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Inslee Moves to End Indoor Mask Mandate Earlier

By Rick Bannan
For The Chronicle

Washington will be one of three West Coast states to remove its mandate on wearing masks indoors in most settings on March 12, Gov. Jay Inslee announced Monday.

In a Feb. 28 press conference, the governor announced the state will speed up its removal of the mandate from March 21 to more than a week earlier.



Jay Inslee
governor

"We are turning a page in our fight against the COVID virus," Inslee said. He said with "significantly declining" disease activity, Washington was able to make the adjustment to its schedule on reducing the measures it has taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

The lifting of the mandate includes most indoor settings, including schools. Health care, long-term care and correctional facilities are still subject to the masking requirement.

Inslee said the state saw a "consistent level of reduction" in its epidemiological curve in the past month, and hospitalizations associated with COVID-19 have also dropped "quite dramatically."

"The rate of decline is very significant, and given the fact that this has been the pattern

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Rescue Teams on Standby as Local River Levels Rise Swiftly



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Water, mud and debris flows over Blair Road in Centralia near Interstate 5 Monday afternoon.



Crews use rakes among other tools to divert water off Blair Road in Centralia.

By Isabel Vander Stoep
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The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued flood watches for Lewis County and several other counties in Washington following forecasts of heavy rain across the region for the next 24 hours.

For East Lewis County, the Cowlitz River is forecast to hit the major flooding category at Randle in the early morning hours on Tuesday. Minor flooding is also predicted for the Cowlitz at Packwood.

In preparation for major flooding, the Lewis County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) has put the county's Swift Water Rescue

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Chehalis Basin Officials Advise Creation of Flood Plans to Reduce Damage to Lives and Property

By Daniel Warn
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Multiple residents of the Chehalis Avenue Apartments are still living in temporary housing as their complex is repaired after it sustained damage during early January flooding.

The residents whose units were affected by the flood might have to wait until April to move back into their homes, Ross McDowell, deputy director of Lewis County Emergency Management, told The Chronicle.

McDowell said all of the individuals would have benefited from the creation of a flood plan to help mitigate the damage and costs resulting from the flood.

He said the number one reason a person should create a



File Photo

Alicia Cook holds Crystal Mosteller's hand as they enter her bottom floor unit at the Chehalis Avenue Apartments after moving damaged items outside in early January

flood plan is safety.

"You want to make sure that you have a plan in place and you have a 'grab bag' in place (so) that when it starts to rain

and you're in an area that you're educated enough about it being a flood-zoned area — or a place that does get water — that you can get yourself out quickly and

not be fumbling around and taking an hour or so to get out when ... time is your enemy," McDowell said.

He said another essential is to designate a place out of harm's way to go to in the case of a flood.

The residents of Chehalis Avenue Apartments are still living in one-room hotel units paid for by the complex's management company, he said. If they had another designated place to go while the flood damages are being addressed, they would be in a much more comfortable living situation.

"It needs to be realistic," McDowell said. "One of the things people (do) is they maybe pick the wrong locations to go to. ...

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'Everyone Knows That The Elections Are Being Stolen,' Says County Lincoln Day Dinner Speaker

ANNUAL EVENT: Awards Given to Party Members on a Night That Highlighted Claims of Fraud

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Several moments earned standing ovations at the Lewis County Republican Party's Lincoln Day dinner on Saturday night.

When the Cy Meyers Rail-splitter Award, named for the late Winlock mayor, was given to Jennifer West, the crowd was quick to their feet.

When Ron Averill, state committee chairman of the Lewis County Republican Party and an 84-year-old former county commissioner and colonel, was given the Longevity Award, there was robust applause.

But one speaker earned a standing ovation from only about half the room, a visual representation of the divisive nature of his presentation. His name is Dr. Douglas Frank, and through the funding of Mike Lindell — the CEO of MyPillow who is deeply devoted to proving the 2020 presidential election was stolen — Frank has traveled across the country for the past year, claiming elections across the country are fraudulent and the rightful president-elect of 2020 was Donald Trump.

"Mr. Lindell discovered me, he made several movies about me," Frank said.

Frank also mentioned a connection to Lacey Clark, who is involved with the Lewis County Young Republicans. He said she has helped put on events with him across the country. Clark also helped in the organization of Lindell's "Cyber Symposium" event in August, which was set to prove election fraud on a massive scale across the country, ac-



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Dr. Douglas Frank uses an aluminum pipe as part of a demonstration while speaking to attendees of the Lincoln Day Dinner at The Loft in Chehalis.

ording to a January "Irida TV Podcast" episode. Lewis County Republican Chairman Brandon Svenson was another local attendee of the symposium.

Lincoln Day dinners are a longstanding tradition in Republican party chapters. In past years, those annually-hosted events in Lewis County have been opportunities for candidates and electeds to rally local support and encourage constituents to vote red. This year's dinner had a different flavor, and not because of the catered pulled pork from Boss Hogg's Barbecue in Winlock.

The heavy theme from speakers Saturday was not one of encouragement to vote, but of a broken democratic system. Frank spent around 17 minutes talking about how elections across the country are being

"stolen." Likewise, Sherrona Bishop — a former campaign manager for U.S. Rep. Lauren Boebert whose home was raided by the FBI in connection to a criminal investigation into a Mesa County, Colorado, clerk for a possible election security breach — appeared to the Republican crowd via video chat. Bishop spent most of her time talking about canvassing voters in Colorado and claiming the efforts have uncovered "prolific fraud." Bishop referenced Tina Peters, the Mesa County clerk who is under investigation, and said in collaboration with Peters' forthcoming information, she is "so incredibly excited to be able to prove what we said happened, all throughout this country."

When asked about whether fraud was happening in Lewis

County specifically, Svenson last week told The Chronicle he has not heard anybody say that is the case. Frank, in his speech, did not specifically mention the Lewis County elections being stolen, but did call on the crowd to assist with canvassing voters. He said canvassing is "evangelism" and that going to the homes of voters and showing them there are more people registered to vote at their address than actually live there is one way to make "converts."

"I've been here four times already, I like this state. Especially, I like Lewis County," Frank said. "I haven't met the sheriff yet but I hear he's tops. Your sheriff is probably your most important official. Because, as you embark on this period of election reform, that is one of the most important people. You need your sher-

iff and you have a good sheriff."

Frank showed some slides meant to articulate his theories about the election, claiming there are "too many" people registered to vote in Washington and "that's a problem." Otherwise, Frank spent little time trying to convince the crowd there is any evidence that he's right, saying instead that there is "mountains of data" and mostly encouraging the crowd to mobilize that data and tell everyone, saying, "You have to be that person at Thanksgiving dinner, at Christmas dinner, at the office, right?"

"Everyone knows that the elections are being stolen. Everyone knows that it's corrupt," he said, adding later: "60% of people across the United States now believe that the outcome of the 2020 election is fraudulent."



From left, Commissioner Sean Swope, Sheriff Rob Snaza, Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler and candidate for county commissioner Scott Brummer pose for a photo during the Lincoln Day Dinner in Chehalis on Saturday.



Congressional Candidate Joe Kent stands for the pledge during the Lincoln Day Dinner at The Loft in Chehalis on Saturday.



Commissioner Lindsey Pollock honors Gary Stamper during the Lincoln Day Dinner hosted in Chehalis Saturday night.



Ron Averill is honored during the Lincoln Day Dinner in Chehalis Saturday night.



Glen Morgan uses a microphone to address attendees of the Lincoln Day Dinner in Chehalis Saturday night.

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Chehalis School District Launches App Intended to Streamline Communication on Bus Route Changes

NEW: Ride360 App Goes Live on March 8

By Emily Fitzgerald

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When a bus driver is out sick or a bus route has to be canceled at the last minute, the Chehalis School District is left scrambling to contact all the families affected by the change.

Transportation staff notify the district of a change, be that a canceled route or a rider moving to a different route, and then district staff typically go through a spreadsheet of parents' phone numbers and emails to try and get the information out.

But "the way in which that would be disseminated to our parents ... wasn't a very clean system," said Andy Lynch, communications coordinator for the Chehalis School District.

District staff hope the district's new messaging app — Ride 360 — will prove to be a more effective way to inform parents of transportation changes.

"(With) this system, once there's a change in routes, it doesn't even come to the district office, it goes straight to parents. ... The desire is to reduce human error and get the message to parents as quickly as possible," Lynch said.

The app will also sync to newly-installed GPS systems on 24 — soon to be 26 — of the Chehalis-Centralia Transportation Cooperative's buses so parents waiting at the bus stop can see where their child's bus is.

"GPS systems were separate from this platform," Lynch said, adding that the district was working on getting GPS installed on all of its buses within the transportation co-op prior to the district's decision to use the Ride 360 app.

"It just coincides with it pretty nicely," he said.

As of launch, the app should provide dropoff and pickup times that are accurate within five minutes, Lynch said.

"So if for some reason (the bus) ran late, they don't have to



Students flood into buses at W.F. West High School as school is let out in Chehalis in this 2019 Chronicle file photo.

just wonder, they can pull their app up, and they can see, 'oh, it's two stops away,'" Lynch said.

The back end of the app is managed by Tyler Technologies, which created and manages the Ride 360 app for other school districts around the country.

Ride 360 is intended to replace the Chehalis School District's current communication system for transportation changes. District staff will still directly communicate with parents about other time-sensitive announcements, such as school closures due to inclement weather, so families that don't use district transportation are included.

The district hopes most, if not all, families with students who ride the bus will be registered before the app goes live on March 8.

As of March 8, families will

no longer receive communication through the Skyward messaging system about route changes.

"We don't expect there to be a large portion of folks who don't (sign up for the app), I think there might be a very, very small margin, but we can address those," said Lynch, adding that the district can arrange to call or email some parents if there's a small percentage who choose not to use the app.

Families need an email address and their child's student ID number to register for the app. It can be accessed via a web browser on Traversa Ride 360's website or via the mobile app.

More information about registration can be found on the district's website at <https://chehalisschools.org/blog/2022/02/24/ride-360/>.

Bus route changes have been more common this year than they have been for the Chehalis School District in years past, said Lynch, primarily due to the district's recent switch to a two-tier route system.

"We staggered our start times for our schools so we can ensure that if we do have ... someone who's out sick or what have you, then that can be made up with changing the route, changing the driver for the route," said Lynch.

This school year was the first that the Chehalis-Centralia School District Transportation Cooperative, which handles transportation for the Chehalis and Centralia school districts as well as 10 other districts in the area, has utilized a two-tier system.

Over the course of the year, "we have learned of some needed

modifications for next year, or re-establishing the district back to single tier routing if decided upon," said Gibb Kingsley, director of transportation for the Chehalis-Centralia Transportation Cooperative.

"In short, some changes would be expected for next year and then stabilized around October 2022. Once routes are formally established, they will remain, for the most part, status quo," he said.

Bus routes will continue to be assessed and potentially altered each year for "program maintenance and efficiency," said Kingsley, but ongoing changes to the routes "would be anomalies rather than the norm."

The Centralia School District, which is also served by the co-op, has not yet announced a plan to utilize the Ride360 app.

News in Brief

Thurston County Suspends Contract With Community Action Council After Auditor's Report

By The Olympian

Thurston County suspended its contracts with the Community Action Council of Lewis, Mason and Thurston Counties on Thursday, citing suspected fraud in its rental assistance payments.

CAC is the regional non-profit that has been dispersing rental and utility assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic. The county has been passing federal and state funds to CAC to support these services.

During a Wednesday executive session, the Board of County Commissioners voted to authorize County Manager Ramiro Chavez to suspend the contracts, according to a Thursday news release.

Chavez notified CAC Thursday, per the release, and the county has reported the suspected fraud to the Washington state Auditor's Office. With this move, the county hopes to determine the extent of the potential fraud and recover funds.

Following the county's announcement, CAC released a response calling the county's accusations "inaccurate and defaming."

"The irreparable harm done by this misportrayal of our operations and the decision of contract suspension jeopardizes our organization's ability to provide services to clients and harms vulnerable community members who are eligible for this critical funding," CAC's response says.

The county auditor's office discovered a sample of four applications suspected of fraud totaling more than \$86,000 during regular subrecipient monitoring,

the county's release says. CAC also has paused work on two other applications while it requests more information.

"We have strong internal controls that caught these questioned payments in the course of regular subrecipient monitoring," said Thurston County Auditor Mary Hall in the release. "This is an example of the audit process working."

The release notes Hall chairs the county's internal audit committee. Other members include Chavez and County Treasurer Jeff Gadman.

"We take fraud seriously," Gadman said. "Protecting public resources is the highest priority for Thurston County and is why we develop robust internal controls."

Chavez acknowledged the suspensions may disrupt the flow of assistance funds to residents in need.

"While this may cause a brief delay in rental and utility assistance funds for our community members, we are working as quickly as we can to have a system in place to continue to provide services to those in need," he said.

CAC says the suspension puts about 1,269 eligible households at risk of eviction and impedes their ability to spend about \$8 million in remaining funds.

As the rent assistance organization for Thurston County, CAC says the suspensions also froze their implementation of the Eviction Resolution Pilot Program.

This legislated program created by Senate Bill 5160 connects tenants and landlords with trained mediators so they can resolve rent disputes before resorting to evictions.

CAC says they continue to uphold "ethics, professionalism and transparency" in distributing funding to the community. Despite their disagreement with the county, CAC says they intend to continue working with them to resolve the situation.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Corbetta "Corki" D'Eliso

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Corbetta "Corki" Carria D'Eliso, age 73, went to live with Jesus on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022. She passed away peacefully at Providence Centralia Hospital surrounded by her closest loved ones after a long and courageous battle with Rheumatoid arthritis.

Corki was born on April 22, 1948 to Clara Randall and Corbett Ball. She was the eighth child of 10 children. She was very popular in school and was a cheerleader and graduated from White Pass High School in 1965.

Corki married the love of her life, Joe, or Joey as she called him, on Sept. 3, 1971 at Lake Tahoe. They celebrated their 50th anniversary last year. They made their home in Raymond, Washington for the last 25-plus years. Joe and Corki also lived in Tacoma and Antioch, California (where she loved their pool). While in California, Corki worked as an instructor at the Beauty College in Antioch.

Corki also loved to travel. As Worldmark members, there were many family vacations together. Joe and Corki enjoyed visiting Hawaii, Disneyland and many locations in Oregon, California and Nevada. Many vacations were spent with her closest sister Cookie Stamper and her late husband Big Al. Cookie and Corki were more like twins, being only 14 months apart and doing so much together.

Corki was best known for all of the nieces and nephews, greats and great-greats who she helped take

care of and raise. She would say "God bless the little children." They adored her. She supported and followed them all with their sports and school activities. She was their biggest fan. She was the kindest, sweetest person. She always had something positive to say. If you were around her, you were a better person for it. If you ever needed anything, she was the first one to offer help.

She enjoyed making big meals for everyone and baking cakes and cupcakes for all of the family gatherings, whether it be a birthday, Christmas, Halloween, a wedding, rehearsal dinner, a graduation, or Super Bowl party. Nobody could cook like aunt Corki. Her Christmas cookies were the best, and she made all gatherings a big, wonderful celebration. She would call her niece Roxanne at work and say "swing by, as I made dinner for your family" all the time.

Some of Corki's favorites were Elvis, stage plays (which she passed on to her niece Roxanne Gerow), the My Fair Lady movie, The Westside Story, Clowns (because they came from her love of making people happy and seeing them smile as she always did). She enjoyed making Christmas ornaments for her great-great-nieces and nephews, playing at casinos, black Friday shopping, her sisters and little blackberry pies.

Corki was an important part of the Willapa United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School where she helped for years.



She also worked in the Willapa Valley Booster Club Fair Booth for years.

Corki is survived by her beloved husband Joseph; her sisters Cookie Stamper, Sharon Randall-Holcomb (George); her two brothers George (Punk) Ball and his beloved wife Linda, and Delbert (Sue) Workman; and many nieces and nephews including her closest nieces Roxanne Gerow (Kenny) and their special family, and Melissa Zapalac (Martin) and their family; and closest nephew Allen Stamper (Rocky) and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Dale Workman, Ed Workman and Jim Ball; and sisters Mina (Sis) Cheney and Verna Powell.

Corki loved the Lord and attended Lebam Community Church. There is no doubt that she is soaring with the angels. The bond that she had with her loved ones will continue. Neither heaven or earth can separate.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. An announcement will be made once the time and date are set.

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'Now Is Not the Time to Quit': Lewis County Sheriff Rob Snaza Seeks Third Term

NOVEMBER ELECTION:

Rob Snaza to Kick Off Re-Election Campaign March 25

By Emily Fitzgerald

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Lewis County Sheriff Rob Snaza believes now is the time for the community to band together in the face of the unprecedented challenges, specifically homelessness, drug addiction and mental health issues he says have been exacerbated by the pandemic and police reform legislation.

The need to address those challenges and his continued love for working directly with people in his community are some of the reasons Snaza said he is seeking a third term as Lewis County Sheriff.

"I still love this career. I love the community that we serve. We're all in many challenges right now, with new legislation and with COVID, and all these challenges that are coming up, now's not the time to quit," he said.

Snaza started his law enforcement career in December 1990 working for the City of Napavine. He became a DARE officer during his four-and-a-half years with the department, and through that program, he worked alongside then-Sheriff John McCroskey and sheriff's deputies who were also teaching through the program. Snaza also became part of the Lewis County ProAct Unit, which was operated out of the sheriff's office.

The sheriff's office hired Snaza as a deputy in June 1995, though he still continued working with the DARE program in addition to working on the department's street crimes team and SWAT team. He was promoted to sergeant in 2002 and took to running the sheriff's narcotics enforcement team. He later got involved with the Swift Water Rescue Program and became commander of the Lewis County SWAT team.

During this time, Snaza also served as a commissioner for Lewis County Fire District 5, a position he held for six years.

