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Federal Relief Package Includes \$15.6M for County

By The Chronicle staff

County officials are still in the early stages of figuring out how to utilize an estimated \$15.6 million set to funnel into Lewis County thanks to the American

Rescue Plan.

The \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package was signed into law by President Joe Biden earlier this month, and will provide about \$7 billion to Washington state,

over half of which is expected to stay at the state level while much of the rest will be distributed among local governments.

Now, Lewis County is largely waiting to see how the state

spends its portion in order to avoid duplicating any spending.

Those state funds, according to county Budget Manager Becky Butler, could be used for large infrastructure projects

such as water, sewer and broadband, while local funds could be saved for smaller, more local projects.

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Process for Vacating Drug Charges Outlined by County

SUPREME COURT DECISION:
County Produces Form for Those Looking to Vacate Charges

By Claudia Yaw

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A wave of Washingtonians with drug possession charges are now eligible to have them vacated. As the state scrambles to address the Blake decision — in which the state Supreme Court ruled Washington's drug statute unconstitutional — here's what individuals with drug charges should know.

In State v. Blake, justices struck down Washington state's drug possession law since it punished offenders regardless of whether or not they knew they had drugs on them. The decision is retroactive, meaning drug charges dating all the way back to the 1970s can now be re-evaluated.

While courts will undoubtedly be overwhelmed by decades of cases they now have to review, Lewis County residents trying to vacate charges can try to expedite that process via a voluntary form now made available by the prosecutor's office.

Find the form in English or Spanish here: <https://bit.ly/3uoL8xU>.

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Volunteers Lead Renewed Search for Body of Drowned Centralia Teen



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Independent volunteer divers Corey Cooper Jefferson Greenwell, and Jim Baker use a rope during a search for missing teen Zach Hines-Rager in the Chehalis River near Adna.



Jim Baker, left, describes the rapid movement of the Chehalis River saying, "it felt like it was sucking my feet out from under me," during a search for missing teen Zach Hines-Rager near Adna Monday morning.

CHEHALIS RIVER:

Volunteers Look to Bring Closure for Family and Friends of Zach Hines-Rager

By Emily Fitzgerald

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Volunteer divers and community members have organized a renewed search for Zach Hines-Rager's body after local law enforcement called off their search efforts last week.

A YouTube content creator who goes by "Sam Sam the Ad-

venture Man" who is a diver specializing in vehicle recovery and missing persons cases posted a video on April 1 asking for local divers and other volunteers to help search the Chehalis River Monday, April 5.

Sam and the family posted that they had enough volunteers for Monday's search and informed the public that access to the site would be limited to immediate family and to those directly helping with the search.

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office and the Thurston County Dive Team ended their two-day

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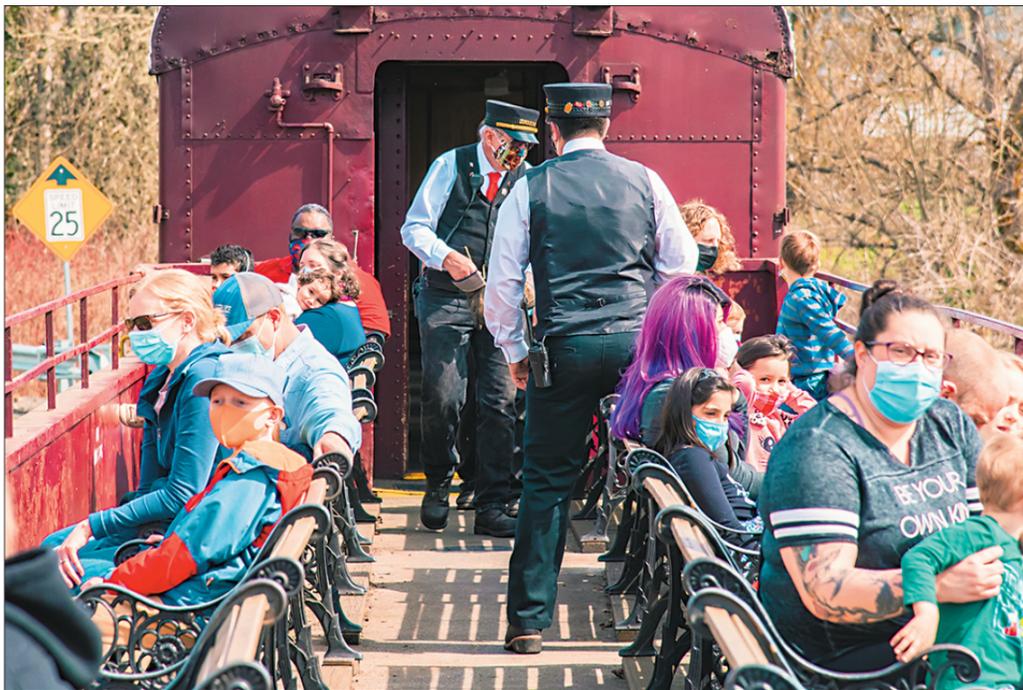
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The Easter Bunny waves to passengers aboard the "Easter Eggspress" train ride in Chehalis on Saturday at the Chehalis-Centralia Railroad and Museum. Though the Eggspress rides are done for the year, the railroad is getting ready to restart its regular schedule. Saturday excursions begin on April 10. Trains will depart the Chehalis Depot at 1101 SW Sylvanus St. at 1 and 3 p.m. each Saturday, and the popular Saturday evening dinner train will be offered at 5 p.m. on April 17. Beginning May 29, the Chehalis-Centralia Railroad will return to its full schedule: Saturdays, at 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. and Sundays at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. To reserve, select "Premier Seating Excursions" under "select events" when ordering your tickets on SteamTrainRide.com. Reservations can also be made by calling 360-748-9593.

All Aboard the 'Easter Eggspress' in Chehalis



Conductor Jack Eppert and Brakeman Luke Lennox talk to passengers aboard the "Easter Eggspress" train ride on Saturday in Chehalis.



Nevaeh Clark, 2, hunts for eggs in Chehalis on Saturday.



Dennis Jackson smiles and poses for a photo with his son Rafael, 2, on his very first train ride aboard the "Easter Eggspress" on Saturday.



Passengers of the "Easter Eggspress" train ride follow the Easter Bunny as they wave in Chehalis on Saturday.



Kids receive candy from the Easter Bunny at the Chehalis-Centralia Railroad and Museum on Saturday.



Kids run and hunt for eggs on Saturday following a ride on the "Easter Eggspress" in Chehalis.



Britnee Dolce sports bunny ears and poses for a photo with Sebastian, 5, while riding on the "Easter Eggspress" train ride on Saturday.

Maximilian Motorsports: Chehalis Business Offers an Elite Automotive Master's Degree for Mechanics

VROOM: Of the 18 People Currently in the Program, Three Work at Maximilian Motorsports

By Isabel Vander Stoep
The Chronicle

For an auto repair shop in Chehalis that specializes in luxury vehicles, it's not easy finding new hires. And when technicians must be able to work on everything from a 1920s Rolls-Royce to a 2019 Porsche, there's no substitute for hands-on learning.

That's why Maximilian Motorsports decided to bring the learning to them and fund an apprenticeship program that culminates in a state-accredited master's degree in automotives. The apprenticeship includes three aspects: an instructor, hands-on and in-shop learning and online courses through Elected.com.

Before the apprenticeship, Maximilian Macdonald, owner and chief executive officer, had to spend his time teaching technicians everything he knew, which wasn't the best option for himself or the technicians. Sometimes, as he says, you can be the best player but the worst coach. And though it is a significant economic investment for Maximilian Motorsports, Macdonald sees the apprenticeship as a way to improve his industry, along with the world around him.

There are currently 18 people in this particular apprenticeship program in Washington, and three of them are members of Macdonald's team.

"In anything, if you're not going to make it better, then don't complain," Macdonald said. "We can always improve our world ... Like a farmer, you have to seed, nurture and harvest. You can't just harvest."

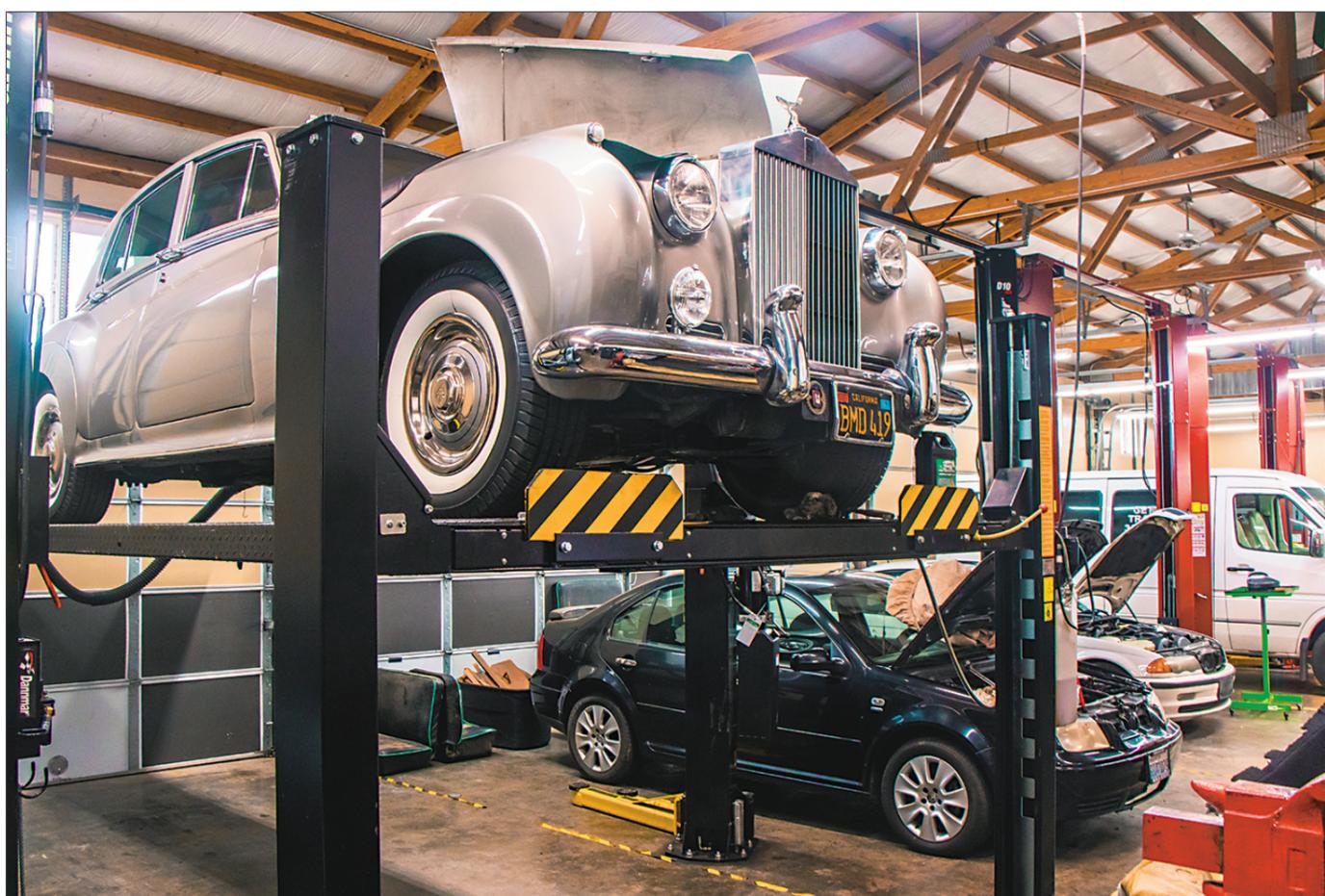
Macdonald recognizes better than most that the automotive industry doesn't have the best reputation.

"(It's) beset with a black eye of lack of integrity," he said.

So, every piece of Maximilian Motorsports aims to undo that stereotype. All the systems they use can be accessed from anywhere in the world, allowing customers to check on the status of their vehicles' repairs remotely. Pictures accompany updates. Macdonald says that some shops post generic photos for each problem, rather than using real pictures of the customer's vehicle, which he believes is entirely dishonest.

When a customer can see the repair process in real-time, Macdonald says the benefits are twofold.

"You can easily say, 'hey, can you take care of this?'... and that makes it easier for us," he said. "It's not as invasive, because I think a lot of times if people think it's a bother, they just say



A Rolls-Royce sits on a lift inside Maximilian Motorsports while it is worked on in Chehalis.

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'ah well, I'll just pick it up.'"

Deeply entwined with Maximilian Motorsports' business model of transparency is their investment in initiatives to improve the world outside the shop. Macdonald doesn't consider himself to be politically polarized and states that it doesn't take an environmentalist to see that upcycling saves money. Part of the apprenticeship program includes investment in electric cars, allowing the technicians to master another element of automotives.

The shop, which was built by Macdonald himself, has all sorts of scrap metal pieces artfully reused to create the modern look it has today.

One-hundred percent of the waste oil from vehicles is used in the heating of the facility. Truly everything about Maximilian Motorsports is a work of sustainable art.

Of the halves of cars beautifully displayed on the walls, Macdonald casually states, "I've been blessed. I've had art installations at galleries and so forth and I've had some stuff on display at museums, even though I don't fancy myself an artist."

Clearly, he is one.

The art, history and technology of racing, in fact, all played a role in Macdonald's passion for the automotive industry early in life.

As a child, Macdonald lost his father to lung cancer. During hospital visits, 11-year-old Maximilian found comfort by playing with his matchbox car. By



Max Macdonald talks about organizing his shop at Maximilian Motorsports in Chehalis.

high school, he was racing 1962 Porches.

Still a teenager, Macdonald competed in a 10,000-mile race all over the U.S. to raise money for Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

At 19, Macdonald worked at Seattle Ferrari. Despite working with just about every possible type of luxury vehicle, he believes every car to be as unique as its owner.

"Every car has a backstory," Macdonald said, "you feel like a caretaker of history."

For more information, go to maximilianmotorsports.com.



The bathroom at Maximilian Motorsports is seen decked out in styled vehicle parts and various license plates in Chehalis.



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Centralia School District's Third Levy Attempt on the April 27 Ballot

OUTREACH: School District Plans Virtual Gatherings, Forum, to Answer Questions About the Proposal

By Emily Fitzgerald

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Voters will soon receive ballots for the April 27 special election and be asked to vote on Centralia School District's replacement educational programs and operations levy — the district's third attempt to pass a levy since the beginning of 2020.

The district's two previous attempts to pass a levy both failed, with a February 2020 proposal asking for \$2.50 per \$1,000 failing with 69 percent of voters in opposition and an August 2020 proposal for \$2 per \$1,000 failing with 50.38 percent opposed.

This time around, the district is asking for \$1.50 per \$1,000. If passed, collection would begin in 2022. In total, the levy is estimated to raise \$2.4 million in the 2021-2022 school year and \$4.6 million in the 2022-2023 school year.

The school board voted to set the lower rate back in February after taking into account recommendations from the budget task force, a group of community members and school staff. The amount maximizes Local Effort Assistance (LEA) funding from the state, and if the levy passes,



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Students sport masks as they walk to their classes during their first week back in school last month at Centralia High School.

the state will grant the school district an additional \$700,000 in funding in the 2021-22 school year and \$1 million in the 2022-23 year.

