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Lewis County Won't Consolidate 911 Services

EMERGENCIES: County Will Address 911 Issues Locally; Longstanding Distrust Remains

By Claudia Yaw
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Lewis County will not consolidate its 911 dispatch services with Thurston County 911 Communications (TCOMM), after a contracted study revealed no major cost benefits, no staffing efficiencies and little "political will" on either side.

Results from the study were

initially shared with county commissioners last November, but this week consulting firm DELTAWRX presented to local stakeholders their final recommendation: that the county should focus its resources on addressing its issues locally.

Now, with the merger off the

table, officials must figure out how to address what DELTAWRX found to be "severe staffing shortages" and "friction and distrust" between the county and local emergency response agencies.

Meanwhile, longstanding tensions have festered.

"We've been working on this for the past six years, working with the county for the past six years, and we've gotten nowhere in improving services or improving our rates in regards to that service," District

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Dismissal of Drug Charges Causes 'Fear,' 'Confusion' Among Recovering Users

SUPREME COURT DECISION: Law Enforcement Concerned Loss of Felony Drug Possession Statute Will Lead to Crime Increase

By Emily Fitzgerald
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One might think that having your felony charges dismissed would be a cause for celebration, but for members of Lewis County's Drug Court program, the atmosphere the day they learned of a recent state Supreme Court decision that meant Lewis County was dismissing their possession of a controlled substance charges was anything but celebratory.

"There were definitely a lot of emotions at the meeting with the participants who would be affected," said Drug Court Manager Stephanie Miller.

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Former Green Hill Staffer Indicted for Allegedly Smuggling Contraband



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Visitors are asked to leave all items in their vehicles "except keys, ID and money" one sign reads on the fence of the Green Hill School in Chehalis on Friday.

By The Chronicle staff

A former guard at the Green Hill School, a juvenile rehabilitation facility in Chehalis, was indicted late Wednesday by a federal grand jury for allegedly taking bribes in exchange for delivering contraband, including illegal drugs, into the facility.

According to the indictment filed in U.S. District Court, Julio W. Hayes began working as a guard at Green Hill School in November 2018 and allegedly began accepting bribes from

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Tessa M. Gorman
U.S. attorney

offenders or their family and friends in May 2019 for smuggling marijuana, iPhones, vape pens and chewing tobacco into

the facility. Hayes was allegedly paid in cash and via electronic payments such as Cash App and accepted more than \$11,000 be-

fore his employment was terminated in February 2020.

"This illegal conduct at a juvenile facility sends exactly the wrong message to young people trying to rehabilitate," said Acting U.S. Attorney Tessa M. Gorman. "This defendant demonstrated that for a price, he would defeat the restrictions at Green Hill School — restrictions that are aimed at maintaining safety, as well as helping youth return to a productive path. This case should serve as a warning to

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Inslee Announces Plan for Broader Vaccine Eligibility

MORE TIERS: Governor Acknowledges New Federal Directive on Vaccinating K-12 School Staff

By Rick Bannan

For The Chronicle

A greater number of Washingtonians are set to become eligible for COVID-19 vaccination in the coming weeks as Gov. Jay Inslee announced a tentative timeline for subsequent phases of dose administration Thursday.

During a press conference, Inslee laid out the timeline, which will see three more “tiers” of the state’s population become eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The news comes as the governor added educators from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade, school staff and licensed childcare workers to the current phase of vaccine eligibility earlier in the week, following a directive from President Joe Biden.

According to the tentative schedule Inslee provided, on March 22, the state is planning on entering the second tier of the current phase of vaccination priority, which includes critical workers in settings such as agriculture, food processing, grocery stores, public transit, corrections, fire protection, law enforcement and staff and volunteers in congregate living settings. Individuals 16 and older with a disability that puts them at higher risk or who are pregnant will also be covered in this tier.

On April 12, the next tier is anticipated to become eligible. That includes individuals 50 or older with two or more comorbidities, Inslee said. On April 26, individuals 16 and older with two or more comorbidities would become eligible, as well as individuals living in congregate settings, those experiencing



Gov. Jay Inslee visited Phantom Lake Elementary School in Bellevue to evaluate the potential of in-person learning.

homelessness, and those who live in or access congregate settings, according to governor’s office information.

Inslee said some examples of comorbidities including heart disease, cancer and diabetes, which could make an individual more vulnerable to COVID-19 complications.

The planning for entering the subsequent phases was based on the assumption that vaccine supply continued on the current trajectory, Inslee said, based on information from the White House, the state’s own vaccination team, and what pharmaceutical companies have told the state. He said that Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla gave “high confidence” that vaccine supplies would increase when the governor spoke with the company’s head earlier in the week.

Washington State Secretary of Health Umair Shah noted that now there were “three fantastic,

effective and safe vaccines” following the recent approval of a one-dose vaccine from Johnson & Johnson. He said that while the state moves into subsequent tiers of vaccination priority, those in prior phases should not feel left behind as the state begins to offer doses to more Washingtonians.

“Those individuals remain eligible for the vaccine, and today’s announcements do not change that,” Shah remarked, urging senior citizens in particular to continue to seek the vaccine while it becomes more available to other segments of the population.

Inslee also addressed the recent addition of K-12 school staff to its current vaccination eligibility phase. He said he disagreed with Biden’s directive, though he added that tentatively teachers would be included with the expanded tier of eligibility to go into effect March 22.

“The president made a different decision, and he issued a directive, and we followed it, as we should, and we are constitutionally-bound to do,” Inslee remarked.

He said he hoped the inclusion of educators and school staff in current vaccine eligibility would help to build confidence in returning to in-person instruction among districts statewide.

As to why he differed from Biden’s directive, Inslee explained that both the benefits of a return to in-person learning and the evidence that schools can reopen safely without mass vaccination of staff were greater than the risks of having unvaccinated staff.

Inslee said concerns shared by school district employees were understandable given that COVID-19 was a potentially deadly disease, noting his decision to close school buildings

“I’m from a family of teachers, and I can tell you I would never send a teacher into an unsafe working condition.”

Jay Inslee
governor

last March was an acknowledgment of that threat.

“What we know now is that we are fully capable of doing this (reopening on) a safe basis,” Inslee added, pointing to 1,400 schools across the state that have begun some sort of in-person learning with “very minimal” COVID-19 transmission in buildings. He said he has toured school districts statewide that have returned to some form of in-person instruction.

“What I’ve seen is educators who have been so innovative, so dynamic — they have torn their hair out trying to keep the attention of these eight and nine-year-olds to keep them focused on their learning,” Inslee said about remote learning efforts. “But there is a certainty, which is that our children are having learning loss because of the difficulties of remote learning.”

“I’m from a family of teachers,” Inslee remarked, noting his father, brother and siblings-in-law had all been teachers, “and I can tell you I would never send a teacher into an unsafe working condition.”

“Yes, it is difficult. It is logistically challenging. It takes people to cooperate with one another. But we know all of that can be done,” Inslee said.

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Greenwood Memorial Park Restoration to Be Complete This Summer

By **Celene Fitzgerald**

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The Greenwood Memorial Park has been a sore spot for the community as it was for years choked by overgrown vegetation and trash while not being maintained, but after action from the city of Centralia and state funding in 2019, the cemetery restoration process is on track to be completed by this summer.

"I'm encouraged because I know there are so many families around here that have loved ones buried in that cemetery," said Marveen Rohr, chair of the Greenwood Cemetery Restoration Committee. "I hope they have an opportunity to look at it now and they are feeling good about it, knowing that the project is not complete but that their loved ones are being honored."

In the cemetery, which is home to over 2,000 graves, the dead trees have been removed, the brush has been cut back, headstones were power washed, concrete vaults were repainted and over 300 broken vaults are currently being replaced.

"When you come into the main entrance, we want that to look really nice and people can come to the center area to park and go on out and do their visitation," Centralia City Manager Rob Hill said.

The remaining restoration work to replace the damaged vaults, restore the center area of the cemetery and landscape the area is on track to be completed this summer, Hill said.

Rohr, a Centralia native, has been volunteering to help get the cemetery back to a respectable condition for a couple of years now and is happy with the progress, she said.



Headstones are marked inside the Greenwood Memorial Cemetery in Centralia seen Friday.

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Rohr has family buried in Greenwood Memorial Park, so the overgrown and unkempt state of the cemetery was particularly upsetting.

"I, like others, was a concerned, interested citizen and I got involved because the cemetery had been allowed to go into disrepair that was absolutely unacceptable," Rohr said.

The members of the committee felt that the forebears of the city deserved to be buried somewhere respectable. Through the process, Rohr said, they learned some of Centralia's history as

they found graves from some who had fought in the Civil War.

Before the cemetery's records were found, finding the burial location of their loved ones was nearly impossible. The records were found, and the city had them cleaned and is in the process of organizing them. Access to the records will be available at an information kiosk in the center of the cemetery.

Rohr said they are still in the planning stages of restoring that area. They have found some old photos to help give them an idea of what it looked like years ago.

In years past, the center of the cemetery was a place for community members to gather on Veterans Day or Memorial Day to honor those buried at Greenwood.

"A cemetery is one of the most important assets a community has ... there's a lot of emotion tied to a place like that," Hill said.

Hill said he is glad the city was able to step in and help get the cemetery back to a respectable condition after decades of neglect.

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Rob Hill
Centralia city manager

"It has been a lot of work, but with the help of our city and the Washington state Legislature helping to get us funding to restore it, it's a very big project and it's coming along well and the progress is very significant," Rohr said.

The Greenwood Memorial Park is located at 1905 Johnson Road in Centralia.

The memorial park began falling into disrepair well over a decade ago as legal troubles mounted for former owner and sexton John Baker.

The cemetery was considered abandoned by the state in 2015 until the Washington Senate passed Engrossed House Bill 1801 by a 47-0 margin in April of 2019, granting Centralia access to the property and nearly \$500,000 in funding from the state capital budget to clean it up.

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Lewis County Seeks Volunteer for Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council

By The Chronicle staff

Lewis County commissioners are soliciting a volunteer to represent Lewis County on the Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council (LMTAAA).

LMTAAA is a government agency that manages, funds and advocates for services for the elderly and disabled.

Members of the advisory council meet once a month in Olympia, and have their mileage reimbursed. Members can serve up to three two-year terms.

Applications are due by 10 a.m. April 2 and can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3sWz8e>

Email applications to both committees@lewiscountywa.gov and cheryl.warriner@dshs.wa.gov with the subject line "LMTAAA."

More details can be found at www.lmtaaa.org/advisory-council.

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Further information about the SWA-imposter scheme,

Justice Department Warns About Fake Unemployment Benefit Websites

By The Chronicle staff

The United States Department of Justice has received reports that fraudsters are creating websites mimicking unemployment benefit websites, including state workforce agency (SWA) websites, for the purpose of unlawfully capturing consumers' personal information.

To lure consumers to these fake websites, fraudsters are reportedly sending spam text messages and emails purporting to be from an SWA and containing a link.

"The fake websites are designed to trick consumers into thinking they are applying for unemployment benefits and disclosing personally identifiable information and other sensitive data. That information can then be used by fraudsters to commit identity theft," the Department of Justice wrote in a press release Thursday.

Unless it's from a known and verified source, consumers are advised not to click on links in text messages or emails claiming to be from SWA and offering the opportunity to apply for unemployment insurance benefits. Instead, anyone needing to apply for unemployment benefits

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Local Mortuary Works to Make Difficult Times More Bearable

NEWELL-HOERLING'S MORTUARY: *Business Has Been in Continuous Operation Since 1907*

By **Celene Fitzgerald**
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Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary in Centralia has been providing funeral services to the community for over a century. The family-owned business provides guidance to families during difficult times.

The mortuary has been in continuous operation at its present location on Pine Street since its establishment in 1907 when it was known as the Newell Undertaking Company. The business was purchased from the Hoerlings by its current owners, the Weeks family, in 2012.

Following a death, the mortuary dispatches their removal team to pick up the body. Then, an office manager and funeral director meet with the family to discuss their wishes for burial or cremation as well as memorial and cemetery arrangements.

Michelle LaPlaut Hayes, who has been working with funeral homes for about a decade, makes arrangements for a death certificate, contacts the Social Security Administration, arranges for flowers to be delivered and helps with any of the family's wishes.

"We're there for the family every step of the way because it's very emotional and you're not thinking clearly when someone dies. It's good to have that professional person to guide you," Hayes said.

The mortuary staff also helps people through the grieving process and provides resources and information about how to deal with the emotional experience of losing a loved one.

"I always ask people, 'do you have a good support system or have someone to talk to?' If not, I tell them to call us and we will help them through this because it's really hard on people," Hayes said.

Rebecca Harris, a funeral director with Newell-Hoerling's, earned her associate's degree in funeral services and has been a licensed funeral director and embalmer for about a year now.

Harris decided to get into the funeral business because she wanted to help people and because it's not a job that many people are interested in doing.

"I thought this is a really good way to help people and make their days a little bit better during hard times," she said.

Harris meets with families to determine the funeral arrange-



Rebecca Harris, a licensed funeral director and embalmer, talks about her job in front of display caskets at the Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary on Wednesday in Centralia.

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Michelle LaPlaut Hayes
office manager

ments and embalms and prepares the body for viewings by dressing, casketing and applying makeup to the deceased.

Harris said that one of the rewarding parts of the job is giving people the peace of mind to know that everything is being taken care of.

"Sometimes people are really emotional if the death was unexpected and it is challenging trying to hold your own composure and not cry with them," Harris



Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary is located at 205 West Pine St. in Centralia.

said. "I definitely lost quite a few people and friends, so I can definitely relate to how they're feeling. Obviously, you have to keep things separate, or else you'll fall into a space of being sad all the time, but I try to be there for them."

Hayes and Harris agreed that working at a mortuary and being so close to death on a daily basis reminds them to make the most of life.

"It really makes you think about your own mortality and it really makes you realize that

you need to love everyone every day and appreciate every day that you have," Hayes said.

Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary has a showroom on the upper floor of the building for casket and urn options for families to choose from. They also offer "pre-planning" services for people who would like to plan for their death and pay for all of the related costs ahead of time.

More information about Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary, located on 205 W. Pine St. in Centralia, and its services can be

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Lewis County Public Health Reports Nine COVID-19 Cases Wednesday, Thursday

By The Chronicle staff

Lewis County Public Health and Social Services reported nine new COVID-19 cases Wednesday through Thursday, as well as 21 "probable" cases from antigen tests.

Of those nine new cases, one person is in their 20s, three are in their 30s, one is in their 40s, one is in their 60s, two are in their 70s and one is 80 or older. The county's total confirmed case count is at 3,259. Its death toll remains at 50.

Residents can sign up for email announcements about COVID-19 in the county, including upcoming clinics at <http://eepurl.com/gVWaTH>.

Information regarding future clinics — including some expected to be scheduled for next week — will be announced in coming days. To see if you're eligible for a vaccine go to the state Department of Health's Phase Finder site.

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CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Vehicle Prowls

- Tools were reported stolen from a vehicle in the 1600 block of Cooks Hill Road just before 11:10 a.m. on March 3.
- Just after 10:50 a.m. on March 4, a victim reported that their vehicle registration certificate was stolen from the 1200 block of Alder Street.

