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# Capital Budget Includes \$40M for 20th District Projects

**MONEY:** Dozens of Local Projects, Organizations Get Funding

By Justyna Tomtas and Eric Schwartz

The Chronicle

Nearly \$40 million in funding has been provided to organizations and local governments in the 20th Legislative District as part of the long-awaited passage of the state capital budget on Thursday.

Democrats and Republicans finally came to an agreement after the budget stalled in the previous legislative session, and now dozens of local groups are set to benefit from an infusion of state funding.

That budget includes \$4.8 million for a major renovation at the Centralia's National Guard Readiness Center, \$299,000 for the Centralia Fox Theatre renovation, \$618,000 for a Southwest Washington agricul-

tural business park near Tenino, \$1.03 million for the Discover! Children's Museum in Chehalis, \$1 million for Valley View Health Centers, \$1.5 million

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## Inspection at For Heaven's Sake Leaves Fawns' Fate Up in the Air

**CATCH -22:** Deer Deemed 'Too Friendly' For Release Must Prove Friendly Enough for Study

By Jordan Nailon

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A visit to For Heaven's Sake Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation in Rochester by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife earlier this month appears to have left the gate open to salvation for some of the 11 deer who were previously slated for euthanization after wildlife officials deemed them "too friendly" for wild release.

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## Weather Service Says More Wind, Rain and Snow Headed Our Way

By Jordan Nailon

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Another round of wind is expected to be buffered by copious amounts of rain and snow across the region this weekend, according to the National Weather Service in Seattle.

On Friday, the NWS issued a news release that warned of the impending threat of widespread wind damage and shallow landslides across Western

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# Port of Centralia Named 2018 Business of the Year

Chamber Honors Accomplishments of Port at Annual Banquet



Justyna Tomtas / jtomas@chronline.com

Port of Centralia Executive Director Kyle Heaton thanks the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce for naming the port the 2018 Business of the Year.



Michaels Distribution Center off of Hoss Road in the Port of Centralia is one of 32 businesses in the port.

**CHAMBER AWARD:** Port Honored for Furthering Economic Development in Lewis County

By Justyna Tomtas

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The Port of Centralia accepted the 2018 Business of the Year award on Friday night at the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce banquet, with lead-

ers passing on the credit for the acknowledgement to its tenants that provide more than 900 jobs and well over \$100 million in assessed property value.

The port expects to double the amount of employment it offers in the next two years as two major projects — Centralia Station and a grocery distribution center — move forward. The banquet was held at the

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## Abby the Fire Dog



Riverside Fire Authority Says Goodbye to Pooch / Main 16

## Congregation Sought for Church



Owners Look to Find Group to Take Over Historic Building / Main 7

## Deaths

Spence Sr., Terry, 52, Centralia  
Blinks, Stanley E., 90, Chehalis  
Breshon, Beverly Sue, 59, Napavine  
Egeland, Dean Calvin, 81, Randle  
Christian, Joseph A., 65, Lewis County  
Beckman, Richard H., 72, Lewis County  
McVay, Barbara, 80, Centralia

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# Community Calendar

Saturday, Jan. 20

## Meet and Support the W.F. West Robotics Team

The Chehalis STEM Booster Club is hosting its sixth annual dinner and auction fundraiser to benefit the W.F. West Robotics teams.

The team is inviting its fans and supporters to join the participants at the Moose Lodge (1408 Grand Ave., Centralia) on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m., where they will serve a spaghetti dinner followed by a dessert frenzy. Attendees can also bid on auction items and enjoy entertainment by musician Bart Herigstad.

It's a great chance to meet the teams.

Tickets (\$15 each, or \$45 for family of four) and more information are available at Book 'N' Brush (514 N. Market Blvd.), by emailing chehalisstem@gmail.com, from Booster Club and Robotics team members, or at the door on the day of the event.

Club Mom Children's Clothing Bank and Exchange, 1-3 p.m., Centralia Christian Church, 1215 W. Main St., 360-736-7655

Coach Train Excursions to Milburn, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Chehalis-Centralia Railroad & Museum, 1101 SW Sylvanus St., Chehalis, steamtrainride.com, 360-748-9593

Riverview Train Excursion to Ruth, 5 p.m., Chehalis-Centralia Railroad & Museum, 1101 SW Sylvanus St., Chehalis, steamtrainride.com, 360-748-9593

Steam Train Ride and Museum Visit, 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m., Mt. Rainier Railroad, Elbe, 888-STEAM-11

Open garden, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 4162 Jackson Highway, Chehalis

Star Wars: The Last Jedi, 7 p.m., Morton Roxy, \$9 adults, \$8 seniors

Desperate Housewives of Shakespeare, 2 p.m., Morton Roxy, \$10 adults, \$5 children 18 and under, 360-496-0542

### Libraries

Finding George Washington, 2-3 p.m., Centralia Timberland Library, for adults. Learn more about research on Centralia's founder, George Washington, and find out how to do genealogy research into your own family history

Book Bingo and Buttons, 2-4 p.m., Vernetta Smith Timberland Library, for all ages, play bingo for books and use your creativity to design and make your own buttons

Friends of Winlock Timberland Library meeting, 11 a.m.-noon, information about library activities and services, all welcome

World Religion Day Celebration, 3-4

## THE CALENDAR HAS MOVED

The Chronicle has moved its popular community calendar to the Main section in order to provide more time for area organizations to report their events for inclusion in The Chronicle. Previously, the calendar was published in the Life section. By moving it to the Main section, events can be accepted for publication as long as they are submitted by 4 p.m. Monday for the Tuesday calendar, 4 p.m. Wednesday for the Thursday calendar and 4 p.m. Friday for the Saturday calendar. Send information on your events to Jackie Viall at calendar@chronline.com or jviall@swwfamily.com.

p.m., Winlock Timberland Library, for adults and teens, join representatives from the Baha'is of Lewis County Judy Selmer and Jill Johnson in a discussion about how religion has continued to evolve throughout history, optional video will follow the discussion

### Organizations

Washington Old Time Fiddlers' Association, jam session and business meeting, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Cooks Hill Community Church, 2400 Cooks Hill Road, Centralia, acoustic music only, 360-785-3139

Fox Theatre Volunteer meeting, 10 a.m., Station Coffee Bar & Bistro, 120 S. Tower Ave., Centralia, 360-508-6388

Lewis County Beekeepers' Association Beginning Beekeeping Class, 9 a.m.-noon, Centralia College, Washington Hall 103, 701 W. Walnut, Centralia, 360-880-8130, http://lewiscountymbeekeepers.org/upcoming\_events

### Sunday, Jan. 21

Bingo, doors open 5 p.m., bingo starts 6:30 p.m., Forest Grange, 3397 Jackson Highway, Chehalis

Dancing, Country Four and More, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Swede Hall, Rochester, 360-352-2135

Community meal, 1-3 p.m., Rotary Riverside Park, Centralia, free, sponsored by Jesus Name Pentecostal Church, Chehalis, 360-623-9438

Coach Train Excursions to Milburn, 1 and 3 p.m., Chehalis-Centralia Railroad & Museum, 1101 SW Sylvanus St., Chehalis, steamtrainride.com, 360-748-9593

Steam Train Ride and Museum Visit, 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m., Mt. Rainier Railroad, Elbe, 888-STEAM-11

### Support Groups

GriefShare, a video seminar focus-



## Editor's Best Bet

### The Northwest Wind Symphony will hold its winter concert at Corbet Theatre tonight at 7 p.m.

This concert features French music, including music from the Broadway hit Les Miserables. Guests are Louie Blaser, conductor, and Lesley O'Donel, flutist. Tickets are \$12 general admission and can be purchased at the door or in advance from Book n' Brush. Visit www.northwestwindsymphony.org for more information.

## Tuesday, Jan 23

Health and Hope Medical Outreach, free medical clinic, 5:30-8 p.m., Northwest Pediatrics, 1911 Cooks Hill Road, Centralia, for those whose income is less than 200 percent of the poverty level, 360-623-1485  
 Toastmasters 1290 Club Meeting, gain confidence through public speaking and leadership development, noon-1 p.m., Hanson Building board room, Centralia College, 600 Centralia College Blvd., 360-820-2771

### Public Agencies

Centralia City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 118 W. Maple St., Centralia, 360-330-7670

Lewis County Planning Commission, 6 p.m., Lewis County Courthouse, 360-740-1284, http://goo.gl/1a1Zb

Lewis County PUD Commission, 10 a.m., PUD auditorium, 345 NW Pacific Ave., Chehalis, 360-748-9261 or 1-800-562-5612

### Libraries

Preschool Storytime and Playgroup, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Centralia Timberland Library, for children 3-6, stories, rhymes, songs and movement games, including unstructured play

LEGO Bricks @ the Library, 4-6 p.m., Winlock Timberland Library, for all ages, build with LEGO Mindstorm EV3 robots and more

### Organizations

Centralia Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., Unity Church, 800 S. Pearl St., Centralia, 360-748-1753, hraj@localaccess.com

Two Town Tuners, 7 p.m., Lewis and Clark Hotel, 117 W. Magnolia St., Centralia, tuners.groupnizer.com

Mount St. Helens Patchwork Quilters, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Lewis County Historical Museum, 599 NW Front St., Chehalis, 360-880-5134

Cougar Squares dance club of Toledo fall square dance lesson, Salkum Fire Hall, 7 p.m.

Square Dance Lessons, 7-9 p.m., Oakview Grange, 2715 N. Pearl St., Centralia, first lesson free, then \$2.50 each, single and couples welcome, 360-748-6948 or 360-273-4884

### Support Groups

Survivors of sexual assault/abuse, for people who speak Spanish, 5:30-7 p.m.,

125 NW Chehalis Ave., Chehalis, sponsored by Human Response Network, 360-748-6601

Second Chance/Lewis County Brain Injury Support Group, 5 p.m., call 360-864-4341 or 360-983-3166 for meeting location

Al Anon, Fellowship in Unity, 6-7 p.m., Unity Center, 800 S. Pearl St., Centralia, 360-237-4082, 360-269-2531

Grateful Girlfriends, support group for women experiencing cancer, 7-8:30 p.m., Centralia Nazarene Church, 1119 W. First St., 360-748-9508 or lcdrmeyers@reachone.com

GriefShare, a recovery group for those who have lost a loved one, 10 a.m.-noon, Faith Baptist Church, 436 Coal Creek Road, Chehalis, \$20 for workbook, 360-264-4482, 360-785-3635, or www.griefshare.org

East County Support Group, NAMI Lewis County, for those affected by mental illness, 10-11 a.m., Salkum Timberland Library community room, 208-476-8070

DivorceCare, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Mount View Baptist Church, 1201 W. Belmont Ave, childcare available, 360-872-2175

Overeaters Anonymous meets, 5:15-6:15 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1209 N. Scheuber Road, Centralia. Call 360-819-7721 for more information

## Wednesday, Jan. 24

Bingo, doors open 5 p.m., bingo starts 6:30 p.m., Forest Grange, 3397 Jackson Highway, Chehalis

Mental Health Matters, 6-7:30 p.m., St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 10000 U.S. Highway 12, Rochester, 360-273-9884

### Public Agencies

Riverside Fire Authority Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., Headquarters Station 1818 Harrison Ave., Centralia, 360-736-3975 or sslorey@riversidefire.net

### Libraries

Toddler Time and Playgroup, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Centralia Timberland Library, for children age 2, music, movement, unstructured play and books for toddlers and caregivers

Preschool Storytime, Packwood Timberland Library, 11:30 a.m.-noon, for children ages 1-6, stories, rhymes, songs and movement games

Book Babies, 10-11 a.m., Vernetta Smith Chehalis Timberland Library, for ages birth-24 months, short stories,

## The Weather Almanac

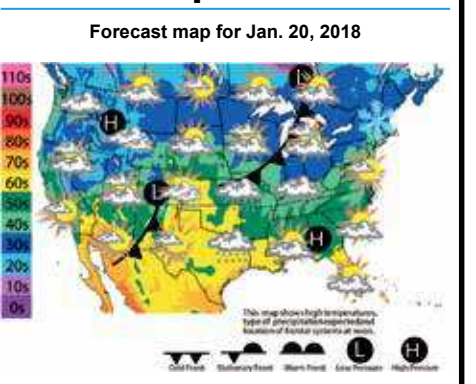
### 5-Day Forecast for the Lewis County Area

Today	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Showers Likely 45° 35°	Rain Likely 44° 36°	Showers Likely 46° 38°	Scattered Rain 42° 34°	Showers Likely 41° 31°

### River Stages

Gauge Height	Flood Stage	24 hr. Change
Chehalis at Mellen St. 53.35	65.0	+0.30
Skookumchuck at Pearl St. 75.84	85.0	+0.48
Cowlitz at Packwood 2.75	10.5	-0.40
Cowlitz at Randle 8.73	18.0	-0.21
Cowlitz below Mayfield Dam 14.70	--	+0.00

### National Map



### Almanac

Data reported from Centralia  
**Temperature**  
 Yesterday's High ..... 46  
 Yesterday's Low ..... 41  
 Normal High ..... 46  
 Normal Low ..... 33  
 Record High ..... 64 in 2005  
 Record Low ..... 7 in 1916  
**Precipitation**  
 Yesterday ..... 0.00"  
 Month to date ..... 4.63"  
 Normal month to date ..... 4.85"  
 Year to date ..... 4.63"  
 Normal year to date ..... 4.85"

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### Regional Weather



### Regional Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo Wx	Sun. Hi/Lo Wx	City	Today Hi/Lo Wx	Sun. Hi/Lo Wx
Bremerton	45/35 sh 48/37 ra	48/37 ra	Spokane	38/30 rs 41/32 sn	41/32 sn
Ocean Shores	47/37 sh 50/39 ra	50/39 ra	Tri Cities	47/34 mc 45/36 ra	45/36 ra
Olympia	46/36 sh 45/37 ra	45/37 ra	Wenatchee	40/29 mc 37/31 sn	37/31 sn

### Sun and Moon

Sunrise today ..... 7:48 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight ..... 4:57 p.m.  
 Moonrise ..... 9:46 a.m.  
 Moonset ..... 8:50 p.m.



### Pollen Forecast

Allergen	Today	Sunday
Trees	None	None
Grass	None	None
Weeds	None	None
Mold	None	None

### World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo Wx	Sun. Hi/Lo Wx	City	Today Hi/Lo Wx	Sun. Hi/Lo Wx
Baghdad	58/42 ra 62/34 s	62/34 s	New Delhi	68/47 s 68/43 s	68/43 s
Beijing	36/9 s 25/12 sn	25/12 sn	Paris	52/39 ra 46/41 ra	46/41 ra
London	40/38 ra 39/32 ra	39/32 ra	Rio de Janeiro	87/75 ra 89/75 ra	89/75 ra
Mexico City	65/27 s 68/28 s	68/28 s	Rome	53/36 ra 59/38 ra	59/38 ra
Moscow	15/11 sn 25/21 sn	25/21 sn	Sydney	83/59 s 82/63 ra	82/63 ra

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# Residents Renew Concerns About Response Times at Another Contentious Onalaska Fire District Meeting

**BLAME:** Commissioners Vote to Use District Funds for Defense in Recall Effort; Supporters Say Volunteers Who Quit Are to Blame for Disarray

By Natalie Johnson

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With the resignation of half of Lewis County Fire District 1's volunteers in the past few months, residents of the Onalaska area have expressed concerns that the losses would lead to increased emergency response times and a threat to community safety.

On Thursday, residents said those fears have now become a reality.

"I have a medically fragile toddler at home. I called 911," resident Carolyn Wendt said. "It took over 23 minutes for someone to respond for a respiratory distressed child. In town. Just right here."

She thanked the people who eventually responded and said they did a great job. She said her concern had nothing to do with the first responders' abilities.

"It has to do with the support they need to be able to do that job," she said.

Wendt's daughter spent time in a hospital intensive care unit. Doctors were reluctant to release her because of EMS response times in her hometown, she said.

"Would you like me to bring in my four other children to stand here in front of you so next time you can explain to them why their sister is maybe even worse off or has passed?" she said. "It's a reality now, it's not a hypothetical."

Joy Sidney said she had an experience with a similar response time the previous month.

"I have epilepsy. I had to do CPR on my grandmother not too long ago, me and my mom both had to keep her alive," she said. "Our leftover volunteers that we have are absolutely fabulous once they get to the scene, but we don't know when they're going to get there now."

Former Chief William Van Housen said a normal response time for the Onalaska district should be five to 10 minutes, depending on the time of day and the availability of volunteers.

"I have a similar situation. I have a developmentally disabled child," he said. "When she was three weeks old, she came home from Harborview."

That night, she had respiratory distress. A timely response from volunteers saved her life.

Van Housen said the commissioners' devotion to the creation of a new fire hall is draining money from the district and contributing to the problems.

"Kill your damn dream of this fire hall, resign and be somebody for this community," he said. "You'd be doing the community a service instead of a disservice and you can't see it. It's killing me. At some point you two will answer to the community."

On Thursday, the commissioners placed the blame elsewhere, specifically on the volunteers who have resigned.

"The people that care about you and your family are still responding. The rest of them quit," Bill Kassel said.



Lewis County Fire District 1 secretary Linda Petracca and commission Chair Rich Bainbridge get into a heated exchange at Thursday night's district meeting.

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the Onalaska Fire Chief position, email a resume, copies of certifications and a letter of interest to [lcfd1commissioners@tds.net](mailto:lcfd1commissioners@tds.net) or mail to LCFD1 P.O. Box 100 Onalaska, WA, 98570.

To apply for the open commission position, send a letter of interest to [lcfd1commissioners@tds.net](mailto:lcfd1commissioners@tds.net). Applicants must live within Lewis County Fire District 1.

The commissioners have repeatedly said that response times in the district are fine.

"ALS never changed. ALS has always been there," Commissioner Rich Bainbridge told The Chronicle Tuesday.

ALS, or advanced life support, is provided by paramedics employed by Lewis County Medic One.

On Tuesday, Bainbridge told The Chronicle Fire District 1 volunteers have responded to every call for aid in Onalaska on the first tone, without relying on mutual aid.

When asked by The Chronicle, he couldn't explain how that reconciled with the response times reported by residents.

Residents have called for the resignations of the commissioners on several occasions, including at Thursday night's meeting, since the pair voted in November to fire former Chief Andrew Martin.

Since that vote, half of the district's volunteers have quit, the third commissioner Jeff Lee resigned and the state Department of Labor and Industries closed the district's main station due to dangers from asbestos, mold, mouse droppings, rotting wood and plants growing inside the building.

Some vocal residents and a number of former volunteers have argued that the decision to fire Martin was personally motivated, stemming from his reprimand of a member of Kassel's family in the fire district. However, other residents say those speaking out against the commissioners are not giving them



Former Lewis County Fire District 1 Chief William Van Housen spoke at the district's regular meeting Thursday night about concerns over response times.

enough credit for being in a bad situation, and blame the volunteers who left for the district's current difficulties.

"We get no credit for being in kind of disarray right now," Bainbridge said.

Last week, Martin and former captain Randy Tobler delivered a request for a recall petition for commissioners Rich Bainbridge and Bill Kassel to the Lewis County Auditor's Office.

The auditor's office turned the request over to the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office, which had 15 days from when the request was turned in to bring it before a Superior Court judge.

On Thursday night, commissioners Bainbridge and Kassel voted to use district funds to pay for an attorney to represent them in the recall.

Secretary Linda Patraca noted the district has less than \$3,000 left in its professional services fund, which would cover the attorney's costs, for the rest of 2018.

"We need to look at how we're going to adjust the budget to compensate that," she said.

The district's attorney, Brian Snure, charges about \$250 an hour, Patraca said.

Bainbridge contacted The Chronicle this week, commenting on the request for a recall for his and Kassel's positions, and saying he felt the commissioners' side of the story had not received enough attention.

"The reason I called is I didn't

think we were getting a fair shake," he said.

Bainbridge said he's been speaking with the district's attorney on a regular basis.

"I don't know much about it," he said of the recall Tuesday. "So far what he's told me is everything we've done has been legal. He says we've acted within our authorities. I don't think I should probably say much more."

The recall request cites 11 instances in which the commissioners are accused of acting contrary to state law, particularly regarding the Open Public Meetings Act.

The OPMA requires publicly elected boards to hold meetings that are open to the public unless in specific circumstances.

District residents have also accused the commissioners of meeting outside the requirements of the OPMA in recent months, in some cases citing Bainbridge and Kassel's close friendship.

"We are friends, we go back a long ways. Our kids went to school together," Bainbridge said. "We have a lot of common interests too."

But he said allegations of the pair violating the Open Public Meetings Act are not true.

Bainbridge told The Chronicle he and Kassel have a plan to address the community's concerns about private meetings.

"I'm going to announce Thursday night that we do have a mediator now," he said prior to the meeting.

## \$80,000 SET ASIDE FOR ONALASKA FIRE HALL IN CAPITAL BUDGET

By The Chronicle

The state capital budget passed this week includes \$80,000 in funding for a building for Lewis County Fire District 1.

The Onalaska fire district's commissioners have credited that to Amber Lewis, a consultant working for the district as a lobbyist.

In the past two years, the district has spent \$1,350 per month, amounting to about \$24,000, to Lewis for her services.

The district has contracted with Lewis and she has agreed that the \$1,350 retainer will cover January, February and March, at which point the contract can be renegotiated.

The fire district commission is currently working with a MeyArchitecture on plans for an estimated \$1.5 million fire station.

Bainbridge told The Chronicle that when he needs to tell Kassel something related to district business outside of a meeting, he'll tell the mediator, who can pass along the message to Kassel.

The mediator could pass back a reply to Bainbridge.

"I'd really like to hear what somebody else is thinking, it really isn't a decision ... We're not trying to be secretive about it," Bainbridge said. "The beauty of it is you can hear what everybody's thinking is."

While intended to help resolve some district's issues, the plan could still be a violation of open public meeting laws.

The Open Public Meetings Act specifically prohibits any discussion of business by a voting majority of an elected board outside of a public meeting unless otherwise authorized as an executive session or a closed session.

While it isn't explicitly written in the OPMA, Washington courts have traditionally ruled that "serial meetings," or meetings held with the help of a third party or through email, are prohibited by the act.

"Any conversation toward meeting of minds, any conversation of agency business that is conducted serially, whether it's by email or phone or phone tree or a series of face-to-face meetings through a third party, doesn't matter," said Toby Nixon, president of the Washington Coalition for Open Government. "Any conversation they're going to have about agency business has to happen in a publicly announced, face to face meeting."

Bainbridge said he didn't believe the commission was doing anything wrong.

"You've seen these meetings. It's hard to discuss things," he said. "It's not like it's a plan to sidestep stuff."

Lewis County Prosecutor Jonathan Meyer said he could not comment on the public meetings issue because his office is working on the request for a recall.

Bainbridge announced the mediator at Thursday's meeting, but at that time didn't explain his plans to use the person as a go-between with his fellow commissioner.

# Onalaska Fire District Still Seeking New Chief, Commissioner

**OPENING:** Commissioners Plan to Get Advice From Area Fire Chiefs After Getting No Applications for District Chief

By Natalie Johnson

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As of Thursday night, Lewis County Fire District 1 had received no applications for chief and one for its open commissioner position, according to district Secretary Linda Patraca.

Adam Myer is currently the interim chief. Former commissioner Jeff Lee resigned in December.

Bainbridge said he discussed the issue with other Lewis County fire chiefs and that they suggested reducing the qualifications expected for the job before advertising again.

The position includes an \$800 per month stipend and requires a number of qualifications, including being certified as an instructor.

Myer has served as interim chief since November. On Thursday, he asked that his stipend be used to benefit the district's education and fire prevention budget to buy smoke detectors.

The commission decided to ask for more input from area chiefs before revising the job

**"I understand why all the firefighters left. I know it's mean but I don't want to be that third wheel sitting in the Kassel fire department."**

Mark Conner  
former chief

description. A review of the description is scheduled to be on the agenda for the next regular

meeting of the fire district board, at 7 p.m. Feb. 15.

Craig Franklin, defeated in November's election by Kassel, said he had submitted a letter of interest for the commissioner position.

Former Onalaska chief Mark Conner said he would only submit his letter if the resigned volunteers agreed to come back.

"I understand why all the firefighters left. I know it's mean but I don't want to be that third wheel sitting in the Kassel fire department," he said.

Former commissioner Jeff Lee resigned in December. He told The Chronicle he believed the other two commissioners were violating laws, including

the state Open Public Meetings Act.

"I can't take the legal risk," Conner said.

He had a letter of intent, but around the middle of Thursday's meeting, he crumpled it into a ball and threw it at the existing commissioners.

The commissioners agreed to continue to accept letters of interest on the commissioner position. The commissioners have 90 days after a position becomes open to appoint a person before the appointment becomes the responsibility of the Board of Lewis County Commissioners.

The Fire District 1 board has about another 60 days, Patraca said.

# Conservation District Tour Visits Bunker Creek Flood Projects

**VIRTUAL TOUR: Diversity of Efforts Put on Display at Adna Grange**

By Jordan Nailon  
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ADNA — About 50 people piled onto a big yellow school bus on Wednesday afternoon in order to learn about the ongoing flood mitigation efforts of the Lewis County Conservation District.

The tour began at the Adna Grange hall near the high school and continued all the way out past where the blacktop ends on Bunker Road.

“When we started we thought, ‘How can we show the most amount of things that we do in the least amount of time?’ So we decided to do the virtual tour and then take a drive up one little valley in our country so hopefully you can see everything we do,” said Conservation District Manager Bob Amrine during introductions at the Adna Grange.

The meeting was attended by conservation district employees from around the region, along with representatives from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, interested local citizens and Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority members, such as Edna Fund and Ron Averill.

Much of the work detailed on the tours was undertaken after the historic 2007 flood of the Chehalis River. Those efforts included cleanup in the immediate aftermath, drainage channel work, fish passage improvements, irrigation efficiencies and building elevated farm pads for safe storage of livestock and equipment during the next high water event.

In total, 19 projects were either visited or addressed via the virtual tour presentation on Wednesday.

One of the largest projects detailed in the tour took place out toward the end of Bunker Road, which is located at the confluence of Bunker Creek Road and Ingalls Road. Due to natural changes in creek flow over time along with culverts that became clogged by the work of beavers and other debris, Bunker Creek had developed a sloppy habit of flowing down the middle of the dirt road rather than its natural stream bed for years. The flow problems were so severe that the flooding occurred not just during wet months, but also in the summer.

“The fish pretty much had to swim over the road to get to spawning habitat,” said Kelly Verd, special project coordinator for the Conservation District.

In order to correct that issue, the Conservation District partnered with Weyerhaeuser and a private property owner and began rerouting the flow of the creek with the help of a new channel with a better draining grade and an elevated bridge that replaced a smaller culvert that was prone to blockage and preventing fish travel.

That in-stream work was completed in September 2017, and Verd estimated that it opened up at least 3 miles of fish habitat. According to a packet provided by the Lewis County Conservation District, “These changes promoted a thriving creek bed undisturbed by human interactions and less vulnerable to flooding events.”

Scott Brummer, a habitat biologist with the WDFW, said the Bunker Creek overflow issue has been on his radar since he joined the agency. As he addressed a crowd of onlookers on Wednesday in the midst of a driving rain, he expressed relief that the project is nearly completed.

“This has been a long time coming. When I first started with Fish and Wildlife there were adult fish in the roadway getting run over by people using this road for hunting access,” noted Brummer.

John Brunoff’s dairy farm was another stop on the tour. During the flood of 2007, the Chehalis River and Bunker Creek combined to kill more than 250 of Brunoff’s dairy cows as the water rose faster than he could respond. These days, he’s got his herd back up to 170 animals and he’s milking with a newfound peace of mind thanks to numerous farm improvement projects facilitated by the Conservation District.

Brunoff says the Conserva-



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Don Schuh, engineering specialist for Weyerhaeuser, describes the intricacies of a project to improve fish passage and water management along Bunker Creek in Adna during a tour put on by the Conservation District on Wednesday.

tion District was quick to arrive at his farm after the flood and that their help has been all over the board. The first thing he needed assistance with was basic cleanup of debris around the farm, including excavating a drainage ditch on the backside of his property that had been completely filled in with river silt.

“This whole place drains into that ditch,” said Brunoff. “It was just a tremendous amount of help. When you get to putting the farm back together the money runs out real fast.”

The project at Brunoff’s place that received the most attention is his elevated farm pad that tops out 2 feet above the high water mark. That Conservation District project created a safe space for Brunoff to move his entire herd and some of his expensive farm equipment whenever the river decides to rise again. Brunoff has moved his cows up onto the pad for practice in the past and noted that he was able to get every animal up out of harm’s way in about five minutes.

“As you can see it’s not going to stop a flood but it’s nice insurance and it gives me the confidence I need to keep going,” said Brunoff. “I could have never gotten back on my feet without all of this help.”

Other projects touted by the Conservation District during the tour included irrigation efforts such as moisture meters to help with proper watering practices and fish screens for intake hoses used for pumping water from rivers or creeks. Immediately after the flood of 2007, much of the district’s work included fence repair, debris removal and reseeding of pastures. Farms that register for a Conservation District farm plan are eligible for cost-sharing initiatives for work that includes riparian zone improvements, manure management facilities, irrigation and drainage projects.

Since 2007, the Lewis County Conservation District has completed work on 20 farm pads at a cost of \$865,029. Those pads will protect 2,005 dairy cows, 284 beef cattle, 293 sheep and goats, 60 horses and untold equipment.



Members of a tour group make their way into the milking parlor at John Brunoff’s dairy farm in Adna on Wednesday.

Additionally, some 60 nutrient management projects have been completed with a price tag of \$785,875. In Lewis County, there were also 28 irrigation plans put in place, covering 1,566 acres as well as 36 fish passage projects that opened up 142.65 miles of habitat at a cost of \$3,081,170.

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program is another area that found plenty of interested farmers to participate. In the last 10 years, there were 78 of those “CREP” projects covering a total of 883.48 acres. Those projects included 12 miles of riparian fencing to keep livestock out of sensitive areas and protected 55.4 miles of creeks and rivers.

Bob Amrine noted that getting stubbornly self-sufficient Lewis County farmers to sign up for assistance from government programs can be a challenge at first, but he added that those relationships typically improve as the parties become more familiar with each other. He mentioned that several times property owners have begrudgingly relented to a scaled down project proposal only to come back to the table the following year asking for ad-

ditional to be undertaken on their property.

“We’ve had that happen several times in Lewis County where once we get people signed up for the CREP they wind up doing a little bit and then doing even

more later,” said Amrine.

Anyone interested in soliciting assistance from the Lewis County Conservation District should call 360-748-0083 or email Bob Amrine at bob.amrine@wa.usda.gov.

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# State Lawmakers Advance Voluntary Waiver of Gun Rights for Those at Risk of Suicide

**PREVENTION: Legislation Would Provide Another Option to Help Prevent Suicides, Some Lawmakers Say**

By Taylor McAvoy  
 For The Chronicle

A bill giving people at risk of suicide the option to voluntarily give up their right to keep a firearm passed the Senate Law and Justice Committee unanimously. The next step for the bill is the Rules Committee before it gets a hearing in the House of Representatives.

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Senate Bill 5553, sponsored by Sen. Jamie Pedersen, D-Seattle, was introduced and heard last year. Pedersen is now chair of the Law and Justice Committee starting this session. "While we know not any one policy will solve all gun violence or prevent all gun suicides, giving

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 Source: Washington State Department of Health.

people the option to voluntarily flag that they may be in crisis and they don't want to have access to firearms during that crisis, is an important step they can take," Rebecca Johnson with the Alliance for Gun Responsibility said at the bill's hearing last year.

She acknowledged that people already have a legal right to turn over any firearm they already own to a trusted friend or family member. This bill would give people with suicidal thoughts another safety tool.

Jennifer Stuber, who lost her husband to suicide, is the director of Forefront at the University of Washington, an organization focusing on suicide prevention policy, education, and research. Stuber cited the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention data showing 1,129 suicide deaths in Washington state in

2015. Noting that about half of those deaths involved a firearm, Stuber said this bill was drafted on common ground and takes an important step toward suicide prevention while maintaining individual autonomy.

Keely Hopkins, state liaison for the National Rifle Association, expressed concerns about individual autonomy. She said a person who is not a risk to themselves or others could be coerced into waiving their firearm rights. She also worries that health care providers may require the waiver as a term of service or employers might require the waiver as a term of employment.

Last week, the bill passed out of committee with an amendment that prohibits employers or healthcare providers from using the waiver as a term of employment or service. The waivers

are also exempt from the Public Records Act and they must be destroyed after someone retains their firearm rights.

Under the bill, someone can retain their firearm rights after a period of seven days and the Washington State Patrol has to process the waiver and retain that person's rights within another seven days.

Hopkins requested a shorter time period in which someone can retain their rights.

"Fourteen days could be an eternity for somebody who needs a firearm for self protection," she said.