"We know we have improvements that need to continue to be made as a district, that's why a two-year levy. We want to be accountable for outcomes, show what we're doing with those dollars and the impacts it's having, and then continue to move for-

ward as a district," said Centralia Superintendent Lisa Grant at a March 23 city council meeting where she explained the ballot proposal and the district's intended uses for the funding.

Specifically, the levy will fund services and support support programs intended to improve academic outcomes, such as instructional facilitators, technology maintenance, College in the High School and other programs

for highly-capable students. It would also support special education students and fund efforts to engage students in programs, services and activities that increase success, such as athletics, music, performing arts, counseling and behavioral supports.

"We know the state funds basic education and certain pieces of structure for our students, but it does not fund everything our students need for their suc-

cess, so our levy dollars will be focused on two areas intended to support students very directly," Grant said. "They're not necessarily glamorous, but they are items that we know are proven to give positive results for students."

The district's previous levy expired in December 2020. In August 2020, the school district publicized a projected shortfall in its 2020-2021 school year budget of \$11.9 million — a portion of which is due to lost levy revenue, The Chronicle previously reported.

Along with other cuts, the district laid off 90 school employees this past summer to help balance the budget.

"We know the levy benefits our students if we target supports to increase their success. We also know strong schools support strong communities, increase living wage jobs, housing values, all those pieces benefit our community, and those things benefit our future for our students, our school district and our community," Grant said.

To help ensure that voters have all their questions about the levy answered prior to the election, the school district is hosting virtual "coffee o'clocks" April 6, 14 and 20, along with a Zoom forum 7-8 p.m. on April 13. Links to each of the virtual events, along with information about the levy and answers to frequently asked questions, are on the district's website, www.centralia.k12.wa.us/Page/3921.

Secretary of State Accepting Nominations for Washington's Medals of Merit and Valor

By The Chronicle staff

The Office of the Secretary of State is now accepting nominations for Washington's Medal of Merit and Medal of Valor. These two medals are considered the highest state-issued honors for civilians of Washington.

The Medal of Merit recogniz-

es exceptional individuals who perform outstanding services for Washington and its residents. The Medal of Valor is awarded to anyone who has saved or attempted to save the life of another at the risk of their own safety.

After nomination, recipients are chosen by the state medal committee, which includes the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the House, and chief justice of the state Supreme Court. Medals will be awarded during a special joint session of the state Legislature.

To nominate someone for either of these medals, visit sos.wa.gov/medals/. Forms and supporting documents may be sent to secretaryofstate@sos.wa.gov or Medal of Merit/Valor Committee, c/o Secretary of State, P.O. Box 40220, Olympia, Wash., 98504-0220.

The deadline for nominations is Oct. 15.

"Washingtonians accomplish amazing things, serve and better their communities in many ways, and commit selfless acts of bravery every day," said Secretary of State Kim Wyman. "I am grateful for the honor of serving on

the state medal committee and celebrating the incredible people who inspire all of us to live better lives."

Previous Medal of Merit recipients include Leland H. Hartwell, a 2001 recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, and Billy Frank, Jr., Native American environmental leader, treaty-rights activist and former vice chairman of the Nisqually Indian Tribe.

Emma Smith DeVoe, an early-20th century suffragist often called "the Mother of Women's Suffrage," received the Medal of Merit posthumously.

Timothy Bourasaw and Rick Bowers were the most recent recipients of the Medal of Valor award. In 2006, they came upon two people trapped in a vehicle engulfed in flames on Interstate 5. They extricated the passengers, one of whom was on fire, and cared for them until emergency services arrived.

The Medal of Merit may be awarded posthumously, but cannot be awarded to an elected official while in office or any candidate for an elected office. Law enforcement officers, firefighters and other professional emergency responders are not eligible for the Medal of Valor.

News in Brief

Tony Ketchum Joins Twin Transit Board

By The Chronicle staff

Chehalis City Councilor Tony Ketchum has joined the Twin Transit Board, following the retirement of Chad Taylor, who stepped down from the council after purchasing The Chronicle.

A Lewis County resident of 50 years, "Ketchum is dedicated to helping our community thrive," according to a press release from Twin Transit.

Ketchum also serves on the boards of Visiting Nurses, Hope Alliance, the Lewis County Historical Museum and the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce.

He has also spent a great deal of time volunteering as a coach for youth soccer, baseball and basketball, and giving back through his local church, according to the press release.

"I just always wanted to do more," Ketchum said in the release. "I've been involved with city government for 25 years and I believe in giving back where you can. I like helping people."

Ketchum said he believes strongly in working together for the benefit of all.

"My goal is to get all the communities in Lewis County working together as one," he said. "None of us can be an island — we need all of us to succeed."

That's one reason Ketchum is excited to be part of the Twin Transit team, according to the press release.

"They're moving in the right direction," he said. "There's a lot of positive talk and outlook, and I'd like to be a part of that. I want Twin Transit to continue to grow, be productive, and serve our community."



Tony Ketchum
new board member

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DAVID POWELL

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David Andrew Powell, 45, passed away after a short illness, March 21, 2021, in Portland, Ore. He was born Jan. 14, 1976, to William "Bill" and Barbara (Sherman) Powell in Ellensburg, Wash.

A 35 year long resident of Centralia, Wash., Dave graduated from Centralia High School in 1994. After graduation, Dave served in the United States Navy from 1994 to 1997, and was stationed on the USS Willamette (AO-180) at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He became a Certified Welder through Bates Technical College in 2005, and completed Heavy Equipment Operator Training in 2012, through the Operating Engineers Regional Training Center in Ellensburg, Wash.

Professionally, he worked in the construction trade as a heavy equipment operator, truck driver, certified welder, and mechanic. At the time of his death, he worked for the City of Centralia as a street/stormwater maintenance tech. He was a member of Washington Teamsters Union Local 252, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 612, and the NRA.

Dave married Jaime (Swigert) Coady, Aug. 14, 2012, in a small ceremony on a cold windy beach in Ocean Shores, Wash. He loved his family, both blood and chosen, above all else, and most enjoyed spending time with them. Dave had a big heart and was always willing to help out a friend. He was patriotic, proud, and passionate in his beliefs, spontaneous, boisterous, and had a contagious laugh. Dave was always up for an adventure and the life of every party. He loved coaching and enjoyed watching baseball, hunting, fishing, and listening to stories from fellow veterans.

Dave is survived by his wife, Jaime Powell of Centralia; daughters, Taylor Powell of Olympia, Jade Coady of Los Angeles, Calif., Bailey Powell and Trinity Coady of Centralia; mother, Barbara Powell of Centralia; brother, Dwayne Powell of Centralia; father-in-law, Norman Swigert of Onalaska; brother-in-law, Cameron Swigert of Tacoma; nephews, Hunter and Parker Swigert; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and many close friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, William "Bill" Powell; and grandparents, William "Cliff" and Dorothy "Dot" Powell, and Russell and Eleanor Sherman.

There will be an open house celebrating Dave's life, Saturday, April 10, 2021, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., at Lewis and Clark Event Center, 117 W. Magnolia St., Centralia, WA 98531. All who knew him are welcome. Please share memories at www.FuneralAlternatives.org.

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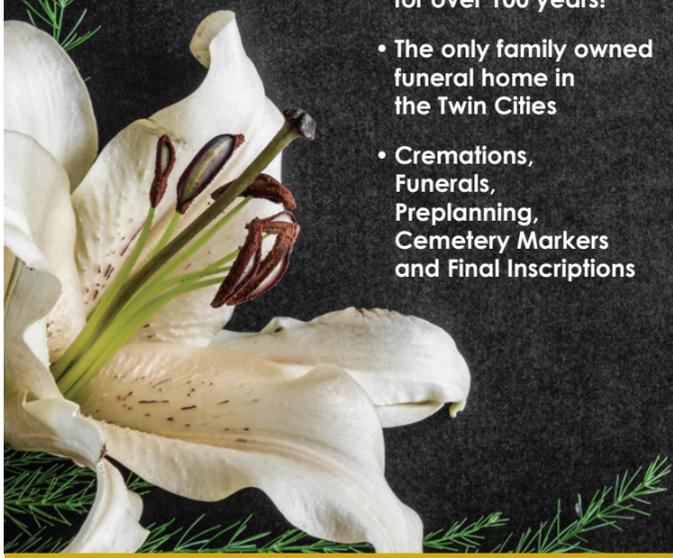
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CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Crashes

- A non-injury, two-vehicle collision in the 1000 block of Centralia College Boulevard was reported at 9:25 p.m. on April 2.
- A non-injury, two-vehicle collision in the 800 block of Harrison Avenue was reported just after 5 p.m. on April 2.

Malicious Mischief

- A man was arrested at approximately 12:50 p.m. on April 2 in the 700 block of Yew Street for alleged third-degree malicious mischief and was released.
- Marcus C. Yates, 26, of Centralia, was arrested in the 1100 block of Harrison Avenue at 7:10 p.m. on April 4 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for allegedly damaging another's property.

Theft and Burglary

- A man was arrested in the 500 block of South Tower Avenue at approximately 10:05 p.m. on April 7 for alleged third-degree theft and was released.
- Just after 1 p.m. on April 3, a residential burglary in the 1000 block of L Street was reported. All missing items were recovered in the same block and there are no suspects at this time.
- A vehicle prowling in the 1600 block of Military Road was reported just after 7:50 p.m. on April 3.

Vicious Dog At Large

- A woman was arrested in the 900 block of Ham Hill Road just before 11:15 a.m. on April 3 for allegedly having a vicious dog at large. She was released.

Arrested for Harassment

- Antonio Whipple, 20, of Seattle, was arrested in the 2600 block of Cooks Hill Road just

before 11:50 a.m. on April 3 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for alleged felony harassment.

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Death Notices

- **DAVID ALLEN HAHN**, 79, Chehalis, died March 26 at Providence St. Peter Hospital, Olympia. Arrangements are under the care of Funeral Alternatives of Washington.



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ERNEST P. BODIN

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Ernest Palmer Bodin, 82, passed away Wednesday, March 31, 2021, in Centralia, Wash. He was born Jan. 4, 1939, in Aitkin, Minn., to Palmer and Ruth (Johnson) Bodin. He was their oldest of five children. The family moved to Washington State and settled in Rochester in 1952.

Ernie started working in the logging industry with his dad, grandpa, and uncle at a very young age. At 19 years old, he joined the United States Army Reserve with his brother, Robert, and was honorably discharged in 1965. He resumed his logging career driving logging trucks. In 1978, Ernie met and married JoAnne (Johnson) Bonagofski. They were married for 42 years until she passed away in April of 2020. Ernie enjoyed reminiscing with friends and family and participating in family gatherings. He also enjoyed the entire process of gathering firewood and being outdoors.

Ernie is survived by his sister, Delores Motz of Olympia; and brother, Howard Bodin of Rochester; four step-children, Tracy Bonagofski, Teresa Mason, Todd Bonagofski, and Troy Bonagofski; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ernie was preceded in death by his wife, JoAnne; father, Palmer Bodin; mother, Ruth Bodin; brother, Robert Bodin; sister, Rose Johnson; and nephew, Rodney Dunlap.

A graveside service will be held at Grand Mound Cemetery in Rochester, Wash., Friday, April 9, 2021, at 11 a.m.

To view the obituary, please go to chronline.com/obituaries.

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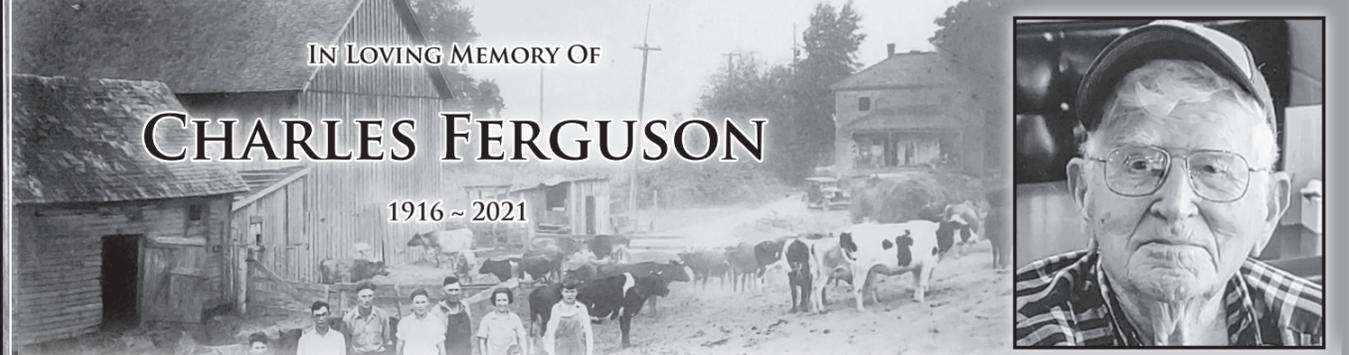
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Charles Ferguson was born June 29, 1916, at a home up the Lewis River Valley at home by Dr Hoffmann. He was the third son born to James and Edith Ferguson. Life back at that time would be considered primitive to today's standard. The family raised cattle, horses, pigs, chickens, and strawberries. Dad would get up and milk nine cows before going to school. They all came down with the Spanish Flu in the 1918 to 1920 time frame, and all the family survived. In 1929, the family moved to the current farm at the end of South Pekin Road next to the Lewis River.

Charles attended Clover Valley Grade School, prior to the move. After the move, he attended and graduated from Woodland High School in 1934, but due to the depression he had an extra year of "enrichment". He then attended Lower Columbia College in its second year of existence and then transferred to Washington State College, where he graduated in February of 1940. He paid for college and room and board by working numerous jobs. While at WSC (WSU now) he was Cattle Club president and was on the cattle judging team that won second best in the Northwest.

To save money, he hitch hiked and/or hopped freight trains to get to higher paying jobs, to college, and also for fun. He and Melvin Robertson made two long trips. One to San Diego and Tijuana by freight trains and hitch hiking where needed. Later they took a semester off from college and made a trip to New York City by freight trains and hitch hiking. They had planned to go to England. They didn't have enough money after England increased the requirements. So instead, they bought a used Model A and toured the south and made it to Mexico City. They returned to Texas and across the U.S. Southwest and then back to Pullman for the next semester of college. What a trip for those days, especially with the limited number of improved roads.

After graduating, he started working as a milk tester in King County. On Dec. 2, 1940, he married his college sweetheart, Ellen Christensen, from Wilbur, Wash. They settled in Duvall, Wash., while he milk tested for three years. Their first child, Margaret, was born Sept. 2, 1941, exactly nine months after they got married. After moving to Woodland, they had four boys, Howard, Jim, Robert, and Douglas. In 1943, the family moved back to Woodland and purchased his dad's dairy farm with his brother, Byron. Byron and Charles successfully ran the dairy farm for over 70 years until Byron died in 2013. His sons, Doug and Jim, took over operation of the dairy farm in 2014.

