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WDFW Pauses Land Acquisition Efforts to Allow Community, TransAlta to Work Out Concerns

By Claudia Yaw

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The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) says it is pausing efforts to acquire thousands of

acres of TransAlta land in Centralia as part of a controversial effort to transform a former coal mine into a wildlife refuge.

After months of tension, the state agency said this week it would step back to allow Lewis

County and landowner TransAlta to work out their differences over considerations such as economic impact and zoning issues.

While conservationists, WDFW and TransAlta say do-

minating the land to the state presents a unique opportunity to recover at-risk species and reconnect habitats, the proposal has sparked staunch opposition from county leaders and Southwest Washington's U.S. Rep. Jai-

me Herrera Beutler, who argue the land should be reserved for development.

"We heard concerns from the Lewis County commissioners

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Former District Court Judge Mike Roewe, 73, Remembered as Mentor, Community Servant

By The Chronicle staff

This week, the community mourns former Lewis County District Court judge and notable volunteer Mike Roewe, whose death was announced on Monday.

Roewe's brother, David Roewe, first posted news of the death to a Facebook group on May 17. "Our community has lost one of its special people with the passing of Mike Roewe," David wrote in the post. "He spent his entire life serving his community and his Faith. Rest in Peace my Brother."

In the week since the news was announced, David Roewe's post has been flooded with nearly 200 comments of Chehalis community members offering their condolences and heartfelt messages about Mike Roewe's impact on their lives.

Roewe was admitted as an

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The Ape Cave Has Reopened

Take a Trip to St. Helens for Some Bigfoot Lore and Hidden Gems



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A shadow is cast on the walls of the Ape Cave Thursday afternoon. The cave, located on the south side of Mount St. Helens, was recently reopened after months of being closed due to COVID-19 restrictions. It now operates with a reservation system.



Amateur spelunkers descend into the cave.

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If you're looking for some climbing, some slime and some Bigfoot lore, the recently-reopened Ape Cave at Mount St. Helens may be the sweet spot. The pitch-black cave provides a trek into where lava pulsated some 2,000 years ago.

If you're lucky, you'll spot a bat — or perhaps a Sasquatch. The Ape Cave, nearby Ape Canyon and the mountain as a

whole are cloaked in the lore of Bigfoot, Sasquatch, the Apeman, or what some have called "hairy apes."

To prepare for the excursion, spend the drive out to the National Volcanic Monument brushing up on the epic 1924 battle in Ape Canyon between a gold mining crew and a score of "hairy apes." Kelso Resident Fred Beck recounts a key piece of Mount St. Helens' Bigfoot

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20th District Town Hall Hits on Wrapped Legislative Session, Constituent Questions on Masks and Secession

DISCUSSION: Sen. John Braun Expects 2022 Initiative to Overturn Capital Gains Tax

By Claudia Yaw

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Thursday's virtual town hall allowed Republican state Sen. John Braun, Rep. Peter Abbarno and Rep. Ed Orcutt to repeat their condemnations of a capital gains tax, new environmental regulations and the governor's executive powers.

But at the behest of callers, the 20th Legislative District lawmakers also weighed in on stickier issues: masks, secession and the prospect of Lewis County becoming a Second Amendment "sanctuary" county.

When Darla Ridilla, a self-proclaimed "strong anti-masker," asked lawmakers if there's anything "in my back pocket besides the constitution" she could use to defend her refusal to mask up, Braun told her he expects Washington's full reopening to happen even sooner than Gov. Jay Inslee's June 30 plan.

"Now, that being said, I think legally you have to understand that just like ... all of us have rights, individual businesses have rights," said Braun, the Senate minority leader. "And we don't have to like it or agree with it, but they have some right to say, 'You have to wear a mask if you want to come into my facility.'"

The Centralia Republican said he doesn't think lawmakers will pursue a "vaccine passport" policy, saying "even Democrats know that's a loser." But he added that as fully vaccinated individuals are allowed to remove their masks in many situations,



From left, State Rep. Peter Abbarno, R-Centralia, state Rep. Ed Orcutt, R-Kalama, and state Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia.

he doubted Ridilla's vaccine status would be checked. Unvaccinated Washingtonians are still required to wear masks in most settings.

"I don't think there's going to be vaccine police. Keep in mind there's 7.5 million of us, there's only 70,000 state employees. There aren't enough of them to enforce it themselves," Braun said. "It's going to be done because we, individually, make wise decisions to keep ourselves, our families, our communities, our coworkers, our customers safe. That's what's going to make the difference. Not some rule from Olympia."

On the question of secession, Orcutt stepped up to the plate. Caller Lizzie Barnts pointed to several Oregon counties whose residents this week voted in favor of joining Idaho. The secession movement has long had a place in the Washington state Legislature as well, including the push to transform Eastern Washington into a new "Liberty" state.

Orcutt said he understands why people would want to join

"another state that does adhere a little more to the Constitution and does believe more in personal freedoms."

"There's a lot of folks on the west side that disagree with Puget Sound and wouldn't mind departing ourselves and being out from the control of some of the folks in Seattle. So if you're going to do something, include us," Orcutt said of some Eastern Washington proposals. "But I think we're going to continue to work to try and bring our state back, to try and stop bad policies."

Regarding the new "Second Amendment sanctuary" proposal being considered by Lewis County commissioners, Orcutt threw his support behind the idea, although he used the term "constitutional sanctuary." In county meetings, Commissioner Lindsey Pollock similarly said she'd prefer a sanctuary resolution focused on the whole constitution, rather than just one amendment.

"I know there's been a lot of sanctuary cities and sanctuary

counties for other things. Why not have one for the constitution?" Orcutt said. "Seems like the most appropriate one to have. More appropriate than some of the ones we've seen in the Puget Sound region."

Income Tax, Emergency Powers and the State Budget

District 20 lawmakers also used the virtual event to echo concerns voiced by the state GOP throughout the legislative session. All three legislators lambasted the state's new capital gains tax, a contentious tax aimed at wealthy Washingtonians and estimated to affect about 7,000 people. Republicans have condemned the tax as unconstitutional and the start of a broader income tax.

While the new law's language prevents voters from overturning it via a referendum, Braun hinted Thursday that a 2022 ballot initiative would give voters the opportunity to shoot it down. In 2010, 64% of voters similarly rejected an income tax on the

wealthy.

"Culturally, Washington state is different," Braun said. "We just don't want an income tax."

And lawmakers who voted to approve the tax, he said, "are going to have to go back to their districts and explain themselves. And voters should make them explain themselves."

While Orcutt raised concerns that the courts will uphold the tax, Braun said he has some confidence that it will be found unconstitutional.

Abbarno said he'd be following lawsuits against the tax closely, and argued that to fix the state's regressive tax structure, "you cut regressive taxes ... you don't just add another layer of tax on."

Centralia City Councilor Rebecca Staebler pushed back, however, calling in to ask lawmakers how they would cover state expenses for a growing population "without an increase in taxes, especially among those that are the wealthiest businesses and individuals in our state."

In response, Braun pointed to a growing state budget, saying Washington doesn't have a revenue problem, but "a spending problem."

Lawmakers also spent a bulk of the 90-minute town hall discussing the governor's emergency powers and decrying Democrats for failing to limit them. Republican attempts to call a special session last year and to reign in executive power fell short this session.

Braun called it a "failure" by Democrats, arguing that the party is fearful of "let their votes be seen" on measures that restricted businesses.

"We're not going to let up, just to be clear," Braun said.

SWAT Called After Troopers Hear Gunshot From Disabled Vehicle in Chehalis; Two Taken Into Custody

By The Chronicle staff

A 45-year-old Michigan man and a woman were taken into custody just after midnight Friday after Washington State Patrol troopers heard what sounded like a gunshot from a disabled vehicle along Interstate 5 in Chehalis.

According to a news release from the state patrol, Eddie Owens, 45, of Waterford, Michigan, and an unnamed female listed as "Jane Doe" were taken into custody after two troopers approached the vehicle at mile marker 79 and heard gunfire from inside the vehicle.

"Both troopers retreated, SWAT was called out and both subjects were taken into custody without incident," according to the state patrol.

Their vehicle, a 2009 Mercedes, was impounded as evidence. The case is under investigation.

Charges Dropped Against Pe Ell Man Accused of Injuring Child

By The Chronicle staff

All charges against a Pe Ell man who had been accused of injuring a 14-year-old while trying to stop the juvenile from hitting him in February have been dismissed without prejudice.

The Lewis County Superior Court case against Joel Frederick Kissner was dismissed on March 24, along with a no-contact order that was issued for the alleged victim.

Napavine School District to Receive \$225,000 For HVAC, Lighting, Boiler Improvements

By The Chronicle staff

The Napavine School District is due to receive a \$225,000 Washington state Department of Commerce grant to replace its aging boiler plant at the high school, improve its HVAC systems and install LED lighting

throughout the school.

The award is part of nearly \$4 million in state grants announced Thursday that will be given to state and local government agencies for 17 energy efficiency projects, according to a news release.

More than five million kilowatt-hours of electricity annually — about enough to power 480 homes — will be reduced thanks to these projects.

"The Napavine School district appreciates the partnership with the Department of Commerce," said Superintendent Shane Shultz in a statement. "This project is a great balance of energy savings and HVAC infrastructure improvements at our high school. This project will have an immediate positive impact on our facility's learning environment. We are thrilled for the collaboration and partnership with the Department of Commerce."

The state's 2021 State Energy Strategy identifies energy efficiency in buildings as a core strategy for meeting decarbonization goals. It is targeting a 26% reduction in energy use in buildings by 2050.

Buildings represent about one-

fifth of the state's greenhouse gas emissions, which includes electricity usage, according to Commerce Director Lisa Brown.

"Investing to make public buildings energy efficient is an important element of our state's clean energy future. These projects will reduce harmful emissions, save on energy costs for schools and other public buildings and create good jobs that strengthen communities throughout the state," Brown said in a statement.

Dead Body Found Along Olympia Walking Path Tuesday Night

By The Olympian

Olympia Police are investigating the circumstances surrounding a dead body that was found along a footpath adjacent to Interstate 5 in east Olympia on Tuesday evening.

Around 8:20 p.m., police received a call from someone who was walking along a paved path between Lilly Road and the Chehalis Western Trail when they encoun-

tered the body just off the path.

The body had not yet been identified on Wednesday, but is estimated to be a woman in her 50s, according to Lt. Paul Lower, a spokesperson for the Olympia Police Department.

A forthcoming autopsy will identify the cause of death.

Cyclist Killed in Collision With Semi

By The Olympian

A male cyclist was killed Wednesday afternoon in a collision with a semi-trailer, according to the Thurston County Sheriff's Office.

About 4 p.m., deputies were dispatched to the 500 block of 93rd Avenue Southeast after a report of the wreck.

The truck driver remained on scene and cooperated with investigators, Lt. Cameron Simper said Wednesday evening. The driver also showed no signs of impairment, he said.

Details about the male victim were not immediately available, Simper said.

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New Adna Burger Bar Opens With a Bang

GROWTH: Adna Grocery Owners Cindy and Jim Smith Expand Offerings

By Isabel Vander Stoep

The Chronicle

The establishment of the brand new Adna Burger Bar was a sight to behold, according to owners Cindy and Jim Smith.

Selling four kinds of burgers and baskets of fries to a line of 30 to 40 customers was chaos, but the Smiths were ready: they had prepared 400 pounds of hamburger in the days before opening.

Their opening day success reaffirmed them in their purpose.

“I’ve been in this town for 64 years and as long as I can remember everyone has always wanted a burger bar or a cafe or something,” Jim said.

Jim spent the first part of his childhood living in Napavine until moving to Adna Elementary in the fifth grade. Cindy, whose mother had also graduated from Adna High School, was in Jim’s graduating class.

Their families had raised them in Adna, and they wanted the same sense of community for their children, so they stuck around. Their grandchildren are yet another generation from the family to attend the Adna School District.

“We like it here. Good people around here,” said Jim.

In 2002, the Smiths opened a smokehouse on Ceres Hill called “Uncle Jim’s Smokehouse.” There, they processed wild game into pepperoni, jerky, sausage, ground meat and lunch meat, and ran a catering service.

The only problem with their business model: it was too successful for their set-up. With customers showing up at their actual front door, having a work-life balance was a challenge. They needed a storefront. And two weeks before Christmas in 2019, the former owners of the Adna Grocery store called Jim.

The Smiths purchased the store and reopened on Jan. 13, 2020. Since then, Jim estimates 90% of store customers purchase pepperoni, jerky or sausage. Just during their first year, he said, they sold over 18,000 pounds of sausage. The Smiths’ ultimate goal, besides selling smokehouse products, is to maintain a local focus while creating a hub of activity for Adna residents. The store’s shelves feature Pacific Northwest Cookie Company cookies, Chehalis Mints, Maughan family honey and many other local products.



Jim and Cindy Smith smile and pose for a photo in front of the Adna Burger Bar Friday morning in Chehalis.

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ADNA BURGER BAR HOURS

Monday through Saturday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Adna Grocery Store Hours:
Monday through Saturday: 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

On Saturday, June 5, the parking lot of Adna Grocery will host a Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“We grew up in this town so we knew how this store was always a little country store. And that’s the way Julie Latimer (the former owner) had it, or even the past owners before Julie,” said Cindy. “We wanted it to stay a little country store. And we were looking for an outlet for our smoked products anyhow, so everything kind of worked good together.”

The addition of the Burger Bar just made sense to the two experienced cooks.

As they figure out the restaurant business, they intend to add to their menu. But what they have to start still has something for everyone. The Burger Bar serves jalapeno burgers and reg-



Visitors line up outside the Adna Burger Bar during their opening event.

ular burgers, onion rings, regular fries and garlic fries, corn dogs and hot dogs. After serving four kinds of burgers on opening day, they quickly realized they were pushing the limits of what their kitchen could produce, so they scaled back to two. Cindy aims to eventually serve a rotating list

of specials.

The beef served at the Adna Burger Bar is never frozen. The Smiths buy beef by the pallet and grind it themselves before serving it fresh. While this process is much more involved than buying frozen, pre-ground meat, they believe the extra time spent is what makes

their burgers special.

The Smiths see their expansion as a way of giving back to the community that makes their business possible.

“We try to work hard, but if it wasn’t for the community, that door wouldn’t keep opening and closing,” Jim said.

Ethics Complaint Against 19th Legislative District State Rep. Jim Walsh Dismissed

By The Chronicle staff

An ethics complaint lodged against Aberdeen Republican Rep. Jim Walsh by the Washing-

ton Black Lives Matter Alliance has been dismissed by the Legislative Ethics Board, which found a “lack of reasonable cause” this

month.

The complaint alleged that Walsh “made several offensively inappropriate comments, un-

becoming of an elected official representing Washington state, toward multiple Black and people of color who gave public tes-

timony.”

In their official opinion, the board held that questions or comments to people publicly testifying cannot be called harassment, “even if the questions are offensive, insensitive, rude or awkward. Even though the actions in this complaint may not violate the (Ethics in Public Service Act), they may nevertheless constitute a violation of the Legislative Code of Conduct.”

In a news release, Walsh said the board’s ruling “makes sense,” and that the legislative process has “no place in it for thin-skinned partisanship or phony victimology.”

“As I’ve noted from the start, this poorly drafted complaint is nothing more than a political stunt,” he said. “I’m just sorry the board’s members and staff had to waste their time on this, when they could have been considering more serious matters.”

The order of dismissal includes Walsh’s comments and questions at hand. It also includes an email to members of the public from Bainbridge Island Democrat Rep. Drew Hansen, who apologized for Walsh’s behavior during public testimony, saying “we expect a civil, respectful Committee, which was clearly not the experience this morning.”

The Tri-City Herald reported this week that Rep. Brad Klipfert, R-Kennewick, was also cleared of the Washington Black Lives Matter Alliance’s ethics complaint against him.

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Sirens

CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Vehicle Prowl

- A vehicle prowling was reported in the 100 block of Virginia Drive at approximately 1:15 p.m. on May 19.
- A vehicle prowling reported in the 700 block of South Tower Avenue at 5:30 p.m. on May 20 is under investigation.

Criminal Trespass

- A subject was arrested in the 500 block of West 7th Street at 3:25 p.m. on May 19 and was cited for first-degree criminal trespass.

Assault

- Eliseo B. Montoya, 39, of Centralia, was arrested in the 1400 block of Jensen Avenue just after 10:30 a.m. on May 20 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail on two outstanding Centralia Municipal Court warrants and for alleged fourth-degree assault and third-degree malicious mischief, domestic

violence.

- An assault reported in the 3500 block of Steelhammer Drive at 2:55 p.m. on May 20 is under investigation.

Hit-and-run

- A hit-and-run in the 1100 block of Harrison Avenue was reported just after 1:40 p.m. on May 20.

Pedestrian Hit By Train

- At 5:30 p.m. on May 20, there was a report of a pedestrian sustaining injuries after being hit by a train in the 700 block of South Tower Avenue. The incident is under investigation and no further information was provided.

CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT Vicious Dog

- At 11 a.m. on May 19, a caller reported that they were bit by a dog in the 200 block of Southeast Park Hill Drive several days ago.

Dispute

- Just before 4 p.m. on May 19, a caller reported that a man "just snapped" and became "very combative" while suffering "some kind of a mental health attack" at a business in the 1000 block of Northwest State Street. No arrests were made.

Vehicle Prowl

- A vehicle prowling at the intersection of Airport Road and Northwest Louisiana Avenue was reported just before 5 p.m. on May 19.

Assault

- An assault reported in the 300 block of Southwest 11th Street at 11:45 a.m. on May 20 is under investigation.

Breaking Into Penny Playground Bathroom

- A subject was cited for third-degree malicious mischief after an adult woman and several

juveniles broke down the door to the bathroom at Penny Playground just after 4:45 p.m. on May 20.

LEWIS COUNTY JAIL STATISTICS

As of Friday morning, the Lewis County Jail had a total system population of 145 inmates, including 107 in the general population and 38 in the Work Ethic and Restitution Center. Of general population inmates, 86 were reported male and 21 were reported female.

Of the WERC inmates, 35 were reported male and 3 were reported female.

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

Crews Respond to Small Trash Fire in Chehalis



Jared Wenzelburger / jared@chronline.com

A Chehalis firefighter takes photos of damage to the Twin City Town Center shopping plaza after alarms in multiple stores rang for a fire that started in a trash bin and triggered outside sprinkler systems on Wednesday.



Chehalis Fire responds to the Twin City Town Center shopping plaza after alarms in multiple stores rang for a fire that started in a trash bin

Death Notices

- **Tamara Barnes**, 49, Olympia, died May 19, 2021 in Olympia. Arrangements under the direction of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary.

Corrections

The Chronicle incorrectly associated a photo of Daniel Graham with an article on Sloan Schoffstall on May 13. In addition, the article wrongly stated that Schoffstall "spat at and attempted to hit the jail officer holding the camera." Those actions were associated with Graham.

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The Seattle Times, and more. Weather did not deter him from his loyalty to his customers to deliver the news.

Matthew is survived by his mother, Merle Bates of Centralia; son, Matthew L. Bates II of Ocean Park, Wash.; daughters, Heidi Edwards of Brookings, Ore., and Monique Murphy of Chehalis, Wash.; and son, Adam Bates of Aberdeen, Wash.; 10 grandchildren; sister, Susan Peterson (David) of Centralia; brothers, Eric Bates (Cheryl) of McCleary, Wash., and Mike Bates (Sherry) of Maple Falls, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews. One of Matthew's special childhood memories was visiting the home of his beloved aunt, Helen Rohr, where he loved to play with cousins, Marveen and Loretta.