Snaza became the undersheriff in 2014 and was elected sheriff in 2015.

"It's been a great ride," Snaza said.

Among the biggest issues the Lewis County Sheriff's Office is facing, Snaza said, is figuring out how to address police reform legislation that went into effect last year.

"We cannot rely on Olympia to solve problems that are going on here. And having that open



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Rob Snaza poses for a photo in downtown Centralia.

communication with our local leaders, our legislators and working together ... Those are the challenges that we face. And I think we do a really good job at it," he said.

Snaza said House Bills 1310 and 1054 in particular, along with the State v. Blake decision in the state Supreme Court, have significantly impeded local law enforcement's ability to do its job and have driven away young officers from pursuing law enforcement careers in Washington state.

House Bill 1310 restricted law enforcement's use of physical force. Under the new law, law enforcement can use physical force when necessary to make an arrest or prevent an escape, or when there is "an imminent threat of bodily injury" to the officer, suspect or someone else; but the law directs officers to exhaust all possible deescalation tactics before using force.

House Bill 1054 established requirements for tactics and equipment used by peace officers, including vehicle pursuits. Under the new law, vehicular pursuits are allowed if the subject is an "imminent threat" to the safety of others and if the safety risk of failing to apprehend or identify the subject is greater than the safety risk posed by a vehicle pursuit.

The State v. Blake decision struck down Washington state's drug possession law since it punished offenders regardless of whether or not they knew they had drugs on them. The Legislature's replacement law downgraded possession of a controlled

substance from a Class C felony to a gross misdemeanor.

The laws stemming from House Bills 1310 and 1054 went into effect in June, while the new possession of a controlled substance law went into effect in July.

The Legislature is currently working to amend and clarify the reforms, but Snaza said he doesn't believe the new legislation will undo the damage done by the previous legislation.

"We have to work with that legislation, and try to figure out what we can do to navigate through these challenges. But we're still seeing issues. We're still seeing homelessness. We're still seeing mental health (problems) and drug addiction. So how do we deal with that?" he said.

Snaza referred to the Lewis County Jail as the area's "largest mental health facility," and said his office has worked hard to implement programs within the jail to help people address mental health and substance abuse issues, including counseling services and a medical assistance program.

The ultimate goal is to help everyone who passes through the jail transition back into the community on a pathway to success, Snaza said.

"We always say in the sheriff's office, I say to every employee, if you could change one person's life, would you do it? And the answer is always yes. But how do we do it? It's hard work and how we do business," he said.

About the prospect of a third term, Snaza said, "I'm excited.

We're really excited. There's a lot of things that we've done over the last eight years to move forward. When Sheriff (Steve) Mansfield left, he always said, 'I want to leave this place better than when I got it. And then the next person takes the baton and moves forward,' and so that's the philosophy that we've had."

Snaza commended his staff for how well they solved problems and handled personal stresses caused by COVID-19.

"It was very challenging for us. But the good part was we were all able to come together and come up with some great solutions," he said.

When asked about how his office approaches problem-solving, Snaza said, "We sit down with all of our partners and we come up with a plan. And then we work with that plan."

What sets him apart from his opponent, Centralia Police Sergeant Tracy Murphy? Snaza said, "I would say experience, and I would say the sheriff's office is much different than a police department."

He added that the sheriff's office covers over 2,400 square miles and partners with agencies across the state.

"I don't want to take anything away from being a police officer because they do great stuff. It's just a different task. We do a lot of different things than a police officer does. And to have that experience, and that knowledge, that institutional knowledge is much different than somebody coming out," he said, adding that it's "easy" for someone on the

outside to negatively judge how they're doing business.

"But you don't know unless you ask and I always encourage our community, if you have a question, it's always OK. The one thing about a sheriff is he answers to the public," he said.

Snaza said his position differs from a police officer's because city police answer to their police chief and to local city leadership, such as the city council, while the sheriff's office answers directly to the community.

"I tell people this all the time, you have, as a sheriff, those are your people out there and they can call you directly. They call me all the time, they'll email me, they'll ask questions, and we have to be available," he said.

He added he's grateful the people of Lewis County will be able to choose between two candidates in the upcoming election.

"As sheriff, whether you run as a Republican or whoever, you still represent all of Lewis County. You don't represent one particular individual, individual party or anything. You represent everybody," he said.

Snaza will officially launch his campaign with a kickoff event at the Veteran's Memorial Museum in Chehalis at 7 a.m. on March 25. More information on Snaza's campaign can be found at the Re-elect Rob Snaza for Sheriff Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100058144866874>.

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A previously published article on the candidacy of Tracy Murphy can be found at [chronline.com](https://www.chronline.com).

News in Brief

New WSU Research Could Hold Key to Treating Viruses Like RSV and Even COVID-19

By The Spokesman-Review

A new study by Washington State University researchers

could hold the key to treating respiratory viruses, including RSV and coronaviruses like the one that causes COVID-19.

The research, led by post-doctoral student Kim Chiok, found a relationship between an RSV virus protein and a respiratory cell protein that could explain part of the inflammation that occurs as a result of a respiratory virus

entering the lungs and respiratory tract. The research was published last month in the journal mBio. The team isolated the respiratory syncytial virus, known as RSV, which impacts both infants and older adults the most, leading to hospitalization and sometimes death.

Every year in the United States, RSV leads to 58,000 hos-

pitalizations of children younger than 5 and accounts for 14,000 deaths in adults 65 and older, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

To understand the significance of the team's findings, it's important to understand how respiratory viruses infect cells and cause inflammation.

When respiratory viruses work their way into the lungs, they infect the cells that are in charge of exchanging oxygen. The virus infects the cells, replicates itself and manipulates the immune system, which is trying to control the damage it detects.

Respiratory viruses have different proteins that can manipulate our immune response, and in the case of RSV, those proteins can cause excess inflammation, making it challenging for the immune response to combat the virus.

Chiok and her team were studying a specific viral protein of RSV, called NS2, and its relationship to another protein located in our respiratory cells.

When RSV infiltrates cells, it starts producing NS2 very early in the process, which enables the virus to manipulate the body's immune response.

The WSU study is the first to identify the relationship be-

tween NS2 and a protein inside our respiratory cells, called Beclin1. The study found that when the virus's NS2 proteins come into contact with Beclin1, the interaction exaggerates some of the Beclin1's functions, which include inflammation.

Beclin1 is a part of how inflammation occurs in our bodies, and is an essential component of autophagy, the mechanism by which our bodies can control aspects of our immune response, Chiok said.

If Beclin1 interacting with viral proteins plays a key role in how inflammation occurs when we get respiratory viruses, future research could target treatment to that protein in our respiratory cells, since we all have them. And while the NS2 protein is specific to RSV, all respiratory viruses contain proteins, Chiok said.

"You have nonstructural proteins in all viruses and the same process occurring in all respiratory cells," Chiok said. "And while our study only looks at RSV, we need to take a step back and look at whether this mechanism occurs — and it probably occurs — in other respiratory viruses, like COVID or influenza, because all of them follow the same pathology once they're in the lungs."

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CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT Rape

• A case of rape reported in the 300 block of North Market Boulevard just after 8:35 a.m. on Feb. 24 is under investigation.

Fraud

• Just after 10:10 a.m. on Feb. 24, a caller in the 2500 block of Northeast Kresky Avenue reported a check had been stolen out of a mailbox and cashed in someone else's bank account.

• A case of counterfeiting reported in the 1600 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue at 11:05 p.m. on Feb. 24 is under investigation.

Theft

• A second-degree theft reported in the 500 block of Northwest Quincy Place just after 10:45 a.m. on Feb. 24 is under investigation.

• Corn dogs and donuts were reported stolen from the 100 block of Southwest Interstate Avenue at 1:55 p.m. The two suspects were trespassed from the business. No arrests were made.

• A subject was cited for third-degree theft in the 1400 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue just after 12:20 p.m. on Feb. 25.

• A caller reported they had gotten \$40 in cash out of a check-out machine at a store in the 1600 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue and another customer "grabbed (the money) and stuck it in their machine." No arrests were made.

• A subject was cited for shoplifting in the 1600 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue at 10:35 a.m. on Feb. 27.

Vicious Dog

• A case involving a vicious dog reported in the 400 block of Northeast Adams Avenue at ap-

proximately 2 p.m. on Feb. 24 is under investigation.

Identity Theft

• An identity theft reported in the 1000 block of Southwest Interstate Avenue just before 2:40 p.m. on Feb. 24 is under investigation.

Assault

• A fourth-degree assault reported in the 900 block of Northwest State Avenue at approximately 4:55 p.m. on Feb. 24 is under investigation.

• A subject was cited for fourth-degree assault in the 1900 block of South Market Boulevard at approximately 7 p.m. on Feb. 24. The incident was reported as "road rage," with the subject allegedly following the victim's vehicle before getting out of his vehicle and punching the victim in the face.

• A man reportedly spit in another man's face during a dispute in the 500 block of Southeast Adams Avenue just after 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 26. No arrests were made.

Hit-and-Run

• A hit-and-run was reported in the 10 block of Southwest 11th Street at approximately 11:40 a.m. on Feb. 25.

• A hit-and-run was reported in the 1400 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue just before 6:55 p.m. on Feb. 26.

Trespassing

• A subject who was reportedly smoking meth outside a store in the 600 block of West Main Street just after 10:10 p.m. on Feb. 25 was trespassed from the property. No arrests were made.

• Two subjects were reportedly trespassed from a vacant property in the 1000 block of Northwest Prindle Street just be-

Sirens

fore 11:10 p.m. on Feb. 25.

• A subject was trespassed from a business in the 1600 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue just after 3:55 p.m. on Feb. 27.

CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Crash

• A non-injury, two-vehicle accident was reported in the 1800 block of Harrison Avenue at 12:15 p.m. on Feb. 25.

• A minor, non-injury, two-vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of North Gold and Marion streets just after 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 26.

Shoplifting

• Merchandise was reported stolen from a business in the 1300 block of Lum Road just before 6:35 p.m. on Feb. 25.

• A subject was cited for allegedly stealing items from a store in the 500 block of South Tower Avenue just after 10:20 p.m. on Feb. 25.

• A subject was cited for allegedly stealing alcohol from a store in the 500 block of South Tower Avenue just before 8:05 p.m. on Feb. 26.

• Merchandise was reported stolen from a business in the 1600 block of Harrison Avenue just before 3 p.m. on Feb. 27.

Vehicle Theft

• Just before 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 27, a vehicle was reported stolen from the 600 block of South Silver Street sometime overnight.

• A Centralia man was arrested in the 500 block of South Iron Street just before 11:40 p.m. on Feb. 27 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for taking a motor vehicle without permission.

• At approximately 6:50 a.m. on Feb. 28, a construction vehicle was reported stolen sometime

overnight but was recovered in the 1200 block of Harrison Avenue that morning.

Assault

• A Tacoma man was cited for fourth-degree assault, domestic violence, in the 3200 block of Galvin Road just before 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 25.

• A Centralia man was cited for allegedly getting into a physical altercation with a neighbor and damaging property in the 300 block of East Oakview Avenue at approximately 9:55 p.m. on Feb. 25.

DUI

• Dustin C. Larson, 37, of Chehalis, was arrested in the 100 block of Harrison Avenue just before 2:20 p.m. on Feb. 26 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for allegedly driving under the influence of alcohol.

LEWIS COUNTY JAIL STATISTICS

As of Monday morning, the Lewis County Jail had a total system population of 167 inmates, including 130 in the general population and 37 in the Work Ethic and Restitution Center (WERC). Of general population inmates, 114 were reported male and 16 were reported female. Of the WERC inmates, 32 were reported male and five 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, the Chehalis Police Department can be reached at 360-748-8605 and the Morton Police Department can be reached at 360-496-6636. 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.

News in Brief

The approach reflects a proposal from Sen. Jeff Wilson, R-Longview, who added language in the amendment from a separate Senate bill which did not make it out of a committee.



Sen. Jeff Wilson
R-Longview

"We all recognize we need to address this problem head-on," Wilson said in a news release. "By enacting tough new laws, we give thieves reason to think twice before they crawl under your car with a Sawzall."

The bill would also require the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs to develop a statewide law enforcement strategy targeting metal theft. The strategy would include creating relationships between local law enforcement and scrap metal recyclers, with a focus on deterring unlawful purchases and identifying individuals involved in theft.

A grant and training program would also be created through that same association of law enforcement leaders to help fund police sting operations to catch unlawful sellers in the act.

The grant and training program has yet to be funded, but the chair of the House Transportation Committee, Rep. Jake Fey, D-Tacoma, said in a news release earlier this month he would make sure the transportation budget includes that money.

The legislation comes after a year when residents of Tacoma and Pierce County saw a huge increase in catalytic converter theft. In 2021, the Tacoma Police Department recorded 1,077 catalytic converter thefts, compared to 191 in 2020.

Thieves' ability to steal catalytic converters within minutes

and the fact that car owners often don't discover the theft until hours later make the crime difficult to prosecute. Whether new legislation can bring more thieves to justice remains to be seen.

In the meantime, the scourge of theft continues in Pierce County, with sometimes stark consequences for people with less financial stability. The News Tribune recently spoke with victims, prosecutors and local leaders to find out more about what can be done.

Other provisions of the bill:

• Scrap yards that purchase catalytic converters would be required to verify ownership, keep records of every purchase and obtain copies of sellers' driver's licenses or government-issued photo ID.

• Cash payments for non-ferrous metal purchases would be limited to \$30, with the remainder paid by check. The bill would impose a 3-day waiting period before payment can be made for a used catalytic converter.

• Persons who have attempted to sell a stolen catalytic converter would be added to the state's "no-buy" database.

• Violations of purchasing rules would become a cause of action under the state Consumer Protection Act, punishable by a fine of \$1,000 per catalytic converter.

• Licensed auto wreckers would be exempted from possible felony penalties.

68-Year-Old Man Run Over at Least Twice and Killed at Spanaway Drive-Through

By The News Tribune

A 68-year-old man was de-

liberately run over at least twice in the Spanaway area Friday evening, according to a report from the Pierce County Sheriff's Department.

The incident is being investigated as a homicide.

The initial dispatch call came at 6:28 p.m. Friday, reporting a vehicle versus pedestrian collision at a drive-through restaurant in the 20500 block of Mountain Highway East, the department reported in a statement.

Witnesses told arriving deputies that the victim was in the drive-thru in his own car when a second vehicle struck him from behind. The 68-year-old man stepped out of his car to speak to the other driver, who ran the man over, witnesses said. The driver then pulled out of the restaurant and backed over the man again, according to witnesses.

Deputies and emergency medical technicians from Central Pierce Fire and Rescue provided medical aid, but the man was pronounced dead at the scene.

"This is being investigated as an intentional homicide, not an accident," the department's statement read, asking anyone with information on this please to call 1-800-222-TIPS to leave an anonymous tip through Crime Stoppers.

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Death Notices

• DOMNOR NORENSEN, 44, died Feb. 23 at Providence St. Peter Hospital. A service will be held on March 1 at Indian Shaker Church in Oakville. Arrangements are under the care of Newell Hoerling's Mortuary.

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COMMENTARY: Highlighting Lewis County

Mossyrock Pioneers Remained Patriotic While Enduring Heartache

Last week, I shared the story of Civil War veteran Daniel Shaner who was wounded in the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House and later served as a bodyguard to President Abraham Lincoln as part of the Ninth Regiment of the Veteran Relief Corps.

After the war, he returned to Pennsylvania, married Amanda Rodgers and started a family.

Then, in early 1886, he moved his family west to Washington Territory and settled in the Green River Valley south of Seattle. He established a post office at Christopher, Washington, north of Auburn in the Green River Valley in 1887. He later lived in Slaughter, which was renamed Auburn Feb. 21, 1893, and served as the community's first marshal.

The Pacific Northwest was experiencing anti-Chinese riots when job competition spurred racial attacks that forced 350 Chinese from their homes. During the riots, King County Sheriff William Cochrane appointed Shaner to serve as a deputy and together they quelled trouble in the coal-mining town of New-castle.

"A mob there hanged a man while the sheriff and his deputy were at dinner," Marie Gershick wrote in 1976 in Mossyrock Memories. Later, Cochrane's successor, Sheriff John H. McGraw, appointed Shaner as a deputy, a job he held during the Great Seattle Fire on June 6, 1889, when flames destroyed the city's central business district.

Perhaps seeking a more peaceful life, Shaner moved his family to Lewis County later in 1889 and settled in a log cabin on Klickitat Prairie near Mossyrock, which at that time had one store, a saloon, three dwellings and a lot that sold for \$3.

They lived in a cabin on the old Peabody homestead, what later was known as Graveyard Hill, Gershick wrote. Shaner was a farmer and "dealer in farmlands," according to newspaper articles, and Lewis County Sheriff J.W. Barnett appointed him a deputy sheriff. He served as a delegate to the Republican state convention in Olympia Aug. 10, 1892. He also prospected rivers from the Fraser in Canada to the Cowlitz and found coal oil near Mossyrock and Harmony in 1900, Gershick wrote. And he bought and sold property in Mossyrock and ran a hotel in town. He and his wife lived in town during their senior years, always flying an American flag.