Assaults

- Kristy A. Price, 40, of Centralia, was arrested just after 12:10 p.m. on March 4 in the 1100 block of Harrison Avenue and booked into the Lewis County Jail for alleged fourth-degree assault.
- Bonita L. Williams, 40, transient address, was arrested at 11:30 p.m. on March 3 in the 700 block of Harrison Avenue and booked into the Lewis County Jail for alleged fourth-degree assault.

Crashes

- A non-injury, two-vehicle collision was reported in the 1100 block of South Gold Street just after 11:15 a.m. on March 3.
- A non-injury, three-vehicle collision was reported in the 600 block of Harrison Avenue just before 3:10 p.m. on March 3.
- A non-injury, two-vehicle collision was reported in the 1100 block of View Avenue at 4:25 p.m. on March 3.
- A non-injury, two-vehicle collision was reported in the 1300 block of South Gold Street at 12:45 p.m. on March 4.
- A non-injury, two-vehicle collision was reported in a parking lot in the 900 block of South Scheuber Road at 3:35 p.m. on March 4.

Theft and Burglary

- Tools were reported stolen from a building in the 800 block of Harrison Avenue at 12:45 p.m. on March 3.
- Shoes were reported stolen from the 1300 block of Lum Road at 3:35 p.m. on March 4.

Arrest on Noise Complaint

- A Centralia woman was arrested for violating the Centralia Municipal Code noise ordinance after she allegedly intentionally sounded the horn on her vehicle "to try and disturb neighbors" in the 2100 block of North Pearl Street just before 12:15 a.m. on March 5. Police reported that they gave her a verbal warning the first time they were called to her residence, issued an infraction the second time, and placed her under arrest the third time they were called in the same night.

CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT Vehicle Prowl

- A vehicle prowl reported in the 100 block of Southwest Second Avenue just before 10:40 a.m. on March 4 is under investigation.

Theft and Burglary

- A firearm was reported stolen from the 2500 block of North National Avenue at 8:45 a.m. on March 3. The caller reported that he saw a "homeless person" on the property and claimed he got into the trash and into a custom-

Death Notices

- **WILLIAM JEWELL**, 69, Chehalis, died March 2 in Chehalis. A celebration of life will be held at Cedar Hill Acres (21903 Zenkner Valley Road SW, Centralia) at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14. Arrangements under the direction of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary.
- **CHARLES SVEREE HENDRICKSEN**, 82, Chehalis, died March 2 at home. Arrangements are under the care of Funeral Alternatives of Washington.
- **NOBLE ERNEST BLANCHARD**, 91, Oakville, died March 2 in Oakville. A graveside service will be held 2 p.m. March 12 at Grand Mound Cemetery. Arrangements under the direction of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary.
- **ARNO JAY CHAPMAN**, 83, Chehalis, died March 2 at Tacoma General Hospital. Arrangements are under the care of Catermole Funeral Home, Winlock.
- **CLARA SUE PICKENS**, 91, Chehalis, died March 2 at Chehalis West Assisted Living. Arrangements are under the care of Sticklin Funeral Chapel.

er's vehicle.

- A third-degree theft reported in the 300 block of North Market Boulevard just after 11:20 a.m. on March 4 is under investigation.
- An attempted theft reported in the 1000 block of Northwest Maryland Avenue just before 5:30 a.m. on March 5 is under investigation.

No Place to Stay

- At 2:15 a.m., police received

a report of a burglary in the 1700 block of Northeast Kresky Avenue, but the business owner later reported that she'd received a call from her son, who said "he broke into the business because he didn't have a place to stay." No arrests were made.

Crash

- A non-injury, two-vehicle collision was reported at the intersection of Northwest State Avenue and Northwest Chamber of

Commerce Way at 12:30 p.m. on March 4.

Flaming Baked Goods

- Yaitt S. Murphy-Voie, 19, transient, was booked into the Lewis County Jail at 6:50 a.m. on March 4 on one count each of second-degree arson and second-degree burglary after he allegedly broke into a business in the 1500 block of North National

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Sharon Ferrier

1941 ~ 2021

Sharon Kaye Ferrier, 79, of Chehalis, Wash., passed away peacefully surrounded by family members, Monday, Feb. 22, 2021, at Providence Centralia Hospital. The daughter of a Naval serviceman, Sharon was born in Wichita, Kan., Oct. 26, 1941, to Les and Loretta Wallace. Sharon, with her parents, moved to San Leandro, Calif., when she was two.

Sharon graduated from San Leandro High School in June of 1959. In October of that same year Sharon would take a momentous train ride that would change the rest of her life. Sharon would be approached by a dashing young man returning to his home in Chehalis following a two year stint in the United States Navy. That handsome young man asked Sharon if he could sit next to her on the train. By the end of that 18 hour long train ride to Portland, Sharon would be engaged to James Ferrier.

A love story and marriage that lasted over 60 years, Sharon and Jim would marry June 26th, 1960. Sharon and Jim decided to live and begin their family in Fremont, Calif. During their 14 years in California, Jim and Sharon would have four children, all boys, Jim, Darren, Eric, and Craig. Searching for a better place to raise their boys, Sharon and Jim moved to Chehalis in 1974, where they have been ever since. An incredible mother and wife, Sharon never missed a son's sporting event or choir concert while at the same time running a hectic household and working one of her many local jobs.

Sharon was extremely proud of the 20 plus years she spent working as the administrative assistant for the Chehalis Parks Department. Sharon ran a tight ship and was dedicated to making a difference for Chehalis. Sharon considered the people she worked with her extended family. Small in stature but large in presence, Sharon ran her home with love and compassion yet with a firm hand (along with the help of a large and sturdy wooden spoon). Sharon devoted herself to her family and work. She will be missed greatly but her spirit remains alive and well within the hearts of us all.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, Les and



Loretta Wallace.

Sharon is survived by her husband, James; and four boys, Jim (Jamie), Darren (Tammy), Eric (Dana), and Craig (Angie). Sharon is also survived by 11 grandchildren, Kevan (Megan), Kendra, Kamryn, Kayli (Dakota), Abbey (Peter), Logan, Taylor (Devin), Jake (Yessenia), Alex, Nolan, and Owen; and eight great-grandchildren, Lyndie, Conrad, Clark, Archer, Atticus, Elijah, Hudson, Roman, and soon to be Ada and Evangeline. Sharon is also survived by her brother, Marlin Wallace (Lisa); and their children, Matthew, Leah, and David. Sharon leaves behind a chosen son, Bud Zunino (Beth); and a chosen grandson, Gabe Sheets.

Please follow proper guidelines for COVID-19 and join us for Sharon's celebration of life at Bethel Church at 1 p.m., Sunday, March 14, 2021.

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In Loving Memory Of

WAYNE F. ANDERSON



and set them up with the tools of the trade. That company grew to multiple other companies, which were incorporated in 1977. Wayne started out building custom homes, then decided that he liked playing in the dirt more. In 1980, he added heavy equipment construction, which led to him expanding his horizons with Weyerhaeuser working road construction, dredging, and building highways and bridges.

Wayne had a beautiful farm and raised Donaldson Trout. He developed the Ye Old Fishing Hole, which was located where the Hamilton sign stands today. When the sign needed to be moved to its present location, he worked with others to make that happen. He retired in the late 1990's, but soon went back to work for some of his previous competitors, enjoying his time with Stellar J, Quigg Brothers, and finally, Sterling Breen Crushing. He really loved playing in the dirt!

After two marriages, Wayne finally found his life partner, Diana. Both survived tragic losses in their lives and became a couple. They'd already been friends for 10 years, and five years after they'd begun dating, were married Aug. 27, 2005. They spent the last 20 years traveling to Alaska, Mexico, Maui, Florida and the Panama Canal, fishing and enjoying life. They worked together to start North Fork Custom Rods in 2009, specializing in quality custom fishing rods and custom laser engraving. They started North Fork Custom Rod Fish Camp many years ago, hosting a large event each August at their property in Long Beach. Many friends, family, guides, clients, and suppliers were always invited. Diana will continue to honor his legacy through the business.

He was a member of the Chehalis Eagles, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Moose Lodge.

Wayne will be greatly missed by his wife, Diana; daughter, Jennifer (Bill) Tietzel; son, Scott Anderson; grandson, Blake Tietzel; granddaughter, Briana (Jay) Yue; stepdaughters, Amber (Rick) Bevacqua and Rebecca (Noel) Ramirez; step-grandchildren, Evan, Aspen, and Dyson; great-grandchild, Sawyer; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Sandra M. Kehoe; and several aunts and uncles.

A celebration of Wayne's life will be held at May 1, 2021, at the Old Mill Farm, 318 Kruger Rd., Onalaska, WA 98570. Private inurnment will take place at Claquato Cemetery in Chehalis at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the following charities: Lewis County Veterans Museum, Youth Outdoors unlimited, or the Lewis County Animal Shelter.

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Abbarno's Push to Curb Encampments' Waste Discharge Fails in House

By The Chronicle staff

After state Rep. Peter Abbarno's bill to redirect RV waste discharge away from local waterways died in the House, his attempt to pass the initiative via an amendment to a housing bill was also shot down this week.

Abbarno's quest to redirect wastewater is paired with a push to prohibit encampments, including RV encampments, that do not have proper on-site dis-

charge amenities and where human waste has instead been dumped directly into the environment or local waterways.

On the House floor, Abbarno introduced that language as an amendment to House Bill 1220, which directs local jurisdictions to focus on affordable housing, emergency housing, shelters and permanent supportive housing in their comprehensive planning efforts. The legislation would

update the Growth Management Act to require jurisdictions to address those housing issues, establish anti-displacement policies and plan with the goal to get and keep individuals housed.

The newly-elected Republican from Centralia said his amendment "stems from what I believe is a need to protect the environment, protect our drinking water, fish habitat and people who are staying in these emergency shelters."

Without proper amenities to prevent human waste from getting into Lewis County's "critical aquifer," Abbarno said some emergency encampments "should be prohibited."

Abbarno has pointed specifically to situations like the Mellen Street Park and Ride, where an RV encampment popped up last year. Officials pointed to sanita-

tion issues and residents were ultimately pushed off the property.

Democrat Strom Peterson opposed Abbarno's amendment on the floor, saying the type of planning the bill directs local jurisdictions to do includes issues like waste discharge.

"That's really what we're asking our local cities and municipalities to do," he said.

Additionally, Peterson said sites like the Mellen Street encampment will hopefully, with the help of HB 1220, "be a way of the past and not a way of the future."

"I'm disappointed in the vote, but I will continue to work to ensure we can provide better options that prevent contamination of drinking water," Abbarno said in a press release.

HB 1220 passed from the House and now heads to the Senate.

Sirens

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Avenue, put baked goods in the oven and lit them on fire, then left and allegedly broke into a business in the 1600 block of North National Avenue.

Possible Domestic Violence

• Just before 5:40 p.m. on March 4, a caller reported that a woman with blood on her shirt came to their front door in the 300 block of Southwest 3rd Street claiming a case of domestic violence. The caller reported that the alleged subjects "smashed the window with a 2-year-old inside" before leaving. The woman left the baby with the caller before leaving for the hospital.

Men With Baseball Bats

• Just after 10 p.m. on March 4, a caller reported that four or five men with baseball bats were tapping windows and sitting on the stairs of their residence in the 1400 block of Northwest Airport Road and advised police "if they come back, he will kill them." No arrests were made.

LEWIS COUNTY JAIL STATISTICS

As of Friday morning, the Lewis County Jail had a total system population of 137 inmates, including 126 in the general population and 11 in the Work Ethic and Restitution Center. Of general population inmates, 109 were male and 17 were female. All WERC inmates were male.

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

In Loving Memory Of

DANIEL GHERE

1944 ~ 2020



Daniel Colin Ghere, 75, passed away peacefully Oct. 21, 2020, at Olympic Medical Center in Port Angeles. He was born Dec. 29, 1944, to Norman and Ann (Shock) Ghere in Chehalis, Wash. Dan remained in the Boistfort Valley after graduating from Boistfort High School in 1963.

Dan met Lisa Wollen while attending Centralia College, and they married in 1965. Dan was drafted into the United States Marine Corps that same year where he served 14 months in Vietnam. He returned home and worked at Kraft Foods for a few years before welcoming a son, Sean, in 1971. Shortly after Sean was born, Dan went to work for Graystone. The company was bought out by Cascade Materials and Dan managed the Centralia branch until 1990. Dan and Lisa divorced in 1983.

He met Cheryl Shute in 1986, and they wed in 1987. They welcomed a daughter, Kelsey, that same year, and in 1989, another daughter, Lacy, followed. The family moved to Sequim, Wash., in 1990, where Dan became the manager for Blake Sand and Gravel for 18 years. He retired from the company in 2008, but worked part time for The Quarry to keep him busy. He officially retired in 2017. Dan enjoyed his years loving sports, growing the family garden, and making his yard "golf course perfect". His passion was cars, more specifically Corvettes. Dan entered into quite a few parades and car shows, and would go on yearly car cruises with his brother, traveling as far as South Dakota.

Dan is survived by his son, Sean (Stacey) Ghere of Chehalis; daughters, Kelsey (Josh) Chapman and Lacy (Derek) Thompson, both of Sequim; grandchildren, Emma, Olivia, Tessa, Sophia, Jordan, Hailie, and Kynsie; and siblings, David Ghere, Dale (Pat) Fiedler, Gwen (Jim) Barr, Sandy (Larry) Lusk, and Debbie (Lon) Sander.

Dan was preceded in death by his wife of 28 years, Cheryl; his mother, Ann Beaber; and his father, Norman Ghere.

Due to COVID-19, a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

GEORGE MCNELLY

1994 ~ 2020

George G. McNelly was called home to Heaven Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021. He was born in Olympia, Wash., Jan. 3, 1943, to George R. and Virginia (Berdine) McNelly. He had five siblings, Denis McNelly, Joel (Cathleen) McNelly, Howie (Annie) McNelly, Kathleen (John) Taylor, and Eileen McNelly, and numerous nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews, that he loved to spend time with.

George, also known as "Buzz", had great memories of growing up in Winlock, Wash. He told stories of earning money for extras by picking strawberries, peeling bark, harvesting timber cone for seed, collecting scrap metal, mowing lawns, etc. He said his parents taught them to earn their "own stuff".

After graduation, he attended Saint Martin's University while working part time. George enjoyed a long banking career and retired in 2009. He spent many hours during his retirement working on his tree farms, restoring a vintage motorcycle, visiting and reminiscing with friends, cutting wood, and faithfully watching Jeopardy.

Although George and Anne (Fosse) celebrated



their 40th anniversary at home due to COVID-19, not all anniversaries were so uneventful. One of George's fondest memories was their 25th anniversary trip to New Brunswick where he was able to explore his familial roots. They were blessed with two daughters, Megan and Leigh. George's eyes always lit up talking about his girls and he always made sure his family was taken care of first... every time.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 6, 2021, at Fern Hill Cemetery in Menlo, Wash. Arrangements are in care of Stoller's Mortuary in Raymond, Wash. You may visit www.StollersMortuary.com to leave condolences for the family.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Rosemary Ragan



of you know, our mom spent many of her years caring for others and provided comfort to many people at the end of their lives, we tried very hard to make our mom proud and take care of her the same way. She took a turn for the worse Monday and we never left her side as we prayed, reminiscing of her and all of our memories and playing her favorite songs for her. Even til the very end she managed to tell everyone how much she loved us. Thank you for all of the love, support and prayers you have given to her and our family".