Matthew was a man of great faith that provided him strength and direction in how he chose to live his life. A private family burial will be held.

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The Community Has Lost a Giant in Michael Roewe

By Coralee Taylor

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A giant fell this week in Lewis County when Michael Roewe died.

The man had an imposing voice and bearing, but if you could stop shaking long enough in Judge Roewe's presence, you learned that he was kind, generous and intelligent with a heart for other people, his church and his community. Mike's life was connected to many iconic things in Lewis County.

The Roewe family owned the theater downtown where Mike worked from a young age. He graduated from W.F. West in Chehalis and then attended Centralia College before going on to the University of Washington and Gonzaga Law School.

He was a pillar of St. Joseph's church in Chehalis where he sang in the choir and trained the altar servers for generations. He served as a Lewis County District Court Judge for 14 years.

Mike had a strong reputa-

tion for integrity that extended to his marriage, his family, his faith and his community. Mike was also a deep humanitarian, serving on the board of Cascade Mental Health, where I had the opportunity to work with him, Hope Alliance and the Housing Resource Center.

More details of his life will appear elsewhere in this newspaper but this commentary is from The Chronicle's owners and staff because we want to pause with the rest of our community and

recognize this fine man and what he meant to all of us.

People like Mike Roewe are important to have in any good community. A person like Mike raises up everybody around him.

We never wanted to look bad in Mike Roewe's eyes. People aspire to be and do better when people like Mike are in a community. He modeled a long list of virtues. Maybe we didn't all want to "be like Mike" but we definitely did not want Mike Roewe to think we were doing

the wrong thing.

His passing was a sad shock to us and our community. He was a rock against which it seemed like all waves would break, and it is natural to imagine a person like that always being here.

But we are reminded again of a lesson Mike modeled: always try to do the right thing and always work to help others and your community during the time we have because we are not here forever.

Godspeed Mike Roewe.

Get Your Own Historic Tree Stock From Onalaska Nursery

When the phone rings and it's Michael Dolan, nurseryman extraordinaire and owner of Burnt Ridge Nursery, I know it's going to be an enjoyable conversation.

Michael called me recently after I wrote earlier this month that a historic tree from pioneer times, a towering butternut tree planted nearly two centuries ago by noted Black pioneer George Bush in present-day Tumwater, had fallen.

"It was probably the oldest document butternut tree in the world and the largest documented pure butternut," Dolan said. "That makes it doubly unique."

Several years ago I met Dolan at a fundraiser to build a statue of another Black pioneer with a presidential name, George Washington of Centralia.



By Brian Mittge

One of the items up for auction that evening was a large sapling from the Bush butternut, air excavated directly from the Bush farmstead by arborist Ray Gleason. I was pleased and surprised to learn that evening from Dolan that this prize sapling was not the only one available.

In fact, Dolan sells hundreds of them each year (albeit smaller specimens). They are also taken directly from the Bush butternut, thanks to a unique arrangement. Mark Clark, the owner of the Bush homestead, invites Dolan to come up and gather butternuts that have ripened and fallen from the tree each autumn.

"Mark has been kind enough to let me have the bulk of the crop every year, and I'll trade him for some plants from our nursery," Dolan told me.

Dolan sprouts and grows them at his farm near Onalaska and sells them a year later.

I asked Dolan if any of those saplings were available.

Well, he said, they're sold out for this year, but he has a whole crop of them growing that will be for sale next year.

But, I asked him, now that the original Bush butternut tree has fallen, will this be the last crop?

There's good news to report on that front.

It turns out that the fallen butternut tree is survived by several naturally sprouted saplings nearby that are now each 20 feet tall or more. They are producing butternuts each year. The lineage continues.

"There will be a continuing crop of George Bush descended butternuts," Dolan said.

So what is a butternut like? "It's a wonderful nut," Dolan said. "It's well-named. It has this rich flavor, very high oil content, the kind that's good for

you, like salmon or olive oil. It's a good-tasting nut even though it is hard to get at because of the thick shell. It takes a special nut cracker or a pair of vise grips and nut picker. Or a rock."

I've already placed my order for a Bush butternut via Burnt Ridge Nursery. If you'd like a bit of delicious history growing on your property, you might want to pick one up as well.

Make sure you say hello to Dolan when you're there. His nursery, specializing in kiwis and other unusual edible plants, has been a bright spot on the hill above Onalaska for 41 years. I'm confident you'll find even a short conversation with him to be fruitful.

Who's a Good Boy?

It's probably fair to say that most people upon whom a police dog is deployed aren't particularly pleased to have 75 pounds of well-trained furry fury on their trail.

However, the suspect pursued Thursday night by Jaxx in

Thurston County probably is a little more thankful than most. After all, he's alive thanks to his pawed pursuer.

According to the Thurston County Sheriff's Office, the German shepherd was summoned from home and deployed after a suspect took off running into thick swampland when the vehicle he was driving was spiked during a police chase.

Jaxx tracked the man into the tangle of trees and brush. The dog swam under the muddy water and found the suspect submerged and unconscious.

Deputies and troopers were able to recover the ailing fugitive from the brush after Jaxx located him.

The man survived, thanks to the dogged determination of police dog Jaxx.

Somebody give that police pooch a treat.

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Brian Mittge loves butternuts, treats and good dogs. Drop him a line at brianmittge@hotmail.com.

WDFW Backtracks on TransAlta Land Donations; Time for Local Negotiations

A few weeks ago I wrote a column titled "TransAlta Reneging on Promise of Using Mine Land for Economic Development."

I detailed decades of TransAlta promises to give land from its 10,000 acres of reclaimed mine property to Lewis County for economic development.

Then, for dubious reasons, TransAlta out of the blue in November of 2020 stated it was about to donate the land to the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife for a wildlife refuge, damn the promises of significant land donations to the county.

Many leaders slammed the proposed donation, from U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler to the county's mayors to the county commissioners. It appears the effort to give the land to WDFW



By Michael Wagar

has stalled after a massive outcry from county leaders and citizens.

Fortunately, thankfully, righteously, WDFW on Tuesday sent a letter to the Lewis County Board of Commissioners stating, "We are writing this letter to clarify our approach regarding this process. We want to clarify that we are not actively working to move this acquisition forward currently."

The letter starts out with a history of the WDFW and TransAlta's unilateral proposal. "Unilateral" is defined as "doing or deciding something without first asking or agreeing with another person, group or country: 'The law is part of a disturbing trend to act unilaterally without regard to the legitimate interests of others.'"

Which is what TransAlta was attempting to do — "without regard to the legitimate interests of others."

WDFW in its letter to the

county commissioners, stated the process on the proposal centered on public comment. WDFW heard comments in opposition to the proposal focused on loss of property tax revenue, problems with putting the land under the Endangered Species Act, potentially negatively impacting neighboring commercial and industrial operations.

The letter goes on to state, "It is also clear that Lewis County has concerns about economic impacts and rezoning of the mine property. Those questions are outside of WDFW's scope and are better addressed by TransAlta and Lewis County."

In other words, TransAlta can't go against the will of Lewis County leaders and turn a deal with WDFW. They must negotiate outcomes with the county. They must sit down with local leaders and develop best alternatives for the land in question,

with a specific background of past promises of large land banks for quality industrial development.

"Our hope," WDFW wrote in the letter, "is that the local communities and TransAlta can continue conversations and come to some shared understanding, at which point WDFW hopes the county commissioners will contact us directly. We are interested in developing robust community engagement about this donation and opportunity, which we anticipate will be a years-long process."

The WDFW has it right. This is up to discussions and negotiations among TransAlta and the community, not a side deal with WDFW. In addition, the letter states TransAlta is still under requirements to finish its mine reclamation work, which costs millions of dollars to complete. That perhaps is why TransAlta wanted to just grift the land to the state, in an attempt to not complete the work to finish the

mine reclamation project.

That WDFW has stepped back in its proposal to claim all of the mine property and place it in a wildlife refuge is an appropriate response to the public comments and opposition to the gifting of the thousands of acres.

The next step is for TransAlta to take a step back, and realize its WDFW proposal was a selfish effort to save corporate dollars. It is time for TransAlta to once again put the community first, as it has for the past several decades until this latest backslap.

TransAlta needs to re-embrace its original promise to donate some of its land to industrial and commercial development which in turn will bring a much-needed tax base and employment jobs to Lewis County — the original promise and idea of the TransAlta landbank donation to the county.

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From the County Prosecutor: The Blake 'Fix' — Where Do We Go From Here?

To know where we are going, we must know how we got here.

Many were surprised by the Washington Supreme Court's ruling in Blake; however, Washington state was the last state with a strict liability felony drug possession law. Re-



By Jonathan Meyer

gardless, the impact of the ruling was clear and widespread. Within hours of the decision, the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office was presenting orders for the release of inmates benefiting from the ruling, as was ultimately required. Frankly, the immediate response coordinated between this office, the Lewis County Clerk's Office, local defense counsel and the Lewis County Superior Court, saved my office and the county a lot of

time and money.

But it did not resolve the more difficult question: what is the remedy?

Blake, in essence, allowed the simple possession of all drugs because the statute governing the possession of drugs was no longer in existence and there was no replacement.

Let that sink in.

With overdose deaths on the rise, much of the homeless population suffering from sub-

stance use disorder, individuals suffering from behavior health issues self-medicating, and in the middle of a pandemic, possession of dangerous drugs was now legal. More concerning was that it was OK for kids too. Our laws still prohibited possession of tobacco for kids, but now it was OK for a minor to possess marijuana. A child could go to jail for underage drinking, but it was legal for that same child to possess fentanyl.

Perhaps worse is that there seemed to be very little motivation to rectify the situation from the governor or his party, which holds a majority in both the state House and Senate. Many of us knew something had to be done to protect those suffering from substance use disorder and to, hopefully, dissuade others from even starting. My office proposed a county ordinance

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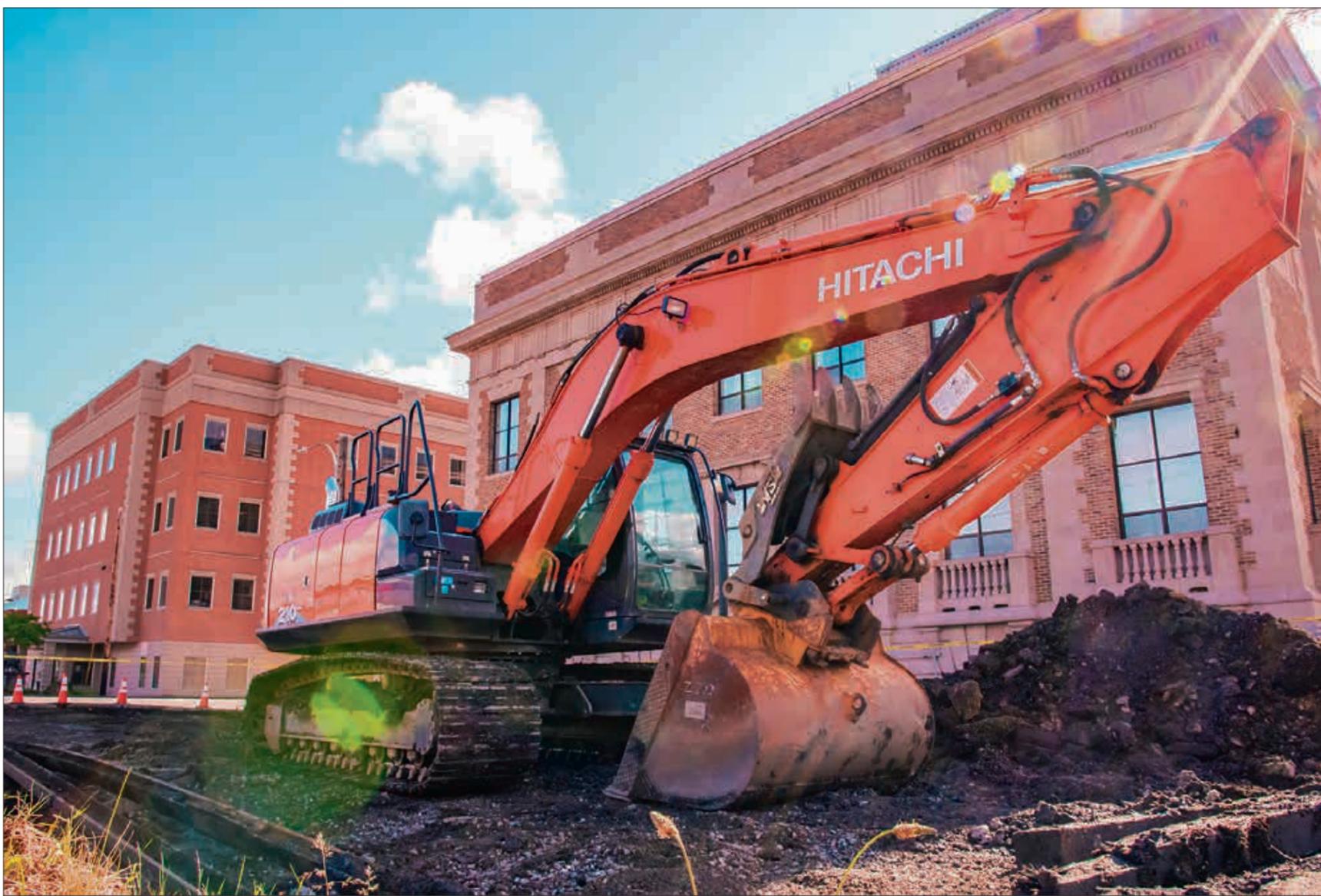
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Construction near the Lewis County Courthouse had crews removing blacktop along with rails and ties from a historic streetcar route that tied the Twin Cities together.

Streetcar Tracks Dug Up During Chehalis Reconstruction Project

By Eric Rosane

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A road reconstruction project has unearthed an intriguing detail of Chehalis's past: an old streetcar line.

Many have known those lines were there — mere inches beneath the crooked asphalt roadway of NW Pacific Avenue — but it wasn't until contractors began work on the section between Park Street and Main that they were able to unearth them.

The project, named the NW Pacific Avenue Roadway Reconstruction Project, looks to reconstruct the entire right-of-way between Park and Main streets, including the construction of new sidewalks, and curbs and gutters.

With these improvements, it's safe to say the city isn't planning on implementing any new streetcar lines soon.

"The steel rails that we have encountered so far are nearly

centered in the roadway (as can be seen from the asphalt surface as cracks run the length directly above the old street rails), and are only an inch or two beneath the top of the asphalt," wrote Trent Loughheed, the city public works director.

"The track steel and wood ties will need to be removed prior to construction of the new roadway section"

Chehalis City Councilor Daryl Lund said he believes the rails to be more than a century old.

The rail line also at one point connected the Twin Cities, said Jason Mattson, director of the Lewis County Museum. The museum houses maps and pictures of the old transit carts from that era.

The project, which went out to bid in March, will also install new street lights and roadside trees and make improvements to the area's stormwater and water utilities.



Rails from a historic streetcar route that tied the Twin Cities together are seen dug up following construction near the Lewis County Courthouse on Tuesday in Chehalis.

Grazing in Onalaska



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A deer walks through tall grass off Leonard Road in Onalaska on Thursday.

News in Brief

State to Release New Masking Guidelines for Businesses, Workplaces

By Columbia Basin Herald

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health will issue additional guidance by the end of the week for businesses and workplaces on wearing masks. Washington Department of Health secretary Umair Shah said DOH is working on the guidelines with the Washington Department of Labor and Industries and the office of Gov. Jay Inslee.

Shah made the announcement during a press briefing on the state's pandemic response Wednesday. The new guidelines follow an announcement from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention stating people who are fully vaccinated against

the coronavirus can stop wearing masks indoors and outdoors in most situations. The CDC announcement was made May 6, and state officials adopted those recommendations the same day.

But some jurisdictions within the state didn't adopt the CDC recommendations. Shah said DOH will support local jurisdictions going with different rules.

Inslee announced May 6 most restrictions on movement and business will be lifted June 30. Reopening could happen more quickly if 70% of state residents 16 years of age and older have received at least one shot of vaccine, Inslee said.

Lacy Fehrenbach, DOH deputy secretary for COVID-19 response, said the next six weeks will be a time of transition. Some people will continue to want to wear masks, whether or not they are vaccinated.

Meyer

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to correct the deficiency in the law and create an enforceable crime at the county level. In my conversations with Sen. John Braun and Reps. Ed Orcutt and Peter Abbarno, they shared my frustration and efforts at the local level. They were also upset at the lack of willingness to act in Olympia. All three of our representatives in the state Legislature supported or sponsored legislation that would have helped provide a "fix" to the Blake decision. Fortunately, there was some

action at the state level and the governor signed a bill into law. Senate Bill 5476 passed along party lines in the state Senate 26-23 and with strong bipartisan support in the State House 80-18. The vote counts alone evidence the complexity of this issue.

Without some action by the state, possession of illegal drugs would stay decriminalized. With some action by the state, possession would have at least some guardrails. Is Senate Bill 5476 perfect? No, and that is why our delegation was mixed on the legislation. But it gives the state Legislature two years to "really" fix the statute rather than possession becoming fully decrimi-

nalized today.

What does the new law do? The first two times a person gets found with controlled substances they must go through a referral/diversion process. On the third time, they get referred to the prosecutor's office who is "encouraged" to also divert the person. It may be too late by that time and it puts a strain on local law enforcement and my office. But doing nothing was unacceptable.

The passage of the law prevented Lewis County from acting. But it was also unclear whether the county acting with a stronger law would have been preempted and challenged. It remains unclear what the future

looks like or the impact of the new law. What is clear is that someone suffering from addiction is not likely to voluntarily seek treatment without some intervention. This new law requires some intervention.

I recently spoke with both Sen. Braun and Rep. Abbarno and it is very clear that they both lobbied for a more robust law, and I am confident Rep. Orcutt did as well. Rep. Abbarno even co-sponsored a long list of strong bills that would have been better than Senate Bill 5476 and helped fix Blake. However, our delegation is not yet in the majority. Maybe in two years there will be better legislation address-

ing this issue.

In the meantime, my office will continue to work on this issue and uphold the new law and the Lewis County Sheriff's Office will continue to do exceptional work, as they always have, to serve and protect the citizens of our county.

I appreciate the hard work of our state delegation and their willingness to serve and fight for our community's safety. My office will continue to promote a better law and look forward to working with the Legislature on a real fix to Blake.

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Jonathan Meyer is Lewis County's elected prosecutor.

More Than 135 Candidates File for Lewis County Offices

By Eric Rosane
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With just hours to go until the end of filing week Friday, 136 candidates had filed for 100 offices that will be on the ballot of Lewis County voters in the November general election.

School board, city council and port commissions are among the races, with the top two candidates in the August primary automatically advancing.

Along with the news of who has filed, there were also developments concerning office-holders who will not seek to retain their seats.

Centralia Mayor Susan Luond said Thursday she will not pursue a second full term on the Centralia City Council, citing the large time commitment the position requires.

“I knew a year ago that — maybe longer than that — that this was very time consuming. And I have a very, very busy life and it was requiring a little more time than I could give it,” Luond told The Chronicle over the phone. “But I’ve enjoyed it, as far as getting a birds-eye view of the government and learning how a city runs. It’s been worth my time.”

Councilor Mark Westley, whose seat is also up for reelection this year, filed earlier this week to run for Luond’s open seat representing council district No. 4.

The mayor is chosen by the city council in Centralia, so he would not be getting that title unless he’s appointed later.

Westley’s at-large seat, which he was appointed to earlier this year, has attracted the attention of candidates Blake Rasmussen, Steven Hubbard and Leah Daarud, secretary of the Lewis County Young Republicans group, thus far, according to filings on the Secretary of State’s website.