The Law and Justice Committee heard an amendment that would change the period where the person's firearm rights are rescinded from seven days to 48 hours. However, this amendment was not adopted because committee members believe that a mental health crisis can last for more than 48 hours and seven days is not a significant infringement on someone's second amendment rights.

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Taylor McAvoy is reporting from the WNP Olympia News Bureau focused on the Legislature.

# Tenino Recognizes 40-Year Anniversary of Officer's On-Duty Death

By The Chronicle

The City of Tenino is recognizing the 40th anniversary this week of the on-duty death of Tenino deputy marshal John H. Dowies on Jan. 18, 1978.

That day, Dowies responded to a request for assistance from Tumwater police who were looking for a suspect in Tenino.

He contacted the suspect and a fight ensued. The suspect reportedly got control of Dowies' gun and shot him, mortally wounding the officer.



John H. Dowies died 40 years ago

"All our hearts are broken for the recent death of a Pierce County Deputy, and (as) we lay him to rest, Mayor Fournier and I feel it is imperative we do not forget the tragic loss of any officers fallen in the line of duty especially our own, Deputy Marshal John H. Dowies," Tenino Police Chief Donald Moody wrote in a press release.

Mayor Wayne Fournier and Moody asked that everyone in the City of Tenino lower flags to half mast on Thursday and will ask the city council to proclaim Jan. 18 as Deputy Marshal John H. Dowies Day.

Moody wrote that he never met Dowies, but has met one of his sons.

"As a father, I am sure he would be proud of the children his wife and him raised," Moody wrote.

"I am also sure he never saw himself as a hero, but I do believe he is a very honorable man that represented his family, our community, and himself with respect and honor."

## News in Brief

### Curtis Man Arrested After Alleged Assault During Vehicle Repossession

By The Chronicle

A Curtis man was arrested Wednesday after allegedly assaulting a man trying to repossess his car.

Patrick J. Trice, 39, was arrested on suspicion of third-degree assault.

Deputies from the Lewis County Sheriff's Office responded at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday to the 100 block of Alder Ridge Road in Curtis after receiving a report of an assault.

According to the sheriff's office, two men were in the process of repossessing a Cadillac Escalade and had the proper paperwork giving them the right to do so.

Trice, the owner of the vehicle, reportedly jumped in the driver's seat and attempted to drive the car away. He put the car in reverse and allegedly struck one of the repossession agents who was standing behind the vehicle.

The man was not seriously injured.

### Congressional Candidate Carolyn Long to Host Town Hall in Centralia

By The Chronicle

A candidate running for the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington's 3rd Congressional District will hold a town hall event at the Centralia Timberland Library on Monday, Jan. 22.

Carolyn Long will be at the library from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

"This is one of my many town halls throughout the New Year," stated a press release. "This is an opportunity to get to know Carolyn and share your concerns for Southwest Washington."

Long is a political science professor at Washington State University Vancouver. She has joined three other Democrats who are running to unseat Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-Battle Ground.

Other candidates include David McDevitt, Dorothy Gasque and Peter Harrison.

Herrera Beutler has faced criticism for not holding town hall meetings in the past. She

instead favors "telephone town halls."

The Facebook page "Elect Carolyn Long" states Southwest Washington has been neglected for too long.

"Our residents need real opportunities and a representative who listens, collaborates, and shows up to work for you, every single day," states the account. "... We need a representative who will take action and work together to get things done for the people back home. Carolyn Long will put people over politics, uniting over shared values and common goals."

The library is located at 110 S. Silver St., Centralia.

### Herrera Beutler Votes to Extend CHIP Funding, Keep Government Open

By The Chronicle

U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler voted in support of a government funding bill that passed the House and now awaits Senate action.

According to Herrera Beutler's office, the bill maintains federal funding to prevent a government shutdown, extends the Children's Health Insurance Program — commonly known as CHIP — for six years, and provides Southwest Washington residents with less expensive health care options.

Look for our Thursday commentary by Bill Moeller

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# Ballot Initiative Threat Has Energy Industry Warming to Governor's Proposed Carbon Tax

**PROPOSAL:** Some in the Energy Industry Say They Prefer a Legislative Solution as Well-Funded Groups Threaten to Put the Matter Before Voters Again

By Josh Kelety  
For The Chronicle

With environmental activists threatening a carbon tax ballot initiative, some manufacturing and energy companies are opting to work with lawmakers on Democratic Gov. Jay Inslee's recently proposed tax rather than flat out oppose it.

On Jan. 9, Gov. Inslee rolled out a sweeping proposal to tax carbon emissions from power plants and transportation fuels at a rate of \$20 per ton starting in July 2019. The tax is estimated to raise \$3.3 billion over three years, which would be reinvested in sustainable energy infrastructure, forestry, and assistance for low-income communities facing increased energy costs.

The proposal would exempt jet fuel, fossil fuels used in agriculture, and some energy-intensive manufacturing industries whose competitiveness could be undermined by increased energy costs. Gov. Inslee's staff estimated that electricity prices will rise by 4 to 5 percent, natural gas by 9

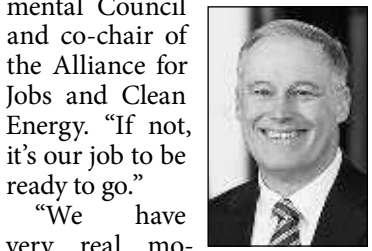
to 11 percent, and 5 to 6 percent for gasoline.

Environmental groups including the Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy have repeatedly threatened to push to get a carbon tax initiative on the 2018 November ballot if the legislature fails to pass Inslee's proposal.

"If they can get it done well, great," said Becky Kelley, president of the Washington Environmental Council and co-chair of the Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy. "If not, it's our job to be ready to go."

"We have very real momentum for the simple reason that people realize that the legislative process allows for a healthy debate and dialogue," said Sen. Reuven Carlyle, D-Seattle, who chairs the Senate Energy, Environment and Technology Committee and is the primary sponsor of Inslee's carbon tax bill. "To govern by ballot initiative is inherently less flexible and is really a one-size-fits-all top-down approach."

Bill Stauffacher  
Northwest Pulp and Paper Association



Jay Inslee  
governor

In 2016, environmental activists got a carbon initiative on the ballot, but voters ultimately rejected it by almost 20 points, with 59 percent against and 40 percent for.

At a state Senate Energy, Environment, and Technology Committee hearing on Jan. 16, representatives from the Washington business and energy communities expressed tepid support for the proposal given the threat of a ballot initiative, but argued that they want to see the tax rate reduced and the industry exemptions clarified.

"We absolutely prefer a legislative solution to this issue rather than an initiative," said Charlie Brown, a lobbyist for Cascade Natural Gas and Northwest Natural Gas, before adding, "the tax at \$20 per ton is a very steep tax."

John Rothlin, representing the Avista Corporation — a Washington-based utility company — had a similar take. "Without legislation we know there are well-funded groups ready to pursue a ballot measure. We're among those that believe that the best results will come from a collaborative effort here among people looking for fair

and reasonable results," he said. "We think it's appropriate that there be a modest tax rate and a pause at some point to ensure that it is meeting environmental objectives without making adverse economic impacts," Rothlin added.

Steve Secrist, vice president at Puget Sound Energy, told the committee that he is "encouraged by current conversation," and added that his company's ultimate support must "take into account the impact to customer's energy bills and how those customer investments translate into real carbon emission reductions."

Representatives for Microsoft and other companies were enthusiastic about their support for Inslee's proposal.

"It is clear that putting a price on carbon is one of the key pathways to reducing emissions and building economic, environmental, and social resilience," said Perry England, co-chair of Washington Businesses for Climate Action. "It is not, it is not, an economy-crippling piece of legislation."

However, several speakers were adamantly opposed to the bill, arguing that it would kill the competitive edge of their industries.

"Because we have concerns on the impact to our electrical customers, we are here today in opposition," said Kathleen Collins of Pacific Power.

Sheri Call with the Washington Trucking Association said that the tax would place Washington-based trucking firms at a "competitive disadvantage."

"Our initial analysis paints a stunning and painful picture about how we would be impact-

ed," said Bill Stauffacher of the Northwest Pulp and Paper Association. "In 2019 and 2020 this carbon tax would have a \$56 million impact on our sector."

While Sen. Carlyle said that he is "very sensitive" to the concerns listed by energy and business industry, he wouldn't say whether the bill will be amended to lower the tax rate.

Senate Minority Leader Mark Schoesler, R-Ritzville, argued at a press conference on Jan. 16 that the companies appearing at the committee hearing on the tax aren't representative of the entire Washington business and energy community. "I think it's more important to talk about the companies that don't get to come to the table," he said. "Those that are too small and don't have the right lobbyist are going to pay the price for not being the favored ones."

Oil and petroleum interests were not present at the Jan. 16 hearing, but Sen. Carlyle said that there are lobbyists who are both adamantly against working with lawmakers and those who are engaged.

"There's no question that there are some players in the oil industry who are arms crossed and feet up on the desk saying 'hell no,'" he said. "But I can tell you that there are other players in the petroleum industry who are deeply engaged and are helping us."

Sen. Carlyle said that he expects the carbon tax bill to get a vote in committee within the next two weeks.

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Josh Kelety is reporting from the WNP Olympia News Bureau

## Legislature 2018



# State Legislature Passes Bill to Settle Water-Use Dispute

**HIRST DECISION:** Matter That Derailed the Capital Budget in 2017 Now Settled

By Alex Visser  
For The Chronicle

One of the year's most important legislative battles in Washington state came to a surprisingly quick conclusion Thursday evening when a water-use bill passed both chambers and was sent to the desk of Gov. Jay Inslee, who later signed it.

In 2016, the state Supreme Court's Hirst decision essentially halted development across the state when it determined that counties were not adequately examining impacts on stream and river flow levels.

The decision weighed heavily on last year's legislative session when Republicans refused to reach an agreement on a state capital budget until Democrats could devise an appropriate Hirst fix. The capital budget pays for state-funded development,

and the stalemate put a delay to a number of projects across Washington, including efforts to improve schools.

Inslee and party leaders were vocal heading into this year's session that solving the Hirst/capital budget issue was a major priority, and House Minority Leader Dan Kristiansen, R-Snohomish, said on TVW's "Inside Olympia" program that a fix was agreed upon Wednesday night when leaders from each chamber met with the governor.

"I remember that the complexity of this issue required several months of negotiations by many legislators," Inslee said Thursday night in a press release. "While far from perfect, this bill helps protect water resources while providing water for families in rural Washington."

Exempt from the legislation is Skagit County, at the request of tribes that are already working on new water rules in the area, according to Sen. Kevin Van De Wege, D-Sequim. The Yakima and Dungeness watersheds also have other requirements not addressed in the bill.

Van De Wege, the author of the bill, said a December work session provided much of its framework. With other proposed Hirst fixes floating up from both parties in the House and Senate, Van De Wege said he never imagined his bill would be the one to bring the Hirst issue to a close.

The Hirst bill allows for limited drilling of new wells, each of which would require a \$500 fee from landowners. Local work groups will work with the Department of Ecology to establish water-use guidelines for the next 20 years.

The bill also limits water withdrawals in new wells to 3,000 gallons per day in less crowded areas, compared to 950 gallons per day in watersheds that are densely populated.

The bill passed in the Senate with a 35-14 vote, before immediately making its way to the House, who passed it 66-30. A capital budget bill also passed both houses, and the governor said he would soon sign both bills into law.

Opposition came from senators Barbara Bailey, R-Oak Harbor, and Keith Wagoner, R-Sedro Woolley, who urged no votes from the Senate because of the bill's exclusion of Skagit County, which they both represent.

"We're on a slippery slope," Wagoner said. "I believe that supporters of property rights and property owners will regret this bill."

"I wish there had been something done for Skagit so I could vote yes, because the rest of the work of this bill is good," Bailey said. "But remember, you've got friends and neighbors that this bill does not help."

Also in opposition were Sen. John McCoy, D-Tulalip, and Rep. Gerry Pollet, D-Seattle, who argued that the Hirst fix does nothing for many of Washington state's tribes, who hold treaty-established senior water rights.

The tribes, McCoy said, "have tried to work with others to come to a reasonable solution... In my opinion they were ignored."

"The right to take fish at usual

and accustomed places is guaranteed to the tribes of Washington under the treaties of 1855," Pollet said. "Unfortunately, the state will continue a long line of ignoring sovereign rights."

Rep. David Taylor, R-Moxee, said that while he is not happy with every aspect of the bill, the cooperation that went into its passage is more important.

"We're here to lead, so I'm asking for a yes vote," he said. "Let's get Washington working again."

Inslee similarly acknowledged that to him the Hirst fix is not perfect, and he expressed concerns about future environmental factors.

"Despite this positive step, pressures on stream flows and salmon will continue to mount in the face of climate change and growing demand for water," the governor said. "We must build upon this effort to meet those challenges far into the future and continue to work collaboratively to protect this valuable resource."

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Alex Visser is reporting from the WNP Olympia News Bureau

## Fawns

Continued from the front page

A public post on the For Heaven's Sake Facebook page, which is managed by owner Claudia Supensky, from Jan. 13 reads in part:

"We were visited by WDFW on Monday, January 8. The deer were frightened by the presence of humans in the area. The two very small fawn who had received special attention early on due to not thriving well, were able to be cornered and eventually, with lots of effort, approached. This does not mean they are habituated because had they not been fenced in, they would have ran, kept going, and not been caught."

The post also noted that the evaluation is part of an agreement to allow WDFW to inspect the deer for their eligibility to be used in an ungulate study at Washington State University. That deal, which allows the young deer to remain at the facility until March 16, was struck after a WDFW action at the rescue in November resulted in the eu-

thanization of three fawns and one elk calf that had been categorized as "habituated" by the WDFW. The 11 remaining deer fled into the nearby woods and the WDFW abandoned their effort to eliminate the entire herd. That drastic action resulted in a loud outcry from the general public as well as the wildlife rehabilitation community that included an impassioned round of public testimony at a Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting in Olympia.

The inspection on Jan. 8 was the first of three that were agreed to by For Heaven's Sake and the WDFW, and although the rescue did not return multiple calls for comment, their Facebook post left the impression that they were at least moderately encouraged by the showing.

"I feel that it went pretty well. We did have one of the fawn run into a fence in her panic to get away, and I was afraid she had broken her neck but she jumped back up and ran," a post reads.

Eric Gardner, head of the WDFW wildlife program, told The Chronicle that the inspection was routine and failed to raise any serious red flags, but

**"I think based on our time there that the majority of the animals will not be eligible for the program."**

Eric Gardner  
WDFW

he stopped short of providing any predictions for what the ultimate outcome will be for the rescued deer in question.

"A couple of people from our staff and a couple of people who were associated with For Heaven's Sake looked into the pens and examined the animals and the protocol based on the advice of the vet to see if they would be eligible for this WSU study," said Gardner. "I think based on our time there that the majority of the animals will not be eligible for the program. They are not all so tame that they just walk

up to anyone but there were two that are a possibility."

Therein lies the catch-22 for the deer at For Heaven's Sake. They must now prove to be either so habituated that they are not bothered by the presence of humans at all, or, they must be able to prove over the next three months that they have developed enough natural instinct to warrant a wild release. To date, efforts by WDFW to find a home for the deer at any other sanctuary or zoo has proven fruitless.

"I can't really speculate at this time but we did have those two (fawns). It wasn't so obvious that we knew the answer right away," said Gardner. "For WSU they have a study where individuals that the deer don't know routinely get into the pen and get very close to the animals to observe them feed. They are up close and personal and they need to be able to get that close to the animals without changing the deer's behavior."

Not only do the deer have to be both docile and unconcerned by humans to be eligible for the WSU study, but they also must be female.

"It's a very high bar," admit-

ted Gardner.

Gardner said it is unlikely that WDFW representatives will use all three of their allotted visits to the wildlife rescue in Rochester before making their determination on the eligibility of any of the fawns to find a new home in Pullman.

"I'm not sure that all of that is necessary. We will probably make our decision based on what we know now and it would either be nothing, or we would make another visit to facility for the transfer of those animals to WSU," said Gardner.

Any deer that fail to prove their academic merit will then likely be left with no other option than to wild out for their freedom.

"Absent being able to place any deer with WSU, per our agreement with For Heaven's Sake, they will continue to overwinter those deer, apparently how they have in past years, and then we will collectively evaluate those deer in the spring and make a judgment then as to what will happen at that time," explained Gardner. "I think we are all hoping that they will be eligible for release at some level."

# Owners Seek New Flock for Historic Mossyrock Church Building

**HISTORIC:** Richland Valley Church of the Brethren Holding Non-Denominational Services Until a Permanent Congregation is Found

By Jordan Nailon  
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A historic Mossyrock house of worship is in a state of flux.

The Richland Valley Church of the Brethren, founded in 1917 and built in 1919, currently finds itself without a permanent pastor, and as a result the church's trusty flock of parishioners have scattered far and wide.

Rev. George Page was formerly the pastor at both the Salkum Community Church of the Brethren and the Richland Valley Church of the Brethren in Mossyrock, but he stepped away in the middle of last year in order to focus his efforts on the Salkum congregation.

"The pastor moved on and then the congregation just kind of died out," said Carol Mason, an ordained minister with the Church of the Brethren who lives in Centralia.

Some of the congregation followed Page to Salkum. Others branched out all the way to Chehalis. Others may need additional tending to return to the land of green pastures and quiet waters.

By the time Mason was contacted by church officials in September, the house of God was essentially abandoned. Mason learned that she was the closest member of the church qualified to lead services, so she assumed interim pastor duties until a permanent congregation can be found.

Until then, Mason is holding monthly non-denominational services in order to help breathe life back into the old church. Those services are held on the third Thursday of each month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

"My personal style is sort of a Taize style," said Mason.

She explained that Taize style worship is more relaxed than traditional stand up, sit down services. She says she utilizes cycles of music, scripture, silence and prayer in order to inspire contemplation, and she makes sure to host a communion that is open to all.

"It's a very peaceful service and open-house style so you can enter at any time and feel free to join in," said Mason. "It's kind of odd not to be the clergy of a congregation, so we had to kind of think outside of the box and work backwards. I said I'd rather make it just non-denominational and open to everybody."

Mason says the church is currently on the market for rent, lease or sale. So far, a Messianic Jewish congregation and a Spanish-speaking Christian sect have looked into taking over the church, but no one has answered the calling as of yet.



The Richland Valley Church of the Brethren as seen last week in Mossyrock.

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Richland Valley Church of the Brethren is seen in 1951 in this courtesy photo from the Church of the Brethren District of Oregon and Washington. The church is believed to have been built in 1919.

"We have no one interviewing at the moment," said Mason. "It's just a little country church."

Interestingly, the Richland Valley Church's circumstances of genesis were quite similar to those that exist today.

According to Dennis Roth, historian for the Washington and Oregon District of the Church of the Brethren, the church's beginnings date back to 1917 when Pastor Ezra Leroy Whisler was recruited to preach to a group of locals who were spiritually thirsty. On the church's historical website, Whisler describes those origins in his own words in a report published in the *The Missionary Visitor* in November of 1920.

"Through much persuasion she secured our consent to go to a place near her home, close to Richland Valley, and preached for them. It was a distance of about 40 miles. We were gladly received by a large audience of plain, good people of simple lives who were eager to hear the Word of God," wrote Whisler, who also published an autobiography titled "Shepherd of the Cowlitz." "My wife and daughter were with me at this first meeting. We found it rather difficult to have a song service, as there were only two hymn books for an audience of nearly 100, and those two were of old style hymnal, with out any notes. The people were accustomed to singing in long meter."

According to Whisler's report in the *The Missionary Visitor*, disharmony in the choir was not the only obstacle in those early days as the long slog to and from East Lewis County proved laborious.

"The roads were long and very hard to travel, making it quite difficult to fill our monthly appointments, yet the attendance and interest kept growing. At the close of our series of meeting in the spring, we rejoiced when four souls were received into this kingdom by baptism," wrote

Whisler, who endured those hardscrabble beginnings and wound up staying on as pastor of the church he founded until his retirement. "From that date our meetings were held every two weeks. The attendance continued to grow, and our house became too small. Through the kindness of the dear brethren in the State of Washington we were assisted in building a place worship of our own, large enough to accommodate the people. Many were received into the church from time to time, until, up to this date, we have received by baptism about 70 members. These, with the ones who have moved in, make our number 92. We now have a live Sunday-school and Christian Workers' meeting, but we are greatly in need of more ministers to fill the many calls for preaching."

In his closing of that report from 1920, Whisler wrote the following plea: "As we are at present alone here in the ministry, our prayer is that the Lord may put into the hearts of the ministers who are burying their talents, to come and labor in his vineyard, where they are so much needed."

Additional history on Washington and Oregon chapters of the Church of the Brethren can be found online at rothweb.com/orwahist. Inquiries about the Richland Valley Church of the Brethren, which is located at 118 Swofford Road, Mossyrock, can be directed to Carol Mason at 360-736-7311.

## News in Brief

at 800-222-8477.

Bell has convictions for child molestation in Lewis County Superior Court.

He is described as a white man standing 5 feet, 4 inches tall. He has blue eyes and brown hair and has piercings in both ears.

## Sheriff's Office Seeks Sex Offender for Failing to Register

By The Chronicle

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office is searching for a man accused of failing to register as a sex offender.



Stephen Bell  
sex offender

Stephen Maxwell Bell, 37, of Centralia, is wanted for an outstanding warrant on the charge. To report information on Bell's whereabouts, contact Det. Jamey McGinty at 260-740-1329, Lewis County 911 Communications at 360-740-1105 or Crime Stoppers of South Sound

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## 'You Might Be From Chehalis If...' You've Heard of This Group

If you're a fan of my columns focused on local history, or a fan of local history in general, there's a group on Facebook you should know about. It's called "You might be from Chehalis if..."

According to a post by Steve Richert, one of the most active members, the Facebook group was founded by Robert Burrows in the fall of

2011. Since then, the group has grown to more than 3,000 people, which — according to Richert — was more people than the population of Chehalis in 1905 (U.S. Decennial Census records line up with that statement).

For the past six years, members of the group — such as Robert Burrows, Steve Richert and Daryl Lund — have contrib-



By Brittany Voie

uted numerous historical photos from early Chehalis. In fact, this group had more photos of Millett Field than our own Lewis County Historical Museum did, thanks to the efforts of Steve Richert.

As the photos have been posted, members of the group would comment and crowdsource missing information from senior or longtime members of the community. Some of the information, memories and stories are absolutely priceless.

One of the more interesting things that's been posted from time-to-time is the history of homes — which founding city fathers lived in which Victorian-inspired westside Chehalis townhome and buildings that used to be one thing (or several things) and are now something else entirely.

It's also amazing to see photos of Market Boulevard in the early 1900s. Or, early Chehalis Avenue. Seeing photos of the old wooden plank streets was really something else, too.

In addition to well-known historical photos and local historical topics, what are sometimes even more endearing are the personal historical photos from family collections. The candid photos of families from yesteryear with historical content and the stories behind them — I find myself absorbing more of the history from the images that have personal point-of-view descriptions. It's almost as if the emotional connection makes it more memorable.

There are photos of employees of old factories and mills that used to exist in Chehalis, and photos from family members

who stumbled upon a photo collection from a person who has passed away searching for info about what's in the photos.

As well-known Chehalis residents die, their obituaries and remembrances have been posted to the group. People often contribute their own memories and stories. Much collective grieving has occurred in this group.

The group has provided such a unique format and wealth of knowledgeable individuals that's extremely publicly accessible and searchable. In fact, I've used keyword searches within that group to help me pinpoint certain things within The Chronicle archives.

So, I suppose the reason I'm writing is because — number one — I was reflecting the other day what a tremendous collection of archives that this group has become. And — number two — thinking about how others may not know about this

amazing collection of people and memorabilia.

I was also thinking that — assuming it hasn't already happened — the Lewis County Historical Museum should pay attention to this group, too. Who knows what kinds of wonderful historical photos could turn up. They really should also be stored in a place besides just Facebook. It would be next to impossible to document everything in the group — the priceless pieces of information brought together in the comments of each photo — but the group deserves some historical recognition nonetheless.

You can join the Facebook group and check out the photos by going to Facebook and searching for "You might be from Chehalis if..." It should pop up fairly quickly.

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Brittany Voie is a columnist for The Chronicle.

### COMMENTARY: Voice of Voie

### Letters

## Reductions to New School Plans Mean \$74 Million Bond Should Be Revoked

Since voters passed a \$74 million construction bond last February, I have been following the Centralia School District's plans to build two new elementary schools, including the Centralia School Board of Directors' recent decision to reduce the student capacity of each of those schools from 525 students to 450 students.

I put in a formal request for information to the school district almost a month ago, but have yet to receive any answers to my questions. What school officials have told some of my associates is they don't know what the construction costs will be until the project is finished. The board also hired a general contractor before there was a final design or capacity for the schools. This is no way to efficiently run a construction project.

I have come to the conclusion the Centralia School District's Board of Directors manipulated and deceived the voters in order to get approval for the \$74 million construction.

Consider the following: The board of directors recently announced they intend to reduce the student capacity of the two proposed schools from 550 students each to 450 students and perhaps delete the gymnasiums. This large reduction in capacity and the gymnasium's potential elimination has led me and others to conclude the board is incompetent and has perhaps intentionally deceived the citizens of the school district as to what their construction bond vote would actually buy.

The difference between constructing schools for 450 students each instead of 525 students is 75 students. The board overestimated what the voters were told they would be getting by voting for the construction bond by almost 17 percent. The board's large underestimate of what a vote for the bond would be buying is not understandable considering the large amount of time and research the board claimed to put into the capacity needed and construction estimates before the construction levy was presented to the voters.

The Chehalis School District is also currently constructing two new elementary schools with a total capacity of 1,400 students just using \$36 million of locally approved bond money. Both the Centralia and Chehalis

### LETTERS ADVISORY

Several letters scheduled to be published in today's edition were held due to space constraints. See those letters, and more, in Tuesday's edition of The Chronicle.

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school districts will also be using similar amounts of state funds. Yet it appears Chehalis citizens are getting approximately 55 percent more new school capacity for their bond construction dollars than Centralia is getting.

I'm also very concerned the final vote from the Centralia voters on the \$74 million the construction bond had to be submitted just two days before voters received their property tax bills. As a result of this timing, voters were not able to fully or fairly consider what approval of this construction bond would likely have on their personal and business property taxes.

Therefore, for the reasons stated above, I am calling for the Centralia School Board of Directors to withdraw the board's approval for proceeding on the \$74 million construction bond for the two new elementary schools and resubmit a revised bond measure to the voters to consider.

DONNA HUNTING  
Centralia

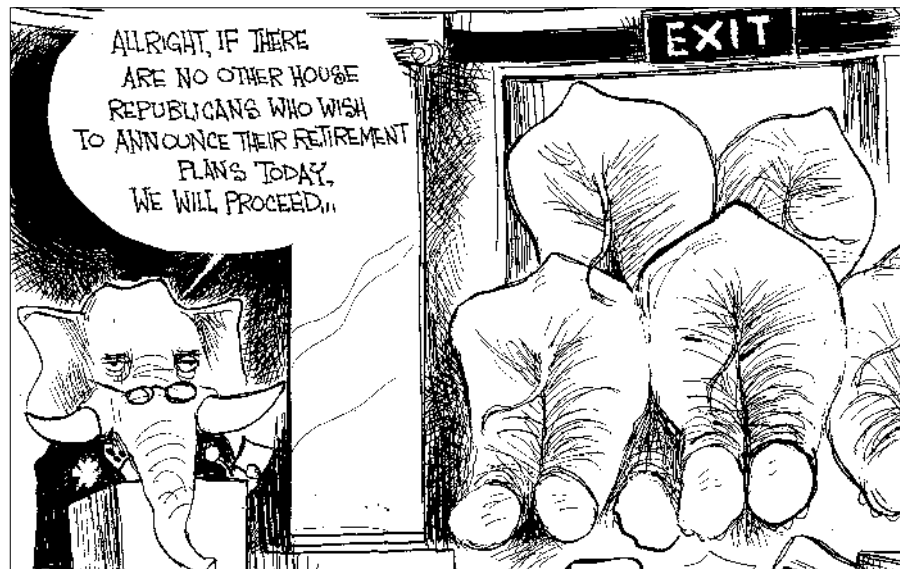
## Support the Children — Support the Winlock Levy

I am writing to encourage Winlock School District patrons to support our upcoming school levy. Not only do our schools provide a quality education for our students, but they also provide numerous after school activities and programs that are paid for with levy dollars.

In our small rural town, it is especially important that we continue to provide these opportunities for our youth. The children of our community deserve our support. Let us continue our proud tradition of levy passage.

Please vote "YES."

BARB PRIGMORE  
Winlock



### COMMENTARY: Musings From the Middle Fork

## Authorities Should Simply Enforce Gun Laws Already on the Books

Our governor and Legislature have their hands full.

They have so much to do and so little time, it will be hard to get it all done on time.

Done on time? That's funny.

First, they have to pass as many new taxes as possible to make us just as uncompetitive and unfriendly to business as California. That's not going to be easy, but this governor is all over it, proposing billions of dollars in new taxes.

That has Democrats controlling the state Legislature salivating at the opportunities.

They have to get a boatload of new anti-gun legislation passed, including one (Senate Bill 5463) that would make anyone who lives in a house with a firearm responsible for the dirt bag who breaks in to their home, steals the gun and then uses it in a crime.

At least it doesn't say it won't.

The legislation uses words like "likely" and anyone "prohibited from possessing firearms from accessing unsafely stored firearms to cause harm in the community."

Does that mean a convicted felon who breaks into a home and finds an unsecured firearm? Or anyone who breaks into a home and steals an unsecured firearm — who is technically now committing a felony? This warning (which would be required of gun dealers during sale), doesn't say it won't.

"YOU MAY FACE CRIMI-

NAL PROSECUTION IF YOU STORE OR LEAVE AN UNSECURED FIREARM WHERE A PERSON WHO IS PROHIBITED FROM POSSESSING FIREARMS CAN AND DOES OBTAIN POSSESSION."

As they continue to find ways to keep burglars out of jail, or get them out early, they now want to lock up gun owners for crimes committed by the burglars breaking into houses?

C'mon. Prosecute the gun laws on the books now — including sentencing enhancements — and stop trying to transfer responsibility to otherwise law-abiding people.

To be fair, this legislation does leave it to local prosecutors to decide whether to prosecute someone in violation of this law. That's comforting — especially if the prosecutor is someone like our sue-happy state Attorney General Bob Ferguson.

They don't have to win to hurt you; they can bankrupt you defending yourself against the state, which can use all the tax dollars they want against you.

Or how about the bill (Senate Bill 6146) that allows every town to create their own patchwork of more restrictive laws about guns? That's smart. You'll need to know every town's laws to know whether you are in violation or not.

It's confusing enough state to state, so this is just nuts.

But fear not, the language refers to "responsible approaches" by local governments, so I'm sure they will be. Sure they will.

At a recent rally at Olympia where something like 150 armed gun owners appeared and not

one gun went off, no one was harmed, and nothing happened, a quote captured the thinking of lawmakers who think this crap up.

"They have given up on the dopers, and the gangs, and the criminals so now legal gun owners are the soft target."

Looks that way to me too.

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As I write this, the federal government is on the verge of a shutdown, which really won't affect many of us, and any non-essential federal employee sent home has always received back-pay after a vacation without taking vacation.

But it appears this is all about leverage. The Democrats in Congress want to legalize "dreamers" immediately, and Republicans seem to as well, with the added benefit of border security. So the budget getting passed must be held hostage to the political nonsense that has become the norm.

As Congress talks about a budget and their spending priorities, I wonder if there will be the same concern over the deficit spending so many faked during the debate over tax cuts?

Of course not.

In the meantime, we should fund the military and meet our obligations while at the same time expecting people who can take a larger role in being self-sufficient and do more for themselves.

But will we? I doubt it.

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John McCroskey was Lewis County sheriff from 1995 to 2005. He lives outside Chehalis, and can be contacted at musingsonthemiddlefork@yahoo.com.

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## Port

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TransAlta Commons of Centralia College.

“The port commission is obviously very honored and flattered, but in the port receiving this award, it really feels more like we are accepting this on behalf of the 32 businesses that are located in our industrial parks and the developers that are working hard to develop more business in our parks,” Port Executive Director Kyle Heaton told The Chronicle. “This is really an honor to them and the good things they’ve done for our community.”

Heaton passed much of the praise on to port commissioners and the partnerships that help the port, but those who spoke at the banquet said the projects couldn’t have been completed without his leadership, commitment and drive to move the economy forward.

According to an economic and fiscal impact report prepared by ECONorthwest in 2016, the economic consulting firm found the businesses in the port’s two industrial parks in Centralia pay \$53.5 million a year in salaries, wages and benefits. The local spending by the businesses and its workers trigger economic impacts throughout Lewis and Thurston counties, with an estimated 1,734 jobs and \$294.4 million in economic output that is attributable to the parks.