He has been very active in community and agriculture organizations. He was a board member of the Mayflower Dairy Cooperative (now Darigold) for 13 years. He was a board member of the Lower Columbia College Foundation, Woodland School District, and Woodland Port District. He was also fire district commissioner, Cowlitz County Boundary Review member, Woodland Chamber of Commerce president, Woodland Presbyterian Church Elder, Lions Club member, and active in many other ag groups. He was proud to help lead a group of farmers clear brush and seed the now open space of Horseshoe Lake Park. Amazingly after all the hours on the farm, community and dairy organization, he had time for fishing, hunting, boating, travel, rock hounding, card playing,

and of course storytelling and talking to others. He would love to talk to you about what is going on or the good old days. He enjoyed wintering in Yuma, Ariz., area until the spring of 2015, where his health had declined to the point where he needed some assistance. After Ellen died, he looked up an old school friend, Flo Loy, and spent quite a bit of time with her. Flo died in 2010. After that, he found a new girlfriend, Fran Hamilton of Phoenix, Ariz. She was the widow of his childhood friend, Robert Hamilton.

Charles is survived by his daughter, Margaret Beck (Jim) of Centralia; and his sons, Howard of Lacey, James of Woodland, Robert of Seattle, and Doug of Woodland. He also has seven grandchildren, Jennifer Beck of Oakland, Calif./Centralia, Jon Beck (Heidi) of Clinton, David Beck of Centralia, Christopher Ferguson of Seattle, Joshua Ferguson of Woodland, and Joanna Ferguson of Federal Way. He also has two great-grandchildren, Cameron Beck and Moira Beck, both on Whidbey Island.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen in 1998; brothers, Wayne, Byron, Albert, and Donald; and granddaughter, Rosemary Ferguson in 2001.

The family held a graveside service March 30, 2021, and a small celebration of life service at Woodland Presbyterian Church. Woodland Funeral Home, woodlandfh.com, handled the arrangements. Memorial gifts may be made to Woodland Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 297, Woodland, WA 98674, or Woodland Historical Museum, P.O. Box 255, Woodland, WA 98674.

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Inability to Breathe a Terrifying Experience

A week ago, after looking at a used car for my daughter, I crawled behind the steering wheel in our car, whipped off my mask, wrapped it over my rearview mirror, and swallowed.

Suddenly, I couldn't breathe. I rustled into my purse for my inhaler and brought it to my mouth. I pushed the button but couldn't inhale.

Wheeze. I couldn't exhale. "Mom?"

Opening the car door, I scrambled to my feet and lifted my shoulders, trying to open my lungs.

Wheeze. I puffed the inhaler again and tried to inhale. Wheeze.

I tried to exhale. "Mom?" Panic edged my daughter's voice. "Should I call 911?"

With a trigger finger, I pumped and pumped and pumped the rescue inhaler.

Wheeze. My husband stood behind me. My daughter beside me. Blood rushed to my head, pounded behind in my ears, behind my eyes. This is it — I'm going to die in a used car parking lot.

I pressed the inhaler, wheezed, pressed, wheezed, breathed.

Panic subsided as I inhaled a breath. I puffed again. Breathed in. Exhaled. Puffed again.

"Mom, are you OK?" My stampeding heart slowed to a trot. I nodded. I inhaled again. Exhaled. Then I slipped behind the steering wheel again. "I can drive," my husband said.

"No, I'm OK." I thanked God I could breathe. Although I was diagnosed with asthma more than 25 years ago, medication kept it in control. I seldom used my rescue inhaler except when climbing a hill on my walks. I never appreciated how blessed I am to simply be able to breathe.

Years ago, when a friend and I sought signatures on a petition to change our postal code from Winlock to Toledo, I remember stopping at one home to hand the woman a clipboard. She reached for it and then backed away. "Are you wearing perfume?" I was. She waved both hands, refusing to accept the clipboard. Now I understand why.

Several of my friends in Oregon Christian Writers suffer severe reactions to perfumes, which is why all our conferences are scent-free.

I have no idea what triggered

my attack. Pollen? Pollution? Post-nasal drip? I only know it was terrifying.

After we returned home, I switched on the television. The news anchor spoke about the Minnesota trial of Derek Chauvin, a former Minneapolis police officer accused of second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter in the death of George Floyd, 46, last May.

I watched a clip of George Floyd, whose neck was pinned for more than nine minutes beneath Chauvin's knee, as he pleaded with the four officers: "I can't breathe."

Tears sprang to my eyes. What a horrid way to die.



By Julie McDonald

Easter Service

With the sun shining and a cool breeze blowing, my husband and I huddled on metal bleachers at Toledo High School Sunday to celebrate Easter with about 50 people from Toledo First Baptist Church.

Since the coronavirus pandemic shut down churches a year ago, I've watched church services from the warm comfort of my home. When the first wave eased, some churches reopened for indoor services. But TFBC's pastors who have consulted with medical professionals in their congregation kept the church doors closed but held services outdoors — first at the Toledo City Park and later at Toledo High School.

Handfuls of hardy members of the congregation gathered every Sunday for services throughout the fall and the dead of winter while I watched the services online.

With more people vaccinated, after a final outdoor service next Sunday, TFBC will once again hold indoor services at 8 and 11 a.m. beginning April 18. Masks will be required. And for those still leery about meeting indoors, the church will continue to host an outside service at 9:30 a.m. on its patio.

As Pastor Joe Martin mentioned, the first Resurrection Sunday took place outside, and nowhere in the Bible does it mention the church as a building. It's the people, the believers who gather together to honor and worship the Lord — whether indoors or outside.

I commend our pastors for their cautious and responsible approach to celebrating together during the pandemic and reopening slowly in its aftermath.

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Julie McDonald, a personal historian from Toledo, may be reached at memoirs@chaptersoflife.com.



Surging State Revenue Should Quell Talk of Raising Taxes Amid Ongoing Pandemic

As state lawmakers enter the final weeks of the 2021 legislative session — and the start of the second year of the pandemic — the condition of the state budget is nothing short of amazing.

At this time last year, the economy was in lockdown and unemployment was surging. Almost overnight, thousands of businesses were forced to close their doors to slow the spread of the virus. More than 332,000 people lost their jobs — roughly one-tenth of Washington's workforce. Unemployment skyrocketed to nearly 16%. By June 2020, the state's chief economist was projecting a nearly \$9 billion state budget shortfall.

A year later, the unemployment rate has fallen dramatically, and Washington's tax collections are surging. So much so that state tax collections are nearly back to pre-pandemic levels even though restaurants, travel and other parts of the economy continue to struggle, and the state remained down more than 200,000 jobs as of February.

And yet, some lawmakers are still debating whether to raise taxes or introduce new taxes such as a tax on capital gains, a move that would put the state on a path toward an income tax.

It's time for the debate to end. If it wasn't already clear, last month's state revenue forecast — combined with passage of the American Rescue Plan that will send a firehose of federal relief funds to state and local governments and school districts — show new taxes just aren't necessary.

At last month's quarterly revenue forecast, the state's

Rather than searching for ways to pad an already flush budget, they should be focusing their efforts on economic recovery and job creation.

Guest Commentary

chief economist told lawmakers Washington is now expected to collect an additional \$5 billion over the next five years.

As a result of all the extra money, Washington state is not facing a budget crisis. Lawmakers don't need to raise existing taxes or create any new taxes to balance the budget.

The state's record of uninterrupted growth in tax revenue dating back to the end of the Great Recession remains uninterrupted, despite the worst pandemic in a century.

That's an incredible turnaround from last April and no doubt the result of many factors including unprecedented federal stimulus that injected trillions of dollars into the U.S. economy. It also shows that, while not perfect, Washington's tax system is remarkably stable.

The latest round of federal coronavirus relief, the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan, will send an additional \$11 billion into Washington's economy on top of previous federal relief efforts, including \$4.25 billion for state government, \$1.47 billion for counties, \$1.18 billion for cities, and \$1.9 billion for schools.

Local governments and school districts are well taken care of too, with most every jurisdiction in line to receive anywhere from hundreds of thousands to hundreds of mil-

lions of dollars. It's true these are one-time funds and elected officials will need to avoid using the money to start new programs with ongoing costs, but the fact remains: Money is pouring into Washington's economy.

Unfortunately, all this unexpected good financial news does not mean that Washington's economy has recovered from the pandemic.

While some parts of the economy are doing well, other segments remain battered by the coronavirus and far too many people remain out of work. As of February, Washington was still down 232,000 jobs compared to the previous February. Rather than looking for ways to raise taxes on employers, they should be doing everything possible to help them recover.

As lawmakers close out the remaining weeks of the legislative session and work toward adoption of a new two-year budget, they should be pleasantly surprised by the condition of the state's finances. They have enough money to do what they need to do.

Rather than searching for ways to pad an already flush budget, they should be focusing their efforts on economic recovery and job creation.

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Kris Johnson is president of the Association of Washington Business, the state's chamber of commerce and manufacturers association.



By Kris Johnson

Letters to the Editor

and pet the baby deer. What a wonderful, magical place our forests will be.

The proposal of course will have no discernable impact on our climate.

But for the avowed environmentalist, that doesn't really matter.

Feelings and intentions are what matter.

This proposal will play well with the urban elite who can simply assuage their lifestyle

guilt by buying a carbon credit. For those of us in the rural areas, not so well. It's a terrible idea.

RICK KUYKENDALL
Chehalis

School Levies Are Essential

In case you haven't heard it before, school financing is very complicated. Funds come from the federal government, state

government and levies. Each comes with some restrictions on how those dollars can be used. Levies commonly run 10 to 12 percent of a district's entire budget. Levies are for a specific amount of time and a defined amount. When the time of the levy ends, another levy must take its place or those funds are lost. We are always disappointed to see any school district's levy fail.

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Feelings and Intentions All That Matter to Environmentalists

The proposal to turn Washington state forests into giant carbon sinks is quite sound. As long as you discount the need to provide a much needed commodity for society, the need to provide revenue for our schools and counties, the tens of thousands of jobs that are created

and the sound management of our forests.

In keeping with typical overhyped revenue projections from the sale of carbon credits, evidently we can expect a huge revenue stream.

It should be proposed that this additional revenue be utilized for the generation of holographic rainbows throughout our forests, along with a unicorn introduction program. We could also employ fairies to fly around

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Red Cross Seeks Spring Donors, Local Drives Scheduled

By The Chronicle staff

The American Red Cross is calling for donors of all blood types, especially those with type O blood, to give blood this spring.

The nonprofit has partnered with the IndyCar series to enter donors who give blood or platelets April 1-15 into a contest to win a VIP trip for four to the 2022 Indianapolis 500, and to enter all April donors into a contest for one of five \$1,000 e-gift cards to a merchant of the winners' choice.

Additional details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/Indy50.

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations

for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms, according to a Red Cross press release. Testing may also identify the presence of antibodies developed after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

Donors can expect to receive the results of their antibody test within two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App or the donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

"Red Cross antibody tests will be helpful to identify individuals who have COVID-19 antibodies and may now help current

coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma transfusions," said the press release. "Convalescent plasma is a type of blood product collected from COVID-19 survivors who have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus. Plasma from whole blood donations that test positive for high levels of COVID-19 antibodies may be used to help COVID-19 patients."

The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, according to the press release. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they

may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

"Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions — including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff — have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance," said the press release.

Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

For more information, visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamerica.org.

Here are the upcoming local drives:

- April 9: LDS-Toledo, 122 Henriot Road, Toledo, 12:30 to 6 p.m.
- April 27: Lewis County PUD, 730 Liberty Place, Chehalis, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- May 6: LDS-Chehalis Ward, 2195 Jackson Highway, Chehalis, noon to 6 p.m.
- May 25: Winlock High School, 241 North Military Road, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- June 17: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 128 Northwest Prindle St., Chehalis, 1 to 6 p.m.

Bethel Church Gives Out 2,000 Baskets at Easter 'Eggstravaganza'



Jared Wenzelburger / jared@chronline.com

Kyle Rasmussen smiles while riding a one-wheeler and holding a sign during an Easter event at Bethel Church in Chehalis on Saturday. The church handed out 2,000 Easter baskets as part of its annual "Eggstravaganza."



Sophia takes a photo as her brother Antonio and Pat Soderquist pose with the Easter Bunny at Bethel Church in Chehalis on Saturday.



Antonio and Sophia Abbarno help hand out Easter baskets at Bethel Church in Chehalis on Saturday.



Bentley Derrick Teter, 4, smiles as he hugs the Easter Bunny at Bethel Church in Chehalis on Saturday.



The Easter Bunny, Shawn Peters, and Bailey Moon help to pass out Easter baskets during an event at Bethel Church in Chehalis on Saturday.



Easter baskets are passed out at Bethel Church in Chehalis on Saturday.



Pat Soderquist smiles as she hands out an Easter basket at Bethel Church on Saturday while sporting bunny ears.



Baskets full of Easter treats wait to be handed out during an event at Bethel Church on Saturday.

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Ape Cave to Reopen With a New Reservation System

By The Chronicle staff

Located on the south side of Mount St. Helens, the popular Ape Cave Interpretive Site will reopen to the public on May 18.

The site was closed to the public in Spring 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to implement a toilet replacement project, according to a press release from the U.S. Forest Service.

It has remained closed since that time.

When Ape Cave reopens, visitors will be required to obtain a timed reservation ticket in advance of their visit.

The forest is implementing this change to provide a quality visitor experience, to protect the delicate cave ecosystem and natural resources, and to provide for public safety by reducing visitor congestion in the area, according to the press release.

Reservations are available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily May 18 through Sept. 30 and cover a two-hour time period.



Visitors walk through the Ape Cave in this photograph provided by the U.S. Forest Service.

Timed reservations tickets can be obtained through recreation.gov in advance of a visit. Visitors will only need one ticket for each vehicle visiting Ape Cave during their reserved

time slot. Seventy percent of the timed reservations tickets will be available starting at 7 a.m. on April 29. The remaining reservations will be made available on a rolling basis, three days in

advance of each calendar day. This will provide visitors more flexibility with short-term trip planning, according to the Forest Service.

Timed reservation tickets are

free, though there will be a \$2 service fee charged by recreation.gov for processing the reservation.

Timed reservation tickets will not be for sale at Ape Cave, but may be purchased through recreation.gov if available, up until the first hour of a two-hour ticket window. Due to limited cellular coverage in the vicinity of Ape Cave, some cellphone users may experience poor or no reception on site.

It is recommended that visitors ensure they have cellular coverage or internet access prior to their visit to purchase their timed reservation ticket online.

In addition to a timed reservation ticket, a Northwest Forest Pass, Interagency Pass, or Day Pass are required to visit Ape Cave. Passes are sold online or through local vendors. Day Passes are also available on site for \$5, cash or check.

For more information call 360-449-7800 or visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/gp/ape-cave>

News in Brief

19th District Lawmaker Explains Decision Not to Vote on Gun Legislation

By The Chronicle staff

After the Washington state House of Representatives recently debated and voted on Senate Bill 5038, which seeks to prohibit the open carry of firearms at the state Capitol and at permitted demonstrations throughout the state, 19th District State Rep. Jim Walsh is explaining his decision not to vote on the legislation.

Walsh, the ranking Republican member on the House Civil Rights and Judiciary Committee, led the more than five-hour

debate on the bill, according to a press release from House Republicans.

Walsh and other Republicans argued the measure violates the Washington state Constitution, as well as various sections of the U.S. Constitution.