Rosemary was preceded in death by her father, Alfred; sister, Patti Vermilyea; and brother, Clay Fitzgerald.

She is loved and missed by her husband, Don Ragan; daughters, Amy (Alfie) Buckmaster, Genny (Michael) Coleman, and Tina (Frank) Nelson; son, Jim Deskins; adopted daughter, Rosemary Ragan; grandchildren, Courtney, Kane, Kayla, Tyler, Kaila, Mikey, Mackenzie, Dyllon, Reese, Carter, Zackary, Taylor, Bruce, and Tristan; one great-granddaughter, Gracie; mother, Patricia Fenwick; brothers, Curtis Fitzgerald and Chris (Lisa) Fitzgerald; sisters, Cara (Tom) Nicholas and Diana (Lynn) Aldritch; special cousins, Sandy Crawford and Kitty Filbin; and best friends, Bonnie Kinney and Dede Witters.

A celebration of Rosemary's life will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, March 18, 2021, at Bethel Church, 132 Kirkland Rd., Chehalis, WA 98532.

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Rosemary Ragan, 64, passed away peacefully at her Chehalis, Wash., home Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021, with her family by her side. Rosemary was born March 18, 1956, in Centralia, Wash., to Alfred and Patricia (Fenwick) Justice.

Rosemary was a faithful, kind, and loving woman who was always there for her family. Her mother, Pat, describes her as "a daughter that went above and beyond" and "a loving servant". Granddaughter Courtney says that her Grandma had the magic of making all the grandkids feel special, like they were one of a kind. Grandma patiently cared for others and made sure their needs were met.

Her family posted the following on Facebook, "This morning at 1 a.m., our mom, Rosemary Justice Ragan, very peacefully passed away surrounded by her family. Our mom fought so hard when she found out she had lung cancer in 2017, on February 5 she found out her cancer had metastasized to her spinal fluid and only had weeks left. Since that time she has been surrounded by numerous loved ones. As many

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Why Did County's State Representatives Oppose Retail Broadband Bill?

LEGISLATURE: Local
Lawmakers Cite Concerns Over Potential Unfair Competition With Private Providers

By Claudia Yaw
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A bill enabling public utility districts (PUDs) and port districts to provide broadband internet directly to Washingtonians received broad support from many in Lewis County earlier this year. Representatives from the Port of Chehalis, Valley View Health Center, Lewis County PUD and the Board of County Commissioners all argued that broadband should be treated like a utility, and that the bill would be a game changer for rural communities.

Legislature 2021



So why did all four District 19 and District 20 representatives vote against the legislation?

Supporters of House Bill 1336 have argued that private industry had its shot to serve rural customers and have so far failed. They've also pointed to the 1930s, when Washington similarly gave PUDs the ability to provide electricity directly to customers after private industry struggled to connect rural communities.

But for Rep. Peter Abbarno, R-Centralia, his "no" vote stemmed from concerns over "unfair competition" where PUDs could have an advantage over private telecommunication companies.

"There are a lot of small telecommunication businesses that are doing amazing work in our community, and I believe that supporting their work and supporting the work of PUDs and infrastructure should be the focus," he said in a floor debate last month, before the bill was passed to the Senate, with five Republicans crossing party lines.

The first-term representative argued that building the infrastructure should be the state's priority, and that giving retail authority to local public entities "is a second and third phase, if we do reach that phase."

The notion that private companies are on their way to solving what has repeatedly been billed as a crisis in rural Washington is contested. Port of Chehalis CEO Randy Mueller, for example, told lawmakers in public testimony that "if there was a profit to be made, we all know (private industry) would have gone and made that profit by now."

But Abbarno disagrees. "I don't know if I would say private industry has had their shot," he said Thursday. "I think there's going to be a lot of opportunity for everyone to have a role in the broadband arena."

In the next year or two, Abbarno expects a major influx of state funds to expand broadband infrastructure, at which point the private or public sector could begin providing service to rural, isolated households. The difference this year, he said, is that "for the first time in a long time, everyone's focusing on rural broadband."

Applications Open for Fire District 17 Board of Commissioners Vacancy

By The Chronicle staff

Residents in the Paradise area east of Mineral can now apply to fill a vacancy on Fire District 17's Board of Commissioners.

Individuals are eligible if they live within the district's boundaries (which can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3kN2xMU>) and are a registered voter.

Applications are due by 10 a.m. April 2, and can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3uZr5XF/>.

Submit applications to committees@lewiscountywa.gov, in person at the Lewis County Courthouse in Chehalis or by mail to 351 N.W. North St., Chehalis, WA 98532.



Rep. Peter Abbarno
R-Centralia

"I don't know if I would say private industry has had their shot. I think there's going to be a lot of opportunity for everyone to have a role in the broadband arena."

In public testimony, some PUD managers told lawmakers that HB 1336 would allow local governments to build out that infrastructure by freeing up federal funding. But from Abbarno's perspective, that may be "putting the cart before the horse."

"I mean, I don't think anybody knows what's coming from the federal side ... I can't comment on whether or not it's going to

unlock (federal funding) or not. I hope it does," he said.

Abbarno's counterpart, Rep. Ed Orcutt, R-Kalama, has similar concerns about allowing local governments to compete with the private sector.

"I've heard from a lot of constituents over the years ... who have said 'no, we don't want government doing this, this should be done by the private sector,'"

he said, pointing to ToledoTel as one success story in the private sector.

PUDs assuming they can build out broadband infrastructure, Orcutt argued, is unrealistic. Additionally, he fears that HB 1336 could lead to public entities competing with each other. Under the bill, port districts would also be given retail authority.

"Where are the protections in the bill to prevent that from happening?" he said.

In District 19, Rep. Jim Walsh, R-Aberdeen said his "no" vote was due to his support for a different, better bill in the Senate — SB 5383.

The legislation has already been lobbed over to the House, having received bipartisan sup-

port, and would do something similar to HB 1336, with one key difference: a challenge process would be provided to private companies.

Telecommunication companies could be given 30 days to object to a PUD project if they believe it would "result in overbuild."

While opponents balked at the challenge process, equating it to a veto power, Walsh contends it would provide a "check and balance."

"I think the Senate bill describes a much more market-responsive path," he said. "It's likely to keep the projects that are undertaken more cost-effective or efficient by having that option there."



Rep. Ed Orcutt
R-Kalama



Rep. Jim Walsh
R-Aberdeen

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Impressive Successes for Fish Enhancement, Flood Reduction

By The Chronicle Editorial Board

Our Views

A century of fighting between advocates for fish and flood control led nowhere.

Meanwhile, the fish were in decline and the five largest floods on record have occurred in the 35 years. Starting in 2012, fighting turned to listening and then collaboration. Since then, because of the Chehalis Basin Process, more than 100 local fish or flood projects have been completed on time and in many cases under budget.

Aquatic Species Recovery Plan

The Chehalis Basin effort has produced the first ever basin-wide Aquatic Species Recovery Plan (ASRP). The plan is developed and is underway. Already more than 160 miles of blocked streams have been opened to migrating salmon and other aquatic species. Miles of habitat have also been enhanced through cooperation with local landowners and funding through the Office

of Chehalis Basin.

Before the Chehalis Basin Process, fish habitat projects were often small, volunteer efforts or the result of an occasional federal or state grant of \$100,000 to restore part of one site here or there.

The efforts were laudable but they were so small and so random that they made almost no impact on the declining fishery. Since the collaboration between the participants in the Chehalis Basin Process, more than \$70 million has been dedicated to the development and implementation of the integrated, strategic ASRP.

The long-term plan calls for the restoration of hundreds of miles of habitat. The best science says that the ASRP is the only way to preserve and enhance the Chehalis Basin fishery in the face of a changing climate and human development in the basin.

Local flood projects

More than 50 local flood projects have been completed, benefitting every community along the river. Here's a review of these successes starting upstream and moving down:

In the upper Chehalis River, the town of Pe Ell's then-new sewer treatment plant was flooded in 2007, with over \$1 million in damage sustained and the effluent mixing with the floodwater moving downstream. Thanks to the Chehalis Basin Process, there is a high dike protecting that plant from future flooding. In Boistfort, the water treatment facility that serves 2,000 local families was flooded and put out of commission for several weeks. Now, new settling ponds will allow the Boistfort Valley system to restart sooner after the next flood. In Adna, the levee blew out during the 2007 flood and caused homes and schools to flood and put lives in danger. The old levee has been replaced and repaired with a modern levee

designed to allow moderate flows through while directing enormous flood flows to remain in the river channel.

In 1943, the federal government built the Chehalis-Centralia Airport levee with very little maintenance done in the decades that followed. A sudden failure of that levee would drown drivers on I-5 as well as people in the retail stores near the airport.

The Chehalis Basin Process funded a widening and strengthening of the levee. Local people in Centralia this winter have commented that the China Creek Project, which holds water upstream longer during floods, has reduced the flooding in downtown Centralia. In Bucoda, the city's water intake facility is now protected by a dike.

In Montesano, the erosion of the river bank threatened the mill that is the city's largest employer.

Now the mill is protected and work is underway to save

Montesano's treatment plant.

In Cosmopolis, the 2007 flood washed out the Mill Creek dam, threatening neighborhoods in that community. The old fish-blocking dam has been replaced with a project that opens fish habitat and protects the community from major flooding. Both Hoquiam and Aberdeen have had vital pump stations upgraded, which will lessen the impacts of flooding.

All of this work to restore the basin fishery and to protect communities from localized flood impact has happened because of a collaborative effort including the Quinault Indian Nation and the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation as well as local governments and community leaders across the basin teaming up with legislators from both parties and the governor.

Big issues remain to be resolved. But it is worth remembering how much solid work has already been done.

COMMENTARY: Pressing Thoughts

Thank GOP Legislators for Blocking Ban on Use of K-9s and Tear Gas

Last Saturday, a bill to restrict law enforcement activities and their use of equipment passed out of the state House of Representatives on a partisan 54-43 vote, with most Republicans opposing the measure.

House Bill 1054 would prohibit police from using chokeholds and neck restraints. It would also place a ban on police agencies from acquiring military equipment, and require all uniformed officers to wear easily seen identification. The bill would end "no-knock" warrants.

Before Republican pressure and amendments, the original bill went so far as to ban the use of police dogs and tear gas. Still, even with the amendments, Republicans turned their noses up against HB 1054.

I can get behind the ban on using a chokehold, where an officer intentionally uses direct pressure to a person's windpipe to restrict air flow. Neck restraint is where pressure is applied to the neck to constrict blood flow. That also is inappropriate.

In appeasing the Republicans, the Democrats have included a criminal justice training commission to come up with a model policy for the training and use of K-9s. The commission would be composed of various police accountability activists and police agency personnel. The commission would be tasked with finishing its model policy by Jan. 1, 2022.

That is a reasonable request.

HB 1054 also tackles the use of tear gas only when there is the risk of serious harm via a riot, barricaded subject or hostage. Tear gas could only be used if all other tactics have been exhausted. That seems reasonable, but I would like to hear more pros and cons on the issue.

The bill would also ban police agencies from acquiring and using military equipment "such as firearms and ammunition of .50 caliber or greater, machine guns, armed helicopters, armed or armored drones, armed vessels, armed vehicles, armed aircraft, tanks, mine resistant ambush protected vehicles, long range acoustic hailing devices, rockets, rocket launchers, bayonets, grenades, missiles, directed energy systems, and electromagnetic spectrum weapons."

That also seems somewhat reasonable, but with our country on edge these days, I could make a case for urban police agency SWAT teams to acquire some limited military equipment.

Another aspect of HB 1054 would regulate police and car chases. Limited allowable chases would include going after a car where someone is suspected of committing a violent or sex offense; if the officer has received authorization to pursue a vehicle from a supervising officer; and the firing of a weapon at a car only if persons in the car were threatening with a deadly weapon.

That seems reasonable, except for the requirement to get authorization from a supervisor before the pursuit. That just doesn't seem prudent

when a known, dangerous criminal comes speeding by.

The bill also would allow police to break open a door or window in a building but only after giving prior notice.

I understand the controversial nature of police activity in this day and age, but it is key to not limit our police officers as they pursue criminals and try to keep the peace.

I remember driving home from The Chronicle years ago. Just a few blocks from the newsroom, traffic was stopped. I saw a man running toward my car. He tripped over a sidewalk and flew onto a lawn. A K-9 was close behind and pounced on the man. It was quite effective.

Stories of K-9s going into the bushes after a fleeing person, or searching a building for a burglar or robber, also is effective and protects the officer in many instances.

I also remember, back when I was a police reporter, covering a case where city police chased after a stolen truck. The officer in pursuit knew it was driven by a 13-year-old boy. The pursuit hit speeds of about 100 mph, which was against agency policy. The kid crashed the truck, rolling it. The boy died. There are times when limits do make sense.

But we need to be careful as a society when we place regulations on police. The job is difficult and dangerous. They place their lives at risk to keep us safe. When we need an officer, be it a robbery, domestic violence or the like, we want our police to be able to quickly do their job.

If a cop is bad, there needs to be oversight and consequences, and the practice of police covering for police has to end.

All professions, from journalists to accountants to police, have a small percentage of bad apples. But placing unnecessary limits on police is an overreach, an overreaction and does not make sense.

We do owe it to our officers to ensure they have the proper training and approved equipment to resolve testy situations, but it is inevitable that problems will occur when police have to make split-second decisions in highly heated moments dealing with life and death, time after time.

The idea that the original language of the bill would ban K-9s and the use of tear gas is off base. Kudos to the House Republicans that lobbied to delete those parts of the bill.

The basic need of a civilized society is a safe community. Too often lately that has been subordinated to attempts to place unnecessary limits on police. If we can't be safe in our own cities and towns and rural areas, nothing else much matters.

No matter your views on this issue, you can make your voice heard. HB1054 is now in the state Senate and is scheduled for a public hearing in the Senate Committee on Law and Justice at 10:30 a.m. this coming Thursday.

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By Michael Wagar

COMMENTARY: Hills and Valleys

One Year Later, What Does Our Story Tell?

I went through a phase in middle school when I ravenously read what is called "apocalyptic fiction." I couldn't get enough stories about individuals and society after a nuclear war, or a global plague, or massive natural disasters.

That sounds pretty dark, but I was just fascinated with the idea of survival, of societal adaptation, of the specifics of how people could endure and overcome the unimaginable.

I've been thinking about our shared story of plague, as this week we mark one year since the COVID-19 pandemic really hit home and stay-home orders began.

What have we learned from this pandemic?

I'd like to think we've become a little more prepared for disruption to our systems of sustaining ourselves.

One year ago, many Americans saw empty store shelves for the first time in our lives. It started with toilet paper, but soon there was no bread, no flour, no meat. It was shocking.

Many of us took gardening more seriously as a response. In our house, we went from pantries with enough food for this week, to stocking our shelves with a month's worth of food or more.

Rural folks have always known that we need to be prepared for the power to go out and to be self-sufficient for a few days or more. The pandemic emphasized the need to be ready for anything.

With schools shut down, parents had to become more involved with our kids' education. It was hard. It's still hard as our kids go to school in person two days a week, and we try to ensure that they still learn something worthwhile on the other three "asynchronous days."

In our household we made cooking evening meals into part of the school curriculum. We forced our kids to memorize poetry. I give them a globe and

blank maps of various continents, and tell them to fill in the countries. If we're stuck at home, I'm bound and determined that we're going to come out smarter.