The industrial parks also bring in nearly \$2.1 million in local taxes annually and nearly \$4.8 million statewide.

Todd Chaput, president of the chamber, said the port has become a frontrunner locally for economic development in the local area.

“As far as active development, they’ve been kind of leading the way in our community with the potential that we see with Centralia Station,” Chaput told The Chronicle, adding a proposed 1.3 million square foot grocery distribution center will also help the local taxbase. “What the port does is it creates an environment that’s conducive



A computer rendering of Centralia Station, a 43-acre multiuse development off of the Mellen Street interchange, is shown in this image.

to business growth, so without the port a lot of these businesses, they wouldn’t be viable. The port is what provides the opportunity and infrastructure needed for their business to succeed, so even though it is a government agency, the port does operate as a business and their entire focus is business.”

In 2017, the port moved forward numerous projects, and 2018 also looks promising.

Cascade broke ground on a mental health treatment and evaluation center near the port’s office, Roger’s Machinery started an expansion that will bring a number of new jobs and Centralia Station and the grocery distribution center continue to move forward.

The grocery distribution center’s name has not yet been announced, but Heaton said the business will provide hundreds of well paying jobs.

Centralia Station, a 43-acre multi-use development near the Mellen Street exit, will house Fred Meyer as its anchor tenant. Heaton said he anticipates Fred

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Todd Chaput  
chamber of commerce

Meyer will open its doors either in the fourth quarter of 2019 or the first quarter of 2020. Recently, the port became the project manager for a new off-ramp at the Mellen Street interchange that will service the businesses located in the complex.

“(The Department of Transportation) has asked the port

to take over not only the design, but the construction of the interchange,” Heaton said.

The move will allow the project to be completed sooner as WSDOT is busy with various other projects.

“I think it’s a compliment to the port that they actually put trust in us to be the project manager and they are still involved and checking things, but allowing us to be a project manager it can move forward in a more timely manner,” Heaton said.

The port is in the design phase of off-site improvements that would add sidewalks to Yew Street and street front improvements on Alder Street that include curbs, gutters, sidewalks, street lights and utility expansions.

Centralia Station alone is expected to increase contributions to the taxbase significantly. A separate report conducted once again by ECONorthwest states the construction alone will trigger additional local spending that would result in a one-time impact of \$76.3 million. After the complex opens, it will em-

ploy 535 people at the various businesses and total \$118 million in annual sales, while paying almost \$7.1 million in state and local taxes.

The recently passed tax reform act will help the port’s business, Heaton told The Chronicle, adding it’s the first time since the late 1980s that there is a federal incentive for capital investments.

“It’s good not only for this port, but all the ports and good for private industry within our county and our state from those federal incentives,” he said.

Many of the port’s tenants are already poised for expansion, Heaton said, adding the economy is “primed and ready to rev.”

“The port commission appreciates an organization like the Chamber,” he added. “... They have been a leader in this county on economic development issues, taking on tough issues that have consistently stymied growth here. They are not afraid to roll up their sleeves and say ‘hey, this isn’t working, there has got to be a better way.’”

## Weather

Continued from the front page

Washington. Those conditions will be accompanied by heavy snowfall in the Cascade Mountains that could reach up to 3 feet on Mount Rainier, Mount Baker and other volcanoes in the range. The NWS says that those frosty conditions will likely make cross-mountain travel difficult at times.

Strong winds from the southeast are expected to pick

up beginning Saturday night and blow hard through at least sunrise on Sunday morning. Those winds are expected to reach between 25-40 miles per hour with gusts as high as 60 miles per hour. Additionally, storm-force winds of at least 48 knots are possible over Washington’s coastal waters and in the east entrance to the Straits of Juan de Fuca.

Strong winds are no anomaly on the coast, and on Thursday they teamed up with a low pressure front to stir up the surf along much of Washington and

Oregon. Buoy 29, which is 23 miles west of the mouth of the Columbia River, topped out with a 33 foot wave while Buoy 211 near Grays Harbor recorded a wave of 33.5 feet. At Depoe Bay in Oregon, a 47-year-old man was reportedly swept out to sea.

“It was winds but there was a very strong low pressure system up there and hanging around, too,” said Johnny Berg, a meteorologist with NWS Seattle.

With increasingly severe rain picking up beginning Friday evening, the threat of shallow landslides are also expected

to peak overnight Saturday.

“They can be anywhere really but they are looking to be shallow landslides. The usual places are steep hills and coastal bluffs,” said Berg. “The next seven days look pretty wet.”

Berg noted that as of Friday afternoon no flood warnings or watches had been issued for local rivers, but he added that conditions could still conspire to eventually push rivers past their brink.

“It looks like the rains will contribute to a rise in the river levels but not any flooding as of

yet,” said Berg, who expects that lowland rain to stack up as 10-18 inches of snow falls in the Cascade Mountain passes.

“White Pass should be on the lower end of that,” said Berg.

Berg added that the high temperature for both Saturday and Sunday is likely to top out at 46 degrees in the lowlands. By next Friday he expects the mercury to be loitering around the freezing point.

For up to date weather information go online to [www.weather.gov/seattle/](http://www.weather.gov/seattle/).

## Budget

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for industrial infrastructure development in Winlock, \$200,000 for the Boys and Girls Club of Chehalis, \$26,000 for the Rochester Boys and Girls Club, \$283,000 for the White Pass Country Historical Museum, \$80,000 for an Onalaska Fire District building, \$401,000 for development of a safe, multi-use crossing for the Willapa Trail on state Route 6, \$4.3 million for 128 new beds at the Maple Lane correctional center in Grand Mound and \$3.3 million for security upgrades and building improvements at Green Hill School, among several other projects.

The \$299,000 provided to the Centralia Fox Theatre will be used for the next phase of exterior restoration. It will fund repairs to the east, north and west exterior walls of the building and will also pay for the restored entrance plaza to the theater.

“That’s the really exciting part,” Scott White, with Fox Theatre restorations, said. “We’ll have a beautiful entrance plaza under the marquee to sort of finish the look for the restored front of the theater.”

The Fox received about \$250,000 in a previous supplemental budget that allowed the group to repair one of the walls and the roof and install a HVAC system. The project will be completed during the spring prior to the start of the next phase.

The improvements overall will cost about \$620,000, so White said the group will pursue a private foundation grant for the remainder of the money.

He thanked Rep. Richard DeBolt, R-Chehalis, who he said was instrumental in securing the funding.

“It’s just exciting to see the community support and the support of the Legislature,” White said. “Richard DeBolt was very instrumental for getting that money for us and I think a lot of the other dollars in our areas, so we are thankful to him and the other local legislators who are helping and supporting the Fox Theatre.”

As for the Boys and Girls Club of Chehalis, the organization received \$200,000 through the capital budget, which will go toward the construction cost of the \$1.3 million facility that was completed last year.

The club, which opened in September 2017, currently has 200 members and 140 kids on the waiting list. On average, it serves around 94 kids a day.

“Politics has gotten really crazy over the last 18 months,” Chris Sampson, executive director of the club, said. “The fact they were able to meet in the middle of the aisle and work that out so organizations like us that have money in the budget have access to that, we are just thankful for that.”

The budget also includes \$60 million for the Office of the Chehalis River Basin, which is spearheading efforts to mitigate flooding and enhance aquatic

species habitat in the second-largest river basin in the state.

The \$4.2 billion capital budget includes projects across the state focused on infrastructure and community projects.

“Everyone in our community knows far too well the devastating toll major flooding events have on personal safety, property and our local economy,” said Braun, R-Centralia. “I’m pleased we were able to secure \$60 million toward advancing our long-term strategy to reduce the impacts of flood damage in the Chehalis River basin.”

According to a press release from Braun, the biggest ticket item includes \$1 billion toward the state’s School Construction Assistance Program, “the largest investment in state history.” The fund is aimed at building new schools or improving existing ones.

“Providing more classrooms will help schools implement our investments in reducing the class size for students in kindergarten through third grade,” said Braun. “While we’ve allocated money to pay for the operational costs, it’s clear some districts need assistance building new schools or expanding existing buildings.”

For the Chehalis School District, the delay in a capital budget pushed back the construction time and increased costs for one of two new elementary schools.

The district is now expected to receive \$24,195,579 in School Construction Assistance Program funds through the

capital budget, which includes \$12,491,175 for James Lintot Elementary and \$11,704,404 for the Orin Smith Elementary.

The delay led to a \$600,000 increase for the construction of one OF the schools.

Superintendent Ed Rothlin stated the Orin Smith intermediate school that will house grades three through five now has a mid-year or early spring move-in date.

Originally, the move-in date was scheduled for this summer to correspond with the James Lintott primary school that will house preschool through second grade.

“It’s a relief we can get started,” Rothlin said. “We’ve been very anxious and honestly we anticipated this. We were prepared and we are out to bid today. All of our ducks are in a row and we wanted to be the first ones out in line.”

Since the capital budget was delayed, Rothlin said the process is “more of a start-over than a person would think,” but he said the district found some advantages as well.

“It’s good though because we are building of course two elementary and they’re mirror images of one another, so over time we found things that need to be corrected and that can now be inserted into these drawings and bid process,” Rothlin said.

The James Lintott Elementary School is currently on schedule. A move-in date is tentatively planned toward the end of June.

Changes focus more so on the structural components of

the school like vents, electrical and plumbing.

Now with Orin Smith Elementary School out to bid, the district will open the bids it receives on Feb. 15. From there, a contract will be awarded once the company’s construction background and experience is evaluated.

Because of increased construction costs, several items may be included as alternatives, such as a soccer field behind the schools and various upgrades to the heating and cooling systems.

Through the proposed bid alternative the projects would only be included if enough funding is available.

DeBolt, who was involved in negotiating the capital budget, said in a press release he was happy with the finished product.

“We hammered out a good agenda in 2017 with well thought out priorities and financing for the state’s infrastructure needs,” DeBolt said in a news release. “The real challenge with the delay on the approval was to ensure everything stayed in place. We made heavy investments in education and boosted our mental health care net. With the exception of a few minor changes, I’m happy to say we were able to keep this list for the state’s infrastructure priorities in place. It’s a good plan for Washington.”

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Look in upcoming editions of *The Chronicle* for stories on the major projects funded by the capital budget. *The Chronicle* will also seek to include a list of 19th Legislative District projects in Tuesday’s edition.

# Records Sirens, Court Records, Lotteries, Commodities

## Sirens

### CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Transient Booked for Alleged Violation of Protection Order

• At 9:08 a.m. on Thursday, police responded to the 300 block of North Gold Street and arrested Kimberly A. Gotcher, 27, a transient, on suspicion of violation of a protection order.

### Man Cited Twice For Driving Without Ignition Interlock

• At 11:10 a.m. on Thursday, police at the intersection of Alder and Cherry streets pulled over and cited driver Scott R. Reichert, 61, of Centralia, for driving without an ignition interlock device. The officer reportedly warned Reichert not to drive. About five minutes later, after the officer drove out of sight, Reichert was caught driving the vehicle again. He was pulled over again and arrested and booked into the Lewis County Jail on the same charge.

### Victim Reports Theft While Sleeping

• At 5:21 p.m. on Thursday, police received a report of a theft in the 1300 block of Alexander Street. A man reported \$50 was stolen from his pocket while he was asleep.

### Phone Stolen

• At 8:05 p.m. on Thursday, an iPhone was reported stolen in the 900 block of Johnson Road.

### Woman Cited Twice on Trespassing Charges

• At 11:43 p.m. on Thursday, police responded to the 600 block of North Tower Avenue and cited Jamie S. Weibling, 56, a transient, on suspicion of criminal trespassing.  
• At 5:51 a.m. on Friday, police responded to the same location and cited Weibling on suspicion of trespassing at the same property.

### CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT Theft Reported

• At 10:37 a.m. on Wednesday, police received a report of a theft from the 1500 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue.

### Attempted Break-Ins Reported

• At 11:14 p.m. on Wednesday, police received a report of a suspicious person attempting to break into a building in the 400 block of North Market Boulevard. No arrests were made.  
• At 12:44 p.m. on Thursday, police received a report of an at-

tempted burglary occurring the previous night in the 1700 block of North National Avenue.

### Credit Card Fraud

• At 9:41 a.m. on Thursday, police received a report of credit card fraud from the 1400 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue.

### Shoplifting Suspect Cited

• At 9:41 a.m. on Thursday, police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 1600 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue and cited Travis L. Rife, 49, of Olympia, on suspicion of third-degree theft. He was accused of taking \$92.97 in merchandise.

### Trespasser Reported

• At noon on Thursday, police received a report of a person trespassing at ball fields in the 1500 block of Rice Road. No arrests were made.

### Scammers Claim to Be from Chehalis Police

• At 7:14 p.m. on Thursday, police received a report of a scam from the 300 block of North Market Boulevard. Callers asked the victim for money, claiming to

be from the "Chehalis Police Alliance." Department spokesperson Linda Bailey said no report has yet been filed on the incident, but confirmed the calls were not legitimate calls for donations from the department.

### Harassment

• At 7:50 p.m. on Thursday, police received a report of harassment over social media from the 100 block of North Market Boulevard.

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## In Loving Memory Of

# Susan Faye Yarbro



Susan Faye Yarbro, 65, passed away Jan. 13, 2018, in Olympia, Wash. She was born July 20, 1952, in Tacoma, Wash.

She graduated from Centralia High School and worked as an accountant. Susan loved gardening, sewing, camping and music and most of all, spending time with her family, especially her

grandchildren, Orion, Mackenzie, Trey, Bella and Jacquelyn.

Susan is survived by her son, Brandon Balducci; daughters, Angela Balducci and Nicole Balducci-Pate; brothers, Robert and Kenny Yarbro; and sisters, Joanne Craggen, Pamela Yarbro Harrington and Nancy Yarbro Benjamin.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Darlene Faye Duncan Harvey; and stepfather, Jack Harvey.

There will be a private family gathering.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

Please share memories at [www.FuneralAlternatives.org](http://www.FuneralAlternatives.org).

To view the obituary, please go to [chronline.com/obituaries](http://chronline.com/obituaries).

## Death Notices

• **TERRY SPENCE SR.**, 52, Centralia, died Friday, Jan. 12, at home. No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary.

• **STANLEY E. BLINKS**, 90, Chehalis, died Friday, Jan. 19, at Brookdale Kirkland, Assisted Living Facility. Service details are pending at this time. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

• **BEVERLY SUE BRESHON**, 59, Napavine, died Friday, Jan. 12, at Providence Centralia Hospital. Service information is not yet available. Arrangements are under the care of McComb & Wagner Family Funeral Home and Crematory.

• **DEAN CALVIN EGELAND**, 81, Randle, died Saturday, Jan. 13, at Morton General Hospital. A celebration of life is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 27, at United Methodist Church-Randle, 116 Kindle Road. Light refreshments will be served following the celebration. Arrangements are under the care of Brown Mortuary Service, Morton.

• **JOSEPH A. CHRISTIAN**, 65, Lewis County, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, at Providence St. Peter Hospital in Olympia. A Rosary service will be held at St. Joseph Church in Chehalis on Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Joseph Church in Chehalis on Jan. 26 at 11 a.m. followed by a committal service at Rainey Valley Cemetery in Glenoma. A reception will follow the graveside service and will be held at the Randle Fire Hall. Arrangements are under the direction of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary.

• **RICHARD H. BECKMAN**, 72, Lewis County, died Monday, Jan. 15, at Capital Medical Center in Olympia. A graveside service will be held at Mountain View Cemetery on Jan. 27 at 11 a.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary.

• **BARBARA MCVAY**, 80, Centralia, died Thursday, Jan. 18, at Providence Centralia Hospital. No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary.

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room as soon as possible at 807-8224, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## JOHN FRANCIS WISNER MARCH 28, 1934 ~ JAN. 6, 2018

John Wisner was born on the family farm in Onalaska, Wash., to Douglas Llewellyn and Alta Mary (Jeffries) Wisner.

After high school, John worked in the Longview area, where he met and married his lifelong love, Donna Sweeney. Soon after, he was drafted into the United States Army, he was sent to Fort Dix, N.J. Donna followed him there with their infant twins.

John became a letter carrier and was well-known in Longview as a mailman who rode a bicycle. He became shop steward and union president. Union conferences took John and Donna on many trips around the country.

He was a devoted family man. His farm in Vader was where they raised four daughters, Michelle Shannon (Rick), Lisa Beaver (Tony), Valerie Wisner (Kenny), and Laurice Stewart

(Todd). They also have seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

John attended many sporting events to cheer on his daughters and then his grandchildren. His encouragement extended to all of their varied interests over the years. He loved to read, listen to music and sing, he never met a stranger.

Johnny's sense of humor and wonderful infectious laugh will be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his siblings, Neysa Allyn, Doug Wisner, Norman Wisner and Mary Wisner.

John was preceded in death by his sisters, Annabelle Keenan and June Webb.

A celebration of John's life is planned for 1 p.m., Jan. 27, 2018, at Pleasant Hill Grange, 4741 Pleasant Hill Rd., Kelso, Wash.

To view this obituary, please go to [chronline.com/obituaries](http://chronline.com/obituaries).

Sept. 10, 1949 ~ Jan. 14, 2018

# Donna Lee Gonia



Donna Lee Gonia passed away surrounded by family Jan. 14, 2018. She was born in Centralia, Sept. 10, 1949, to George and Sarah Gonia.

Donna Lee graduated from Centralia High School in 1967. She retired from the Washington State Department of Transportation after 30 years. Donna Lee worked the last 25 years at the South Sound Speedway, most of them in the beer stand.

She loved being with her family and friends, laughing, NASCAR, South Sound Speedway, holidays and an

active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and The Eagles.

Donna Lee is survived by her daughter, Tara Morey; husband, Billy; granddaughter, Aubrie; and grandson, Evan; son, Tate Tafoya and his wife, Cassie; granddaughter, Trinity; and grandson, Rowdie; brothers, Donnie Gonia and sister-in-law, Terri of Port Orchard, Jerry and sister-in-law, Chrissy of Port Orchard, Tom Gonia of Bucoda and John Gonia and sister-in-law, Tonie of Bucoda; sister, Debbie Huke and brother-in-law, Bob of Roy; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was loved and will be missed.

She was preceded in death by her brother, William Gonia.

A celebration of life will be at the Quarry House Coffee House in Teneno, Jan. 27, 2018, at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Bucoda Fire Department or to Alyssa Neat for medical care.

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## Byron Wayne "Ron" Abbott Nov. 25, 1944 ~ Dec. 1, 2017

Ron was born to Ivan and M. Marjorie Abbott Nov. 25, 1944, in Billings, Mont. He joined older sister, Carole, who was two years old. Ron went to school in Billings and graduated in 1963, from Billings High School.

Not long after graduating from high school, he and a friend traveled to Washington State and decided to make Olympia their home of choice. Both Ron and his friend went to work for the Tyee Hotel and they camped in a park the local law enforcement told them about.

In 1964, Ron met Judy Duvall. They married and in 1965, their son, Todd was born. Judy and Ron divorced a few years later.

He went to work for Boeing Aircraft Company and after

his layoff, he started his own Volkswagen repair shop. Ron owned and operated this shop for 14 years and after closing it, returned to Boeing.

In 1985, Ron met his wife Terry and they were married in 1986. They loved to go camping up at Greenwater and at the Oregon Dunes. They both enjoyed riding quads and soon became charter members of the Washington All-Terrain Vehicle Association. Ron became a safety instructor for the ATV Association.

After retiring from Boeing in 2000, he started doing woodwork and preparing their retirement home in Silver Creek. Ron joined the Grange in 2001, as Terry was a longtime member already. He entered many contests with the items he had made in his wood shop.

Ron was a huge support to Terry in her Grange work, he built many items for her memorials for state conventions when she was Washington State Grange Chaplain. He was most proud of the fact that he succeeded in building a beautiful oak grandfather clock. It was not unusual to find him most anytime in his shop or mowing his beloved property. Mount St. Helens was his favorite view from the easy chair.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Ivan and Marjorie.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Terry of Silver Creek; son, Todd of Brinnon; stepdaughter, Kim and her husband, Dave Knott of Auburn; stepsons, David Bittner and his wife, Kerri of Renton and Bruce Bittner of Cottonwood, Ariz.; four grandchildren,



Brianna Abbott and Brett, Janice McCarty and Brian, Kacey Bittner and Robert and Matthew Knott; sister, Carole Lee; one niece, Erica; as well as three great-grandchildren.

There will be a celebration of life for Ron at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, at God's Place in Ethel, Wash.

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Condolences may be offered at [www.brownmortuary.com](http://www.brownmortuary.com)

## Lotteries

### Washington's Thursday Games

Powerball: 03-33-37-51-57-21  
Next jackpot: \$78 million  
Mega Millions: 03-11-23-29-59-18  
Next jackpot: \$55 million  
Lotto: 13-24-30-31-45-46  
Next jackpot: \$1.3 million  
Hit 5: 06-20-29-37-39  
Next cashpot: \$220,000  
Match 4: 03-08-10-17  
Daily Game: 2-1-6  
Keno: 06-09-10-15-23-24-25-29-35-40-44-45-54-56-62-68-72-73-74-78

## Commodities

Gas in Washington — \$2.93 (AAA of Washington)  
Crude Oil — \$63.57 per barrel (CME Group)  
Gold — \$1,330 (Monex)  
Silver — \$16.99 (Monex)

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# DNR Firewood Program Allows Citizens to Cut Wood for Free

## SALVAGE EFFORTS: Permits Available for Areas Near Lebam and Toutle

By Jordan Nailon  
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A short supply of highly sought after firewood-cutting permits are currently available through the Department of Natural Resources. Those permits will allow recreational and personal use cutting on designated DNR lands around the state, including timberlands roughly 6 miles east of Lebam near historic Pluvius, and 20 miles east of Toutle near the Hoffstadt Creek Bridge.

The permits are issued through a simple online submission process — first-come first-serve. Previously, the DNR doled out the permits by telephone, but the department switched to the new system on Jan. 1, 2011, in order to keep up with high public demand.

“I’ve worked at DNR for 20 years and for that entire time we’ve had a free firewood permit program. It was just more formalized with the website,” said Steve Ogden, assistant region manager for the DNR. “Ultimately the reason we switched over to the website is it was just impossible to keep up with the phone calls. There’s a lot of people out there looking for firewood and the supply was never able to keep up with demand.”

Ogden says that demand still outstrips supply, but the online system has taken much of the paperwork burden off of DNR employees.

In 2017, the Pacific Cascade region of the DNR, which includes about 445,000 acres in Lewis, Cowlitz, Pacific, Wahkiakum, Clark and Skamania counties, issued roughly 600 free firewood permits.

“Generally speaking the main feedback that we get is that there’s just not enough permits,” said Ogden. “The reality is that for what we have available, the website seems to work pretty good.”

The free firewood permits come complete with a detailed map of the area where cutting is allowed. State law prohibits the cutting of standing timber, but permit holders are free to peruse the clearcuts and slash piles left behind by large-scale timber harvest operations.

“It’s not as much of a cleanup. We’re not using it as a tool to clean up forest debris. It’s more providing a service that’s available to the general public,” said Ogden. “It’s basically the slash piles left from harvest activities. It’s the residual logs and short pieces and stuff that wasn’t sent into mills.”

Ogden explained that when an area is opened, it is posted on the website until all available permits have been exhausted. The number of permits offered is based on an estimate of the quantity of firewood located in the permit area. Ogden noted that occasionally individual permit areas are opened a second time, if there is extra firewood left over.

In addition to the rule against cutting standing timber, permit holders may not remove any cedar from the forest. The annual

harvest limit is the equivalent of six chords of firewood annually, and the wood must be used for personal use. Resale is not allowed. Regulations also require vehicles to remain on designated roads and all ditches, roads and landings must be kept free of debris. The DNR also asks wood cutters to be careful around freshly planted seedlings and mechanical yardings is not permitted.

Ogden had a few more recommendations.

“The first thing is that gathering firewood on DNR land is a recreational activity so they would need a Discover Pass,” noted Ogden. He added, “Just generally watch out for heavy equipment and hauling and signs that are posted for any activity that

we have out in the forest.” To find out more information on the DNR free firewood permit program or to sign up for a permit go online to [dnr.wa.gov/products-and-services/product-sales-and-leasing/firewood](http://dnr.wa.gov/products-and-services/product-sales-and-leasing/firewood). The DNR’s Pacific Cascade Region office is located at 601 Bond Road, Castle Rock and can be reached by phone at 360-577-2025.

## In Remembrance Of EVELYN LOUISE KEMP

AUG. 15, 1925 ~ JAN. 1, 2018



It’s with sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Evelyn Louise Kemp Jan. 1, 2018.

Louise was born to Mabel (Gallup) and Joel Fay Aug. 15, 1925, on a kitchen table in the family’s Adna farmhouse. She was their only daughter and second of three children.

Due to the Great Depression, the family moved from Adna to San Francisco. It is there where she attended and graduated high school.

She met her future husband, William Clark Kemp, at a United Service Organizations dance in San Francisco, while he was in the United States Navy. They were married June 5, 1948.

Shortly after marrying, the couple moved to Hillsdale, Mich., where Bill was a mathematics professor at Hillsdale College. In Hillsdale, they started their family and had

three of their children, Phyllis, Fay and Christopher.

They returned to California in 1957, and lived in Los Banos. In the following year, they welcomed their fourth child, Michael. While living in Los Banos, Louise studied and became one of Jehovah’s Witnesses. She was baptized Dec. 19, 1960.

In 1966, the family relocated to Winlock, Wash., and settled in a farmhouse located on King Road. They finished raising their family and welcomed seven granddaughters. Bill and Louise were married for over 51 years.

In her later years, after Bill passed away, Louise lived with her daughter Phyllis in Pasco, Wash. She eventually returned to Winlock in March of 2014.

Bill and Louise spent many summer breaks camping around the country with their children. After the children were grown, they continued traveling. Louise had a zeal for cleaning, she was known for her spotless, well-kept home. Her penmanship was elegant and extraordinary. Louise always had whimsical tunes on her lips, which many of her family now recite fondly. She loved her family, hosting dinners at her home and summer vacations at Fort Worden in Port Townsend. In the evenings, she enjoyed relaxing with a glass of wine, while watching her favorite PBS shows, especially Masterpiece Theater.



Her greatest happiness though was her faith in Jehovah and sharing it with others. She relished going door to door and her fellowship with brothers and sisters at the Kingdom Hall.

Louise is survived by her children, Phyllis (Gaylen) Gehrig of Wenatchee, Fay (Randy) Voie of Winlock, Chris (Kathy) Kemp of Winlock and Michael Kemp of Winlock; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Kemp in 2000; and granddaughter, Colleen (Kemp) Ellison in 2015.

Funeral services are arranged for Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, at 2 p.m., at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses, 410 SW Kerron St., Winlock. A reception will follow next door at the Olequa Senior Center.

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## Sirens

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### LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE Tools Stolen from Bishop Road Business

• At 10 a.m. on Wednesday, police received a report of a burglary occurring the previous night in the past day in the 1600 block of Bishop Road. Two saws and two nail guns were stolen and doors were damaged resulting in \$1,080 in damage and theft from the business.

### Purse, Credit Cards Stolen in Vehicle Prowl

• At 9:42 p.m. on Thursday, deputies responded to a report of a vehicle prowl in a parking lot in the 200 block of Harmon Road in Chehalis. The incident reportedly occurred between 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. that day. A vehicle window was broken, causing \$600 in damage, and a purse, identification and credit cards valued at \$371 were stolen.

### Montana Driver Arrested for DUI

• At 12:04 a.m. on Friday, deputies stopped a vehicle at milepost 63 of southbound Interstate 5 near Winlock for a traffic violation. Driver Ernest M. Weir, 46, of Superior, Montana, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence.

### LEWIS COUNTY JAIL STATISTICS

• As of Friday morning, the Lewis County Jail had a total system population of 224 inmates with 193 in general population and 31 in the Work Ethic and Restitution Center. Of general population inmates, 153 were male and 40 were female and of WERC inmates, 29 were male and two female. A total of 24 inmates were booked through contracts with agencies outside Lewis County.

By The Chronicle Staff

Please call news reporter Natalie Johnson with news tips. She can be reached at 807-8235 or [njohnson@chronline.com](mailto:njohnson@chronline.com).

## GARY L. HARTSELL

Gary L. Hartsell passed away from ALS Jan. 13, 2018, at home with his family by his side in Chehalis, Wash., where he had lived for 38 years. He was born Dec. 26, 1943, to Leonard and Peggy Hartsell in Newark, N.J.

Gary was a veteran who served in the United States Army for three years and the Washington National Guard for 17 years; he loved having served his country. He worked 17 years as a maintenance tech for the National Guard and was retired in 1990 due to an injury. He worked a variety of part-time jobs, including delivering auto parts for Central Automotive until 2016 when his health declined. He was a volunteer firefighter for 27 years and retired from District #5 as the assistant fire chief.

Gary loved his family, especially his grandchildren. They all will miss him very much and hold him close in their hearts.

He is survived by his wife, Bobbie Hartsell; daughters, Christie (Cindy) Gralian of Arizona, Lisa (Dennis) Phelps of PeEll and Robbie Rakoz of Olympia; grandchildren, Christopher (Mandi) Phelps of PeEll, Justin (Kayla) Phelps of PeEll and Megan and Taylor



Rakoz of Napavine; great-grandchildren, Carter, Karli and Ellie Phelps of Pe Ell; and sister, Lyn Cowling of Tacoma, Wash.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents.

The family would like to express a heart-felt thanks to Kris Volland, our close friends and family who have been there for us during Gary’s illness and Assured Home Health and Hospice.

A private family gathering will be held.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Gary’s honor may be made to Assured Hospice, 2120 Northpark Dr., Centralia, WA 98531, or ALS Association/Evergreen Chapter, 19226 66th Ave. South #L-105, Kent, WA 98032.

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# Vondean Thompson

Vondean K. (Stafford) Thompson passed away peacefully, in the company of her family Jan. 10, 2018, from the effects of a brain tumor. She was a beautiful woman who led a full life. Vondean was born in Centralia, Wash., Sept. 10, 1938, to Elvin and Marjorie Stafford.

She graduated from Centralia High School in 1956, and earned a bachelor’s degree in music from the University of Washington in 1960. Vondean loved music and was a talented pianist. In August of 1960, Vondean abandoned her career as a Northwest Airline stewardess and made the mistake of marrying Robert B. Thompson, a lowly ensign in the United States Navy. Fortunately for both of them, she had over 57 years to straighten him up. Vondean and Bob spent the first two years of their married life honeymooning on the (not yet infamous) United States Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The following two years were spent on the Stanford University campus in Palo Alto, Calif. The couple returned to Centralia in 1965.

Vondean’s love of music and extraordinary organizational skills contributed greatly to our local community. In the 1970s, she formed the Centralia College Performing Arts Society, which over the years brought many fine musicians to perform locally. Later, she organized the Pacific Northwest Youth Orchestra, and managed to bring string music instruction into our schools. The PNWYO lives on today as the Pacific Northwest Chamber Orchestra. In 1986, Vondean was elected to the first ever Centralia City Council. She served three terms including one year as Mayor of the City. In 1998, after retiring from the City Council, she and Bob moved to their home on beloved Ayock Point, near Lilliwaup on Hood Canal.

She and Bob traveled quite a bit. This included nearly 40 years of fishing adventures and misadventures in Canada and Alaska with Suzi and Jim VanderStoep. There were also annual visits to Sharon and John Edinger, where ever they might be in the world. They made seven pleasant trips to their daughter-in-law, Maddy’s home country, Australia. Vondean traveled to Ireland and Victoria, B.C., with her daughters, and then there was Maui...

Vondean was the loving mother of three children, Elizabeth Thompson-Lagerberg, Robert B. (Maddy) Thompson and Mary (Diane) Baskin-Thompson. She had the joy of seven grandchildren, Bela, Lucky, Aubrey and Cyrus Thompson-Lagerberg, Angelique and Natasha Thompson and Graham Baskin-Thompson. Vondean was our communication center and the spiritual hub about which our family revolved.

Vondean was preceded in death by her parents, Elvin and Marjorie; and brother, Gordon Stafford.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; their three children; seven grandchildren; and her brother, Stan Stafford.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, at the Theater at Corbet Hall on the Centralia College campus.

Remembrances would be greatly appreciated by her favorite organization: The Pacific N.W. Chamber Orchestra, PO Box 36, Chehalis, WA, 98532.

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# Nation/World

## Nation in Brief

### Under Trump, Parks to Stay Open Even if Government Shuts Down

By Tribune News Services

WASHINGTON — U.S. government offices may be locked and most federal employees sent home, but the Trump administration has a plan to blunt the pain of a federal shutdown: It will keep many national parks and monuments open.

President Donald Trump will keep the sites accessible even if rangers and other federal employees aren't working. That is in contrast to the last shutdown when the Obama administration chained off playgrounds, barricaded monuments and even turned away veterans from the World War II memorial in Washington.