During debate on an amendment that inserts an emergency clause that implements the underlying bill immediately after becoming law, Walsh expressed skepticism that



Rep. Jim Walsh R-Aberdeen

parts of Senate Bill 5038 were made at the request of the Washington State Patrol (WSP).

According to the Washington State Wire, it was later learned that WSP had in fact remained neutral and not requested those controversial elements.

Walsh refused to vote, stating that the proposal was unconstitutional. Regarding that action, the Walsh issued the following statement:

"After a long and vigorous debate, it became clearer than ever to me that Senate Bill 5038 is unconstitutional," he wrote. "Although House rules require every member to vote on every bill that reaches the floor, I felt in that moment that it was time

to take a principled stand. So, I refused. Since questioning the false narrative that WSP requested certain parts of the measure and refusing to vote, I've been overwhelmed with support from Washingtonians fed up with Olympia's recent actions. It's surprising how many people, not only from my district and other areas of the state but even King County and downtown Seattle, that have called, emailed or communicated with me on social media expressing their support."

Walsh noted there were a number of citizens who suggested he vote "hell no."

"But almost all have thanked me for drawing a line," Walsh

said in the statement. "They're weary of the broken status quo in Olympia and the erosion of their constitutional and foundational rights."

Senate Bill 5038 was approved on a party-line vote of 57 to 40. The amended bill now goes to the Senate, where legislators will decide to concur or not with the House's amended version of the proposal. If they agree with the changes, it will head to the governor's desk for signature and will immediately become law.

Washington Law Enforcement Increases Distracted Driving Patrols in April

By The Olympian

More than 130 law enforcement agencies across the state are increasing distracted driving patrols throughout the month of April.

The increased patrols started April 1 and will continue through April 19, according to a news release from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission. The increased patrols come as the state observes April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

"We hope that by emphasizing distracted driving prevention this April we can help everyone build safety habits that are not dependent on fear of getting a ticket," said Erika Mascorro, WTSC Program Manager for Distracted Driving, in the news release.

Four law enforcement agencies in Thurston County will increase patrols as part of the effort, including the Olympia Police Department, Thurston County Sheriff's Office, Tenino Police Department and Washington State Patrol.

Motorists who are caught by law enforcement will be ticketed for unfocused driving.

They also can receive a "dangerously distracted" citation for committing other traffic violations due to distractions that don't involve cell phone use, the release read.

The statewide distracted driving rate increased from 6.8% in 2019 to 9.4% in 2020, according to the WTSC's 2020 Distracted Driving Observation Survey.

The study notes this increase is not statistically significant, but argues the data is still indicative of an increase in high-risk behavior.

Breaking down the statewide increase, distracted driving increased on city streets from 8.1% in 2019 to 17.4% in 2020. At the same time, distracted driving increased from 6.5% in 2019 to 13.2% in 2020 on county roads, according to the survey.

Notably, the survey also found distracted driving decreased on state routes from 6.6% to 5.8% between 2019 and 2020, but again, this margin is not statistically significant.

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How They Voted: Gun Prohibition at Protests, New Records Fee and the Operating Budget

By WashingtonVotes.org

With less than a month to go in this year's 105-day regular session of the Legislature, state lawmakers are poised for lengthy floor actions through Sunday, April 11. That will be the last day for both houses to pass legislation sent to them by the opposite chamber.

Budget-related measures are not subject to cutoff deadlines.

Highlighted votes by the full

Legislature 2021



House and Senate last week include passage of a bill to ban open carry of weapons on state Capitol grounds (SB 5038), a bill to impose a \$100 surcharge on recorded document fees (HB 1277) and a record \$59.2 billion 2021-23 state operating budget proposal. A note on the roll call for SB 5038: Rep. Jim Walsh, R-Aberdeen, refused to cast a vote on the bill, stating that the proposal is unconstitutional. Because House rules require that a member present must vote, Rep. Walsh's vote was recorded as a "no" vote.

Senate Bill 5038, prohibiting the open carry of certain weapons at public demonstrations and the state capitol, passed the House on March 28 by a vote of 50-47, with one member excused.

The bill would prohibit the open carry of a firearm or other weapons at or near public demonstrations, the west state Capitol grounds, Capitol grounds buildings and other legislative locations. It provides an exception for federal, state and local law enforcement officers, and



From top left: State Rep. Joel McEntire, R-Cathlamet; State Sen. Jeff Wilson, R-Longview; State Rep. Peter Abbarno, R-Centralia; State Rep. Ed Orcutt, R-Kalama; State Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia; and State Rep. Jim Walsh, R-Aberdeen.

would not apply to persons with a valid concealed pistol license. It would make violation of these prohibitions a gross misdemeanor. The bill passed after a five-hour debate, during which more than a dozen amendments were voted down. An amendment by Rep. Drew Hansen, D-Kitsap, to add an emergency clause to the bill was adopted by voice vote. Critics of the bill said it violates the federal and state constitutional rights of citizens, and that the emergency clause is designed to prevent a referendum vote by the people on this new restrictive measure. House Speaker Laurie Jinkins, D-Tacoma, said that the Washington State Patrol (WSP) asked for the emergency clause to be added to the bill due to "the violence that has been seen on or around the Capitol campus over the course of the last year."

However, the WSP issued a statement that it "did not make, and was not planning to make any such request." The bill's sponsor, Sen. Patty Kuderer, D-Bellevue, later said that the claim about a WSP request for the emergency clause was a misunderstanding due to the virtual nature of this year's session. The bill passed the Senate a month ago, but because the House added amendments, it must now return to the Senate for approval or rejection of the amendments before final passage.

Rep. Joel McEntire, R-Cathlamet — No
 Rep. Jim Walsh, R-Aberdeen — No
 Rep. Peter Abbarno, R-Centralia — No
 Rep. Ed Orcutt, R-Kalama — No

Senate Bill 5092, making 2021-2023 fiscal biennium operating appropriations, passed the Senate on April 1 by a vote of 27-22.

This is the Senate Democrats' proposal for the 2021-23 state operating budget. The plan would spend a record \$59.2 billion on state programs in the next two years, nearly \$8 billion more than the \$51.5 billion budget for the current 2019-21 biennium. As passed by the Senate, the plan assumes passage of a constitutionally-questionable capital gains state income tax and would significantly reduce the state's "rainy day" reserve funds. Senate Republicans offered a floor amendment to replace the proposal with a plan that would spend \$55.2 billion over the next two years, saying it would pay for needed state programs without new or increased taxes. It would also keep more than \$1.8 billion in the state's reserve fund, compared to the \$400 million the bill as proposed by Democrats would leave. The amendment was rejected by an unrecorded voice vote. Senate Democrats said their spending plan would "respond to the needs that the pandemic highlighted, and include millions for the state's public health system, child care and early learning and efforts on affordable housing and efforts to reduce homelessness." Republicans argued that lawmakers should not impose new taxes in the midst of a pandemic, and that the capital gains income tax is illegal under state law and litigation is certain if the Legislature ultimately approves the tax.

Sen. Jeff Wilson, R-Longview — No

Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia — No

House Bill 1277, providing for an additional revenue source for eviction prevention and housing stability services, passed the House on March 28 by a vote of 57-40, with one member excused.

This bill would add a \$100 surcharge on fees collected by county auditors when a document is recorded. All of the money collected would go to the state to help pay for various housing programs, including the Affordable Housing for All Account, the Landlord Mitigation Program Account and the Eviction Prevention Rental Assistance Account. In addition, funds may be used for project-based vouchers for nonprofit housing providers, foreclosure prevention services, rental assistance for people experiencing homelessness, and tenant education and legal assistance. Proponents said the bill would provide needed assistance to renters affected by the COVID epidemic and help ease homelessness and affordable housing concerns. Opponents said the surcharges would impose millions of dollars in added costs to housing providers already struggling with restrictions on their businesses, such as ongoing eviction moratoriums. The bill was referred to the Senate Ways and Means Committee and was scheduled for a public hearing Monday.

Rep. Joel McEntire, R-Cathlamet — No
 Rep. Jim Walsh, R-Aberdeen — No
 Rep. Peter Abbarno, R-Centralia — No
 Rep. Ed Orcutt, R-Kalama — No

News in Brief

More Contagious and Dangerous COVID-19 Variants Increasing in Washington, DOH Reports

By The News Tribune

More contagious and aggressive coronavirus variants first identified in California and Brazil are increasing their numbers in Washington, according to a report published Thursday by the state Department of Health.

"Previously, it appeared the B.1.1.7, or United Kingdom variant, was going to be the predominant variant soon in Washington," said Dr. Scott Lindquist, the acting state health officer.

Now, the California variant, designated B.1.429, could become the most common strain of SARS-CoV-2 — the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 — in Washington.

The next few weeks will be telling, Lindquist told reporters.

In addition, a Brazilian variant, called P.1, has increased its numbers although it's far less prevalent. Brazil has now surpassed the U.S. for daily COVID-19 cases and deaths, largely driven by the P.1 mutation.

DOH is monitoring eight variants, collectively called "variants of concern." It tracks the prevalence of mutations through genetic sampling of a small percentage of specimens gathered from across the state.

On March 25, the cumulative total for the California strain was 345. On March 31, it was 745. On March 25, the cumulative total for the Brazilian strain was two. On March 31, it was 13.

The California variant could be responsible for Washington's rising case rate, said DOH Secretary Dr. Umair Shah.

"We do think that is a part of it," Shah said. "We don't know how much a part of it."

Compared with the initial strain of SARS-CoV-2, the California variant may be more infectious and cause more severe presentations of COVID-19, researchers say.

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College Hoops: Centralia Men Top Highline in Season Opener

By The Chronicle staff

Freshman Colby White scored a team-high 18 points as Centralia College held off Highline for an 87-81 season-opening win at home on Friday in North-

west Athletic Conference West Region action.

Sophomore Jimmy Harding added 16 points for the Trailblazers and sophomore Jameel Morton contributed 15 points

and was 10-for-10 at the free-throw line. Former Toledo star and All-Area MVP Fano Arceo-Hansen chipped in 12 points.

"What I'm most impressed with this young team is how

hard they work," Centralia coach Jason Moir said. "The energy they put on the court is unbelievable. This is probably one of the hardest-working teams we've had here, from top

to bottom. They're physical, they play hard and they play for each other."

The Trailblazers (1-0) get back to work when they travel to Grays Harbor on Tuesday.

College Baseball: Trailblazers Split With Grays Harbor to Open Season

By The Chronicle staff

Centralia College split an NWAC twinbill with Grays Harbor on Saturday to open its 2021 season, losing Game 1 in extra innings but bouncing back with a big win in the late game.

The Blazers lost 6-5 in 10 innings in the opener, taking a 5-3 lead in the top of the 10th frame but then surrendering three runs in the bottom of the same inning.

Centralia's two runs in the 10th came without the benefit of a hit. Nolan Wasson scored on a groundout and JP Tilley drove in a run with a sacrifice fly.

In the bottom of the inning, Grays Harbor's Nolan Baugher knocked a three-run walk-off single to end the game.

Matthew Obst went 2 for 4 for Centralia, while Trent Jackson was 1 for 3 and drove in a pair of runs. Andrew Dalton added an RBI.

Derek Beirsto tossed the first five innings for Centralia, striking out four with four walks and five hits. Colby Knutzen, pitching in relief, gave up three hits and two earned runs with a pair of strikeouts.

Caleb Berry and Cameron Denny each had two hits for Grays Harbor. Peyton Brock added a solo home run in the sixth inning.

Trevor Barth got the win for the Chokers, fanning eight over six innings with two hits.

The nightcap was a different story. Centralia pushed across four runs in the top of the first inning and never trailed, racking up 10 hits to win 9-1.

Jackson went 3 for 4 and drove in four runs to lead the Blazers at the plate, with Tilley going 2 for 3 with three RBIs. Caden Baker also went 2 for 3, with Obst, Trey Hunt and Wasson all driving in runs.

Kobe Matsen tossed five innings to get the win, striking out two and giving up three hits while holding the Chokers to just a run. Ayden Ruminski and Joe Pierce each pitched scoreless innings to close out the game.

Centralia (1-1) hosts Lower Columbia on Saturday in a doubleheader, starting at 1 p.m.



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Tenino's Salvador Ontiveros (9) scores a goal on a penalty kick during a game against Montesano on Friday.

Prep Soccer: Beavers Win Third in a Row

SHUTOUT: Ontiveros Scores Two Second-Half Goals for Tenino in 3-0 Win Over Montesano

By The Chronicle staff

Tenino continued its red-hot play on Friday, shutting out Montesano, 3-0, as the Beavers extended their winning streak to three games after starting the season with back-to-back losses.

"Overall, a really good game," Tenino coach Kevin Schultz said. "Both teams were disciplined and organized. Neither team really threatened to score in the first half."

Tenino and Monte took a 0-0 tie going into the break, then Beavers' keeper Alex Reichelderfer made a game-

changing save early in the second half, which helped infuse momentum into the rest of the team.

Chris Ramez broke the scoreless tie with a goal in the 51st minute, then Salvador Ontiveros scored back-to-back goals in the 60th and 62nd minutes, the second off a free-kick assist from Ramez where Ontiveros skied above everyone and hit it home.

"It was something we talked about at the half, making runs across the keeper's face," Schultz said. "We had three guys make the same run and Ontiveros rose above everyone. He's one of our leading attackers."

Schultz also praised junior defender Zach Byer for his solid performance in back. It's been a rewarding turnaround for Schultz and the Beavers, who

won just four total games two years ago, and had their entire season wiped out last year due to the pandemic.

"They're building a culture here," Schultz said.

Tenino gets back on the pitch when it hosts Elma at 7 p.m. on April 13.

Warriors Battle to a Tie

Alexis Castillo-Corona scored two goals for Rochester but the Warriors were unable to win their third straight, ending in a 2-2 non-league tie at Black Hills on Friday.

"It was a rough game," Rochester coach Matt Ashton said. "It was a back-and-forth, hard-fought battle."

Ashton estimated that the Warriors doubled the shots on goal against the Wolves, but just

couldn't find the back of the net. Rochester started off the scoring when Aaron Esquivel was fouled in the box, which set up Castillo-Corona's first goal on a penalty kick in the 17th minute.

Black Hills retook momentum with back-to-back goals in the second half to take a 2-1 lead, then Castillo-Corona notched his second goal off an assist from Erik Vazquez-Valentine in the 66th minute to tie it back up.

"We had a lot of opportunities but couldn't convert all the shots we had," Ashton said. "Black Hills' goalkeeper did an excellent job stopping shots."

Rochester (2-0-1) gets back into action when it travels to W.F. West for an 11 a.m. game Tuesday.

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JEREMIAH NUBBE

School: Rainier (Jr.)

Sport: Track & Field (Throws)

Nubbe won both the shot put (53-8) and the discus (189-3) in a C2BL meet Thursday. His discus toss is the best mark in the state and the second-best in the nation, according to athletic.net.

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HAILEY RAINEY

School: Adna (Sr.)

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Rainey tossed a no-hitter with 18 strikeouts on Thursday as the Pirates beat Toutle Lake 6-4.

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Prep Fastpitch: Beavers Drop Two to Montesano

By Eric Trent

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Tenino couldn't quite maintain momentum in back-to-back losses to Montesano at home Friday, losing 8-4 and 10-4.