What kind of lessons our families take from this pandemic is one thing. I wonder what our shared American story is and will be.

We all remember the confusion and the fear in the early days of the pandemic. In this space a year ago, I said that this could be our "Sept. 12" moment, a time when we rallied together with the spirit of solidarity that all Americans felt after the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Sadly, it's hard to say that we kept up a Sept. 12 feeling for long, if at all.

Part of that reason, I suppose, was that we were in the middle of a divisive presidential contest.

Early confusion about how the virus was spread also led to enduring suspicions.

It broke my heart then (and still grieves me today) that so many people were taken in by vast conspiracies about the virus. The shrapnel from that hostile nonsense (remember that ridiculous talk about a "plandemic") continues to injure us today.

This global outbreak was relatively mild as far as deadly diseases go, with a death rate that is about 10 times worse than the flu. In a year it has killed 500,000 Americans, 5,000 Washingtonians and 50 citizens of Lewis County. As bad as that is, it could have been much worse. The next virus could be much more deadly. What I've seen from our response to this disease doesn't fill me with optimism that we would respond any better.

There are still some people who refuse to mask up, even though science and common sense have clearly shown that even basic cloth masks help minimize the tiny moisture particles in our breath that are like little balloons carrying the virus.

I've given up hoping that hard-core vaccine skeptics will line up for a shot, even though widespread immunizations

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By Brian Mittge

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Naselle-Mossyrock Volleyball Match Canceled Due to COVID Guideline Concerns

CONCERNS: Naselle Volleyball Canceled its Thursday Match After Safety Concerns Regarding COVID-19 Protocols at Mossyrock

By Eric Trent

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Mossyrock volleyball's Thursday night matchup at home against Naselle was geared up to be a battle, as the Comets are the only team the Vikings have not swept this season. But concerns over COVID-19 guidelines prompted Naselle to cancel the matchup Wednesday, the day before the two teams were set to meet.

Naselle first visited Mossyrock for a matchup on Monday, March 1, and Comets' volleyball coach Rebekah Wirkkala and Athletic Director Brian Macy

had already heard rumors from other schools that Mossyrock was letting in a lot of fans to the Vikings' home games, and that many of them didn't wear masks.

The city of Mossyrock already had a history of flouting guidelines in the recent past. In November 2020, the city passed an ordinance allowing indoor dining for local restaurants saying the city "will not recognize" Gov. Jay Inslee's sweeping COVID-19 guidelines at the time.

So, Macy called Mossyrock Athletic Director Randy Torrey the day before Monday's match, telling him he'd heard rumors about the excess of fans and lack of mask wearing. Torrey ensured Macy that wasn't the case and fans would be following state and WIAA guidelines.

"I told him that wasn't true; we wear masks," Torrey said. "That was basically it. It was a

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Mossyrock plays a home volleyball match against Pe Ell on Feb. 25.



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Tenino sophomore Dylan Spicer runs the ball against Seton Catholic on Thursday night during a non-league football game in Tenino.

Beavers Run All Over Seton Catholic

RUN GAME: Tenino Slams the Cougars 54-6 in Non-League 1A Action Thursday

By Eric Trent

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Junior workhorse Takari Hickie ran for three first-half touchdowns to fuel Tenino to a 54-6 thrashing as the Beavers captured their first win of the season against Seton Catholic in a non-league matchup Thursday in Tenino.

"It feels really good," Tenino coach Cary Nagel said. "The boys worked hard and played extremely well."

Seton Catholic scored on the opening drive of the game on a 20-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Noah Carlos to put the Beavers up 6-0 with 5:56 left in the first quarter.

Tenino answered right back with Triston Whitaker's 60-yard kick return that led to Shawn Mickelson's 2-yard touchdown run, followed by a 2-point conversion run that put the Beavers up for good at 8-6.

Minutes later, Hickie scored the first of his three first-half TDs, smashing his way through from 22 yards out, followed by another 2-point conversion run, to give Tenino a 16-6 lead. Hickie broke off a devastating 55-yard touchdown jaunt to put the Beavers up 24-6 with 7:27



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Tenino's Triston Whitaker (8) tackles Seton Catholic's Jack Callerame on Thursday night in Tenino.

left before the break.

He wasn't done yet. Hickie tackled on his third rushing score, this time from 3 yards out, to give the Beavers a commanding 32-6 lead at the break.

"Takari ran the ball well," Nagel said. "Triston, Dylan Spicer, we try to feed the hot guys. The

line did a really nice job opening up holes."

Nagel credited the Beavers' offense for turning things around after starting the season off 0-3 in the vaunted 1A Evergreen Conference. Tenino's 54 points Thursday was more than its previous three games com-

bined (41 points).

"Our defense has showed up every week," Nagel said. "We've just had some miscues on offense, but we've kept working and pounding the ball."

Tenino (1-3) will look to make it two in a row when it travels to Elma on Friday.

2A Volleyball: Hawkins Breaks Team Aces Record as Bearcats Sweep Rochester

By The Chronicle staff

W.F. West sophomore Savannah Hawkins broke a 24-year-old school record with 12 aces as the Bearcats swept Rochester (25-13, 25-8, 25-23) on the road Thursday.

The victory ended a two-game losing skid for the Bearcats, who dropped back-to-back matches to rival Centralia on Feb. 26 and March 2. W.F. West improves to 4-4 overall with Thursday's win.

"We were dynamic," W.F. West coach Emily Mora said. "We battled back. It was very intense. I'm happy we were able to come out in three."

W.F. West recovered from a 20-8 deficit in the third set to come away with the sweep. The Bearcats were led by junior Ava Olsen's team-high eight kills and two blocks. Morgan Rogerson was a perfect 17-for-17 serving with three blocks, and Alisha Anderson added a team-high 13 digs.

"Overall, we did a good job covering the middle and moving the ball around," Mora said.

The Bearcats' previous record of 10 aces was set by Lindsay Marx in 1997 against Eatonville.

W.F. West travels to Montesano on Saturday for a non-league matchup. Rochester (0-8) plays at Tumwater on Tuesday.

Tigers Topple Wolves

Centralia nabbed a crucial victory, taking down Black Hills in four sets (25-14, 25-22, 21-25, 25-17) to take sole possession of first place in the 2A Evergreen Conference Thursday at home during senior night.

It was a redemption win for the Tigers, whose lone loss came at the hands of the Wolves back on Feb. 16. Now Centralia (7-1, 7-1 2A EvCo) moves up into first place over Black Hills (5-3, 5-2 2A EvCo).

"We just absolutely played way better this time," Centralia coach Marti Smith said. "It was way huge. You never know going into senior night what to expect. Emotions can run high. This is huge for our program."

Evie Rooklidge served 100% for the Tigers and tallied a team-high 24 digs. Jadyne Hawley was also 100% serving with 13 digs and six kills, while Maddie Stoeckler added 31 assists and 19 digs and Maddie Corwin contributed a team-high eight kills.

"They're literally playing every point as if it's their last," Smith said. "That's all I can ask for as a coach."

Centralia travels to Aberdeen on Tuesday.

2B Volleyball: Tigers Tame Pirates in Four Sets

KEY WIN: Haily Murray Racks Up 20 Kills as Tigers Improve to 5-2

By Eric Trent

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Napavine used strong front row play to take Adna out in four sets on the road Thursday (23-25, 25-20, 25-23, 25-10) for its second straight C2BL volleyball win.

The Tigers improve to 5-2 overall and have now won four of their last five, while the Pirates drop to 5-3 overall and have now lost two of their last three.

"We were losing pretty good in the beginning," Napavine coach Monica Dailey said. "Then the girls turned it around. They all played amazing."

Adna, meanwhile, started strong, but missed six serves in the second game and quickly fell behind 6-0.

"I think we just kind of played safe, and I do think that Napavine came in with the mindset that they were not going to let a ball hit the floor," Adna coach Wendie Dotson said. "They did a good job of covering the floor and picking up every ball that they could."

Haily Murray led the attack for the Tigers with a game-high 20 kills to go with a perfect 100% serving.

"Haily had a really, really strong night at the net, which got us even more out of whack," Dotson said. "It's just one of those days where we were not firing on all cylinders."

Freshman Keira O'Neill recorded 11 kills and four stuffed blocks for the Tigers, while Vanie Fagerness tallied a team-high 34 digs and Sydney Purvis added 29 digs.



Napavine's Haily Murray (6) makes contact during a game against the Pirates Thursday night in Adna.

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Dailey commended setters Rae Sisson and Jordan Wilson for their hustle, and credited the front row play of Tanner Simpson, Grace Gall and Skyla Etten for the victory.

"All of my girls on the front row played really strong," Dailey said.

Adna plays at Stevenson on Saturday. Napavine travels to Stevenson on Monday.

Indians Take T-Wolves in Straight

Toledo got back on track in a sweep over Morton-White Pass Thursday at home, beating the Timberwolves in straight sets (25-12, 25-16, 25-18) for its second straight win.

The Indians improved to 3-5 overall and entered the match having lost four of their last five games. Morton-White Pass drops to 1-7 and has now lost three in a row after notching their first win over Stevenson on Feb. 23.

Chloe Kelly led the Timberwolves with a team-high 11 assists, while Katie Salguero scored a team-high six kills and two blocks. Kelly Pakar came off the bench to give the T-Wolves a much-needed spark, MWP

coach Tammy Kelly said.

"We need to play more consistently and not in peaks and valleys," Kelly added.

MWP is at home Monday against Onalaska for senior night.

Loggers Fall in Five to Mountaineers

Onalaska started off slow, regained momentum then fell in the fifth and final set to Rainier Thursday on the road (9-25, 19-25, 25-22, 25-19, 11-15).

"It was probably one of the best games I've seen all year," Onalaska coach Jenny Hamilton said.

Freshman Dakota Hamilton led the loggers with 19-for-20 serving, four aces, a team-high 24 kills, 10 assists and 23 digs.

1A Volleyball: Montesano Sweeps Past Beavers

By The Chronicle staff

Montesano took three quick sets off of Tenino Thursday night on the Beavers' home court, 25-5, 25-11, and 25-9 for a 1A Evergreen League volleyball win.

The outcome, however, doesn't tell the whole story of the Beavers' progress, according to Tenino coach Wanda Blanksma.

"The score just doesn't really reflect the progress they're making," she said, highlighting upperclassmen Courtney Backman and Bailey Greene from Thursday's match. "Those two kids, especially, really do an outstanding job keeping a positive outlook on things and really do a nice job picking up their team-

mates and communicating out there."

Setter Brooke Bratton, Blanksma noted, also played well.

"She was just all over the place covering," she said. "It just seemed like she just covered all kinds of Montesano's short game. Tips, pushes — it just seemed like Brooke was there to take care of business, so it was pretty impressive."

Tenino (0-8) plays at Elma on Tuesday.

1B Volleyball: Vikings Reel Off Ninth-Straight Victory

By The Chronicle staff

Mossyrock showed no sign of slowing down this season in their trip to Menlo Wednesday night, dropping the Vikings in straight sets (25-20, 25-15, 25-11) to run their win streak to nine games.

Mossyrock (9-0) has now swept eight of its nine opponents, only getting tested against Naselle in a five-set victory for the Vikings back on Feb. 23.

"Our serve-receive is definitely improving and we're making better decisions when we attack," Mossyrock coach Alex Nelson said. "We're being patient hitters, getting smarter and learning from our mistakes."

Payton Torrey led the attack on Wednesday, recording a game-high seven kills to go with just one error. Emily Edgar, who moved to the outside as Nelson went with a new lineup, notched five kills on the night. Paige Houghtelling also finished with five kills and no errors. Morgan Houghtelling served tough for Mossyrock, getting three kills, one ace and 12 assists.

"(Morgan) is just an all-around great player," Nelson said. "She's a leader on the team."

Mossyrock's game against Naselle Thursday was canceled, so the Vikings will travel to Toutle Lake on Saturday.

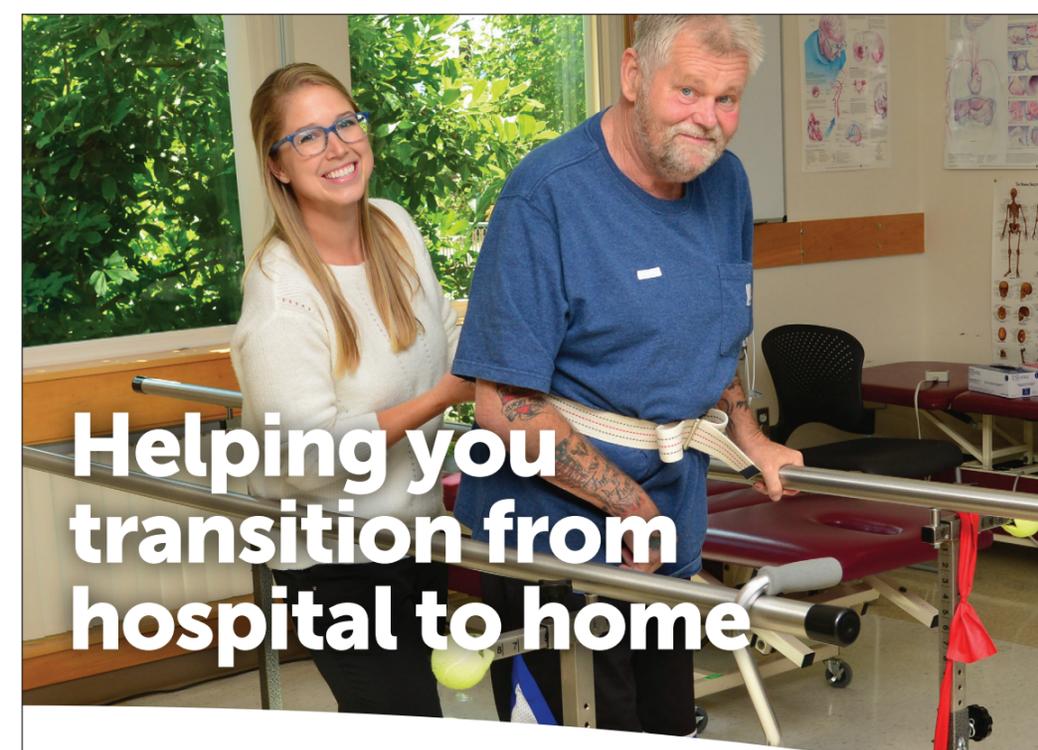
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2B Girls Soccer: Pirates Win Sixth Straight With Blowout Victory

SIX IN A ROW: Adna Remains Undefeated on the Season at 6-0 after a 10-0 Win Over Napavine

By Eric Trent

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For some unknown reason, undefeated Adna hadn't had the best scoring nights on their home turf this season. Entering Adna's home match against Napavine Wednesday, the Pirates had scored just seven of their 25 goals at home. That number got a little more even Wednesday.

The Pirates exploded for 10 goals and played all 22 of their rostered players in a 10-0 victory over the Tigers. Seven Pirates total found the back of the net, led by Macy Kalnoski, Kaylin Todd and Natalie Werner, who each scored two goals.

"We really haven't scored well on our home field," Adna coach Horst Malunat said. "For whatever reason, we always score well on the road. So it was nice to kind of finish on our home field in front of our home crowd."