Luond said she plans on supporting Westley’s lateral move.

“Mark is just a very bright, bright man,” she said of the Adna High School teacher. “His questions that he asks the people are so right on target. They’re the questions you want people to ask ... He’s going to be an excellent replacement for me. He’s going to outshine me a hundred to one.”

Luond was appointed to her position in August 2017 after

the resignation of former Mayor Bonnie Canaday. She won the following November election as the only candidate.

In January 2020, Luond was appointed mayor with a majority five votes.

As mayor, she said she often represents the city at external meetings with other organizations and municipalities. She also presides over council and its business, and noted she quickly learned how time consuming the position can be.

She’s a heavily involved grandparent to two, and with their Little League games, Luond realized it was growing increasingly difficult to give the position of mayor 100%.

“I love doing yard work, and another thing is that I’m not a real big public person,” she said.

One of her highlights of working for the Centralia voters and the city has been getting to know city staff and their broad knowledge of expertise.

“I knew who some of them were, but I’ve gotten to know them and work with them on certain projects and I feel like we’re very fortunate,” Luond said. “I think the city of Centralia right now, here in time, is really fortunate because we have a really, really good group of people working for the city ... We’re just really, really lucky.”

As for the next mayor, Luond said she’s not completely sure who will be chosen to assume the role. Five of the Centralia council’s seven seats are up for reelection this year, and as filing week wraps up Friday, there’s the possibility for substantial turnover.

And races are starting to take shape. A dozen candidates as of Friday morning had filed to run for open seats on the council, with nearly every seat contested.

Incumbent Cameron McGee has found two challengers in Lisa Striedinger and Chelle Wilder in his bid to retain his seat representing district No. 1.

Sarah Althaus, vice president of the Centralia Downtown Association’s board, has entered the race for first-term incumbent Rebecca Staebler’s seat representing district No. 2.

“I have learned so much these past four years about how our city functions, including during a pandemic,” Staebler said in a statement to The Chronicle submitted Thursday announcing her bid to keep her seat. “I’m eager to continue the work of making Centralia the best little

city in Washington.”

Max Vogt, the incumbent currently representing district No. 3, has found challengers in Rhoda Angove, a manager at a local family clinic, and activist Kurtis Engle.

Filing week for candidates looking to hold public office closed 4 p.m. on Friday, according to the Lewis County Auditor’s Office. The deadline to withdraw from the 2021 primary and general elections is 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 24.

The following is a list of Lewis County candidates that had registered by noon Friday. An updated list can be found online at <https://bit.ly/3wemyR2>.

Judicial

- Bernard F. Veljacic, court of appeals, division 2, district No. 3

Port of Centralia Commission

- Kyle Markstrom, commissioner district No. 1
- Paul Crouner, commissioner district No. 1
- Mark Giffey, commissioner district No. 1
- Paul Ericson, commissioner district No. 2
- Fred W. Rider, commissioner district No. 2

Centralia City Council

- Blake Rasmussen, at-large council position 3
- Steven A. Hubbard, at-large council position 3
- Leah Daarud, at-large council position 3
- Cameron McGee, council district No. 1
- Chelle Wilder, council district No. 1
- Lisa Striedinger, council district No. 1
- Sarah Althaus, council district No. 2
- Rebecca Staebler, council district No. 2
- Max Vogt, council district No. 3
- Rhoda Angove, council district No. 3
- Kurtis Engle, council district No. 3
- Mark “Wes” Westley, council district No. 4

Chehalis City Council

- Terry F. Harris, at-large council position 1
- Kate Olson, at-large council position 1
- Mike Bannan, at-large council position 2
- Bob Spahr, at-large council position 3

Morton City Council

- Jaime Fleming, council position No. 2
- Aubrey Grantham, council position No. 2
- Richard Vanderlip, council position No. 3
- Jeanette Chamberlain, council position No. 5
- Wendy McCully, council position No. 5
- Caro Johnson, council position No. 5

Napavine City Council

- Larry D. Stafford, council position No. 2
- Heather Stewart, council position No. 4

Pe Ell Town Council

- Mike Nichols, council position No. 1
- Kerry “Mac” McRoberts, council position No. 2
- Jilona Speer, council position No. 3

Toledo City Council

- Emily Morgan, council position No. 1
- Eric Hayes, council position No. 2
- Michelle “Shelley” Thomas, council position No. 3
- Gary Reboin, council position No. 5

Vader City Council

- Judi Costello, mayor
- Tom Shows, mayor
- Samantha Lovelady, mayor
- Marie Anne MacIntosh, council position No. 1
- Donna Rogers, council position No. 1
- Jason Rayfield, council position No. 1
- Jason Dailey, council position No. 2
- Randy Hall, council position No. 3

Winlock City Council

- Brandon Svenson, mayor
- Marty A. Poirrier II, council position No. 1
- Jeremy Allman, council position No. 4
- Lindsey Alvor, council position No. 5

Adna School District

- Jennifer Collins, director district No. 4

Boistfort School Board

- Ruth Peterson, director district No. 3

Castlerock School Board

- Vilas E. Sundberg, director district No. 1
- Ray Teter, director district No. 2
- Henry Karnofski, director district No. 3
- Jeff Myers, at-large director position 5
- Todd Jansen, at-large director position 5

Centralia School Board

- Ron Averill, director position 1
- Audra Messegee-Evans, director position 1
- Tim Browning, director position 5

Chehalis School Board

- Alan R. Browning, director district No. 2
- Vicki Daniels, director district No. 3
- Kelsi Hamilton, director district No. 3
- Colleen State, director district No. 4
- Maryanna Kruse, director district No. 4

Evaline School Board

- Jamie Moran, director district No. 3
- Michael Porter, director district No. 4

Morton School Board

- Clint Scogin, at-large director position 5

Mossyrock School Board

- Tanissa Lovan, director district No. 3
- Frank Swenson, director district No. 3

Napavine School Board

- Justin Evander, director district No. 2
- Brad Woodrum, at-large director position 4

Oakville School Board

- Kelsey Blake, director district No. 2
- John Shortman Jr., director district No. 3
- Jennifer Tushka, director district No. 1

Onalaska School Board

- Heidi Howard, director district No. 3
- Mary Glenn, at-large director position 5
- Steve Legg, at-large director position 5

Pe Ell School Board

- Byran King, director district No. 2
- Chad M. Burnett, director district No. 2

Rochester School Board

- Michael Langer, director district No. 1
- Curtis Haley, director district No. 5
- Mark Weaver, director district No. 5

Toledo School Board

- Heidi Buswell, director district No. 1
- Jerad Buswell, director district No. 3
- Brad Dykstra, director district No. 5

White Pass School Board

- Joel McMahan, director district No. 3
- Sandra Freitas, director district No. 4

Winlock School Board

- Duane Bryant, director district No. 2
- Brandon Patching, director district No. 5

Fire District 1 – Onalaska

- Tim Miles, commissioner position No. 1
- Carolyn “Carol” Brock, commissioner position No. 2

Fire District 2 – Toledo

- William Moore, commissioner position No. 1

Fire District 4 – Morton

- George Harbaugh, commissioner position No. 1

Fire District 5 – Napavine

- Sandra J. White, commissioner position No. 1

Fire District 6 – Chehalis

- Jim Forbes, commissioner position No. 1
- Colin Mason, commissioner position No. 1
- Anthony Mixer, commissioner position No. 1
- Brandon Emery-Martin, commissioner position No. 1

Fire District 8 – Salkum-Silver Creek

- Rick Wood, commissioner position No. 1

Fire District 9 – Mineral

- Kurt Roehm, commissioner position No. 2

Fire District 10 – Packwood

- Jon Anderson, commissioner position No. 4

Fire District 16 – Doty-Dryad

- Bill Bush, commissioner position No. 1

Fire District 17 – Big Creek-Mineral

- Dennis A. Day, commissioner position No. 1
- Thomas O’Haver, commissioner position No. 3

Fire District 18 – Glenoma

- William Edward Lauth, commissioner position No. 1

Fire District 20 – Cowlitz-Lewis

- Paul Jensen, commissioner position No. 1

Riverside Fire Authority

- Joseph Dolezal, commissioner position No. 1
- Mike Tomasheck, commissioner position No. 3

Cemetery District 1 – Winlock

- Wayne Mummert, commissioner position No. 1

Cemetery District 2 – Mossyrock-Salkum

- Richard Fitzhugh, commissioner position No. 1

Cemetery District 6 – Onalaska

- Jeanne Hall, commissioner position No. 1
- Barry Griel, commissioner position No. 3

Cemetery District 7 – Toledo

- Jake Morgan, commissioner position No. 1
- Kathy Brack, commissioner position No. 2

Cemetery District 8 – Vader

- Dan McFarling, commissioner position No. 1

Hospital District No. 1

- Chris Schumaker, commissioner district No. 1
- Kim Olive, commissioner district No. 2
- Craig A. Coppock, commissioner district No. 3
- Van Anderson, at-large commissioner position 4
- Laura Richardson, at-large commissioner position 4

Water-Sewer District 3 – Packwood

- Donna L. Rowe-Breidenstein, commissioner position No. 1
- Maree E. Lerchen, commissioner position No. 1
- Randy Crawford, commissioner position No. 2

Water-Sewer District 4 – Chehalis

- Kyle McKerricher, commissioner position No. 1

Water-Sewer District 6 – Lake Mayfield

- Scott A. Moore, commissioner position No. 1



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Providence Invested \$73 Million in Southwest Washington Region in 2020, Report Shows

By The Chronicle staff

Providence has released an annual community investment report highlighting different ways that Providence addressed “the most difficult public health crisis of our time” last year in the communities that it serves by acting “to provide short-term solutions while driving long term positive change by investing in communities to build a more equitable and sustainable future,” according to a Providence news release.

Providence invested a total of \$73 million in its Southwest Washington region, which includes Providence Centralia Hospital, St. Peter Hospital in Olympia and clinic locations in Lewis, Thurston, Mason and Grays Harbor counties, in 2020. Of that \$73 million, \$52 million went toward covering unpaid Medicaid and other government programs, and \$9 million went towards providing free and discounted care for uninsured and underinsured patients.

For comparison, \$12.4 million went towards free and discounted care in 2019, \$12 million in 2018, and \$9.6 million in 2017. Additional community investment included \$7 million toward health professional education and research, \$5 million in subsidized health services and \$400,000 in community health improvement and strategic partnerships, according to Providence.

“The work done in our communities is fundamental to our organization’s mission and a

demonstration of our values in action. We also know that to be effective, this work must be done in collaboration and solidarity with communities,” said Rod Hochman, M.D. president and CEO of Providence. “As we continue to serve under-resourced populations and advance health equity and social justice in our communities, Providence remains committed to our vision of creating health for a better world.”

In Olympia, Providence partnered with the city government

to provide temporary micro-housing for the unsheltered in 2020, and the medical provider states that it “has become an ally of municipalities to address the housing issue.”

Said Darin Goss, chief executive for Providence in Southwest Washington, “Our community benefit connects families with preventive care to keep them healthy, fills gaps in community services and provides opportunities that bring hope in difficult times.”

News in Brief

Three Centralia College Students Named to 2021 All-Washington Academic Team

By The Chronicle staff

Three students from Centralia College have been named to the 2021 All-Washington Academic Team, the college announced late last week.

The students were recognized at the May 13 meeting of the Centralia College Board of Trustees, according to a college news release. They also received a \$500 scholarship and are eligible for additional transfer scholarships from in-state universities.

Students Jay Caird, Susan Clark and Benjamin Corwin were the Centralia students named to the team.

Caird, 18, is a Running Start student and current W.F. West High School student. He is the president of Centralia College’s Phi Theta Kappa honors college chapter and also serves as chapter president of his high school’s Future Farmers of America program.

He currently tutors math students at his former middle school and his goal is to transfer to Whitworth University this fall to pursue a career as a doctor.

Clark, 41, is currently finishing her degree in accounting with plans to work in the field after graduation. She was motivated to go back to school after overcoming breast cancer. A mother of two special needs children, the news release says, she wanted a stable career for her family.

Corwin, 19, is a former Eagle Scout and currently helps his local chapter, in addition to being a volunteer Search and Rescue member.

He is the vice president of Phi Theta Kappa and is a member of the Students for Life Club. He plans on studying criminal forensics at the University of Washington this fall with a goal of working in the state crime lab.

Improved Essential Facility Services (BABIES) Act and the Midwives for Maximizing Optimal Maternity Services (MOMS) Act.

“With high rates of maternal mortality, preterm births, and lack of prenatal care for mothers, maternity care has reached a crisis level across our country,” Herrera Beutler said in a news release. “That’s why I’m proud to introduce both the Midwives for MOMS Act that will expand midwifery education to give moms increased access to quality maternal care, and the BABIES Act that will increase access to birth centers across the United States.”

The federal BABIES Act aims to create a payment program under Medicaid to reimburse birth centers for prenatal care, perinatal and postpartum mother and infant care. The Midwives for MOMS Act would create two new funding streams for midwifery education and would prioritize students from minority or disadvantaged backgrounds.

The U.S. has a higher maternal mortality rate than other countries comparable in wealth, and the March of Dimes reports that over 5 million U.S. women live in a “maternity care desert,” where hospitals don’t offer obstetric care, birthing services or specialized providers.

“Expecting moms in rural Iowa often cannot access the care they need during pregnancy for their infants once they are born. It’s heartbreaking that so many women haven’t been able to receive adequate maternal health services because they live in maternity care deserts,” said Iowa Rep. Ashley Hinson, who is joining Herrera Beutler and other federal lawmakers to back the bills.

More Than a Dozen JBLM Families File Lawsuit Over Poor Housing Conditions on Base

By The News Tribune

Fifteen military families have filed a lawsuit against the private company that manages housing at Joint Base Lewis-McChord over living conditions they say caused damage to property and, in some cases, health problems.

The 51 plaintiffs filed the

lawsuit May 6 in Pierce County Superior Court against Lewis McChord Communities LLC and its parent company, Lincoln Military Housing. The plaintiffs are military members, spouses and their children. The lawsuit also names 50 John or Jane Doe defendants who are described as people, companies and employees who worked at the homes.

In the lawsuit, plaintiffs contend they had frequent water leaks leading to mold growth in their homes which thrived because of mismanagement and inadequate maintenance. According to court documents, the families included in the JBLM

lawsuit lived on base between April 2016 and January 2020. The families said these issues caused adverse symptoms including watery eyes, blurred vision, fatigue, nasal congestion,

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A spokesperson for JBLM said officials on the base are also aware of the lawsuit and will be monitoring it closely.



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Mount Rainier is seen behind TransAlta property north of Centralia earlier this year.

WDFW

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regarding loss of property tax revenue, as well as concerns that neighboring commercial or industrial operations could be negatively impacted if WDFW introduced Endangered Species Act-listed species on the landscape," regional directors Kessina Lee and Larry Phillips wrote.

This year, Lewis County commissioners called WDFW and TransAlta's plan "unlawful" since it subverted the county's comprehensive plan.

"Those questions are outside of WDFW's scope and are better addressed by TransAlta and Lewis County," WDFW directors wrote. "Our hope is that the local community and TransAlta can continue conversations and come to some shared under-

standing, at which point WDFW hopes the county commissioners will contact us directly."

It's good news for Lewis County Commissioner Sean Swope, who has been vocal about the proposed wildlife refuge, which is located in his district.

"I appreciate the integrity the WDFW has shown by pausing its TransAlta acquisition efforts. This move shows respect for the concerns we've raised, and it will allow us to work with TransAlta to create a win-win situation that improves our economic vitality," Swope wrote in an email. "As an Opportunity Zone, this area shows great promise for attracting industrial activity that will create the family-wage jobs critical for our sustained well-being. We intend to further explore what can be done with this site, and we applaud WDFW's efforts to let us do so."

Opportunity zones are designated by the government and meant to spur economic development in distressed regions.

Meanwhile, TransAlta is continuing with its reclamation efforts at the Centralia Mine. Already, the land that once hosted open coal mines has been transformed into lakes and young forests.

The multi-national power company has said that the wildlife refuge is the best use of the property, and aligns with Trans-



Mount Rainier is seen over a ridge dotted with wind turbines seen from Pit 7 at TransAlta Centralia earlier this year.

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Lewis County commissioner

Alta's sustainability goals.

TransAlta is under federal requirements to reclaim the former mine, and has looked to the state agency for input on how to transform the land. Accord-

ing to Lee, with WDFW, native species have already started to return to the property. "If and when" WDFW resumes active discussions to acquire portions of the TransAlta property, Lee said, it would still take years to finalize given the lengthy reclamation timeline.

If the refuge does not come into fruition, Lee said WDFW would look at opportunities elsewhere the same threatened species — the western pond turtle, Oregon spotted frog and streaked horned lark — could be recovered.

But, she added, the species have "very specific habitat requirements," and "the end result would be slow or limited progress toward recovering these species."

Roewe

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attorney in 1975 and worked as a civil attorney for 16 years and as a Chehalis Municipal Court judge for four years before he

was first elected as a Lewis County District Court judge in 1990.

"Judge Roewe was a mentor to me not only as a judge, but also as human," said District Court Judge R.W. Buzzard, who was first elected to the bench in 2004 and worked alongside Roewe until Roewe's retirement. "I am sure you will hear thousands of stories of the incredible community minded man he was. He was equally amazing as a judge ... He was firm, patient and always fair, to whomever appeared before him ... He will be greatly missed by myself and many others."

Roewe served on the bench for 25 years before he retired in 2015. He was replaced in District Court by Judge Wade S. Samuelson.

"When I told him that I intended to run for his vacant seat, he laughed and said something to the effect of, 'Well, good for you! May God help you — you'll need it every day,'" said Samuelson. "I wasn't really certain what he meant at the time, but all these years later, I think I understand."

The first court appearance of Samuelson's career was in front

of Roewe in 1996.

"I still remember that he was kind to me, but that his deep, booming voice scared me to death," said Samuelson.

"Over the next 18 years, I made many more appearances in his court and always found him to be firm, yet fair as a judge," he said. "You could always tell that he wanted to make the correct decision. He was the consummate professional no matter what type of case was before him."

After his retirement from the bench in 2015, Roewe worked as an estate planning and probate attorney at the firm Hillier, Scheibmeir, Kelly & Satterfield, P.S., in Chehalis.

In the community, Roewe has served on the boards of many organizations such as the Visiting Nurses, the Greater Chehalis Food Bank, the HOPE Alliance and Lewis County Work Opportunities. He was also active in the Boy Scouts program and the service club Sertom.

He was also known for decades of work in his parish, St. Joseph's in Chehalis.

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Jury Rules Against Committing Sex Offender for Involuntary Treatment

DECISION: *Rupp Freece Now Registered as a Level Three Sex Offender in Mossyrock*

By Emily Fitzgerald
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A jury has voted not to commit Rupp Freece, a level three sex offender convicted in 2013 for raping a woman in her Winlock apartment, for involuntary treatment.

He was officially released from custody on May 19.

The ruling comes nearly three years after the Washington state Attorney General's Office filed a petition to civilly commit Freece under allegations that he is a sexual predator — defined in state law as a person “who has been convicted of or charged with a crime of sexual violence and who suffers from a mental abnormality or personality disorder which makes the person likely to engage in predatory acts of sexual violence if not confined in a secure facility.”

A Washington state law passed in 1990 allows the Attorney General's Office to petition for violent sex offenders who meet the state's definition for a sexually violent predator to be involuntarily detained at a secure state-run facility “for control, care and treatment” until the defendant “no longer meets the definition of a sexually violent predator.”