The U.S. Interior Department plans to let the public visit most open-air monuments, wilderness-type restrooms and facilities that don't depend on government staffing. Gift shops, restaurants and other concessionaires inside parks may be permitted to continue operations as long as they remove snow and trash without government staff.

"The American public and especially our veterans who come to our nation's capital should find war memorials and open air parks open to the public," said Interior Department spokeswoman Heather Swift. "Additionally many of our national parks, refuges and other public lands will still try to allow limited access wherever possible."

### Trump Tells Abortion Opponents He'll Defend Right to Life

By Tribune News Services

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump criticized the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision and vowed that his administration would defend what he called the first right enumerated by the Declaration of Independence — the right to life — in remarks to an abortion march in Washington.

"Roe v. Wade has resulted in some of the most permissive abortion laws anywhere in the world," Trump said in a live address to thousands of people gathered on the National Mall for the anti-abortion March for Life. "It is wrong; it has to change," he said of laws that allow late-term abortions in some states.

"We will always defend the very first right in the Declaration of Independence, and that is the right to life," he said. The document declares in its preamble that "unalienable" human rights include life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The remarks, delivered in the White House Rose Garden, were shown on screens set up on the Mall. Trump is the first sitting president to address the 45-year-old march by live video. Previous Republican presidents have spoken to march participants by phone. Vice President Mike Pence spoke at last year's event, which took place a week after Trump took the oath of office.

Pence, who has deep ties with social conservatives, said Thursday at a reception for march attendees that Trump "made a difference for life" during his first year in office and is "the most pro-life president in American history."

The administration has rolled out a series of measures this week aimed at bolstering its standing with abortion opponents. The Department of Health and Human Services announced Thursday that its Office of Civil Rights will launch a new division on conscience and religious freedom. HHS also said Friday that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid will send state Medicaid directors letters instructing them to disregard a 2016 Obama administration rule that barred states from denying federal family-planning funds to Planned Parenthood and other organizations that provide abortions.

# U.S. Shutdown Starts as Democrats Block GOP Plan

By Tribune News Services

The U.S. government officially entered a partial shutdown early Saturday as Senate Democrats and a handful of Republicans blocked a House-passed bill to fund the government after the two parties failed to break their deadlock over immigration.

As the midnight passed, senators kept haggling over whether a funding extension shorter than the four-weeks passed by the House might provide a bridge for negotiations.

With Democrats mostly unified in their opposition and defections in the Republican ranks, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell couldn't muster the 60 votes needed to get the temporary funding measure to the floor before the deadline to act.

"What we've just witnessed on the floor was a cynical decision by Senate Democrats to shove aside millions of Americans for the sake of irresponsible political games," McConnell said after the voting was finished.

McConnell proposed extending funding for three weeks to Feb. 8, a timetable Democrats had previously rejected. No immediate vote was scheduled. Any new funding legislation will require another vote in the House. Lawmakers there, who had been preparing to leave Washington on Friday, will be in session on Saturday.

With lawmakers unable to reach an agreement on funding, agencies set in motion a partial shutdown, one year from the day

President Donald Trump was inaugurated.

As midnight approached, White House press secretary Sarah Sanders put out a combative statement accusing Democrats and their Senate leader Chuck Schumer of behaving like "obstructionist losers, not legislators" and saying there would be no negotiations until the shutdown ends.

"Senate Democrats own the Schumer Shutdown," she said in the statement. "We will not negotiate the status of unlawful immigrants while Democrats hold our lawful citizens hostage over their reckless demands."

Democrats are demanding legislation to protect undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. as children and Republicans are setting conditions for border security and enforcement.

Schumer said after the vote that when he met with Trump at the White House earlier Friday, they appeared to have reached the "outline of a deal" on issues including immigration and health care. Instead, he said, Trump folded when he got pushback from Republicans.

"He backed off at the first sign of pressure," Schumer said on the Senate floor.

A day spent on phone calls and meetings, including the face-to-face discussion between Trump and Schumer, briefly raised hopes that a solution was within grasp. But pessimism spread in the Capitol as it was clear no deal had been reached at the White

House meeting and the midnight deadline approached.

"I don't think anybody knows what's going to happen next," Senator John Kennedy, a Louisiana Republican, said earlier Friday, before the vote.

The White House and federal agencies spent Friday mapping out how to proceed if the deadline passed without an agreement. Some departments revived shutdown plans from the Obama years. The administration wanted as little disruption as possible. For instance, mail will continue to be delivered; airport control towers will be staffed; and the Interior Department hopes to keep the national parks open.

White House officials from Trump down had put on an optimistic front early in the day.

The White House Budget Director Mick Mulvaney predicted Republicans and Democrats would strike an agreement before the weekend was out to provide temporary funding for the government that would let federal agencies open on schedule Monday.

"I think there's a deal in the next 24 hours," Mulvaney said on CNN.

If there's not, both sides were ready to place blame.

Schumer blamed the stand-off on Trump's inability to set a clear path and the failure of Republican congressional leaders to deliver on immigration. He said the president is the "single driving force in scuttling bipartisan deals in Congress."

## World in Brief

### Pakistan Closes U.S.-Funded Radio Station, Citing 'Hostile' Agenda

By Tribune News Services

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistani authorities on Friday closed the offices of a U.S. government-funded radio station whose broadcasts it said were "against the interests of Pakistan," dealing another blow to relations with the United States.

The Pakistani interior ministry said that Radio Mashaal portrayed the country as "a hub of terrorism" and "a failed state" that could not provide security for its people, particularly religious minorities and long-term refugees from Afghanistan.

The ministry said it shut the organization's Islamabad office on the recommendations of Inter-Services Intelligence, the powerful spy agency of the Pakistani military, which has been the target of intense criticism from President Trump.

The Trump administration this month announced that the U.S. would withhold hundreds of millions of dollars in security assistance due to Pakistan's inability to crack down on militant groups that range across the border to attack U.S.-led coalition troops in Afghanistan.

Trump has also called out Pakistan repeatedly on Twitter, accusing the long-difficult U.S. ally, which has accepted \$33 billion in U.S. funding to fight terrorism since 2002, of "lies and deceit."

Pakistani officials said that the decision to close Radio Mashaal was not a response to Trump but the result of longstanding concerns about its content. A letter from the interior ministry said the station's broadcasts were "in line with (a) hostile intelligence agency's agenda" — a likely reference to Afghanistan, whose leaders accuse Pakistan of sponsoring the Taliban and other insurgent groups battling the Kabul government.

Radio Mashaal, which broadcasts on the radio and online in the Pashto language, airs political and social coverage and is particularly popular in the marginalized northwestern tribal areas along the Afghan border.

### Pope Francis, in Peru, Speaks of Threats to Native Amazonian People and the Rainforest

By Tribune News Services

Pope Francis ventured to a bustling corner of the Peruvian Amazon on Friday and sounded an alarm for the fate of the lands and inhabitants of the vast rainforest.

"The native Amazonian peoples have probably never been so threatened on their own lands as they are at present," the pontiff told thousands of indigenous people, many in colorful costumes, feathered headdresses and face paint, in Puerto Maldonado.

"We have to break with the historical paradigm that views Amazonia as an inexhaustible source of supplies for other countries without concern for its inhabitants," he said.

Many people lined up in the predawn hours to gain access to the venues where the pope was to speak.

"The pope is a good man, he is concerned about our ancestral lands, we know he is a friend," said Joel Camaiteri, 40, who was part of a contingent visiting from an ethnic Ashaninka village 12 hours away in the forest.

"We need to preserve our forest," said Camaiteri, who had rust-colored paint on his face and wore a feathered headdress, a striped gown and black sneakers.

Indigenous representatives presented the pontiff with gifts, including a necklace and traditional headdress. The pope spoke some words in indigenous languages.

Traditional drums and other instruments played during his two major appearances.

## Surrounded by Questions



Kellyanne Conway, counselor to President Trump, is surrounded by members of the media asking questions about a government shutdown in the West Wing of the White House Friday in Washington, D.C.

# Supreme Court Will Decide on President Trump's Travel Ban

By David G. Savage

Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court Friday agreed to decide whether President Donald Trump has the legal power to bar tens of thousands of visitors and immigrants from several mostly Muslim nations from entering this country.

The court's ruling could be one of its most significant pronouncements on the chief executive's power, acting on his own, to decide who may come to the United States.

The legal fight over Trump's travel ban has simmered through his first year in office. At the end of his first week in the White House, Trump signed a hastily crafted order that disrupted travel plans across the globe, triggered protests at airports across the nation and spurred a series of lawsuits.

Since then, federal judges in Hawaii, Maryland and Washington state have issued rulings to block Trump's order, and those

decisions have been repeatedly upheld by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco and the 4th Circuit Court in Richmond, Va.

In the early rounds, lawyers pointed to Trump's promise as a presidential candidate to enact a "Muslim ban," and judges agreed his order reflected an unconstitutional discrimination based on religion. More recently, the legal battles have focused tightly on the provisions of U.S. immigration law.

So far, the Supreme Court has leaned in favor of the administration. The justices in June allowed much of the travel ban to take effect, except for those who already had established close ties to people or institutions in this country.

And on Dec. 4, the justices took the unusual step of sweeping aside the injunctions handed down by several judges and allowing Trump's full travel ban to take effect, even though the cases were about to be heard by two appeals courts. Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Soto-

mayor dissented.

That move suggested the court's conservatives were exasperated by liberal trial judges issuing sweeping nationwide orders that rejected the president's plan.

The high court has not spoken directly on the underlying legal issues, but last month's order signals the challengers likely will have an uphill fight.

Their best hope may lie with a close reading of conflicting provisions in immigration laws.

The Constitution gives Congress the power to set the law on immigration, and the president is given the duty to enforce it. One provision, enacted in 1952, says the president may "suspend the entry of ... any class of aliens ... for such period as he shall deem necessary."

Trump's lawyers rely heavily on this clause and argue it gives the president nearly unchecked power, especially during national emergencies, to screen out people from certain countries who he thinks might pose a threat to national security.

# Tallest Bridge on Willapa Hills Trail Now Ready for Travelers

**BRIDGE 23:** Recently Completed Span Near Pe Ell Hangs 76 Feet Over the Chehalis River

By The Chronicle

Another section of the Willapa Hills Trail was recently completed and opened to the public when the finishing touches were put on Bridge 23 in west Lewis County.

Located west of Pe Ell, the renovated bridge is part of an ongoing effort to connect Chehalis and Raymond via the Willapa Hills Trail. The walking and biking path follows closely along the Willapa and Chehalis rivers as it follows an old lumbering railroad grade.

"It's pretty exciting. It's a great opportunity," said Lewis County Commissioner Gary Stamper. "I know they are trying to get all of the bridges connected so people can come out and ride all the way out there."

According to Chris Brewer, a Lewis County employee who has worked for the Discover Lewis County website, a 1968 Northern



This photo of the recently completed bridge was taken by Chris Brewer and posted to the Ride the Willapa Facebook page.

Pacific Railway bridge book lists Bridge 23 as the tallest bridge along the trail. The deck is situated some 76 feet above the Che-

halis River and the span, origi-

nally built in 1920, is listed at 236 feet in length.

Recent modifications to the bridge include installation of new decking and safety rails.

With those updates complete, there is now 26 miles of continuously connected trail in Lewis County alone.

All told, some 28 miles of the

trail have been resurfaced during the past 10 years.

According to Brewer, an avid cyclist, the best access to Bridge 23 can be had by heading west from the Willapa Hills Trailhead in downtown Pe Ell. That route will also take visitors over a small bridge span at mile 22 that crosses Stowe Creek.

"This is a very exciting time in the trail's development, and it is so neat to see people out here already enjoying it," wrote Brewer in a social media post detailing the work at Bridge 23.

Brewer's post added that there is still construction equipment around the trail and advised visitors to "be respectful of anyone who may still be working out there."

Stamper sees the completed project as another successful step toward properly highlighting the natural and historic features of the area.

"We're going to have the Willapa Hills Trail Ride again this year and there's just a lot of opportunity and exposure for people to come to Lewis County," said Stamper. "It's a real good thing"

## Herrera Beutler, Reichert Send Letter Opposing Drilling Efforts Off Washington Coast

**STANCE:** Congresswoman Says Residents of Washington Have Never Asked for Additional Drilling

By The Chronicle

Republican U.S. Reps. Jaime Herrera Beutler and Dave Reichert this week penned a letter to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke in opposition of the administration's proposal for new offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration off Washington's coastline.

The representatives expressed concern over the proposal and urged the administration to remove the coast of Washington from its planned areas for expanded drilling and exploration, according to a press release.

"I don't support offshore oil and gas exploration in states that don't want it, and Washington's citizens have never indicated any desire to have oil and gas activity off their coast," Herrera Beutler, R-Battle Ground, said. "Energy independence is a worthy goal, but the plan to get there should not include Washington's coast. Interior Secretary Zinke has said he will respond to individual states and communities in finalizing his plan, and I'm sending this letter with my colleague Rep. Reichert to let the secretary know that Washington should not be included in the final proposal to increase energy exploration."

Reichert, R-Auburn, said he is concerned about the administration's "continued push to allow new gas and oil drilling opportunities" along the coast.

"This moves America in the wrong direction and could lead to policies that create long-lasting harm to the Pacific Ocean and Washington's shorelines," he said. "I am hopeful the Administration will hear this final plea to stop these efforts for new offshore drilling off the Pacific Coast of Washington."

The full text of the letter can be viewed online at reichert-forms.house.gov.

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# Once Again, State Lawmakers Consider Requiring Health Plans to Cover Abortions

By Taylor McAvoy  
For The Chronicle

A bill to expand birth control choices for women is before the Legislature for the fifth year in a row.

Senate Bill 6219, also called the Reproductive Parity Act, would require health plans that offer maternity coverage to also offer abortion coverage as well as coverage for contraceptive drugs and devices such as IUDs.

"I'm feeling hopeful this year," Senator Steve Hobbs, D-Snohomish, the bill's prime sponsor said at a hearing on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

The bill would provide state funding for birth control and abortion services for low income residents, and would require insurance companies to offer the expanded coverage for plans that began on Jan. 1, 2019.

"Family planning decisions should be about if, when, and how many children someone wants to have, not whether their health insurance policy covers the services they need," Steve Breaux with Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii said at the bill's hearing.

Federal law does not allow federal funds to be used for abortions except to end pregnancies resulting from rape or pregnancies that would endanger a woman's life. Because of this, most abortions are not covered by federal programs like Medicaid.

However, this bill would allow the state to cover abortions under its Medicaid program provided only state funds are used.

Hobbs said that the votes for the bill are there on the Democratic side and he expects some support on the Republican side as well.



Taylor McAvoy / WNP News Bureau

Nearly 100 people gathered in the Capitol Legislative Building in Olympia on Thursday, Jan. 18 to rally in support of the Reproductive Parity Act and other women's health bills as well as in support of housing and school funding bills.

Washington state has voted in the past to uphold abortion rights. Under the Washington Reproductive Privacy Act, the state cannot deny or impair a woman's right to have an abortion before fetal viability, often the third trimester of pregnancy.

Hobbs has consistently introduced this bill in the Legislature for the past five years.

"It's vital that women have access to whatever contraceptive drugs, devices, products and services we need to manage our

reproductive needs and overall health," chair of the Senate Health & Long Term Care Committee Senator Annette Cleveland, D-Vancouver, wrote in an email. "This legislation has been a long time in coming and will make a big difference in many women's lives."

Pro-choice activists rallied at the legislative building in Olympia on Thursday for equal access to all women's healthcare.

"Reproductive justice is economic justice," they chanted.

However, the bill has faced stiff opposition in previous years from religious and pro-life activist groups. Lawmakers heard from opponents on Tuesday.

"It would require contraception and abortion coverage while violating the constitutionally-protected consociational rights of individuals, churches, businesses, and others," Peter Sartain, archbishop of Seattle and Washington State Catholic Conference, said at the hearing. "Maintaining the state's commitment to reli-

gious freedom is vital."

Sartain said that the Catholic churches and other morally obligated businesses and organizations simply cannot include coverage for contraception and abortion. If the bill is passed, he said, surely a legal challenge would ensue.

Hobbs said he is unsure if the bill would face a legal challenge but that religious entities and nonprofits with moral objections are already protected. The bill, he said, would not eliminate already established religious and moral protections.

According to Seattle attorney Theresa Shrempp, the bill has no opt-out method for those who have a religious or moral objection to providing contraception and abortion services. But the current law already addresses religious exemptions.

A health plan offered by a religious employer or a nonprofit with religious objections is not required to cover contraceptives under a 2014 Supreme Court ruling, *Burwell Vs. Hobby Lobby*. Small business owners are also not required to include contraceptive coverage based on moral conviction.

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Taylor McAvoy is reporting out of the WNP Olympia News Bureau.

## DeBolt Bill to Give Volunteer Midwives, Doulas Access to Pregnant Inmates

By The Chronicle

The state House of Representatives this week unanimously approved a bill introduced by 20th District Rep. Richard DeBolt that would allow volunteer midwives and doulas to provide assistance to pregnant inmates incarcerated in county jails and state prisons.

Substitute House Bill 2016 would provide the inmates with access to the volunteer maternity services before, during and after childbirth.

The bill now heads to the Senate for further consideration.

"These circumstances for giving birth are not normal. Most incarcerated mothers are separated from their newborn within days," DeBolt, R-Chehalis, said. "They need someone to be with them during the birth and in the weeks after being separated from their baby."

Doulas are trained to provide informational and physical support to women through pregnancy, delivery and after childbirth, while midwives have additional medical training. Midwives can perform regular exams

during the course of a woman's pregnancy and after childbirth.

"Along with the obvious physical aspects of giving birth, midwives and doulas can help women through postpartum depression," DeBolt said. "Those symptoms are magnified and often debilitating because the mother is separated from her child. The goal of these volunteer services is simple: doulas and midwives make these very difficult circumstances a bit easier to bear."

His proposal requires reasonable accommodations for the volunteers who would meet with and care for expectant mothers and mothers who are up to six weeks postpartum, stated the release. The volunteers would be granted access to the inmates' relevant health care information, and also provide parental advice and instruction to new mothers on caring for their infants.

"If you teach a woman how to be a good mother, you give her skills for every area of life," DeBolt said. "This one-on-one time provides incarcerated mothers with the encouragement that they can be a good parent to their infant after they're released from jail or prison. It gives them hope."



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# Assessor Prepares for Questions on Higher Tax Rates in Lewis County

**CHANGES:** Levy Work Now Completed; Several Additions to Result in Increases to Taxes

By The Chronicle

Lewis County Assessor Dianne Dorey's office is preparing for a rise of inquiries from taxpayers after her office completed levy work to extend the tax rolls that show an increase in taxes will hit the area.



Dianne Dorey  
assessor

The move will allow the treasurer's office to bill for taxes owed in 2018.

"Dorey's office is prepared for an onslaught of questions and concerns from taxpayers regarding increases to their taxes and encourages citizens to learn why and how their taxes increased, mainly due to the steep increases to the state's school district levy, the Port of Centralia's addition of the Industrial Development District No. 3 and the Centralia School District's school construction bond," stated a press release from her office.

The state levy Part B is additional funding that resulted from the legislative fix for the McCleary decision, an order by the state Supreme Court to fully fund K-12 education. In Lewis County, the additional funding will cause an increase of about \$1.01 per \$1,000 in assessed val-

uation of a parcel. The Port of Centralia's levy will add an additional 45 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, while the Centralia School District's combined levy is about \$5 per \$1,000 in assessed valuation.

"All properties in Lewis County will pay the additional Part B of the State Levy," stated the release. "However, increases in other taxes will vary by each district, depending on what taxes were levied by the various taxing districts."

Homes in Centralia will see significant tax increases despite a decrease in the overall value of the district. A property valued at \$100,000 will see an increase of about \$325 annually, while a \$200,000 property will see an increase of \$625 per year.

Dorey said taxpayers who want changes to their taxable amounts should start with their local taxing districts. There are approximately 65 taxing districts in Lewis County, according to the release.

"The assessor calculates levies based on what each district claims they need to fund their services," Dorey said. "They tell us what they need, we confirm if the amount is lawful, and then we calculate the amount each parcel owner will pay into each of their district's budget based on the market value of their property."

Each district that provides its services to property owners holds budget meetings every year. Attending the meetings is a tangible way for property owners

to be involved, stated the release.

"In regards to how much each property owner pays, we don't create the budgets that lead to taxes; we use boundary lines and calculations to report who owes what to whom," Dorey said.

Dorey holds annually training meetings with the taxing districts to explain the levy process. There, she encourages commissioners, board members, secretaries and other stakeholders to attend the fall meetings so

they can learn about levies, taxes, the calculation process she is responsible for, and the district's responsibility to budget lawfully.

For more information, contact the Lewis County Assessor's Office at 360-740-1392.

## 18-Year-Old Centralia Woman Pleads Guilty for Role in Robbery at Hotel

**SUPERIOR COURT:** Claire J. Carsoner-Garcia Was One of Two Women Accused of Luring a Man to a Hotel Where He Was Attacked and Robbed by Other Men

By Natalie Johnson

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One of two women charged in an incident in which a man was reportedly lured to a hotel, beaten and robbed has pleaded guilty.



Claire J. Carsoner-Garcia pleaded guilty

Claire J. Carsoner-Garcia, 18, of Centralia, pleaded guilty Friday afternoon to her original charges of first-degree robbery and theft of a motor vehicle. She has been held on \$150,000 bail in the Lewis County Jail since being charged in December.

Superior Court Judge James Lawler agreed Friday to release her on \$10,000 unsecured bail pending her sentencing hearing, but cautioned her to stay in contact with her attorney.

"Given the potential sentences

in this case it would not be wise for you to take off and not be in touch with him," Lawler said.

First-degree robbery is a class A felony and a strike offense.

Carsoner-Garcia is due back in court for a review in the case on Feb. 8. Her sentencing date is being delayed as part of her plea agreement.

A second suspect, Maria I. Sevilla-Martinez, 17, was charged as an adult in the case a few days before Carsoner-Garcia. She was scheduled to enter a guilty plea on Monday, but that hearing has been canceled.

Her trial is currently scheduled to start Feb. 5.

According to court documents, the Centralia Police Department responded Dec. 6 to a report of a robbery at a hotel in the 700 block of Harrison Avenue and met a man bleeding from a head wound.

He told police his ex-girlfriend, Sevilla-Martinez, lured him to the hotel where he was attacked by suspects with guns who then stole his car.

Carsoner-Garcia pleaded guilty to her part of the scheme Friday.

"I was an accomplice to others forcibly taking property from (the victim) and the others were armed with pistols," according to her written statement on her plea. "We all left the hotel and my accomplices took (the victim's) vehicle."

### News in Brief

**Napavine School District to Hold Surplus Auction**

By The Chronicle

The Napavine School District will hold a sale of items that were recently declared as surplus property later this month.

Books will be available for student purchase from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 30. A public preview of the items will begin at 4 p.m., followed by an auction from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

According to the district, sales tax is required on all purchases, and exact change is appreciated. The sale will be held in the Napavine School District maintenance shop, 451 E. Rowell St., next to the bus garage behind the stadium.

Items will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information, contact district office personnel at 360-262-3303.

**Thurston Animal Services Not Accepting Dogs After One Dies**

By The Olympian

Joint Animal Services of Thurston County is not accepting dogs or allowing people to adopt dogs at its main shelter on Martin Way in Olympia after one fell ill and died last week, the executive director said Thursday.

The dog, a large breed mix, had fallen ill with an infection called hemolytic streptococcus. It developed a fever of 106 degrees and died, Executive Director Ric Torgerson said.

To prevent the infection from spreading, about 40 dogs at the shelter are in quarantine and are being monitored and tested. They also have been given antibiotics.

"We're doing what we should be doing," he said.

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# Riverside Fire Authority Notes Death of 'Abby the Fire Dog'

By The Chronicle

The Riverside Fire Authority announced the death of "Abby the fire dog" in a post to Facebook this week.

"We are sad to report the passing of Abby, the fire dog," the RFA wrote on its page. "Abby was a fixture of our fire prevention program for many years. She helped us spread our fire safety message to thousands of Centralia area children. She was always the 'star of the show' whenever she was part of our presentations. Our thoughts are (with) her family, retired Centralia fireman Bob Shirer and his wife, Annie."

A video clip of Abby with Assistant Chief Richard Mack during a fire prevention presentation for area children shows how the dog was used to educate on fire safety.

"Abby knows that if there's a fire in the house and she gets too close and her clothes get on fire, she knows what to do," says Mack in the video, before adding, "Stop, drop, roll! Stop, drop, roll!"

Abby rolled with the commands, to the delight of the children.

"Good girl, Abby," Mack says emphatically on the video.

Abby was born in 2002 and died this month.



Abby the fire dog is seen in this image provided by the Riverside Fire Authority on its Facebook page this week. The dog, born in 2002, was a favorite of area children learning about fire safety.

## News in Brief

### Mount St. Helens Climbing Permits Go On Sale Feb. 1

By The Chronicle

Climbing permits for Mount St. Helens for the 2018 season are scheduled to go on sale at 9 a.m. Feb. 1 and will be available at [www.mshinstitute.org](http://www.mshinstitute.org).

The permits are required to travel above 4,800 feet in elevation on the volcano. From April 1 to October 31, permits are \$22 per climber.

Permits are limited from April 1 to May 15 at 500 permits per day and from May 16 through Oct. 31 to 100 permits per day.

The new permits include updates based on feedback from climbers, according to a news release from the Mount St. Helens Institute.

First, 10 percent of all permits from May 16 to Oct. 31 will not be released until the last day of the previous month.

"This change provides climbers who were unable to secure permits on the on-sale date or wanted to make last-minute arrangements a chance to secure permits," according to the Institute.

Second, climbers will be prompted to include the names of all climbers in their party as part of their registration process.

"This information will help climbing rangers to better respond to emergencies and will help discourage unauthorized climbing permit resales," according to the institute.

The online permit process allows climbers to print permits, fill in climber names on each permit and bring them to the trailhead. Climbers are also required to sign in and out at the climber's register at Climber's Bivouac.

National Forest Day Passes are required to park at the Climber's Bivouac and are not included in the climbing permits.

### Bill That Would Allow Same Day Voter Registration Passes the Senate

By The Chronicle

The state Senate has passed legislation that aims to increase access to democracy by allowing for same-day voter registration in Washington.

Senate Bill 6021 passed on a 29-20 vote and now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration. It would allow in-person voter registration up to 8 p.m. on the day of an election and electronic or mail registration up to eight days before an election.

"Participation in our elections

has been steadily declining in our state and around the country for decades now. It's time we take serious action to help voters achieve the representation they deserve by removing barriers and increasing access," bill sponsor Sen. Patty Kuderer, D-Bellevue, said in a press release. "The core goal of same-day registration is to increase turnout, but this is also about restoring faith in our civic institutions. This bill will ensure that every eligible voter who wishes to make their voice heard will not be turned away at the door because an outdated deadline was missed."

### Legislature 2018



According to information provide by the Senate Democratic Caucus, same-day voter registration can lead to a 10 percent increase in turnout. The top five states with the highest percentage of voter turnout in the 2016 general election had enacted same-day registration laws.

"The voice of the people, the voices of individuals, provide the lifeblood of our democracy," Kuderer said.

"I am proud to stand with my Senate colleagues today as we show our constituents and the country the path to fairer and more inclusive elections."

### Legislature Proposes Behavioral Health Bonds to Expand Mental Health Treatment Capacity

By The Chronicle

Legislation sponsored by Sens. John Braun and David Frockt asks voters to approve \$500 million in state bonds that would expand community mental health treatment facilities.

The legislation comes at a time when reports and analysis show the state had inadequate options for those who face a variety of mental crisis, according to a press release from Braun's office.

The proposed legislation authorizes up to \$500 million in general obligation state bonds to pay for capital improvements that will increase behavioral health services in communities.

The funds could be used for treatment options that include evaluation and treatment centers, detoxification centers, crisis and stabilization centers, transitional

housing or other options.

The measure would be subject to a vote in the November general election.

"Treating people with mental illness in their community keeps them closer to their family and improves long-term outcomes," Braun, R-Centralia, who serves as ranking minority member of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, said. "It's critical that we provide the facilities to deliver a variety of evidence-based services throughout our state. Combining one of the lowest national rates of available treatment facilities with some of the highest need is a recipe for the crisis we see today."

The state has taken steps to invest an additional \$50 million over the last four years in community treatment facilities through the previous two capital budgets.

"We have a crisis in mental health in this state. We are under court order to improve the system in a variety of ways, and this includes expanding the entire range of facilities," Frockt, D-Seattle, said. "This bill would create a transformational funding plan over many years to address these dire needs. This measure ensures that people suffering from mental illness can be treated close to home, keeping them connected to the support systems that they'll rely on as they recover."

A report by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy in 2015 showed the state ranked 49th out of 50 states for the availability of psychiatric beds.

The report also highlighted that Washington ranks in the top three states in adult prevalence of mental illness and serious mental illness, stated the release.

"While we've made progress in recent years, it's clear that the scale of problems demands a more widespread and flexible approach," Braun said.

The bonds would allow the Legislature to appropriate the money raised from the Community Behavioral Bond Account, a dedicated fund created in the bill.

The capacity could be expanded depending on what type of facilities the future Legislature chooses to invest in. There will also be match or grant funds available for individual projects.

"I am looking forward to working with Sen. Braun and the bipartisan group that is sponsoring this measure," Frockt said. "As the new Democratic chair of the capital budget, I plan to schedule hearings for this bill once we have passed a capital budget. Addressing this crisis is one of my top priorities. Good ideas know no party, and it's time for both parties to come together to address these long neglected needs."



John Braun senator from Centralia

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### Thursday's 2A Girls Basketball

## Wilkerson Leads Tigers Past Rochester, 40-22

**EVCO: Wilkerson Scores 12 as Tigers Hold Warriors in Check for League Win**

By Matt Baide  
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ROCHESTER — Rachel Wilkerson scored 12 points to lead the Tigers to a 40-22 win over Rochester in an Evergreen 2A Conference girls basketball game here on Thursday.

Points were tough to come by on both sides, but unselfishness helped Centralia pull out the win, according to coach Doug Ashmore.

"At times we looked good. I think the one thing I love about our team is that the girls, they don't care who scores," Ashmore

said. "Rachel had to pick it up because they really emphasized taking Ellie (Corwin) away to-night."

Wilkerson also grabbed seven rebounds and added three steals. Corwin had a team-high eight rebounds, and Hannah Porter chipped in with 8 points, seven rebounds and four assists.

Paige Winter led Rochester with 12 points.

Neither team was hot out of the gate, but the Tigers led 10-2 after a quarter and 17-9 at half-time.

Centralia had 13 offensive rebounds in the first half.

"We've been really trying to say that is one of our goals. We've got to offensive board

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Centralia's Ellie Corwin (25) gets a hand on a shot from Rochester's Paige Winter (24) during an Evergreen 2A Conference girls basketball game in Rochester Thursday night.

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### 2A Boys Basketball

### 2B Boys Basketball



Malakai Emmons takes the ball to the hoop on Friday night during an Evergreen 2A Conference boys basketball game against Rochester in Centralia.

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Pe Ell's Ryan Shepherd (22) shoots over Winlock's Jayce Coleman (34) on Friday night during Central 2B League boys basketball action in Pe Ell.

## Tigers Start Slow, Power Past Rochester

**EVCO: Janssan Leads Centralia With 21 Points, 8 Assists in 62-47 Win**

By Aaron VanTuyl  
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It was a 15-point win, but still a frustrating evening on the court for Centralia.

The hosts just couldn't quite get enough separation from Rochester, a team they'd beaten by 23 points a little over two

weeks earlier.

Centralia started off slow and saw the Warriors claw to within 10 in the fourth quarter, but kept the big lead intact in a 62-47 Evergreen 2A Conference win.

Ben Janssan led Centralia with 21 points, adding eight assists, four rebounds, 10 recoveries and a pair of blocked shots without committing a turnover.

"I felt like we had a lot of good looks inside that we couldn't finish tonight," Centralia coach

Kyle Donahue said. "We're not a fantastic 3-point shooting team, but I felt like we had some good looks and just couldn't get anything to fall tonight."

A big part of that was outside, where Centralia went just 2 of 12. Rochester, meanwhile, was slightly better at 5 of 21, but missed all 10 of its long-range attempts in the first half and trailed 29-17 at the break.

"I think we're a team that gets content, sometimes, to stand out on the perimeter and

shoot," Rochester coach Mark Goldrick said. "The second half, we made it a point to try to get to the line, to try to make some drives against their man-to-man defense."

The Warriors managed 19 in the third quarter — thanks to Bryce Lollar going 3 of 4 from long range and scoring all 11 of his points — but weren't able to keep up with Centralia.

Tyler Ashmore scored 8 of his 11 in the second half and

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## Cards Heat Up, Shoot Past Pe Ell 88-54

By The Chronicle

PE ELL — Winlock sizzled from the field in an 88-54 win over Pe Ell here Friday night in C2BL boys hoops action.