It was Adna's fifth shutout in six games and the Pirates have allowed just one goal all season. The Pirates are now just one league victory away from securing the 2B Central League's North Division title, and have just one league game left to play, a home match against Forks at 6 p.m. on March 10. The Pirates beat the Spartans 6-0 on the road on Feb. 22.

The C2BL North Division, which Adna is in, is made up of mostly the weaker teams in the 2B Central League, with Ocosta being the only opponent that has pushed the Pirates so far this season. Meanwhile, the C2BL South Division is stacked with



Napavine's Natalya Marcial (3) and Adna's Presley Smith battle for the ball on Wednesday.

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powerhouse programs, such as Onalaska (4-1), Toledo (4-1) and Kalama (4-1).

"We should finish first, which means we'll host a district game from somebody in the south division," Malunat said. "It should be interesting to see who we play."

But on Wednesday, it was about inching one step closer to the division title.

Keaton Dowell started the scoring off early, finding the back of the net in the 7th minute. Kalnoski nabbed the first of

her two goals in the 16th minute off an assist from Presley Smith. One minute later, Summer White scored on an assist from Joey Swenson.

Kalnosi scored again, this time unassisted, in the 18th minute, followed by Swenson's unassisted goal in the 39th minute to make it 5-0 at the half.

Todd netted back-to-back goals in the 49th and 59th minutes, the first unassisted and the second assisted by Faith Wellander. Werner scored in the

70th on an assist from Zarine Walker, followed by Walker's goal in the 74th minute and Werner's second goal in the 79th minute.

"We moved the ball really well and our passing game really helped us," Malunat said. "I'd say it was a good team effort. If you look at the scoring, it was a bunch of players, it wasn't just one or two."

Napavine was coming off a tough 3-2 loss to Raymond-South Bend in overtime on Mon-

day. The Tigers fall to 1-4 on the season after Wednesday's loss to Adna.

Adna travels to Yelm to face a split Tornadoes' JV/varsity squad on Monday, while Napavine travels to Forks (0-4) for a 4:30 p.m. matchup on Monday.

Indians Shut Out at Kalama

Kalama erupted for three goals in 20 minutes and Toledo was unable to recover, falling 4-0 to the Chinooks on the road Wednesday.

"It's a tough one but it makes Monday's game more interesting," Toledo coach Noel Vazquez said.

Toledo falls to 4-2 overall with the loss, which creates a more clear picture of the 2B Central League postseason that's coming up in less than two weeks.

A win over rival Onalaska on Monday, followed by a win over Toutle Lake next Wednesday, would secure Toledo at least the No. 2 seed at the district playoffs. A loss to the Loggers and a win over Toutle would give the Indians at least the No. 3 seed.

Against Kalama on Wednesday, the Indians worked on a high press focused on containing the Chinooks at a close distance, knowing Kalama is an excellent passing team. It worked for most of the first half, until the Chinooks exploded for three goals in a row.

"Kalama is one of those teams that is good at passing and can shoot from anywhere," Vazquez said. "We relaxed the last 20 minutes of the first half, and when you give that much room to a team like Kalama, they'll eat you alive. It was a good learning game. We know we have to get ready for Monday now."

1A Girls Soccer: Beavers Bounce Back, Avenge Loss to Montesano

REBOUND: Tenino Took a 3-0 Lead in the First Half and Held On for 3-2 Win

By The Chronicle staff

Two days after suffering their first loss of the season, the Beavers started hot and stayed in control for a 3-2 1A Evergreen Conference girls soccer win in Montesano.

"It was great. We made a few adjustments yesterday at practice, and we really executed those things well," Tenino coach Kevin Schultz said. "We started out the game a lot better this time."

Tenino fell in a quick 2-0 hole in Tuesday's 3-0 loss to Montesano, but flipped the script on Thursday. Brianna Dell opened the scoring six minutes in on an assist from Morgan Miner, and Grace Vestal — assisted by Dell — added a goal two minutes later.

"It was a complete reversal from Tuesday night," Schultz said.

A corner kick from Dell bounced off a defender and into the net in the 30th minute, giving the Beavers a 3-0 lead at half-time, but Montesano rallied early in the second half with goals from Mikayla Stanfield and Jaiden Morrison in a five-minute stretch.

"We were really solid, defensively, outside of those five minutes," Schultz said. "But any time you can bounce back and win, it's a great game."

The Beavers also got contributions from goalkeeper Trinity Tafoya and defender Elizabeth Disken, a pair of sophomores who moved into starting roles due to injuries, Schultz noted.

Tenino (7-1, 3-1 league) hosts Elma on Tuesday for senior night.



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2A Boys Tennis: Bearcats Defeat Shelton to Remain Unbeaten

By The Chronicle staff

W.F. West is off to its best start since 2018, moving to 6-0 on the season with a 5-1 road victory over Shelton on Wednesday in Evergreen 2A Conference action.

Bearcat junior Joseph Chung defeated Brandon Wagner 6-3, 6-1 in the No. 1 singles match. Freshman Justin Chung defeated Shelton's Jayden Lovingfoss 6-0, 6-0 in No. 2 singles. Andrew Boggess lost a No. 3 singles match for the first time in two years while taking a 6-3, 6-3 defeat to Shelton's Wyatt Wagner.

The Bearcats swept the doubles side, with Cade Cam-

eron and Christian Iverson winning 6-2, 6-0 against Sean McCullough and Corbin Kric. Jacob Blomdahl and Aaron Boggess defeated Cale Ruiz and Brady Walsh 6-0, 6-1 in No. 2 doubles, while Nate Dahlin and Hans Meyer defeated Sam Hughes and Josh Brennan 6-0, 6-3.

The last time the Bearcats started 6-0 on the season was in 2018, when they started 8-0 and finished 11-2 overall. W.F. West coach Jack State said he was pleased with his team's strong start this year.

"We have a good, deep team," State said. "It's some of the best high school tennis I've seen this

year, for sure."

W.F. West travels to Black Hills on Thursday.

Tigers Fall 5-1 to Thunderbirds

Centralia won just one match against Tumwater at home Wednesday, falling 5-1 to the Thunderbirds and dropping to 2-3 overall on the season.

The Tigers were short handed, competing with only seven players on the day, which resulted in forfeiting the No. 3 doubles match.

In No. 1 singles, Sawyer Loughfeed defeated Centralia's Landon Kaut 1-6, 6-1, 6-1.

"The No. 1 singles match started out really well for Landon," Centralia coach Deb Keahey said. "He played a great first set and then Loughfeed just stayed in every point in the second set. Landon couldn't find his game in the third set."

In No. 2 singles, Centralia's Brandon Yueng beat Drew Johnson, 6-4, 6-3, and Tumwater's Mitch Knowlton topped David Parsons 6-2, 6-1.

"Brandon Yueng did really well, he continues to hustle and has been very consistent," Keahey said. "Every game is a good learning experience for us."

On the doubles side, Tumwa-

ter's No. 1 doubles team Jackson Bishop and Clayton Pierpoint defeated Conner O'Dell and Isaac Parkin, 6-3, 6-2.

Tumwater's Pierce Yates and Lukas Stuart defeated Ryan Kane and Justin Kuykendall, 6-0, 6-2 in No. 2 doubles, while Adam Overbay and Gavin Foldtman won by forfeit in No. 3 doubles.

Centralia travels to Shelton on either Thursday or Friday, depending on the weather.

"We hope to have a make-up match with Tumwater on Monday," Keahey said. "I'm sure it will be another competitive match for all the players."

Boys Golf: Warriors Win Second Straight Match Over Centralia

LINKS: While Rochester Came Away With the Win, Centralia's Jesse Kuykendall Won Match Medalist

By The Chronicle staff

After starting the season 0-3, Rochester has now won two straight matches — both against Centralia — after beating the Tigers 288-304 on Wednesday at Riverside Golf Course.

Centralia's Jesse Kuykendall won match medalist by five strokes, shooting an even 50 on the day. But it was Rochester that put together the best team performance, even with their worst score of the season.

"We didn't shoot especially well today, but we shot better than they did," Rochester coach Eric Holmkvist said.

Warriors' junior Brady Moen rebounded from a tough match on Friday to lead Rochester with a 55.

"He's had so much growth over the course of the season,"

Holmkvist said. "We're really proud of him. He's really made a ton of progress."

Teammate Xavier Mendez continued his solid play, shooting a 56, while Luke Barth shot a 57, Hyde Parrish a 58 and Gabe Steward a 62. Steward, a freshman, was playing in his first varsity league match ever. The Warriors improved to 2-3 on the season.

For Centralia, Kuykendall led all golfers with a 50, while Brady Sprague and Andrew Mitchell each shot a 61, Wyatt Baumel a 65 and freshman Tig Hedger a 67.

"They improved more than we improved," Centralia coach Hal Gronseth said. "It was fun to see Jesse be match medalist again. He still isn't playing his best golf yet either. Hopefully we can get him down a few strokes before districts."

Rochester has three regular-season matchups left and next hosts W.F. West on Monday at Riverside Golf Course. Centralia has two regular-season games left and travels to Aberdeen on Monday.



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Rochester's Gabe Steward makes contact at Riverside Golf Course on Wednesday in Chehalis.

Toledo's Nick Marty Cruises to Victory at Home Meet

FRONTRUNNERS:

Nick Marty Edges Kalama's Addison Smee by 1.5 Seconds

By The Chronicle staff

Toledo's Nick Marty and Kalama's Addison Smee went head-to-head Thursday afternoon in a matchup of two of the fastest 2B cross-country runners in the state.

Marty, running a familiar route at the Toledo Little League fields, came out on top by less than 2 seconds. The Indians' senior finished the three-mile course in 15:20, with Smee right behind at 15:21.5.

Coming into the race, Marty had the fastest 5K time in the 2B ranks (15:49); Smee had the fifth-best mark (16:48).

Kalama, however, won both team meets — a turnaround from a meet on the same course two weeks earlier, when Toledo swept the team meets.

"The highlight was almost everyone improved their time from two weeks ago by one to three



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Nicholas Marty leads Kalama's Addison Smee during a cross-country meet in Toledo on Thursday.

minutes," Schaplow said. "So all the kids were really excited."

Mossyrock's Christian Paz Tapia finished fourth in the boys race (18:10), and teammates Hugo Wedam (18:26) and Miguel Gomez (18:34) finished sixth and seventh. Toledo's Ty-

ler Harris and Aiden Umbriaco were eighth and ninth, respectively.

The Mossyrock boys finished second, with Toledo taking third. Stevenson's Isabella Spencer won the girls race in 21:03. Toledo's Karley Harris was the top

local runner, finishing fifth in 25:00. Teammate Candace Clark was sixth in 25:07.

Kalama was the only girls squad to field a complete team.

Toledo runs next in the Central 2B League championships on Thursday in Onalaska.

MWP's Brown, Rainier's Niemi Win at Cascade Peaks

Morton-White Pass' Alex Brown won the boys race and Rainier's Selena Niemi won on the girls side Thursday afternoon in a Central 2B League cross country meet at Cascade Peaks campground in Randle.

Brown, a senior, finished the 5K varsity race in 18:09, beating out Rainier's Ryan Doidge (18:26) and Dylan Davis (18:40) for first. Onalaska's Lethon Fitch took fourth (19:21) and Adna's Jordan Stout (19:23) was fifth.

The Loggers won the boys team meet, edging Rainier 41-42. Trevor Blair took sixth, Jacob Russon was eighth and Devon Wright was 10th for the Loggers.

Niemi, a junior, won the girls race by over 2 minutes in 21:01. Onalaska's Jennifer Reiman was second (23:26), with MWP's Ayricka Hughes (24:40) finishing third and Rainier's Hayden Basic (25:03) taking fourth.

The girls meet did not feature complete teams.

Onalaska and Adna both run in Rainier's C2BL meet on Tuesday.

Guidelines

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pretty short conversation. That was the only concern, complaint I've heard from any opponent or anyone."

Macy was pleased with the response and felt comfortable sending the volleyball team over there Monday.

"I said, 'OK, that's good,'" Macy said. "Having put on games ourselves, people pull their masks down, so I was thinking that might be the situation. I know Randy and I felt comfortable that would be taken care of."

Macy had another issue he was taking care of on Monday so was unable to attend the game that night. Instead, he streamed it on NFHS Network. The camera sat up pretty high above the court and he could only see Naselle's bench and Mossyrock's side of the stands. One thing he noticed was a couple of Mossyrock's cheerleaders weren't wear-

ing masks.

"I thought, 'Hmm. That probably needs to be taken care of,'" Macy said. "It was a concern and as an A.D., I probably would have taken care of that."

During the junior varsity game, Wirkkala sent Macy a cell-phone photo of fans sitting behind Naselle's bench with masks below their noses and one woman who wasn't wearing a mask at all.

"That was concerning," Macy said. "What we were told at the beginning of the season is the mask is supposed to go over the nose."

Torrey said everyone who came through the ticket line was wearing a mask, though some people did move their mask down while watching the game.

"I can say everybody had a mask that came," Torrey said. "Now did some people have it below their nose and maybe below their chin as the game went on? Yes, they did. But that is the only thing I see that I could have corrected."

After the varsity match, Wirkkala said fans sat directly behind Naselle's bench and some weren't wearing masks. She told Macy she didn't feel comfortable coming back to play in Mossyrock again, he said. The next morning, Macy and Wirkkala made the decision to cancel Thursday's match, which was set to be back in Mossyrock.

Torrey said there is no rule in the league banning fans from sitting behind a team's bench. "The fans were upaways because Naselle's JV were right behind their bench," Torrey said. "When people came in for the varsity game, they naturally came in and sat there because there's a big space there. I was actually one of them for a while, because I sit up there and observe and watch our crowd on the other side."

Macy called Torrey and said his team didn't feel safe coming over there to play. Torrey did not agree that it was an unsafe environment but did agree to cancel the match. The reason for the

cancellation was first reported by The Daily News in Longview.

Torrey said every protocol and guideline was met at the Monday match. The Vikings had 66 total fans at the game, not counting the players, coaches, refs and personnel. A maximum of 200 people, including players, coaches, etc., are allowed at games. Torrey said there were 37 unused tickets for Monday's game, so the stands were well below guideline capacity.

Mossyrock uses a ticket system, which includes an attestation form, and the school takes the temperature of every person who enters a school building, Torrey said. There are signs up to remind people to wear masks and follow 6-foot social-distancing measures. There are spray bottles with cloths to wipe the game balls, as well as in the visitor's locker room, and the stands have tape marks to encourage social distancing.

"Anybody, kids, players, fans, they do a pretty good job of separating," Torrey said. "I was there

and (Naselle's) coach didn't say one word to me the whole time."

Torrey said the most frustrating thing is he hasn't had any complaints from anyone until this most recent cancellation from Naselle.

"I'll address it," Torrey said. "Our coaches are very good about working with our kids about wearing masks because they want to play. We don't want to get shut down because of things like that."

Macy said he just hopes that all schools can continue following guidelines and protocols so every athlete can continue to play during what is a very short window for them this season. Every sports season has been shortened to seven weeks for 2021.

"February 1, people were just happy that the kids get to play," Macy said. "Now it's kind of political. Why can't we put the masks on and wear it so the kids get the opportunity to play? If we're not following protocol, we'll probably get it taken out of our hands."

Jury Finds Centralia Man Guilty of Choking 9-Year-Old

SUPERIOR COURT: Trial Was the First in Months Due to COVID-19 Restrictions

By Emily Fitzgerald
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A Centralia man was found guilty of second-degree assault of a child in Lewis County's first 12-person jury trial under COVID-19 conditions since October.