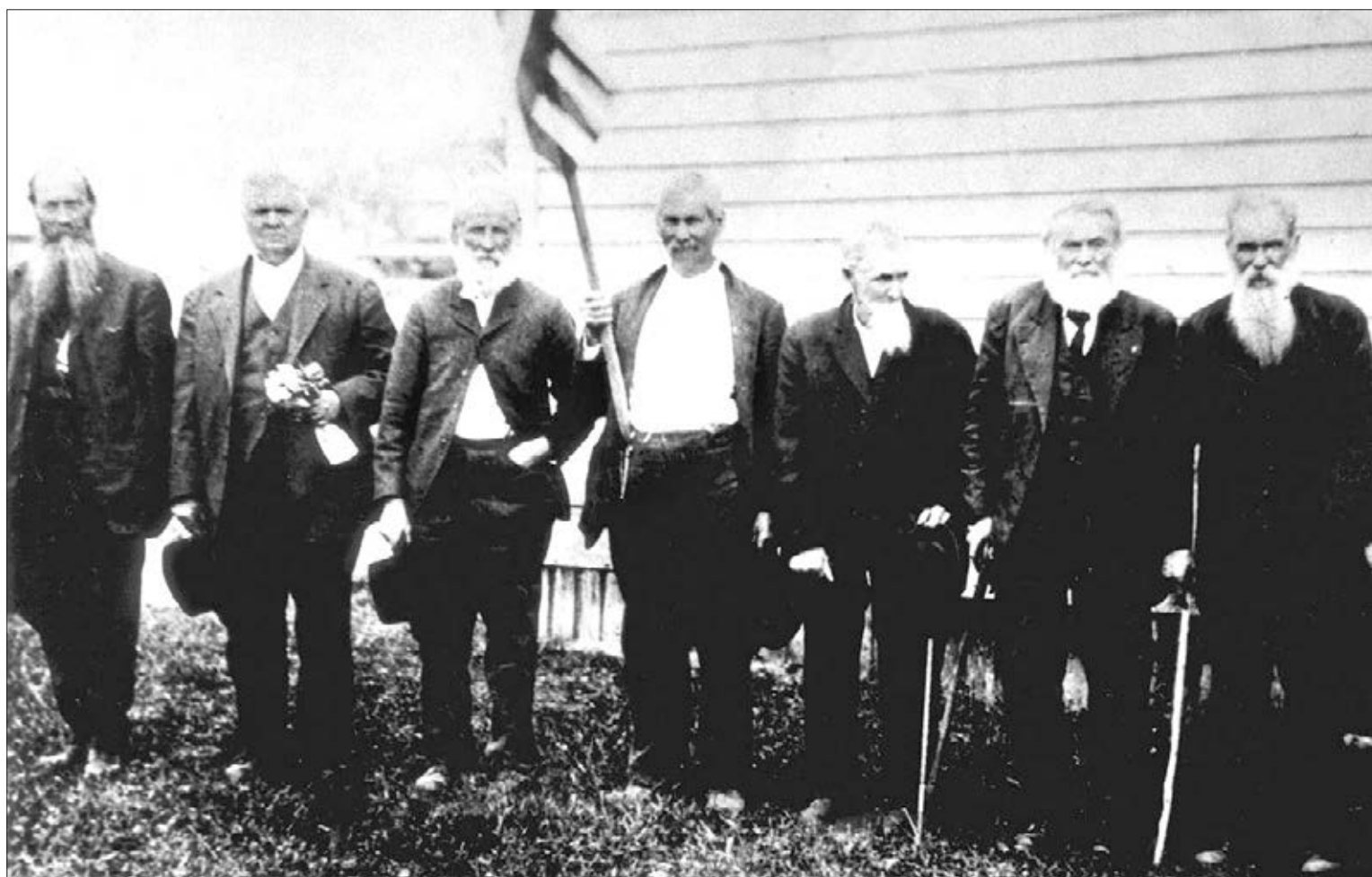
However, life wasn't without its tragedies. The Tacoma Daily Ledger reported July 17, 1905, about a smallpox outbreak in Mossyrock that killed their son, Perry B. "Pat" Shaner, who was 22. His family was quarantined at home for smallpox after relatives from Pennsylvania visited. When Pat arrived home, he insisted on going inside the house.

"He was quarantined there with the others and took the disease," the newspaper reported. "Recently, it developed into a malignant type, and his death resulted."

Seven years later, their 39-year-old son Franklin Anderson Shaner, a blacksmith, died Dec. 23, 1912. I couldn't find his cause of death. But five years



By Julie McDonald



Submitted by Ray Landes

This early 1920s photo shows veterans of the Civil War. Taken in Mossyrock, from left to right, the men are William Young, Si MacFadden, Robert Daniel Silva, Dan Shaner, Robert Amaziah Sparks, Tom Landes and Andrew Jackson Kiser. Silva fought for the South and was in the Battle of Bull Run. Kiser fought for the North with Gen. W.T. Sherman. Both men moved to Ajlune sometime after the war where they became neighbors and friends. From 1893 to 1895, William Young served as the county commissioner from East Lewis County. He had a reputation of holding out for things that would benefit East County residents. Behind his back, William was known by some of the young folk of Mossyrock as "Billy Whiskers," because, while driving his Dodge with its top down, his whiskers would divide on each side of his face. We also see Charles Thomas Landes in this photo. Thomas came west and established a homestead on the east side of Mossyrock. He moved west after his father, a storekeeper, was shot and killed. Between having survived the brutal Civil War, and losing his father, Tom had wanted to start anew — which is what he did. After moving to this area, Tom became a farmer and logger.

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Daniel Shaner

Civil War veteran who settled in Mossyrock area

earlier, in December 1907, he and Grace L. Nelson married. She died during childbirth in August 1909 and their twin sons were stillborn.

In 1916, the Shaners suffered another blow on Christmas Day when their son William, a barber, was murdered by another barber in the Morgan building in Portland. Daniel Shaner carried a revolver in his pocket to the inquest looking into his son's death at the hands of a "surly" man named Marcus M. McCall. Daniel was booked on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. Police confiscated the revolver, and Daniel returned home with the body of his son for interment at the Klickitat Cemetery in Mossyrock.

According to the Dec. 27, 1916, Morning Oregonian, "Coroner Dammasch thought it best to adopt safety first methods last night, particularly when rumors had come to his ear that vengeance for the killing of Shaner was vowed by his father, a pioneer resident of the wilds of Lewis County, Washington. So officers attended the inquest in numbers, and a search disclosed the weapon carried by the elder Shaner."

The article continued, "The man protested that he had no intention of killing anyone and said that he had carried a revolver for 26 years, and that he happened to have it in his pocket from mere force of habit. In the country about Mossyrock, he said, the weapon often came in handy."

After the United States entered World War I in April 1917, their son Charles Alonzo Shaner joined the Army Nov. 1 of that year and, after two weeks at Camp Lewis, traveled to England on the SS Tuscania, landing on Christmas Day. Charles was quarantined, perhaps with the Spanish flu, so his 162nd Company M left for France without him. Later, he was transferred to the 18th Regiment, Company D, where he was gassed by the Germans while fighting at Chateau Thierry in France. After two weeks in the hospital, he returned to the front lines and continued fighting in the Ardennes Forest.

Charles and all but 14 of the men with him died after an Oct. 4, 1918, battle, during which a bursting shell filled with phosgene needles infected with gangrene poison exploded, ac-

ording to Chehalis Bee-Nugget reports. He was wounded in the shoulder, arm and hips, and while treated in a field hospital, asked a nurse, Rose Peabody, to write to his parents, saying "he was wounded but would soon be all right." However, he died Oct. 9, five days after the shell exploded.

The family learned that Charles, 23, had hunkered in the trenches, fighting for 93 days, without a cent of pay and few letters from home. Southwest Washington's 3rd District U.S. Congressman Albert Johnson investigated when 13 letters sent by the family to Charles were returned, unopened. Investigators determined some mistakenly thought he had died Feb. 5, 1918, when a German U-boat torpedoed and sunk the Tuscania while transporting American troops, killing 210.

Several times during the fighting in France, Charles captured German soldiers, according to The Tacoma Daily Ledger, which reported Sept. 3, 1921, that his body was finally returned to the United States.

Daniel Shaner was known far and wide for his "patriotic fervor," according to a Jan. 27, 1922, Chehalis Bee-Nugget article, which said he donated \$5 to the Grant Hodge Post No. 17 of the American Legion in Centralia. He described the Legion post in a letter to the county clerk as "a living monument to many of my good friends who have answered the last roll call and for whom 'taps' and 'lights out' sounded at Centralia."

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to hand this to the proper person to receive it to use in building a memorial building in memory of the noble young men who were murdered by I.W.W. traitors to our flag and country."

During his later years, the old Union soldier liked to show visitors the American and French medals for gallantry in action bestowed on his son, Charles, including the Croix de Guerre. He told a visitor in the spring of 1919 that he never liked the brass buttons on his Union uniform and always kept them blackened. He showed off a bullet that tore through his arm during the Civil War, an old Army musket he carried and fixed, shoes he wore when wounded, a cartridge belt and an old faded blue Army cap.

Daniel and Amanda Shaner celebrated their golden anniversary March 12, 1922, in the basement of the old Mossyrock High School on the hill. About 70 people attended, including their surviving nine children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Among the gifts presented to the couple were a leather upholstered rocking chair, a gold-plated bread tray, a percolator, a large rug for their living room and a large portrait of Abraham Lincoln, the president who Shaner helped protect. Amanda Shaner gave each of her children a bedspread she had crocheted.

After 36 years in Mossyrock, Daniel Shaner died at home after a paralytic stroke on July 26, 1926. He was 81. His wife, Amanda Jane Shaner, died July 20, 1935. She was a member of the Methodist Church and the American Legion auxiliary as well as a Gold Star mother affectionately known to friends as "Grandma Shaner." She was survived by two sons, six daughters, 22 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

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Sorry, Mr. Kent, But the Time for ‘Dialogue’ With Putin Has Passed

The Chronicle Editorial Board

Every public opinion survey taken lately shows that a majority of Americans believe our country is on the wrong track. We are frustrated with COVID-19 and the government’s response, Afghanistan, Ukraine, rising inflation and more.

At a time like this, it’s easy to lose sight of the fact that our nation has made many good choices in the past and that those choices have contributed positively to our lives today. It’s easy to forget that we still live in the most prosperous, multicultural society in the history of humanity.

What made the U.S. so successful?

The first answer is the work ethic and creativity of generations of Americans. Our Constitution is another answer. Our Constitution is based on protecting individual liberty and free commerce. Freedom works. Freedom breeds peace and prosperity. For generations, it has

Our Views

been America’s policy to support freedom here and abroad. Repressive governments, whether they be communist, fascist, socialist or dictatorships, breed war and poverty.

“America First” is a political slogan today. In our view, supporting freedom here and abroad remains the best America First policy. Freedom here and abroad benefits America and American families as well as people of other countries.

When the Russian dictator Vladimir Putin directed his military to invade the sovereign nation of Ukraine, which is led by a democratically elected government, it didn’t take most Americans long to understand which side we should come down on.

It is in our interest to support freedom and to oppose military conquest by dictators.

If the Russian invasion is successful, a wider war is pos-

sible as bordering nations are at risk. If Putin’s aggression here is rewarded, he will be tempted to invade again. Controlling Ukraine will give Putin control of another significant source of the international oil market.

Does the Russian invasion of Ukraine call for an American declaration of war or the sending of U.S. troops into the fighting? Not in our view, but it does call for a strong response by America.

We were surprised this week to see a Republican candidate for Congress, Joe Kent, opposing sanctions and instead proposing that, “We should be looking for every single opportunity we have to dialogue with (Russian President Vladimir) Putin and offer him a(n) off-ramp.”

Likewise, Vermont Socialist Sen. Bernie Sanders said this month we should be looking for “a diplomatic solution.”

Putin has already launched the invasion. Russian bombs are falling on Ukrainian families

and communities. Russian tanks and soldiers are moving across Ukraine. Sorry, Mr. Kent, but the time for “dialogue” with Putin has passed.

When Hitler took Austria, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain’s response was to have more dialogue with Hitler. Then, Hitler took Czechoslovakia and Chamberlain asked for more dialogue. Hitler wanted Poland next. Then he launched his blitzkrieg on Poland. Even as the bombs were falling on Warsaw and the German army tanks rolled through the Polish countryside, Chamberlain was still looking for more dialogue with Hitler.

Dialogue with Hitler didn’t work. Weakness led to more death and war. The weak response of the democracies led to a preventable world war.

Kent and Sanders share a negative view of decades of American history and foreign policy.

We do not agree with the

view of Kent and Sanders. The time for diplomacy was before Russia sent its bombs, tanks and troops into Ukraine.

Kent said that America has no national security interest in Ukraine. In the coming months when gas prices hit \$5 per gallon if Putin gains control of Ukrainian oil production, we wonder if Kent will still say we have no interest? Beyond dollars, it has been and should be America’s interest whenever free people are invaded by aggressive dictators. Many times we have successfully supported freedom in other nations without sending U.S. troops or being drawn into war ourselves.

We proved we can do this when, after decades of cold war conflict with Russia, through steady pressure and support for the democracies surrounding Russia, freedom won without the U.S. being drawn into a shooting war.

We believe that this again is the right response to the Russian dictator’s invasion of Ukraine.

There’s Never Been a Better Time for State to Provide Tax Relief

The mountain of money keeps getting bigger.

In mid-February, state officials released the latest economic forecast, and it showed revenue up again, this time to the tune of \$2.8 billion.

That’s on top of multiple previous forecasts showing strong growth.

Between the surging state treasury and a \$2.1 billion drop in the cost of continuing services, lawmakers now have roughly \$14 billion surplus to work with as they enter the final days of the legislative session, not counting billions in one-time federal relief funds and state reserves.

All of this means there has never been a better time for



By Kris Johnson

Guest Commentary

budget writers to be champions for the economy and to provide needed tax relief and support for Washington employers and employees.

Washington isn’t unique among the states. The pandemic era has been surprisingly good for state tax revenues, and governors and legislators throughout the country — both Democrats and Republicans — are looking at ways they might cut taxes and give some of that revenue back to the taxpayers.

The website Stateline reported that in Illinois, Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker wanted to freeze the gas tax for a year, suspend grocery taxes for a year and give property owners a refund up to \$300. Lawmakers in New York, Maryland, South Carolina, Mississippi, Connecti-

cut, New Mexico and Iowa, to name a few others, were also debating various forms of tax cuts.

Here in Washington, lawmakers have introduced some tax relief bills this year, but it’s not clear which if any will be adopted by the time lawmakers adjourn March 10. The proposals include Senate Bill 5957, which would cut the business and occupation (B&O) tax for manufacturers roughly in half. Given unanimous passage last year of a bill calling on the state to double the manufacturing sector in Washington in 10 years, it would be an especially timely move.

“Now is the year to do it,” said the bill’s sponsor Sen. Mark Mullet, D-Issaquah.

Other tax relief proposals include Senate Bill 5932, which would reduce the state’s sales tax by a full 1%, and Senate Bill 5769, which would eliminate the B&O

tax for manufacturing, repeal the capital gains tax and offer significant property tax relief.

Finding a way to give some of the state’s surplus back to employers would allow employers to reinvest in their businesses and create jobs. And for some small businesses, it could be a lifeline.

While it’s true that the last two years have been good times for the state treasury and for some businesses, that’s by no means a universal experience. Some employers — especially small businesses — have experienced severe hardship, moving from early-pandemic lockdowns and closures to limited reopening followed closely by labor shortages, supply chain disruptions, new variants and now rising inflation.

One of the few bright spots of the last two years is how well the state budget has fared

during this time. This means that lawmakers have a unique opportunity to use a portion of the state’s surplus to help those who have been hardest hit and to make smart investments that will position the economy to really take off.

Going into this year’s legislative session, Washington was on a three-year taxing streak that saw lawmakers raise 22 different taxes that will generate \$40 billion over 10 years.

Now, in the final days of the session, lawmakers have the opportunity to not only bring the streak to an end, but to reverse it. There’s still time — in fact, there’s never been a better time — to be champions for the economy.

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

Teachers of Faith Should Leave Public School System

This is an appeal to public school teachers who know Christ and respect the authority of the Bible in faith and practice. It’s a plea to those educators who are struggling to reconcile the now mandated teaching of twisted sexual concepts and critical race theory with their faith convictions. It’s an exhortation to those mentoring young minds who would like the freedom to present ideas in keeping with their understanding of what is good and right and true according to God’s word.

From the pen of the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 6:16-17, “What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God ... Therefore, come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.”

I know you have desired to be light and salt in the context of public education, but the state has tied your hands and now you are an unwilling participant in a systematic effort to separate our young people from any notion that there are moral absolutes which transcend time and culture.

It’s time to use your training and your gifts in a setting where what you are teaching doesn’t violate your conscience. It’s time for you to get out of public education and explore options in private Christian schools. Large numbers of concerned parents everywhere are pulling their children out of public education environments and putting them in Christian schools or even homeschooling them because of the inappropriate content of state mandated curriculum.

I know that doing what I am suggesting would separate you from a generous paycheck, great benefits and a comfortable re-



tirement plan. I understand your standard of living would suffer. I understand it may mean having to move your family. I understand what a hard decision that would be. But I also understand how much better you will feel about yourself if you made that decision. Jesus said in Matthew 6:24, “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

HARRY TRENT
Centralia

Kudos to Centralia Police Chief and All Officers Who Protect Us

I would like to commend the Centralia police chief for the swift firing of the officers who neglected their duty while allegedly having lunch.

That kind of behavior by police officers does not inspire a lot of respect, because let’s face it, it has got to be one of the most difficult jobs to do correctly, under the best of circumstances.

I respect and admire the job that they do and for the most part they do a terrific job in what is usually an adverse situation or

event. So instead of complaining and reiterating the bad things I would like to give kudos to the people out there wearing a uniform and making us safe and proud not just to be an American but to be a human being.

Thank you for putting your life on the line on behalf of the rest of us!

Sincerely,

VALERIE KAY BURNS
Centralia

Our History Books After 9/11 Won’t Be Worth Reading

I push as often as I can for people to read history, any history. But the history that will be written about 21st century America will not be worth reading.

It will start out with the Twin Towers on Sept. 11, 2001. But what value are the details of two huge buildings crumbling on national television? A plane hits, another plane hits, fires start, people jump out windows, one building folds like a house of cards, and then the other. A memorial is built. People forget all about it.