"Everybody we play shoots the lights out. It doesn't matter who it is," Trojan coach Chris Fitzgerald said. "I think we're better defensively than offensively, but boy — I just must not know a dang thing about basketball, because it doesn't seem like it on the number sheets."

Nick Patching led Winlock with 23 points and Dawson Hall scored 21. The Cardinals went 32 of 58 from the floor and 12 of 22 from the 3-point line.

Kobe Hoffman went 10 of 18 from the field and a career-high 23 points to lead Pe Ell, and the game was tied at 19 after a quarter, after a late tip-off due to a late arrival by the officiating crew.

"That's the best first quarter

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 Pe Ell boys basketball coach

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**SATURDAY, Jan. 20**  
**Men's Basketball**  
 Centralia at Tacoma, 4 p.m.  
**Women's Basketball**  
 Centralia at Tacoma, 4 p.m.  
**Wrestling**  
 W.F. West at King of the Hills, at Black Hills, 9 a.m.  
 Centralia at Lumberjack Classic, Longview, 10 a.m.  
 Rochester at Rubber Chicken Invite, Kalama, 10 a.m.

**MONDAY, Jan. 22**  
**Bowling**  
 W.F. West at Columbia River, 3:15 p.m.  
**Girls Basketball**  
 Winlock at Morton-White Pass, at Randle, 5 p.m.  
**TUESDAY, Jan. 23**  
**Boys Basketball**  
 W.F. West at Rochester, 7 p.m.  
 Centralia at Tumwater, 7 p.m.  
 Tenino at Montesano, 7 p.m.  
**Girls Basketball**  
 Napavine at Adna, 7 p.m.  
 Pe Ell at Morton-White Pass, at Morton, 7 p.m.  
 Onalaska at Rainier, 7 p.m.  
 Toledo at Mossyrock, 7 p.m.  
 Wahkiakum at Winlock, 7 p.m.  
 Tenino at Montesano, 5:30 p.m.

**Local Results**  
**Thursday's Results**  
**Girls Basketball**  
**At Rochester**  
**TIGERS 40, WARRIORS 22**  
 Centralia 10 7 11 12 —40  
 Rochester 2 7 10 3 —22  
**Centralia (40)** — Sharp 5, Wilkerson 12, Stron 4, Porter 8, Kaut 3, Corwin 5, Erickson 3  
 FG: 14 of 57 —.245 FT: 9 of 16 —.562 Reb: 33  
**Rochester (22)** — Bates 2, Hahn 2, Sederberg 6, Winter 12  
 FG: 10 of 43 —.232 FT: 2 of 5 —.400 Reb: 31 (Sederberg 10)

**At Kelso**  
**BEAVERS 42, EAGLES 27**  
 Tenino 19 9 8 6 —42  
 Three Riv. Chr. 11 5 9 2 —27  
**Tenino (42)** — Letts 4, Mathis 7, Schow 25, Collins 4, Dowies 2  
 FG: 12 of 41 —.293 FT: 15 of 22 —.682 Reb: 35 (Dowies, Schow, Mathis 8)  
**Three Rivers Christian (27)** — Carns 7, Gushman 2, Williams-Wallace 14, Morrison 2, Wright 2  
 FG: 11 of 36 —.306 FT: 4 of 6 —.667 Reb: N/A

**At Tumwater**  
**BEARCATS 74, WOLVES 41**

W.F. West 17 21 21 15 —74  
 Black Hills 7 12 9 13 —41  
**W.F. West (74)** — Brumfield 14, Johnson 13, Steen 13, McCallum 8, Warring 8, Vadala 7, Bennett 5, Akins 2, Henry 2, Tomo 1, Mencke 1  
 FG: 24 of 57 —.421 FT: 21 of 27 —.777 Reb: 26 (Brumfield 11)  
**Black Hills (41)** — Nurmi 10, River 10, Bender 8, Greenfield 4, Bonvenkamp 4, Lee 2, Serhan 2, Carson 1  
 FG: 11 of 47 —.234 FT: 15 of 21 —.714 Reb: 25

**At Toutle**  
**TIMBERWOLVES 52, DUCKS 40**  
 Morton-WP 13 20 9 10 —52  
 Toutle Lake 3 13 14 10 —40  
**Morton-White Pass (52)** — Dunlap 17, Hampton 5, Peters 6, Short 2, Smathers 9, Dotson 13  
 FG: 19 of 57 —.333 FT: 7 of 14 —.500 Reb: 40 (Dotson 14, Peters, Smathers 8)  
**Toutle Lake (40)** — M. Donald 21, A. Donald 3, Hald 2, Studebaker-Smith 6, Jones 8  
 FG: 14 of 48 —.292 FT: 4 of 10 —.400 Reb: 19 (Studebaker-Smith 7)

**At Cathlamet**  
**MULES 43, PIRATES 29**  
 Adna 3 11 5 10 —29  
 Wahkiakum 16 11 6 10 —43  
**Adna (29)** — El. Sliva 6, Kruger 1, Pannette 6, Aselton 10, Meister 6  
 FG: 11 of 33 —.333 FT: 3 of 10 —.300 Reb: 34 (Foster 10)  
**Wahkiakum (43)** — Ashe 2, P. Mace 5, M. Mace 10, Elliott 13, Leitz 13  
 FG: 14 of 40 —.350 FT: 11 of 18 —.611 Reb: N/A

**At Toledo**  
**INDIANS 57, MOUNTAINEERS 33**  
 Rainier 2 14 5 12 —33  
 Toledo 13 13 15 15 —57  
**Rainier (33)** — Hanson 9, Guizzetti 2, Johnson 2, Edminster 3, Miles 15, Spivey 2  
 FG: N/A FT: N/A Reb: 24  
**Toledo (57)** — K. Holmes 7, Bacon 6, Richardson 1, Tauscher 2, H. Holmes 10, Ewers 7, Tyner 4, Schaplow 11, Madill, Cline-Maier, Murphy  
 FG: N/A FT: N/A Reb: 28 (K. Holmes, Tyner 8)

**At Winlock**  
**TROJANS 33, CARDINALS 28**  
 Pe Ell 8 6 10 9 —33  
 Winlock 2 6 6 14 —28  
**Pe Ell (33)** — Justice 6, Ward 8, Little 4, Mason 12, Elliott 1, Nacht 2  
 FG: 14 of 40 —.350 FT: 5 of 12 —.416 Reb: 29  
**Winlock (28)** — Allbritton 4, Lofberg 6, Squibb 16, J. Jones 2  
 FG: 8 of 39 —.205 FT: 10 of 30 —.333 Reb: 32 (Squibb 11)

**At Mossyrock**  
**TIGERS 64, VIKINGS 35**  
 Napavine 26 7 18 13 —64

Mossyrock 10 9 4 12 —35  
**Napavine (64)** — Sevilla 3, Olson 18, Purvis 8, Snaza 6, Lee 27  
 FG: 25 of 46 —.543 FT: 4 of 7 —.571 Reb: 30 (Lee 9)  
**Mossyrock (35)** — Grose 11, Edgar 6, Moorcroft 6, An. Nelson 6, Fried 4, Hadaller 2  
 FG: 12 of 41 —.292 FT: 6 of 14 —.428 Reb: 17 (Moorcroft 6)

**Friday's Results**  
**Boys Basketball**  
**At Centralia**  
**TIGERS 62, WARRIORS 47**  
 Rochester 4 13 19 11 —47  
 Centralia 14 15 21 12 —62  
**Rochester (47)** — Erickson 10, Robinson 9, Riley 4, Lollar 11, Goldrick 13  
 FG: 20 of 61 —.327 FT: 2 of 8 —.250 Reb: 15  
**Centralia (62)** — Ajoge 10, Emmons 5, Jansson 21, Ashmore 11, Grimm 15  
 FG: 26 of 59 —.440 FT: 8 of 15 —.533 Reb: 32 (Grimm)

**At Tumwater**  
**BEARCATS 55, WOLVES 39**  
 W.F. West 10 16 13 16 —55  
 Black Hills 8 11 8 14 —39  
**W.F. West (55)** — Wollan 5, Baker 3, Thomas 12, Speck 8, B. White 5, C. White 2, Cooper 20  
 FG: 18 of 39 —.462 FT: 14 of 18 —.778 Reb: 40 (B. White 10)  
**Black Hills (39)** — Carter 2, Armin 8, Lovelless 2, Bauer 8, Glenn 15, Wright 2, Ainsworth 2  
 FG: 13 of 48 —.271 FT: 8 of 13 —.616 Reb: 21 (Armin 4)

**At Rainier**  
**INDIANS 54, MOUNTAINEERS 24**  
 Toledo 4 16 23 11 —54  
 Rainier 7 3 2 12 —24  
**Toledo (54)** — B. Marcil 6, Arceo-Hansen 7, Arroyo 6, Farbo 3, R. Wallace 8, Malunat 6, W. Wallace 11, Merly 3, Schaplow 2, Peak 2  
 FG: N/A FT: 4 of 8 —.500 Reb: 36 (Malunat 8, Arroyo, W. Wallace 6)  
**Rainier (24)** — Eygabroad 3, Gehrke 3, Ashby 10, Chatman 4, Coleman 4  
 FG: N/A FT: 1 of 7 —.143 Reb: 21

**At Adna**  
**PIRATES 79, MULES 25**  
 Wahkiakum 14 2 5 7 —28  
 Adna 21 26 21 11 —79  
**Wahkiakum (28)** — LaBerge 5, Carlson 7, Quigley 6, Beery 3, Wilson 2, Nelson 5  
 FG: 11 of 42 —.262 FT: 3 of 7 —.429 Reb: N/A  
**Adna (79)** — Apperson 7, Young 24, Weed 2, Metzberg 13, Davis 11, Thornberg 6, Mower 2, Fay 10, Ingle 4  
 FG: 31 of 53 —.585 FT: 4 of 5 —.800 Reb: N/A

**At Pe Ell**  
**CARDINALS 88, TROJANS 54**  
 Winlock 19 20 22 27 —88  
 Pe Ell 19 6 14 15 —54  
**Winlock (88)** — Whitehead 12, Cline 8,

Garcia 3, Ni. Patching 23, Richendollar 4, No. Patchin 11, Contreras 2, Hall 21, Coleman 4  
 FG: 32 of 58 —.552 FT: 13 of 16 —.813 Reb: 38  
**Pe Ell (54)** — Smith 4, Cox 2, Shepherd 8, McCalden 5, Bush, Hoffman 23, G. Bush 4, Prestegard 8  
 FG: 24 of 64 —.375 FT: 4 of 6 —.667 Reb: 31 (Shepherd 11)

**At Napavine**  
**TIGERS 84, VIKINGS 24**  
 Mossyrock 7 6 10 1 —24  
 Napavine 29 34 10 11 —84  
**Mossyrock (24)** — Kolb 10, Weist 7, Johnson 6, Lewis 1  
 FG: 9 of 39 —.231 FT: 5 of 8 —.625 Reb: 17 (Johnson 5)  
**Napavine (84)** — Purvis 11, Lantz 7, Subitch 10, D. Stanley 5, P. Stanley 13, Woodrum 12, Mejia 9, Gates 2, Perz-Stewart 6, Demarest 2, Evander 5, Harris 2  
 FG: 35 of 62 —.565 FT: 9 of 21 —.429 Reb: 41 (P. Stanley 8)

**At Onalaska**  
**CHINOOKS 48, LOGGERS 34**  
 Kalama 5 13 18 12 —48  
 Onalaska 7 8 10 9 —34  
**Kalama (48)** — Brandenburg 9, Dyer 13, Vandenburg 6, Keithley 3, Lindsey 9, Terhorst 4, Mercer 4  
 FG: N/A FT: 9 of 12 —.750 Reb: N/A  
**Onalaska (34)** — Haight 13, C. Lawrence 6, Frazier 3, Cooper 2, Allison 8, T. Lawrence 2  
 FG: N/A FT: 5 of 9 —.556 Reb: N/A

**At Morton**  
**TIMBERWOLVES 51, DUCKS 36**  
 Toutle Lake 10 4 9 13 —36  
 Morton-WP 4 13 15 19 —51  
**Toutle Lake (36)** — Swanson 7, Hoff 15, Vetter 4, Moss 1, Adams 4, Grabenhorst 5  
 FG: 14 of 49 —.286 FT: 4 of 10 —.400 Reb: 28 (Hoff 5)  
**Morton-White Pass (51)** — Rashoff 8, Gillispie 10, Lewis 5, Poquette 20, Storey 8  
 FG: 15 of 36 —.417 FT: 16 of 25 —.640 Reb: 33 (Poquette 15)

**Girls Basketball**  
**At Tenino**  
**GRIZZLIES 42, BEAVERS 36**  
 Hoquiam 13 10 10 9 —42  
 Tenino 12 7 9 8 —36  
**Hoquiam (42)** — Cox 3, Carlise 3, Jump 8, Bagwell 2, Krohn 11, Strom 2, VanHoff 5, Germann 8  
 FG: 18 of 50 —.360 FT: 6 of 12 —.500 Reb: N/A  
**Tenino (36)** — Craig 2, Letts 2, Mathis 12, Schow 18, Dowies 2  
 FG: 11 of 52 —.211 FT: 11 of 15 —.733 Reb: 31 (Schow 9)

## NFL

**Playoff Glance**  
**Wild-card Playoffs**  
**Saturday, Jan. 6**

Tennessee 22, Kansas City 21  
 Atlanta 26, Los Angeles Rams 13  
**Sunday, Jan. 7**  
 Jacksonville 10, Buffalo 3  
 New Orleans 31, Carolina 26  
**Divisional Playoffs**  
**Saturday, Jan. 13**  
 Philadelphia 15, Atlanta 10  
 New England 35, Tennessee 14  
**Sunday, Jan. 14**  
 Jacksonville 45, Pittsburgh 42  
 Minnesota 29, New Orleans 24

**Sunday, Jan. 21**  
**AFC Championship**  
 Jacksonville at New England, 12:05 p.m. (CBS)  
**NFC Championship**  
 Minnesota at Philadelphia, 3:40 p.m. (FOX)

**Super Bowl**  
**Sunday, Feb. 4**  
**At Minneapolis, Minn.**  
 AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 3:30 p.m. (NBC)

## NBA

**Eastern Conference**

Atlantic	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston Celtics	34	12	.739	-
Toronto Raptors	31	13	.705	2
Philadelphia 76ers	21	20	.512	10.5
New York Knicks	21	25	.457	13
Brooklyn Nets	17	29	.370	17

**Central**

Cleveland	27	17	.614	-
Milwaukee Bucks	23	21	.523	4
Indiana Pacers	24	22	.522	4
Detroit Pistons	22	22	.500	5
Chicago Bulls	17	28	.378	10.5

**Southeast**

Miami Heat	26	19	.578	-
Washington	26	20	.565	0.5
Charlotte Hornets	18	25	.419	7
Atlanta Hawks	13	31	.295	12.5
Orlando Magic	13	32	.289	13

**Western Conference**

**Northwest**

Minnesota	29	18	.617	-
Oklahoma City	25	20	.556	3
Portland Blazers	24	21	.533	4
Denver Nuggets	23	23	.500	5.5
Utah Jazz	18	27	.400	10

**Pacific**

Golden State	37	9	.804	-
LA Clippers	23	21	.523	13
Phoenix Suns	17	29	.370	20
Los Angeles Lakers	16	29	.356	20.5
Sacramento Kings	13	32	.289	23.5

**Southwest**

Houston Rockets	31	12	.721	-
San Antonio Spurs	30	17	.638	3
New Orleans	23	21	.523	8.5
Memphis Grizzlies	16	28	.364	15.5
Dallas Mavericks	15	30	.333	17

# SPORTS ON THE AIR

**SATURDAY, Jan. 20**  
**NBA basketball**  
**12:30 p.m.**  
 ABC — Oklahoma City at Cleveland  
**5:30 p.m.**  
 ABC — Golden St. at Houston  
**7 p.m.**  
 NBCSNW — Dallas at Portland  
**NHL hockey**  
**4 p.m.**  
 NHL — Boston at Montreal  
**NCAA football**  
**Noon**  
 nfl. — East-West Shrine Classic  
**1 p.m.**  
 FS1 — NFLPA Collegiate Bowl  
**NCAA men's basketball**  
**9 a.m.**  
 CBS — Villanova at UConn  
 ESPN — Purdue at Iowa  
 ESPN2 — Florida St. at Virginia Tech  
 ESPNU — Wichita St. at Houston  
 FS1 — St. John's at Georgetown  
**9:30 a.m.**  
 NBCSN — George Washington at VCU  
**10 a.m.**  
 CBSSN — Rhode Island at Dayton  
**11 a.m.**  
 CBS — Texas at West Virginia  
 ESPN — Georgia Tech at North Carolina  
 ESPN2 — Oklahoma at Oklahoma St.  
 ESPNU — Texas Tech at Iowa St.  
 FS1 — Butler at DePaul  
**11:30 a.m.**  
 CBS — Xavier at Seton Hall  
 NBCSN — La Salle at Richmond  
**Noon**  
 CBSN — Creighton at Providence  
**1 p.m.**  
 CBS — Arizona at Stanford  
 ESPN — Missouri at Texas A&M  
 ESPN2 — Notre Dame at Clemson  
 ESPNU — TCU at Kansas St.  
 ESPNEWS — East Carolina at Cincinnati  
 ROOT — Fresno St. at Air Force  
**1:30 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — George Mason at Duquesne  
**2 p.m.**  
 CBSSN — UNLV at Colorado St.  
**3 p.m.**  
 PAC-12 — Washington at Colorado  
**3 p.m.**  
 ESPN — Baylor at Kansas  
 ESPN2 — Tennessee at South Carolina  
 ESPNU — UCF at South Florida  
 ESPNEWS — Tulane at SMU  
**4 p.m.**  
 CBSSN — San Diego St. at New Mexico  
**5 p.m.**  
 ESPNU — Memphis at Tulsa  
**5 p.m.**  
 ROOT — Gonzaga at Santa Clara  
**5 p.m.**  
 PAC-12 — USC at Oregon St.  
**5:15 p.m.**  
 ESPN — Florida at Kentucky  
**7 p.m.**  
 ROOT — Portland at Loyola Marymount

**7 p.m.**  
 ESPNU — Boise St. at Nevada  
**7:15 p.m.**  
 ESPN — UCLA at Oregon  
**7:30 p.m.**  
 PAC-12 — Arizona St. at California  
**9 p.m.**  
 ESPNU — UC Irvine at UC Santa Barbara  
**NCAA women's basketball**  
**10 a.m.**  
 ROOT — Oklahoma St. at Oklahoma  
**Golf**  
**10 a.m.**  
 ESPNEWS — Latin America Amateur Championship  
**Noon**  
 GOLF — PGA Tour, CareerBuilder Challenge  
**4 p.m.**  
 GOLF — Champions Tour, Mitsubishi Electric Championship  
**10:30 p.m.**  
 GOLF — Asian Tour, SMBC Singapore Open  
**Figure Skating**  
**4 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — European Championships, Ladies' Free Skate  
**6 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — European Championships, Ladies and Men's Free Skate  
**Mixed martial arts**  
**5 p.m.**  
 FS1 — UFC 220 prelims  
**Motor sports**  
**7 p.m.**  
 FS1 — AMA Monster Energy Supercross  
**Skiing**  
**Noon**  
 NBC — FIS World Cup, Men's Downhill  
**1 p.m.**  
 NBC — USSA Skiing and Snowboarding  
**8 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — FIS World Cup, Women's Downhill  
**9 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — FIS World Cup, Men's Slalom  
**Boxing**  
**6 p.m.**  
 SHO — IBF welterweight title: Spence Jr. vs. Peterson

**SUNDAY, Jan. 21**  
**NFL football**  
**12:05 p.m.**  
 CBS — AFC Championship  
**3:40 p.m.**  
 NBC — NFC Championship  
**NHL hockey**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
 NBC — Philadelphia at Washington  
**NCAA men's basketball**  
**1 p.m.**  
 ESPNU — Loyola of Chicago at Valparaiso  
**3 p.m.**  
 ESPNU — Virginia at Wake Forest  
**5 p.m.**  
 ESPNU — Washington St. at Utah  
**NCAA women's basketball**  
**9 a.m.**  
 CBSSN — George Washington at Dayton

**9 a.m.**  
 ESPNU — South Carolina at Kentucky  
 FS1 — Marquette at Villanova  
**9:30 a.m.**  
 ROOT — Virginia Tech at Virginia  
**10 a.m.**  
 ESPN2 — UConn at Temple  
**11 a.m.**  
 PAC-12 — Utah at Arizona  
**11 a.m.**  
 CBSSN — DePaul at Georgetown  
**11 a.m.**  
 ESPNU — Tulsa at Tulane  
**11:30 a.m.**  
 ROOT — Duke at North Carolina  
**Noon**  
 ESPN2 — Mississippi St. at Tennessee  
**1 p.m.**  
 PAC-12 — teams TBA  
 CBSSN — South Florida at Wichita St.  
 PAC-12 — Washington St. at Washington  
**2 p.m.**  
 ESPN2 — Florida St. at Louisville  
**3 p.m.**  
 PAC-12 — Stanford at UCLA  
**5 p.m.**  
 ESPNU — Washington St. at Utah  
 PAC-12 — Oregon St. at Oregon  
**Tennis**  
**Midnight**  
 ESPN2 — Australian Open  
**6 p.m.**  
 ESPN2 — Australian Open  
**Golf**  
**9 a.m.**  
 GOLF — Web.com Tour, Bahamas Great Abaco Classic  
**Noon**  
 GOLF — PGA Tour, CareerBuilder Challenge  
**Premier League soccer**  
**8 a.m.**  
 NBCSN — Southampton at Tottenham  
**Bundesliga soccer**  
**8:50 a.m.**  
 FS2 — Schalke vs. Hannover  
**International women's soccer**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
 ESPN — United States vs. Denmark  
**Figure skating**  
**Noon**  
 NBC — European Championships  
**3 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — European Championships  
**Skiing**  
**2 p.m.**  
 NBC — U.S. Grand Prix, Men's and Women's Snowboard Halfpipe  
**5 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — USSA Freestyle Cup, Men's and Women's Aerials  
**6 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — FIS World Cup, Women's Super G  
**7 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — FIS World Cup, Men's Slalom  
**NCAA hockey**  
**Noon**  
 NBCSN — Notre Dame at Wisconsin

## NHL

## Hockey Fans Get Hint of Name for Proposed Seattle NHL Team

By Craig Hill

The News Tribune

The company pushing to bring the National Hockey League to Seattle recently registered 13 domain names giving fans a hint at what the proposed team might be named.

From Pilots and Steelheads to Metropolitans, fans have no shortage of ideas

Clark Rasmussen of detroit hockey.net was among the first to discover the name of the Las Vegas Golden Knights by tracking domain name registrations. He wrote Friday morning that Christina Song, general Counsel for Oak View Group, applied for 38 domains representing 13 possible names.

The possible names he unearthed:

- Seattle Cougars
- Seattle Eagles
- Seattle Emeralds
- Seattle Evergreens
- Seattle Firebirds
- Seattle Kraken
- Seattle Rainiers
- Seattle Renegades
- Seattle Sea Lions
- Seattle Seals
- Seattle Sockeyes
- Seattle Totems
- Seattle Whales

Notably missing: Metropolitans. The Seattle Metropolitans was the name of the Pacific Coast Hockey Association team that played in Seattle 1915-24 and won the 1917 Stanley Cup.

Rasmussen points out that if Seattle does land a team for the 2020-21 season, it's not certain the name will come from this list. However, if it does, it's safe bet Seattle will have better name than the Golden Knights. They'll just hope they can duplicate their success on the ice. In its first season, Las Vegas has the best record in the Western Conference, 30-11-3.

## College Football

## UW's Vita Veja Projected as First-Round Pick by ESPN's Mel Kiper

By The Seattle Times

Washington defensive lineman Vita Veja is projected to go to the Dallas Cowboys with the 19th overall pick in the first round, according to the year's first NFL mock draft produced by ESPN's Mel Kiper.

A junior from Milpitas, Calif., Veja anchored a UW defense that ranked as the best in the Pac-12 for the third straight year. The 340-pound lineman had 44 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss, 3.5 sacks and four pass breakups in 2017, when he was named the Pac-12 Pat Tillman Defensive Player of the Year.

He is the first Husky to win the league's defensive player of the year award since Jason Cholak in 1996.

Veja was also named to the all-Pac-12 first-team defense and, in a vote of Pac-12 players, was named the winner of the Morris Trophy, presented to the league's top defensive lineman. He's UW's first Morris Trophy winner on defense since D'Marco Farr in 1993.

The Morris Trophy presentation is scheduled for this afternoon in Seattle at the Washington Athletic Club.

The draft begins April 26.

## UW's Coleman, Dissly and Turner to Play in Collegiate Bowl

By The Seattle Times

Three former Washington players with designs on the NFL are scheduled to participate in Saturday's NFLPA Collegiate Bowl.

Running back Lavon Coleman, tight end Will Dissly and safety Ezekiel Turner are set to play in the game at the Rose Bowl. All three are considered potential late-round prospects in April's NFL draft.

The NFLPA Collegiate Bowl will air on FS1 at 1 p.m. PT Saturday, with Kevin Burkhardt, Joel Klatt, Mark Schlereth and Petros Papadakis on the call.

Washington State linebacker Frank Luvu and kicker Erik Powell are also scheduled to play



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New renderings for KeyArena from the Oak View Group.

## 'A Transparent Lens': Glass Atrium Will Be the Centerpiece of Remodeled KeyArena

By Geoff Baker

The Seattle Times

A revamped plan for a new main entrance at the south end of a remodeled KeyArena got a mostly positive reception Thursday when officially unveiled to the Seattle Design Commission.

The Oak View Group and members of the Populous architectural firm have scrapped what was to be an above-ground parking garage and replaced it with a glass atrium serving as the arena's main entrance once a \$600 million remodel is completed. Visitors entering from the street can walk through the atrium and directly into the arena's upper level, or can take an escalator to lower-level sections below ground.

"We've looked at it as an opportunity," Populous architect Geoff Cheong told the commission. "What can we do now that the above-ground parking garage is gone?"

The 360-foot-long atrium has been scaled back in spots from initial concepts and will have glass on all sides and its ceiling. Cheong told the commission the

idea was to build "a transparent lens" through which visitors could better see KeyArena's Paul Thiry-designed roof, which has gained historical landmark status and must be preserved during the renovation.

Meeting with and gaining approval from the design commission is part of an approximately yearlong public review process needed before construction to modify the 56-year-old arena can begin.

The above-ground-parking-garage idea was controversial when unveiled last April. OVG revealed at the time it planned to seek public funding for the garage from the Port of Seattle, while community activists worried about the traffic bottleneck it might cause.

OVG scrapped the idea a few weeks later and released new design renderings that showed a staircase and plaza leading up to what was then a solid-roofed atrium on the south end. In this latest rendering, the stairway and plaza remain while the scaled-back, all-glass atrium now offers better views of the existing roofline both on approach

and once inside.

There also were improvements made to the south boundary of the arena site — along Thomas Street — to offer an "improved pedestrian experience" to those approaching the venue from that side.

Deborah Frausto, an executive with the Uptown Alliance community group, told the commission during a public comment period that her organization is pleased with what OVG has done with the building's south end. OVG attended a recent Uptown Alliance general meeting of around 80 residents, with many expressing concern about aesthetics and public spaces — especially on the Thomas Street south end portion serving as an important connector route to other neighborhoods.

"I think it's great," she said of how those concerns were handled in the latest designs. "I think it's really needed."

Frausto did express concern about OVG plans to build vehicle drop-off points on First and Second Avenues. The Uptown Alliance and OVG are having a second general meeting to deal with

mobility issues, and Frausto said the drop-off points had raised "real concerns, a lot of questions. It's really hard to figure out how that works well in our community."

OVG officials at the commission meeting said a "broader area" for the drop-off points is being considered to try to ease concerns about how they would impede traffic flow and hurt the area's overall aesthetics. The group also said it will continue to look at ways to improve vehicle egress away from the arena once games conclude.

Aside from the \$600 million renovation — which OVG hopes to have done by October 2020 in time for the start of the NHL season — the group has committed another \$60 million toward a city transportation fund and various local charities.

A statement released by OVG after Thursday's meeting said the latest renderings were merely meant to update the commission on where things are at and "will be further refined in response to community input and design evolution during the public review process."

## NFL

## Jones, Huard Weigh in on Seahawks Hiring Mike Solari

By Bob Condotta

The Seattle Times

Those looking for clues for what new Seahawks' offensive line coach Mike Solari will bring to the team have plenty of evidence to mine through — he's been an assistant in the league for all but two seasons since 1987 when he was an assistant at Alabama.

Two of the thousands of players the 63-year-old Solari has coached are two of the bigger names in local football history — Hall of Famer Walter Jones, who played for Solari during his last season in Seattle and the NFL in 2008, and former UW standout QB Damon Huard, who started 18 games at quarterback when Solari was the offensive coordinator of the Chiefs in 2006-07.

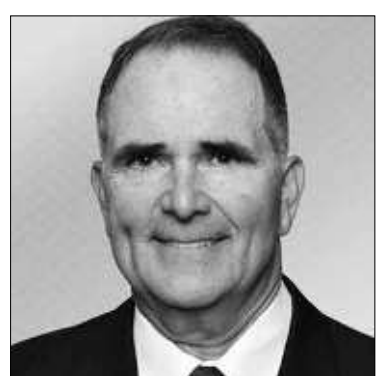
Each praised the hiring of Solari to replace the fired Tom Cable during interviews Thursday at the annual Morris Trophy award presentation, Jones stressing the ability of Solari to hold players accountable.

"I tell a lot of people now that this is a guy who is going to demand that you go out there and be accountable for your work," said Jones, who was the guest speaker at the event.

"But the cool thing about him is he would listen to the players. A lot of times coaches don't like to listen to players and what they like to do and how they like to get stuff done. So he is great at that. But he definitely demands you to go out there and do your best and be held accountable."

Jones played 12 games under Solari in 2008 before suffering a left knee injury that would ultimately lead to the end of his career. He was with the Seahawks in 2009, Solari's second year with Seattle, but did not play any games before announcing his retirement at the end of the season.

Solari was hired by the Seahawks in 2008 after being fired by the Chiefs as offensive coordi-



Seahawks offensive line coach Mike Solari.

nator in 2007.

Solari was the OC for the Chiefs for the 2006-07 seasons — the only two years he has been an OC in the NFL — getting the job due in large part to the credit he earned during his stint as the team's offensive line coach from 1997-2005 when the team annually had one of the best lines in the league powered by future Hall of Famers Willie Roaf and Will Shields.

Huard became the team's primary starting quarterback in 2006 due to an injury to Trent Green, with the team then trading Green after the season, going with Huard and Brodie Croyle under center in 2007.

Solari's OC stint in KC was a tale of two seasons.

It started promisingly as the Chiefs went 9-7 in 2006 and qualified for the playoffs behind one of the best running games in the NFL — Larry Johnson was second in the league in rushing with 1,789 yards and the Chiefs were third in rushing attempts, ninth in rushing yards and 27th in passing attempts.

"We were really good at running the football and then play-action," said Huard, who had the best year of an NFL career that stretched from 1998-2008, setting an NFL record by throwing just one interception in 244 attempts, .04 percent. "We were just kind of power football. We ran downhill. He wanted to run

the rock, for sure, plus I was an older, not-the-strongest-armed quarterback on earth. But we had a lot of success on offense."

What the team also had in 2006 was two of the best guards in the NFL Shields and Brian Waters.

Shields, though, retired after the 2006 season (Roaf, a right tackle, had retired after the 2005 season) and Johnson got hurt midway through and the offense fell apart. Kansas City finished 4-12 and rushed for just 1,248 yards — the Chiefs' lowest season total in a non-strike year in franchise history — leading to then-head coach Herman Edwards' decision to shake up the coaching staff and fire Solari at the end of the year.

The inability to run it well meant that the Chiefs were just 30th in rushing attempts that season and 11th in passing attempts, almost a complete reversal of the previous season.

Huard has only fond memories of Solari whom he calls "a real mellow guy but a good teacher. And he can be intense at times, too, which is a good thing."

Jones described Solari similarly saying "he wasn't a yelling coach but he held you accountable for the work that you did. Guys want to go out there and be great and I think he can bring that out of those guys."

It remains unclear exactly how much of an influence Solari will have in the overall construction of the offense. As Huard noted, Solari wanted an offense focused on the run in 2006. But the Chiefs had no choice but to pass it more the next year when the running game didn't work.

Solari will now work with new Seahawks offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer, whose greatest success in nine previous years as an OC was with the New York Jets in 2009-10 when the team advanced to

## College Basketball

## Landale Carries Gaels Past Gonzaga, into Sole Possession of First in WCC

By Jim Meehan

The Spokesman-Review

Saint Mary's had the best player on the floor in Jock Landale. The Gaels also had the second best player on the floor in crunch time in Calvin Hermanson.