Cory M. Caldwell had been accused of picking a 9-year-old boy up off the ground by the neck.

On July 1, 2020. The case against Caldwell was filed in Lewis County Superior Court on Oct. 2, after officers conducted a welfare check on a Centralia family that Child Protective Ser-

vices (CPS) had concerns about, according to the affidavit of probable cause.

Officers contacted two children: the 9-year-old named in the case and his 5-year-old brother. Officers reported that the 5-year-old had a scab on his back, which he said he got as a result of Caldwell "pushing him into the wall," and the 9-year-old disclosed that Caldwell had 'choked him,' causing him to have difficulty breathing and making him feel like he was turning blue," and had previously caused bruises from hitting him.

Upon speaking to the victims' mother, she reportedly admitted to seeing Caldwell grab the 9-year-old by the neck "and pick him up to the point of his

feet coming off the ground," and reportedly said she had seen Caldwell hit both children.

Caldwell spoke to a CPS worker and allegedly denied "choking" either child, but allegedly admitted to hitting them "to teach them a lesson," though he had previously denied using any physical force against the boys.

Caldwell entered a not guilty plea in Lewis County Superior Court on Oct. 8, and both sides began preparing for the trial.

Jurors were selected at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds on the morning of March 1 and brought to the Lewis County Law & Justice Center for the trial, overseen by Judge James Lawler, in the early afternoon.

The trial continued into the next day, and after two hours deliberation, the jury found Caldwell guilty of second-degree assault of a child beyond a reasonable doubt. Caldwell is currently being held at the Lewis County Jail on a no-bail hold pending sentencing, which is scheduled for March 9.

Aside from a couple of weeks in October when Lewis County courts held jury trials with COVID-19 health and safety measures in place, all civil and jury trials were on hold in Lewis County from March 2020 through February 2021 due to COVID-19 concerns.

To ensure that trials are compliant with COVID-19 health and safety recommendations,

jury selection takes place at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds and all jurors, court staff and witnesses social distance during the trial itself. The space needed for everyone who needs to be in the courtroom for a full jury trial to effectively social distance means that there is only one courtroom in the Lewis County Law and Justice Center in Chehalis that they can use for 12-person Superior Court jury trials, and two courtrooms that can handle six-person District Court jury trials.

Lewis County will also be using space at R.E. Bennett Elementary School in Chehalis for civil cases, and potentially for District Court and out-of-custody cases as well.

State Announces Early Closure to Coastal Steelhead Recreational Fishing Season

By The Chronicle staff

Amid low returns, fishery managers with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) this week announced a closure to sportfishing in the Queets, Quinault, Humptulips

and Chehalis river systems as well as tributaries of Willapa Bay to further protect wild steelhead populations. The closure takes effect Monday, March 8.

This follows measures fishery managers implemented earlier

this winter to modify the coastal steelhead season, restricting fishing from a boat and using bait, to help more wild steelhead return to the spawning grounds. In coordination with tribal co-managers, the Quillayute and

Hoh rivers will remain open for coastal steelhead through March 31 under the previously adopted conservation regulations.

This year's closure is about a month sooner than previous years' seasons have ended. WDFW is

operating under its Statewide Steelhead Management Plan, which requires the department to prioritize the sustainability of coastal steelhead runs, including issues of abundance, productivity, diversity and distribution.



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Indicted

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others tempted to trade their ethics for financial gain.”

The indictment describes various text messages and electronic payments where Hayes allegedly took “orders” from offenders as to the types of contraband they wanted him to bring

to the facility. The offenders would set the pricing and payment amounts for his services. Law enforcement conducted a traffic stop on Hayes on Feb. 25 while he was reportedly on his way into work and found marijuana packaged for smuggling into the facility, as well as three vape cartridges containing liquid marijuana.

Hayes has been charged with seven counts of Hobbs Act Ex-

tortion — Under Color of Official Right, conspiracy to distribute controlled substances and possession of controlled substances with intent to distribute, each punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

He is scheduled for an arraignment hearing in U.S. District Court on March 16.

“We don’t tolerate this type of activity at all and this incident demonstrates our zero-tolerance

policy,” said Nancy Gutierrez, deputy director of communications for the Washington state Department of Children, Youth and Families, which operates Green Hill School. “This prosecution is a result of our leadership and Green Hill School staff, whose goal is to operate a safe, secure, and therapeutic environment for our youth.”

The case is being investigated by the FBI with assistance from the

Chehalis Police Department and the Joint Narcotics Enforcement Team (JNET) in Lewis County.

“It was our staff who called in the FBI drug task force and local law enforcement with our suspicions and observations and we are appreciative of their partnership and support,” Gutierrez said. “We are pleased this is finally moving forward, as progress on the case had slowed with COVID.”

Fear

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“There was shock, fear, crying, and I would say definitely a lot of confusion.”

Lewis County Drug Court, now in its 16th year, allows those faced with certain drug-related felony convictions the option to enroll in a court-supervised, long-term rehabilitation program with the promise that their charges will be formally dismissed upon graduation.

Of Drug Court’s 47 participants, 17 were ejected from the treatment program after the Washington state Supreme Court issued a ruling on Feb. 25 that struck down the state’s felony drug possession law and subsequently required the county

prosecutor to formally dismiss all possession of a controlled substance charges filed under that statute.

“The people who were affected were in all different phases of the program, various stages of their own recovery journey,” Miller said. “We tried to work with them to figure out the best way to individually support people. They can absolutely still go to treatment ... so there’s still lots of support in the community. They just lost the accountability of the court.”

And for many, such as Drug Court graduate Brant Byrd, that accountability was key to getting clean.

“I struggled with drug addiction and I could not get through it on my own. I could not do it. I wanted to, and I couldn’t,” he said.

Byrd entered Drug Court after he was charged with possession of an uncontrolled substance and took two years to finish the program, which he said was an essential step in his recovery.

“There’s so many different (treatment) places. There’s so many available to people. It’s just getting them there, and that’s where the courts help,” he said. “Getting just those simple charges could help them go get an assessment and get into treatment and find a new way to live.”

Local law enforcement have expressed frustration and concern that, without the accountability of a felony charge in court, drug use within the community will rise and lead to other more serious crimes.

“A majority of crimes that are committed are committed by individuals who have drug addiction,” said Lewis County Sheriff Rob Snaza, citing instances of burglary, theft, domestic violence and assault that were motivated by or associated with a defendant’s drug addiction. “And how are we addressing the root cause of all this? That’s going to be the challenge, because ... if you no longer have that leverage, how do you get out of addiction? How do you get treatment?”

Centralia Police Chief Stacey Denham said that his officers were “shocked and disappointed” when they learned of the Supreme Court decision.

“It’s making it very difficult for my officers only because my officers are very proactive and they have an absolute passion for their community and helping their community and protecting it, and they feel that this is affecting their ability to do that,” he said.

While most felony drug charges, such as possession with intent to deliver, manufacture of a controlled substance and de-

livery of a controlled substance, are unaffected by the ruling, law enforcement cannot arrest or charge anyone for possession of a controlled substance.

The charge is considered a Class C felony in Washington, which carries a maximum sentence of up to five years in prison and fines up to \$10,000, along with a loss of voting rights while incarcerated or in community custody.

The possession charges that landed Byrd in Drug Court were formally dismissed when he graduated from the program, and while he said he’s been contacted recently about previous possession convictions that have been dismissed from his record as a result of the ruling, he said he’s less concerned about his own past convictions than he is worried for the Drug Court participants who just lost a crucial piece of accountability.

“For me and the guys that I was in recovery with who went to Drug Court, and are successful and have made it through and continue on — it’s not about that, and we’re not thinking of ourselves,” he said. “We’re thinking, ‘oh my God, what if (Drug Court) wasn’t there for us? None of us would be sitting around this table having coffee and trying to better ourselves.’”

Miller said that Drug Court participants whose charges weren’t dismissed had similar reactions to the announcement.

“The reality is it didn’t just affect the people whose cases ended up being dismissed from the program, but it certainly affected the people who are still in the program, and they wondered ‘what would we do with that decision,’ and most of them were glad that they didn’t have to make that decision and that they would be able to continue with their Drug

Court program,” Miller said.

The Feb. 25 Supreme Court decision (State v. Blake) stemmed from a 2016 possession of an uncontrolled substance conviction where a Spokane woman was found guilty, despite not knowing she had drugs on her person at the time of her arrest. The court ruled 5-4 in Blake’s favor, striking down the statute that led to her conviction until it is amended.

Sixteen state senators, including Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia, have sponsored a bill (SB 5468) that would add the word “knowingly” to the statute’s language, so that it would read “it is unlawful for any person to knowingly possess a controlled substance,” and immediately reenact the statute with the amended language.

The bill was introduced on March 1 and referred to the Committee on Law and Justice, but there is concern that it won’t make it to the floor before the legislative session ends in April.

For the time being, Denham said that in lieu of arresting people on felony drug possession charges, Centralia police officers will take opportunities to arrest people for possession of drug paraphernalia — a misdemeanor charge.

“When we look at it, we look at how we’re best going to serve our community, how we’re going to best protect our community, because these types of crimes ... usually lead to different types of crimes like burglary and theft of motor vehicles, things of that nature,” he said.

“We’ll work within the confines of the law and move forward,” Snaza said. “And we’re not going to give up on our communities. We’re going to continue to fight and go after those who continue to commit crimes.”

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6 Fire Chief Ken Cardinale said Wednesday.

Relationships between the county’s 911 center and emergency responders have been chilled for years, with chiefs critiquing the county for failing to address persistent issues, including those around antiquated equipment. The “chaotic nature of emergencies in general,” County Manager Erik Martin added, can easily create conflict.

But first responders, Cardinale said, still feel like they’re not being heard or included.

“That’s a key issue that needs to be addressed as we move forward ...” he told county officials. “It goes back to the issue of trust. You’re expecting us to give you feedback based on a powerpoint presentation that gives us no details.”

Chehalis mayor and former police chief Dennis Dawes lambasted “constant studies” at the county level, and highlighted

what he described as stories from chiefs regarding “service issues.”

“I don’t want to wait another year or two to make a decision” about how to move forward, he said.

Deciding how to improve Lewis County’s emergency communication center — which could include major reorganization — will require making sure local partners don’t feel excluded, Martin said.

“That’s obviously a feeling today, and I’m disappointed in that,” he said.

In transforming its 911 center, Lewis County could take after Thurston in allowing its communication center to break off from local government and become its own nonprofit. Officials also discussed new governance structures.

Regardless of the direction the county goes, short-term issues such as underfunding and understaffing will need to be addressed first.

“You have a pretty severe staffing shortage that’s impacting operations and service lev-

els,” said Monica Lynn, of DELTAWRX. “That’s one of your biggest challenges.”

Staffing is falling short by as many as 10 people. Part of the problem, according to Lewis County 911 Administrator Scott Smitherman, is just how “incredibly difficult” the job is. Staffers go through nine months of training, and the county doesn’t hesitate to drop trainees who aren’t likely to make it all the way through.

Staffing at 911 communication centers is a nationwide issue, Lynn said, but in Lewis County, understaffing is especially acute.

To fund an increase in staff — and to address antiquated radio infrastructure responders currently rely on — Dawes and County Commissioner Gary Stamper said a sales tax hike is likely in order.

“I know a lot of people don’t like to pay taxes, but I think it’s a waste of tax money that irritates folks more than the proper use of tax money, i.e. public service and getting the correct equipment, getting the right personnel,” Dawes said.

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would be the closest thing we have to a silver bullet to really put this thing behind us.

I’m simply grateful that the vaccine supply is finally reaching a point where my most vulnerable loved ones can get a vaccine to teach their cells how to ward off COVID-19. If other folks want to deny themselves a chance to prime their immune system to fight this virus, that’s a battle that’s beyond my desire and ability to wage.

It’s been hard for us as Americans to come together. This is an age where a smirking lie carries the same weight online as well-researched fact. It’s a time when our politicians take advan-

tage of our suspicions instead of calling on us to follow our better angels.

Still, I believe that this pandemic has taught us that we do share more than we usually realize.

The very air we breathe has carried contagion among us. But every time I see my neighbors in a mask at a store, I know that we can come together to protect one another.

When I see volunteers showing up at the fairgrounds to put on a drive-by vaccination clinic for our most vulnerable citizens, I see that we still believe in helping each other.

When our scientists can create a safe, reliable vaccine for a brand new virus in just a year’s time, I know that a can-do spirit will still help us overcome obstacles.

The after-the-end-of-the-world stories I read as a child were fiction. The last year we’ve experienced has seemed like a dream.

But the reality is that we are in the middle of a story that is stranger and grander than any book.

And unlike fiction, this adventure requires us to never flinch from reality, no matter how much we would like to replace it with elaborate conspiratorial fantasies.

We can’t anticipate all the plot twists, and this American tale never really ends, but we all can take up our pens and write this next chapter together.

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Chris Richardson, Who Worked in Economic Development for the Chehalis Tribe, Is Dead at 59

By Rolf Boone
The Olympian

Chris Richardson, who worked in economic development for the Chehalis Tribe and who had recently been active with the Port of Olympia, suffered a heart attack and died Feb. 24, according to those close to him. He was 59.

Richardson was the managing director of Chehalis Tribal Enterprises (CTE), the economic development arm of the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis, and was recently associated with two big projects: Talking Cedar, the restaurant, brewery and distillery in Grand Mound, and the redevelopment of land in Tumwater off 93rd Avenue Southwest.

That parcel is set to welcome a Pilot-operated truck stop known as Flying J and other businesses.

David Burnett, chief executive of CTE, said Wednesday he was still coming to terms with Richardson's death.

"The expectation is that he's going to come walking into the office," Burnett said, adding that Chris's death was "hard to accept."

He said Richardson had spent a lot of years working for the



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From left to right, Kate Cox, Tracie Schmitt, Chris Richardson, and Nate Burgher talk on stage during the Regional Economic Forecast & Innovation Expo hosted at Great Wolf Lodge in December 2019.

tribe, first at Lucky Eagle Casino, which opened in 1995, and later at CTE.

Burnett described him as intelligent and a hard worker. It was not unusual to get phone calls, emails and texts from Chris at all hours, he said.

"His mind was always working and doing the best for the

tribe," Burnett said. "That will be missed."

Port of Olympia Executive Director Sam Gibboney said Richardson had helped promote the port's "vision 2050," a community-informed planning document for the port, and he had recently been appointed to the port's citizens advisory com-

mittee, which provides feedback to the port commission.

Richardson met with an Olympian reporter and photographer the morning of Feb. 24 to talk about the new truck stop in Tumwater, and he also shared the following aspiration: He had planned to run for the District 3 port commission seat.

Gibboney said she will miss his sense of humor and the practical analysis he provided to the port.

"He was really grounded in his work and what he was trying to accomplish," she said.

Richardson's father, Peter, was from Oakville, but Chris was born Nov. 21, 1961 in Queens, New York. He later attended Martin Van Buren High School and Queens College, City University of New York. He also had recently received his master's degree in business administration from Washington State University.

After growing up in New York, he came to work for the tribe in 1997. In addition to his work for the tribe and the port, he also served on the board at Big Brothers, Big Sisters, the foundation board at South Puget Sound Community College and was a founding board member of the Tribal Convenience Store Association, according to a tribe spokesman.