Beavers' ace Emily Baxter was on fire, setting down 24 batters in 13 combined innings, but took both losses after being hurt by a total of 16 Tenino errors on defense.

"Emily is pitching lights out," Tenino coach Chris Johnson said. "She's got batters really baffled."

Junior center fielder Abby Severse led the Beavers in game one with two of the team's five hits, while Baxter and Alivia Hunter each walked twice. Severse added three more hits in game two while senior shortstop Cassie Cannon collected two hits and drove in a run.

But it was nine errors in game one and seven in game two that ultimately doomed the Beavers; something that has plagued them in all five of their games this early season.

"We're struggling with that," Johnson said. "I thought we had it cleaned up at practice. Mostly fielding errors. Not coming through the ball, stabbing at it, dropping fly balls and not circling the ball the right way."

It doesn't help that four of the five games the Beavers have played have been against Montesano, which is the defending 1A state champions from 2019.

"I predicted them to win the league and for us to finish second," Johnson said. "They hit the ball really well. They're a well-coached team."

Tenino (1-4) hosts 1A Evergreen Conference foe Hoquiam on April 13.

Vikings Catch Fire

After winning their first two games by a combined score of 43-0, Mossyrock's home match against Naselle Friday was supposed to be the Vikings' first real test — and it was for half an inning.

Naselle took advantage of some Mossyrock errors to jump out to a 5-0 lead in the top of the first. Then Hailey Brooks smashed a leadoff home run in the bottom of the first. She led off the second inning with another home run, followed immediately by Bailey Tafaono's three-run homer to give the Vikings the lead for good en route to a 22-14 victory.

"We started out slow," Mossyrock coach Keith Coleman said. "They're a well-coached team. Their pitcher got tired in the later innings and we took advantage of some base on balls."

Mossyrock drew 10 walks and three hit-by-pitches, and used a nine-run fifth inning to pull away for the win. The Vikings have now outscored their three opponents by a combined score of 65-14.

Gracie May West struck out two batters in four innings for the Vikings, while Jolee Hadaller came in for relief and tossed three innings with one strikeout.

Brooks was intentionally walked four consecutive times after her two home runs in the first and second innings, and she walked six total times on the day.

Tafaono was 3-for-4 at the plate with the three-run homer



Tenino's Emily Baxter delivers a pitch against Montesano during a 1A Evergreen League softball game on Friday in Tenino.



Tenino's Kayla Feltus takes a cut against Montesano on Friday in Tenino.

and a triple. West was 2-for-3 hitting while catcher Trista Rockwood was 2-for-4.

"Our girls put a lot of pressure on them," Coleman said. "We put the bat on the ball."

Mossyrock (3-0) heads into spring break and then gets back on the field at 3:30 p.m. on April 12 when it hosts Oakville. The Vikings beat Oakville 27-0 on opening day last week.

Rochester Wins Thriller in Tumwater

Rochester erupted for four runs in the bottom of the seventh to claim the lead and secure a 6-5 come-from-behind victory over Tumwater on the road Friday.

Kaylei Clark bashed a two-run double in the bottom of seven with one out, then Callie Crawford scored the game-winning run as Rochester recovered

from a tight loss to rival W.F. West on Wednesday.

"We talked about what it takes to make it happen," Rochester coach Tiffany Garcia said. "We talked about grit and just trying to find the heart and find the way to do it. Together, we're a better team. It was definitely a team win."

Ace Liz Phelps sat down four hitters in four innings, while Sadie Knutson threw one inning in

relief and Kiyah Kennedy shut the Thunderbirds down in the final two innings. Garcia praised Faith Kennedy for her clutch hitting.

Rochester (2-1) travels to Eatonville on Monday for a non-league match against a Cruisers team that features a couple players who Garcia coaches in travel ball.

"It will definitely be a challenge," Garcia said. "I know that."

1A Baseball: Beavers Improve, Still Fall to Montesano

By The Chronicle staff

The Beavers came up short on Saturday, falling 13-2 at Montesano in a 1A Evergreen League baseball game.

Tenino had already lost two games to the Bulldogs, 11-1 and 12-0, on Tuesday, but kept Saturday's game within reach and

trailed 6-2 heading into the seventh inning.

"We got 10-runners both times earlier this week, and we came out and looked really good for six — and then the wheels came off in the seventh," Tenino coach Ryan Schlessler said. "You take away the seventh, and it's a damn good

game."

Easton Snider and Kellen Knox each went 2 for 3 at the plate for Tenino, which had five hits as a team.

Both of Tenino's runs came in the fifth inning, which started with a single from Knox and continued with a handful of sacrifice bunts before Christian

Cregg knocked in a run with a sacrifice fly.

"It was just pretty much manufacturing those (runs), but it was good to see," Schlessler said. "We saw some life in them. We started playing our brand of baseball, so that was good to see."

Brody Noonan tossed the first four innings for Tenino,

with Easton Snider then working into the seventh.

"Brody threw really well today," Schlessler said. "He had a little bit of a rough start in the first, but he settled in really nicely."

Tenino (0-3) plays at rival Rochester in a non-league game on Monday.

2A Girls Tennis: Top Doubles Team Wins for Tigers in Loss to Thunderbirds



Deb Keahey / Courtesy Photo

Centralia's Maddie Corwin and Maya O'Dell defeated Tumwater's Olivia Meyers and Jaden Schmidt on Friday during an EvCo girls tennis match.

By The Chronicle staff

Centralia was unable to keep up with a powerful Tumwater squad, losing 5-1 on the road Friday.

"Tumwater has a really good team and a lot of experience over us," Centralia coach Deb Keahey said. "We're still learning."

Maddie Corwin and Maya O'Dell got the Tigers' lone win in the No. 1 doubles match. The duo topped Tumwater's Olivia Meyers and Jaden Schmidt in a tight 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 match, with a tight 11-9 tiebreaker edge.

"I'm really proud of Maya and Maddie," Keahey said "It was an epic match and could have gone either way."

Centralia (1-2) heads into spring break and gets back into action when it travels to Black Hills on April 13.

Bearcats Pick Up First Victory

Powered by a clean sweep in all three singles matches and a strong showing in No. 3 doubles, W.F. West was able to secure its first win of the season, 4-2, over Shelton at home on Friday.

The Highclimbers, in their first season after dropping down from Class 3A to 2A, put all their best players in the doubles matches — a strategy that ended up not paying off.

"Singles, there was not very strong competition," W.F. West coach Jack State said. "Their first doubles was a solid team."

Claire Kuykendall, Kailynne Dowling and Tiana Jeffries — in that order — swept the singles match without giving up a game.

Shelton's Audrey Beudoin and Lindsy Smatherman beat Mari Ceesay and Hannah Feast-

er, 6-1, 6-2, in the first doubles match, and Grace Sells and Julie Capem lost 7-5, 6-2 at No. 2 doubles.

Cadence Edminster and Lillian Schmidt, however, picked up a 6-0, 6-2 win in the third double match, helping the Bearcats to the win.

"It was just the third match that Mar and Hannah have ever played," State said of the No. 1 doubles match. "I was very happy with how they played. They have a lot to learn but they're very aggressive. Grace and Julia played a good, competitive match, and I felt really good about our No. 3 doubles. To step up to varsity and win was a big plus for them."

W.F. West (1-2) gets a long break and then returns to action against Twin City rival Centralia, at Centralia, on April 14.

Prep Baseball: Titans Beat Ilwaco for Second Straight Win

By Eric Trent

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Sophomore pitcher Garrett Keaton struck out seven batters in 6.2 innings as Pe Ell-Willapa Valley won its second straight in an 8-4 victory over Ilwaco in Pe Ell on Friday.

"Garrett pitched really well again," PWV coach Kelly Barnum said.

Other than a two-run second inning, Keaton was able to keep the high-scoring Fishermen in check, even though they jumped on his fastball all night, Barnum said. Keaton got out of a bases-loaded jam in the top of the first as the Titans struggled defensively for the first couple innings.

"We're notoriously slow starters," Barnum said. "That's been our M.O., in my five years as

coach here. It's a constant battle we have as coaches."

But once the Titans began connecting on Ilwaco pitches, the tide began turning in their favor.

Freshman Blake Howard cracked a game-high three hits on 3-for-4 batting while junior Joseph Krafcyk was 3-for-4 with three RBIs and a bases-clearing double. Gavin Hampton drove in another two runs for the Titans and Keaton was 2-for-4 at the plate.

PWV collected 12 hits and had one error on defense, while Ilwaco tallied 10 hits with three errors.

"There were a ton of hard-hit baseballs," Barnum said. "It was pretty cool coming off the Northwest Christian game."

PWV (2-1) travels to South Bend for a doubleheader with Raymond-South Bend (1-2) at 3 and 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

Errors Prove Costly for Tigers

Centralia was unable to overcome three errors, two of which resulted in Shelton runs, during a 4-0 defeat to the Highclimbers on the road Friday.

"We made some key errors and mental and physical mistakes," Centralia coach Adam Riffe said.

It was the first loss of the season for the Tigers, who were coming off a 7-6 victory over Montesano in the season opener and a 14-3 win over Aberdeen Wednesday.

Centralia actually outhit Shelton 7-3, due to some effective

pitching by starter Benito Valencia, who struck out four and threw 4 2/3 innings of one-hit ball. Landon Kaut threw one inning in relief and Landen Jenkins pitched 1/3 of an inning.

But the Tigers' hits were scattered and not in crucial times with runners on base, Riffe said. Senior catcher Cameron Erickson collected three of the Tigers' seven hits.

Centralia (2-1) travels to Black Hills on Monday.

Warriors Lose Pitcher's Duel

Kyle Wilson found out he would be on the mound against Tumwater just 20 minutes before Rochester got on the bus Friday. Turns out, not having time to think about it paid off.

Wilson threw a complete-

game one-hitter, but unfortunately walked in an earned run in the fourth inning, and the Warriors were unable to overcome the Thunderbirds in a 3-0 loss on the road. Wilson threw just 88 innings in six innings, including multiple single-digit pitch-count innings.

"Kyle did a phenomenal job," Rochester coach Brad Quarnstrom said. "It was a good-old-fashioned pitcher's duel."

The Warriors outhit Tumwater 3-1 and committed zero errors, which was their downfall in their loss to W.F. West on Wednesday, and were unable to punch in runs when it counted.

"We've got to find a way to score runs," Quarnstrom said.

Rochester (1-2) hosts Tenino in non-league action on Monday.

Mariners' Misfits and Castoffs Come Together to Beat Giants, Win Opening Series

By Ryan Divish

The Seattle Times

On this night, the doubters, the nonbelievers and the naysayers, who questioned the Mariners' place in the league and any possible future success, were silenced. There likely won't be another night quite like this where so many players with legitimate question marks about their place in the Major League Baseball landscape going into this season and beyond will contribute in such a collaborative fashion to secure a win

Then again, it wouldn't be difficult for a scout to go down the Mariners' roster and find the possibility of failure for nearly every player.

But it was noticeable in the Mariners' 4-0 victory over the Giants, which gave them a series win to start the season, that the players most responsible for the success all fit that description in some way.

"Any time you throw a shutout in this league a lot of good things happen on the mound," Mariners manager Scott Servais said.

It started with the starting pitcher, Chris Flexen. The right-hander washed out of Major League Baseball after the 2019 season following three unimpressive seasons shuttling between the Mets and their Triple-A affiliate. He was out of shape, ineffective and lacking in confidence. It took him to the Korean Baseball Organization where he got his mind and body in proper shape, which included losing 40 pounds, re-found his curveball, improved his cutter and pitched real success, which led to confidence.

signed him early in the offseason to a two-year contract and locked him into a spot in the six-man rotation, the collective reaction was, "Who the hell is Chris Flexen?" and "Why didn't the Mariners sign a real pitcher?"

In his first MLB start since April 20, 2019, he pitched five shutout innings, allowing four hits with two walks and four strikeouts. Showing a mix of four pitches, he worked out of trouble in a couple situations and when his cutter and change-up felt off upon release.

"It's trust and confidence," he said. "It's knowing that it's still going to be there. There are going to be innings where you're gonna lose that feel, but it's about getting back to that feel and trusting your stuff. I know those secondary pitches are huge pitches for me. I know I need them throughout outings, and I'm not gonna shy away from them and be afraid of throwing them."

His last appearance in a MLB game was August 24, 2019. And his last win?

"To be honest, I can't tell you anything about my last big league win," Flexen said. "I don't remember much about it."

For the record, Flexen's last win came on August 23, 2017, when he pitched six innings, allowing two runs on four hits with four walks and five strikeouts against the Diamondbacks. Given his path back to the big leagues, he's certain to remember this night.

"I was definitely nervous being back out there but in a good way," he said. "I was very excited. Something I've done in the past is bottle up too much, and I really just tried to embrace everything tonight, trust myself and



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Mitch Haniger is back in the Mariner dugout following his seventh inning homer as Seattle won the rubber match against the San Francisco Giants 4-0 Saturday, April 3, at T-Mobile Park.

go out and compete and have fun. To start off the year with a win and for us to start off the year winning a series, it's pretty awesome."

And two of the pitchers that made sure it remained a shutout? Well, one is a former starting pitcher, who would still be starting if not for a benign bone tumor in his neck that leaves him in agony if he pitches more than a few innings. The other is a diminutive right-hander, who was mediocre as a starter, found success as a reliever and was acquired to be the closer after notching all of eight saves last season for the Rangers.

In his first appearance of the season, Kendall Graveman was absolutely dominant in relief of Flexen. With his sinking fastball sitting at 97-98 mph and touching 99 mph and an improved slider that he worked on all offseason and all spring, Graveman tossed two shutout innings, striking out the side in the sixth and striking out two of three

batters he faced in the seventh. The only runner allowed was a hit by pitch.

"Gravemy was just unbelievable," Servais said. "The stuff was awesome. He was phenomenal. Six big outs from him."

Closer Rafael Montero, who allowed a game-tying homer on opening night, entered the game with two outs in the eighth inning to clean up a minor mess made by Anthony Misiewicz. With the help of a nice play J.P. Crawford on a tough short-hop ground ball, Montero ended the threat. And with an on-field demeanor that could be considered cadaverous, he coolly notched his first save of the season with a 1-2-3 ninth.

"Monty is a pretty calm," Servais said. "He's a pretty cool customer out there. He's got real weapons. He's got starting pitcher-type weapons. You can see the good velocity, good change-up and really good slider."

Oh, and the offense needed to win?

Well that was provided by a stocky disciple of Tony Gwynn that doesn't seem to have a defensive position, three doubles from players that have exhibited only flashes of MLB success and another guy who missed 660 days of baseball due to injuries and three surgeries.

In the third inning, Ty France, whose best position should be labeled as hitter and his best defensive position is probably designated hitter, smashed a solo homer to left field off Giants starter Logan Webb.

In the fourth inning, Evan White, he of the sub .200 batting average and 40% strikeout rate in 2020, led off the inning with a double to left. He would score when Taylor Trammell, a former first-round pick of the Reds, now playing in his third organization, came through with the first hit of his MLB career — a sizzling line drive to the gap in right-center that scored White with ease.

Trammell would score when Dylan Moore, who was signed as utility player to MLB contract last offseason despite never playing in the big leagues and hit his way into a starting job in a 30-game sample in 2020, followed with a double to left.

