the weekend. We can't be sure, but Sports Editor Aaron VanTuyl is convinced four Lewis County teams have never won championships in the same season. The front page of today's edition represents only a portion of our eventual conclusion on how to handle the unprecedented success. Thursday's edition will include an eight-page special section complete with keepsake front pages for each individual team, along with advertisements from local businesses also celebrating the accomplishments. Forgive us if today's front

page seems a little busy. Sports Reporter Brandon Hansen quipped that it looks like the work of Michael Bay, one of the least subtle directors in Hollywood known for such explosive films as "Armageddon" and the "Transformers" franchise. I can accept that. The hard work and determination of the student athletes deserves loud and proud coverage, and we're happy to showcase the photos and stories provided by VanTuyl, Hansen and part-time sports reporter extraordinaire Luke Kilgore. Be sure to read the coverage, and also check out our growing online hub for local athletics, [www.lewiscounty.sports.com](http://www.lewiscounty.sports.com).

## The Weather Almanac

### 5-Day Forecast for the Lewis County Area

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Showers Likely 60° 52°	Few Showers 65° 47°	Partly Cloudy 71° 49°	Mostly Sunny 76° 52°	Sunny 81° 55°

### River Stages

Gauge	Flood Stage	24 hr. Change
Chehalis at Mellen St.	65.0	0.00
Skookumchuck at Pearl St.	85.0	0.00
Cowlitz at Packwood	10.5	-0.01
Cowlitz at Randle	18.0	+0.02
Cowlitz at Mayfield Dam	---	0.00

### National Map

Forecast map for June 2, 2015

### Almanac

Data reported from Centralia

**Temperature**

Yesterday's High ..... 59  
 Yesterday's Low ..... 55  
 Normal High ..... 71  
 Normal Low ..... 49  
 Record High ..... 97 in 1970  
 Record Low ..... 34 in 1933

**Precipitation**

Yesterday ..... 0.09"  
 Month to date ..... 0.09"  
 Normal month to date ..... 0.08"  
 Year to date ..... 17.24"  
 Normal year to date ..... 23.01"

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### Regional Weather

Shows today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

### Sun and Moon

Sunrise today ..... 5:20 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight ..... 8:59 p.m.  
 Moonrise ..... 8:59 p.m.  
 Moonset ..... 5:46 a.m.

Full 6/2, Last 6/9, New 6/16, First 6/24

### Regional Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo Wx	Wed. Hi/Lo Wx	City	Today Hi/Lo Wx	Wed. Hi/Lo Wx
Bremerton	60/52 sh 62/51 sh	62/51 sh	Tri Cities	68/50 t 69/48 mc	74/55 sh 75/52 s
Olympia	58/52 sh 58/51 sh	58/51 sh	Wenatchee	70/53 sh 73/56 pc	
Centralia	60/52	60/52			
Chehalis	59/52	59/52			
Longview	59/53	59/53			
Portland	62/53	62/53			
Port Angeles	57/51	57/51			
Olympia	59/51	59/51			
Tacoma	60/53	60/53			
Vancouver	62/53	62/53			
Seattle	58/53	58/53			
Ellensburg	65/51	65/51			
Yakima	70/52	70/52			
The Dalles	67/54	67/54			

### National Cities

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Anchorage	58/47 pc	59/46 mc	New Delhi	104/82 pc	104/81 pc
Boise	72/50 t	73/51 pc	Paris	72/57 pc	68/52 pc
Boston	51/48 ra	63/51 s	Rio de Janeiro	72/68 cl	73/66 pc
Dallas	87/69 s	89/70 s	Rome	84/61 pc	88/64 s
Honolulu	87/73 ra	87/73 ra	Sydney	57/48 s	59/48 s
Los Angeles	76/58 s	81/62 s			
Las Vegas	96/76 s	96/74 s			
Nashville	78/61 mc	83/65 pc			
Phoenix	103/70 s	100/70 s			
St. Louis	76/58 s	81/62 s			
Salt Lake City	82/58 s	83/57 s			
San Francisco	62/52 mc	62/52 pc			
Washington, DC	74/60 t	74/65 cl			

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