Freece was convicted on first-degree burglary and third-degree rape charges in November 2013 and was sentenced to 57 months in jail. He was scheduled to be released on Aug. 10, 2018, but due to the civil commitment case, which was filed Aug. 8, 2018, and a judge's finding that there was probable cause to believe Freece was a sexually violent predator, he remained in custody until Wednesday.

The Attorney General's Office had alleged that the first-degree burglary charge was sexually motivated because Freece “remained (in the apartment)

unlawfully with the intent of assaulting the adult female victim who lived there for the purposes of his sexual gratification,” according to court documents.

On Wednesday, a 12-person jury was asked if the state had proven “beyond a reasonable doubt that Rupp Freece is a sexually violent predator.”

The jury ruled that the state had not, and the court issued an order for Freece's release.

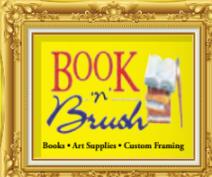
Freece is officially registered as a level three sex offender in Lewis County and resides in the 100 block of Lakeside Drive in Mossyrock.

In addition to the 2013 case, Freece was convicted for communication with a minor for immoral purposes in 2012.



Rupp Freece appears in Lewis County Superior Court in this 2015 Chronicle file photo.

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Herrera Beutler Reintroduces Bill to Encourage Affordable Housing

By The Chronicle staff

U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler is one of 11 members of Congress reintroducing legislation bill proponents say will help bring more affordable housing options, Herrera Beutler's office announced May 17.

Herrera Beutler, R-Battle Ground, put her support behind H.R. 3198 as one of its first co-sponsors. Introduced by fellow Washington Rep. Derek Kilmer, a Democrat, the bill would require local governments applying for federal housing development funds through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to report if they had policies aimed at reducing “counterproductive regulations” with potential impacts on housing affordability, according to a news release from Herrera Beutler's office.

The Congresswoman noted Southwest Washington has faced housing and homelessness crises for several years, with the need for more housing solutions “significantly magnified” by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Creating more suitable living options is a top priority, which is why I'm once again leading this bipartisan legislation that removes barriers to affordable housing in Southwest Washington,” Herrera Beutler said in the release. The bill was introduced May 13 and is currently in the House Committee on Financial Services.



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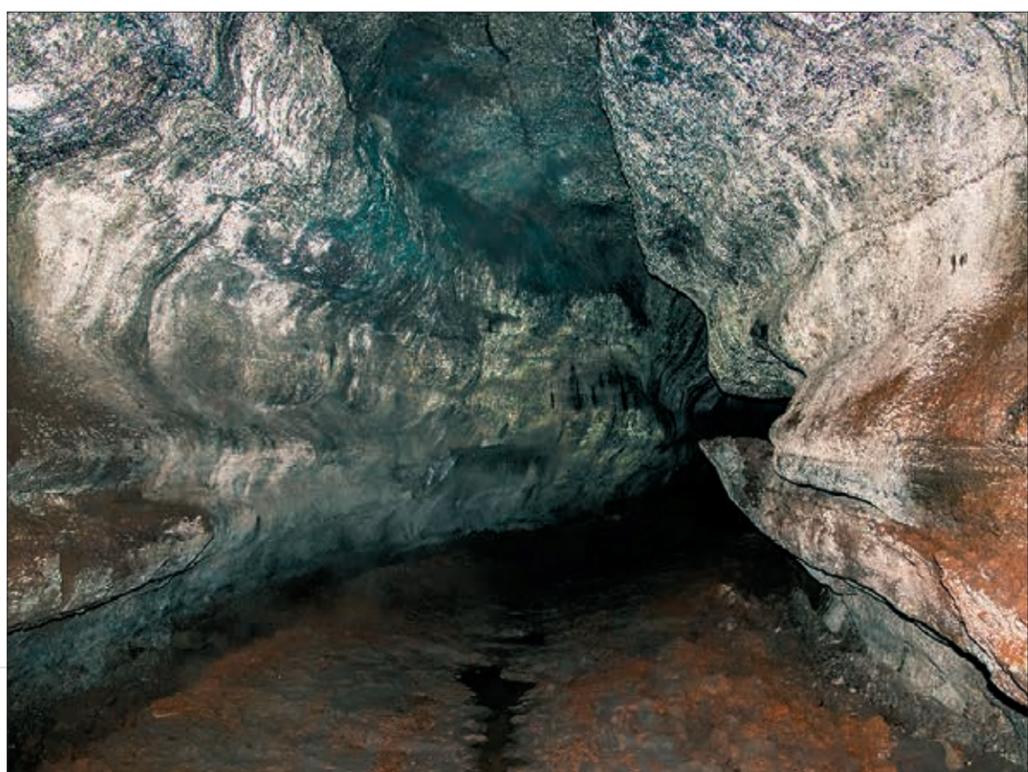
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According to the U.S. Forest Service, the Ape Cave is the third longest lava tube in North America at 2.5 miles. It was discovered in 1947 by Lawrence Johnson, a logger, but was only explored a few years later by a troop of Scouts, who lowered themselves into the cave and named it after their sponsor, the St. Helens Apes. If you're planning a trip to the Ape Cave, be sure to reserve your spot at [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov), and bring your coat and plenty of light sources.



Cave

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history: the tense standoff between himself and the apparently angry creatures, one of which reaches into his cabin to take hold of an axe.

Find the story under "The Classics" at [bigfootencounters.com](https://www.bigfootencounters.com).

Your trip may or may not include a violent Sasquatch encounter, but you'll get your fair share of views, from the seraphic skylight where lush ferns drape into the barren cave, to the ancient lava fields now hosting blankets of moss and lichen. Pay attention to the lava rock below your feet, where ridges appear frozen mid-flow.

U.S. Forest Service rangers told The Chronicle this week that more of these lava tubes likely exist below the surface of the mountain. Deer mice and bats now dwell where molten rock used to flow.

When you descend into the darkness, take the "upper cave" path for a longer journey (about a mile and a half), which demands a bit of scrambling. And

while you should keep your eyes on your footing, make sure to catch a glimpse of the glittery — and oftentimes slimy — ceiling. Lava stalactites punctuate the rocky walls, which transform from broad openings to small, watch-your-head crevices as you walk.

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The genesis of the cave itself stems from a kind of eruption that was unusual for the Cascades: a basaltic eruption, which involves fluid lava. It's the only known basaltic eruption of the volcano, and it sent lava pouring down the south side of the mountain.

On your way out, stop at the Trail of Two Forests, where a boardwalk trail meanders through a young forest situated on a mossy lava field.

Gaping holes and tubes show

where trees once stood, until burning lava surrounded the trunks, making near-perfect casts that visitors can now climb into. One tunnel, formed by fallen trees encompassed in lava, provides a claustrophobic crawl space for the brave-hearted.

Rangers also told The Chronicle that a special, unmarked "Lake Cave" is situated behind the restrooms at the Trail of Two Forests. And while the interwebs claim the secret gem is real, reporters traversed several overgrown trails and were unsuccessful in finding it. Perhaps we had our leg pulled.

Be sure to reserve your spot at [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov), and bring your coat and plenty of light sources.

To get to the Ape Cave from Interstate 5, take Exit 22 and turn left onto Dike Access Road. Continue onto old Pacific Highway and then take a slight left on East Scott Avenue. Take the second exit at the traffic circle onto Lewis River Road where you'll travel for about 30 miles. Continue onto Road 90 before eventually turning onto National Forest Road 83. Take a left at National Forest Road 8303 and follow the signs to the cave.

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Former Attorney General Joins Lawsuit Seeking to Invalidate Capital Gains Tax

By Jim Brunner

The Seattle Times

Former Washington Attorney General Rob McKenna filed a lawsuit Thursday seeking to strike down the state's new capital gains tax, arguing it is a stealthy and illegal income tax.

The lawsuit, filed in Douglas County Superior Court, was brought on behalf of several state residents, including owners of farms and manufacturing businesses, investors, and the Washington State Farm Bureau.

After years of attempts, Democrats who hold majorities in the state Legislature this year passed a capital-gains tax aimed at the state's wealthiest residents. The measure adds a 7% tax on capital gains above \$250,000 a year, such as profits from stocks or business sales. It would raise an estimated \$445 million a year, starting in 2023.

The Legislature called the new tax an "excise tax" on "the

sale or exchange of certain capital assets" — not an income tax. But the lawsuit argues that's a masquerade.

"Every taxing authority in the country, including the IRS and all other state revenue departments, agrees that capital gains are income," the lawsuit states.

The lawsuit cites a long history of decision by courts and voters rejecting income taxes in Washington. There have been 10 initiatives and referendums to allow an income tax, "and each and every one went down to substantial defeat," the lawsuit says. Most recently, 64% of voters in 2010 rejected a proposed income tax on wealthy individuals.

Supporters of the tax, including education and child care advocates, denounced the lawsuit as an attempt to protect the state's wealthiest residents from paying their fair share.

"As a teacher, most of the families I work with are struggling to buy food or pay the rent," said Eric Pickens, a teacher at Franklin Elementary School and president of the Port Angeles Education Association, in a statement released by the Invest In WA Now coalition. "It's not right that these families pay more in taxes

than the wealthiest in our community."

The new tax would be paid by fewer than 1% of state taxpayers.

Some capital gains tax supporters have said they hope a legal challenge will give the state Supreme Court a chance to overturn past rulings barring a progressive state income tax.

In an interview, McKenna called the continued efforts to push an income tax "incredibly disrespectful ... how many times do voters have to say no?"

McKenna, a Republican, served two terms as state attorney general and ran unsuccessfully for governor in 2012, losing to Gov. Jay Inslee, who signed the capital gains tax into law this month.

Since leaving public office, McKenna has worked as a partner at the business law firm Orrick. Two other attorneys at the firm, Daniel Dunne Jr. and Amanda McDowell, were also listed as representing the lawsuit plaintiffs.

Those plaintiffs include several family farm owners, such as April Clayton, who grows apples and cherries at Red Apple Orchards in Orondo, Douglas County, and Rosella and Burr

Mosby, who grow vegetables including cucumbers, zucchini and leeks, at Mosby Farms near Auburn.

The lawsuit names the state Department of Revenue and its director, Vikki Smith, as defendants, and seeks a court order to block implementation of the new tax.

Revenue spokesperson Mikhail Carpenter said in an email the agency "will move forward with the implementation process" pending the outcome of the lawsuit. "Delaying implementation could jeopardize the Department of Revenue's ability to effectively administer the tax within the timeline laid out in the statute," Carpenter said.

A nonprofit group backing the lawsuit, the Opportunity for All Coalition, previously sued successfully to strike down an income tax on high-income households passed by the city of Seattle in 2017.

Collin Hathaway, president of the coalition, owns Auburn-based Guardian Roofing and is CEO of Southwest Plumbing. He calls the new tax unconstitutional and unnecessary given the state's booming tax revenues.

In an interview this week,

Hathaway said the new tax will affect choices of where people invest, and even reside.

"To me it's crazy after COVID — when people are more mobile than they've ever been — to put a tax on business owners or people with stock options," Hathaway said. "It will affect decisions in all areas of business and business ownership."

But Mischa Werschkul, executive director of the Washington State Budget and Policy Center, a liberal think tank favoring the tax, called it a "modest tax" that will start to fix the state's regressive tax code.

"These lawsuits are shortsighted, self-serving attempts to protect a racially inequitable system that's been putting wealthy white people first for more than a century," Werschkul said in a statement.

The lawsuit filed Thursday is the second to be brought against the capital gains tax. The Freedom Foundation, an Olympia-based conservative think tank, filed a lawsuit in late April, before the bill had been signed into law.

McKenna said he expects the two lawsuits will be combined and considered together by courts.



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The Chronicle History Project: Pioneer Days Marked in 1951

By The Chronicle staff

Beginning today, The Chronicle will begin publishing historical photos from the archives in every edition.

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on any of the images, feel free to email Editor-in-Chief Eric Schwartz at news@chronline.com. Any information provided by the community will be preserved along with the images.

In this first round of photos, we highlight 1951 Pioneer Days, a festival that was held in Centralia.

Many of these images show a parade on North Tower Avenue — moving in the opposite direction of today's traffic flow.

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Washington State Plans New Involuntary Treatment Facility in Thurston County

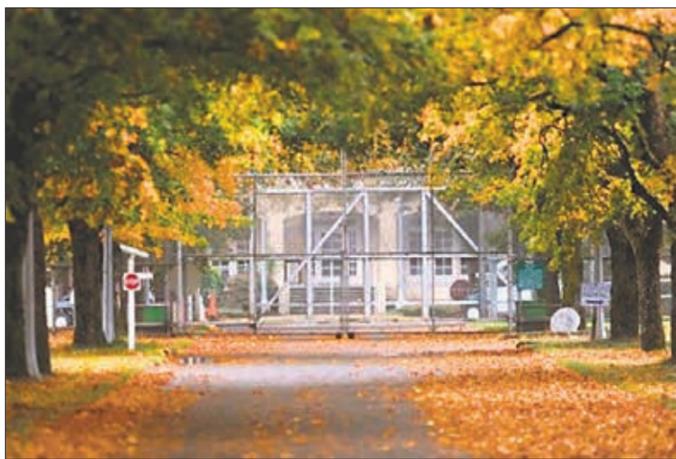
MAPLE LANE: Former Juvenile Detention Facility to Be Repurposed

By **Martin Bilbao**
The Olympian

Washington state plans to build an involuntary psychiatric treatment facility at the Maple Lane campus near Grand Mound by 2023.

A contracted health care provider would use the 16-bed facility to provide inpatient psychiatric care for people 18 or older who are civilly committed for 90 to 180 days under the state's Involuntary Treatment Act, according to the project website.

The Department of Social and Health Services started designing the facility in 2019 after the Legislature approved a plan by Gov. Jay Inslee to create smaller treatment facilities in local communities. A similar 16-bed facility also is planned in Vancouver.



Leaves fall from two rows of trees that lead to the front gate of Maple Lane School in this 2010 Chronicle file photo.

Mental illness is more prevalent in Washington state compared to 45 other states, according to a 2021 report by the nonprofit Mental Health America. Meanwhile, access to care is lower in Washington state compared to 15 other states, per the

same report.

During the latest legislative session, DSHS received funding to build these facilities as part of an effort to increase capacity for civil patients, per the website. To start construction, the project will need a special use permit

from Thurston County.

The proposed facility near Grand Mound would cost about \$20 million to build and be located on the northwest portion of the Maple Lane campus, which is owned by the Department of Corrections, according to a site analysis document.

Entrances and exits, which would be accessible via Old Highway 9 SW, would be secured at all times by staff and law enforcement as needed, according to the website.

The facility would provide comprehensive evaluations, medical screenings, psychiatric screenings, risk screenings, treatment and peer support.

The project aims to stabilize people with mental illness and improve patient behavior so they can return to their home or a less-restrictive living arrangement with appropriate support services, according to the website.

The campus previously held

a juvenile detention facility that housed about 200 children, but the state Legislature closed that facility in 2011, according to a DOC project website. Since then, the DOC has taken control of the campus and renovated existing structures to expand prison capacity and services.

The Thurston County Hearing Examiner is scheduled to hear DSHS's special use permit request at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 25. A hearing examiner is an attorney appointed by the Board of County Commissioners who can either issue formal decisions or make a recommendation to the board after quasi-judicial proceedings, per the county website.

To attend the hearing examiner meeting, the public can use the Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83107925693> and enter the passcode 602338. Alternatively, the public can call in by dialing 253-215-8782. The Webinar ID is 831 0792 5693 and the passcode is 602338 as well.

News in Brief

Washington State to Close Two Mass-Vaccination Sites for More Focused Approach

By The Seattle Times

The Washington State De-

partment of Health will be closing two mass-vaccination sites next week in favor of a more targeted approach to vaccinate harder-to-reach populations.

This new phase of vaccine outreach, announced Thursday, is intended to help people across Washington who have faced bar-

riers to the vaccine by expanding the state's mobile clinics.

"This transition isn't closing a door to vaccine opportunity but opening several new ones that will allow for more equitable vaccine access in the future," Secretary of Health Umair Shah said in a news release.

The Ridgefield, Clark County, and Kennewick mass-vaccination sites will close May 28, and the department will transition management of the Wenatchee site to the Chelan-Douglas Health District, DOH said. The Spokane site remains in operation.

DOH said its mobile medi-

cal teams already have given out more than 32,000 doses since distribution began.

In the future, the mobile units will take vaccines directly into communities that are disproportionately impacted by the virus, the department said. More details are expected in the coming weeks.

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Local Attorneys Tackle New Landlord-Tenant Laws

Many Evictions Expected Following Moratorium

Since 1946, the attorneys with Althausen Rayan Abbarno have helped clients navigate complex legal issues involving property, real estate, and landlord-tenant issues. The law regulating residential tenancies, the Residential Landlord Tenant Act (RLTA), has seen major changes the past several years, but none more impactful than the changes passed by legislature in the 2021 legislative session. Governor Inslee signed Senate Bill 5160 into law in April, overhauling landlord/tenant law and changing the landscape of renting and evictions; especially when the eviction moratorium expires.

The legislature last amended the Residential Landlord Tenant Act in 2019, which changed the definition of “rent,” gave judges more discretion in denying an eviction based on the failure to pay rent, and increased the time a landlord is required to give a tenant to pay unpaid rent.

The next major change occurred on March 18, 2020, not through law, but when Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-19. The proclamation prohibited evictions and raising rent. Since then, the Governor has extended the moratorium several times, but the current version will expire on June 30, 2021, because of a provision included in Senate Bill 5160.

How does Senate Bill 5160 change the current RLTA?

Limiting “Dissemination”

Landlords are limited in what they can tell other people about a tenant’s failure to pay rent. For unpaid rent between March 1, 2020 and six (6) months following the end of the Governor’s Eviction Moratorium, a landlord may not:

- Report to another prospective landlord that a tenant failed to pay rent or was evicted;
- Take any adverse action based on a prospective tenant’s nonpayment of rent;
- Impose any late fees for a tenant’s nonpayment; or
- Deny, discourage application for, or otherwise make un-



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Althausen Rayan Abbarno partners, Peter Abbarno and Jakob McGhie outside of their law office in historic Downtown Centralia.

available any rental dwelling unit based on a prospective tenant’s medical history.

A landlord can be sued for violating any of these new rules and can be ordered to pay up to two and one half (2 ½) times the monthly rent to the tenant, in addition to attorney fees and court costs.

Repayment Plans and Mediation

If a tenant failed to pay rent anytime between March 1, 2020, and six (6) months following expiration of the eviction moratorium or the end of the public health emergency, whichever is later, the landlord must offer tenants a reasonable repayment plan to repay that unpaid rent.

Any repayment plan offered by the landlord must:

- Limit payment amounts to the monthly rent, plus up to one third extra to repay unpaid rent;
- Begin no fewer than 30 days following the day the plan was offered;
- Cover only rent;
- Allow for payment from any sources; and
- Repayment conditions may not be conditioned on:
 - The tenant’s compliance with the rental agreement

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or payment of attorney fees, court costs, or other costs related to litigation,

- The tenant’s application or receipt of government assistance, and
- The tenant’s waiver of rights to unlawful detainer notices.

If the tenant fails to accept the terms of a reasonable repayment plan within 14 days of the offer, or the tenant defaults on the repayment plan, the landlord may start the eviction process, but must follow the requirements of the Eviction Resolution Program (ERP).

The ERP, a pilot program started last year, is a mediation program using “Dispute Resolution Centers” (DRC), to help tenants resolve issues related to a troubled tenancy and pay delinquent rent prior to a landlord seeking eviction. Landlords have the duty to provide notice of the program

to tenants before suing to evict for non-payment.