"Offensively, we are starting to come around," Servais said. "Nice to see Trammell get that first hit out of the way and hopefully he can relax and get into his game a little bit more."

The final run for the Mariners came when Mitch Haniger clobbered a solo homer in the seventh inning.

"It felt really good," he said. "I've been waiting for it. I feel like I've been driving the ball really well, and that one felt good."

Controversy Follows GOP Pick of Former State Sen. Joe Fain for Redistricting Panel

By Jim Brunner

The Seattle Times

When state Senate Republican leader John Braun mulled his pick for the Washington State Redistricting Commission this year, he had no shortage of choices.

Among the 17 contenders were big names in Republican politics, including former state senator and three-time statewide candidate Dino Rossi, former state GOP Chair Susan Hutchison, and former Congressman Doc Hastings, legislative emails show.

But Braun turned to an ex-colleague — former state Sen. Joe Fain — naming him to the bipartisan panel tasked with redrawing the state's congressional and legislative district boundaries.



Sen. John Braun
R-Centralia

Fain has relevant experience, having served in the Legislature for eight years beginning in 2010, and rising to Republican Senate floor leader. But he lost his reelection bid in 2018 after a woman publicly accused him of raping her in 2007 in a Washington, D.C., hotel room.

Fain, who represented the Auburn area's 47th Legislative District, has repeatedly denied the accusation.

There has been no criminal investigation, and the state Senate suspended plans, amid GOP opposition, for an independent probe after Fain's election loss.

Fain's appointment has reignited a feud over the accusation against him.

State Senate Republicans remain embittered over the allegation, saying it's never been proven and should not prevent Fain from engaging in politics and public service.

In an interview, Braun, R-Centralia, said he set aside the rape allegation when considering whom to appoint to the commission. "I purposely separated that from the decision — we are a nation of due process," he said, calling Fain the best-qualified pick.



Former senator Joe Fain speaks on the state Senate floor in this photograph published by his former campaign website.

Democrats and advocates for sexual violence prevention say Fain's appointment to the commission is insulting and potentially traumatizing for people who have experienced sexual assault.

In an open letter in February, leaders of several women's groups and sexual-assault prevention organizations, along with state Democratic Chair Tina Podlodowski, expressed "dismay" at Fain's appointment, and said he should resign. Absent that, they said he should be barred from in-person contact with staff and members of the public.

Candace Faber, the Seattle resident who publicly accused Fain of raping her, said in an email Fain's appointment "says a lot about Washington State Republicans' commitment to allowing sexual violence to continue unabated. I believe it is clear to all of them that I spoke the truth about Joe Fain."

"If they had believed there was any chance he was innocent, they would have pursued a thorough investigation back in 2018 to clear his name. Instead, they blocked the investigation and have relied on our society's willingness to look the other way, as long as the perpetrator fits a cer-

tain profile," said Faber.

After leaving the Legislature, Fain was hired as president and CEO of the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce. Former Gov. Christine Gregoire and University of Washington President Ana Mari Cauce were among his references for the job, according to a report by KUOW.

In an interview, Fain, 40, said he is "disappointed" that a "false allegation" has trailed him to his new position, "but it's not distracting me from the important work this commission has to do."

Fain added, "I have always said I would cooperate with an official investigation by the proper authorities. That hasn't happened."

The redistricting commission is not a full-time job. Commissioners are eligible for a \$100-a-day stipend for days they work on commission business.

Fain's appointment was the decision of Braun, the Senate Republican leader. By law, the leaders of each of the four partisan caucuses in the state Legislature name one appointee to the commission.

Republicans picked Fain and former state Rep. Paul Graves. Democrats tapped state labor council leader April Sims and

former state Rep. Brady Walkinshaw. The four commissioners have until Nov. 15 to agree to new boundaries for the state's 10 congressional and 49 legislative districts, based on 2020 U.S. Census data.

In addition to Fain and the well-known GOP figures like Rossi, Braun considered other applicants, including several attorneys and lobbyists, former state GOP chair Diane Tebelius, and Tom McCabe, president of the Freedom Foundation, a conservative think tank based in Olympia, according to emails released under a public-records request.

Braun expressed frustration the rape allegation continues to trail Fain. "This has been politicized and used for attack after attack," he said, adding the allegation should have been reported to the Washington, D.C., police for investigation.

"When we decide we are going to conduct a trial on social media, that is not good for our state," he said.

At a February news conference, Braun and other legislative Republicans lashed out at reporters for asking questions about Fain's appointment, calling them "irresponsible," according to a re-

port by Crosscut.

But critics of the Fain appointment say his pick sends a harmful message.

"That my tax dollars now pay you to hold this once-in-a-decade position of power and public trust to determine the political boundaries that will influence every aspect of my life for the next ten years is so incredibly offensive to me and so many other survivors of sexual assault. Please, resign," said Seattle resident Melissa Taylor, testifying at a commission meeting last month.

In an interview, Susan Marks, executive director of the Washington State Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, questioned why Fain was named to the position, given the other options available.

Marks, who co-signed the letter asking for Fain's resignation, said accusations of sexual assault are too often regarded as "not a deal-breaker" by officials, both Republicans and Democrats. "Survivors watch this. Survivors know when they come forward people won't believe them," she said.

Walkinshaw and Sims also released a statement, saying the "best outcome" would be for Fain to step down, "given the seriousness of the allegations, the absence of an investigation, and the impact this would have on public participation."

But Fain has remained on the commission, which has begun its early work of hiring staff and creating a public-outreach plan. At its most-recent meeting this week, Fain and other commissioners worked through a hum-drum agenda including discussions of its budget.

Sims said in an interview that as the only woman on the commission, she's listening to "women who are lifting up how traumatizing this is — we have to create space for that."

But with the commission roster is set, there is no way for Democrats to remove Fain, who will help define the state's political maps for the next decade.

"At the end of the day it's the Republicans' right to appoint whoever they want to represent them," Sims said.

Clock Ticking as Washington State Lawmakers Consider New Drug-Possession Law

OLYMPIA: Legislators Debate Next Moves After State Supreme Court Ruled Previous Law Unconstitutional

By Joseph O'Sullivan

The Seattle Times

OLYMPIA — Like elsewhere in America, debates have percolated at the Washington Capitol over the years about shifting the response to drug use toward treatment and away from criminal punishments.

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— changed the discussion overnight.

In that ruling, known as the Blake decision, the justices said the tough penalties and stigma from a felony conviction are a violation of due-process guarantees in situations where an individual's possession of drugs came from unintentional or passive conduct.

Immediately afterward, the Seattle Police Department announced officers would stop confiscating drugs, or detaining or arresting people, solely under the simple possession law.

Now, lawmakers face urgent decisions about how to treat substance use after a decades-long

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Sen. Manka Dhingra
D-Redmond

war on drugs has created barriers to getting housing or jobs and disproportionately affected people of color.

Legislators don't have much time. The regularly scheduled 105-day legislative session ends April 25.

Some Republicans, joined by a handful of Democrats, have put forth bills to restore the felony drug possession statute in a way that might pass constitutional muster.

Meanwhile, some Democrats had already been eyeing a bill by Rep. Lauren Davis, D-Shoreline. Introduced before the court's decision — which came as a surprise to many — House Bill 1499 would create a statewide approach to treating substance use disorder.

At the moment, the focus is on Senate Bill 5476, a sort-of middle ground approach.

Sponsored by Sen. Manka Dhingra, D-Redmond, and co-sponsored by several Democrats along with GOP Sen. Ann Rivers of La Center, the bill is scheduled for a public hearing Monday in the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

The bill would make it a gross

misdemeanor for someone under age 21 to be in possession of a controlled substance.

For people 21 and up, Dhingra's bill sets legal thresholds for the possession of different types of drugs, according to a legislative analysis of the bill. For example, someone could possess up to one gram of heroin, or 40 units of LSD.

The legislation allows law enforcement to put people with legal amounts in touch with workers known as forensic navigators, who provide resources for treatment and recovery services.

And for people who knowingly possess drug amounts beyond the legal threshold spelled out in the bill, the legislation makes possession a felony.

Dhingra, a senior prosecuting attorney for King County, said many simple drug possession cases are not going through criminal courts anymore anyway, as the system begins to focus more on treatment.

"What I try to do with my policy is be practical and logical and really reflect what is going on," said Dhingra. "The extreme left and extreme right, neither of them are happy" with the proposal.

Even as some Republicans want to focus more on drug treatment, many also want to bring back the felony criminal statute.

Sen. Mike Padden, R-Spokane Valley, has sponsored Senate Bill 5471, which would bring back a felony possession statute for people who knowingly possess illegal drugs. Similar legislation was also filed by a pair of moderate Democrats and other Republicans after the Blake decision.

"If a guy has a \$1,000 dollar a month drug habit and isn't working, they're going to be committing robberies and burglaries ... to feed that habit," said Padden. "And now, with this case, we don't have the leverage" to hold them accountable or compel them to get treatment.

Many lawmakers in both parties agree the state must create a strong, statewide drug treatment infrastructure.

In fact, Republicans have praised the part of a bill by Davis, the Shoreline Democrat, that would create a statewide approach for drug treatment.

In mid-February, before the court's decision, Davis introduced HB 1499 to fundamentally shift the state's response from criminalizing drug possession to treatment for substance abuse. It laid out a road map for how the state could do that.

"It was a big idea, saying that we need to come up with a concept and a state plan to address substance disorder, which we currently do not have," said Davis.

House GOP lawmakers have put forth ideas of their own, such as House Bill 1559. Spon-

sored by Rep. Gina Mosbrucker, R-Goldendale, it would direct law enforcement officers to take juveniles found consuming substances to evaluation and treatment centers.

Lawmakers will also need to provide tens of millions of dollars — and potentially even more — in the new state budget to help the courts vacate or resentence thousands of people and pay back legal financial obligations that convicted individuals had paid.

The court system is already experiencing unprecedented backlogs due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

That backlog includes approximately 1,042 criminal jury trials across the state, according to a recent letter to lawmakers from the state Superior Court Judges' Association, each taking one week on average to complete.

Now, the courts will have to vacate or resentence tens of thousands of drug-possession convictions, potentially all the way back to 1971.

The association is requesting \$77 million to handle the combined workload of the pandemic and the Blake decision, which would provide for additional judges, court staff, office space and equipment.

In a news conference last week, Democratic lawmakers were already warning that a full response to the Blake decision could take years.

Rep. Jamila Taylor, D-Federal Way, said lawmakers don't want to rush everything this session because "we could have unintended consequences that could be worse for communities of color."

Search

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search for Hines-Rager's body on March 24 due to dangerous river conditions, according to a statement by the Lewis County Sheriff's Office.

Authorities put in a request for additional divers through Washington State Emergency Management Division, but due to a lack of availability and the conditions on the Chehalis River, no additional resources were granted, according to the Lewis County Sheriff's Office. A swift water team will begin searching again next week, and the Thurston County Dive Team will return in two weeks, the sheriff's office stated Monday.

The temporary absence of emergency responders didn't stop

local search efforts.

In the following week, volunteers went out onto the river in their own boats and marked locations where Hines-Rager's body could be so that divers could come back and search. Some used sonar devices to see objects below the surface.

Joining Sam Sam the Adventure Man in Monday's search were Corey Cooper of Cooper's Amputee Lifestyle, Jared Leisek of Adventures with Purpose, Jim Baker, Jefferson Greenwell of Kraken Diving and Jim Minor. Big T BBQ was on site to help supervise and to feed the divers during the search.

Sam Sam the Adventure Man joined YouTube in April 2017 and currently has 69.9K subscribers. Updates on the search effort are being posted to his Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/pro-](http://www.facebook.com/pro-file.php?id=100039796123957)

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Zach Hines-Rager and three friends were reportedly on the Willapa Hills Trail crossing the Chehalis River when they went onto a nearby railroad trestle bridge and Hines-Rager reportedly jumped in. He resurfaced and had started swimming to the bank when he called out to his friends for help due to the cold temperature of the water. His friends attempted to rescue him, but were unable to get Hines-Rager to shore. He is believed to have drowned after experiencing cold water shock.

A petition started after Hines-Rager's death to invest in signage and education at cold-water recreation sites in Washington that informs people of the dangers of cold water shock had 2,820 signatures as of press time. It is accessible online at <http://chn.org/FXJPTPHs>.



Jim Baker lifts his goggles as he reaches the shore of the Chehalis River during a search for missing teen Zach Hines-Rager near Adna Monday morning.

Drugs

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the Blake decision, but who don't submit the form, Lewis County will work in order of conviction, starting with the county's most recent cases.

What's Impacted

State v. Blake only relates to cases of simple possession. Other drug-related charges, like possession with intent to deliver, won't be scrubbed under this

ruling.

But if a court factored in simple drug possession to determine the sentence for a different charge, that sentence could now be re-evaluated.

It's also important to note that if an individual pleaded guilty to possession via a plea deal, the vacation of that charge could result in a prosecution of more serious crimes.

"Such a result may be unwanted and may result in a conviction for a different and/or more serious crime and additional time in custody," the county's form reads.

Will I Get My LFOs Back?

It's unclear just how many legal financial obligations (LFOs) are now owed back to people who were prosecuted under Washington's drug possession law. But this month, Democrat Sen. Manka Dhingra, who's leading the state's efforts to respond to the Blake decision, said there's a "very clear consensus" that those fees will have to be returned.

It's an issue that county courts are currently staring down, with local officials hoping that the state allocates

funding to help counties work through what's expected to be a major backlog in cases, and a significant amount of fines and fees that were levied under a state law now ruled unconstitutional.

Will the Court Change its Mind?

The state Legislature is poised to re-criminalize drug possession to some extent, offering a "fix" to the Blake decision. But those new laws won't apply retroactively. And while a motion to reconsider has been filed — essentially asking the state Su-

preme Court to alter its ruling — state officials are operating on the assumption that the Blake decision is final.

"Everybody's waiting to hear on that (motion to reconsider)," Lewis County Prosecutor Jonathan Meyer said Friday. "I don't have a whole lot of confidence that that will be successful ... my guess is that it won't be heard, and that it will just be summarily denied."

Taken together, if your charge was impacted by the Blake decision, that likely won't be changing.

Relief

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Lewis County will also partner with the Lewis Economic Development Council — now led by former state Rep. Richard DeBolt — to try to access the maximum amount of state dollars.

Calculations of how much federal money will benefit Lewis County will be further com-

plicated by a \$2 trillion infrastructure and jobs package now in the works in Congress. The legislation has the potential to pump even more federal dollars into statewide and local projects.

Since the county only has estimates regarding the American Rescue Plan, and is still waiting for guidance from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, it's too soon to create the type of "COVID scorecard" that commissioner Gary Stamper has suggested.

The idea is to allow the public to easily track where American Rescue Plan funds are being used locally. The scorecard idea is similar to what commissioners discussed last year regarding their five-year strategic plan. Those scorecards have yet to be finalized.

On a city level, some local mayors are prepping for the arrival of funds by identifying projects that could use a financial boost.

"My take on it is at this point, any cities with projects that need help — and I know we need help with some — we need to get those projects fine-tuned," said Centralia Mayor Sue Luond.

But in Centralia's twin city, Chehalis Mayor Dennis Dawes expressed more frustration than resolve, arguing that wading through "doggone difficult and cumbersome" regulations around the federal funding is "above my paygrade."