After that, our brand-new

history book will move into an unending binge of scandals surrounding the wealthy, sexual harassment in leadership circles, racial murders by police, anarchist movements against public health law, coup attempts and daily acts of aggression of our own ignorant people against one another over school issues, facial fashion, athletic contests. No positive lessons here, just one great big sign the nation itself is collapsing like the towers did.

Are our great grandchildren really going to want to read about a President and Congress who did nothing but cut down on cash transfers to Russian autocrats while Europe exploded into a great world war?

KIMBALL SHINKOSKEY
Formerly of Lewis County

Quoth the Donald, ‘Forever More’

The discussion about Russia interfering in what the Republicans gleefully label as this country’s last free and fair election resulted in the winner of the Electoral College vote (not the popular) weighing in on the matter.

“I have great confidence in my intelligence people, but I will tell you that President Putin was extremely strong and powerful in his denial today ... “I have President Putin; he just said it’s not Russia. I will say this: I don’t see any reason why it would be.”

In short, Trump stated that he believes Putin’s denials above his own intelligence community. Fair enough (I guess).

Skip to the present. Putin’s denials of plans to invade Ukraine were also “extremely strong and powerful;” we were told that we should “stop spreading such nonsense ... hysteria fairy tales.”

As Putin’s “extremely strong and powerful” denials have only served to prove that our intel-

ligence organizations have been correct all along, do we now have a disillusioned and embarrassed Donald Trump?

Quite the contrary. Quoth The Donald: forever more.

Trump strongly stated before that he had no reason to disbelieve Putin — and now calls him a genius for lying.

“I said, ‘This is genius.’ Putin declares a big portion of the Ukraine — of Ukraine — Putin declares it as independent. Oh, that’s wonderful ... He (Putin) used the word ‘independent’ and ‘we’re gonna go out and we’re gonna go in and we’re gonna help keep peace.’ You gotta say that’s pretty savvy.” — Donald Trump.

Yep, lying is genius and savvy. Mr. Trump, I believe you’ve also referred to yourself in the same manner.

DENNIS SHAIN
Centralia

Canadian Protesters Treated Unfairly

The prime minister of Canada has gone too far.

So far, he has arrested 300 peaceful protesters using extreme force including beatings, police on horses, stomping down on people, breaking truckers’ windows, arresting elderly and women, threatening to take protesters’ children and pets and freezing protesters’ bank accounts.

We need to make sure the truckers and protesters in the U.S. take out their savings from banks so they don’t do like the prime minister of Canada.

All the protesters and truckers in Canada want is their freedom. Our truckers bring food, medicine and supplies. It would be nice if somehow Canada truckers could still send food to us but somehow stop food for the prime minister.

LIBBY DRASKOVICH
Lewis County

Cowlitz Coast Salish Language Being Brought Back With Online Dictionary, Weekend Classes

By Brennen Kauffman
The Daily News

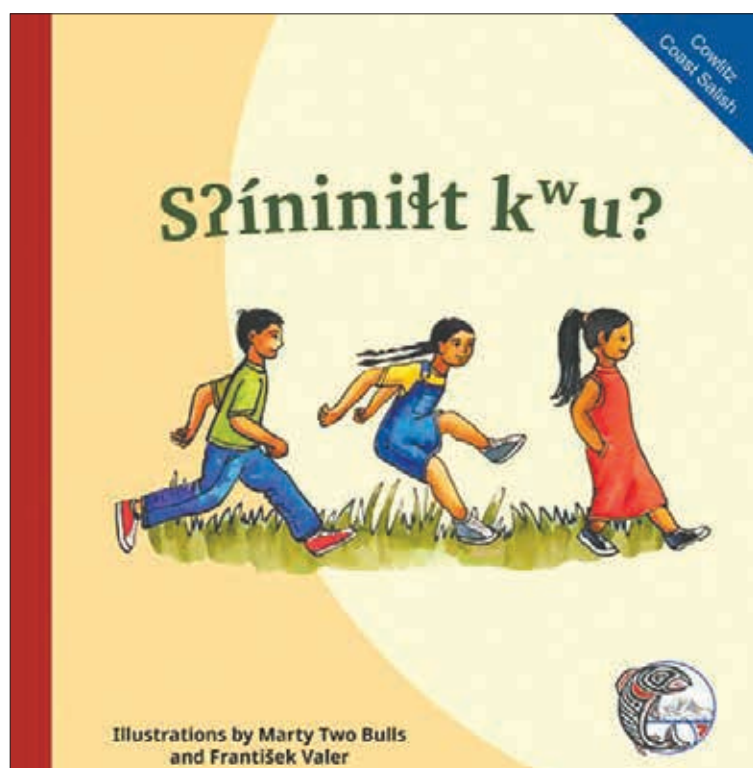
It's been nearly 50 years since the Cowlitz Coast Salish language went extinct. The Cowlitz Indian Tribe is working to revive it and so far, they're seeing success.

The tribe debuted the first major set of results from a three-year partnership with The Language Conservancy at a Feb. 12 event. The tribe announced an alphabet book and two picture books to introduce the language to Cowlitz children and an online and mobile dictionary with more than 3,000 words. Weekend lessons for adults interested in the language have been running for several months.

The new uses are all the more impressive considering how far the language had fallen out of use. Language Conservancy experts had to rely on recorded interviews from the 1960s to get a sense of what Cowlitz was meant to sound like. It was the first time the Language Conservancy had to fully reconstruct a language without the benefit of a fluent living speaker.

Snippets of those original recordings live on in the online dictionary as the example pronunciations for people to listen to. "You can click on a word and hear how to pronounce it from our late elder's voices. That's so amazing and really brings out the ability to bring the language back to life," said Rita Asgeirsson, cultural resource director for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe.

The Language Conservancy is a nonprofit working to revitalize the use of Indigenous languages that are extinct or at risk of going extinct. The conservancy works with dozens of tribes in



The covers of early reader books written in Cowlitz Coast Salish language by the Cowlitz Indian Tribe and The Language Conservancy.

the United States, Canada and Australia to preserve traditional ways of speaking.

Conservancy president Wil Meya said all the work that's been done so far hopefully will lay the groundwork to produce new proficient speakers in younger generations.

"As people learn that this language is learnable and doable, they'll get more experienced and become more advanced and put more effort in. But of course, the resources have to be there first," Meya said.

The Loss of Cowlitz Coast Salish

Cowlitz Coast Salish is far from the only Native American language that has withered or died off.

Only half of the languages spoken in the United States before Europeans arrived still exist, according to the Endangered Languages Project. Many of the ones still around are in danger of disappearing.

The last major work done to preserve the Cowlitz Coast Salish was done by M. Dale Kinkade, a University of Kansas linguist who was born in Washington and specialized in the study of Salish languages. In the 1960s, Kinkade interviewed two of the remaining Cowlitz Tribe members who were fluent in the language, Emma Mesplie and Lucy James.

Asgeirsson said after the tribe earned federal recognition and established the reservation in Clark County, they started looking for the next set of priorities.

"The language came out as one of those all-important aspects of our history that impact all aspects of Cowlitz culture," Asgeirsson said.

Those recordings formed the basis of the "Cowlitz Dictionary and Grammatical Sketch" Kinkade published in 2004 and the work done by the Language Conservancy. An article in the International Journal of American Linguistics about Kinkade's dictionary said his work "represents the sum total of our knowledge of Cowlitz."

Meya said the experts went through nearly 100 hours of tape to build the current dictionary and books and preserved audio clips for around 2,000 individual words and a range of phrases and sentences.

The Salish group of Native American languages can be notoriously hard to learn. The Cowlitz alphabet has 42 letters, several of which Asgeirsson said take "a lot of motion in the mouth and throat." Cowlitz has different pronunciations for the letters c (sounds like the 'ts' in cats, according to the Cowlitz online dictionary) and c' (the same sound but with a sharp pop).

Tribe leaders also face the issue of adapting the language to 2022. Meya said creating new words or adapting now-common English terms was an evolution that was especially tough for languages that have not been actively used for generations.

"There are tens of thousands of new words that need to be coined for the things you want to talk about in a modern context," Meya said.

Helping Tribe Members Become 'Culturally Cohesive'

The Cowlitz Indian tribe is taking multiple approaches to getting Cowlitz Coast Salish back into use.

The alphabet books and early reader books are part of the program focused on raising Cowlitz children with a familiarity of the language. In addition to the two current books, Asgeirsson said the tribe plans to eventually build a library of 100 children's books that will be provided at the tribe's child care centers and Head Start programs.

"Language provides the cultural instruction, the morals, the ethics, the values," Asgeirsson said. "So the sooner you start with kids, the more culturally cohesive a person can be brought up."

For older members, the Cowlitz tribe has been holding a series of virtual language learning weekends for the last two months. They work Saturdays and Sundays to practice speaking in Cowlitz Coast Salish, using the Language Conservancy work as a baseline.

Asgeirsson said after the first run of classes, there were around 25 people who had shown significant affinity for Coast Salish and who had the time to dedicate to learning it. Those learners were placed on an advanced track to move toward being the first set of proficient Cowlitz speakers. The initial cohort of speakers will help teach the language to other members of the tribe and help create video lessons and new recordings for the dictionary.

The written and spoken language may also enter classrooms across Southwest Washington. The state's "Since Time Immemorial" curriculum requires lessons about the history of Washington's Native American tribes with significant input from the tribes in the area. The Cowlitz Indian Tribe is working with 24 school districts to teach local tribal history, including their original names and descriptions for features of the land.

"Something really important is making sure we norm seeing the written language, seeing the imagery and the history of the tribe," Asgeirsson said.

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There's a Whole Lot of Razor Clam Digging on Tap

By Wyatt Haupt Jr.
The Daily World

The beaches are brimming with mollusks and that calls for another round of razor clam digging in Grays Harbor County and neighboring Pacific County into early March.

Shellfish managers with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife said Tuesday, Feb. 22, that the next round of digging will take place as planned through March 4.

"Exceptionally abundant razor clam populations continue to provide good digging for a lot of diggers," said Dan Ayres, coastal shellfish manager for the Department of Fish and Wildlife, in a statement on Tuesday. "With this weekend's afternoon low tides, there is no excuse to not get out for some great razor clamming."

Diggers are reminded that the daily limit has reverted to the standard 15 razor clams. A daily limit, as per state law, consists of the first 15 clams dug up regardless of size or condition. Additionally, each digger's clams must be kept in a separate container.

The following digs during late afternoon and evening low tides will proceed after marine toxin results from the Washington Department of Health showed that razor clams are safe to eat.



Clams are pictured in nets along with a shovel in this photograph from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

- Tuesday, March 1, 5:50 p.m.; p.m.; -0.5 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors and Mocrocks.
 - Friday, March 4, 7:42 p.m.; 0.0 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors and Mocrocks.
 - Wednesday, March 2, 6:30 p.m.; -0.8 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors and Copalis.
 - Thursday, March 3, 7:07 p.m.; -0.5 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors and Mocrocks.
- "Not all beaches are open for every dig, so diggers are encouraged to make sure their intended destination is open before heading out," the Department of Fish and Wildlife said in a statement. "Diggers should also continue to respect coastal communities and residents by following local and

state health guidelines. "The most successful digging occurs between one and two hours before the listed time of low tide. No digging is allowed before noon during digs when low tide occurs in the afternoon or evening."

The Department of Fish and Wildlife also announced a series of tentative clam digs for spring. Those clam dig dates, which are pending final marine toxin testing, are tentatively scheduled from March 16 through April 30.

All diggers age 15 or older must have an applicable fishing license to harvest razor clams on any beach. Licenses, ranging from a three-day razor clam license to an annual combination fishing license or a Fish Washington license, are available from WDFW's licensing website at fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/login, and from hundreds of license vendors around the state. WDFW recommends buying your license before visiting coastal beach communities for this razor clam season.

Details on these and future digs can be found at wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/shellfishing-regulations/razor-clams.

To learn more about razor clam abundance, population densities at various beaches, and how seasons are set, visit wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/shellfishing-regulations/razor-clams#management.

Washington Senator Apologizes for Remarks About Oregon Governor

By The Seattle Times

Sen. Marko Liias, D-Lynnwood, apologized Friday after making what he said were "unkind and disrespectful and inappropriate comments about the governor of Oregon."

"As chair of the Transportation Committee, I have an obligation to represent all of us well, and I failed in that task," he said on the floor of the Senate.

Speaking to conservative radio host John Carlson on Thursday, Liias lashed out at Gov. Kate Brown, who earlier in the week published an op-ed against a proposed tax on fuel being exported from Washington state.

"The fact that she dares say a word is just a joke," Liias told Carlson, pointing to the benefits reaped by Oregon from Washington residents who cross the Columbia River to work and pay income taxes. "I mean, this governor down in Oregon is living in fantasyland. She's in the last few months of her term. She's losing relevance. She's a lame duck. Obviously, she's grasping for something to stay in the headlines as her successor's being elected."

Liias said Friday he'd reached out personally to apologize to Brown for the comments.

The 6-cent-per-gallon tax, which is estimated to raise \$2 billion over the next 16 years, would be a major revenue source for Washington Democrats' proposed \$16.8 billion transportation package. As chair of the Transportation Committee, Liias is the package's primary sponsor in the Senate.

The funding measure would spend billions on highways projects and maintenance, transit access, removing fish barriers, building new ferryboats and more.

Washington residents currently pay 49 cents per gallon in state taxes, but fuel exported from the state has been exempt from that tax.

The proposed tax has raised the hackles of neighboring states. Lawmakers in Alaska have threatened retaliatory taxes on fish, moorage and crude oil. Idaho legislators said they would "take any and all actions necessary to block this new tax." Two Oregon Republicans said they would walk away from the joint committee responsible for planning a replacement for the portion of I-5 over the Columbia River.

In her op-ed, Brown called on Washington Gov. Jay Inslee to shelve the tax. "Oregon will not stand for taxation levied by Washington leaders with no con-

sultation with our state government, our business community or our residents," Brown wrote.

On Friday, Oregon lawmakers stepped up their opposition. Brown, with the leaders of both the Democratic and Republican caucuses, called on Washington legislators to remove the tax from the overall package, saying it could hurt progress on completing the I-5 crossing.

"If this tax moves forward,

not only will our states' relations be strained, but we will both be caught up in lengthy and costly legal battles," they said in a letter to Washington legislators.

Democrats, so far, have stuck by the tax. The revenue portion of the transportation package cleared the Senate last week along party lines. It also narrowly survived the House Transportation Committee.

Liias said in a text message

Friday, "for my part we are in good shape and awaiting House floor action in the next few days."

Washington has five refineries in the state that have the capacity to process over 600,000 barrels of oil per calendar day, according to the Energy Information Administration, making it the fifth largest refiner in the country. Oregon and Idaho don't refine any oil. Alaska, which is among the most petroleum-reliant states in the

country, refined 164,000 barrels in 2021. All three states, plus California, import fuel from Washington. Oregon relies on Washington for 90% of its fuel.

Democrats have argued that the tax on exported fuels is a modest sum that spreads out the environmental burden left by the state's refineries.

State Republicans have remained united in their opposition to the tax.

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Veterans Advocate Challenges Sen. Patty Murray

ELECTION: Republican Tiffany Smiley Has Raised More Than \$2.5 Million Since Declaring Candidacy

By Jim Brunner

The Seattle Times

Tiffany Smiley has never held elected office, or even run for one, but in 2022 she's taking on one of Washington state's most powerful politicians.

Smiley, a veterans advocate from Pasco in southeast Washington, has emerged as the likely Republican challenger to U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, the Democrat who is seeking a sixth term this fall.

Since declaring her candidacy last April, Smiley has raised more than \$2.5 million — five times the amount raised by Murray's 2016 challenger, former state GOP Chair Chris Vance, during his entire campaign.

She's been endorsed by national Republican leaders looking to expand the midterm map, taking advantage of inflation angst and President Joe Biden's weak approval ratings in an effort to win back a Senate majority.

As a political newcomer, Smiley's chief task is to boost her own name recognition while convincing voters that Murray's long Senate tenure has put her out of touch with ordinary people.

"Patty Murray has been in office for almost 30 years. I was 11 years old in Washington state when she was first elected and it's time for change," Smiley said in an interview last week as she swung through the Seattle area to help train campaign volunteers.

Smiley, 40, is a former nurse whose life was forever altered in 2005, when her husband and high school sweetheart, Scotty, was severely wounded by a suicide bomber while on an Army deployment to Iraq. Shrapnel left him permanently blinded.

Smiley, then 23, quit her job to become a full-time caregiver and advocate for her husband, battling a sometimes maddening military bureaucracy and going on to push for better medical care for all served by Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals.

Scotty Smiley went on to be the first blind active duty Army officer, and the couple built a motivational-speaking business out of their experiences. She met with then-President Donald Trump in 2017 to offer advice on improving the VA.

Smiley says those experiences, as well as her role as a concerned mother to three boys, qualify her to represent Washington in the U.S. Senate, portraying herself as a common sense problem-solver.

"I have a track record of taking on hard challenges and working with a variety of people to accomplish the mission," she said.

Murray, 71, was first elected



Greg Gilbert / The Seattle Times

Tiffany Smiley, a Republican from Pasco who is running for U.S. Senate against incumbent Democratic U.S. Senator Patty Murray, poses for a photo on Thursday.

to the Senate in 1992 and has risen to become its sixth most senior member and third-ranking Democrat. She chairs the powerful Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions and sits on the Appropriations Committee, allowing her to direct billions of dollars in federal spending to Washington.

Asked whether Washington state benefits from Murray's clout, Smiley said, "I'm very positive I could do the same for Washington. I'm not here to take anything away. I'm here to add to Washington."

In highlighting her fight for veterans care, Smiley is taking on an issue that Murray has also championed for decades.