If, after the landlord offers a reasonable repayment plan, and the tenant declines, ignores, or defaults on the plan, the parties enter the ERP process through DRC.

Once a landlord and tenant voluntarily enter into the ERP process, a mediation specialist works with both parties to resolve the payment issues. If resolution cannot be achieved, formal mediation will be offered to the landlord and tenant.

The ERP process can be initiated by either the landlord or the tenant, but the landlord has the responsibility of giving the tenant notice of the program. If the tenant initiates mediation, the landlord is obligated to participate in the process.

There are several new notice and form requirements for both the landlord and tenant that can have significant impacts on the unlawful detainer process. And an unlawful detainer can only be filed and granted after the landlord receives a ‘Certificate of Participation’ from a DRC.

Under the bill as it was passed by the Legislature,

landlords were able to apply for reimbursement for unpaid rent from the state if the tenant failed to follow a repayment plan. However, the Governor vetoed that provision. Since that is not part of the law, if a tenant fails to abide by a repayment plan, the Landlord’s only option is to sue for eviction or seek assistance from other programs.

During any unlawful detainer proceeding, the court must consider the tenant’s circumstances, including any decreased income or increased expenses due to COVID-19, and the terms of the payment plan offered by the landlord. The landlord’s circumstances are not equally considered. It is a defense to an unlawful detainer action if the landlord did not offer a reasonable repayment plan.

Right to Representation

SB 5160 gives tenants who are sued for unlawful detainer the right to be represented by an attorney. The tenant, but not the landlord, has a right to a free attorney appointed by the court and paid for by the Office of Civil Legal Aid if they:

- Receive public assistance;
- Have been involuntarily committed to a public mental health facility;
- Have an income of 125 percent or less of the federal poverty level; or
- Have insufficient available funds to retain counsel.

The RLTA has changed substantially under SB 5160 and this article details only some of those changes. It is important to begin planning for this new process because the mistakes are costly for both the landlord and tenant. Our attorneys are following the changes in the law, and continue to monitor the guidance from the Courts, State Agencies, Dispute Resolution Centers, and the State Office of Civil Legal Aid.

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The Chronicle

2021 All-Area Baseball Team



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The Chronicle's 2021 All-Area Baseball Team poses for a photo in the stands at Ed Wheeler Field in Centralia on Sunday.

Bearcat Catcher Drew Reynolds Headlines Local Talent

By Eric Trent

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This year's formula for calculating The Chronicle's 2021 All-Area Baseball MVP was simple. Who was the best player on the best team? That is W.F. West senior catcher Drew Reynolds.

Reynolds, who has signed to play baseball for Texas Tech this fall, was the top hitter for the area's No. 1 baseball team. He helped the 13-1 Bearcats avenge their only loss of the season, to Tumwater, by capturing the district championship against the T-Birds, a 7-6 victory.

His hitting numbers were certainly impressive, boasting team-highs in nearly every statistical category, including batting average (.564); on-base percentage (.679); slugging percentage (.897); hits (22); RBI (19); runs (14); home runs (two) and walks (nine). He also hit a team

second-best five doubles.

Pretty impressive for someone who missed all but four games his sophomore year due to injury and all of last season due to the pandemic.

W.F. West coach Bryan Bullock said he's just as solid behind the plate as he is standing in the batter's box.

"He's that guy that demands everyone's attention," W.F. West coach Bryan Bullock said. "The opposing team, they have to account for him. And then everybody on the (opposing) team knows they can't run on us because we've got him behind the plate.

"Offensively, they've got to pitch around him. So he just makes every kid on our team better. He's a perfect example of what an MVP is."

Joining Reynolds on the all-area team are four of his teammates.

W.F. West

Senior Tanner Vaughn is the top pitcher in the area, and when he stepped on the mound, Bullock and the Bearcats knew they were guaranteed a win.

The righty posted a 0.71 ERA with 54 Ks and just three earned runs on 11 hits and 12 walks in 29.3 innings of work. He surrendered zero home runs.

"Tanner is the guy you give the ball to and everyone on the team knows they've just got to score one or two runs and we're going to win that day," Bullock said. "He's going to go out there and compete and he just gives you that positive outlook and energy that you're going to get that 'W' that day."

Vaughn also contributed greatly at the plate, batting .306 with 11 hits, 11 runs, nine RBI and two triples with a .444 SLG%.

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The Chronicle's 2021 All-Area Baseball Team

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Tenino junior Takari Hickie shoots a mid-range jumper over a Hoquiam double team Wednesday in Tenino.

1A/2A Boys Hoops: Beavers Lose Tight Battle With Grizzlies

By The Chronicle staff

Tenino cut Hoquiam's lead to three with 45 seconds left but couldn't complete the comeback against the visiting Grizzlies in a 64-59 defeat at home Wednesday in 1A Evergreen Conference action.

It was an impressive battle for the 0-6 Beavers, who trailed by 22 midway through the third quarter and are still searching for their first win of the season. Due to season-ending injuries and COVID-19 quarantines, the Beavers are playing with just five varsity players and a collection of JV swingers and eighth graders.

"I couldn't ask for more," Tenino coach Joe Chirhart said. "We battled."

The three eighth graders, all ball-handling guards, are talented, and for the second game in a row one of them led the Beavers in scoring.

Eighth grader Austin Gonia scored a team-high 17 for Tenino, while junior Takari Hickie added 14 and 6-foot-3 freshman Noah Schow chipped in 13.

"There's a difference between shot takers and shot makers," Chirhart said. "Austin is a shot maker."

Sophomore Brody Noonan added eight points with 6-for-9 shooting at the charity stripe



Tenino senior Conleth Jackson soars over a Hoquiam triple team for a layup at home on Wednesday in Tenino.

as the Beavers hit 23-of-30 foul shots as a team. Chirhart also praised Will Feltus, who provided a spark for the Beavers' offense.

"Our goal is to continue to get better and I think we're doing that," Chirhart said. "Super happy with the effort."

Tenino (0-6) will look to get one in the win column when it

hosts Elma at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Bearcats Hold Off Wolves

W.F. West posted three double-digits scorers and the Bearcats were able to fend off Black Hills for a 69-58 road victory Wednesday in 2A Ever-

green Conference action.

Senior Carter McCoy scored a team-high 19 points, sophomore big-man Soren Dalan added 16 and senior guard Gabe Cuestas contributed 12 points.

Also scoring for the Bearcats was Cade Haller with eight, Dirk Plakinger had seven, Whalen Deskins four and Max Taylor

with two.

W.F. West (4-1) traveled to Olympia Thursday to take on Class 3A Capital in a non-league battle.

T-Birds Blow Past Warriors

Rochester had three players score in double figures but struggled slowing Tumwater's offensive onslaught as the Warriors fell, 85-44, on the road in 2A EvCo play.

Caleb Vanderhoof led Rochester with 12 points, while Parker McAferty and Ben Clouse each scored 10.

Tumwater busted off a 17-0 run to start the game and never looked back. Meanwhile, the Warriors couldn't find the rim and instead forced turnovers which led to fastbreak points for the T-Birds, Rochester coach Derrick Pringle said.

"We just couldn't figure out what we wanted to do," Pringle said.

The Warriors cut the lead to 14 in the third quarter and held it until the fourth, but the fatigue of playing from behind eventually wore them out and turned into a 41-point deficit. The T-Bird has 12 players score on the night.

Rochester (0-5) traveled to W.F. West on Friday.

Boys Hoops: Kolb, Vikings Hammer Firm Foundation 87-33

By The Chronicle

Keegan Kolb scored a career-high 34 points and Mossyrock had little trouble with Firm Foundation in an 87-33 1B Coastal League boys hoops win.

Kolb went 14-of-20 from the field, hit four three-pointers, grabbed eight rebounds and didn't miss a shot until late in the third quarter.

"That's a pretty good game for him," Mossyrock coach Adam Deck said. "It's good for him to get confidence in his shot."

Gunner Mulligan added 15 points and five steals, and Tryn Thompson scored eight with 13 rebounds.

"He's just the motor that keeps us going," Deck said. "He's all over the place, in a good way."

The Vikings led 33-8 after a quarter and extended the lead to

48-17 by halftime.

"I wanted to make a point early. I didn't want us to play down to our opponents," Deck said. "I wanted us to jump on these guys quick and keep the throttle down."

Mossyrock (6-3, 6-2 league) hosts Three Rivers Christian on Saturday.

Pe Ell Shows Improvement, Hammers TRC

Aaiden Lee scored 19 points and Joey McCalden added 14 as the Pe Ell Trojans whipped up on the Three Rivers Christian Eagles, 52-27, on Thursday in Longview.

Lee hit four 3-pointers in the second half, all coming on consecutive possessions as the Trojans pulled away steadily.

Pe Ell held TRC's big-and-

skilled freshman forward Dossen Morrow to just nine points, all of which came in the second half.

Thursday's win was a rather stark indicator of Pe Ell's improvement this season.

In its opener earlier this month, Pe Ell limped to a 35-30 win over these same Eagles, but had no offensive issues Thursday night.

"We hit shots today," Lusk said, "and on defense, we flew around."

Pe Ell (5-4) visits new league member Willapa Valley on Friday.

W.F. West Falls to Capital

The Bearcats came up just short against 3A Capital on Thursday, falling 43-42 in non-league boys basketball action.

Whalen Deskins scored a team-high 16 points, including a trio of 3-pointers, to pace the Bearcats. Dirk Plakinger added 13 and Carter McCoy chipped in nine.

The Bearcats kept things close throughout, trailing 22-20 at halftime at 34-33 after three.

Max Landers and Cooper Carlson each scored 11 to lead Capital.

W.F. West (4-2) hosted Rochester on Friday night.

Mary M. Knight Puts Away Oakville, 61-35

The Acorns got a solid game from freshman Eddie Klatush, but it wasn't enough on Thursday in a 61-35 home loss to Mary M. Knight in 1B boys basketball action.

Klatush scored 15 with eight

rebounds, four blocks, four steals and two assists.

Oakville had lost by just a point to the Owls in Matlock earlier in the season, but were missing a key player in Thursday's rematch.

"We were kind of shorthanded tonight," Acorn coach Kyle Burkhardt said. "Overall, I'm pretty proud of how hard the kids worked. They didn't give up tonight."

Courtney Price added seven points and five rebounds and Tyson Wilson scored seven with six boards.

Oakville was coming off a cancellation of its Tuesday game at Taholah due to pandemic protocols. The Acorns (3-2) play at Wishkah Valley on Saturday.

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Winlock's Nolan Swofford (31) goes to the hoop ball during a game against Rainier on Wednesday in Winlock.

2B Boys Hoops: Mountaineers Blast Cardinals, 72-22

By The Chronicle staff

Rainier sophomore Jake Jeske scored a game-high 21 points and 10 Mountaineers in all scored in a 72-22 victory over host Winlock in 2B Central League action on Wednesday.

Rainier jettied out to a 19-8 run to start the game and held a 33-13 advantage at the break to run away with the victory.

The Mountaineers scored at least 14 points in every quarter, highlighted by a 25-point fourth quarter. The Cardinals struggled to find the bucket and were held to single-digit scoring in all four quarters.

"They got a little momentum, and everyone knocks down shots with a comfortable lead," Winlock coach Nick Bamer said. "We turned the ball over too much, but we'll go back to the drawing board and see if we can get better."

Josh Meldrum added 10 points for the Mountaineers, Ian Sprouffske had nine and Curtis Keller and Thomas Ronne each had six.

Winlock senior Landon Tiemens led the Cards with a team-high eight points, while junior Nolan Swofford had seven, Aiden Freitas chipped in four and Abraham Mohsin finished with three.

"I'm very optimistic we'll get to be where we need to be in the next couple weeks," Bamer said. "No one works harder. We're just having trouble holding onto the ball."

Winlock (2-4 overall) hit the road to Kalama on Friday. Rainier (3-5 overall) traveled to Cathlamet to face Wahkiakum on Friday.

T-Wolves Lose on Buzzer-Beater

Morton-White Pass led by two with seconds left to play, deflected a Toutle Lake inbound pass, Ducks' star freshman Zach



Rainier's Ian Sprouffske (0) makes a 3-point shot during a game against the Cardinals Wednesday evening in Winlock.

Swanson picked it up in the far corner with his back to the basket, turned around, heaved it up for a hail mary shot and sank the buzzer-beater for a 61-60 victory.

"It was unreal," MWP coach Chad Cramer said.

It was the first lead of the game for the Ducks since midway in the second quarter as the Timberwolves looked primed to knock off two of the league's top-three teams in back-to-back games. MWP had just come off a 74-71 win on Monday over previously-unbeaten Napavine.

But it wasn't meant to be as

a crazy season for the Timberwolves, who had previously lost a triple-overtime game to Kalama, got even crazier.

"These things tend to balance themselves out over the course of the season," Cramer said.

Still, it was an impressive performance for the T-Wolves, who look like they can topple any team in the league on any given night at this point in the season.

"I think we're playing as good as anyone in our league," Cramer said.

MWP's Tyler Blake led all scorers with 23 points to go with nine boards and four steals. Lay-

ten Collette added 11 points and three assists.

Swanson scored a team-high 21 for the Ducks.

MWP (2-6) travels to Stevenson for a 6 p.m. matchup on Monday.

Tigers Bounce Back Against Bulldogs

Laythan Demarest caught fire from long range, draining 9-of-13 from downtown to finish with a game-high 29 points as Napavine smashed Stevenson, 78-31, at home on Wednesday.

The Tigers found their

rhythm after coming off their first loss of the season to Morton-White Pass on Monday.

"It was a nice bounce-back win," Napavine coach Rex Stanley said. "We came out and shot the ball really well. We wanted to keep them in single-digit scoring in every quarter, and we were able to do that."

The Tigers shot an absurd 57% from the field as a team.

Freshman James Grose added 13 points and Keith Olson chipped in 12 points and a team-high five rebounds.

Napavine (6-1) traveled to Toutle Lake on Friday.

Mariners Shake Up Catching Situation, Option Luis Torrens to Tacoma; Jose Marmolejos DFA'd

By The Seattle Times

The Mariners are shaking up their catching situation.

Luis Torrens was optioned to Triple-A Tacoma on Thursday afternoon, one of several roster moves the club made in an attempt to improve the least-productive catching tandem in Major League Baseball.

Torrens, 25, is hitting .178

with two home runs and six RBI with a .519 on-base-plus-slugging percentage in 90 at-bats this season. He is 0-for-16 over his last five games.

Combined, Torrens and Tom Murphy are hitting .156 with an .507 OPS this season, worst among all catching combinations in the majors.

To take Torrens' roster spot,

catcher Jose Godoy was selected from Tacoma. The 26-year-old Godoy will make his MLB debut with his first appearance with the Mariners. He is hitting .310 (9-for-29) with two homers and six RBI in seven games in Tacoma.

The Mariners also claimed — once again — catcher Jacob Nottingham off waivers from Mil-

waukee. It's the second time in the past month Seattle has done so, after claiming Nottingham, 26, from the Brewers on April 28. He did not appear in a game with the M's before being traded back to the Brewers on May 2 for cash considerations.

Nottingham has appeared in five games with Milwaukee this season, hitting .214 (3-for-14)

with three homers and four RBI.

In other moves, the Mariners have designated for assignment first baseman/outfielder Jose Marmolejos and reliever Brady Lail.

Marmolejos, 28, is hitting .139 (11-for-79) with three homers and nine RBI. He has struck out in 34% of his plate appearances this season.

Girls Hoops: Bearcats Blow Out Black Hills, 61-26

By The Chronicle staff

Madi Mencke and Drea Brumfield combined for 38 points and W.F. West shellacked visiting Black Hills, 61-26, in 2A Evergreen Conference play on Wednesday.

The victory extends the Bearcats' win streak to six to start the season.

"It was phenomenal," W.F. West coach Kyle Karnofski said. "Probably our best game of the year."

The Bearcats led 18-11 early on, kicked it into gear midway through the second and hit their stride during a 17-7 run in the third quarter to put the Wolves away for good. They reeled off a 33-6 run across a 16-minute span at one point.

"We imposed our will defen-

sively in the second half," Karnofski said.

Mencke scored a career-high 20 points, which included three 3-pointers, to go with four assists, three steals and three rebounds.

"It was about the quietest 20 points I've ever seen," Karnofski said. "Couple here, couple there. She set the tone for us defensively."

Brumfield added a double-double of 18 points and a team-high 12 boards, while blocking six shots and tallying three steals and three assists.

Kyla McCallum contributed eight points, nine rebounds, 10 assists and four steals, while Lexi Roberts had five points and Mak Mencke stole five passes.

"Kyla was huge for us all night," Karnofski said. "She

had two 3s in the third and was throwing dimes all night. She had a complete game all-around."

W.F. West (6-0) headed to Rochester on Friday.

Tumwater Trounces Warriors

Tumwater used lightning-quick offense and staunch defense to deliver a 63-15 drubbing to host Rochester on Wednesday in 2A EvCo action.

The Warriors were held to just seven points in the first half and eight in the second as they struggled to break through Tumwater's defense and limit turnovers. Rochester trailed 33-7 at the half.

"They're a well-oiled machine," Rochester coach Davina Serdahl said. "We played better

in the second half, with more intensity. We need to do a better job taking care of the ball."

Sofie Sand was the lone bright spot for the Warriors, finishing with a team-high five points to go with five rebounds and two steals.

"She worked really hard," Serdahl said.

Rochester fell to 3-2 overall and hosted W.F. West on Friday.

Beavers Rebound From Last Night's Loss

Ashley Schow scored a game-high 24 points and Tenino recovered from a loss a night ago to defeat Hoquiam, 51-29, on the road Wednesday in 1A Evergreen Conference play.

Schow shot a blazing 11-for-15 from the field as the Beavers

in general shot well all night, going 22-for-50 as a team (44%) to easily handle the Grizzlies.

It was a slow start for the Beavers as they held a 24-18 advantage at the half. And unlike a night ago, when a disastrous third quarter sank them in a loss to Montesano, the Beavers blasted for 18 points in the third quarter to seal the victory.

"The second half, we picked it up," Tenino coach Scott Ashmore said. "We just played good defense and scored enough to win. We did a good job trying to attack."

Alivia Hunter added 11 points for Tenino, while Megan Letts had six and Grace Vestal finished with four.

Tenino improves to 5-2 overall and hosts Elma at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.



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Onalaska's Morgan Hamilton (20) makes a shot over Kalama defenders during a game Thursday night in Onalaska.

2B/1B Girls Hoops: Onalaska Jumps on Kalama Early

By The Chronicle Staff

Dakota Hamilton scored 14 points and Callie Lawrence added 12 as the Onalaska Loggers built a big early lead and cruised past the visiting Kalama Chinooks, 63-15, in a Central 2B League hoops contest in Onalaska on Thursday.

Lawrence also added five assists and five steals. Renate Prazak had just four points off the bench, but led the Loggers on the glass with eight rebounds. Coach Alana Olson praised the efforts of lone senior Hailey Naillon, who had eight points and four steals on senior night.

"It's always nice to have a positive night on senior night," Olson said.

Onalaska pounced on the struggling Chinooks, jumping out to an early 25-2 lead, a big advantage the Loggers never relented.

In a situation like that, it can be easy to relax the fundamentals and grow passive and lazy, and what should've been a good, momentum-building win turns into a progress-crushing waste of time.

That was not the case Thursday.

Olson said the bench garnered more minutes than the starters on Thursday, and the Loggers responded by being patient, not passive.

"The level didn't drop off," Olson said. "I was really proud of our effort."

Second-place Onalaska (5-2)



Onalaska's Dakota Hamilton (35) takes a shot in traffic during a game against Kalama Thursday night.

hosts league-leading Wahkiakum on Thursday at 7 p.m.