The two seniors combined to score 24 of Saint Mary's last 27 points and guide a second-half comeback that erased Gonzaga's seven-point lead with 10 minutes remaining.

Landale did most of the heavy lifting late, scoring 11 points in the final 7 minutes as the Gaels rallied past No. 13 Gonzaga 74-71 Thursday night in front of 6,000 at the McCarthey Athletic Center and a national television audience on ESPN.

Saint Mary's (18-2, 7-0 WCC), winner of 13 straight, took over first place in the WCC with its second win at the McCarthey Athletic Center in three seasons. Gonzaga (16-4, 6-1) dropped into second.

It was a clinic offensively by both teams from the opening tip, but the Gaels didn't get rattled when GU built a 52-43 lead and their execution was impressive in the closing stages. Gonzaga, led by Rui Hachimura's career-high 23 points, cooled off in the final 10 minutes with just three field goals and 10 points.

"Two heavyweights going back and forth, neither one of us stopping the other very well," Gonzaga coach Mark Few said. "We had a couple of empty possessions down the stretch and they didn't. They have a guy (Landale) they can throw it to that can really deliver and that was the difference in the game."

The 6-foot-11 Landale had his way inside, using his 255-pound frame to carve out space and his footwork, polished moves and soft touch to finish around the rim. The Zags tried an assortment of defensive tactics; often it was Landale matched up against Gonzaga's Johnathan Williams.



COLIN MULVANY / The Spokesman-Review

Gonzaga forward Johnathan Williams (3) looks to the basket as Saint Mary's center Jock Landale (34) defends during the first half of a NCAA college basketball game Thursday in the McCarthey Athletic Center.

Nothing seemed to bother Landale, who was one of the best players in the WCC last year but he struggled against GU's bigger, deeper frontcourt. He battled foul trouble and averaged 14.6 points and 6 rebounds in three Zags wins.

Landale made 8 of 9 shots and scored 17 points in the second half.

"We tried doubling him, fronting," Few said, "everything you could possibly do on numerous occasions."

Saint Mary's had similar issues with Hachimura, who struck for 15 points in the first half. He dropped in a couple of 15-foot jumpers and used his size

and strength advantage inside against Tanner Krebs to pile up paint points.

The Zags had the upper hand after Killian Tillie's post-up bucket made it 52-43. They went cold for a few minutes but were still up by seven after Hachimura's elbow jumper. Another dry spell proved costly.

"We should have grown the lead but we didn't," said point guard Josh Perkins, who had seven assists but was just 1 of 9 from the field.

The Gaels did a better job on Hachimura later in the game but he still overpowered Krebs for a close-range bucket to tie it at 70 with 1:30 left. Landale got loose

for back-to-back layups to give Saint Mary's a 74-71 lead.

Gonzaga ran a play with three different 3-point options. Perkins air-balled a 3 that was tightly contested by Landale. Perkins complained to the officials that the shot was tipped but to no avail.

SMC's Jordan Ford missed a free throw that would have sealed it. Hachimura's desperation 35-footer at the buzzer was off target.

"There were some good players on that court," Gaels coach Randy Bennett said. "I hadn't really seen Hachimura up front. We saw him a little last year but he's a different dude and he's a

handful. Perkins didn't have one of his better nights, but Williams is a heck of a player. They're good, they're really good. It was a heck of a win for us."

Hachimura made 11 of 16 shots. He added four rebounds and two blocks. The Zags called several plays for Hachimura in the final minutes. He delivered with a tying bucket on one but the Zags weren't able to get him the ball on another.

"They executed their plays to a T down the stretch," Gonzaga guard Silas Melson said. "We didn't make our possessions count when it mattered. In a low possession game like this, that will bite you."

## Early Mistakes Cost Washington Late in 70-62 Loss at Utah

By Ryan S. Clark

The News Tribune

SALT LAKE CITY — Pondering three loose balls in the first half might not sound conventional but it makes sense to Mike Hopkins and his players.

Washington (13-6, 3-3 Pac-12) came within four points — twice — late in the second half in a 70-62 loss to Utah (11-7, 3-4) at the Jon M. Huntsman Center. The Huskies' comeback attempt was railroaded by failing to get a defensive rebound or through something else that allowed the Utes to always hold an advantage.

"The way the game started, it set the tone," Hopkins said. "I thought they came out and attacked us and played more aggressive and wanted it more than we did. Three or four loose balls at the beginning of the game, they got. ... You gotta commend

**"They did a very good job of how they were going to attack us."**

Mike Hopkins

University of Washington basketball coach

Utah. They did a very good job of how they were going to attack us."

Utah collected enough loose balls to built a 19-12 lead with 10:41 left. A Gabe Bealer jumper, with six seconds remaining in the first half, sent the Utes to a 35-24 edge going into the half.

Hopkins' point about winning possession was only one issue that plagued UW.

The Huskies shot 11-for-31 in the half for 35.5 percent and a dismal 1-for-13 from the 3-point line for 7.7 percent. Also, they only got the free throw line three

times and made one attempt.

UW's second half didn't start off an better. Poor ball movement on one end coupled with giving up an easy look on the other side of the floor.

It led to Hopkins calling a timeout and getting into his players.

"Once we got onto the court, I think he saw we didn't have a lot of energy," freshman guard Michael Carter III said of Hopkins. "He was trying to take it upon himself to make us have energy and help pick us up."

The exchange with his players was the most visibly frustrated Hopkins has been throughout his first campaign at UW.

Washington showed signs of life in the second half on both ends.

Freshman guard Jaylen Nowell, after sitting with two first-half fouls, scored 15 of his 17 points in the final frame.

Nowell's ability to come through late is what helped UW get within striking distance.

As a whole, the Huskies kept the Utes to 37.5 percent from the field and 25.9 percent from distance.

Utah didn't score a field goal in the game's final three minutes and 36 seconds. But the Utes were able to get enough offensive rebounds and free throws to keep it out of reach.

"In the second half, I thought we fought and that's what I want,"

Hopkins said. "I told the team ... you have to be able to compete and fight. I think we've been fighting at the end of games."

"It's gotta be a full out fight from the beginning. That's the only way you have a chance to win."

Coming through in late game situations is what carried the Huskies earlier in the year.

They were 9-1 in games decided by less than 10 points.

Now they've lost two in a row, two by less than 10 points and have also dropped three of their last five games.

"There were three loose balls that we could have got and dived on them," said Carter, who scored a career-best nine points in 19 minutes. "That's what helped them toward the end. It was the beginning and how they started."

## Colorado Rolls Past Washington State in Home Victory

By Kyle Fredrickson

The Denver Post

BOULDER — The Colorado section in the south bleachers stretched from the floor to the concourse at Coors Events Center on Thursday night with classes back in session, and the basketball buzz typically reserved for a Pac-12 juggernaut was on display for a league basement dweller.

The allure of CU hoops is growing. Buffs fans' exuberance was well rewarded.

CU defeated Washington State 82-73 by holding off a late rally. The Buffs led by 26 points early in the second half, only to watch Wazzu claw back behind a barrage of 3-pointers — 15 total on the night — and make a 26-5 run. With eight minutes left, CU's advantage dwindled to five points.

But CU responded with its own surge, a 12-0 run, and the Buffs clinched their fourth victory in five games. It

brought 7,477 in attendance to their feet as the sound of big-time basketball returned to Boulder.

"This team has a lot of fight," CU guard Dominique Collier said. "We've overcome a lot this year."

CU featured five players scoring in double figures — McKinley Wright (17), Namon Wright (16), George King (16), Collier (13) and Lucas Siewert (11) — and the team shot 51.7 percent from the field. WSU guard Vionte Daniels led the Cougars with 18 points, hitting 6-of-9 from 3-point range.

The Buffaloes (12-7, 4-3) proved they could thrive as a home underdog earlier this month with wins over Pac-12 heavyweights Arizona and Arizona State. On Thursday, the Buffs showcased they could take care of business as the favorite inside Coors Events Center as well against WSU (9-9, 1-5).

"We made it interesting in the second half, obviously," CU coach Tad Boyle said. "Hopefully we can learn from that lapse we had both defensively and offensively. But overall, a quality win."

## Molina, McClure Big for WSU in Win Over UW

By Joshua Grissom

Moscow-Pullman Daily News

Sometimes the best plays aren't the ones drawn up on a whiteboard, but the moments when a busted scheme forces an athlete to step up and make a player shot.

That's exactly what happened Wednesday night when the Washington State women's basketball team desperately needed a bucket in the waning seconds of a Pac-12 rivalry matchup with Washington at Beasley Coliseum.

With the Huskies holding a 67-65 advantage and less than 25 seconds on the game clock, Borislava Hristova drove the ball down the court and attempted a midrange jumper from the baseline. The sophomore's shot deflected off the backboard, but it was scooped up by Nike McClure in the key as a trio of defenders converged on the junior. Instead of going up for a shot from the post, McClure pivoted around and surveyed the floor before firing the ball to Chanelle Molina at the top of the arc.

"There were a lot of bodies in the paint, there was no way (I could shoot)," McClure said. "I know I'm strong, but I'm not that

strong. I can't take on three girls. That's when I looked out and Chanelle was in great position, thank God, so I just kicked it out to her."

In that moment, the sophomore guard delivered perhaps her biggest basket of the year.

Molina's 3-point attempt found the bottom of the net with 16 seconds left to play, giving Washington State a 68-67 lead and providing a burst of energy for the home crowd of 1,199 spectators.

"If you remember when she was a freshman before she got hurt, that was commonplace," said associate head coach Mike Daugherty, who was filling in for his wife, head coach June Daugherty. The Cougars didn't say why she missed Wednesday's game.

"She just hit shots all the time," Mike Daugherty added about Molina. "I think she's just starting to feel it again and get back into it, and I think tonight will help her. Hitting the big 3 like that will just boost her confidence."

Amber Melgoza sent to the game to overtime with a free throw in the final seconds of regulation, but the momentum from Molina's shot carried over

into the additional period, where the Cougars scored the first seven points en route to a 78-75 win.

"I think Bobi Hristova hit some clutch shots, that was the hot start," Daugherty said. "They forced her baseline, she went baseline and hit jumpers on them."

The thrilling result overshadowed an impressive performance from McClure, who recorded a career-high 16 points and 16 rebounds in a double-double performance. The junior forward was also a staunch defensive presence in the paint, tallying six blocks on the night.

"My teammates kept telling me on the bench, 'Come on, two more points to get a double-double,'" McClure said. "I was like, 'Dang, I didn't realize I was doing all that.' So much adrenaline, right?"

Hristova scored seven of her 25 points in overtime and finished the night with a 10-of-22 effort from the field, while Molina added another 13 points and four assists in the win.

The Huskies (6-12 overall, 0-7 Pac-12) will get another crack at in-state bragging rights when the Cougars (9-10, 2-5) travel to Seattle on Sunday for a 1 p.m. contest

## NBA

# Season-High 21 Points by Isaiah Thomas Help Save Cavs From Ugly Loss

By Marla Ridenour

Akron Beacon Journal

CLEVELAND — LeBron James said Thursday morning that he wants to play all 82 games this season.

But if the Cavs continue their penchant for choosing famine over feast in games against foes that should be easy pickings, that goal may be wishful thinking.

Thursday night the Cavs jumped out to a 23-point second-quarter lead against the Orlando

Magic, who had lost 16 of 18 coming in, only to see the Magic take a one-point lead with 31.5 seconds remaining.

It was the same scenario as Jan. 6 at Amway Arena, when the Cavs led the Magic by 23 in the third quarter and won by four, despite scoring a season-high 131 points.

Isaiah Thomas scored eight of his season-high 21 points in the final 5:31, including two free throws with 11.2 seconds left, and the Cavs escaped with a 104-

103 victory to snap a four-game losing streak. But their second-half collapse and a harried final minute may have done little to improve the mood internally.

With two-tenths of a second left, there was a video review over possession after the Magic's Elfrid Payton missed a driving layup. But officials ruled an inadvertent whistle and declared a jump ball, won by the Magic's Aaron Gordon. Gordon made a 45-footer, but the referees said he illegally grabbed the toss.

James scored 16 points, just six in the second half, leaving him 25 away from reaching 30,000 for his career. He'll chase that milestone at home Saturday against the Oklahoma City Thunder.

James went 7 of 16 from the field, including 0 for 4 from beyond the 3-point arc, and 2 for 8 from the free-throw line. He also committed two costly turnovers in the final 3:07 and missed an ill-advised step-back 3 with 1:19 left.

Off-the-record doubt from prominent players over whether the Cavs can fix their problems emanated from their locker room after they dropped their ninth in the last 12 games to the defending champion Golden State Warriors on Monday.

But instead of letting that fear engulf them, the Cavs set about correcting their problems, at least at the outset. In the first half, they found the ball movement that had been lacking, recording 19 assists on 25 field goals.

# Blazers' Damian Lillard: 'How Can He Not Be an All-Star?'

By Joe Freeman

The Oregonian

Rasheed Wallace once described his omission as a "punch to the stomach."

Charles Barkley, in a lively television rant, once said he had a "serious problem" with his snub, calling it "really not fair."

There always seems to be debate, if not controversy, surrounding the All-Star candidacy of Portland Trail Blazers point guard Damian Lillard. And that reality undoubtedly will resurface over the next week, as NBA coaches fill out their ballots for All-Star reserves.

The feeling among the Blazers, of course, is that Lillard is a shoo-in, the combination of his incredible individual statistics and their standing in the Western Conference playoff race elevating him ahead of his peers in what is sure to be a close and contentious race among guards. But this is not Lillard's first rodeo and he's experienced enough slights and All-Star snubs over the years to expect the unexpected.

"I really feel like I should be in this year," Lillard said last week. "I think the previous two years, we weren't in the playoffs, so that was the excuse. Well, we are in the playoffs, and I think I've played at a high level. And I feel like it's not even close that it's been my best defensive year. So at this point, what is the excuse? There's no excuse. I should be there."

"But I'll say this: it would not surprise me if I end up being a fall guy once again."

Lillard has expressed everything from anger to annoyance over the years as he's learned he's been excluded from the game's marquee exhibition event. His first snub came in 2015, when the Blazers held the third-best record in the West and he, statistically, was one of the NBA's best players. It prompted that mini rant from Barkley and a scathing response from Lillard, who admitted to being "pissed" and "disrespected." His second snub came just a few hours after Barkley's rant, when NBA Commissioner Adam Silver replaced an injured Kobe Bryant with DeMarcus Cousins instead of Lillard.

Lillard eventually would earn an All-Star nod that season — the second of his career — when Silver named him as a replacement for Blake Griffin, who missed the game with an injury. But that was Lillard's last All-Star selection. Each of the last two seasons, despite putting up career statistics, Lillard has been excluded, presumably because the Blazers sported losing



Portland Trail Blazers' Damian Lillard (0) falls into the courtside seats while chasing a ball in the fourth quarter against the Minnesota Timberwolves on April 3, 2017, at Target Center in Minneapolis, Minn.

**"You put his numbers up against everyone else's numbers in the West — and we're a playoff team — how can he not be an All-Star?"**

Ed Davis  
Portland center

records heading into the All-Star break.

But as Western Conference coaches fill out their ballots this year, they will be hard-pressed to overlook the Blazers' best player.

Lillard is averaging 25.0 points, 6.5 assists and 4.8 rebounds per game, ranking ninth in the NBA in scoring and 11th in assists, all while showing remarkable improvement on defense, once an Achilles' heel. He's scored 30 or more points 11 times this season, tied his own franchise record by making nine three-pointers in a game against Houston and moved into seventh place on the Blazers' all-time scoring list. What's more, he's one of four players in the NBA averaging at least 25.0 points, 6.0 assists and 4.0 rebounds, and the other three — Golden State's Stephen Curry, Cleveland's LeBron James and Houston's James Harden — were named All-Star starters Thursday.

And while the Blazers (23-21) have not lived up to their own preseason expectations, they remain in the thick of the Western

Conference playoff hunt, rising as high as fifth in the West in the last week.

"It shouldn't even be up for discussion," Blazers center Ed Davis said. "You put his numbers up against everyone else's numbers in the West — and we're a playoff team — how can he not be an All-Star?"

In the end, Davis' question will be answered by Western Conference coaches, who will select two backcourt players, three frontcourt players and two "wild cards" as reserves on the 12-man teams. Over the last 12 days, The Oregonian/OregonLive has surveyed six of the 14 coaches in the West, including five on teams in the playoff chase, to assess Lillard's chances. Most stopped short of saying they would vote for Lillard, but all universally praised his play. Here's a sampling of what they had to say:

• "I don't know what people's chances are," San Antonio's Gregg Popovich said, when asked if Lillard was an All-Star. "We think he's a hell of a player and one of the best guards in the

league. And you hope that everybody that aspires to be on the All-Star team can make it. It's just very difficult to do. There's a lot of good players. But he's certainly one that's deserving to be talked about in that regard."

• "Yeah, he's an All-Star," Houston's Mike D'Antoni said. "Whether he gets on the All-Star team, I don't know. He definitely plays at that level. He's played at that level the last five years or so. But it's just so many spots and somebody at an All-Star level that is an All-Star is going to get left off. I have no idea who that is. But, yeah, he's been at an All-Star level forever."

• "He's obviously a terrific player," Oklahoma City's Billy Donovan said. "I don't see him every single day. But, honestly, in this league, he's obviously a terrific point guard and has played at a high level for a long time."

• "I think he's been an All-Star," New Orleans' Alvin Gentry said. "He might not have been voted there. I think he's been as good as any guard in the league. You look at his numbers and what he's done and his team has had some success. It's unfortunate that in the West, someone is going to be left out. When you think about all the guards, the (Chris Pauls), the (Stephen Currys), the (Russell Westbrook). You name all of those guys, somebody is going to get short-changed. To me, whether he made it or not, he's always been an All-Star player."

## LeBron James Leads All-Star Fan Voting, to Serve as Captain Opposite Stephen Curry

By Marla Ridenour

Akron Beacon Journal

CLEVELAND — LeBron James can add "Captain" to his list of nicknames.

The Cavaliers star led fan voting for the Feb. 18 NBA All-Star Game in Los Angeles, meaning he will pick one of the teams as the league this year abandons conference affiliations for this first time.

After totaling 2,638,294 votes, James will make his 14th consecutive All-Star appearance, all as a starter, which stands one behind Kobe Bryant. James is the all-time leader in All-Star points. The league announced the

game's starters on TNT NBA Tip-Off Thursday night.

Joining James from the Eastern Conference are the Milwaukee Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo, who received more player votes than James and was second in the fan voting (2,530,211), the Philadelphia 76ers Joel Embiid, the Boston Celtics' Kyrie Irving and the Toronto Raptors' DeMar DeRozan.

The Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry will be the other captain. Other West representatives are Curry's teammate Kevin Durant, the Houston Rockets' James Harden and the New Orleans Pelicans' Anthony Davis and DeMarcus Cousins.

The only position designations in the voting were front-court and backcourt.

James will make the first pick because he had a larger fan total than Curry (2,379,494). The first

four selections must come from the list of starters. The reserves, selected by NBA coaches, will be announced on Jan. 23, the team rosters on Jan. 25.

Fan voting made up 50 percent of the selection, with the player vote and that of a media panel 25 percent each.

## Embiid Leads Sixers to 89-80 Victory vs. Celtics

BOSTON (TNS) — This was far from an ordinary Thursday for the 76ers.

Despite not being cleared to play, talk of Markelle Fultz's shot and practice performances dominated the morning shootaround media session at Equinox. Then during pregame, all the hoopla surrounded Joel Embiid being voted a 2018 NBA All-Star Game starter. And the Sixers finished the night by holding on to an 89-

80 victory over the Boston Celtics at T.D. Garden.

The victory improved their record to 21-20 at the halfway point of the season. It also snapped a three-game skid to the Celtics (34-12), the Eastern Conference's best team.

Thursday's game was interesting.

The Sixers had a commanding 21-point fourth-quarter cushion that was cut to seven points (86-79) with 2 minutes, 1 second remaining. However, T.J. McConnell sank a pair of foul shots with make it an 88-79 game with 31.7 seconds left.

Embiid showed why he was voted an All-Star starter.

The center had game highs of 24 points, 16 rebounds and six assists to go with a team-high two blocks. Dario Saric added 16 points, while reserve point guard T.J. McConnell had 15.

## Rockets Blast T-Wolves

HOUSTON (TNS) — As if you were one of the skeptics who wondered how Houston guards James Harden and Chris Paul could play together with just one basketball, Thursday's 116-98 convincing victory over the Timberwolves in a late TNT game demonstrated one thing:

Each of them is pretty good by himself.

In his first game back after seven away injured, Harden played a measured 26 minutes and scored only 10 points — the first time this season he hasn't scored at least 20 points — while Paul stepped forth into a leading role.

On a night when he also moved into 13th place on the NBA's all-time steals list, Paul ended the night with a 19-point, nine-assist, six-rebound, three-steal performance.

## NFL

## In league Built on QB Star Power, Vikings' Keenum and Eagles' Foles Defy Tradition

By Mark Craig

Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

PHILADELPHIA — Can't win without a franchise quarterback, right?

Tell that to Ben Roethlisberger, Matt Ryan and Drew Brees. They should have time to talk since they just got bounced from the playoffs by Blake Bortles, Nick Foles and Case Keenum.

"Yeah, you look at the conference title games this week and it's a different kind of year," said Eagles linebacker Bryan Braman, who played with Keenum in Houston and is now teammates with Foles.

"(Tom) Brady has five Super Bowl rings, and the other three quarterbacks still left in the tourney hardly have three playoff wins."

That's not true. The other three have four playoff wins.

Some of us still beating the it's-a-team-game drum in a sea of Fantasy Footballers kind of like the possibility of Super Bowl LII featuring Bortles and Jacksonville's second-ranked defense against Keenum and the Vikings' top-ranked defense or Foles and the Eagles' fourth-ranked defense.

"What I notice about this postseason is the defensive side of the ball," said Beau Allen, and Eagles defensive tackle who grew up a Packers fan in Minnetonka. "I think we have four of the best defenses in the NFL still in the playoffs."

The Patriots rank 29th in yards allowed, but are fifth in fewest points allowed (18.5). The Vikings also rank first in that category (15.8), while the Jaguars are second (16.8) and the Eagles fourth (18.4).

Meanwhile, at the quarterback position, we've never seen such lopsided experience as what we'll see this weekend.

Brady is playing in a conference title game for the seventh consecutive season and the 12th time overall. Both are records. Before Brady came along, Oakland Hall of Famers Gene Upshaw and George Blanda held the record of playing in 10 con-



CURTIS COMPTON / Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Nick Foles completes a pass against the Atlanta Falcons in a NFC Divisional Game on Jan. 13 at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia.

ference title games.

Conference title games played for Keenum, Foles and Bortles: Zero heading into Sunday.

Brady is 26-9 in the postseason, including 5-2 in Super Bowls. The other three are 4-1 in the postseason with all four wins coming this postseason. Brady has 1,378 postseason passes. The other three: 152.

Brady also threw three touchdowns in last week's rout of the Titans. That extended his record for most multi-touchdown games in the postseason to 21. Brett Favre is second at 15.

Keenum, Foles and Bortles' total: 1, by Foles with the Eagles

in a loss during the 2013 season.

And this might be the most amazing stat of all:

Brady played his first postseason game on Jan. 19, 2002. Keenum was 14 years old, Foles 12 and Bortles 9.

Bortles' play hasn't quieted speculation that his days in Jacksonville are numbered. Win or lose, Foles heads back to the bench once Carson Wentz's knee heals. And Keenum, well, who the heck knows what's going to happen and where it's going to happen for this soon-to-be free agent.

Having played all but six quarters for a team that's 14-3,

one thing is certain: The best free-agent bargain in 2017 is going to fetch a lot more than \$2 million in 2018.

But first, there's the matter of playing an NFC title game between two old friends who spent 2015 with the St. Louis Rams. Keenum went 3-2 that year, while Foles went 4-7.

"It's pretty wild," Foles said Wednesday. "We were on the same team not too many years ago. But Case's success and the way he plays doesn't surprise me because he and I were together. We prepared together and were around each other every day."

After that season, Foles spent

an entire week contemplating retirement. He said that was "the best thing" he ever did because it forced him to think about why he was playing football.

He signed with the Chiefs that offseason, reuniting him with Andy Reid, who was in Philadelphia during Foles' first stint with the Eagles.

And now one of these two overlooked journeymen could be facing the Patriots in Brady's eighth Super Bowl.

"I think the big message is no matter what happens, keep believing in yourself," he said. "Keep working hard and never give up."

## Joe Manniello's NFL Conference Championship Picks

By Joe Manniello

Newsday

If you would've told someone before the season that Case Keenum and Nick Foles would be the quarterbacks in the NFC Championship Game, they would've chuckled. Let's do one better: How about a Keenum vs. Blake Bortles Super Bowl? Championship Sunday should produce two down-to-the-wire games with the defenses stealing the show.

## AFC

**JAGUARS (12-6) AT PATRIOTS (14-3), 12:05 p.m.**

**Patriots by 7.5; O/U: 46.5**

So we didn't get a Patriots-Steelers rematch. So what. This is still going to be a good one. On name recognition only, Blake Bortles vs. Tom Brady and Bill Belichick might be one of the more lopsided AFC Championship Games in recent memory.

But remember that the Jaguars had one of the NFL's best defenses all season. "Sacksonville" had a pair of 10-sack games and a total of 55 takedowns for the season.

Calais Campbell and Yannick Ngakoue anchor the line. Behind them are a number of speedy linebackers and two star cornerbacks in Jalen Ramsey and A.J. Bouye. You can make all the Bortles jokes you want, but he doesn't need to be Brady to win this game.

Brady, however, does need to be Brady, and he could be in for a long day against this relentless defense. As we saw in a Week 14 loss at Miami on Monday night, when a defense can pressure Brady, things get interesting. We also saw it when Von Miller and the Broncos rattled Brady in the AFC Championship Game two years ago.

Each of Brady's Super Bowl losses were against the Giants and their pass rush. So can Tom Coughlin's magic pay off with these brash Jaguars?

The belief here is that Jack-



sonville is going to shock the world. The team is playing with house money, and all of the pressure is on the defending Super Bowl champs. There's just something about this Jaguars defense that reminds me of those vintage Ravens teams. The key for the Jaguars will be how they contain running back James White in the passing game, and how they defend Rob Gronkowski.

If Jacksonville executes the same Leonard Fournette-heavy, low-risk offensive game plan as last week, it can lean on its defense. The NFL Network flashed this stat: Since 1990, when the NFL's No. 1 passer faces the No. 1 pass defense in the postseason, the defense has won all three matchups. Make it 4-for-4 as the Jaguars punch their ticket to their first Super Bowl. Call it Jaguars 23, Patriots 20.

**THE PICK:** Jaguars

## NFC

**VIKINGS (14-3) AT EAGLES (14-3), 3:40 p.m.**

**Vikings by 3; O/U: 38**

These were the two best teams in the NFC this season, so it's no surprise they're here. That it's Case Keenum vs. Nick Foles, career backups and former Rams

teammates in 2015, is shocking.

Foles is 3-1 as a starter since taking over for the injured Carson Wentz and Keenum went 11-1 after Sam Bradford was hurt. Both teams are coming off dramatic wins, the Eagles advancing after a late fourth-down defensive stop, and the Vikings winning on Keenum-to-Stefon Diggs' 61-yard walk-off TD that will be talked about for years.

Philadelphia fed off being a home underdog against the Falcons, with a couple of players even wearing dog masks after the win. Unlike last week, though, the top-seeded Eagles don't have enough bark to hang with the Vikings.

Doug Pederson did a fantastic job with a run-heavy offense last week, but that isn't going to work against the NFL's No. 1 defense in points and yards allowed. From Everson Griffen and the line to Eric Kendricks and the linebackers to Xavier Rhodes and Harrison Smith in the secondary, Minnesota has playmakers at every level.

The defense — which was second only to the Eagles in stopping the run at 83.6 yards per game — will be the reason the Vikings become the first team to play a Super Bowl in their home stadium. Giants fans will get a

look at their likely new coach in offensive coordinator Pat Shurmur, who has done a masterful job with Keenum, who had 325 completions in 481 attempts (67.6 percent) with 22 touchdowns and only seven interceptions.

Led by Mike Zimmer, the Vikings are one of the best-coached

teams in the NFL. Look for some creative play calls and efficient, mistake-free football that has been the team's calling card. With two stout defenses, play the under. After last week's wild finish, doesn't this just feel like the Vikings' year? Call it Vikings 20, Eagles 13.

**THE PICK:** Vikings

## Patriots QB Tom Brady on If He'll Play in Sunday's AFC title Game: 'We'll See'

By Andy Clayton

New York Daily News

Tom Brady did little to put all the talk about his injured hand to rest Thursday.

In full Bill Belichick mode, the Patriots quarterback started his media session by saying he would not be answering questions about the hand injury he suffered during Wednesday's practice.

"I'm not talking about that," Brady said several times.

And when he was asked if he plans on playing in Sunday's AFC title game vs. the Jaguars, the five-time Super Bowl champ simply said: "We'll see."

Brady, 40, suffered some type of hand injury in a collision with a teammate at the start of New England's practice on Wednesday. X-rays revealed no structural damage, the NFL Network reported.

According to a report from Michael Felger of 98.5 The Sports Hub in Boston, Brady suffered a cut on his finger from hitting the buckle on a teammate's helmet. He needed four stitches around the knuckle, per Felger.

The NFL Network's Ian Rapoport added that it was "gushing blood when it happened."

Brady did not practice Thursday and when asked about Friday's session, he again gave a non-answer: "I was out there."

He added that practice "was fun."

In the Patriots' official practice participation report, Brady was listed as "limited" and is officially questionable for Sunday.

A source told Rapoport that Brady was "zinging it pretty good (Friday)."

Brady didn't give reporters a look at the injury as he wore gloves on both hands. He downplayed that fact as well saying he's worn gloves to press conferences before. The four-time Super Bowl MVP, who usually only wears a glove on his non-throwing hand, has never missed a playoff start in his 18-year career.

He's been on the Patriots' injury report several times during the second half of the season with injuries to both his Achilles tendon and his left shoulder.

The Patriots host the Jaguars at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough on Sunday. After the Patriots traded both Jimmy Garoppolo and Jacoby Brissett during the season, journeyman QB Brian Hoyer is the backup with New England.

## Thursday's 2B Girls Basketball

## Dunlap, Dotson Lead Morton-White Pass Past Toutle Lake

By The Chronicle

TOUTLE — Jacie Dunlap scored 17 points, and Morton-White Pass built a big lead to beat Toutle Lake, 52-40, here Thursday in Central 2B League girls hoops action.

Sierra Dotson added 13 points and 14 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who led 33-16 at halftime.

"I was really happy with the effort in the first half," MWP coach Tom Griffith said. "We kind of took our foot off the gas a little bit and didn't play quite as hard (in the second half), but I think that's attributed to the big halftime lead."

Hannah Smathers added 9 points and eight rebounds, while Molly Donald led Toutle Lake (2-10, 2-8 league) with 21 points.

Griffith added that he's been impressed, throughout the season, with his team's even scoring distribution.

"It's kind of been that way every night," he said. "Our five starters are usually fairly balanced, so I'm happy with that."

Morton-White Pass (8-6, 6-4 league) hosts Winlock on Monday in Randle.

## Napavine Takes Down Mossyrock

MOSSYROCK — Melissa Lee scored 27 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead Napavine to a 64-35 win over Mossyrock in a Central 2B League girls basketball game here on Thursday.

Mollie Olson added 18 points for the Tigers. Mossyrock's Lainee Grose scored 11 points and Paige Moorcroft added 6 points and six boards.

The Tigers jumped ahead 26-10 after the first quarter, but the offense slowed down in the second quarter, with Napavine leading 33-19 at halftime.

Napavine held Mossyrock to 4 points in the third quarter to take a commanding lead and cruise to the victory.

"We started out strong in the first few minutes. Our point guard got in foul trouble early and that changed the entire momentum and passing. We struggled with passing," Mossyrock coach Autumn Moorcroft said. "We passed the ball right to their hands a lot, but I'm proud they didn't give up. They kept working, working pretty hard, so it was great to see."

Napavine (14-1, 11-0) travels

to Adna on Tuesday while Mossyrock (11-3, 8-3) hosts Toledo on Tuesday in a C2BL contest.

## Pirates Slow Down, but Can't Stop, Wahkiakum

CATHLAMET — Wahkiakum took a big lead early and held on in a low-scoring 43-29 C2BL girls hoops win over Adna here Thursday night.

The Pirates, though, could take solace in the fact that they held the Mules — averaging a league-best 63 points a game — to just 18 points over the last two and a half quarters.

"We locked down defensively and played really well," Adna coach Chris Bannish said. "To hold them in the 40s and only allow them to shoot 40 times is a credit to how well we rebounded defensively."