In 2018, Smiley praised Murray's veterans work in a pair of Facebook posts, posing with her in a photo, and calling her support of veteran caregivers "truly remarkable!" The posts have since been deleted or hidden. In the interview, Smiley said, "I'll work with anyone to advance a cause for our veterans."

Smiley has so far campaigned on broad themes with few specifics.

She argues Murray has grown aloof and even invisible to most Washingtonians. The state's senior senator has been known for shunning in-person town halls even before the COVID-19 pandemic, preferring more controlled events with friendly audiences.

"We need to get back to the real grassroots and a senator for the people, and not just siding with Joe Biden every time," Smiley said.

Smiley slams Murray and other Democrats for the recent spike in inflation — the highest in four decades — saying it is eating away at family budgets.

In a statement through her campaign, Murray said she goes to work in Washington, D.C., "thinking constantly about what I can do to lower costs for people in Washington state and give them some breathing room, whether it's a young family just getting started in Tacoma or a senior living on a fixed income in Spokane.

"That's why I fought to pass one of the largest middle-class tax cuts in history just last year, it's why I am still fighting to dramatically lower costs for things like child care, health coverage, and prescription drugs."

Smiley says Democrats have led an irresponsible spending binge, pointing to the national debt that has topped \$30 trillion. She opposes the Democrats' stalled "Build Back Better" plan, which would direct \$2 trillion to an array of child care, climate and social programs.

But Smiley declined to name any current federal program or area of spending she would cut, and at times talked about expanding government aid for the benefit of schoolchildren. She also said she wants to cut taxes.

Democrats are already working to paint Smiley as too extreme, linking her to Trump and hammering at her views on abortion.

In October, Smiley told reporters she backed a controversial Texas law banning virtually all abortions, and allowing pri-

vate citizens to sue doctors or anyone assisting in an abortion, according to a report in The Hill.

Smiley took a different position last week, saying in the interview she does not support the Texas law, which "went completely overboard."

Smiley said she is personally against abortion but suggested the topic was not relevant to the Senate race because Washington voters had long ago backed legal protections for abortion rights.

In a statement, Tina Podlowski, chair of the state Democratic Party, said national Republicans "are pushing Tiffany Smiley on us so they can flip the Senate for Mitch McConnell and push their extreme agenda ..."

Smiley faces an uphill battle running as a Republican in a state where the party has been largely shut out of statewide races for decades.

Washington has not sent a Republican to the U.S. Senate since Slade Gorton was defeated by Maria Cantwell in 2000. The party hasn't won a gubernatorial race here since 1980. And with Secretary of State Kim Wyman's departure for a job in the Biden administration, there are no Republicans holding statewide elected office.

Podlowski said she's "very confident" that Murray can weather a political storm, as she did in 2010 by beating Republican challenger Dino Rossi amid the Tea Party backlash to President Barack Obama. Murray's campaign has a big cash advantage, starting the year with \$7 million in the bank, to Smiley's \$1.7 million.

Still, there are signs the race could be close if a midterm backlash hits Democrats hard enough.

"[Smiley] is the most credible, and best financed challenger we have had running for U.S. Senate in a long time," said state Republican Party Chair Caleb Heimlich, in an emailed statement.

The race was shifted from "safe Democratic" to "likely Democratic" last week by Sabato's Crystal Ball, the respected political analysis and handicapping newsletter published by the University of Virginia, which cited polling as well as Smiley's "uplifting life story."

A poll this month found Murray with 50% support to 41% for Smiley, with 9% undecided. The statewide poll of 700 likely 2022 voters was conducted by Public Policy Polling for the Northwest Progressive Institute.

A Crosscut/Elway poll of 400 registered voters in January suggested an even tighter race, with Murray leading Smiley 42% to 39%, and 19% undecided.

"I think she has the chance to run a competitive race," said longtime Republican political consultant Randy Pepple. "The political environment this year favors the message she is trying to deliver."

With months to go before the official candidate filing deadline in May, the Senate candidate field could still shift. Several lesser-known candidates have filed paperwork with the Federal Election Commission, but none has raised more than \$13,000.

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lawful imprisonment domestic violence, first-degree assault of a child domestic violence, third-degree assault of a child, first-degree criminal mistreatment domestic violence, and tampering with a witness.

In setting the bail amount, Kortokrax reasoned there existed a danger Morrill will commit a violent crime and seek to intimidate a witness or interfere in the case. He also barred her from contacting her three children, her partner and any minor children.

Anthony Nicholas Chernysheff, Morrill's 35-year-old partner, also has been accused of first-degree criminal mistreatment. He is being held in Thurston County jail in lieu of \$50,000.

Kortokrax cited the same

reasons for setting Chernysheff's bail as he did for Morrill's bail. Olympia police arrested Morrill and Chernysheff on Tuesday following an investigation into the Feb. 2 injury of their child.

Both are slated to be back in court for their arraignments on March 8.

A probable cause statement describes the investigation into the alleged abuse from the perspective of law enforcement.

Olympia police responded to a report of an unresponsive child in the 800 block of Seventh Avenue Southeast on Feb. 2.

Once they arrived, they found a very small child laying on the ground unclothed. Morrill and Chernysheff were present along with two other children who were fully dressed, according to the release.

First responders found vital signs on the child and transported him to Seattle Children's Hospital. Morrill reportedly told police the child fell in the bathroom as the family was getting ready in the morning.

However, police noticed bruises and cuts across the

child's entire body. The statement describes the child as pale and extremely thin.

Detectives later spoke with a doctor who reported that the child's weight had dropped from 35 pounds in November to 24 pounds by the time he reached the hospital.

The child was severely malnourished and dehydrated, the doctor reportedly told detectives. Even before the child's most recent injury, the doctor told detectives he likely needed medical attention.

The doctor also told detectives the child suffered blunt force trauma to the head, an injury consistent with the child being thrown at least twice, according to the statement.

As a result of the head trauma, the statement says, the child suffered a brain bleed and stroke that would likely result in brain death.

In an interview with detectives, the statement alleges Morrill initially denied any abuse that caused the child's injuries. When confronted, she allegedly admitted to being "rough" with the

child when she disciplined him.

She also allegedly told detectives she sometimes confined the child to the bathroom for long periods of time and withheld food from him as a form of punishment.

Detectives also interviewed Chernysheff who initially corroborated Morrill's initial explanation. However, the statement says he later told detectives he was not truthful after learning the child would likely die.

Chernysheff reportedly told detectives Morrill physically abused the child, according to the statement. The day of the incident, he alleged Morrill forcefully slammed the child into a playpen for not getting dressed in the morning.

Following the alleged assault, the child became unresponsive, and Morrill attempted to revive him with cold water. Chernysheff eventually decided to call 911 despite an initial protest from Morrill, per the statement.

In the interview, Chernysheff allegedly admitted he knew the child was being abused and failed to intervene.

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Team on standby. The team is a collaborative effort between the Lewis County Sheriff's Office and other agencies.

Elsewhere in Lewis County, the Newaukum River is forecast to crest just under the moderate flooding category near midday Tuesday. Other parts of the Chehalis River Basin, including the Chehalis River at Centralia, are predicted to enter the action stage on Tuesday.

There is also a flood watch issued for Thurston County. Minor flooding is forecast for the Skookumchuck at Bucoda and the Chehalis River near Grand Mound, both are set to crest after noon Tuesday.

"It's a combination of both heavy rain and to some degree the snowmelt in the mountains does contribute to it," said Dustin Guy, a meteorologist with the NWS Seattle office. "The two together really pushes the rivers up. ... As long as this heavy rain continues, we will continue to see the rivers rise."

Asked whether U.S. Highway 12 is likely to be inundated with flood water if the Cowlitz enters the major flood category, DEM Deputy Director Ross McDowell said: "That's a good possibility, yes."

In the case of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) closing the highway, there will be a detour set up on Silverbrook Road through Randle. The biggest concern McDowell had in the case of the highway's closure was people in Packwood and Randle getting cut off from necessary services. Also, because northern passes through the Cascades are currently closed in Washing-



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Water, mud and debris flows over Blair Road in Centralia near Interstate 5 Monday afternoon.

ton, White Pass may need to be closed to avoid a "bottleneck" of people traveling west on U.S. Highway 12, McDowell said.

Whether river gages are perfectly accurate or not, McDowell also said that if the NWS is preparing for the worst case scenario, then the DEM is, too.

"If we went with saying, 'well I don't think it's going to get that high,' and then it does and we get caught in the middle there, that's not a good thing," he said. "So, we're gonna go with what they say. They are the experts at this. And I think it's probably right on. The last one they did, they were just a little bit high (in their pre-

diction) but that's OK, I'd rather have them be high than be low."

After "blatant" disregard for road closure signs during January flooding in the Chehalis River Basin, McDowell said, the sheriff's office and state patrol will now begin issuing citations to drivers who drive on closed, flooded roads.

"(Drivers in flood water) are becoming a rescue for our swift-water team and they're losing the car. They're going to get cited, too, on top of that," he said. "We want to make sure people know that it's just not safe at all to walk in, swim in and don't go fishing in it, whatever. Don't do

it. It's not worth the risk."

Though a flood warning had not yet been issued for the Cowlitz at Randle as of Monday at noon, Guy said it was likely the NWS hydrologists would do so, "given the trend of what the models are showing."

Guy also noted that heavy rain can increase the risk of landslides and that people should keep an eye out for potentially destabilized ground.

For more detailed information from NWS on river forecasts, visit <https://water.weather.gov/ahps/forecasts.php> and select the river gage nearest to the area of interest. Keep an eye on

river levels in Lewis County at <https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=sew>. The DEM also posts timely updates on its Facebook page.

Sandbag Locations Open Monday Morning:

- Area 7 Kiona Shop, 8911 U.S. Highway 12, Randle
- Randle Fire Station, 9978 U.S. Highway 12, Randle
- Lewis County Sandbag Station, 19 SW Cascade Ave., Chehalis, Use side door to enter.
- Napavine Fire Station, 115 E. Washington St., Napavine, Rear of building.

Plans

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It has to be something they can actually do."

He said one specific idea is to secure important papers or photographs off the ground in the home, where water is less likely to reach.

"You're not going to be able to take all of your furniture and office stuff with you," he said. "If you put that in your plan, it's an inopportune plan. It's not going to work. So you need to have a realistic plan that is tested."

McDowell added that having a plan to move vehicles away from danger ahead of a flood is also encouraged.

As published by the Office of the Chehalis River Basin, the first step in creating a flood plan is for an individual to find what river gage most applies to their situation, or location. Good places to start looking for this information are online, thanks to the Chehalis River Basin Flood Warning system, at <https://chehalis.onerain.com/> and <https://chehalis.onerain.com/dashboard/list/>.

The second step in creating a flood plan is for an individual to find a way to connect the readings of their gage of interest to their situation. Essentially, the person will discover what the data readings from their gage means for flood levels in the area. Detailed inundation maps found at <http://www.chehalisriverflood.org/show-what-flooding>

will look like at different gage readings, so a person can literally see when and if their area will be underwater. Another way to contextualize the readings is to look up what the readings were during historical flooding events and compare them to the readings coming out in front of a forecasted flood.

Step three in creating a flood plan is for an individual to use flood inundation maps and other resources to help predict where the water might go and whether they should take action ahead of a flood. On the flood inundation maps, each gage has three water levels highlighted in different colors: Minor flood stage shows an orange color; moderate flood stage shows red; and major flood stage shows purple.

"These water level designations are based on what happens in the area during a flood," stated a document produced by the Office of the Chehalis River Basin on the creation of flood plans. "The river may be coming out of its banks at lower levels, but the water is usually not high enough to damage property. In most cases, Minor Flood Stage means the water is high enough to affect buildings or close roads. You may want to use the same water levels and designations when you take different actions to protect your property."

Once an individual has determined which flood stage as presented by their data will affect their home, step four in creating the plan sees an individual signing up for a flood warnings

at <https://chehalis.onerain.com/upload/files/6a9bf8e2-f04b-4165-8a9f-ce031d5db6b4.pdf> that will alert the person to when their gage has readings that show a potential flood danger for their property. It is important to begin taking action before the river is at a dangerous stage for their area. So signing up for an alert designated for the flood stage below the dangerous one will be beneficial.

Step five is the creation and operation of a checklist for what an individual has identified needs to be done when a flood warning alerts them to the level they have determined is dangerous. A person will want to begin checking off items on the list at a flood stage below the one that will be most dangerous to them or their property.

Here's a checklist of things to consider as published by the Office of the Chehalis River Basin:

- Get all vehicles to high ground.
- Call neighbors who may not be monitoring gage readings.
- Consider leaving rather than riding out the flood. This is particularly important for properties on the mainstem Chehalis River and other large rivers where water levels may stay up for a day or more.
- Create a "go kit" — a bag or case with all the things an individual needs to take with them, like their medications, insurance policies and food for their pets. "Survival kits" from the American Red Cross and "ready kits" from the Federal Emergency Management Agency will

help create these "go kits." More information on "survival kits" can be found at <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/survival-kit-supplies.html>. And more information on "ready kits" can be found at <https://www.ready.gov/kit>.

- Check that items needed for a flood response, like sand bags, are still available and ready for use.

Step six is to identify what additional steps need to be taken in the case that the inundation maps and flood warnings show a flood is about to reach an individual's property.

"Walk around your property and identify things that will be damaged or float away if they get wet," the flood plan publication states. "Make a list so you won't forget something during the excitement of an impending flood."

A checklist for things to consider was published by the Office of the Chehalis River Basin:

- Identify items like the barbecue grill that could get damaged or float away.
- Move damageable items that can be moved to a higher location.
- Tie down or otherwise secure damageable items that cannot readily be moved.
- Sandbag low points where water could enter a building, such as a window well.

Step seven, the final step, is to identify the actions that need to be taken if flood projections show water entering an individual's building itself.

"If you have a basement, don't try to keep the water out, as it will put so much pressure on the walls and floor that they may crack or break," the flood plan publication states.

The following is an checklist of things to do if water is forecast to enter a structure:

- Identify damageable items that can readily be moved, such as smaller carpets and furniture.
- Determine where the items can go, such as upstairs or on top of a table or counter.
- Elevate damageable items, such as the washer and dryer.
- Elevate damageable utilities, such as the furnace and water heater.
- Consider renovating flood-prone areas to minimize damage.
- Consider renovating flood-prone areas to make clean up easier. For example, replace a wooden floor with a concrete floor. Use Styrofoam or foam board insulation and don't tape or paint the lower levels of wallboard — put the wallboard in with screws in order to readily open the walls and throw out the insulation, before water wicks to a higher level.

McDowell said doing a "dry run," of a plan is the best way to go.

"I know quite a few people that have successful flood plans, and they've tested them," he said. "A lot of them have come out after people had been flooded once before. Because, a lot of times, there's repetitive houses that get hit, or repetitive apartments or areas that get hit."

Masks

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across the world, really, we are confident that we can accelerate our demasking protocols, if you will, going forward," Inslee said.

The shift in the timeline is in part a result of new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released last week, which states masks are recommended, but optional, in a variety of settings.

Inslee said he believes the new CDC guidance reflected Washington's own guidance regarding a focus on hospitalization rates for making decisions about pandemic response. He added business owners will be

able to set their own requirements on masking as well, as could local health jurisdictions.

Washington State Secretary of Health Umair Shah said the announcement is a turning point in the state's handling of the pandemic.

"This is a day of both hope and empowerment as we continue to see improvement in both cases and hospitalizations across our state," Shah said.

Shifting the timeline forward is a "direct result" of the state's efforts based on science, Shah said. He acknowledged the work Washingtonians have done as they followed protocols causing the state to handle the pandemic better than others.

"This has been a tough two years for everyone, we know

that," Shah said. "But those who have gotten their vaccines, worn their masks and followed public health guidance during this time, I really want to say 'thank you' to all of you for doing so."

Though Washington is seeing success, Shah remarked it "was not a time to throw caution to the wind," as the pandemic is not over.

"(We are) watching for other variants, not just in our state (but) across the country, across the globe," Shah said. "We will do everything we can to continue to protect Washingtonians."

Senate Minority Leader Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia, and House Minority Leader J.T. Wilcox, R-Yelm, issued a joint statement following the governor's announcement.

"California has already ended its statewide indoor mask mandate. And now California's Senate President Pro Tem says the Democrats will consider a Republican proposal to end Governor Newsom's state of emergency, which also began two years ago this week," they wrote. "While we're glad to see Governor Inslee adjust his timeline for ending the statewide mask mandate to March 12, we're disappointed that there seems to be no end in sight for the one-man rule he has enjoyed — especially after the Democrat majority officially abdicated all legislative oversight of the emergency proclamations.

The Republican lawmakers said wearing a mask in public should be a personal choice.

"The governor should also end the state of emergency and support real emergency-powers reform — not the hollow bill pushed by the Democrats," they wrote. "Tomorrow marks the start of the third year of the people being shut out of the decision-making process. No one wants to interfere with the timeliness of emergency orders. But there should be legitimate legislative oversight 30 or 90 days after an emergency is declared and after a proclamation is issued. As it stands now, we all have to just sit and wait until the governor decides he's ready to give up this power and restore balance to state government. And that does nothing but undermine everyone's trust in our state government."

News in Brief

Suspect in Killing of Couple Identified; Murder Warrant Issued

The Spokesman-Review

A 25-year-old Chesaw, Washington, man has been identified as the suspect who shot and killed a married couple earlier this month in northeastern Washington, deputies said.

An arrest warrant for two counts of first-degree murder and two counts of unauthorized removal or concealment of bodies has been issued for Dylan J. Harrington, according to a sheriff's office news release.

Dave Covey, 80, and Gerylne Covey, 66, were found dead on their Chesaw property Feb. 16.

Debbie Springer, daughter of Dave Covey and step-daughter of Gerylne Covey, said it's "a little unbelievable" finally knowing the name and face of the person who allegedly killed her family members.