Tigers Hold Off Stevenson, 53-43

Dani Tupuola had a double-double and Napavine heated up in the fourth quarter to beat Stevenson, 53-43, on the road Thursday night in Central 2B League girls basketball action.

Tupuola scored 14 points with 12 rebounds and added seven steals to pace the Tigers. Natalya Marcial added 10 points, and Rae Sisson chipped in eight.

Napavine trailed by two after three quarters, but outscored the Bulldogs 23-11 in the fourth quarter to come back and pull away for the win.

The Tigers forced 33 turn-

overs, which produced 24 points, and held a 36-33 advantage on the glass.

Cassie Macnab led Stevenson with 14 points.

Napavine (4-2) hosts Toutle Lake on Saturday.

MWP Falls to Toutle Lake

McKenzie Mays scored 12

points and Emarey Hampton added 10, but the Morton-White Pass Timberwolves fell 54-34 to Toutle Lake in Randle in a Central 2B League girls basketball game on Thursday.

Mays also had a pair of rebounds, steals and assists, and Hanson grabbed six rebounds to go with three steals and a solitary helper.

Natalia Armstrong led the way on the glass with nine boards to go with four steals, five assists and three points.

The contest was a notable improvement from MWP's last outing, a catastrophic defeat at the hands of Onalaska.

"They just played better all around the board," assistant coach Heather Smathers said.

Morton-White Pass (2-7) hosts Stevenson on Monday.

Hot-Shooting Trojans Race Past TRC

Annika Mason scored 23 points and Charlie Carper added 17 as the Pe Ell Trojans handed Three Rivers Christian a 55-30 defeat on Thursday in Longview, giving the visitors a sweep after the boys' earlier win.

Mason was lights-out from distance, hitting seven 3-pointers to provide much of the night's offense.

"We moved the ball well tonight for a change, which made a big difference," Pe Ell coach Danny Cox said.

Pe Ell (3-5) visited Willapa Valley on Friday.

PWV's Olivia Matlock Voted Pacific 2B League MVP

By The Chronicle staff

Pe Ell-Willapa Valley junior pitcher Olivia Matlock was named the Pacific 2B League's softball MVP and nine total Titans were named to the all-league teams as announced by the league on Monday.

Matlock, one of the top pitchers in the state, led the Titans to a 15-1 record and a district semifinal appearance. She posted a 1.08 ERA with 109 strikeouts in the circle, and was equally as dangerous at the plate, hitting .633 with eight home runs.

Titans earning first-team recognition were senior shortstop Annika Mason, junior third baseman Ava Bush, junior Merissa Frasier and junior catcher Raegan Portmann.

Surprisingly, the Titans didn't earn a single second-team nod, while a seven-loss team had four selections and a nine-loss team had one pick.

Honorable-mention selections for the Titans include junior Dani Shannon, senior Sadie



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Pe Ell-Willapa Valley pitcher Olivia Matlock was voted the Pacific 2B League's Most Valuable Player.

Howard, sophomore Payton Peterson and sophomore left fielder Grace Huber.

Coach of the Year went to

Forks skipper Traci Kratzer.

The full all-league teams are listed below.

First Team

Chloe Leverington (Forks, Sr.); Raegan Portmann (PWV,

Jr.); Elizabeth Soto (Forks, Fr.); Ronni Graham (Ocosta, Sr.); Annika Hollingsworth (Ocosta, Fr.); Annika Mason (PWV, Sr.); Ava Bush (PWV, Jr.); Chloe Sawyer (South Bend, Sr.); Lillyan Barnum (Ocosta, Sr.); Merissa Frasier (PWV, Jr.)

Second Team

Ryan Raffleson (Ocosta, Sr.); Kyra Neel (Forks, So.); Madeline Wilkin (Ilwaco, 8th); Jessie Gilbert (Ocosta, 8th); Maddie Silvernail (Raymond, Sr.); Kyn-dal Koski (Raymond, Fr.); Tegen Fleury (Raymond, Sr.); Izzy Silvernail (Raymond, Jr.); Aspen Rondeau (Forks, Jr.)

Honorable Mention

Dani Shannon (PWV, Jr.); Sadie Howard (PWV, Sr.); Kadie Wood (Forks, So.); Kray Horton (Forks, Sr.); Trinity White (Ocosta, Jr.); Payton Peterson (PWV, So.); Grace Huber (PWV, So.); Keira Johnson (Forks, Fr.)

The M's Were No-Hit Twice in 13 Days — But That's Not the Most Troubling Thing About This Offense

By Larry Stone

The Seattle Times

It's not just the two no-hitters against them (at home, no less) in the span of 13 days, though that's bad enough.

Nor is it the one-hitter, three two-hitters, three three-hitters, four four-hitters and four five-hitters that have been thrown against them this year.

It's not even the .198 team batting average through the just-completed homestand, the lowest at this stage of the season since the 1968 White Sox, that stands as an unwelcome tribute to Mariners alumnus Mario Mendoza.

No, the most troubling part of the Mariners' ongoing offensive malaise is that it's hard to see an easy path out of it this season.

This isn't a coaching problem, though it would be standard baseball procedure for hitting coach Tim Laker and/or his assistant, Jarret DeHart, to pay the price. It has certainly happened before in Seattle, and everywhere else, when the bats have gone into hibernation.

But this is far more of a roster problem than one of mechanics, approach or instruction. The Mariners went into this season counting on a lot of players who had never proven themselves at the big-league level other than in short flashes. And more than one-fourth of the way through the season, you have Dylan Moore hitting .168 (before landing in the injured list Wednesday), Tom Murphy at .130, Luis Torrens at .178, Jose Marmolejos at .139 and Sam Haggerty at .185.

You also have a group of touted young players — the future of the organization, the key to the success of the rebuild — who are going through inevitable growing pains. Thus you have Evan White at .144 before landing on the injured list, Taylor Trammell at .157 before being demoted to Triple-A Tacoma, and Jarred Kelenic at .179 in a very small sample size despite the hoopla of his arrival and the splash of his second-game eruption. Kyle Lewis, with just five extra-base hits in nearly 100 at-bats, hasn't gotten untracked either.

On any given night when Mitch Haniger, Kyle Seager, J.P. Crawford or Ty France (before his average plummeted in the wake of getting hit on his forearm) are struggling, the Mariners are in danger of getting no-hit.

What they needed in the off-season was a couple veteran bats to reduce the reliance on the unproven players, and help bridge the gap to the wave of prospects.

Second baseman Kolten Wong has been mentioned frequently as a perfect candidate. They were outbid by Milwaukee, which signed Wong to a two-year, \$18 million contract. Wong, a two-time Gold Glove winner, is not tearing up the league, but his .259/.339/.375 slash line is Ruthian compared with some of the Mariners' production.

There aren't many answers



Ted S. Warren / The Associated Press

Seattle Mariners' Sam Haggerty carries his bat to the dugout as Jarred Kelenic (10) approaches the plate after Haggerty was struck out swinging by Detroit Tigers starting pitcher Spencer Turnbull during the ninth inning Tuesday in Seattle. Kelenic grounded into a force out for the second out and Turnbull finished the game with a no-hitter and the Tigers won 5-0.

in Tacoma, either. Kelenic is already here and demonstrating what White had showed last year and Trammell this year: It's not easy to make the jump to the big leagues with minimal exposure at the Triple-A level, no matter how talented you are.

Trammell could well be earning himself a return trip to Seattle, once his mandatory 10-game stint in Triple-A ends, with an insane showing during his first week with Tacoma. He hit .577 (15 for 26) and slugged 1.154 with four homers, three doubles and 14 runs batted in six games. Not to minimize that achievement — hard hits are hard hits — but he's done it at high-elevation Salt Lake City against a pitching staff that doesn't have many high-velocity arms. This is the same guy who struck out 41 times in 83 at-bats with Seattle; it would be naive to think all his problems are solved.

Catcher Cal Raleigh, one of the organization's top prospects, is certainly a candidate for promotion considering the fact that Mariners' catchers rank dead last in the majors with a .140/.184/.287 slash line. Again, the switch-hitting Raleigh looks positively Bench-like with his .286/.367/.548 marks for Tacoma entering Thursday's game. But Raleigh has exactly 10 career games in Triple-A. Just as it was unfair to expect Kelenic to be a savior, same goes for Raleigh.

Now would be a good time to step back and offer some perspective, which is hard to come by in the torrent of frustration over Tuesday's no-hit masterpiece by Detroit's Spencer Turn-

bull.

It must be noted that this is hardly a Seattle-centric problem. Offense throughout the major leagues is at historic lows. The April numbers across the board were beneath even the infamous 1968 season, dubbed "The Year of the Pitcher," that prompted the lowering of the mounds and eventually the institution of the designated hitter.

You know the drill — strikeouts are soaring at epidemic rates as pitchers' velocity rises and spin rates increase. The hyper-focus on hitting home runs via "launch angle" swings has led to vast reductions in the number of singles and doubles. Shifting and analytics has made it exponentially harder to "hit 'em where they ain't," which has led to the MLB cumulative batting average plummeting to the low .230s.

Even saying that, the Mariners are the worst of the bunch in average, on-base percentage (.279) and OPS (.639). They're on pace for the worst hitting season in franchise history; their previous lowest batting average was .226 — last year. For a full 162-game season, it's .233.

Yet (here comes more perspective) the Mariners somehow stand 21-23, which is something of an overachievement for a team widely projected for 90-plus losses. It's mainly a tribute to their bullpen, which has been a top-five unit all season. But their flirtation with .500 seems impossible to sustain with an offense this paltry. Getting swept by Detroit, one of the worst teams in MLB, shows that the descent may well be in progress.

In the minors, encouragingly, several top prospects are off to brilliant starts, most notably outfielder Julio Rodriguez and shortstop Noelvi Marte in Class A. But one hard truth of this and every other rebuild: Minor-league numbers mean nothing until they translate into major-league success.

The Mariners still have a farm system to savor that could well lead them out of the wilderness — eventually. But for now, there's not much to do but wait. And hope that the learning curve hastens for the likes of Kelenic and White, while the struggling veterans find a way out of their collective funks.

Meanwhile, a roster shake-up seems inevitable. A major-league team can't keep running out that many .150 to .175 batting averages at this stage of the season. Sure enough, Marmolejos was designated for assignment by the Mariners, and Torrens was optioned to Tacoma.

But when looking for replacements, the pickings are slim. The M's on Thursday called up catcher Jose Godoy from Tacoma and claimed catcher Jacob Nottingham off waivers from Milwaukee. General manager Jerry Dipoto is no doubt scanning the waiver wire daily. Dillon Thomas has been the best-looking Tacoma hitter besides Trammell. He's hitting .364 in 33 at-bats.

But a 28-year-old outfielder with his third organization is not going to be the savior of the Mariners' offense. The sad truth is that at this point, there are no saviors. Only potential scapegoats.

After Fury Challenges Joshua to Bare-Knuckled Brawl, Real Fight vs. Wilder Set

By Tribune News Services

The gloves came off — and now they will be going on.

The fight between heavyweight champion Tyson Fury and fellow title-holder Anthony Joshua seemed dead before the two went blow-for-blow on Twitter.

The British heavyweight titans had planned to clash in Saudi Arabia in August until an arbitrator in the U.S. reportedly ruled Monday that Fury was first contractually bound to a rematch with Alabama native Devontay Wilder, whose WBC title he took last year. Fury and Wilder plan to take care of business in Las Vegas on July 24, ESPN reported late Thursday.

That deal came after a flurry of haymakers on Twitter.

Joshua started his social media battle with Fury on Wednesday by claiming the 6-foot-9, 273-pound slugger was all hype when it came to their proposed showdown.

"Tyson Fury the world now sees you for the fraud you are," Joshua charged. "You've let boxing down! You lied to the fans and led them on."

He then extended a challenge to "any championship fighter who can handle their business correctly."

A furious Fury counter-punched, claiming Joshua's representatives knew the arbitration with Wilder's team was happening — then Fury proposed another offer.

"But i tell you what if i'm a fraud let's fight this weekend bare knuckles till 1 man quits?" he tweeted. "Let's put up 20 mill each!!!"

Joshua, who stands 6-foot-6, weighs 273 pounds and holds three world titles, again accused Fury of talking tough and referred to him by his middle name.

"Bare knuckle? You're a good kid, don't play with me Luke!" he tweeted. "I'll slap your bald head & you'll do nothing! Waste man."

Tigers Collect Victories at Mix-and-Match

By The Chronicle staff

Napavine picked up five victories at a seven-team mix-and-match wrestling meet Wednesday in Stevenson.

Tiger senior Aiden Miller won both his matches via first-round pin in the 170-pound weight class, while freshman Jesse Gunther went 1-1 in the 126-pound division.

Seventh graders Case Van Kooten (145 pounds) and Koen Christian-Briggs (90 pounds) each won their only match of the night, respectively.

Napavine travels to North Beach on Tuesday, along with Rainier, Onalaska and Winlock, for another mix-and-match.



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The Chronicle's 2021 All-Area Baseball Team poses for a photo in the stands at Ed Wheeler Field in Centralia on Sunday.

All-Area

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Senior third baseman and pitcher Brit Lusk was the Bearcats' second-best hitter, tallying a .391 batting average with 18 hits, 15 RBI, 12 runs, a .462 OBP and a .543 SLG.

"Brit really took on the role this year of being the inspirational leader and the vocal leader in the dugout," Bullock said. "A lot of the kids responded to him and he took on that role. He backed it up with his numbers at the plate. He really stepped up for us with clutch at-bats."

Senior center fielder Max Taylor played just eight games due to injury, but made the most of them, hitting .308 with eight hits, nine runs, three stolen bases and had a .419 OBP.

"Max is the guy you exactly prototypically want in your lead-off," Bullock said. "He is electric on the bases, can steal second and third base and puts pressure on the other team when he's on the base path. Out in center field, he can run down any fly ball."

Senior outfielder Cade Haller took over center field duties when Taylor went down with an injury, finishing at the plate with a .293 batting average, a .431 OBP, 12 hits, 13 runs and eight RBI.

"Cade Haller is the Max Taylor clone," Bullock said. "Basically we had two center fielders in the outfield because he's just as fast at covering ground and making unbelievable plays out there. He hit in the two-hole right behind Max, so it was basically like having two leadoff guys."

Centralia

Switching gears but staying in the 2A ranks, Centralia senior Cameron Erickson was the quarterback in football, a starter in basketball and the Tigers' catcher on the diamond.

A natural leader, Erickson, who is signed to play at Grays Harbor College, hit .293 with a .455 OBP, 12 hits, 14 RBI, seven runs and three doubles. He even got some mound time, tallying a .292 ERA with six Ks in 12 innings.

"Cameron is a competitor," Centralia coach Adam Riffe said. "He has the ability to switch his focus from laid back to go when the game begins. Cameron has been a great asset behind the plate."

Joining him is senior pitcher/center fielder Noah Aliff, who



Adna freshman Tristan Percival was an All-Area selection.

struck out 36 batters in 34 innings on the mound, while hitting .308 with 16 hits, 15 runs, 10 RBI and three stolen bags.

"Noah is a complete player, from skill level, to attitude, to coachability," Riffe said. "Noah's work ethic will get him the success he deserves."

Adna

On to the 2B ranks, the top 2B player — and the second-best pitcher in our coverage area behind Vaughn — Adna senior Levi Gates was just as potent on the mound as he was with a bat in his hand.

Though he's heading to Bellevue College as a shortstop, Gates was devastating on the mound as well. He went 5-1 with a 0.73 ERA and mowed down 74 batters in 38 innings.

At the plate, he hit .422 with 19 hits, 18 runs, 25 RBI, nine doubles, one homer, seven stolen bases and had a .733 SLG%.

"Levi was the heart and soul of our team," Adna coach Jon Rooklidge said. "He was our leader, both physically and mentally. His excitement is contagious and the other players rallied around that."

Pirates freshman Tristan Percival also made the list and helped Adna have a one-two punch on the mound. Percival went 4-1 with a 0.91 ERA and fanned 35 batters in 33 innings. When not pitching, he roamed the outfield and batted .409 with 18 hits, 13 walks and had a .603 OBP.

"Tristan had a fantastic freshman season on the mound and at the plate," Rooklidge said. "He is a fierce competitor. It will be fun to watch him over the next few years."

Napavine

Senior shortstop/pitcher Laythan Demarest caused fits for opposing teams when he got on base, which was often. The

speedy all-around athlete led the county with 21 stolen bases while hitting .436 with 17 hits, five doubles, 11 RBI and 21 runs.

"Laythan is a tough out," Napavine coach Brian Demarest said. "He grinds through at-bats and is the prototypical leadoff guy. Once he gets on base, he becomes a problem."

Teammate and junior center fielder/pitcher Gavin Parker was another prolific hitter this year, batting .439 with 18 hits, 19 RBI, 19 runs, nine steals, one homer and six doubles.

"Gavin has a motor," Demarest said. "He doesn't do anything halfway. Everything he does is with max effort. Give me nine of those."

Rochester

Junior pitcher Tony Groninger was the staff ace, throwing a team-high 34.1 innings, and added a .304 batting average at the plate with a .431 OBP, 14 hits, nine RBI, three doubles and a team-high 12 runs.

"He is a quiet leader and great competitor who works extremely hard to get better every day," Rochester coach Brad Quarnstrom said.

Rainier

Senior Mikey Green is an exceptional defensive catcher who also got it done at the plate, hitting .333 with 10 RBI, 11 runs, four doubles and two triples.

"Heart and soul of our team," Rainier coach Mark Mounts said. "Plays with a passion and energy and joy that is unparalleled. Constantly trying to make his teammates better."

Mossyrock

Senior first baseman Tryn Thompson posted the top batting average in the county (minimum 20 at-bats) hitting .550 (11-for-20) with nine RBI, seven stolen bases, five walks and only two strikeouts.

"He is very inspirational in a very quirky way," Mossyrock coach Darren Kolb said. "He's one of my team leaders and he's really good with the younger players."

Winlock

Winlock coach Jordan Nailon will tell you himself, without junior first baseman/pitcher Mekhi Morlin, the Cardinals would have gone winless this season.

Morlin, nicknamed Big Tokyo, was the team's No. 1 hitter and pitcher, batting .355 with



W.F. West senior catcher Drew Reynolds was named the MVP of the Chronicle's 2021 All-Area Baseball Team.

a .400 OBP, 11 hits, nine runs, nine walks, two doubles and two triples. He was the only Cardinal to hit over .300.

On the mound: he went 3-4, getting three of the Cardinals' four wins, while striking out 29 in 31.2 innings of work.

"Mekhi Morlin is a self-motivated, slow burning, day-in and day-out grinder of a baseball player," Nailon said. "This was the first season where he had the chance to lead the Cardinals by example and he didn't disappoint. Our ace, without a second horse in the race, Mekhi threw 107 pitches dang near every time he took the hill. He deserved to win several more games than he did, but he handled every adverse situation gracefully."

"A quiet player, you can never tell what Mekhi is thinking, you just know he wants to win."

A good hitter, he has great bat control and is beginning to develop his power tool. The only thing that depressed his runs/RBI this season was a lack of men on base and base hits behind him in the order."

Toledo

Senior pitcher/third baseman Ryan Bloomstrom, voted the team MVP by his teammates, was the Indians' workhorse on the mound. He went 5-1 on the mound, winning five of the Indians' six games, and finished with a 1.49 ERA, 49 Ks and eight earned runs in 37.2 innings pitched.

"He led by example and I could always count on him to throw strikes and keep us in the

game," Waag said.