Chris, through his work for the community college foundation, had established a scholarship in memory of his late wife, Denise Best. Now, his name will be added to the scholarship. They leave behind two daughters.

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Residents Line Up for Vaccine at Southwest Washington Fairgrounds



Vehicles line up for COVID-19 vaccine at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds on Thursday morning. The vaccines were provided on an appointment basis to those who qualify for the vaccine.

News in Brief

State Revenue Forecast Rosier Than Expected

By Sydney Brown

Washington State Journal

Though unemployment and consumer uncertainty remain high, the Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council officials told legislators March 3 they felt optimistic a brighter economic future is on its way to Washington.

Steve Lerch, the council's executive director, said he expects tax revenues will exceed November 2020 estimates by \$593 million.

Lerch said U.S. retail and food service tax revenue went up by 5.3%, and Washington's earnings trend closely with the national average. Most consumers still have reservations about going out, Lerch said, but major tax sources, such as utilities and tobacco, earned more in January 2021 than in January 2020.

Sen. Lynda Wilson, R-Vancouver, said the forecast strengthened the Republican argument against a controversial Democrat-led capital gains tax because it shows the lack of need for the excise tax. SB 5096 is scheduled for a Senate floor vote. "We don't need another tax. We're doing fine," Wilson said.

Although more people are unemployed now than in November, the council also expects 2.2% employment growth by mid-2021, Lerch said. Washington State still sits at a 7.1% unemployment rate, according to December 2020 data from the state Employment Security Department.

"It has certainly improved, but it's still well below where we were prior to the pandemic," Lerch said.

Lerch said economists also expect gross domestic product rates to make a turn for the better. The GDP is expected to hit pre-pandemic levels and could

even be stronger by mid to late 2021.

Construction and housing in Washington also saw a better year than expected, Lerch said. Housing permits and large commercial real estate transactions went up, as did construction projects. After a slowdown in 2019, Seattle home prices remain high, Lerch said.

Oil prices are also higher when compared to November's economic forecast. However, Lerch said these prices will gradually decline after mid-2021.

Industrial production continues to improve in the U.S., Lerch said, but remains almost 2% lower than its January 2020 level.

Around 1 in 4 Washington households reported difficulty in paying their usual expenses, according to data from the U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey collected from Feb. 3-15. This is slightly lower than the national average, where about 1 in 3 Americans reported difficulty in

meeting their usual expenses.

People are also saving their money at "unusually high" levels, Lerch said.

Though not at pre-pandemic levels, Lerch said with stimulus packages at state and federal levels, as well as efficient COVID-19 vaccine rollouts, economists "are looking at the economy in a more positive light."

Salmon Fishing Closes on the Cowlitz River, Cispus River and Lake Scanewa

By The Chronicle staff

The Washing Department of Fish and Wildlife has announced that salmon fishing is closed on the Cowlitz River, Cispus River and Lake Scanewa effective Friday, March 5. It will be closed until further notice.

"An estimated 1,800 adult spring Chinook are forecast to return to the Cowlitz River in 2021," the department wrote in a press release. "A return of this size is insufficient to meet both hatchery broodstock needs and projected harvest for a full-season sport fishery. Modifying spring Chinook fisheries on this river will help meet hatchery program goals."

Fishery managers will continue to monitor spring Chinook returns to the Cowlitz River to determine when fisheries may be reopened. The posted fishing boundary markers below the Barrier Dam at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery will be moved to the standard 400-foot boundary downstream of the fish ladder entrance.

More Than 5,000 People Have Now Died From COVID-19 in Washington State as of Wednesday

By The Seattle Times

Washington health officials on Wednesday reported the state has surpassed 5,000 deaths from the novel coronavirus, an announcement that comes a few days after the one-year anniversary of the country's first COVID-19 death.

The state Department of Health (DOH) counted 24 new coronavirus deaths Wednesday, bringing the total to 5,012, and the percent of deaths among total cases to 1.5%. Health officials also reported 799 new infections, tallying 342,236 total cases in the state.

"Each of these 5,000 lives were more than a number to us," Gov. Jay Inslee said in a statement Wednesday. "At the same time, it is fitting and proper to be thankful for the efforts of our citizens to fight COVID-19."

Following the announcement, State Secretary of Health Umair A. Shah asked Washingtonians to take some time Thursday — at noon, or a time of their choosing — to hold a moment of silence for those lost to the pandemic.

While the announcement of 5,000 deaths was made Wednesday, DOH's latest historical count showed that total was technically passed on Friday.

"Obviously 5,000 deaths is a pretty grim milestone," said Judith N. Wasserheit, the chair of the University of Washington's Department of Global Health and co-director of the school's Alliance for Pandemic Preparedness. "You can't look at that number without recognizing the tremendous pain and devastating losses for their loved ones and families and our community at large."

"I think, though, there is good news," Wasserheit said.

Recently, the state's death rate of about 65.5 deaths per 100,000 residents as well as infections and hospitalizations have seen an encouraging decline, health experts say. Since hitting the highest daily number of deaths during the pandemic on Dec. 21 and Jan. 4, with 43 each day, the seven-day rolling average has dropped from about 30 deaths per day to about 11 per day, according to DOH data.

In addition, Wasserheit said the state is seeing high levels of mask use and physical distancing in many areas, particularly in parts of King County.

Vaccine distribution in the U.S. is also picking up. President Joe Biden said Tuesday the U.S. is on track to deliver enough virus shots for all adults by the end of May — two months earlier than anticipated.

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Lewis County Gardening for Everyone Goes Online



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Master Gardener MaryAnn Albenesius trims grass at the Borst Park demonstration garden on a recent Saturday. Master Gardeners usually work in teams to maintain the program's four demonstration gardens but these days work solo to adhere to social distancing standards.

VIRTUAL EVENT: Social Distancing Has Brought New Opportunities, Master Gardeners Say

By Carrina Stanton
 For The Chronicle

Last year's Lewis County Master Gardeners Gardening for Everyone event was among

the myriad events suddenly canceled last year at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jason Adams, program coordinator for the WSU Lewis County Extension Office's Master Gardener and Master Recycler Composter programs, recalled they had posters up and speakers ready, but the event, like so many others to come, would not happen.

This year's Gardening for Everyone event will reflect the new normal that the Master Gardeners and many other nonprofits, organizations and clubs have embraced by moving their interactions online. Gardening for Everyone, planned for Saturday, March 13, will happen entirely over the Zoom platform.

"I think what really makes it beautiful is how many people we

can reach," Adams said of the virtual format for Gardening for Everyone. "This is going out to not only people in Lewis County but people in other counties, other communities, can access it."

Gardening for Everyone is a free community education event that has been hosted by local Master Gardeners for dozens of years and has always been touted as a way for Master Gardeners to pass on their expertise in many subjects to the public. Some of the subjects for the classes come from suggestions from the Master Gardeners themselves, while others are suggestions from Gardening for Everyone participants. This year's class subjects are: planning a vegetable garden; growing tomatoes; rhododendron 101; and low maintenance gardening.

"It would set someone up with what they need to set up their garden this year," said Master Gardener Sharon Peterson, organizer for this year's Gardening for Everyone event.

Gardening for Everyone was among more than three dozen WSU Lewis County Extension programs planned for in-person workshops and events that had to be canceled because of the COVID pandemic. Even for a time, the program's beloved demonstration gardens were shuttered because they were not considered essential agricultural activities, so volunteers could not care for them.

"To have to tell someone that they can't volunteer their time, that's really hard," Adams said.

Adams said adding options to connect with community members online was something he had been interested in for some time before the pandemic started. He explained that for residents in communities in East County particularly, driving into Chehalis to participate in a class or training can be a burden. Over the past year, the Master Gardener program has offered its popular plant clinic in a virtual setting, held an online lunchtime learning series that has reached hundreds of people and moved Master Gardener and Master Recycler Composter classes to a virtual platform, except for the program's required volunteer hours.

"I would say it's been the catalyst that's caused us to be more innovative," Adams said of the pandemic. "Online anything didn't really exist for us before this."

Those who would like to participate in this year's virtual Gardening for Everyone classes need to pre-register for the event by sending an email to Adams.

MORE INFORMATION: GARDENING FOR EVERYONE

- When:** 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. March 13 via Zoom
Schedule:
 • 9-10:30 a.m. — Planning a vegetable garden with Don Enstrom
 • 10:45-11:45 a.m. — Growing tomatoes with Barbara Eastman
 • Noon-1 p.m. — Rhododendron 101 with Karen Servey
 • 1:15-2:15 p.m. — Low maintenance gardening with Mary Ann Albenesius
 Classes are free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required by emailing Jason. adams@lewiscountywa.gov. For more information, go to lewis-mg-mrc.org or join Lewis County Master Gardeners on Facebook.

They will receive an email response with a link to the virtual event. Another advantage of holding Gardening for Everyone virtually is that while indoor venues across the state remain either closed or at limited capacity, depending on their location, the virtual event can welcome a large number of community members. "I can have up to 300 people on my Zoom, which would be fantastic," Adams said.

Peterson said that plans are cautiously optimistic for this year's Master Gardeners plant sale, which at this point is planned for May 15-16. Last year, the sale that usually draws hundreds of shoppers and is the program's largest fundraiser for the year was canceled because of COVID restrictions. The Master Gardeners held a smaller plant sale in the fall, which successfully used COVID safety measures and social distancing while allowing shoppers to purchase plants in person. Peterson said there are also contingency plans being made in case an in-person plant sale cannot occur that would allow shoppers to purchase their plants online and then drive through to pick them up. It is hoped that other traditionally in-person offerings such as plant clinics and educational events may be able to move back into in-person as soon as they get the green light that it is safe to do it, Adams added.

"They are more than eager to start doing in-person anything at this point," he said. "But the big word is hybrid. Even when we do go back to whatever normal, I think this hybrid system is going to continue."

Puzzles

Find answers to the puzzles in the next edition.

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 12 Indiana neighbor
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 15 Hindu teacher
 16 Insinuation
 18 Rounded up
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 23 Exclaimed over
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 29 Slant
 30 Hoe
 31 Caustic solution
 33 Kind
 34 Unattached
 35 Roses-to-be
 36 Closed tightly
 38 Bumpkins

- 39 Large cask
 40 Gas pump abbr.
 41 Sherpa's sighting
 43 Comstock Lode state
 46 Time off
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 50 Culture dish goo
 51 Harden, as plaster
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 53 Have a meal
 54 Qt. fractions
 55 Redding of blues

- DOWN**
 1 Marsh
 2 "No dice!" (hyph.)
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 5 Sci-fi thriller
 6 Tear

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 23 Kimono fastener
 24 Rembrandt paintings
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 28 Jekyll's alter ego
 30 Brown songbird
 32 Superman's emblem
 34 Liquid
 35 Persistent problem
 37 Garments
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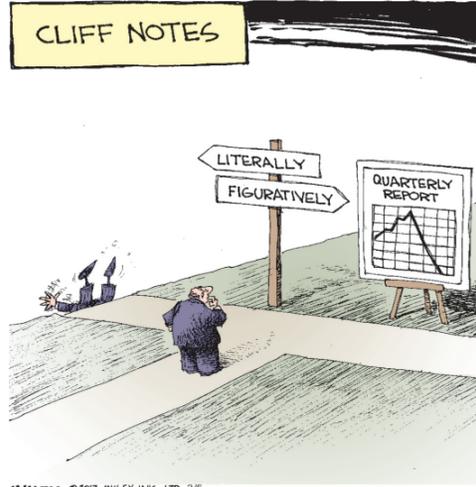
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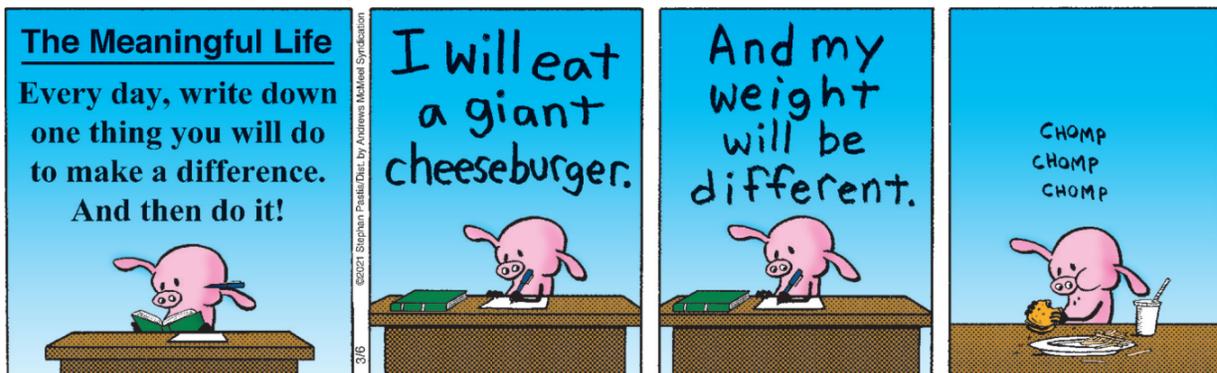
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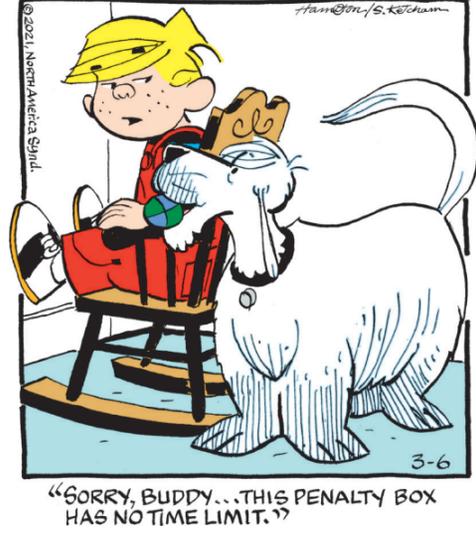


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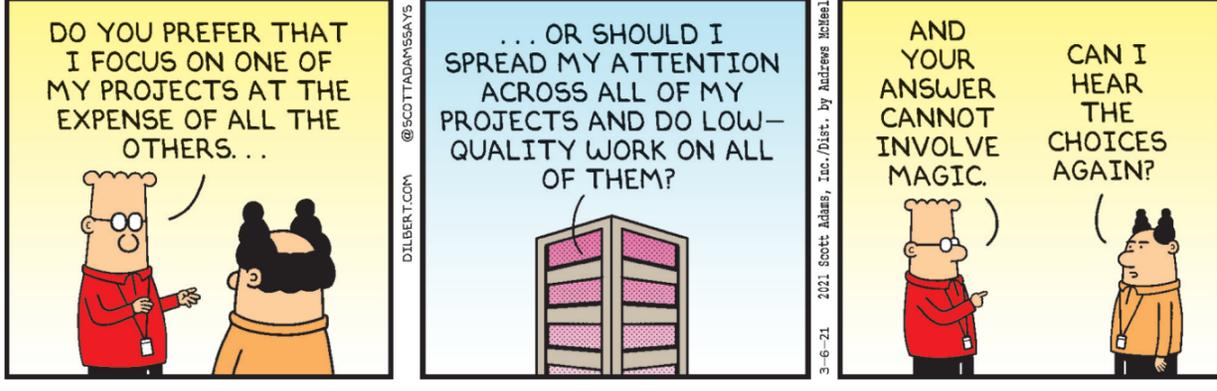