"What we hear on the political soundbites ... is 'we've got help for you, it's coming,'" Dawes said. "But by the time it filters down, there's so many doggone rules and regulations."

Lewis County officials have been meeting each Wednesday to discuss federal coronavirus recovery funding. Their calendar and agenda can be found here: <https://lewiscountywa.gov/offices/commissioners/agendas-calendar/2021/4/>.

Sirens

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DUI

• Brandon E. Alexander, 32, of Atlanta, Georgia, was arrested in the 100 block of West Pear Street at 10:30 p.m. on April 4 and was booked into

the Lewis County Jail for allegedly driving under the influence.

CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT Theft

• A second-degree theft in the 1600 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue that was reported just before 11:40 a.m. on April 2

is under investigation. A subject was arrested and was booked into the Lewis County Jail.

• Just before 1:25 p.m. on April 2, a caller reported that vehicle registration and a first-aid kit were stolen from a vehicle in the 10 block of Northeast Cascade Avenue.

• A subject was arrested in the 1600 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue just after 4:10 a.m. on April 4 for alleged third-degree theft and was released.

2 is under investigation.

• At approximately 1:25 p.m. on April 3, a caller reported a physical altercation between a 12-year-old and an adult in the 2100 block of North National Avenue. No arrests were made.

• A physical dispute between the driver and passenger of a vehicle parked in the 100 block of Southwest Interstate Avenue was reported just before 6:15 p.m. on April 3. No arrests were made.

• Just after 10:30 p.m. on April 3, a caller reported a man was trying to break into a residence in the 800 block of South Market Boulevard and was having a verbal dispute with the woman inside. No arrests were made.

• A man was arrested in the 200 block of Southwest First Street just after 9:30 p.m. on April 4 for alleged fourth-degree assault after he reportedly hit a neighbor in the nose.

Criminal Trespass

• A subject was trespassed from the 100 block of Southwest Interstate Avenue just after 10:20 a.m. on April 4.

Crash

• A non-injury, two-vehicle

collision in the 1600 block of Louisiana Avenue was reported just before 6 p.m. on April 4.

Death Investigation

• Just after 8:10 p.m. on April 4, a caller reported an unresponsive subject in a vehicle parked in the 1600 block of Northwest Interstate Avenue.

LEWIS COUNTY JAIL STATISTICS

As of Friday morning, the Lewis County Jail had a total system population of 135 inmates, including 118 in the general population and 17 in the Work Ethic and Restitution Center. Of general population inmates, 97 were reported male and 21 were reported female. Of the WERC inmates, 14 were reported male and three were reported female.

Sirens are compiled by reporter Emily Fitzgerald, who can be reached at emily@chronline.com. The Centralia Police Department can be reached at 360-330-7680 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.

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Letters

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We were devastated to see Centralia's levy go down, not once, but twice, because we knew they were in an unusual situation at the time. Chehalis had run a levy which was \$2.53 per thousand a year before Centralia was required by the state legislature to only ask a maximum of \$1.50 per thousand. Luckily, that levy passed. However, when time had run its course and Centralia had to put a replacement levy to voters, they asked for \$2.50 per thousand. The Legislature had come to realize districts were suffering under the \$1.50 restriction to maintain programs and hence had changed the maximum to \$2.50. Unfortunately, many

misunderstandings followed for Centralia. Some thought it was in addition to the \$1.50 levy. Some questioned the additional \$1.00 as unnecessary. Some felt a teacher salary increase was to blame, which was caused by the Legislature's failure to maintain a state teachers salary schedule which they had dropped. (What commotion that caused is for another time.) Some citizens went so far as to campaign for levy failure, contributing to the loss. A second levy run for \$2 per thousand also failed, putting the Centralia School District in a position of cutting essential programs and personnel. This is something no school district wants to address as so many are hurt by the decisions that must be made, while students suffer the most.

For Centralia, the sad realization is even if this next levy

passes, at \$1.50 per thousand, the district will still be millions of dollars short from where they originally were before the first levy failure. Double levy failures take years to get back to the point of total recovery. From what we've been reading, your new Superintendent Dr. Lisa Grant is working diligently in trying to make that happen by explaining where you're headed, where to get the correct information about your levy and how you can begin your recovery.

So please, for everyone, when considering your next school district levy consider how essential they are not only to your schools and their students, but also to your community.

Because strong schools help build strong communities.

VICKI AND DENNY DANIELS
Chehalis

Search Continues for Endangered Missing Woman

By The Chronicle staff

A woman who disappeared from Ocean Shores about two weeks ago has not yet been found, and the Chehalis Tribal Police Department is continuing to ask the public for help in their search.

Sabrina Lynn Cole, 45, was last seen at 4:30 a.m. on March 20 and last heard from at 5:30 a.m. that same day. She was reportedly arguing with a friend, and family reported that they believed she was going to her aunt's home in Lacey, but she never arrived. She is currently listed as an endangered missing person.

Cole is 5 feet tall and weighs 110 pounds. She has black hair, brown eyes and was last seen wearing red Air Jordan shoes, a

sweatshirt with no hood, gray sweatpants, black sketchers and a black crossbody purse. She has three tattoos: an S on her hand, a cancer sign on her neck and a mouse on her arm. She may be driving a silver 2017 Nissan Altima with black rims, dice air-caps, some minor bumper damage and a missing inside rearview mirror. The vehicle's license plate is BPX4786.

Cole reportedly has ties to Oakville, Lacey, Tumwater, Olympia, Centralia and Chehalis. Anyone with information is encouraged to call Chehalis Tribal Police Department Det. Rob Strader at 360-709-1641. Anonymous tips can be reported to 888-646-7407 or crimetips@chehalistribe.org.



Sabrina Lynn Cole

News in Brief

Charred Piece of SpaceX Rocket Crashes Into Eastern Washington Farm

By The Tri-City Herald

One of the lights seen streaking across the Pacific Northwest

sky last week crashed on a Grant County farm.

People across the region spotted the flaming parts of the Falcon 9 rocket in the night sky about 9 p.m. Thursday, March 25.

Pieces of the second stage of the SpaceX rocket ignited in the atmosphere after an unsuccessful deorbit burn.

The rocket was meant to fire

the engines so it could reenter the Earth's atmosphere.

While none of the pieces were supposed to land in the area, an Eastern Washington farmer discovered a nearly intact piece of the rocket — a composite-overwrapped pressure vessel — in a field in the southwest part of the county.

It left a nearly 4-inch dent in the ground, said Kyle Foreman with

the Grant County Sheriff's Office. The farmer suspected it may have come from the rocket and reached out to the sheriff's office.

Deputies took a look and then contacted SpaceX officials, who confirmed it was part of the rocket and came to retrieve it.

The Falcon 9 is a reusable two-stage rocket designed by SpaceX to transport people and

payloads into the Earth's orbit and beyond, according to the SpaceX website.

It says there have been 111 launches, 71 landings and 54 re-flown rockets.

While the sheriff's office shared the news about the treasure found in the rural Central Washington county, the property owner didn't want to be identified.

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Dates: April 6 - April 8

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Mention Code: 21AprMask

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Product Test Site:

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Chehalis, WA 98532
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"A Line Birds Cannot See" details a 12 year-old's journey to find her mother after being separated at the border.

LUNAFEST Film Festival to Highlight Work of Women

Lewis County AAUW Sponsors Annual Show, With Proceeds Going to Hope Alliance

By The Chronicle staff

The Lewis County Chapter of the American Association of University Women is sponsoring its second virtual LUNAFEST film festival later this month to celebrate women in film.

Seven independent films will be shown, all of which are directed by and about women, according to a news release.

The award-winning films can be viewed on a computer, tablet or smartphone at the viewer's convenience during a

24-hour window on April 24-25. Closed captioning is also available.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online at lewiscounty-wa.aauw.net/lunafest-2021. A streaming link and password will be sent to all who pre-register on the morning of the event, according to the press release.

LUNAFEST is a national touring film festival where all the directors of the films are female.

The project sponsors and mentors women filmmakers worldwide, while giving them a voice in the directing and producing film industry where they are often underrepresented, stated a news release.

LUNAFEST, the world's first

all-female traveling film festival, was created by two California women who created the LUNA BAR — the first nutrition bar designed exclusively for women. Over 170 women filmmakers have been showcased at the LUNAFEST over the last 20 years.

Each year, a few films are selected from hundreds of entries to be featured in the festival that travels to over 200 cities each season and has raised \$6 million for non-profit organizations.

The festival typically contains one film that is "edgy," so the recommended viewing age is 16 and older.

This year films include "Overexposed," which provides a behind-the-scenes look at the film team that captured the dar-

ing story of the women's Euro-Arabian North Pole expedition; "A Line Birds Cannot See," which details a 12-year-old's journey to find her mother after being separated at the border, and "Knocking down Fences," a story about AJ Andrews, the first woman to win a Rawlings Gold Glove Award.

All proceeds from online ticket sales will benefit Hope Alliance, a local non-profit advocating for domestic violence and sexual assault survivors, and Women Supporting Women local scholarships.

For more information, go online to lewiscounty-wa.aauw.net/lunafest-2021.



"Knocking Down Fences" is a story about AJ Andrews, the first woman to win a Rawlings Gold Glove Award.

Puzzles

Find answers to the puzzles in the next edition.

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pallid
 - 4 King of gorillas
 - 8 Margarine
 - 12 Birthday count
 - 13 Toledo's lake
 - 14 Epsilon follower
 - 15 Sable
 - 16 Nah
 - 17 Seaweed derivative
 - 18 Lingerie item
 - 20 Traverse
 - 21 Western treaty grp.
 - 23 Stir-fry pan
 - 24 Enemies
 - 27 Nongeneric swab (hyph.)
 - 29 Region of India
 - 32 Past due
 - 33 Search engine find
 - 34 Massage
 - 35 Eureka!
 - 36 Help out

- 37 Diligence
- 38 Play on words
- 39 Woodwind
- 40 D.A. backup
- 41 Qt. fractions
- 42 Decay
- 44 Dark ale
- 47 Sandwich (Var.)
- 51 Holds gently
- 52 Stew pods
- 55 Billy — Williams
- 56 Ogden locale
- 57 Raise, as kids
- 58 Miscellany
- 59 As expected
- 60 Data unit
- 61 Sea, to Yves

DOWN

- 1 Blow gently
- 2 Fit of shivering
- 3 Dweeb
- 4 Where Nairobi is
- 5 Sierra
- 6 Bite

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 7 Haw opposite
- 8 Arkansas mountains
- 9 Toy building block
- 10 LAX info
- 11 Paddle kin
- 19 Rx amount
- 20 Uniform wearer
- 22 Young pigeons
- 23 More rugged
- 24 Turkey
- 25 Waikiki's island
- 26 Bond's alma mater
- 28 Three musicians
- 29 Mardi —
- 30 What we have
- 31 Help in wrongdoing
- 37 Roman censor
- 39 Giants slugger of yore
- 41 Aggressive
- 43 Windy City airport
- 44 Low-drifting clouds
- 45 Ballerina's attire
- 46 October's stone
- 48 Eve's mate
- 49 Mr. Hackman
- 50 Trip around the sun
- 52 Moon, e.g.
- 53 Custodian's need
- 54 Informer

Sudoku

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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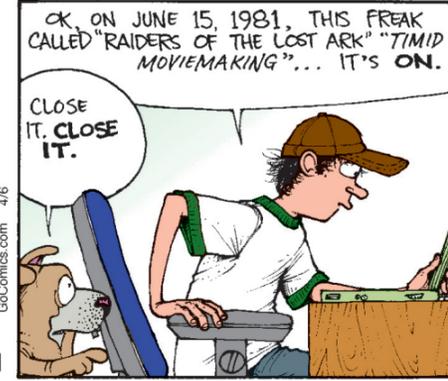
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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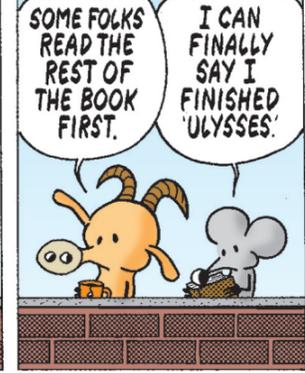
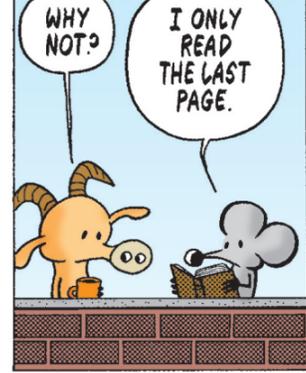
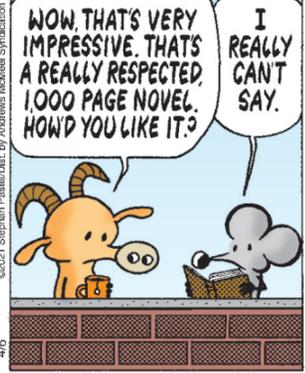
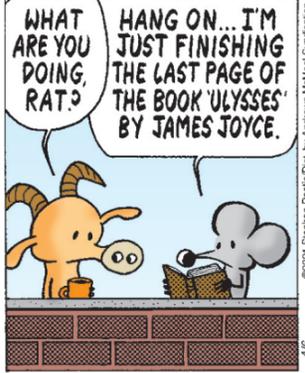
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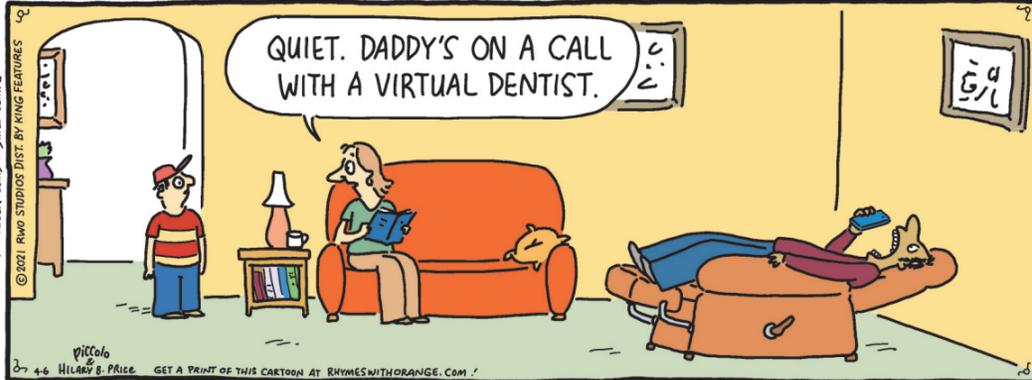


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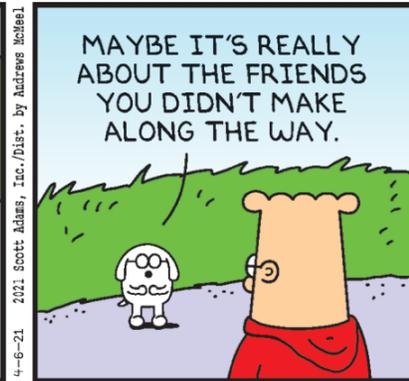
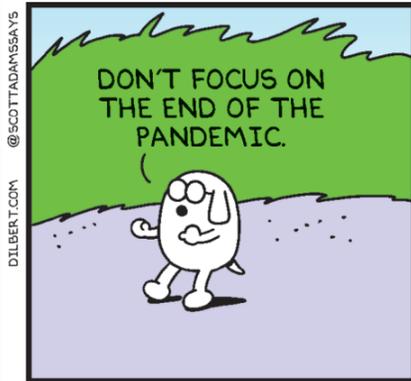