Pe Ell-Willapa Valley

PWV ace Garrett Keaton was one of the top pitchers in the Pacific 2B League as a sophomore this season, posting a 2.23 ERA with 28 Ks and 10 ER in 31.1 innings, finishing with a 3-1 record.

He might have been even more impressive at the plate, batting .436 with 17 hits, 18 RBI, 14 runs and one homer with a .511 OBP and a .718 SLG%.

"Garrett is one of the hardest-working kids I've ever coached," PWV coach Kelly Barnum said. "Whether it's bullpen work, BP or catcher drills, he's going 100% and extending it well past when his turn is over. Every day, he leaves the practice field drenched in sweat and looks totally drained. There is never a doubt whether he got the most out of his workout."

Junior shortstop Hudson Barnum also had a big year at the plate, hitting .417 with 15 hits, 11 RBI and 19 runs with a .523 OBP and a .583 SLG%.

Barnum literally ends every evening by watching MLB Network, and wakes up every morning for school and turns MLB Network back on, Kelly Barnum said.

"The kid eats and sleeps baseball," Kelly Barnum said. "I think he knows the career stats for every player in the majors. It's amazing. He carries that passion for the game onto the field and plays the game with an incredible baseball IQ, and an energy that makes the game fun for everyone around him."

Girls Bowling: Bearcats Extend Win Streak to 18

By The Chronicle staff

The Bearcat girl's bowling team continued their winning ways, defeating Aberdeen at Westside lanes in Olympia, three games to zero, and winning the total pins match 2023-1322.

The defending 2A state champions have now won 54 straight league games and 18 matches dating back to the beginning of the 2019-20 season.

"Yes, we are continuing to win but we aren't satisfied with our bowling," W.F. West As-

stant Coach Rich Bunker said. "The girls are working very hard but we are currently in a bit of a slump as a team, but maybe that is a good thing. It's great we are winning but every one of the girls are a little frustrated because they know we are bet-

ter than our scores indicate. As coaches, we are very proud of how hard the girls are working, given all the adversity this COVID season has brought us, including no longer having home lanes to practice on."

Sophomore star Piper

Chalmers came through to lead the Bearcats, averaging 199.6 with a 599 series, while senior two-hander Brianna Powe chipped in a 201 while averaging 179.33.

The Bearcats faced Black Hills on Thursday.

THE ECONOMIC REPORT

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Winlock Electrical Substation Turned on by \$3.55M

*Rep. Abbarno Credited
With Delivering Money
Via State Capital Budget*

BY THE LEWIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Thanks in large part to efforts by state Rep. Peter Abbarno, R-Centralia, a new electrical substation and transmission delivery project has been funded to provide an economic boost to the Winlock area.

Abbarno helped usher in a \$3.55 million capital budget project that will pay for the substation under the direction of the Lewis County PUD. Chris Roden, the Lewis County PUD manager, said the project will bring needed expansion of electrical utilities for the Winlock area as it is poised for significant residential and industrial growth.

"We will continue to see growth in the area," Roden said.

Part of the growth comes from the Benaroya project. Located just adjacent to I-5, The Benaroya Company Winlock project is about six months away from completing the largest industrial building — 1.2 million square feet — in Washington state for 2021.

The Lowe's project will be complete in the fourth quarter of this year. Cost of construction on the 74-acre project is more than \$100 million. Another 250 acres are available for development at the Winlock site in the coming years, with various parcels available to accommodate buildings from 1.4 million square feet to 75,000 thousand square feet (for sale or lease).

Once a proposed electric substation is completed, the Benaroya site will attract hundreds, if not thousands of jobs to the county. Construction jobs alone on the Lowe's project numbers about 400.

"This is great news for the Winlock area and the Benaroya project," said

Richard DeBolt, executive director of the Lewis Economic Development Council. "The substation will be poised to deliver needed electrical utility capacity as Winlock grows in the coming years."

The substation and transmission lines project for Winlock started in the fall of 2020 when the Lewis County Commissioners passed a grant for initial studies by the PUD.

"That really helped kick us forward," Roden said.

Now the PUD is undergoing land acquisition for the substation site, as well as pursuing needed permitting thanks to the \$3.55 million in funding. Roden expects the project to finish the first phase of the project in about two years. Key is building flexibility into the design of the substation.

"We're going to build flexibility for decades to come," Roden said, explaining that the substation will be able to expand based on need in the coming decades.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Vaccinations Key as Washington State Reopens Following COVID Clampdown

BY BEN KOSTICK

Chair of the Lewis Economic Development Council

We just might be seeing the light at the end of the tunnel as Washington state is poised to move to a full reopening June 30 after 15 months of various lockdown stages due to the pandemic.

Here in Lewis County we need to be part of the solution that helps with a permanent reopening of businesses and social outlets. That means getting the vaccination, if you haven't already.

At essence is our ability to help not only open up our economy now, but to keep it open, so we can get back to normal life, and that includes local businesses that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 virus.

It is important to note that in all the history of mankind, all pandemics eventually evaporate.

The easiest way to get a vaccination is through the website vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov. You simply go to the site, enter your zip code and then click on find appointments. A list of vaccination outlets within 50 miles of your zip code pops up, complete with the type of vaccination available.

My hope and belief is that as Lewis County emerges from under the shadow of the virus, we will see a strong local economic rebound as people and companies from out of the area start to understand the viability and attraction that our corner of the Northwest has to offer.

In this month's The Economic Report we return with the Property Spotlight, highlighting one of the many commercial properties for sale and/or lease in Lewis County. For a complete look at all the properties available, go to lewisledc.com and select the Properties tab.

We also take a look at the \$3.55 million awarded via the state Legislature's Capital Budget for a Winlock power substation. The project, led by the Lewis County PUD, will help build electrical capacity for the expected growth in South Lewis County.

We also take a look at the interesting times businesses find themselves in these days, from supply chain disruptions, the difficulty in finding quality employees and the high cost of materials.

I would also like to thank all of the new and renewed members of the Lewis Economic Development Council.

These past few months, under the invigorated leadership of new Executive Director Richard DeBolt, the LEDC has seen significant growth in membership, adding about 30 new patrons.

For those who haven't signed up as a member, you can contact LEDC External Relations Manager Eric Sonnenbert at 360.748.0114 to join or for more information on the benefits of membership.

Ben Kostick is chair of the LEDC and owner of Ben M. Kostick CPA Inc.



BY BEN KOSTICK
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Difficult Times for Businesses

From Supply Chain Disruption, Searching for Employees and the High Cost of Materials, Businesses Navigating Through Choppy Waters

BY LEWIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

A shortage of computer chips is causing backlogs of such items as cars for sale. Businesses are having a hard time landing employees, some making more money on unemployment than a paycheck. Lumber prices are skyrocketing.

These are tough times for businesses as they position for an economic boom following the end of the pandemic.

SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTION

A lumber shortage is one prominent example of the difficulty in finding proper materials. And as the economy is poised to heat up, companies are being squeezed as they attempt to find proper supplies.

The problem started when the pandemic first hit in March of 2020. Manufacturers were staring at a drop in the economy, and started to shut down production. But the pandemic had other ideas.

People, stuck at home, started, for example, to take on home projects, from completing a deck to remodeling the basement. So instead of a lack of purchasing, materials flew off the shelves at places such as Home Depot. At the same time, the housing market has soared, with housing starts up 37 percent compared to last year.



Cresline, a manufacturing business at the Port of Chehalis, has a sign hoping to attract new employees.

The problem is that turning back on the means of production for those businesses in demand during the pandemic isn't just a snap of the fingers. It takes \$100 million and a few years, for example, to get a new saw mill up and running. The cost to build a new chip wafer plant is estimated at \$3 billion to \$10 billion. And again, the time delay in getting a plant up and running is years.

HIRING EMPLOYEES

Today there seems to be plenty of jobs available for workers, but employers are having a hard time attracting employees.

"For hire" signs litter such spots as the Port of Chehalis and the Port of Centralia.

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LEDC Hires Consultant to Help Push Renewable Energy Projects

BY THE LEWIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The Lewis Economic Development Council has hired Clarity Consulting, led by founder Kelly Johnston, who is also a Centralia City councilor, to help build a cohesive coalition around emerging energy projects in Lewis County.

Several energy projects are underway or planned for in Lewis County, from a hydrogen refueling station in Chehalis, a renewable energy transportation corridor

of charging stations between Lewis County and Yakima along U.S. Highway 12, and a massive solar project on Weyerhaeuser land on the former TransAlta mining site.

Clarity Consulting will help build a coalition to promote Lewis County as an energy innovation hub.



KELLY JOHNSTON
Clarity Consulting

"Lewis County has a history of energy production and distribution through TransAlta," Johnston said, adding there are lots of opportunities in the emerging renewable energy sector in Lewis County.

Her consulting firm will assist in bringing the different groups working on energy innovation together, and assist in garnering legislative support and pursuing grant funding, basically helping "seed" the effort.

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BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT — CHAD TAYLOR

BUSINESS: THE SILVER AGENCY, THE CHRONICLE, NISQUALLY VALLEY NEWS, AND THE REFLECTOR

Q: Why did you join LEDC?

A: I believe we can in many ways control our own destiny when it comes to strengthening our local economy and building a better future for the next generation. The Lewis Economic Development Council is the tip of the spear in that effort, and it's an honor to play a small role in creating a firm foundation for growth in our community.

Q: What is a key for the success of your business?

A: Whether it's The Silver Agency, The Chronicle, Nisqually Valley News, The Reflector, or SignPro, both Coralee and I believe the key to our businesses is connecting with the readers and customers in a real way and delivering a product that doesn't just promise to improve their lives and businesses, but actually follows through. We're not succeeding unless our clients, customers, and readers are getting real, tangible benefits from our services.

Q: What do you enjoy most about volunteering?

A: Serving others brings an abundance of benefits. It brings people together, makes the community stronger, I enjoy the

opportunity to meet new people. Without volunteers, Lewis County wouldn't be the great community we enjoy today. Volunteers are essential to improving the community.

Q: What do you love most about the news industry?

A: It's not like most businesses. In the newspaper business, the bottom line is not the only consideration when it comes to making decisions each day. The Chronicle, Nisqually Valley News, and The Reflector tie our many communities together and provide a constant check on their vitals. They're both a watchdog and a cheerleader, holding our governments and institutions accountable while at the same time celebrating the accomplishments of members of the respective community on a daily basis, whether it's our nonprofits or young student-athletes. Taken all together, they provide a vital community resource that makes us stronger by uniting us and holding up a daily reflection of how our communities look and where they're heading.



CHAD TAYLOR
CT Publishing,
The Silver Agency

Q: How do you define success?

A: Beyond financial measures, I think the overall success of a business is measured by the health of the services it provides and the employees who provide them. We won't succeed if our employees don't, and likewise, our employees need us to hold our end and provide a supportive and consistent environment where they can excel at their jobs and in turn produce quality products for our customers. It takes the whole team. If we're all succeeding as individuals, business success will follow.

Q: Who inspires you?

A: My wife Coralee inspires me each and every day. I wouldn't succeed at anything without her.

Q: What's the last book you read?

A: I didn't read it in its entirety, but acquiring The Chronicle has meant I have stumbled upon many copies of The Associated Press Style Guide while cleaning and organizing at the newspaper. It's a book that provides consistent guidance for writing styles in newspapers. I have found some dating back to the 1970s. Beyond that, I am continuing to read The Chronicle, The Nisqually Valley News, and The Battle Ground Reflector like never

before as our journalists produce daily content online and five print editions a week.

Q: What is your favorite meal?

A: I like a wide variety of food, I have several favorites and it depends on my mood.

Q: What do you do for pleasure outside of running your business?

A: Spending time with family is always our top priority. Beyond that, most of our time is filled working to improve and build our businesses.

Q: What is the favorite car you have ever owned?

A: Coralee and I had a 1969 Volkswagen Beetle and just driving that car was a blast.

Q: What is something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know?

A: I recently became the grandfather of two little girls after both of my kids welcomed little ones into the world within one week of each other. It's an incredible feeling. Also, in January, my wife and I became the proud owners of The Chronicle, The Reflector, and Nisqually Valley News newspapers as well as a sign company, SignPro. It has been an exciting year of growth both personally and professionally.

NEWS BRIEFS

Mt. Capra Expands at Port of Chehalis

Chehalis-based supplemental health business Mt. Capra is expanding its operations into the Pomerl Building in the Chehalis Industrial Park, the Port of Chehalis announced.

The business, according to the port, plans on using the new facility to bottle and package goat milk products, protein, mineral, colostrum and other wholefood nutritionals.

"We have a large online presence and plan to do our pick, pack and shipping and other fulfillment-related activities from that location as well," Mt. Capra President Joe Stout told the port in a statement.

The nearly century-old health nutrients business currently operates a retail storefront located in downtown Chehalis at 448 N. Market Blvd.

The family-owned business also operates its own "sustainably-managed" goat dairy farm in Centralia and its own processing facility where products are "gently transformed into nutritious and wholesome goat milk products," according to the company's website.

"The Port of Chehalis is looking forward to seeing Mt. Capra's newest chapter unfolds here in the Chehalis Industrial Park. It's always a good day when we can help local farmers grow and expand their businesses," the port wrote in a recent Facebook post.

The port finished construction of the 20,000-square-foot Pomerl Building, located at 105 McBride Court, in early 2020. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was hosted in January.



The inside of the Pomerl Building in the Chehalis Industrial Park is pictured in this photograph provided by the Port of Chehalis.

Hydrogen Refueling Station Coming to Chehalis

Washington state appears to be on the brink of a renewable energy revolution, and Lewis County is positioning itself to be on the front lines of one particular energy source.

With a combined \$4.45 million in grants secured from the Centralia Coal Transition Board and the state Legisla-

ture's supplemental capital budget, the state's first hydrogen refueling station is poised to be built in Chehalis sometime within the next year.

Those involved in the project say the ability to offer renewable hydrogen gas locally is expected to open the county up to new economic opportunities and industry while future-proofing transportation locally as the state moves away from vehicles that burn fossil fuels.

The station will likely be located somewhere near the Port of Chehalis, just off Interstate 5 at Exit 74, and will service electric vehicles — both personal and

heavy duty — equipped with hydrogen-powered fuel cells.

"I know some people think it's 'The Jetsons,' but I think the momentum is moving. Washington is the second-leading state in buying electric vehicles, and so we're poised for this renewable revolution — we really are," said Twin Transit Executive Director Joe Clark. Station management is expected to fall under Twin Transit's jurisdiction initially, Clark said, as the transit authority receives its first two hydrogen fuel cell buses around the time the station opens next fall.

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Part of the problem is unemployed workers receiving extended benefits in both time and dollars. The unemployment benefits have been extended into September, with a \$300 weekly bonus on top of the regular unemployment check. Why work when you can get paid more for simply sitting at home?

At the same time, unemployment numbers are still at staggering heights. The pandemic caused massive layoffs sending the ranks of the jobless to more than 14 million. At the pinnacle of the pandemic, unemployment hit 13 percent. Since then there has been a recovery, but those in the jobless ranks remain significant.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce stated it believes the high pay of unemployment is a major factor.

"Paying people not to work is dampening what should be a stronger jobs market," the Chamber stated in a press release.

In response, many national companies are increasing their pay. Under Armour, which has an outlet in Centralia, just this week signaled they would be raising their minimum wage to \$15 per hour. Companies such as McDonald's and Amazon, for example, are increasing incentives and benefits to help bridge the worker gap.

CASCADE TRADER INC.

Richard Lennox has been running his

logging and construction tractor supply business out of Chehalis. He has about 50 employees.

Demand for his tractors and other equipment has been constant, Lennox said, but he isn't always able to deliver what the customer wants. He said, for example, Kenworth, which builds semi-trucks, had 1,000 trucks built, but couldn't deliver due to a lack of computer chips.

"It's holding up the supply chain," Lennox said of the shortage of computer chips. "In sales, when somebody wants something, they want it now. Sales go by the wayside and buyers lose incentive to buy."

Lennox gets much of his highly regarded Doosan fleet of equipment via the Port of Tacoma. The stream of new equipment has been somewhat stalled due to supply chain disruptions that keep the tractors from completion. Lennox has even had a difficult time finding service trucks.

As far as employees, Lennox said if someone skilled in field services for tractors walked in his office, he or she would find a job waiting.

I-5 CARS

Robert Pehl is vice president of I-5 Cars, which has car lots in Lewis and Thurston counties, including its showcase building located along Interstate 5 in Chehalis.

He said his company has had some difficulties in bringing in new cars due to the microchip shortage, which was exacerbated by a Japan chip producing company catching fire. And even if he can find available imports, a lack of licensed semi-truck



Lumber prices have soared, as have many commodities with triple the cost of basic two by fours in the past year.

drivers makes it hard to bring them to his dealership.

He said COVID caused plants to shut down in Mexico, and an ice storm in Texas increased demand for undamaged cars.

"This has caused a huge shortage of cars," Pehl said. "We are at all time lows on all of our lots, yet demand is strong. We're

still selling cars, but a lot are sold while still in transit."

Some car buyers have to place an order and wait for weeks for the car or truck to arrive.

He's also seeing a shortage of entry-level employees, similar to businesses across Lewis County.

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Puzzles

Find answers to the puzzles in the next edition.

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sear a steak
 - 5 Damage
 - 9 Kendall or Starr
 - 12 Banjo ancestor
 - 13 Italian eight
 - 14 Letter after zeta
 - 15 Excited
 - 16 Palm reader, maybe
 - 17 — capita
 - 18 Shoves off
 - 20 Actor Anthony —
 - 22 Scale notes
 - 23 Moth or ant
 - 24 Savalas of "Kojak"
 - 27 Donkey's bray
 - 30 Influence
 - 31 Witty fellow
 - 32 Kitchen topper
 - 34 Push-up muscle

- 35 Hirt and Pacino
- 36 Fries or slaw
- 37 Break away
- 40 Chip producer
- 41 Frothy brew
- 42 Python or wrap
- 43 Work hard
- 46 Feed
- 50 Colorful carp
- 51 Goatee spot
- 53 Crazy
- 54 Goal
- 55 Ditty
- 56 Bond's alma mater
- 57 Minuscule
- 58 Trawler's haul
- 59 Calendar info

DOWN

- 1 Wearing something
- 2 Of great size
- 3 Perched on
- 4 In a kingly manner

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 5 Throngs
- 6 Comanche neighbors
- 7 Road map no.
- 8 Rotational force
- 9 Military cap
- 10 Two fives for — —
- 11 Adventure tale
- 19 Glimmer of hope
- 21 Yuck!
- 23 Panhandles
- 24 Recipe meas.
- 25 Flock members
- 26 Tighten
- 27 Nathan the patriot
- 28 Touched down
- 29 Not narrow
- 31 Stay near the shore
- 33 — City, Okla.
- 36 Growled
- 38 Cleveland hoopster
- 39 Puts in office
- 40 Item in a poker pot
- 42 Fillested
- 43 Distort, as data
- 44 Solitary
- 45 Candy striper
- 46 1492 caravel
- 47 Plato's vowel
- 48 Bagpipes player
- 49 Whetstone
- 52 Bewildered response

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to catfish.