"Definitely gives us some hope that we're on the right track," Springer said.

She said she doesn't know Harrington.

Multiple agencies conducted a search of the area and did not locate him as of late Saturday afternoon. The sheriff's office is following leads to locate Harrington and is investigating the shooting.

The autopsies, which were completed Thursday, indicated the Coveys were shot and the manner of the shooting was murder, the sheriff's office said.

Harrington is 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs 145 pounds. He has brown hair and hazel eyes.

If you see him or have information on his whereabouts, the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office asks you to immediately call 509-422-7232, option 4. The sheriff's office said not to make any attempts to detain him, as he may still be armed.

Family members called the sheriff's office Feb. 15 after the Coveys had not been in contact with their family for three days, according to a previous news release from the sheriff's office.

The Coveys had left their Omak residence on Feb. 13 to go up to their property on the ninth mile of Nealy Road, Springer said.

The family asked deputies to perform a welfare check. The request helped deputies connect the Coveys to a previous report on Feb. 13 of a vehicle left at the gate of their property just before 9:40 p.m., according to the sheriff's office.

Deputies were able to confirm the abandoned vehicle was owned by the Coveys.

On Feb. 15, deputies met with members of the Covey family at the property but were unable to locate Gerylne and Dave, according to a news release.

The report was upgraded to a missing persons investigation and, after an extensive search, deputies located the Coveys' bodies Feb. 16.

Crash Comes Amid Heavy Rain on Interstate 5 Monday Morning



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Local firefighters, medical responders and the Washington State Patrol arrive at the scene of a crash in Centralia on Monday morning near milepost 82 on Interstate 5. Water from heavy rain overnight was spilling across the road, though it was not known at press time if that contributed to the crash. Information on the extent of injuries was also not available.

Family of Teens Found Dead in Washington Apartment Waiting for Answers

By Daisy Zavala

The Seattle Times

EVERETT — Betsy Alvarado finds it hard to focus on sweet memories of her two daughters when two months after their deaths she still has no answers.

All over her Everett home are photos of Adriana and Mariel Gil smiling as young children and teenagers. Around her neck, Alvarado wears a heart-shaped locket inscribed with, "Adriana and Mariel, forever in our hearts."

Adriana and Mariel, 17 and 16 respectively, were found dead on Dec. 11 with their father, Manuel Gil, inside the Renton apartment they shared.

Renton police said the girls appeared to have died on Dec. 5, while Gil likely died a day or so before the three bodies were found. There were no signs of carbon monoxide poisoning, no obvious indications of foul play, visible trauma or signs of a struggle, police have said.

The King County Medical Examiner's Office conducted autopsies in mid-December, but was unable to determine a clear cause or manner of death, prompting further laboratory testing. The results are still pending.

Detective Robert Onishi, who has worked with Renton police for 30 years, said he's never seen a case like this.

"We're down to things like toxicology," he said of efforts to determine a cause of death. "We don't have any clearer resolution than we had a month ago, or even a couple of months ago at this point."

The gap in days between estimated times of death for the sisters and their father leaves no doubt in Alvarado's mind that Gil, whom she ended a relationship with around 2007, had something to do with their daughters' deaths, she said.

Neighbors had seen Gil packing items into a U-Haul a few weeks before Dec. 10, making Alvarado think he had left with the girls. But she had no way of knowing what was going on because her daughters and their father had cut off contact with other family members by then, she said.

The night before the girls and their father were found, Alvarado had asked police several times to go into the apartment, but said she felt that there was no real urgency about the way officers responded.

Police said they went to the apartment on Dec. 10, but it was locked. Officers did not go inside because they did not notice anything suspicious from the outside.

The next morning, after learning police had been there, the landlord went inside the apartment and found the bodies.

Alvarado said she felt frustrated and ignored after the deaths when her emails to police went unanswered for over a week several times.

"I feel like I have no trust with the police," she said. "I was ignored and I'm still being ignored."

Onishi said the department has been as responsive as it can be under the circumstances. He said he, too, is frustrated with not being able to provide concrete answers to the family. He doesn't see any way police can go beyond what they are doing now.

"There is not much to update the family on," he said.

Adriana had been living with her father for about four or five years and Mariel had moved in with them a year and a half ago. Alvarado's parenting plan with Gil only allowed him time with the girls every other weekend, but she says she felt powerless to seek to enforce it and did not have the means.

"If you don't have thousands

of dollars to go out and hire a lawyer to enforce your parenting plan, then you're stuck," Alvarado said. "You're going in circles dealing with this. This is how it is for people that don't have money."

Looking back, Alvarado said there were several red flags about the girls' behavior that several organizations and agencies missed.

The girls' school attendance was sporadic, but it's unclear whether the school could have intervened or if it flagged their absences, said Renton police Detective Tracie Jarratt, who is assigned to the case. The Renton School District declined to comment, saying that it will defer to police since the case is still open.

On Nov. 1, Gil told the human resources department at the moving company where he worked "he needed to make things right with his maker" before abruptly quitting, his ex-wife told Alvarado.

Alvarado said she called Child Protective Services in April or May to report her concerns that the girls may have been abused and were malnourished after each lost about 50 pounds.

The state Department of Children, Youth, and Families looked into the report, but the agency did not send a referral to police for a follow-up because their investigation concluded that "the situation did not meet the threshold for assessment," Jarratt said.

DCYF declined to comment on the case.

Alvarado said she believes Gil's extreme religious beliefs led to her daughters' growing distance from her. It was a gradual shift, she said, but the girls became malnourished and cut off contact with the outside world.

"People didn't want to touch it. Nobody wants to get in trouble for messing with somebody's religion, but now my kids are dead," Alvarado said.

Alvarado said her daughters were followers of the Hebrew Israelite faith while she suspects their father was following an extremist sect of the Black Hebrew Israelite faith that is classified as a hate group by the Anti-Defamation League. The extremist sects are known for their belief that white people are agents of Satan, Jewish people are false worshippers of God and that Black people are racially superior and are the chosen people, according to the ADL.

"They just withdrew a lot," Alvarado said. "They stopped finding joy in a lot of the stuff that

they were into. Everything became worldly to them ... meaning it was wrong or meaningless."

Ron Anderson, the girls' stepfather, remembers going to a play with Adriana and Mariel in which his youngest daughter was performing. As the room filled with laughter and applause, Adriana's facial expression remained stern, an unusual thing for the teen who would usually be loudly cheering her stepsister, he said.

"I just thought that was the weirdest thing," Anderson said.

Anderson had come into the girls' lives when they were about 3 years old, shortly after they moved to Washington from New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Alvarado's parents, Chris and Irma Amundson, helped raise the girls for a few years when they were younger and remember Adriana as always taking on the role of leader with Mariel right beside her like a "sidekick."

They took the girls on several trips and vacations. Their favorite was taking the girls to Guatemala City, Guatemala, where Irma was born and raised, to meet family members and experience the culture and food.

But that was before the girls distanced themselves from the family, they said.

Mariel, who had a creative soul, gave up drawing because she felt she had sinned and had to atone for it, Alvarado said. She can't recall what exactly had pushed her daughter to give up something she loved, but it was clear her biological father approved of it.

"Parents don't do that for kids, no matter what they do," Anderson said. "That was painful to hear."

Adriana no longer played sports, not even basketball, which she loved and excelled at, Alvarado said.

The last time Alvarado spent time with the girls was in February 2021, when they went to a skating rink and then got pizza.

They had planned to go again, but then the girls canceled, telling Alvarado they couldn't be "involved in all that worldly stuff."

After that there was no hanging out, Alvarado said, and the girls' responses become shorter until they only replied with Bible scriptures and then not at all.

The girls no longer left the apartment and they cut everyone out of their lives including their grandparents, who were "their favorite people," Alvarado said.

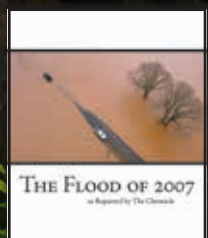
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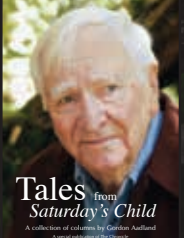
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Responding to Pressure From Gov. Inslee, Washington Wildlife Managers Consider New Wolf-Livestock Rules

By Eli Francovich

The Spokesman-Review

Responding to pressure from Gov. Jay Inslee, Washington wildlife managers are considering implementing new wolf-livestock rules.

Per the proposal, which was announced in a news release last week, before the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) could kill wolves that attacked livestock, agency staff would need to confirm that livestock owners had implemented appropriate nonlethal deterrents. The proposal would also create Chronic Conflict Zones within the state. These zones would have area-specific criteria for the use of nonlethal and lethal measures.

The proposed rules do not explicitly state which nonlethals are considered appropriate. That decision was intentional, WDFW wolf coordinator Julia Smith said. Chronic conflict zones would have more detailed conflict management plans, she said.

"It's intended to be the tried-and-true stuff, but also leaving the door open to try new things if the livestock producer is open and amenable," Smith said. "We don't want to prescribe things broadly."

Ranchers use fladry (colored string tied to fence lines that flutters in the breeze), motion-activated lights, human presence and other techniques to keep wolves from cattle.

Both proposals are open to public comment through April 11.

"I'm hopeful that it will actually help in reducing conflict and



A member of the Teanaway Pack is pictured in this photograph from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

reducing wolf removal," Smith said. "Because again, this isn't wildly different than what we already do, but it is proactive."

The rule change requiring agency staff confirm the presence of nonlethal deterrents would codify what WDFW staff already do, Smith said, adding that it is "not different from what we do now, but it's not specifically in law."

Creating Chronic Conflict zones would be new for the agen-

cy, although the Washington Wolf Advisory Committee did consider a similar proposal.

"The proposal creating WAC 220-440-260 aims to address areas that have experienced significant levels of livestock depredation and subsequent wolf removals year after year, an especially difficult scenario for all communities concerned about wolf conservation and management," Smith said in a news release. "This proposal focuses lim-

ited time and resources to areas where the most livestock and wolf loss has occurred in the state."

Both proposals stem from a letter Gov. Inslee sent the agency in 2019, demanding that WDFW kill fewer wolves.

"We must find new methods to better support coexistence between Washington's livestock industry and gray wolves in our state," Inslee said in the letter. "The status quo of annual lethal removal is simply unacceptable."

As part of the public comment and rule-making process, WDFW conducted an environmental impact statement and a small business economic impact statement. According to the economic impact statement, the rule will "disproportionally impact small businesses," as roughly 98% of Washington livestock producers employ less than 50 people. The cost for nonlethal deterrents varies greatly, although human presence is by far the most expensive option, the report notes. There are state programs that can offset those costs.

"Generally speaking, costs incurred by businesses that have experienced and are actively deterring repeated wolf depredation incur the greatest costs," the report states. "Producers in this category cited annual out-of-pocket costs ranging from \$30,000 to over \$50,000 spent on implementing nonlethal deterrents. For businesses paying out-of-pocket for range riding, these costs are the greatest of the expenses incurred."

In 2021, WDFW killed two wolves in Columbia County in response to attacks on livestock. That is the lowest number of wolves the state has killed since 2015.

Meanwhile, there were 21 documented livestock attacks, the lowest number of depredations since 2017.

"That is incredibly low," Smith said. "And removing two wolves is incredibly low. So I know that any number above zero is hard for folks and hard for us, too. But it's something that we should acknowledge we are doing well."

Export Fuel Tax Likely Out as Neighboring States Criticize Washington Proposal

By Laurel Demkovich

The Spokesman-Review

OLYMPIA — A controversial proposal to include a tax on fuel exported out of Washington to neighboring states could be on its way out.

The 6-cent-per-gallon tax proposal is part of a 16-year, almost \$17 billion transportation package that Democrats say will fund transit, maintenance and other projects. But the export tax brought on criticism from lawmakers in Oregon, Idaho and Alaska, who called it "shortsighted" and "dangerous."

Now, a proposed amendment from House Democrats would remove the tax from the plan. It would've brought in about \$2 billion over the next 16 years to Washington.

That amendment would be voted on when the bill makes it to the floor, which could happen as early as this week.

The amendment was filed

Saturday, a day after the Oregon Legislature and Gov. Kate Brown sent a letter to Washington lawmakers urging them to remove the tax from the package.

"Do not pit Oregon against Washington," the letter read.

It also comes one day after Senate Transportation Chair Marko Liias, D-Lynnwood, apologized on the Senate floor after making "unkind and disrespectful and inappropriate comments about the governor of Oregon," according to the Seattle Times.

Liias told conservative radio host John Carlson on Thursday that Brown was "living in fantasyland."

Brown has been outspoken against the proposal since Washington Democrats first proposed it earlier this month.

In an op-ed in the Seattle Times on Tuesday, Brown said no one in Washington consulted with her office before proposing the "shortsighted tax increase."

"Let me be clear: Oregon will not stand for taxation levied by Washington leaders with no consultation with our state government, our business community or our residents," Brown wrote.

Several Oregon Republicans also threatened to walk away

from Interstate 5 bridge replacement talks with Washington if the tax passes.

"If this unconstitutional tax passes, then Washington should pay the entire cost of the Interstate Bridge Replacement themselves," state Rep. Shelly Boshart Davis said in a statement.

Funding is included in Washington's proposed transportation package to complete their portion of the I-5 bridge.

In Idaho, the state House of Representatives unanimously passed a resolution Tuesday opposing the tax. The resolution says the proposed tax would impose "an enormous financial burden on Idahoans in the name of offsetting Washington business costs."

It strongly encouraged Gov. Jay Inslee to veto the tax if it reaches his desk.

A letter from Idaho Gov. Brad Little and Attorney General Lawrence Wasden also urged Inslee to stop the "dangerous" proposals.

"Now is not the time for our states to turn on each other with excise tax proposals that dampen our economy and increase costs for everyone," the letter reads.

Mike Faulk, an Inslee spokes-

person, said Thursday that the governor at the time continued to support the package, which he called the "most climate-friendly investments in state history." He said he hoped the legislation was delivered to his desk, where he planned to sign it.

"Funding sources are always a point of debate, and this plan is no different," Faulk wrote in an email. "Washington produces fuels that benefit communities in other states, and Washingtonians bear the climate impacts of that fuel production. It's not unreasonable to share the social cost of carbon with those who benefit from our fuel production."

Alaska lawmakers have said they would retaliate over the tax. A bill proposed in the Alaska Legislature would put a \$15.75 surcharge on a barrel of oil produced in Alaska and delivered to a state that imposes a tax on fuel delivered to Alaska.

Washington Democrats initially were sticking to their plan. The transportation committee on Tuesday voted 15-14 to keep the export fuel in the package.

During debate on a Republican amendment that would remove the tax from the package, Republicans argued the tax

could lead to a "trade war" between the states.

"This relationship that we're damaging with our friends across various borders is problematic," said Rep. Mike Volz, R-Spokane.

Transportation committee chair Rep. Jake Fey, D-Tacoma, said Washington has needs other than transportation this year, and "we are in a balancing situation here" when it comes to allocating revenue. The transportation package already uses \$2 billion from the operating budget, he said.

"That is unprecedented," Fey said. "That is a recognition that we have needs."

House Speaker Laurie Jinkins, D-Tacoma, said she was open to other ideas as the bill moves to the floor but added before Saturday's amendment came up that there were "few other ideas that are out there."

"There's no tax that's ever passed that's without a lot of consternation," Jinkins told reporters.

House Majority Leader Pat Sullivan, D-Covington, said in a Feb. 8 news conference that Florida, Texas and Tennessee have similar taxes that Washington used as models for this proposal.

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Thurston County Resident Found Dead After Fire Destroys Home Near Rainier

By The Olympian

One person was found dead early Friday after a fire destroyed a residence near the city of Rainier, SE Thurston Fire Authority announced.

The person who died was described only as an "adult" in a news release.

About 4:50 a.m. Friday, fire crews were dispatched to the blaze in the area of Jonas Hill Road, located outside Rainier.

Crews arrived to find the fire underway, including flames that were visible through the center of the roof. The intensity of the fire and damage to the structure prevented crews from accessing the main fire area, according to the release.

That's the same area where the resident was found dead.

East Olympia Fire District 6, South Thurston Fire & EMS and Thurston County Fire District 17 also were dispatched to assist SE Thurston Fire.

The Thurston County Sheriff's Office also was on scene, according to the release.

Thurston County Commissioner in Hospital Recovering From Snowboarding Accident

By The Olympian

A snowboarding accident injured Thurston County Commissioner Tye Menser on Monday, causing him to miss county meetings this past week.

Menser, 51, told The Olympian Friday he has been recovering from a cracked rib and punctured lung at Yakima Memorial Hospital since Monday evening. He hopes to attend county meetings on Tuesday but has yet to de-

cide if he will work the rest of the week, he said.

"I will be participating at least in the Tuesday board meetings because a lot of things were set over a week so that I could be there," Menser said. "Even if I'm on Zoom, from home or from the hospital, I will be participating at least virtually."

Menser said he will remain at the hospital until his doctors confirm his lung won't collapse. Once he's cleared, he will likely have to stay a day longer in Yakima since driving over the mountain range may impact his breathing.

The accident occurred Monday afternoon as he snowboarded at White Pass with his two children. While trying out a new snowboard, he said he lost his balance and flipped over while wearing a backpack.

"I think I flipped backwards onto my water bottle, cracked a rib and punctured my lung," he said. "It happened in a flash. Even before I knew what happened I couldn't breathe, and I was in a lot of pain."

Following the incident, his 14- and 16-year-old children got the attention of White Pass Ski Patrol who called an ambulance for Menser. He said he's thankful for Ski Patrollers Michael and Jackie Murphy, who got his children home to Olympia.

"We really appreciate what they did for our family," Menser said. "Michael was able to drive our car with my kids home and his wife followed in their car because they live in Olympia."