Payton Aselton led Adna with 10 points, and Sam Foster grabbed 10 rebounds. Makaela Meister and Ellie Sliva both played well off the bench, Bannish added, noting that the reserves scored 10 of the Pirates' 14 first-half points.

Macie Elliott and Ellie Leitz each scored 13 for Wahkiakum

(12-3, 10-1 league).

Adna (8-7, 6-5 league) hosts Napavine on Tuesday.

## Toledo Zips Past Rainier

TOLEDO — Kal Schaplow led an even Toledo offense, and the Indians crushed Rainier 57-33 here Thursday in C2BL girls basketball action.

Schaplow scored 11 points, while Haleigh Holmes added 10 for Toledo. The Indians led 13-2 after a quarter, and had eight different players score.

Alyssa Ewers added 7 points and Kyleigh Holmes scored 7 with eight rebounds.

"I was really happy with our balanced scoring," Toledo coach Brian Layton said. "We had a lot of girls score, and I think when you can be balanced you're tough to beat."

Anna Tauscher added five assists for the Indians, and Sandra Miles led Rainier (0-14) with 15 points.

Toledo (11-4, 9-2 league) plays at Mossyrock on Tuesday.

## Pe Ell Holds Off Winlock

WINLOCK — The Cardinals made a comeback attempt in the

fourth quarter, but came up just short as Pe Ell won 33-28 in a Central 2B League girls basketball game here on Thursday.

Annika Mason led the Trojans with 12 points and Rachel Ward added 8 points. Winlock's Cheleena Squibb scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

The key to the game was free throws, as Winlock was 10 of 30 from the free throw line.

"We made it interesting in the fourth. We got them into foul trouble, that really was the difference in the ball game," Winlock coach Tori Nelson said. "I'm guessing turnovers were probably fairly even. It came down to a bunch of missed free throws. The effort was there. We ran a press that we don't really run or work on. They were aggressive with that and it worked in our favor."

Pe Ell led 14-8 at halftime and built a 24-14 lead after three quarters.

Pe Ell (4-10, 4-7) travels to Morton on Tuesday to face Morton-White Pass after Winlock (2-12, 1-9) travels to Randle on Monday to take on the Lady Timberwolves in a makeup C2BL game.

## Tigers

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better and our girls really bought into that," Ashmore said. "That was really key to us getting a little bit of a lead, because we weren't shooting that well, but we played great defense."

The Warriors managed just 3 points in the final frame to allow Centralia to cruise to the win.

Ashmore said he was happy with the play of Kylie Sharp and Makayla Erickson atop the Tigers' press defense.

Rochester had its chances, but coach A.J. Easley said the team has to do a better job minimizing its opponents' possessions.

"What it came down to was we didn't do a good job holding them to one shot on offense," Rochester coach A.J. Easley said. "For three quarters, I thought our kids played hard. We're having a hard time putting 32 minutes together."

Easley was optimistic, noting both teams' youth, and hopes it will be a rivalry in the years to come.

"It's very good matchup. I know he's got some young kids. I think it will be a very good league matchup," Easley said, noting that he played for Ashmore while in high school. "I have the utmost respect for him. I'm proud of our kids and how we battled. As long as we get better every night, we're improving."

Centralia (11-5, 4-2 league) hosts Tumwater on Wednesday while Rochester (5-11, 1-5) hosts W.F. West on Wednesday in a pair of EvCo games.

## Brumfield Paces Bearcats Past Wolves

TUMWATER — Erika Brumfield scored 14 points and grabbed 11 boards to lead the Bearcats to a 74-41 win over Black Hills in an Evergreen 2A Conference girls basketball game here on Thursday.

Julia Johnson and Kiara Steen each added 13 points for the Bearcats. Lindsey Nurmi and Megan River each scored 10 points to lead the Wolves.

The Bearcats had 11 steals, with Maggie Vadala, Johnson and Brumfield each recording three.

W.F. West led 17-7 after one quarter and pushed the lead to 38-19 at halftime.

It was the second win over Black Hills for W.F. West, which finished second to the Wolves last year in the EvCo standings but beat Black Hills in the third-place game of the State 2A tournament.

The Bearcats (14-2, 6-0) travels to Rochester for an EvCo matchup on Wednesday.

## Beavers Crush Three Rivers Christian

KELSO — Kaylee Schow



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Centralia's Rachel Wilkerson (11) floats up a shot during an Evergreen 2A Conference girls basketball game in Rochester on Thursday.

had her usual big game and the Beavers put away Three Rivers Christian, 42-27, on Thursday in nonleague girls hoops action.

Schow, a junior, scored 25 points with eight rebounds, and Tenino led 28-16 at halftime.

"We've taken time to focus on a lot of little things, and I think we're starting to finally come out of our shell," Tenino coach Brandi Thomas said, "so it's ex-

citing to see."

Rhian Mathis added 7 points and eight rebounds for Tenino.

Bailee Williams-Wallace led Three Rivers Christian with 14 points.

## Friday's Results

## Hoquiam Tops Beavers

TENINO — Kaylee Schow

scored 18 points, but Hoquiam held off Tenino for a 42-36 win here Friday in 1A Evergreen League girls hoops action.

Schow added nine rebounds, but the Beavers were just 11 of 52 from the field.

Hoquiam led 23-19 at halftime.

"It was really close a lot of the game," Tenino coach Brandi Thomas said. "We knew it was

an important game for us, and I felt like we gave up a lot of easy buckets, especially in the paint, that could have been fixed with defensive rotations."

Ryann Mathis added 12 points for Tenino, while Karlie Krohn led Hoquiam with 11 points.

Tenino (8-9) plays at Montesano next week.

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# C2BL

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we've played all year," Fitzgerald said. "And then we just couldn't buy a bucket."

Winlock led 39-25 at half-time and scored 27 in the fourth quarter.

Carter Whitehead scored 12 and Nolan Patching added 11 for Winlock, while Ryan Shepherd scored 8 with 11 rebounds for Pe Ell.

The Trojans (1-13, 0-11 league) host Morton-White Pass on Wednesday. Winlock (10-5, 7-5 league) plays at Wahkiakum on Wednesday.

## Toledo Wakes Up to Topple Rainier

**RAINIER** — Toledo made up for a rough first quarter with 23 points in the third here Friday night, beating Rainier 54-24 in Central 2B League boys basketball action.

Rainier led 7-4 after the first frame, though neither team scored for the first 3 1/2 minutes.

"It was just off. Things didn't go our way; we didn't make shots, they didn't make shots, we'd get a steal and then turn it over," Toledo coach Grady Fallon said. "It just seemed like we were in quicksand or something."

Toledo, though, won the middle two quarters by a combined margin of 39-5 to turn the game into a rout. Reece Wallace scored all 8 of his points in the second quarter to spark the rally.

"He's been really good about distributing the ball," Fallon pointed out of his senior point guard. "He's really not concerned with his own stats. I feel like he's really wanting to get back to Spokane (for the state tournament), and he knows it's going to take all of us."

Westin Wallace led Toledo with 11 points and added six rebounds and five blocked shots. Fano Arceo-Hansen chipped in 7 points, while Jacob Ashby led Rainier with 10 points.

Toledo (13-2, 10-1 league) hosts Mossyrock on Wednesday.

## Pirates Clamp Mules

**ADNA** — Adna allowed double-digit scoring in the first quarter, but locked down to prevent any repeat occasions, rolling to a 79-28 victory over Wahkiakum here on Friday in Central 2B League boys basketball play.

Wahkiakum managed 14 points in the first frame, but could only double that total through the remainder of the



PAUL DUNN / For The Chronicle

Toledo center Westin Wallace, 22, shoots Friday against the defense of Rainier point guard Travis Honaker, left, during C2BL basketball action in Rainier.

ball game. Adna coach Luke Salme credited it to more discipline on the defensive end.

"We didn't gamble as much in the second," Salme said. "We played a little tougher and a little smarter and we got some easy buckets out of it, which is nice because there were some mental lapses in the beginning."

Cody Young led all scorers with 24 points for Adna, dropping 21 of them in the first half. The Pirate scoring effort also received some assistance from Lyle Metzner and Blake Davis, who added 13 and 11 points, respectively. The Mules were led by Brody Carlson's 7 points.

Salme also noted that he was satisfied with the team's efficiency from beyond the 3-point arc, as Pirates shot 13 of 29 from deep.

"We can definitely live with that," Salme said. Adna (14-1, 10-1 league) will travel to Napavine Wednesday for a much-anticipated rematch with the Tigers, who have claimed the Pirates' only loss of the season.

## Tigers Pressure Vikings to 84-24 Rout

**NAPAVINE** — The Tigers took care of business early, scoring 63 first-half points to coast to a 84-24 win over Mossyrock in C2BL boys hoops action here on Friday.

Peyton Stanley led Napavine with 13 points and eight rebounds as four Tigers scored double-digits.

Napavine poured on the defense early, taking full advantage of a young Vikings squad to result in transition scoring.

"The first half we came out and put on some pressure," Napavine coach Rex Stanley said. "We were able to get out in transition and get easy points."

Deuce Kolb led the Vikings with 10 points, while Lucas Johnson chipped in 6 points and five boards.

Stanley was especially impressed with Ben Woodrum's work coming off the bench. Woodrum scored a season-high 12 points in just eight minutes of play.

"He looked really good," Stanley added. "All in all, everybody contributed and all 12 guys scored. It was a nice team effort."

Napavine (12-3, 9-2 league) will host one of the top C2BL teams in the Adna Pirates on Wednesday, while Mossyrock (1-13, 1-10 league) will be at Toledo.

## Offense Falters, Loggers Fall to Chinooks

**ONALASKA** — The Loggers put out the effort, but in the end couldn't find the bottom of basket as Kalama defeated Onalaska 48-34 here in C2BL boys bas-

ketball on Friday.

The open looks were there, but the Onalaska offense just couldn't find a rhythm, only reaching double digit scoring in the third quarter. When the offense falters, it's difficult to remain successful in other aspects of the game, as Logger coach Dennis Bower noted.

"The same problem keeps coming up that we can't score points," Bower said. "It puts so much pressure on every other part of your team. I feel for the kids."

A bright spot for the Loggers was a 13-point outing by Ashton Haight. Bower added that Tristan Lawrence stabilized the team with his defensive effort off the bench and praised A.J. Volk for his ability to see plays before they develop. The Chinooks were led by 13 points from Alex Dyer.

"We're young and I can't fault the effort, but this game was one that we thought we could win going in," Bower said. "Our back is really against the wall now to win some ball games."

Onalaska (4-11, 2-9 league) will host Rainier Wednesday.

## T-Wolves Come Up Big in Defensive Battle

**MORTON** — A gritty defensive ball game served as a substitute for the usual offensive firepower of both squads as Morton-White Pass grinded out a 51-36 win over Toutle Lake here in C2BL boys hoops action on Friday.

According to MWP coach Tony Gillispie, the low-scoring affair was all attributed to a

playoff feel, resulting in a high level of defensive play.

"It was really a district atmosphere where every bucket was a challenge," Gillispie said. "Toutle has shooters everywhere and we stuck to a defensive game plan that worked."

The Timberwolves put themselves in somewhat of a hole in the first quarter, only mustering 4 points before righting the ship for the rest of the matchup. Matt Poquette led all scorers with 20 points while hauling in 15 rebounds, and Kade Gillispie added in 10 points for MWP.

Despite Poquette being his usual self as a high-octane scorer, Gillispie chose to praise his leadership and persistence in finding teammates for open shots while Poquette drew the defensive pressure.

"I think Matt's leadership and trust in his teammates is exceptional to still go to guys even when they miss a few," Gillispie said. "We've got to be a little creative on offense. Tonight guys eventually got hot to carry us to the win."

Gillispie also credited Tristan Storey's effort in the paint against Toutle's Michael Adams, holding the post to just 4 points while scoring 8 points of his own. Nate Hoff bolstered the Ducks' effort with 15 points and five rebounds.

"These type of games are grinding games as we get closer to districts and it's nice to come out on top in this one," Gillispie said.

Morton-White Pass (12-3, 9-2 league) will travel to Pe Ell on Wednesday.

## 2A Girls Bowling

# Bearcat Bowlers Beat R.A. Long

By The Chronicle

W.F. West picked up a senior night win on Friday, beating R.A. Long 1949 to 1926 in 2A girls bowling action at Fairway Lanes.

Ashley Werner beat her own school record with a high game of 239 — topping the 233 she rolled on Wednesday — in Game 1, helping W.F. West win 860-796.

Jasmine Gallea led the way with a 191 in Game 2, which the Bearcats won 837-801.

The Baker-format games were a bit more challenging for the Bearcats, as R.A. Long swept the final two matches 139-130 and 190-122, but W.F. West held on for the victory.

# Centralia

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Jackson Grimm scored 11 of his 15 after the break, finishing with eight boards and three blocked shots.

"We kind of got on them a little bit at halftime, and kind of challenged them a little bit, and said, 'We're the second-place team in the league, and right now we don't look like it,'" Donahue said. "It's nothing other than us being stronger and tougher inside, and finishing when we got the ball around the hoop."

Riley Erickson hit a 3 early in the fourth quarter to bring Rochester within 9 at 50-41, but the Tigers answered with an 8-2 run to push the lead back to 15.

Michael Ajoge added 10 points for Centralia. Keegan Goldrick led Rochester with 13, Erickson finished with 10 and Stephen Robinson added 9.

"For the first game in a while we were a little bit more balanced," Mark Goldrick said. "For us, that's pretty good. Obviously it wasn't a ton of points on the board, but there was more people in on the action."

Rochester (5-11, 0-6 league) hosts W.F. West on Tuesday. Centralia (9-7, 5-1 league) plays at Tumwater on Tuesday and at Black Hills on Thursday.

## Bearcats Beat Black Hills, Stay Perfect in Evergreen Action

**TUMWATER** — Bailey Cooper had another big game, and W.F. West's defense held Black



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Centralia's Jackson Grimm (42) blocks Rochester's Bryce Lollar (23) Friday night during an EvCo game in Centralia.

Hills to 27 percent shooting in a 55-39 Evergreen 2A Conference boys hoops win here Friday night.

The victory keeps W.F. West atop the league standings with a 6-0 record, with just four games left in the regular season.

Cooper, a senior forward, went 6 of 9 from the field and 8 of 10 at the foul line for an efficient scoring effort and added five rebounds.

"Bailey Cooper had another great night," Bearcat coach Chris White said. "He just had the scoring mentality we needed."

The Cats committed 27 turnovers in the game, contributing to what White called a sloppy contest.

"It was kind of an out-of-control game," White added. "It's

nice that nobody was hurt, because it was one of those nights."

Despite that, though, the Bearcats completed an eight-day stretch that featured wins over Centralia, Mark Morris, Tumwater and, now, Black Hills.

"It's a lot of good wins and a lot of grinding," White said.

Jordan Thomas scored 12 points with seven rebounds, four steals and four assists, and Brandon White scored 5 points with 10 rebounds, five assists and three blocked shots.

Garrett Glenn led Black Hills with 15 points, and the Wolves were outrebounded 40-21. Colby White added nine boards for the Bearcats.

W.F. West (14-2 overall) plays at Rochester on Tuesday and hosts Aberdeen on Thursday.

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# Life

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## Toledo's Big Chief Deli and Filipino Food Offers Sandwiches, Asian Cuisine



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Sisters Janet Hill and Rosalina Caywood prepare food on Monday morning at Big Chief Deli and Filipino Food in Toledo. The restaurant on Ramsey Way opened on Jan. 4.

**LOCATED ON RAMSEY WAY:**  
*New Restaurant in Toledo Serves Up the Best of Both Worlds*

By Justyna Tomtas  
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A new restaurant in Toledo is dishing up fan-favorite sandwiches and authentic Asian cuisine to meet the demand for two foods that were unavailable in the area.

Big Chief Deli and Filipino Food on Ramsey Way has combined sandwiches from the former Mary's Corner Deli, which was gutted by fire in December 2014, with food from the Philippines.

The blend of food options was deemed the perfect fit to address the needs of the community.

The family business is owned by sisters Janet Hill and Rosalina Caywood. Liz Hill, their sister-in-law and former owner of Mary's Corner Deli, is also involved in the restaurant's operation.

The sisters have crafted their art of making Filipino food over the years. Prior to moving to Toledo, they grilled up and sold barbecue on the streets of the Philippines. The recipes come from their parents. The most popular items on the menu include the spring roll lumpia, the noodle dish pancit and chicken adobo. The business continues to add to its menu to fit what its customers want.

As for the deli side of the business, Liz brought back favorites that kept customers coming to Mary's Corner Deli, including the popular reuben, the logger stack and the Dallas Bacon Master.



Rosalina Caywood serves up some pancit on Monday morning at Big Chief Deli and Filipino Food in Toledo.



Liz Hill, the former owner of Mary's Corner Deli, prepares a sandwich at Big Chief Deli and Filipino Food in Toledo on Monday. The business opened on Jan. 4.

The business opened its doors on Jan. 4, and so far business has been going well. "People are excited about the Filipino food," Caywood said.

Liz's experience of running a restaurant also comes in handy since the sisters had never operated one of their own. "I've already learned from my

husbands encouraged them to cook up food and open a restaurant instead.

The food meets a demand not currently available in Lewis County.

"A lady from California moved here, and when she (found) out, she was very excited," Janet said of the Filipino offerings. "She gave me a tight hug."

It also gives a taste to locals who are unfamiliar with the Asian cuisine. According to the sisters, customers have come in to buy a sandwich, have tried some of the Filipino food and left with 30 lumpia instead.

As for Liz, she's happy to be back in business making sandwiches for customers new and old. Following the December 2014 fire at Mary's Corner Deli located at the corner of U.S. Highway 12 and Jackson Highway, Liz said it was hard to get back on her feet.

"I was depressed for a year," she said.

A cause to the fire was never pinpointed, but Liz still believes it had to do with electrical issues.

She's happy to be working alongside her sister-in-laws.

So far, the business has served up more to-go orders, although there is inside seating for customers. It's convenient and quick, so many people call in orders during their lunch break, Caywood said.

The restaurant was so busy during its grand opening that it sold out of food, the sisters said.

They hope the variety continues to bring locals in, while also catering to those driving through Toledo.

### MORE INFORMATION

Big Chief Deli and Filipino Food is located at 100 Ramsey Way, Toledo. The restaurant serves sandwiches from the former location of Mary's Corner Deli and authentic food from the Philippines. Customers can order in or get their food to go. For more information, go to the business's Facebook page or call 360-864-8444.

mistakes, so it makes it easier," Liz said.

Originally, the sisters talked about opening up an Asian-themed store, but when their current location opened, their



**Left:** Lumpia and pancit is pictured at Big Chief Deli and Filipino Food in Toledo. **Right:** The popular Dallas Bacon Master sandwich is pictured at Big Chief Deli and Filipino Food in Toledo. The sandwich was popular at Mary's Corner Deli before the business burned down in 2014.



Big Chief Deli and Filipino Food is now open in Toledo. The restaurant is located at 100 Ramsey Way.



# Rescue Groups, Foster Homes Step Up to Help Chicago Shelter Animals at Risk of Euthanasia

By Leonor Vivanco-Pregaman

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Nearly a dozen dogs got a break from shelter life and were checked into a pet hotel recently to free up kennels at Chicago's animal shelter, which was on the verge of considering euthanizing dogs for space.

Friends of Chicago Animal Care and Control, a nonprofit group, answered the urgent call for help and committed to paying about \$1,500 for 11 dogs to be boarded at the PetSmart PetHotel in the South Loop, said founder Charlie Proptom.

"We can't do this indefinitely. It was just a stopgap measure to get the shelter a little more space," she said. "We'd board them all if we could, forever, but that's not possible. We're trying to alleviate the pressure immediately. We succeeded in that, and the hard work continues in getting to rescues and convincing them to take dogs."

Dog population at the Chicago Animal Care and Control shelter recently reached 300, a critical level that prompted the city shelter to consider euthanizing animals for space if the population didn't decline. The shelter must take in any dog that is brought in, and more are coming than are leaving, creating the crowded living quarters.

A statement from the shelter said it was "very encouraged by the downward trend in its dog population and wants to thank Chicagoans for their efforts and concern for the dogs at the city shelter. The department looks forward to its continued hard work with the community to give our shelter animals the second chances they deserve."

Transferring dogs to the pet hotel and rescue groups helped drive down the number at the shelter.

The 11 dogs — including Miley, the 6-year-old bully breed that is the shelter's longest resident, there since July — were transferred late Thursday and will be allowed to stay at the pet hotel for up to two weeks as the group works to get the dogs to



Miley is the dog that has been the longest at city's shelter, and one of 11 dogs recently moved to PetSmart PetsHotel, Friday Jan., 12, 2018.

rescue groups to find them foster homes or get them adopted.

After Proptom got the call from Animal Care and Control about the crucial need for space, she in turn picked up the phone to find out where she could temporarily board some dogs.

One place she called was Found Chicago Boarding and Training Center in the Horner Park neighborhood.

"I didn't realize it was to a point where within a day we either need to move dogs or euthanize dogs," said Brittney Frazier, co-owner of Found Chicago and founder of Canines & Company rescue group. "That's a pretty serious situation."

She said she wanted to help and was able to place one dog — a 9-month-old black terrier mix with a lot of energy, named Dandi — in a foster home for a week, before she gets shuttled to another foster home to buy more time to find someone to adopt her. People who foster

dogs typically work through rescue groups.

"She was definitely people-friendly and people-oriented, and we were like, 'Wow this is a great dog,'" Frazier said.

Proptom returned to PetSmart to visit the shelter dogs and take updated photos to post online and share with rescue groups.

The nonprofit group will reassess the shelter's capacity in two weeks. Dogs that don't get rescued or adopted may return to the shelter if there's enough room or have their hotel stay extended, Proptom said.

To further alleviate the squeeze for space, the city has offered two new financial incentives to help draw rescue groups and adopters to pick up dogs.

Through Feb. 18, a \$100 rebate funded by Pets and Vets USA will be made available for up to 50 dogs adopted directly from the city's shelter and enrolled in a basic obedience



Ashley Valentin, left, manager of PetSmart's PetsHotel, holds Sadie as Charlie Proptom, right, founder of the Friends of Chicago Animal Care and Control, uses her phone to take photos.

course.

Rescue groups can get up to \$200 for each dog they take that has been at the shelter for at least 30 days.

"The shelter depends on residents and rescue partners to volunteer, foster and adopt animals in need," the shelter said in a

statement.

People looking to adopt dogs directly from the city shelter, located at 2741 S. Western Ave., can stop by from noon to 7 p.m. every day to view and meet the dogs, submit an application for adoption and pay the \$65 adoption fee.

## Puzzle One

Find answers to the puzzles here on Puzzle Two on page Life 3.

### Crossword

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- 41 Hanger-on
- 43 Honest —
- 45 Autobahn vehicle
- 48 Socrates' hangout
- 51 Finish a mousse
- 53 Relocate
- 56 Largest continent
- 57 Sylvester, to Tweety
- 58 Date ender, often
- 59 Shaquille O' —
- 60 Fabric meas.
- 61 Portico
- 62 Whirlpool
- 1 Speed contest
- 2 Upright
- 3 Singer Reese
- 4 Soup alternatives
- 5 Slightly open
- 6 Prune off

#### 7 Luau strummer

- 8 Get on the freeway
- 9 Pro follower
- 10 — — for keeps
- 11 Louts
- 17 Unsuitable

#### 19 Osiris' beloved

- 22 Conical abode
- 24 Sherlock creator
- 25 Cleanse
- 27 Selene's sister
- 28 Bilko's rank
- 29 — kwon do
- 30 Corporate abbr.
- 31 Perfume label word
- 32 Stale
- 36 Pick up
- 38 Read hastily
- 42 Kind
- 44 Lies by the pool
- 46 Medicated
- 47 Trojan War saga
- 48 Courtroom fig.
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## Sudoku

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

## Celebrity Cipher

Today's clue: F equals C

"GAM FJSSAX HA J VBSHSTNN XAA NAAS

DTFJMNT GAM STKTO VSAE YAE NAAS BX

EBPP DT XAA PJXT." — OJPIY EJPHA TLTONAS

**PREVIOUS SOLUTION:** "You can't be a woman and not be a feminist ... if you care about the world you exist in and your rights." — Sally Hawkins

## Sudoku

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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## Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 6

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## HOW TO PLAY:

Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

## Celebrity Cipher

Today's clue: S equals D

"WDZEXO D SLPDJ EF CWDU IPPGF MTY

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**SOLUTION TO PUZZLE ON PAGE LIFE 2** "You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late."  
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Start on Puzzle One on page Life 2. Answers to the puzzles here will be published in Tuesday's paper.

## Crossword

## Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 6

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- 1 San Francisco hill  
4 Evita's guy  
8 Cleo's undoing  
11 "Et tu" time  
13 TV statuette  
14 Taro-root paste  
15 Digestive juice  
16 Enlivens (2 wds.)  
18 Pick  
20 Meadow rodent  
21 — boom bah!  
22 Comb manufacturer  
24 Rookie surfer  
27 Jolted  
30 Near-miss response  
31 Bone-dry  
32 Performed  
34 Pup's plaint  
35 Morse signals  
36 Step  
37 Different ones

- 39 Scholarly volumes  
40 Treat a sprain  
41 Kitten's cry  
42 Power source  
45 Curiosity  
49 Jiffies  
53 To be, in Bordeaux  
54 Convene  
55 Bovine bellows  
56 Lurch  
57 Water-power org.  
58 Zebras, to lions  
59 Director Brooks

## DOWN

- 1 Penpoints  
2 Fat cat's victim  
3 Gong  
4 Quips  
5 Strike caller  
6 — — seeing things?  
7 U.N. locale

- 8 Lhasa —  
9 Kind of food or music  
10 Duct  
12 Playground gear  
17 At all  
19 El —  
Campeador

- 22 Happy hour sites  
23 Previously  
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25 Columbus' home  
26 Cabinet div.  
27 Hangar occupants  
28 Wax-coated cheese  
29 Cut into cubes  
31 Foal's parent  
33 — Moines  
35 Holiday mo.  
36 Skier's delight  
38 Knife handle  
39 Turner or Koppel  
41 Like  
42 Clenched hand  
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44 Is, in Baja  
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## WASHINGTON STATE HISTORY

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## President Franklin Pierce Establishes the Muckleshoot Reservation by Executive Order

On Jan. 20, 1857, United States President Franklin Pierce (1804-1869) signs an executive order that formally establishes the Muckleshoot Reservation. The reservation will be expanded when President Ulysses S. Grant (1822-1885) signs a new executive order on April 9, 1874. Members of the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe are descendants of the Duwamish and Upper Puyallup people who lived in Central Puget Sound area prior to non-Native settlement. Their reservation is located along the White River near the city of Auburn in south King County.

## Origin of the Muckleshoot Reservation

Although an executive order in 1857 formally established the Muckleshoot Reservation, the Treaty of Medicine Creek had laid the groundwork for its creation a few years earlier. In 1853 Isaac I. Stevens (1818-1862) was selected by President Franklin Pierce as Washington Territory's first governor and Superintendent of Indian Affairs. Acting in the latter role, Stevens instituted a series of treaty negotiations with local tribes. On Dec. 26, 1854, 62 leaders of major tribes located in Western Washington signed the Treaty of Medicine Creek with Stevens. According to the treaty: "the Nisqually, Puyallup, Steilacoom, Squawkin, S'Homamish, Stehchass, T'Peeksin, Squi-aitl, and Saheh-wamish tribes and bands of Indians, occupying the lands lying round the head of Puget's Sound and the adjacent inlets, ... for the purpose of this treaty, are to be regarded as one nation,

on behalf of said tribes and bands, and duly authorized by them" ("Treaty With the Nisqualli, Puyallup, ...").

As stipulated in the treaty, the tribes gave the federal government the majority of their lands in exchange for \$32,500 to be paid over the course of several years, an immediate payment of \$3,250 for resettlement, land for reservations, and the permanent right to fish and hunt at traditional sites. Article 6 of the Treaty of Medicine Creek authorized the president to move the Indians from the designated reservation lands to other suitable places within Washington Territory, a provision that would prove of great importance.

## Many Become One

Hostilities erupted soon after a series of treaties had been negotiated with tribes across the state. When the conflicts in Western Washington subsided, Stevens held a meeting at Fox Island with representative of several tribes who had also been present at the Medicine Creek parlay. At this meeting, alterations to the Treaty of Medicine Creek were agreed upon based on Stevens's conclusions that, "a permanent settlement of the Indians has not yet been effected under the treaty..." and "the locations named in the first article of the treaty were not altogether suitable for the purpose of establishing Indian colonies" ("Annual Report of the Commissioner ...," 372-373).

When the Muckleshoot Reservation was formally established in 1857, a number of Coast Salish bands came together to live there. These included the Skopamish, Smulkamish, Stkamish, Tkwakwamish, and Buklshuhl. After the federal government denied a Duwamish request for a reservation on the Duwamish River, some members of that tribe also moved to the Muckleshoot Reservation.

Certain changes that had been agreed to during the Fox Island meeting were not addressed in the original, 1857 executive order. The reservation area that was defined in that order included Muckleshoot Prai-

rie, where there was a soon-to-be-abandoned military station. This would give the name to the reservation and to the tribe composed of the various bands who were to reside there. But other vital land areas between the White and Green rivers, including traditional fisheries and a village site, were not included, even though they had been agreed upon at Fox Island. For nearly two decades, efforts were made to correct this discrepancy.

## Fulfilling the Promise

The Civil War and the tumultuous politics that followed prevented any further action on the Muckleshoot's outstanding land claims. By the time the second executive order relating to the Muckleshoot Reservation was signed in April 1874 by President Grant, the railroads had already been granted odd-numbered sections of land that should have been included in the reservation under the Fox Island agreements. Thus, when Grant expanded the Muckleshoot Reservation, he could include only the five remaining even-numbered sections, which extended diagonally along the White River: "It is hereby ordered that the following tracks of land in Washington Territory, viz: Sections 2 and 12 of township 20 north, range 5 east, and sections 20, 28, and 34, of township 21 north, range 5 east, Willamette meridian, be withdrawn from sale or other disposition, and set apart as the Muckleshoot Indian Reservation ... the same being supplemental to the action of the department approved by the President Jan. 20, 1857." ("Annual Report of the Commissioner ...," 372).

This second executive order expanded the reservation to 3,532.72 acres, but the inclusion of only even-numbered sections resulted in it having an irregular layout, with three square-shaped blocks of land joined corner to corner and a larger, roughly L-shaped section at the south end. The White River flows through all but the northernmost section of the reservation.

## The Muckleshoot Since 1874

Until the early part of the

twentieth century, the entire Muckleshoot Reservation was held in trust by the federal government. Between 1903 and 1904 reservation land was allotted by the government to the families living there, giving them full ownership. Because of high levels of poverty and a lack of economic opportunities on the reservation, many members had no other option than to sell their land. During the middle of the twentieth century, a substantial number of the allotments were sold to non-Indians.

Under the authorization of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe in 1936 established a constitution and bylaws that, among other things, guaranteed a Bill of Rights, defined membership requirements, established a governing body, and delineated land rights. The constitution was intended to enhance the "economic, educational, social and moral rehabilitation of the Indians in the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, the conservation and development of their resources for their common welfare, the ultimate attainment of self-support and political independence, and the furnishing of a responsible organized body through which government subsidy and control may be exercised so long as necessary" ("Constitution and Bylaws..." 1). At the time, the U.S. Office of Indian Affairs reported 194 members of the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe.

In 1974, the opinion in *United States v. Washington*, 384 F. Supp. 312 (W.D. Wash. 1974), more commonly known as the Boldt Decision, was handed down. In it, Federal District Court Judge George Boldt (1903-1984) reaffirmed the treaty fishing rights of Washington state Indians. With this decision in place, the economies of several local reservations, including the Muckleshoot, began to grow.

During the 1980s and 1990s, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe pursued a policy of reacquiring lands within the boundaries of its reservation that had been transferred to non-Indians. Recovering lands where the tribe had the right to hunt, fish, and gather gave tribal members the opportunity to have an expanded land base

and to protect their natural resources.

Since the 1990s, the Muckleshoot Reservation has expanded its economic opportunities with bingo and casino gaming, the Muckleshoot Mini Mart, Muckleshoot Seafood Products, the Salish Tree Farm, the Salish Lodge & Spa (which the tribe purchased in 2007), and the White River Amphitheatre, among other undertakings. As of February 2008, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe had approximately 2,100 members. By 2009, the number of members located on or near the reservation had grown to 3,300.

## Inaugural Day Storm Ravages Puget Sound

On Jan. 20, 1993, an Inaugural Day storm with winds topping 94 mph ravages Puget Sound. Six people die and hundreds of thousands lose electric power for days. Only the Columbus Day storm of 1962 exceeds the violence of this event.