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Answer: *Mucus*

Sudoku

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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HOW TO PLAY:

Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

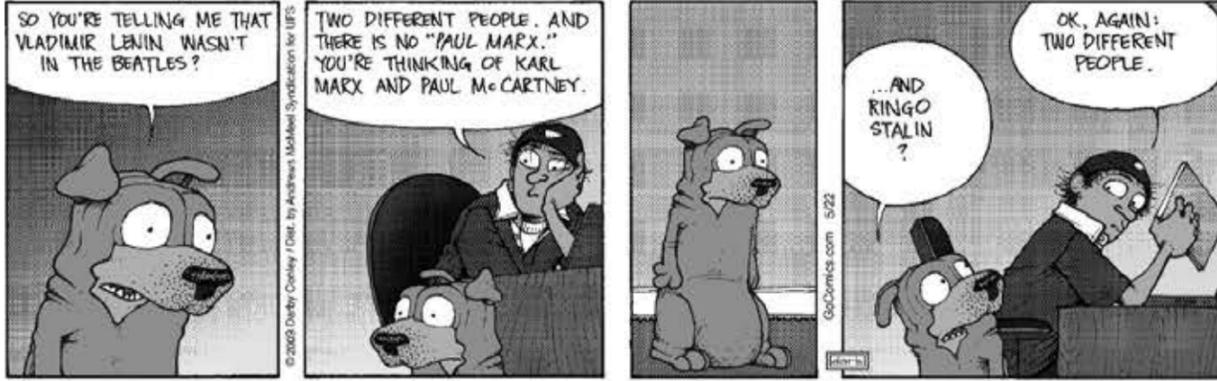
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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| Biking | Discover | Fresh Air | Mountains | Sailing | Travel |
| Boats | Excitement | Garden | Nature | Scenery | Trek |
| Campsite | Explore | Gliding | Outside | Skateboard | Underwater |
| Canoe | Fishing | Hiking | Park | Snorkeling | Vista |
| Climbing | Foreign | Horseback | Road Trip | Surf | Wildlife |

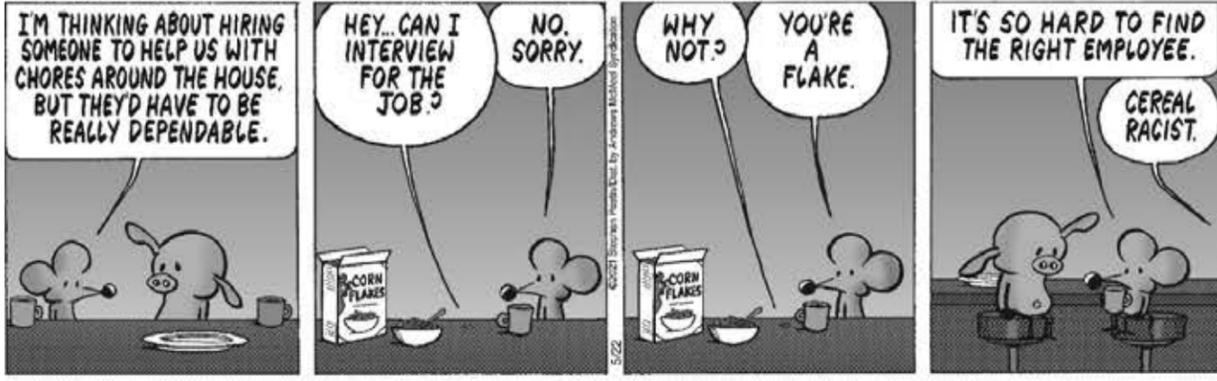
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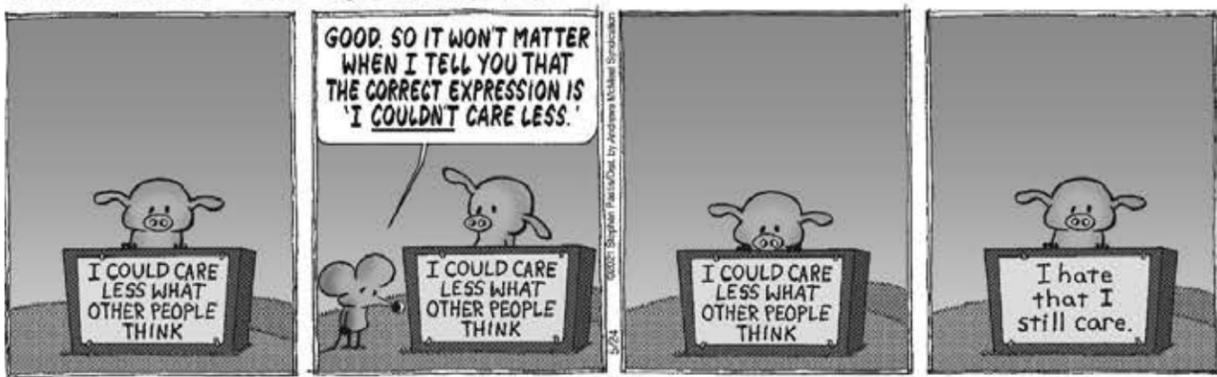
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FOUND

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LOST DOGS

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GARAGE SALES CENTRALIA

ESTATE SALE!
Fri & Sat,
May 21 & 22, 9-?
3516 Harrison Ave. Sp E, Centralia, WA 98531.
County Mobile Park. Several yard sales! Fishing, camping, general merchandise.

GARAGE SALE!
Fri & Sat,
May 21 & 22, 10-6.
310 N. Rock St., Centralia, WA 98531.
Little bit of everything, lots of goodies!

MOVING SALE!
Sat & Sun,
May 22 & 23, 10-5.
1546 S Scheuber Rd, Centralia, WA 98531.
Follow balloons & signs to address. YEARS of stuff!

Neighborhood Garage Sale!
Fri & Sat,
May 21 & 22, 9-3.
1812 Hillview Rd, Centralia, WA 98531.

GARAGE SALES CHEHALIS

2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE!
Sat, May 22, 9-4.
120 Cabe Rd., Chehalis, WA 98532.
Vintage, household, & numerous miscellaneous.

Ads that work pay for themselves. Ads that don't work are expensive. Descriptions brings results!

GARAGE SALES CHEHALIS

YARD SALE!
Sat Only,
May 22, 8-?.
142 A Rice Rd, Chehalis, WA 98532.
PREPARING TO MOVE!
Remote Control plane & 2 cars, beer signs, 2 bikes, Hot Wheels, kid toys & lots of random items to choose from.

AUTOMOTIVE

MOTOR HOMES

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

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IMPORT AUTOS

2013 Toyota Camry XLE Hybrid: 55K, white, one owner, 36 mpg, electric windows, very good condition, a few minor scratches, runs perfect, full service history, leather seats, A/C, heated seats, just bought a Hilander, \$16,500. Cashiers check, cash or Paypal.

DOMESTIC AUTOS

1989 Subaru GL, 1.8L, has blown head gasket, good parts car. Best offer, 360-740-4834 or 360-520-1440

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 - Package Materials for shipment
 - Maintain identifying tags and labels on materials
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 - Band Materials together using steel banding
 - Keep Workplace clean and orderly
- Requirements:**
- No experience needed
 - ability to follow instructions and work independently
 - Ability to pass basic math test (tape measure use, concerting fractions to decimals)
 - High school diploma, GED, or equivalent
 - Able to pass drug tests and criminal background check
 - Must be eligible to be legally employed in the United States
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 - Health insurance with company paid HRA
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 - Opportunity for advancement
 - Vacation available after one year
 - Shift premiums
 - Competitive wages \$ 16- \$18.00

HOROSCOPE

MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021



GEMINI

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Consider the pros and cons of a situation before you dive in. Someone's motives may be selfish or misleading. Moderation is encouraged, along with reason and logic. Be careful and prudent.



CANCER

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
An open mind and a desire to try new things will encourage brighter days ahead. Stop hesitating and start planning for the future. Be proactive, and you'll exceed your expectations.



LEO

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Refuse to let your emotions interfere with important decisions. A change may not be welcome, but there will be benefits as well. Verify the information you receive before you move forward.



VIRGO

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Take the initiative and get moving. Trust in yourself and your ability to get things done. A realistic approach to relationships will help you avoid trouble.



LIBRA

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Keep your money in a safe place. Spontaneous spending will be your downfall. Update your skills, resume and personal goals. Look for a creative outlet. Charm will help you, but don't oversell yourself.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Settle down, take a deep breath and consider what you want. Simplify your life and focus on health, fitness and lowering your stress level. Invest in yourself. You can make a difference.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Consider what you can do to make someone's life better. Providing a little help will go a long way and make you feel good about who you are and what you've accomplished.



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
A perfect plan will encourage others to look up to you. Step up and do what you do best. You'll get an opportunity that will improve your life. Put your energy and creativity into getting ahead, and you will excel.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Think big, but use common sense when it comes to money management. A smart move can help you save some cash. Refuse to let your emotions take charge. Don't try to impress anyone.



PISCES

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Don't believe everything you hear. A problem with a friend or relative will develop. Offer moral support, but don't make promises you'll regret. A financial gain is apparent.



ARIES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You'll have a great idea that will push you in a new direction. Don't be upset with others' words or actions. Do your own thing, and take responsibility for your happiness.



TAURUS

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
An unusual offer will catch you off guard. Don't take a risk without doing your homework. What appears to be a lifesaver will end up being a burden. Rely on yourself.

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021



GEMINI

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Focus is the name of the game, and temptation is the hurdle you'll have to overcome. Be a straight shooter, and demand the same from others. Figure out what you're up against, and what you have to do.



CANCER

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Step out of your comfort zone and make changes that will encourage you to follow your heart. Be creative and incorporate what you feel passionate about into your daily routine.



LEO

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Assess a situation before you respond to it. Your emotions will be difficult to control if you let your imagination run wild. Don't make an assumption; find out what's going on.



VIRGO

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Learn as you go, and don't stop until you reach your objective. Someone will try to outmaneuver you if you don't use your ingenuity to stay on top of your game. Don't sell yourself short.



LIBRA

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Do a good job, and you'll reap the rewards. Ensure that you have covered every angle and have left nothing to chance. Discipline, hard work and charisma will be necessary.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
A personal improvement will help you raise your income. Add to your skills. Don't feel that you must pay for others or buy love or acceptance. Find something you can offer to others.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Get your facts straight before you engage in an emotional encounter with someone close to you. Concentrate on how best to stabilize a situation that has the potential to run amok.



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Self-improvement will pay off, but extravagance could be your downfall. Don't let temptation lead you astray or allow anyone to take advantage of you. A domestic change will turn out better than anticipated.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Question everything and everyone. Look at the possibilities and how best to take advantage of a situation without going overboard. Balance and equality be necessary. Control your emotions.



PISCES

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Leave nothing to chance when dealing with institutions, government agencies or finances. A smooth talker will lead you astray. Don't trust anyone with your money or possessions.



ARIES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
An offer or partnership will not be as it appears. Dig deep to find out what underlying expectations someone has before you agree to get involved. It's better to be safe than sorry.



TAURUS

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Stay focused on what you want to achieve. The changes you make and the people you associate with will determine how well you do. Protect your private information and reputation.

LEGAL NOTICES

118308 Sheriff's Sale SBP Davidson

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN LEWIS COUNTY

ADMINISTRATOR, U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR, AN AGENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, vs. CYNTHIA L. DAVIDSON; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF JAMES R. DAVIDSON; KATHLEEN ANDREWS, JIM DAVIDSON; CHRISTINE DAVIDSON; STEVE DAVIDSON; PATRICIA DAVIDSON; LORI DAVIDSON; JOHN AND/OR JANE DOE, UNKNOWN OCCUPANT/CO-HABITANTS OF THE SUBJECT PREMISES, Defendants

SHERIFF'S SALE SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Judgment Rendered: 10-21-20
Writ Issued: 04-23-21
Writ Received: 05-12-21
Levy Date: 05-18-21

To: Cynthia L. Davidson a/k/a Lynn Davidson, Unknown heirs, Devisees and/or successors in interest of James R. Davidson, Kathleen Andrews, Jim Davidson, Christine Davidson, Steve Davidson, Patricia Davidson, and Lori Davidson. A writ of execution/order of sale has been issued in the above-captioned case, directed to the Sheriff of Lewis County, commanding the Sheriff as follows:

WHEREAS, On October 21, 2020, a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure was entered in favor of Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration, an agent of the United States of America ("Plaintiff") against defendants Cynthia L. Davidson a/k/a Lynn Davidson, Unknown heirs, Devisees and/or successors in interest of James R. Davidson, Kathleen Andrews, Jim Davidson, Christine Davidson, Steve Davidson, Patricia Davidson, and Lori Davidson. The Judgment forecloses the interests of all the Defendants in and to the following described property ("Property") commonly known as 322 River Rd., Chehalis, WA 98532 for the total sum of \$350,779.03, plus additional pre-judgment interest at the per diem rate specified in the judgment until entry of the same and additional post-judgment interest thereon at the rate of 2.937% per annum following October 21, 2020 until satisfied. The Property is situated in Lewis County State of Washington, is legally described as follows:

That portion of the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 10, Township 13 North, Range 4 West, W.M., Lewis County, Washington, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the easterly margin of River Road 1147 feet north of the south line of Section 10; thence north along River Road 604 feet to the True Point of Beginning; thence continuing north along River Road 130 feet; thence easterly to the center of the Chehalis River then south 130 feet then west

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Judgment Debtors: **Unknown Heirs, Devisees and/or Successors in Interest of James R. Davidson and Cynthia L. Davidson (in rem)**

Therefore, pursuant to RCW 61.12.060, and in the name of the State of Washington, you are hereby commanded to sell the Property, or so much thereof as may be necessary, in order to satisfy the Judgment, including post-judgment interest and costs and setting the redemption period for Eight (8) months. MAKE RETURN HEREOF within sixty (60) days of the date indicated below, showing you have executed the same.

Pursuant to RCW 6.21.050(2), the Sheriff may adjourn the foreclosure sale from time to time, not exceeding thirty (30) days beyond the last date at which this Writ is made returnable, with the consent of the Plaintiff endorsed upon this Writ by a contemporaneous writing.

WITNESS, the Honorable James W. Lawler, Judge of the Superior Court and the seal of said Court, affixed this 23rd Day of April, 2021, at Chehalis, Washington.

The sale date has been set for Friday, July 9, 2021. YOU MAY HAVE A RIGHT TO EXEMPT PROPERTY from the sale under statutes of this state, including sections 6.13.010, 6.13.030, 6.13.040, 6.15.010, of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), in the manner described in those statutes.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN LEWIS COUNTY

ADMINISTRATOR, U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR, AN AGENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, vs. CYNTHIA L. DAVIDSON; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF JAMES R. DAVIDSON; KATHLEEN ANDREWS, JIM DAVIDSON; CHRISTINE DAVIDSON; STEVE DAVIDSON; PATRICIA DAVIDSON; LORI DAVIDSON; JOHN AND/OR JANE DOE, UNKNOWN OCCUPANT/CO-HABITANTS OF THE SUBJECT PREMISES, Defendants

Cause No.: 19-2-01115-21

SHERIFF'S PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Judgment Rendered: 10-21-20
Writ Issued: 4-23-21
Writ Received: 05-12-21
Levy Date: 05-18-21

To: Cynthia L. Davidson a/k/a Lynn Davidson, Unknown heirs, Devisees and/or successors in interest of James R. Davidson, Kathleen Andrews, Jim Davidson, Christine Davidson, Steve Davidson, Patricia Davidson, and Lori Davidson. The Superior Court of Lewis County has directed the undersigned Sheriff of Lewis County to sell the property described below to satisfy a judgment in the above-entitled action.

The property to be sold is described on last page. If developed the property address is: **322 River Road, Chehalis, WA 98532**

The sale of the above described property is to take place:

Time: 10:00 a.m. Date: Friday, July 9, 2021 Place: North Street Entrance Lobby, Old Lewis County Courthouse 351 NW North St., Chehalis, WA

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118132 NTC: Holloway

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY

Estate of HELEN B. HOLLOWAY, Deceased. NO. 21-4-00155-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030) PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

The above Court has appointed me as Personal Representative of Decedent's estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must present the claim: (a) Before the time when the claim would be barred by any applicable statute of limitations, and (b) In the manner provided in RCW 11.40.070: (i) By filing the original of the claim with the foregoing Court, and (ii) By

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The judgment debtor can avoid the sale by paying the combined judgment amount of \$350,779.03, together with interest of 2.937% per annum, from October 21, 2020 to date of sale, with costs, and fees, before the sale date. For the exact amount, contact the Sheriff at: 345 W. Main Street, Chehalis, WA 98532.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2021. ROBERT R. SNAZA, Sheriff Lewis County, Washington

By: Kevin Engelbertson, Chief Deputy

Parcel number: 019304-001-015

Legal Description: That portion of the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 10, Township 13 North, Range 4 West, W.M., Lewis County, Washington, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the easterly margin of River Road 1147 feet north of the south line of Section 10; thence north along River Road 604 feet to the True Point of Beginning; thence continuing north along River Road 130 feet; thence easterly to the center of the Chehalis River then south 130 feet then west to the True Point of Beginning.

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118319 Notice of Application

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Request: Site Plan Review, Environmental Review, Conditional Use Permit

Applicant: Dan Hawes, 140 Saley Lane, Centralia, WA 98531

Land Use Case#: ST-21-0001, SEPA-21-0002, CU-21-001

Date of Application: March 11, 2021

Date of Complete Application: April 11, 2021

Project Location: 2400 block Jackson Hwy, Chehalis WA; Lewis County Parcel # 010799001000

Proposal: Applicant proposes 21 duplexes and a single 23 unit apartment building with parking, playground, and stormwater. Units will be individually owned condominiums with common area ownership by a homeowner's association.

City Contact: To view the complete application during normal business hours contact: Tammy Baraconi, Planning Manager Community Development 1321 S. Market Blvd Chehalis WA 98532 Phone: 360.345.2228 Email: tbaraconi@ci.chehalis.wa.us

Comment Procedures: This decision has a 14 day public review period that ends on June 7, 2021. Written comments must be submitted to Community Development at the address listed above. Only written comments will be accepted. If you have further questions please contact Tammy Baraconi at the phone number or email listed above.

Please reference the file number(s) when corresponding.

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118305 Public Hearing

TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
FEBRUARY 16, 2021
6:02 PM
Toledo Senior Center

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Toledo City Council at the Toledo Senior Center, 150 Coal Street, Toledo, WA 98591, on June 07, 2021 beginning at 6:02 PM.

The purpose of the public hearing is to review the revised Toledo Land Development Regulations.

A digital copy of the update will be available for review prior to the hearing at the office of the Toledo City Clerk from Monday through Thursday from 9:00-3:00 as well as the City of Toledo website www.toledowa.us. Comments may also be submitted in writing to the Toledo City Clerk, 130 N 2nd Street, PO Box 236, Toledo, WA 98591, before 4:00 PM on June 07, 2021.

The Toledo Senior Center is handicapped accessible. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate the special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving twenty-four (24) hour advance notice. Contact the Toledo City Clerk's office at 360-864-4564.

Attest:
Michelle Whitten, Toledo City Clerk

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118135 NTC: Witt

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of KENNETH D. WITT AND KIT N. WITT, Deceased. NO. 21-4-129-14

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedents must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) 30 days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedents' probate and non-probate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: May 8, 2021. Personal Representative: Kraig V. Witt

Address: 314 Plum Tree Ct. Cheney, WA 99004-2191

Attorneys for the Personal Representative: INGRAM, ZELASKO & GOODWIN, LLP

Address for Mailing or Service: 120 East First Street Aberdeen, WA 98520 (360) 533-2865

Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Grays Harbor County Superior Court 21-4-129-14

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118307 Ordinance No. 765

ORDINANCE NO. 765

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF TOLEDO, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING AN INTERFUND LOAN FROM THE WATER/SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO THE POLICE CAR RESERVE FUND IN THE SUM OF \$28,000.00 PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS OF REPAYMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE INTEREST RATE; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID FUND TO PAY FOR A 2021 DODGE CHARGER WITH POLICE PACKAGE.

Attest:
/s/ Michelle Whitten City Clerk/Treasurer

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