Menser, who said he is an advanced snowboarder, called the incident a "weird, freak accident,"

adding he was not attempting any jumps or difficult maneuvers at the time.

He said he has been snowboarding since the 1990s. Though his recent accident has given him pause, he eventually hopes to return to the sport.

"It could have happened to anybody at any point," Menser said. "It's kind of a very routine thing, so that makes me a little apprehensive about going back out there. I'm sure over time I will because it's been a pretty significant hobby for me since I was in college."

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Fighting Rages on in Ukraine as Talks With Russia Begin

By Tribune News Service

KYIV, Ukraine — Talks between Russia and Ukraine opened Monday amid skepticism that they would produce any breakthrough to halt Europe's biggest ground war in 75 years, as Ukrainian fighters continued to fend off the capture of key cities, Russian missiles pounded targets and hundreds of thousands of people fled the country.

Delegations from Kyiv and Moscow met Monday morning at a site near Ukraine's border with Belarus. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy had agreed to the negotiations Sunday, despite seeing "small chance to end the war," and said the fate of his country as an independent nation had now entered a "crucial period."

In Kyiv, a two-day-long curfew was lifted Monday to allow residents to venture out cautiously to replenish supplies, get some fresh air and survey the state of their city of 3 million people. Many lined up for hours outside gas stations and supermarkets, mostly ignoring the occasional wail of air-raid sirens.

Fighting continued on the outskirts of the capital, with satellite images showing Russian troops mostly massed about 19 miles north of the city, according to the British government. No major population centers have yet fallen to Russian forces, which has raised fears that Russian President Vladimir Putin will soon order an all-out blitz to overrun Ukraine, depose its government and turn it into a vassal state.

Zelenskyy once again called on his compatriots to defend their land.



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This picture shows a crater caused by recent shelling in Kyiv outskirts on Feb. 28, 2022. The UN human rights chief said on Feb. 28, 2022, that at least 102 civilians, including seven children, had been killed in Ukraine since Russia launched its invasion five days ago, warning the true numbers were likely far higher.

"When I planned to become a president, I said that each of us is the president, because we are all responsible for our state, for our beautiful Ukraine," Zelenskyy said in a video address Monday, the latest in a series of public messages that have buoyed and drawn the admiration of many of his people. "Now it has happened that each of us is a warrior. ... And I am confident that each of us will win."

But half a million Ukrainians have now fled their war-torn country, said Filippo Grandi, the head of the United Nations' refugee agency. At last count, about 281,000 people had entered Poland from Ukraine, more than 84,500 had escaped to Hungary and nearly 100,000 had arrived in Romania, Moldova and Slovakia, the agency said. The remainder had found their way to other countries.

There were signs of stress in Russia as well, with the heavy

sanctions imposed by the U.S., Europe and other nations, including Japan and Australia, beginning to take a toll. The ruble plummeted in value against the dollar, the Russian central bank more than doubled interest rates, the Russian stock market did not open Monday and residents lined up at ATMs for fear of being stranded without cash.

Pessimism attended Monday's talks, which Moscow had originally insisted be held in Belarus. Zelenskyy's government rejected that demand, pointing out that Russian troops had used Belarus as a staging ground to invade Ukraine from the north.

Indeed, a U.S. official told the Associated Press that Belarusian troops could join their Russian counterparts on the ground in Ukraine as early as Monday. Kyiv lies barely 50 miles south of the border.

About 10 a.m. Monday, video uploaded to social media showed

a pair of helicopters delivering Ukraine's representatives to the talks in Belarus' Gomel region, near the Ukrainian-Belarusian border. Another video showed them and their Russian interlocutors sitting at a long desk inside an ornate hall.

International discussions are also expected in New York, where the U.N. General Assembly, comprising all 193 member states of the world body, are scheduled to convene in a rare emergency session Monday morning to discuss Russia's invasion. Russia had tried to block the meeting, but 11 of the Security Council's 15 members voted for it.

In Geneva, the U.N.'s human rights chief, Michelle Bachelet, said her office had confirmed the deaths of 102 Ukrainian civilians — including seven children — in the war, mostly in explosions from artillery fire, rockets and airstrikes. She cautioned that the number was likely a vast undercount.

"The real figures are, I fear, considerably higher," Bachelet told the U.N. Human Rights Council on Monday.

In his video address, Zelenskyy said 16 Ukrainian children had died. He also said more than 4,500 Russian troops had been killed since the invasion began in earnest Thursday, but independent verification has not been possible. Moscow has not issued any casualty figures.

Near the northern entrance of Kyiv, militiamen organized by the far-right Svoboda party Monday answered Zelenskyy's call to defend their country. To justify Russia's assault, Putin has alleged that Ukraine is ruled by "neo-Nazis" bent on committing genocide against the country's

ethnic Russians, most of whom live in the east.

Svoboda rejects accusations of fascism, saying that as nationalists their interest is to defend Ukraine, while critics of the group say that in any case it has only one seat in parliament and hardly represents the mainstream. Regardless, with Ukraine under attack, the group's organizational and combat abilities are being put to use.

In Kyiv's Obolon neighborhood, on a cold but sunny Monday morning, Svoboda militia members gouged out trenches in the grass-covered sidewalks, setting up machine guns on one side and a double-barreled anti-aircraft cannon on the other.

"We picked that one up from the Russians," said Peter Kuzyk, head of Svoboda's Kyiv branch.

On the diplomatic front, Zelenskyy praised the Western sanctions on Russia, and called on the European Union to initiate a special procedure allowing Ukraine to immediately join the 27-nation bloc.

"We are grateful to our partners for being with us, but our goal is to be with all Europeans and, most importantly, to be equal," he said.

Such an expedited accession is extremely unlikely. But the EU has been vocal in its support for Ukraine and, in a historic first, agreed over the weekend to help arm the country in its resistance against Russian aggression.

"Another taboo has fallen, the taboo that the EU was not providing arms in a war," Josep Borrell, the EU's foreign policy chief, said Sunday. "Yes, we are doing it. ... This war requires our engagement in order to support the Ukrainian army."

CPAC Attendees Back Trump for President, Gov. DeSantis as Second Choice

By Tribune News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. — As the Conservative Political Action Committee conference wrapped up Sunday in Orlando, a straw poll revealed former President Donald Trump retained strong support among Republicans for another White House bid, and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis is a clear second choice.

The poll included ballots by 2,574 attendees and showed 59% selected Trump as their preferred presidential nominee, stronger than his 55% support last year, the results distributed by the conference showed. DeSantis was the second-highest choice at 28%, also an improvement on his 21% total last year.

"So much for [Trump] fading," said Jim McLaughlin, the pollster who announced the results Sunday.

The release of the straw poll results came after Trump addressed the conference at the Rosen Shingle Creek resort Saturday night and strongly hinted he'd run again in 2024. DeSantis opened the event Thursday with a speech that also touched on national topics.

If Trump were to decline another presidential run, CPAC attendees had a clear second choice. DeSantis was the runaway favorite in a field without Trump, garnering 61% of the vote — far ahead of former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Donald Trump Jr., who tied for second with 6% apiece.

In the same poll last year, 68% of attendees said they wanted Trump to run again, and 55% said the former president was their preferred candidate in 2024. DeSantis came in second at 21%, and was the top candidate in a separate poll not including Trump at 43%.

Sunday, the final day of the four-day conference, also included panels called "The Moron in Chief," a conversation with former Notre Dame football coach and longtime Orlando resident Lou Holtz, and closed out with a speech by Donald Trump Jr. and a performance by Lee Greenwood.

President Biden Prepares for State of the Union Address

By Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden took office 13 months ago vowing to halt the COVID-19 pandemic, improve the economy, soften America's calcifying partisan division, restore faith in Washington's leadership on the world stage and prove that democracies can function and deliver.

As he prepares for his first State of the Union address on Tuesday — at a moment of rising anxiety across the nation and the world — those endeavors remain works in progress, at best.

"No president in my memory has had so many crises dumped onto him in the first year as Biden has, and the speech has to be equal to that," said Bob Shrum, a longtime Democratic speechwriter who aided President Clinton with his State of the Union addresses. "It's his best chance and his best platform to try to define the Democratic Party and his presidency in a way that will have traction in the [November] midterms."

Shrum said Biden would have to strike a careful balance in the speech. He needs to highlight his administration's successes, Shrum said, but cannot strike a triumphalist tone.

"You have to say what people [will] believe," Shrum continued. "They need a very careful framing that says, 'We've achieved some important things, but there are some really important challenges that matter to people that we have to address.' The key here is to not sound satisfied."

Although the pandemic may be easing, leading the Centers for Disease Control to lift most indoor mask requirements Friday, Biden can't easily declare victory and repeat a mistake that had enormous political consequences. Seven months ago, he told the nation it had turned a corner in the pandemic, just before new coronavirus variants arrived and drove up COVID-19 caseloads, hospitalizations and deaths. The delta and omicron waves exhausted what little patience the country had left.

Biden also can't easily celebrate surging economic growth. Despite record first-year gains

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in the job market, surging inflation has exacerbated the economic insecurity felt by millions of Americans.

And while he won passage of a bipartisan infrastructure package in October, the president's other major domestic agenda item — an economic relief package for working families that also included his administration's main attempt to combat climate change — has stalled. Biden has cast the plan as the best way to ensure America's relevance in the world economy while protecting the environment. But those Rooseveltian ambitions have been deflated by the realities of Democrats' razor-thin congressional majorities, upsetting his party's most ardent supporters ahead of November's midterm elections.

Chaos in Commodities as Russia's War on Ukraine Upends Trade

By Tribune News Service

The turmoil unleashed in commodity markets by Russia's invasion of Ukraine worsened on Monday as LNG orders were paused, finance for trade in raw materials dried up and Black Sea wheat sales froze.

As tougher U.S. and European sanctions threaten to partly cut Russia off from the global financial system, disruptions to shipments of raw materials from palladium to wheat mounted. Buyers also paused purchases of Russian liquefied natural gas as they awaited clarity on restrictions against banks and companies. The cost of shipping the nation's raw materials is soaring, while the fallout is reverberating from London to Hong Kong as international investors ditch Russian commodities assets.

The immediate focus is on disruption to Black Sea trade, which includes millions of barrels of oil a day and about a quarter of the world's grain exports. While Russian raw materials were so far exempted from sanctions, the threat of a severe dislocation to flows will increase as the conflict escalates.

"Unintended consequent risk, meaning a pipeline outage or something like that, is extraordinarily high, and this is on top of the difficulty of getting the seaborne

trade up and running," Jeff Currie, head of commodities research at Goldman Sachs Group Inc., said in an interview with Bloomberg TV. "This is an enormous amount of oil that has the potential to be disrupted for weeks."

Even before the expulsion of some Russian banks from the SWIFT messaging system — used for trillions of dollars worth of transactions around the world — a number of lenders were halting the finance of commodities trading from Russia.

Societe Generale SA and Credit Suisse Group AG have stopped providing trade finance for Russian raw materials flows, according to people familiar with the matter. Dutch banking giants ING Groep NV and Rabobank are restricting lending to deals involving movement of commodities from Russia and Ukraine, and Chinese banks are also pulling back.

That means that even without sanctions, many of the commodity markets in which Russian exports play a significant role are at risk of seizing up. As the war intensifies — with ships bombarded last week — the risk of logistical turmoil is also increasing. Insurers are either refusing to offer cover for vessels sailing into the Black Sea, or demanding huge premiums to do so.

Grain loading in Ukraine has been halted with ports closed. More than two dozen vessels in the midst of loading have been held up at Ukrainian ports, according to Nabil Mseddi, chief executive officer of AgFlow.

Top wheat importer Egypt was forced to yet again ditch efforts to buy the grain it needs to subsidize bread for its people, highlighting the threat that the Russia-Ukraine war poses to the world's food needs. There were no offers from Black Sea shippers and Egypt's state buyer cited higher prices for the tender cancellation.

However, there are signs of oil traders starting to overcome an initial wariness of dealing with Russian supply that emerged immediately after the invasion.

Poland's PKN Orlen bought a consignment of the nation's flagship Urals crude, while Trafigura Group provisionally hired a tanker to take the same grade. Traders said there was increased buying activity. That's not to say that the market has

fully returned to normal, with a tender to sell Urals failing to proceed for a second time.

Vladimir Putin's attack on his neighbor is also threatening to make Russian commodities toxic for international investors. Norway said it was starting to remove Russian assets from its \$1.3 trillion sovereign wealth fund, while BP Plc dropped after saying it would offload its stake in state-owned oil company Rosneft PJSC.

While equity trading was halted in Moscow, MMC Norilsk Nickel PJSC, Russia's biggest metals and mining company, slumped as much as 58% in London. In Hong Kong, aluminum giant United Co. Rusal International PJSC fell 15%.

Russia Will Be 'Isolated' on World Stage, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Says

By Tribune News Service

The United States will cut off Russia and "isolate" the country on the world stage, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations vowed Sunday.

"We can isolate them in the United Nations. We can isolate them in U.N. specialized agencies. They are feeling that isolation," Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield said ahead of an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council.

Appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," Thomas-Greenfield said the U.S. would push for a General Assembly meeting Monday and promised that Russia "will be called out and their aggressions will be brought to the attention of the world."

More sanctions on Russia are coming, she added. President Joe Biden has said U.S. troops won't be sent to Ukraine.

"The Russians can be assured that we will continue to put more and more sanctions on them to continue to press more on the Ukrainian government," she said.

Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine has led to widespread international outrage. The U.S. and European Union have imposed severe sanctions and kicked certain Russian banks out of the SWIFT network of financial institutions, among other steps.

Legislature Looks to Fix Washington's Nursing Shortage

By Laurel Demkovich and Arielle Dreher

The Spokesman-Review

OLYMPIA — Washington's Legislature is debating a number of proposals to attract more people to become nurses.

Ideas under consideration include helping students repay student loans and creating nursing programs at Eastern and Western Washington universities.

"We put a lot of effort into training and helping people into the field," lead budget writer Sen. Christine Rolfe, D-Bainbridge Island, said of the Senate budget proposal.

The nursing shortage and pipeline problem predate the pandemic in Washington and in past years, adjusting nursing educator salaries in community colleges was helpful, program leaders say. But they argue more is needed. In 2020, nursing programs in the Inland Northwest were not accepting even half of applicants who apply each cycle, and a recent survey of nursing union members found 49% of them were considering leaving the industry in the next few years.

One bill awaiting a vote in a state Senate fiscal committee would create a Nurse Educator Loan Repayment Program.

It would allow nurse educators who teach for an approved nursing program to apply for loan repayment grants.

Nurse educators must hold an advanced nursing degree.

Nurse educators who are a faculty member for an approved nursing program would qualify. The bill seeks to address an issue seen at many four-year nursing programs in the state: Nurses with advanced degrees can make way more money in the field than teaching.

An advanced degree, which is needed to teach, is also expensive.

Louise Kaplan, an associate professor at Washington State University College of Nursing and a family nurse practitioner, said the expense of graduate school is a huge barrier for those nurses interested in becoming educators.

"If you have family responsibilities or have to work, how do you balance and pay for it?" she said. "It's expensive to get a graduate degree."

The exact amounts, the required service to be eligible and penalties for those who do not complete their service obligation would be decided by the Washington Student Achievement Council.

Sen. Emily Randall, chair of the Senate Higher Education and Workforce Development committee, said Thursday the Legislature has spent extensive time this session talking about the importance of expanding the nursing workforce.

Ensuring educators are able to pay off their student loans is an important part of building the nurse pipeline and making sure educators stay on the job, Randall said.

Sen. Jeff Holy, R-Spokane, said he hopes the bill will provide adequate resources that allow nurse educators to "help us prepare the next generation."

The bill passed unanimously out of the higher education and workforce development committee. It now heads to the Senate Ways and Means committee.

Susan Stacey, chief executive of Providence Health and Services' Inland Northwest, said the nursing educator bill will help get the caregivers the state "desperately needs" into the field.

"Those are the kinds of programs that I feel are going to make a difference in increasing the number of nurses," Stacey said.

The Washington State Hospital Association supports the nurse educator loan forgiveness program, but senior director of government affairs Ashlen Strong acknowledged there's still more to be done, such as improving recruitment in rural areas and allowing more nursing students to do clinical rotations.

Improving the wages for nursing educators is also important, said Darcy Jaffe, senior vice president for safety and quality at the association.

"The reality is even with loan forgiveness for nurse educators,

they are still not paid in a way that's competitive," Jaffe said.

The Washington State Nurses Association, which represents thousands of nurses statewide, supports the loan repayment bill and calls it "common-sense" legislation because of the support it gives to educators. The union is hopeful it will attract more nurse educators to the field, a statement from the association says.

Unions representing nurses and other health care workers also are advocating for legislation that would establish patient-to-staff ratios to ensure patient safety and retain staff.

This proposal has divided the hospital association and unions in what they believe will be most effective to recruit and retain health care staff.

The proposed state budgets this session don't include money for bonuses or retention, but instead focus on education and training.

Rolfe said the Senate had discussed a bill that would have provided bonuses, but there was "a lot of uncertainty" around the idea.

House Majority Leader Pat Sullivan told reporters the House budget proposal also focuses more on getting nurses into the pipeline by funding additional slots for students, financial assistance and a significant amount of new equipment. He said it was the quickest and easiest way to get nurses ready to enter the workforce.

The Senate proposal has more than \$6 million in the next two years for Eastern Washington University to create a bachelor's degree in science in nursing program.

The House proposal does not include funding for the program at Eastern, but it has much of the same ideas for nurse education as the Senate's.

Both the Senate and the House have proposed funding to establish a master's of science in nursing program at Western Washington University, as well as funding to increase enrollment in the university's undergraduate program.