The storm was predicted the day before by the U.S. Weather service and was the result of a strong low-pressure rainstorm from the southwest moving north of Seattle. Winds and falling trees knocked out major transmission lines and other wires until more than 600,000 customers lost power.

Five days after the storm, tens of thousands of customers in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties were still without electricity. Seattle City Light took the unprecedented step of asking for help from other utilities. Thirteen crews from BC Hydro, Eugene Water & Electric Board, Chelan County Public Utilities District, and Grant County Public Utilities District traveled to Seattle to work with 40 City Light crews. The hardest hit utility was Puget Sound Power & Light, which had 500,000 customers in the dark, most of them in hard-to-serve rural areas. Three days later, the utility still had 59,000 residences and business without electricity.

Governor Mike Lowry (1939-2017) declared a state of emergency and called out the National Guard to assist with relief efforts.

# Faith

## Religion, Church News

# High Praise: Pot Churches Proliferate as States Ease Access to Marijuana

By Barbara Feder Ostrov  
Kaiser Health News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Services at the Coachella Valley Church begin and end with the Lord's Prayer.

In between, there is the sacrament.

"Breathe deep and blow harder," intoned Pastor Grant Atwell after distributing small marijuana joints to 20 worshippers on a recent Sunday afternoon. "Nail the insight down, whether you get it from marijuana or prayer. Consider what in your own life you are thankful for."

A middle-aged man wearing a "Jesus Loves You" baseball cap piped up. "Thank you, God, for the weed," he called out. "I'm thankful for the spirit of cannabis," a woman echoed from the back. "I am grateful to be alive," said another young woman, adding that she had recently overdosed — on what, she did not say — for the third time.

The small room, painted black and gold and decorated with crosses and Rastafarian symbols, filled with pungent smoke after an hour-long service of Christian prayers, self-help slogans and inspirational quotes led by Atwell, a Campbell, Calif., massage therapist and photographer.

Despite its mainstream Christian trappings, the Coachella Valley Church describes itself as a Rastafarian church, something that's tough to define. Rastafari is a political and religious movement that originated in Jamaica. Combining elements of Christianity, pan-Africanism and mysticism, the movement has no central authority. Adherents use marijuana in their rituals.

The church's leaders say they believe that religious freedom laws give them the right to offer marijuana to visitors without a doctor's recommendation — and without having to abide by any other regulations. Some courts and local authorities beg to differ.

As more states ease access to marijuana, churches that offer pot as a sacrament are proliferating, competing with medical marijuana dispensaries and even pot shops in the few states that have legalized recreational weed. While some of them claim Rastafarian affiliation, others link themselves to Native American religious traditions.

The churches are vexing local officials, who say that they're simply dispensaries in disguise,



Barbara Feder Ostrov / Kaiser Health News

The Coachella Valley Church in San Jose, Calif., which offers marijuana as a "sacrament," is among a growing number of similar churches nationwide. The churches are vexing local officials, who contend they're simply marijuana dispensaries in disguise, operating outside of the regulations that govern other providers.

skirting the rules that govern other marijuana providers, such as requirements to pay taxes.

In California, which legalized medical marijuana in 1996 and, as of New Year's Day, now allows sales of recreational marijuana, churches tied to marijuana use have recently popped up in Oakland, Roseville, Modesto, San Diego County, Orange County, Los Angeles County and the Southern California desert city of Coachella (no connection to the San Jose church.) A few have been shut down by law enforcement.

"I'm not going to say they're not churches, but to the extent that they're distributing marijuana, they're an illegal dispensary, in my view," said San Jose City Attorney Rick Doyle. Doyle has requested a permanent legal injunction to stop the Coachella Valley Church from providing marijuana, and a court hearing is scheduled for Jan. 22. He recently got a court order to shut down operations of a similar church, the Oklevueha Native American Church of South Bay, he said.

Nationally, such churches have opened in Indiana, where marijuana remains illegal, and Michigan, where medical marijuana is allowed. Even in Colorado, which legalized pot in 2012, the "International Church of Cannabis" is testing the limits of state and city rules on con-

suming marijuana in public. Marijuana churches typically require people to purchase a membership, then give or sell them marijuana and related products. They may ask for ID such as a driver's license but don't require a doctor's recommendation or medical marijuana identification card.

They're relying on court rulings that made it possible for some groups, including Native Americans, to use federally banned drugs like peyote in their religious ceremonies. (A coalition of Native American churches has disavowed Oklevueha churches that claim marijuana as their sacrament.)

Despite these rulings, courts have thus far rejected religious groups' right to use marijuana, which is still illegal at the federal level, according to Douglas Laycock, a University of Virginia Law School professor specializing in religious liberty issues.

"Marijuana churches have brought religious liberty claims for years, and they have always lost," Laycock said. "Marijuana is a huge recreational drug, and a religious exception ... would make enforcement nearly impossible. So the courts have always found a compelling government interest in marijuana enforcement."

Yet, Laycock said, as more states legalize marijuana, courts

may regard marijuana churches' rights more favorably.

"Legalization changes everything," he said. "Religious use may not violate state law in some of these states. And if it does, legalizing recreational use but not religious use clearly discriminates against religion."

In California, however, the Coachella Valley Church may not be able to offer its potent sacrament for much longer.

The church operates in a 1925 San Jose mansion that formerly housed the Amsterdam's Garden medical marijuana dispensary, which was shut down last year by San Jose city officials in a citywide crackdown on dispensaries.

City officials have determined that some of the people who ran Amsterdam's Garden now operate the Coachella Valley Church, Doyle said.

Church leaders at first agreed to be interviewed but then did not respond to subsequent emails from California Healthline. A man who was videotaping the recent Sunday service said the church opened in May. The man, who gave his name as Dryden Brite, also goes by Xak Puckett, and has been described in media reports as a former director of Amsterdam's Garden.

"The message is really strong and powerful," Puckett said of the church. "People are craving

something new."

He described the back room where marijuana products were sold to members as the church's "gift shop," then declined to answer further questions.

About half of the churchgoers left the black-and-gold worship room immediately after receiving their sacrament, with some heading straight to the gift shop to stock up.

Others remained to finish their joints and chitchat. The man sporting the "Jesus Loves You" cap lingered. He had brought along his dog, Spartan, and a shofar, a ram's horn used in some Jewish ceremonies, which he blew loudly at the end of the service.

"Anytime the word of God is being preached, it's a good thing," said Mark, a 57-year-old who declined to give his last name.

Marco, a 29-year-old veterinary technician from San Jose who also declined to give his last name, attended with his husband. He has a medical marijuana card and said marijuana helps him with bipolar disorder, depression and anxiety. He grew up Catholic and felt that the Roman Catholic Church disapproved of his sexual orientation and marijuana use.

"Honestly, this has been the most life-affirming church I've ever been to," Marco said. "Here there are true believers in cannabis — if not the faith."



"Oliver"

Oliver is about 5 months old and came in with his brother Joey. They are sweet boys and are patiently waiting for new homes! #11799



"Stella"

Stella is about 4 months. She likes to be pet, but is sometimes naughty and will swat you. She may be the perfect mouser for you! #11797



"Bill"

Bill is a quiet, 8-year-old found as a stray. He likes to be pet and would like a calm home where he can hang out on the couch with you! #11767



"Daisy"

Daisy is a 5-6 year Chow/Heeler mix and was found as a stray. She loves to be pet and has learned to like a leash! She is quiet and calm, too! #11332

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# Loving Others Shows Christ-Like Servanthood

By Micah Smith

Tri-City Herald

America, not so very long ago, practiced what was known as “full service.”

There were full-service gas stations — store employees would carry your groceries to your car and the milk man would deliver milk right to your doorstep. Today, however, we are more familiar with “self-serve” or “self service.”

Self-serve. It's an interesting play on words. Is it really “service” at all?

Jesus had another standard. Jesus washed feet.

You can't get much lower than washing sand and sweat from a traveler's feet after an all-day trek on the dusty, unpaved roads of Judea. Such dirty duty usually fell to a slave, not a savior. But Jesus wanted to leave us with an unforgettable snapshot of sincere service. (John 13:4-6)

Jesus washed those filthy feet on one of the most heart-wrenching days of his life. Within mere hours, he would face betrayal, brutality and a cross. His followers responded to it all by arguing about who was the most important among them. (Luke 22:24).

Sound familiar? Churches



Photo courtesy of Carlos E. Santa Maria

Jesus pouring water from a jug

today still compare and compete, saying: “Jesus loves me best!” “No way!” “You guys are out to lunch, I'll be the one sitting closest to him!”

In spite of it all, and loving his disciples to the end, Jesus rose from supper, wrapped a towel around his waist, and set

about washing dirty feet.

German pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer, shortly before his execution at the hands of the Nazis in Flossenburg concentration camp during April 1945, wrote, “The Church is only the Church when it exists for others.”

When we serve in love, we

are most like Jesus.

Bob Moffit amplifies my thought: “The most important part of the image of God inside of you is servanthood. We say the gospel is summarized in one word and that word is love. Go out and love. And how do you love? By demonstrating that love.

By being a servant. What kind of servant? A sacrificial servant. We don't serve when we feel like it. We serve because it's the model that Jesus gave us.”

It reminds me of the story about four pastors discussing the merits of the various translations of the Bible. One liked the King James Version best because of its simple, beautiful English. Another liked the American Revised Version best because it was closer to the original Hebrew and Greek. Still another liked a contemporary version because of its up-to-date vocabulary. The fourth minister was silent for a moment, then said, “I like my mother's translation best.” Surprised, the other three men said they didn't know his mother had translated the Bible.

“Yes,” he replied, “she translated it into life — and it was the most convincing translation I ever saw.”

You will never regret serving like Jesus.

Og Mandino says, “Treat everyone you meet as if they were going to be dead by midnight. Extend all the care, kindness and understanding you can, with no thought of reward, and your life will never be the same.” Please pass me the towel.

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137 Leonard Rd., Onalaska, 978-4978. Sunday School 9:45 am, Sunday worship services 10:45 am, Tuesday Royal Rangers (boys) & Impact Girls 6:30pm, Wednesday Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm. Food ministry on 2nd & 4th Wednesday 12-3pm. Pastor Les & Marita Thelander. www.onalaskaag.com. Email: onalaskaag@outlook.com.

**Vader Assembly of God**  
302 6th St., Vader. Pastor: Tracy Durham. Services: Sundays 10:30 am & 6 pm., Wednesdays 7 pm. 360-295-3756

**Winlock Assembly of God**  
706 SE First St. Winlock, WA, 360-785-3011, Sunday School 9:30am, Sunday Services 10:30am and 6pm, Wednesday mid-week service 6:00pm, Pastor Jared Hunt.

### BAPTIST

**Dayspring Baptist Church, SBC**  
2088 Jackson Hwy., Chehalis. Life Groups for all ages begins at 9:30 am. Worship begins at 10:45 am. Pastor Chris Kruger, 360-748-3401

**Dryad Community Baptist Church**  
112 Olive Street, Dryad, Wa., Bible Study for all ages: 10:00 am. Morning Worship: 11:00 am. Adult Discipleship 6:00 pm. 360-245-3383 or 509-230-6393

**Grace Baptist Church**  
Join us for Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning Worship 11:00 am. Sunday evenings 6:00 pm - Adult Bible Study & Bible Adventures for kids with stories, games and fun for ages preschool - 5th grade. Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7 pm. Pastor Anthony Hayden. 19136 Loganberry S.W., Rochester. For more information visit us at www.graceinrochester.org or call 360-273-9240.

### CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST

**Mountain View Baptist Church**  
1201 Belmont, Centralia. (1 block west of I-5 interchange on Harrison, right on Belmont) 360-736-1139. Pastor Bill Knepper. Sunday School (all ages) 9:45 am. Sunday Services: 8:30 & 11 am., Youth Group at 5 pm. AWANA, Wednesdays at 6:15 pm (Sept-Mar). passion4christ.org

### INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

**Centralia Bible Baptist Church**  
1511 S. Gold Street  
360-669-0113  
www.centraliabbc.org  
Pastor, Tim Shellenberger  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 am  
Wednesday in the Word: 7:00pm

**Faith Baptist Church, 360-740-0263**  
436 Coal Creek, Chehalis, www.fbc-wa.org  
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 am  
Children's Church/Morning Worship 10:30am  
Sunday 6 pm, Thursday Bible Study and Master's Club for kids— 7pm

**Napavine Baptist Church**  
Family Integrated Services  
104 2nd Ave SE, 360-262-3861  
Sunday 10am, 11am,  
Wednesday 7pm  
www.NapavineBaptist.com

### CALVARY CHAPEL

**Calvary Chapel**  
Services at Calvary Chapel, 2308 N. Pearl St., Centralia, WA. Sunday School: 11 am. Sunday Service 9:30 am. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer: 7 pm. An in-depth, verse by verse study of God's word. 360-827-3291

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

**St. Joseph Church**  
682 S.W. Cascade, Chehalis.  
Masses, Sat.- 5:00pm. Sun.- 10:30am  
Mass in Spanish: Sun.- 1:00pm  
Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30-4:30 pm  
45 minutes before daily Masses  
Father Jacob Maurer 360-748-4953

**St. Mary's Church**  
225 N. Washington, Centralia.  
Masses: Sun.- 8:30 am  
Father Jacob Maurer 360-748-4953

**St. Francis Xavier Mission**  
139 Spencer Rd., Toledo  
Saturday - 5:00 PM  
360-864-4126

**Sacred Heart Church**  
277 7th St. Morton  
Sun. - 10:45 AM  
360-496-5456

**St. Yves Mission**  
Harmony Rd., Harmony, WA  
360-496-5456

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

**First Church of Christ**  
Scientist, 89 NE Park St., Chehalis, Sunday School & Service 10:30 am, Wed. Service 7:00 pm. Nursery provided. Reading room hrs., Tues. & Thurs. 11am - 1pm (Except holidays).

### CHURCH OF GOD

**Onalaska First Church of God**  
Corner of Hwy. 508 & 3rd Ave.  
(360) 978-4161  
www.onalaskachurchofgod.com  
**Where Your Experience With Christ Makes You a Member.**  
Sunday School: 9:45 am; Morning Worship: 8:15 am and 11:00 am, **God accepts you the way you are and so do we**

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Centralia**, Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 am, 10:30 Worship Sunday: 2 pm. Wed. Bible Study: 6 pm, Thurs. Ladies' Class: 11 am Info. 736-9798. Corner of Plum & Buckner. **Toledo**, 300 St. Helens St., Toledo, Welcomes You! 10 am Sun. Bible Study, 11 am Worship, 6 pm Sun. Worship, 6 pm Wed. Bible Study, 11 am Tues. Adult Bible Class. (bag lunch at 12 noon) Evangelist John Gabberry, 360-274-8570

### COMMUNITY CHURCH



**Centralia Community Church**  
A community with people just like you!  
Sunday Services at 9:00 am (acoustic) & 10:30 am. Nursery care provided for both services. Classes for all ages also offered. Great programs throughout the week!  
Pastor Mark Fast, 3320 Borst Ave. (across from Centralia High School) 360-736-7606  
www.cccog.com.

**Cooks Hill Community Church**  
2400 Cooks Hill Road, Centralia, Pastor Mitch Dietz. Sunday Mornings: Worship Services at 9am & 10:30 am. (Sign language available at 10:30). Youth and Children's Sunday School Classes and Nursery 10:30 am. Call the church for more information at 360-736-6133 or check out our website at www.cookshillcc.org.

### EVANGELICAL CHURCH

**Adna Evangelical Church, 360-748-3569**  
Sunday: Bible Classes 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am, Midweek Small Groups, call for times. 115 Dieckman Rd., Chehalis. www.adnachurch.org

### EVANGELICAL FREE

**Central Bible Evangelical Free Church**  
2333 Sandra Ave. Centralia, WA 98531. 360-736-2061. Pastor: Randy Sortino. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Evening Worship, Sunday, 6:00 p.m., Venture Club-Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Saturday 7 am, Mens Fellowship breakfast. Call for more information.

### EPISCOPAL

**St. Timothy Episcopal Church**  
Sunday Schedule:  
• 8:00am & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
• 9:00am Bible Study  
• 9-11:30 am child care  
Wednesday, noon Eucharist & healing prayers  
Contact Church Office @ 360-748-8232  
Address: 1826 S.W. Snively Avenue, Chehalis.  
Web: StTimothyChehalis.org

### FOURSQUARE

**Chehalis Foursquare Church**  
990 NW State Ave., Chehalis. Pastor Armin Kast. Sunday Service: 10 am., with kids Sunday School, nursery provided. Wed. Night Prayer: 6:30-7:30 pm. Women's and Men's Bible Study. Everyone is welcome, come as you are. 360-748-4746

### INDEPENDENT

**Centralia Bible Chapel**  
209 N. Pearl St., Christ-centered, Bible-based ministry. Family Bible Hour & Sunday School, 11:00 am. Midweek prayer meeting, 6:45 pm. Wednesday, followed by Bible study at 7:30 pm. For more information, LeRoy Junker, 807-4633; John Martin, 360-736-4001.

**Faith Temple Word of Life**  
519 W. Cherry In Centralia. If you need a miracle, come. Pastor Larry Radach, 748-7916. Sunday School 10:15 am, morning worship, 11:00 am, Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible study 7:00 pm. Old-fashioned preaching & prayer for the sick. Everyone welcome. 330-2667 or 748-7916

**First Christian Church**  
Centralia, (Independent), Sunday Morning: Worship 10:00 am - 11:15 am with Nursery and Sunday School for Pre-school to 5th grade. Lead Pastor Brad Brenner. 1215 W. Main. 360-736-7655.  
www.centraliachristian.org.

### INDEPENDENT



**First Christian Church**  
Senior Minister, John Johnstone. Nursery and Sunday school 10:00 am. Sunday morning worship 11:00 am. Special needs adult ministry on 1st Monday 5 pm. 111 NW Prindle, 360-748-3702  
www.chehalischristian.org

### LUTHERAN

**Immanuel Lutheran Church ELCA**  
1209 N. Scheuber Road, Centralia. Pastor, Linda Nou, 360-736-9270, Sunday School 9am Adult Education 9am Sunday Worship 10am Fellowship following worship Confirmation Class 11:15am  
For more information: www.ilcentralia.org or email admin@ilcentralia.org

**Peace Lutheran Church & Preschool**  
Chehalis-LCMS, Bishop Rd. & Jackson Hwy. Worship Svc. 9:00 am, 10:30 Coffee Hour, Sun. School 11:00 am. Rev. v. Daniel Freeman 360-748-4108.

**St. John's Lutheran Church-ELCA**  
2190 Jackson Highway, Chehalis. Sunday school and adult study at 9:45; Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 am. Coffee/ fellowship follows the service. Pastor Matthew March. Office hours Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Phone: 360-748-4741. Website: www.stjohnschehalis.net.

**St. Marks Lutheran Church-LCMC**  
10000 Highway 12, Rochester. Adult Class 9:00 a.m. Sunday service 10:00 a.m. Fellowship follows service. Pastors: Greg Wightman and Lauren Macan-Wightman. Church phone: 360-273-9571. Web: www.lutheransonline.com/stmarksrochesterwa

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church -ELCA**  
379 State Rt. 505, Winlock, WA 98596. Youth and Adult Sunday School at 9:30 am. Elementary Age Sunday School during portion of worship time. Worship Service at 10:30 am, coffee and fellowship follow Sunday Worship. Pastor: Melissa Johnson (interim). For more info call the church office 360-785-3507.  
www.stpaulutheranwinlock.org

### METHODIST

**Centralia United Methodist Church**  
506 S. Washington. Rev. Tom Peterson. Worship: 11:00 a.m. All Welcome! 360-736-7311. www.centraliaumc.com

**Chehalis United Methodist Church**  
16 S. Market Blvd., Chehalis.  
Pastor: Rev. Karla Fredericksen. Worship will start at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome. Kids zone and childcare available during worship service. 9:30 a.m. adult classes with childcare provided. Church office 360-748-7334. chehalisumc.org

**Winlock United Methodist Church**  
107 SW Benton Ave., Winlock, WA. Pastor Susan Griggs leads worship at 10:00 a.m. Children attend Sunday School following the Children's Message, with childcare available during the church service. Fellowship follows at 10 a.m. All are welcome. 360-785-4241

### NAZARENE

**Centralia Church of the Nazarene**  
Loving Deeply, Serving Boldly  
Sunday School Hour at 9:00 a.m. Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. Exciting ministries throughout the week for all age groups with nursery care provided. Our church is a place to make new friends, a place to worship, learn and grow, a place to share life's blessings, and a place to find encouragement when weathering a storm. Everyone is welcome! Pastor Dave Bach 1119 W. First Street in Centralia, 360-736-9981

### NON-DENOMINATIONAL



**Life Center**  
Sunday Gathering at 10:30 am. 201 N. Rock Street | Centralia, 360-736-5898. Real Life. Real People. Real God. yourlifecenter.com



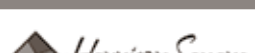
**New Beginnings Church**  
603 NW St. Helens Ave.  
PO Box 1164 Chehalis, WA. 98532  
360-748-7831 www.go2newbc.com  
Pastor Ken Rieper  
Sunday school begins at 9:30 am  
Worship & Celebration 10:30 am  
Wednesday SUMMIT 6:30-8 pm

**Claquato Cowboy Church**  
125 Water Street, Chehalis, WA 98532  
(360) 589-7892, Pastor Willow Martin  
Sunday Services at 10:30am and 12:30pm  
For more information, please check us out on Facebook.

### PENTECOSTAL CHURCHES

**Jesus Name Pentecostal Church of Chehalis**, 1582 Bishop Rd., Chehalis. Sunday Services: Prayer 9:45 am & 6:15 pm, Services: 10 am & 6:30pm. Wed. Services: Prayer 7:15 pm Service 7:30 pm. Anchor Youth Nite: Fri. 7:30 pm. Elder Bishop Burgess, Pastor Shannon Burgess. 360-748-4977 website: www.jnpc.org.

### PRESBYTERIAN



**Harrison Square Presbyterian Church**  
1227 Harrison Ave., Centralia. Pastor, Rev. Ralph Carr. Sundays: Worship Service 10:00 am; Children's Classes 10:00 am; Adult Class 9-9:45 am; Prayer Group 11:30 am. (360) 736-9996. Email: church@harrisonsquarepc.com. Web: www.harrisonsquarepc.com. A Joyful Noise Daycare at Harrison Square. Open 6 am-6 pm Mon.-Fri. Phone: 360-669-5052. Email: s.crownoverhspc@outlook.com.

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
349 N. Market Blvd., Chehalis.  
Pastor Ed Wegele. Sunday Services 10:00am with Children's Church and nursery care. For details, visit chehaliswpc.org or call 360-748-0091

### SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

**Seventh-day Adventist, Centralia**  
1607 Military Rd., 360-736-4262. Sabbath School 9:30 am, Church Service 10:45 am. Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:00 pm. Pastor Ira Bartolome

**Seventh Day Adventist, Chehalis** 120 Chilvers Rd, (2 miles west on Hwy. 6 at Exit 77). 360-748-4330. Pastor David Glenn. Service on Saturdays, Sabbath School 9:30 am, Worship Service 11:00 am.

### UNITY

**Center for Positive Living**  
A spiritual community open to seekers and believers on all paths to God. Sunday Service 10:00 am. 800 S. Pearl, Centralia. 360-330-5259. unitycentralia.com



# On Gardening: Florida Sunshine, Gold Lantern to the Woodland Garden

By Norman Winter  
Tribune News Service

If the frigid winter has you crying for some Florida sunshine, you are not alone. In the past few months, I have moved to Hamilton, Ga., and have been furiously planting hollies, camellias, conifers, and a few other select evergreens to start giving the bones to my new landscape. After days on end of high teens and low 20s, I couldn't be happier with Florida Sunshine a selection of the native *Illicium parviflorum* that was introduced by Plant Delights Nursery.

The shrub will reach 7 feet tall and 8 feet wide. The species has been known to reach close to 12 feet. Florida Sunshine was like brightly lit lanterns in the Shade Garden at the Costal Georgia Botanical Gardens in Savannah, and now in the hills (mountains to me) of Hamilton, Ga., they are just as dazzling.

Just imagine standing high on a deck and looking to the forest below and seeing accents of bright yellow gold to chartreuse colored foliage standing out amongst darker evergreens. Whether paired with hollies, azaleas, or camellias, Florida Sunshine will make them look better.

As I strolled down the hill to see how they were faring in the cold winter, I did notice the upper stems had taken on a red hue that adds another winning trait to this must-have plant. This species of anise comes from moist areas of Florida and Georgia but will look quite at home in woodland areas throughout zones 6-9. Florida Sunshine will also look striking as a hedge and will make a show as a thriller plant in a mixed container.

Place your Florida Sunshine in partial shade to shade; they abhor full sun. Prepare the soil by incorporating 3 to 4 inches of organic matter, and two pounds of a 5-10-5 fertilizer per 100



Florida Sunshine anise can reach 8 feet tall and as wide and is like a golden lantern in the woodland garden.

square feet of planting area, tilling deeply.

Dig the planting hole two to three times as wide as the rootball but no deeper. When you dig these large holes, you are opening the door to the fastest root expansion and establishment in your bed. Place the plant in the hole and backfill with soil to two-thirds the depth. Tamp the soil and water to settle, add the remaining backfill, repeat the process and apply mulch.

Keep in mind they have the potential of reaching 6 to 10 feet tall and 6 to 8 feet wide. Prune lightly anytime to shape and keep bushy. During the first year use a regular water regimen

and water deeply training the roots to go deep. Light watering trains the roots to establish at a shallow depth. Feed you Florida Sunshine with an azalea-camellia type fertilizer with the beginning of spring growth.

While some *Illicium* may be used for spice, this is NOT to be eaten. Thankfully you will not find this on the menu of the deer café either. While the blooms are inconsequential, the tiny seeds that may follow are reportedly eaten by birds. While it seems the winter will never end, I assure you spring is coming and when it arrives Florida Sunshine will make a terrific choice for your woodland garden.

Norman Winter / Tribune News Service

## ADVICE: Dear Abby

# Dating Starts To Cause Cracks In Circle of Three Best Friends

DEAR ABBY: I'm 18 and was best friends with "Sam" for two years until we started dating 10 months ago. It has been so much fun. He is the first person I have truly loved.



By Abigail Van Buren

When we first started dating we weren't exclusive, and he hooked up with my best friend. We all go to school together and see each other every day. Since then, I'm uncomfortable being around her.

I have expressed my feelings to Sam, but there's nothing we can do. I often feel hot and cold about our relationship and get close to breaking up with him. I have considered therapy, but my family can't afford it. What can I do so I don't hurt myself and him? — HURTING IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR HURTING: You didn't mention what you and this young man plan to do in the fall, but if it involves continuing your education, your paths may diverge at that time. In the meantime, you and Sam should be free to see others because, if your emotional needs were being met, you wouldn't be blowing hot and cold about the relationship.

DEAR ABBY: I started sucking my thumb when I was 1. My parents tried for years to break my bad habit, but it wasn't until I started going to slumber parties at 16 that I stopped.

I am now 27, and a few months ago I woke up with my thumb in my mouth. Since then I have caught myself sucking my thumb in the middle of the night. It seems to happen when I'm really tired.

I am now in a committed relationship and would die of embarrassment if my boyfriend saw me doing it. How can I stop once and for all? — WET THUMB IN THE SOUTH

DEAR W.T.: I have heard from other adults who suck their thumbs, so comfort yourself with the thought that it's not all that unusual.

One way to fix the problem would be to not allow yourself to get overly tired. Another would be to coat your thumbs with a bitter or bad-tasting substance at bedtime. (Some people find the taste of nail polish deters them from thumb-sucking.) You could also apply hand cream and wear cotton gloves to bed. However, if that doesn't do the trick, simply level with your boyfriend and ask him if it's a deal-breaker.

P.S. You were able to quit the habit for 11 years. Something triggered your return to it. Consider keeping a journal to identify what is going on before your thumb-sucking episodes so you can gain insight into what may be causing them.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at [www.Dear-Abby.com](http://www.Dear-Abby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

## Puzzle Three

# DAIRY PRODUCTION WORD SEARCH

O S R E D E E F M S C I T O I B I T N A  
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

## WORDS

- ACUTE
- ALFALFA
- ALLEY
- AMMONIA
- ANTIBIOTIC
- BEDDING
- BIOSECURITY
- BUCKET
- BULL
- BUNK
- CANNULA
- CATTLE
- CLOVER
- COLOSTRUM
- CONFINEMENT
- COW
- CULTURE
- CURD
- DAIRY
- DAM
- DENITRIFICATION
- FEEDERS
- FOOTBATH
- FORESTRIPPING
- HANDLERS
- HEIFER
- LETDOWN
- MANURE
- MILKING
- ORGANIC
- PARLOR
- PASTURE
- PEN
- SANITIZATION
- TEAT
- UDDER

## CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

- Solve the code to discover words related to mold. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 24 = s)
- A. 19 13 26 15 4 3  
Clue: Increasing in size
  - B. 21 26 22 24 4  
Clue: Damp
  - C. 2 18 13 19 20 9 24 24  
Clue: Without light
  - D. 5 23 20 19 22  
Clue: Spore-producing organism

Answers: A: growth B: moist C: darkness D: fungi

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to dairy.

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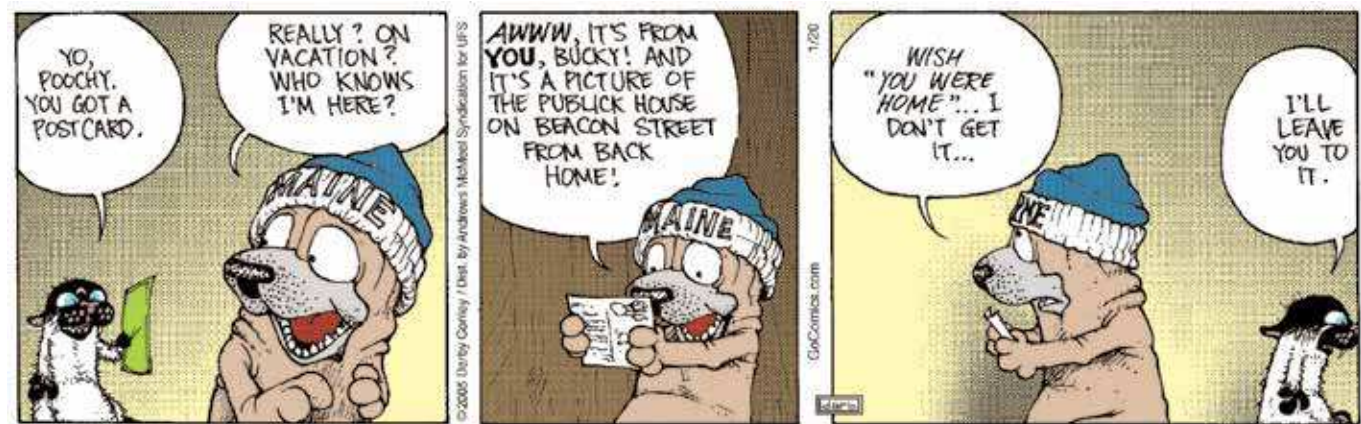
Answer: Cheese

## Guess Who?

I was born on September 2, 1964 in Lebanon. Before going into acting, I had a dream to be an Olympic hockey player for Canada, but was sidelined by a bad injury. I am best known for roles in "The Matrix" and "Point Break."

Answer: Keanu Reeves

GET FUZZY by Darby Conley



NON SEQUITUR by Wiley



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



HERMAN by Jim Unger



RHYMES WITH ORANGE by Hilary B. Price



DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham



DILBERT by Scott Adams



PICKLES by Brian Crane



WIZARD OF ID by Parker & Hart



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE by Lynn Johnston



CLASSIC PEANUTS by Charles Schulz



HI & LOIS by Greg & Brian Walker



BLONDIE by Dean Young & John Marshall



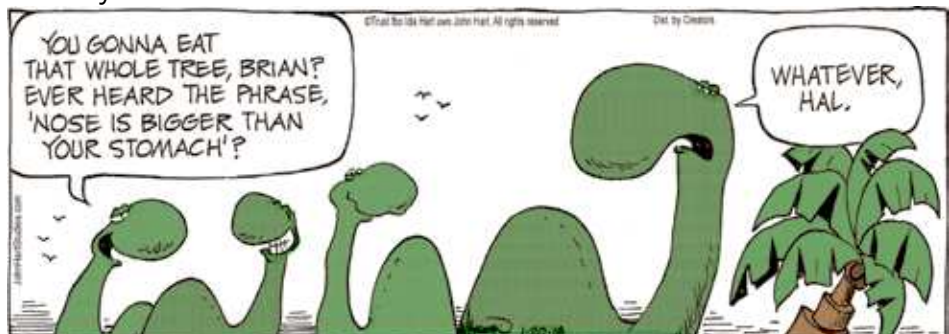
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FRANK & ERNEST by Bob Thaves



B.C. by Mastroianni & Hart



BEETLE BAILEY by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker