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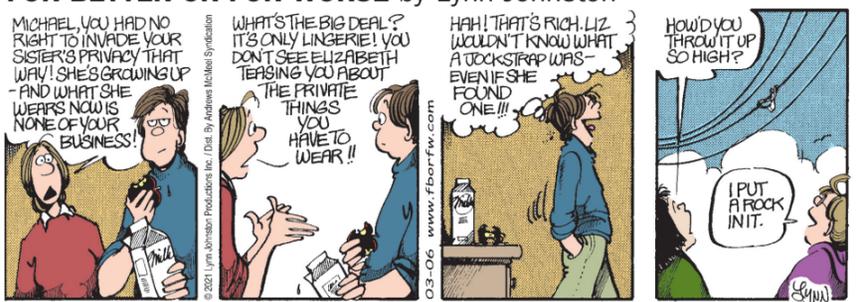
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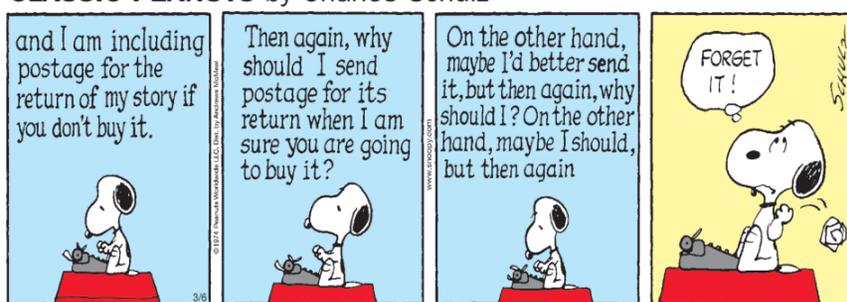
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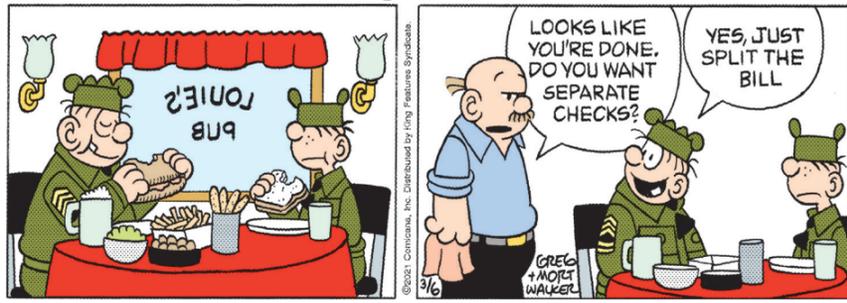
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MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021



PISCES

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Look for an outlet that dissipates pent-up energy. Blow off steam in a healthy way, and pursue your goals. Don't let others lead you astray. Update your look, and compliments will follow.



ARIES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Have your questions and answers ready. Take a leadership position and use intelligence, patience and understanding to map out the best way to get things done on time.



TAURUS

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Know what you are up against before you take action. An encounter with someone who doesn't share your views will test your patience and knowledge. Do your best to keep the peace.



GEMINI

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Get the facts, prepare your defense and don't believe everything you hear. It's important to reserve judgment but, at the same time, you must not be gullible. Focus on educational pursuits.



CANCER

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You'll attract informative people. Share your vision, and the input you receive will spark your imagination. A partnership will be tempting, but make sure your expenses are shared. Romance is in the stars.



LEO

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Indecisiveness will weigh heavily on your mind. Distance yourself from unpredictable individuals. Put your time and energy into something you believe in or an activity that will bring you closer to someone.



VIRGO

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
It's up to you to bring about positive change. If you wait for someone else to make the first move, you won't accomplish what you set out to do. Look for alternative solutions.



LIBRA

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Think before you act. If you let your emotions lead the way, you'll end up on the defensive. Physical fitness, personal growth and educational pursuits will help you gain confidence.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Accept the inevitable. Be open to suggestions, but don't lose sight of your plan. An innovative approach to how you run your home and deal with friends and relatives will pay off.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Be observant; question anything that appears odd or unlikely. Use your intelligence to ferret out what's real and what isn't. Don't make a decision based on what someone else does.



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Put more thought into what you want to do next. A professional move, investment or lifestyle change will tempt you. Follow your heart, and pay attention to those who bring out the best in you.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Put more time and thought into something that interests you. Educational pursuits will encourage you to use your skills in a satisfying way. Do your own thing.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021



PISCES

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Take the initiative to address issues that are slowing you down. Focus on efficiency and productivity so you can accomplish what you set out to do. A change of heart will pay off.



ARIES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Adapt to change and go about your business. Embrace new beginnings with enthusiasm. How you use your energy to get things done will help you gain support and the respect you desire.



TAURUS

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Keep your life simple and your promises practical. Refuse to let your emotions get in the way of common sense. Focus on self-improvement instead of trying to change others.



GEMINI

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Don't let down your guard, even if someone is complimentary or seductive. Be wary when someone turns on the charm or uses emotional tactics to take advantage of you. Don't let anger set in.



CANCER

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Educate yourself before sharing your opinion. Change can be helpful if it saves you money, improves your health or helps you make a difference. Nurture a meaningful relationship.



LEO

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Look for the right opportunity. Don't let someone talk you into something that will benefit them, not you. Carefully choose with whom you associate. A partnership must be equitable.



VIRGO

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Learn through observation, and make adjustments that will help you attain a better position. An older or established individual will offer insight. Don't be afraid to try something new.



LIBRA

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Be receptive to suggestions. Focus on education, communication and expanding your interests and circle of friends. Let your curiosity and desire for mental stimulation lead the way.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Pace yourself, think matters through and look at all sides of a situation. Focus on what's possible, and you'll find unique ways to evade tricky situations. Make peace and love priorities.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Focus on how you earn your living or manage your money. Be wary of people taking advantage of you or not being honest about their long-term plans. You may have to go it alone, at least for a while.



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Take care of yourself. Start a fitness routine that encourages you to pay close attention to diet and lifestyle, and it will lift your spirits and confidence. Success can be yours.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Discipline, hard work and persistence will be necessary today. Getting along and keeping the peace will make your life easier. Consider what's important to you and work to achieve it.

MISCELLANEOUS WANTED

NEW TODAY!

WANTED Books: Bits & Bridles, encyclopedia by Dr. Gerhard A. Malm & books on saddle making. 360-740-0209 evenings.

Wanted older Kubota or John Deere diesel tractor, 4WD with loader. Cash paid, any condition! Call Dan, 360-304-1199.

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GARAGE SALES CHEHALIS

VISIT VISITED
GARAGE SALE!
Saturday Only, March 6, 8-4.
172 Abrem Ln, Chehalis, WA 98532.
Newaukum Village.
Kitchen, camping, clothes, glass curio cabinet, automated love seat, tool box & lots of miscellaneous.

AUTOMOTIVE

MOTOR HOMES

WANTED: Motor-home or truck & travel trailer, any type/size/condition considered, cash buyer, call Paul or Maryann. 360-434-3993

LEGAL NOTICES

117246 Summons Cause No. 20-2-00645-21

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS Cause No. 20-2-00645-21: SECURED HOLDINGS, LLC, Plaintiff, v. EUN HWA JUNG, a single woman, Defendant. SUMMONS. THE STATE OF WASHING-

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TON, TO: EUN HWA JUNG, Defendant herein: You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within twenty (20) days after the 20th day of February, 2021, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the Plaintiff, Secured Holdings, LLC, and serve a copy of your answer upon David J. Britton, the undersigned attorney for Plaintiff, at his office below stated; and in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. The action herein is an action to effect a judicial partition and sale of real property owned by Plaintiff and Defendant as tenants in common, as set forth more fully in the Complaint. Dated this 15th day of February, 2021. /s/ David J. Britton, WSBA #31748. ADDRESS OF PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY: Britton Law Office, PLLC, 535 Dock Street, Suite 108, Tacoma, WA 98402. Tel: (253) 383-7113. Fax: (253) 572-2223.

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117456 MDNS

SEPA #: 2020 0659 Date: March 4, 2021

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Construct 31-space senior manufactured housing planned unit development with associated stormwater, infrastructure, etc. The project is Phase II of Society Place.

Proponent: Eldon Foster

Location of proposal: 1217 S Scheuber Road, tax parcel #021188-000-000

Date of Application: 2-3-2021 Date of Notice of Completeness: 3-2-2021

Lead agency: Centralia Community Development

Project Permits: SEPA, PUD, Civil Plans, Building.

Environmental Documents on file: SEPA Checklist, Critical Areas Report, Geotechnical Report.

The City of Centralia Community Development Dept. has determined this project does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment with mitigating conditions. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the City. The proposal will include mitigation measures under applicable codes and the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an EIS is prepared. This information is available to the public upon request.

Notes and conditions:
1. Work may not commence until all required permits and approvals have been obtained.
2. Wetland protection and mitigation measures detailed in the Critical Areas Report, dated September 26, 2019, must be followed.
3. Recommendations detailed in the Geotechnical Report, dated January 25, 2019, must be followed.
4. In the event any archaeological or historic materials are encountered during project activity, work in the immediate area (initially allowing for a 100' buffer; this number may vary by circumstance) must stop and the following actions taken:
1. Implement reasonable measures to protect the discovery site, including any

appropriate stabilization or covering; and
2. Take reasonable steps to ensure the confidentiality of the discovery site; and,
3. Take reasonable steps to restrict access to the site of discovery.
The project proponent will notify the concerned Tribes and all appropriate county, state, and federal agencies, including the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. The agencies and Tribe(s) will discuss possible measures to remove or avoid cultural material, and will reach an agreement with the project proponent regarding actions to be taken and disposition of material.
If human remains are uncovered, appropriate law enforcement agencies shall be notified first, and the above steps followed. If the remains are determined to be Native, consultation with the affected Tribes will take place in order to mitigate the final disposition of said remains.

See the Revised Code of Washington, Chapter 27.53, "Archaeological Sites and Resources," for applicable state laws and statutes. See also Washington State Executive Order 05-05, "Archaeological and Cultural Resources." Additional state and federal law(s) may also apply. It is strongly encouraged copies of inadvertent discovery language/plan are retained on-site while project activity is underway.

This MDNS is issued under WAC 197-11-350; the City of Centralia will not act on this proposal for 15-days from the date of publication.

Comments are due by: March 22, 2021

Responsible official: Hillary Hoke Position/Title: Asst. Director, Centralia Community Development Phone: (360) 330-7684 Email: hhoke@cityofcentralia.com Address: PO Box 609, Centralia WA 98531

The complete application may be viewed at the Community Development Dept. located at 118 W Maple, Centralia, WA 98531, during regular business hours, M-F. Any person(s) may comment on the proposal, in writing, via mail or email at the addresses above. You may appeal this determination to City of Centralia - Community Development. All appeals must be filed in writing, with the appropriate fee, by 5:00 pm on March 29, 2021. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. If you have any questions regarding the SEPA or appeal processes please contact the Responsible Official.

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117449 Notice to Bidders

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Lewis County Public Facilities District NORTHWEST SPORTS HUB - BUILDING EXPANSION
Sealed bids for the above project will be received from Contractors by the Lewis County Public Facilities District at the Lewis County Treasurer's Office located at 351 NW North Street, PO Box 509, Chehalis, Washington 98532, until 1:00 p.m., Monday, March 22, 2021. Bids shall be delivered in a sealed envelope clearly marked "SEALED BID FOR LEWIS COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT NORTHWEST SPORTS HUB BUILDING EXPANSION PROJECT - HVAC". Bids may be delivered in person or by certified mail only. No e-mailed, telephone or other electronic bids will be accepted.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Engineering, Construction, Labor, Material, & Equipment to supply and install HVAC System that meets or exceeds the

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following specification:
• Relocate Existing Cambridge gas fired Makeup Air Unit west to the next bay to clear the new addition.
• 5 - Gas fired unit heaters.
• 2 - Ventilation Exhaust fans with louvers and motorize dampers.
• 2 - Intake louvers with motorized dampers
• 6 - Arius Air Pear Ceiling fans to handle air destratification.
• Gas piping
• Flues up through roof
• CO2 sensors and local thermostats
• Ductwork per SMACNA Standards
• All Grilles Registers and Diffusers
• Mechanical Insulation
• Crane and lifts
• Commissioning Assistance
• Start, Test, and balance
• Permit
• 1-year full warranty

Bids will be accepted until 1:00 p.m., Monday, March 22, 2021. At 1:30 p.m. on that day said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Northwest Sports Hub located at 701 Allen Avenue, Centralia, Washington 98531. All bids must be submitted upon the furnished forms found in the bidding documents. It is the owner's intent to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, provided the bid has been submitted in accordance with the bidding documents and does not exceed the funds available.

Bidders and other interested parties are invited to be present at the bid opening. Bids received after the time fixed for receipt cannot be considered. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of 45 days after opening of bids. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities and irregularities.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE:

At 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2021 a voluntary pre-bid conference will be held at the Northwest Sports Hub to review the existing building conditions and to answer questions regarding the bid documents and the project construction. The Northwest Sports Hub is located off Pioneer Way near Fort Borst Park and Centralia Middle School. The site address is 701 Allen Avenue, Centralia, Washington 98531.

The Lewis County Public Facility District hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Contractual documents may be obtained by emailing Sandra Wing at Sandy@nwsporthub.com. Questions regarding the bid documents should be directed to Dave Sherer, Project Manager, (360) 520-3697 or by e-mail at famscherer4@msn.com.

BY ORDER OF: Col. Ron Averill, Chairman Lewis County Public Facilities District Lewis County, Washington

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117282 NTC: Baker

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES T. BAKER, Deceased. NO. 21 4 0005321 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

The personal representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent

must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative, or the personal representative's attorney, at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets of the decedent. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: February 20, 2021 KARLA K. DAWSON Personal Representative ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: LARRY W. FAGERNESS ADDRESS FOR MAILING AND SERVICE OF CLAIMS: FAGERNESS LAW OFFICE P. O. Box 88 3508 Galvin Road Centralia, WA 98531 (360) 736-7400 COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSE NUMBER: Lewis County Superior Court # 21 4 0005321

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NTC: Karl

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JANNEN KARL, Deceased. NO. 21-4-00079-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The administrator named below has been appointed as administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the administrator or the administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020 (1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in section 11 of this act and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets. Date of filing copy of Notice to Creditors March 1, 2021 Date of first publication March 6, 2021 Cody Markowiz Administrator c/o ALTHAUSER RAYAN ABBARNO, LLP 114 W. Magnolia; P. O. Box 210 Centralia, WA 98531 Telephone: (360) 736 1301 Subsequent Publications: March 13 & 20, 2021

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117466 Public Hearing Notice

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Pe Ell Town Council during the regularly scheduled meeting on March 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via ZOOM. Meeting information can be located on the Town of Pe Ell's website at www.townofpeell.com.

The purpose of the public hearing is to review a variance application received by the Clerk for the Town of Pe Ell regarding 4 vacant parcels located on Washington Street. The Variance will be to allow construction of three tri-plexes in an area that is zoned residential. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 24-hour advanced notice. Contact Clerk/Treasurer Oster at (360)291-3543, 111 S. Main Street- Pe Ell Town Hall

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