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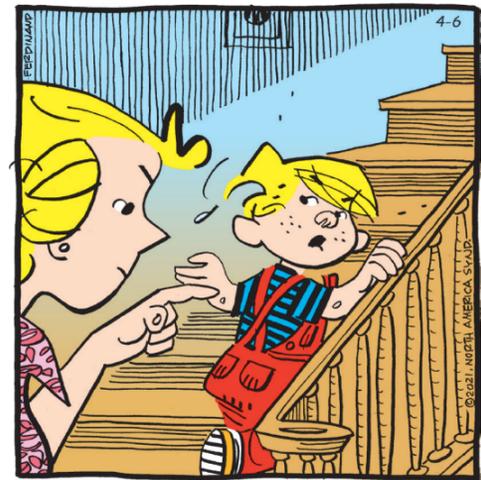
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Ethel

For job requirements, job description and to apply online, go to: <http://jobs.lewiscountywa.gov> or pick up an application packet (8AM-5PM) at the Public Services Building, 2025 NE Kresky Avenue, Chehalis, WA 98532. Posting closes at 4PM, 4/16/2021



Seasonal Temporary Public Works Aide

The City of Chehalis is accepting applications for several seasonal temporary Public Works Aide positions to perform a variety of duties in the maintenance, repair, and care of city facilities, grounds, infrastructure. Position to begin early June. Department assignments include Streets, stormwater, Water and Wastewater Divisions. Application materials and instructions at www.ci.chehalis.wa.us/jobs

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117553 Summons

Grays Harbor County District Court
In the Matter of a Change of Name for Colton David Marsh-Anderson, a minor,
Brittany Michelle Anderson, petitioner
No. 21-2-0655

Summons by Publication
The State of Washington to: David Laurence Marsh III, you are hereby summoned to appear on April 28th, 2021 at 1:30PM At Grays Harbor County District Court, 2109 Sumner Avenue, Room 201, Aberdeen, Washington and respond to the petition seeking a change of name for the minor child named in the caption above, pursuant to RCW 4.24.130; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the petition, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. The object of the court action is to change the name of the minor child of Brittany Michelle Anderson from Colton David Marsh-Anderson to Colton John David Anderson.

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117765 MDNS

SEPA #: 2021 0141
Date: April 2, 2021

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Construct 10,600 sq. ft. Dollar General store and associated infrastructure.

Proponent: SimonCRE Skyline III, LLC

Location of proposal: 1417 Harrison Ave, Apt #00971900000

Date of Application: 2/18/2021
Date of Notice of Completeness: 3/8/2021

Lead agency: Centralia

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Community Development
Project Permits: Fill/Grade, SEPA, Civil Plans, Building

Environmental Documents on file: SEPA Checklist, Phase I Environmental Site Assessment.

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 are obtained.
2. A Phase II Environmental Site Assessment is required, and all identified items must be adequately addressed, prior to the issuance of any permits.
3. A 6' sight obscuring fence and landscaping, including groundcover and trees every 20', are required at property lines that borders a residential zone or use.
4. Development must meet all applicable local, state and federal regulations.

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: April 20, 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 April 27, 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.

Published: The Chronicle April 6, 2021

117751 18073 NW Pacific Ave Reconstruction

City of Chehalis, Trent Lougheed, 1321 S Market Blvd Chehalis, WA 98532, is seeking coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's Construction Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit.

The proposed project, NW Pacific Ave Reconstruction, is located at A section of NW Pacific Ave from the intersection of W Main St and extending to the intersection of NW Park St and a section of NW Prindle St from NW Pacific Ave to N Market Blvd. in Chehalis in Lewis county.

This project involves 1.36 acres of soil disturbance for Highway or Road, Utilities construction activities.

The receiving waterbody is Storm Drain.

Any persons desiring to present their views to the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding this Application, or interested in Ecology's

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action on this Application, may notify Ecology in writing no later than 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice. Ecology reviews public comments and considers whether discharges from this project would cause a measurable change in receiving water quality, and, if so, whether the project is necessary and in the overriding public interest according to Tier II anti-degradation requirements under WAC 173-201A-320.

Comments can be submitted to: ecyrewqianoi@ecy.wa.gov, or Department of Ecology Attn: Water Quality Program, Construction Stormwater P.O. Box 47696, Olympia, WA 98504-7696

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117591 ASAP# 4730516/ TSN#: 681796/Buckley

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS No.: 20-2-0055821 nationstar mortgage llc d/B/A MR. COOPER, Plaintiff, vs. FRANKIE J. BUCKLEY; JOANNE SOPHIE BUCKLEY; MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MARY E. BUCKLEY; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF HARVEY E. BUCKLEY; and ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, Defendants. TO: FRANKIE J. BUCKLEY You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 23rd day of March 2021, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the First Amended Complaint, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorney for plaintiff, Janis G. White, at her office below stated, and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the First Amended Complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. This suit involves title to real property located in Lewis County, commonly known as: 1106 W. Chestnut Street, Centralia, WA 98531, and which is legally described as follows: Lots 14, 15 and 16, Block 6, Northern Pacific Addition to the City of Centralia, as recorded in volume 2 of plats, page 156, records of Lewis County, Washington. DATED: March 17, 2021. /s/ Janis G. White Janis G. White, WSBA #29158 Fidelity National Law Group 701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2710 Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 224-6004 Janis.White@fnf.com Attorney for Plaintiff A-4730516 03/23/2021, 03/30/2021, 04/06/2021, 04/13/2021, 04/20/2021, 04/27/2021

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117725 Budget Extension

NOTICE OF BUDGET EXTENSION HEARING
The Evaline School District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing for the purpose of approving budget extensions on 4-20-21 at 6:30 pm in Evaline room CR3, Kyle MacDonald, Secretary to the Board

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117679 Call for Bids

CALL FOR BIDS TOWN OF PE ELL

HOWARD STREET AND MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS

SCHEDULE A - HOWARD STREET IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULE B - MAIN STREET (SR 6) SIDEWALK

SCHEDULE A: \$70,000 TO \$85,000

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SCHEDULE B: \$55,000 TO \$70,000

Sealed Proposals will be received by the undersigned at the Town of Pe Ell, 111 South Main Street, Pe Ell, Washington 98572, up to 10:00 a.m.; local time on Thursday, April 8, 2021, for furnishing the necessary labor, materials, equipment, tools, and guarantees thereof to construct Howard Street and Main Street Improvements.

This Project contains two schedules of work. Schedule A consists of overlaying the existing pavement on Howard Street from Pe Ell Avenue to the private property line approximately 2,300 linear feet north. Schedule B consists of removing and replacing the existing sidewalk on east side of Main Street (SR 6) between Pe Ell Avenue and 7th Street. The work for both project areas will include, but is not limited to, excavation, pavement removal, cement concrete removal, cement concrete sidewalk removal, grading, paving, cement concrete sidewalks, driveways, landscaping, pavement markings, traffic control and other related items of work.

The Work shall be substantially complete within 40 working days after the commencement date stated in the Notice to Proceed. All bidding and construction is to be performed in compliance with the Contract Provisions and Contract Plans for this project and any addenda issued thereto that are on file at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Pe Ell, Washington.

The Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud shortly after the time and date stated above. Proposals are to be submitted only on the form provided with the Bid Documents. All Proposals must be accompanied by a certified check, postal money order, cashiers check, or Proposal bond payable to the "Town of Pe Ell" and in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total Proposal amount.

Bid Documents for this project are available free-of-charge at the following website: <http://go.bids.grayandosborne.com>. Bidders are encouraged to register in order to receive automatic email notification of future addenda and to be placed on the Bidders List. For assistance, please call (206) 284 0860. Contract questions shall be directed only to the office of the Project Engineer.

Financing of the Project has been provided by Town of Pe Ell, Washington and Transportation Improvement Board. The Town of Pe Ell expressly reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive minor irregularities or informalities in any Proposal.

(Signed) TERRA OSTER TOWN CLERK

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117761 DSHS Maple Lane Construction

Korsmo Construction Inc., 1940 E D ST STE 300, Tacoma, WA 98421, is seeking coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's Construction Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit. The proposed project, for the Department of Social and Health Services, Maple Lane 16 Bed Community RTF, is located at 20311 Old Hwy 9 SW in Centralia in Thurston county. This project involves 2.25 acres of soil disturbance for construction of roads, parking, sidewalks, utilities, stormwater facilities, and the 16,660 square foot building. Stormwater runoff will be collected and directed to bioretention or infiltration ponds to be treated before infiltrating to ground water. Any persons desiring to present their views to the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding this Application, or interested in Ecology's

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action on this Application, may notify Ecology in writing no later than 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice. Ecology reviews public comments and considers whether discharges from this project would cause a measurable change in receiving water quality, and, if so, whether the project is necessary and in the overriding public interest according to Tier II anti-degradation requirements under WAC 173-201A-320.

Comments can be submitted to: ecyrewqianoi@ecy.wa.gov, or Department of Ecology Attn: Water Quality Program, Construction Stormwater P.O. Box 47696, Olympia, WA 98504-7696

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117734 Notice & Information

Notice and Information to Noxious Weed Control

In compliance with Chapter 17.10 RCW Noxious Weeds--Control Boards, and Chapter 16-750 WAC State Noxious Weed List, landowners are notified of their responsibility to participate in the control of noxious weeds to prevent their spread and establishment on lands within Lewis County. Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board meetings and educational activities are conducted periodically throughout the year. The public is encouraged to attend and participate in these programs to gain a better understanding of noxious weeds. To obtain a Lewis County Noxious Weed List or information about noxious weeds and the strategies used for their management, contact the Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board office at 740-1215, (351 NW North Street, Courthouse, basement level), web site: <http://lewiscountywa.gov/weedcontrol> or direct correspondence to Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board, 351 NW North Street, MS: AES02, Chehalis, WA 98532-1900. Office Location: 157 NW Chehalis, Ave. Chehalis, WA

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117720 Notice of Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Before the LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Lewis County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) in the Historical Courthouse, 351 NW North Street, Chehalis, Washington, on the 13th day of April 2021. Written comments also can be submitted by mail at 351 N.W. North Street, Chehalis, WA 98532 or via email at bocc@lewiscountywa.gov - please include "Public comment - budget amendment" in the subject line. The hearing will be held on or after 2:00 p.m. to consider an amendment to departments within the 2021 budget for Current Expense and various funds. All those wishing to speak for or against the amendment shall be afforded the opportunity to be heard. This amendment proposes increasing expenditures for various funds and the General fund in the amount of \$17,631,613 increasing

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Responsible Official: Lee Napier, Director
Lewis County Community Development
2025 NE Kresky Avenue
Chehalis, Washington 98532

Contact Person: Preston Pinkston, Planner
Phone: 360-740-1389
Email: preston.pinkston@lewiscountywa.gov



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revenue in the amount of \$24,064,511 with an increase in estimated ending fund balance of \$6,432,898. Additional adjustments for unanticipated grant funds and expenditures may be added prior to the hearing on April 13th.

Said amendment can be obtained from the Budget Department, Room 209 - 351 N.W. North St. - Chehalis, WA. Phone: (360)740-1198, Email: b e c k y b u t l e r @lewiscountywa.gov. Written comments may be submitted to the BOCC prior to the meeting. This meeting site is barrier free. People needing special assistance or accommodations should contact the Clerk of the Board 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Phone: (360) 740-1419

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117716 NTC: McDaniel

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY

Estate of: VAN F. McDANIEL, Deceased.
No. 21 4 00072 21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to, prior to the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, serve the same on the Personal Representative or the attorney of record at the address stated below and file an executed copy thereof with the clerk of the court within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or within four months after the date of the filing of the copy of this Notice with the clerk of the court, whichever is later, or, except under those provisions included in RCW 11.40.011 or Section 4 of this act, the claim will be forever barred. This bar is effective as to claims against both probate assets and non-probate assets of the decedent.

/s/ JANET A. McDANIEL
Personal Representative
c/o REITSCH WESTON & BLONDIN, P.L.L.C.
1408 Sixteenth Avenue
P.O. Box 250
Longview, WA 98632

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117759 SEP21-0002 DNS

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS) SEP21-0002

Description of proposal: 72x40 pole building to park construction equipment
Proponent: Matt Gill
Location of proposal: The project is located at 4016 Jackson Hwy, Chehalis Lewis County, WA-Section 05, Township 12 N, Range 01 W, WM.

Lead Agency: Lewis County Community Development Department

Threshold Determination: The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

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This SEPA determination may be appealed in writing to the Lewis County Hearings Examiner until 4 pm on **April 28, 2021** at the Lewis County Community Development Permit Center. Appellants should be prepared to make **specific factual objections**. The appeal procedure is established in Lewis County Code (LCC) Section 17.110.130 and LCC Section 2.25.130. The administrative appeal fee is established by Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. The current adopted fee schedule is available online at www.lewiscountywa.gov/community-development/get-a-permit.

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117745 Special Election & Voter Registration Deadline

NOTICE BY COUNTY AUDITOR OF SPECIAL ELECTION AND VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Tuesday, the 27th day of April, 2021, a Special Election will be conducted entirely by mail in Lewis/Thurston County. **JURISDICTIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE ELECTION:** Centralia School District No. 401

Proposition 1, 2-Year Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

Pursuant to RCW 29A.08.140, the registration deadlines for all precincts within the districts voting in the Special Election will be as follows:
• April 19, 2021 - Last day to register or update existing voter registration by mail, online or at driver's licensing location. Your remote application must be received by this date.
• April 27, 2021 - Last day to register or update your existing voter registration in-person.

You may register to vote or update your voter registration at the Lewis County Elections Office, in the Historic Courthouse, 351 NW North Street, in Chehalis between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or online at www.vote.wa.gov.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:

Meetings of the Lewis County Canvassing Board are open public meetings. They will be held at the Lewis County Auditor's Office and will continue until the following activities are completed:
• Thursday, May 6, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.: Swearing in of the Canvassing Board/determine the status of provisional/challenged ballots, if any.
• Friday, May 7, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.: Certify the election.

ACCESSIBLE VOTING:

The Auditor's Office assists with registration and has voting aids available for individuals with disabilities and the elderly. This is available eighteen days prior to the election and is located in the Auditor's Office during normal office hours. The Historic Courthouse has an accessibility ramp located at the East end of the building and elevators for accessibility into the office.

MORE INFORMATION:

All elections will be conducted entirely by mail. All ballots will be mailed 18-20 days prior to every election. For additional information on voter assistance, the Special Election, obtaining a ballot, ballot drop box locations, confirming the status of your ballot, or voting and returning your ballot, contact Lewis County Elections at: Phone: (360) 740-1164 or (360) 740-1278
Website: elections.lewiscountywa.gov
E mail: elections@lewiscountywa.gov
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on this 1st day of April 2021.
Lewis County Auditor and Ex Officio County Supervisor of Elections

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