Both proposals also include funding for the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission to hire 10 employees to process nursing applications to shorten the turnaround time. Last year's budget established a seven-day standard for turnaround, but the commission is currently turning licenses around in 12 days, according to the proposal.

Other proposals include one-time funding for the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and community and technical colleges to purchase or upgrade lab equipment and a proposal to help community colleges increase the number of slots and graduates in their programs.

Advocates and educators agree that there are multiple approaches needed to address the state's nursing shortage, and this session's attempts likely are just some.

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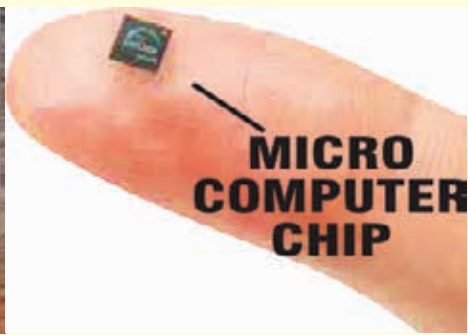
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Vikings Can't Counter Red-Hot Red Devils in Regional Loss



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Mossyrock's Payton Torrey shoots against Neah Bay on Saturday during a 1B regional playoff game at Mount Tahoma High School.

By Eric Trent

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TACOMA — Mossyrock went blow-for-blow with Neah Bay in the first half but couldn't keep up with the Red Devils' hot shooting from deep in a 58-40 loss in the 1B Regional round Saturday at Mount Tahoma High School.

The loss means Mossyrock will now play in a loser-out game in the state tournament on Wednesday in Spokane, rather than advancing directly to the quarterfinals like Neah Bay will do now.

In what was a back-and-forth battle in the first half as the two teams traded blows for the entire second quarter, it was the

Red Devils who finally caught momentum and carried it with them to the end.

After being notched at 23-all at the half, the Vikings came out of the locker room late and struggled to find the bucket. Mossyrock went scoreless for the first six minutes of the second half as Neah Bay built a 13-point lead (36-23) with three minutes left in the third quarter — its largest lead of the night at that point.

"They're a really good shooting team," Mossyrock coach Autumn Moorcroft said. "Even with a hand in their face, they hit a couple deep ones. Not much you can do about that, especially when they've got that big girl down low. You gotta choose

which one you're gonna stop, and hopefully you can get both of them."

It would get no better for the Vikings from there as Neah Bay built a 15-point lead near the start of the fourth quarter, buoyed by four-straight 3-pointers at one point, and fended off Mossyrock the rest of the way.

The Vikings were outscored 35-17 in the second half.

"The first half, we were right there with them tied up at the half," Moorcroft said. "But second half, it was difficult for us to get the ball to go into the basket. (Neah Bay) plays really aggressive and we kind of let their aggressiveness get to us a little bit."

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Saturday's 2B Boys Basketball

Lancers Torpedo Pirates at Regionals With 10 3-Pointers

By The Chronicle staff

Adna was unable to overcome Liberty of Spangle's efficient shooting as the Pirates took a 74-65 loss in the 2B Regional playoffs at University High School in Spokane on Saturday.

The No. 2 Lancers shot 48% from the field (30 of 61), including a scorching 10 of 22 from long range at 45% clip to out-duel a Pirates team that also likes to live by the long ball.

No. 7 Adna, meanwhile, shot a respectable 42% (23 of 55), but connected on just 6 of 15 (40%) from beyond the arc. The Pirates were going for their first regional win since 2018, when they placed third in state.

The Pirates led 15-14 after one quarter, but was outscored 22-13 in the second to go into the locker room down 36-28 — then played catch-up the rest of the game. Adna put up 23 points in the final frame to Liberty's 17 but it wasn't enough to close the gap.

"It would have been pretty tough for any 2B team to beat Liberty today," Adna coach Luke Salme said. "That's a very talented, experienced team. I'm really proud of the fight we showed for 32 minutes. I'm really excited to see how we respond Wednesday at the (Spokane) Arena."

Sophomore guard Braeden Salme led the Pirates' attack with 21 points, while Eli Smith added 14, Lane Johnson had 11, Aaron Aselton chipped in eight and Chase Collins finished with six.

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Saturday's 2A Boys Basketball



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W.F. West's Dirk Plakinger (5) soars for a layup against Franklin Pierce in a 2A regional playoff game Saturday at Mount Tahoma High School.

Bearcats Can't Keep Up With Cardinals

REGIONALS: Plakinger Scores 32, but W.F.

West's Season Comes to a Close One Game from State Tournament

By Alec Dietz

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TACOMA — Two W.F. West boys basketball players had double-doubles, and Dirk Plakinger

had a game-high 32 points, but it wasn't enough in a regional round, loser-out, 90-69, loss to Franklin Pierce Saturday night at Mount Tahoma High School.

The senior Plakinger almost single-handedly kept the Bearcats in the game through the first three quarters, scoring 32 points, all without making a 3-pointer, to go along with 11 rebounds. Junior big man Soren Dalan also notched a double-double with 17 points and 13

rebounds.

But despite the gaudy numbers, a huge run from the Cardinals in the fourth quarter helped the No. 10 seed separate from the Bearcats late.

"They get going right away," W.F. West coach Chris White said. "And it's nothing fancy, they just come downhill at you and we got tangled up. (John John Barbee) has great gamesmanship and he can draw a lot of fouls, they were pretty lop-

sided tonight."

The Cardinal guard Barbee finished with a team-high 30 points.

Trailing 58-45 late in the third, W.F. West went on a 11-0 run that included a huge Plakinger poster dunk that brought the crowd and Bearcat bench to its feet, and made it just a two-point game at the time in the third.

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DIRK PLAKINGER

School: W.F. West (Sr.)

Sport: Basketball

Playing in his final game as a Bearcat, Plakinger scored a game-high 32 points with two dunks in a regional round loss to Franklin Pierce.

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The Chronicle



BRYN BECKMAN

School: Rainier (Fr.)

Sport: Basketball

Beckman recorded a 19-point, 12-rebound double-double in a state-clinching win for the Mountaineers over Columbia (Burbank).

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Saturday's College Basketball

Trailblazer Men, Women Drop Home Matches to Lower Columbia

By The Chronicle staff

Women

A slew of turnovers and an off-night shooting spelled defeat for Centralia College women's basketball in a 62-50 defeat at home to rival Lower Columbia College in Northwest Athletic Conference West Region action on Saturday.

The Blazers trailed by four at the half (29-25) but surrendered an 18-9 run to the Red Devils coming out of the locker room and were unable to close the gap down the stretch.

Centralia College turned the ball over 28 times and shot just 37% from the floor, which included a dismal 3 of 17 (18%) from beyond the arc. LCC, meanwhile, drained eight 3-pointers and were led by a trio of double-digit scorers.

Rochester alum Paige Winters led the Blazers with 13 points and seven rebounds, while Shawnacee Davis added 11 points and Najahia Forks chipped in nine points.

Centralia College gets back into action on Wednesday when it hosts Pierce College at 5 p.m.

Men

Centralia College men's basketball fell into an early rut, climbed back out but couldn't seal a comeback in a 102-92 shootout loss at home to Lower Columbia College in Northwest Athletic Conference West Region play Saturday.

"We got ourselves in a really big hole in the first half," Blazer men's coach Jason Moir said.

The Blazers trailed by 13 at the half, down 53-40, then came out slow after the break and trailed by as many as 26 with seven minutes to go.

"We kind of got hot at the 3-point line and got it within 10," Moir said.

That's the closest the Blazers would get, however, despite outscoring the Red Devils 52-49 in the second half.

Blazers' Byron Taylor led all scorers with 32 points and added six rebounds. W.F. West alum Kayden Kelly and Toutle Lake alum Broc Keeton each chipped in 12, while Christian Willis scored 13 off the bench.

Winlock alum Bryce Clin chipped in eight points off the bench on 2 of 4 shooting from beyond the arc, while adding two rebounds and two steals.

Centralia College's last home game is Sophomore Night at 7 p.m. Wednesday versus Pierce College, where sophomores Colby White and Byron Taylor will be recognized.

LEWIS COUNTY Sports

SCOREBOARD

Local Schedules

State Basketball

Wednesday, March 2

Class 2A (Yakima SunDome)

No. 4 W.F. West girls vs. No. 12 Lynden, 12:15 p.m.

No. 1 Tumwater girls v. No. 9 West Valley (Spokane), 2 p.m.

No. 5 Tumwater boys v. No. 12 Grandview, 7:15 p.m.

Class 2B (Spokane Arena)

No. 6 Napavine boys vs. No. 11 Toutle Lake, 3:45 p.m.

No. 7 Adna boys vs. No. 10 Columbia (Burbank), 5:30 p.m.

No. 5 Morton-White Pass boys v. No. 13 Northwest Ch. (Colbert), 7:15 p.m.

No. 11 Rainier girls vs. No. 6 Lake Roosevelt, 9 a.m.

No. 9 Adna girls vs. No. 8 Chief Leschi, 2 p.m.

Class 1B (Spokane Arena)

No. 6 Mossyrock girls vs. No. 11 Waterville-Mansfield, 3:45 p.m.

Local Results

Friday's Games

Boys Basketball

At University (Spokane)

BULLDOGS 69, TIGERS 51

Napavine 17 20 10 4 — 51

Colfax 21 15 14 19 — 69

Napavine: Grose 5, Parker 11, Olson 14, Stanley 4, Prather 7, Denault 10

Colfax: Demler 24, Gray 5, S. Lustig 9, J. Lustig 21, Gilchrist 4, Helsing 4, Wigen 2

Adna: White 2, B. Loose 23, Todd 12, Wellander 18, N. Loose 3, Von Moos 1, Hallom 7

Franklin P. 20 21 20 29 — 90

W.F. West: Tornow 4, Plakinger 32, Hoff 7, Mallonee 3, Brumfield 4, Mathews 2, Dalan 17

Franklin Pierce: Barbee 30

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Women

At Centralia

RED DEVILS 62, BLAZERS 50

L. Columbia 10 19 18 15 — 62

Centralia 14 11 9 16 — 50

Lower Columbia: Harris 10, Mace 9, Schmidt 6, Novelli 14, Nnadi 10

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612; 3. John Scheafer 586; 4. Buck Garner 570; 5. Jim Webster 567;

High Game: Bob Spahr 243

Top 5 Senior Women

1. Carol Wyman 549 and Ginny Eddy 549; 2. Linda Shol 527; 3. Connie Gray 505; 4. Nancy Lynch 493; 5. Susan Prier 491; High Game: Linda Shol 212

Top 5 Junior Boys

1. Cole Ozretich 418; 2. Tyran Ozretich 415; 3. Carson Mayfield 402; 4. Noah McDaniel 341; 5. Nick Ming 288; High Game: Carson Mayfield 157

Top 5 Junior Girls

1. Bailee Spriggs 462; 2. Oleana Rimmereid 301; 3. Cheyanna Weller 300; 4. Yazmeen Robles 287; 5. Ferra Gust 265 and Peyton Parkhill 265; High Game: Bailee Spriggs 178

Top 4 Friday MatchPlay

1. Jason Burnside 886; 2. Bruce Peterson 848; 3. Junior Martin 674; 4. Jerry Jobes 635; High Game: Bruce Peterson 247

Regional Basketball Results

Boys

Saturday

Mount Si 69, Gonzaga Prep 56

Curtis 62, Davis 55

Union 56, Mariner 46

Tahoma 54, Kamiakin 51

Federal Way 71, Eastmont 57

Graham-Kapowsin 58, Glacier Peak 56

Olympia 64, Jackson 51

Central Valley 69, Woodinville 66 (OT)

Girls

Friday

Woodinville 85, Bellarmine Pr. 61

Camas 56, Inglemoor 44

Sunnyside 52, Chiawana 51

Saturday

Sumner 72, Richland 52

Pasco 65, Emerald Ridge 54

Eastlake 54, Lake Stevens 44

Moses Lake 52, Olympia 39

Rogers 46, Issaquah 40

CLASS 3A

Boys

Friday

Mount Spokane 69, Auburn 58

Kennewick 61, Lake Washington 54

Eastside Catholic 68, Mount Tahoma 51

Saturday

Garfield 90, Timberline 58

Gig Harbor 61, O'Dea 51

Seattle Prep 61, Rainier Beach 30

Mountlake Terrace 67, Kelso 57

Ferris 64, Arlington 45

Girls

Friday

Arlington 76, Kelso 45

Lake Washington 68, Snohomish 62

Auburn 56, West Seattle 52

Saturday

Mead 76, Lincoln-Tacoma 30

Garfield 67, Stanwood 44

Lakeside 53, Eastside Catholic 44

Hermiston 53, Everett 51

Bonney Lake 61, Gig Harbor 58

CLASS 2A

Boys

Friday

North Kitsap 73, Sehome 42

Lynden 58, Port Angles 48

Saturday

R.A. Long 72, White River 58

Pullman 61, Tumwater 50

Lakewood 61, Sammamish 53

Franklin Pierce 90, W.F. West 68

Prosser 60, Mark Morris 58

Saturday's 1B Boys Basketball

Acorns Fall One Game Short of State in Loss to Crosspoint

By Eric Trent

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TACOMA — Oakville stole the momentum in the second quarter but couldn't close out down the stretch as the Acorns took a 70-57 loss to Crosspoint in the Class 1B Regional playoffs on Saturday at Mount Tahoma High School.

The Acorns' season comes to an end with the loss, just one game short of the state tournament and a trip to Spokane.

First-year Acorns coach Marcus Whittaker said despite the loss, he's pleased overall with how his team competed all year.

"We didn't win but I couldn't have asked for a better first year," Whittaker said. "We won league and we placed (third) at districts with a whole new coaching staff. We have to get used to the players and the players have to get used to even being in this position."

No. 13 Oakville, which was searching for both its first Regional victory in school history and also its first trip to state since 2010, came out the gates slow against the Warriors from Bremerton.

The Acorns trailed 21-15 at



Oakville's Eddie Klatush stretches for a layup attempt during a 1B regional playoff game against Crosspoint on Saturday at Mount Tahoma High School.

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the end of one quarter due to a slew of turnovers. They finally started clicking in the second, ripping off a 16-3 run to outscore

the Warriors 23-13 to end the half with a 38-34 lead.

But Crosspoint fired back after the break, flipping the script and reeling off a 20-10 run to

take the lead for good with a 54-50 advantage heading into the final frame. The Acorns trailed by 10 with six minutes to go and

never got closer than eight the rest of the way.

"Just a lot of young, mental mistakes," Whittaker said. "A lot of freshmen and sophomores out there and they've never been in this situation."

Sophomore Eddie Klatush led the Acorns offensively with 25 points and five rebounds. Junior Ashton Boyd added a double-double of 16 points and 14 rebounds in an impressive effort on the glass. Sophomore Courtney Price finished with seven points and nine boards.

Whittaker said though he'll miss their lone senior, Jeremiah Baker, he's already looking forward to next season with his young and talented squad. The Acorns finished 15-8 overall and were a perfect 12-0 in league with one of the youngest teams in the district.

"We've got the summer to workout and we only lose one senior," Whittaker said. "So we're gonna come back even stronger and take initiative, for sure. The summer's gonna be a grind and we'll be sure to make a lot of noise next year. Everybody that beat us, we're gonna play in the preseason next year."

Friday's College Softball

Blazers Split Twinbill With Tritons in Season Opener

By The Chronicle staff

Centralia College opened its 2022 season by splitting a doubleheader with Edmonds College on Friday at Fort Borst Park.

The Blazers fell in the first game, 15-7, then rebounded with an 11-3 victory in Game 2.

Casey Wentz led the team with six hits on the day, while Pe Ell alum Annika Mason tallied five hits and Adna alum Emma Eko added four hits.

Adna alum Skye Snow and Rochester alum Kiyah Kennedy were each praised by first-year coach Payton Pocklington for their pitching performances. Pocklington also commended Sydney Yates for committing no errors on the day.

"We did well flipping switch," Pocklington said. "We put up runs every inning in the second game and we had a lot fewer errors on defense."

Centralia College (1-1) is off until March 8 when it heads to Bellevue College for a doubleheader starting at 4 p.m. The Blazers next home game is 3 p.m. on March 25 versus Chemeketa.



Centralia's Skye Snow (20) makes an out at first after field a ball from the mound Friday at Fort Borst Park.

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Friday's College Baseball

Trailblazers Swept in Home Doubleheader Against Edmonds

By The Chronicle staff

Centralia College baseball is still searching for its first win after dropping a doubleheader to Edmonds, 2-0 and 1-0, in back-to-back pitching duels Friday at Wheeler Field in Centralia.

Centralia College alum Derek Bearsto was solid on the mound in Game 1, striking 10 batters and allowing just two runs in 6 2/3 innings.

But the Tritons' starter was even better, throwing a complete-game shutout with just one error.

Blazers reliever Ayden Ruminsky pitched 2 1/3 innings, retiring seven straight batters. Offensively, the Blazers were led by Kadin Miller's two hits, while Jaden Fulsher added one hit.

In Game 2, Keegan Adams

started on the mounds, going five innings while giving up one run. Nolan Patterson came in relief, striking out four batters and retiring nine straight in three innings.

Kobe Matsen closed out the game for the Blazers, striking out two.

Offensively, Ryan Morrison collected two hits, while Jeremy Bierra, Matthew Beckworth and River Terry each had one hit a piece. The Blazers finished with three errors on defense.

"I think we're a young team working on our approach at the plate," Centralia College skipper Ben Harley said.

Centralia College falls to 0-8 overall and will host Skagit Valley Community College on March 5.



Centralia College pitcher Derek Bearsto delivers a pitch to Edmonds during a home game at Ed Wheeler Field on Friday.

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College Basketball

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Their return explains why Terrell Brown Jr. beamed and yelled: "The gang is back" when he saw Davis, who missed the past five games due to a right-shoulder injury, and Matthews, who sat out the previous game because of concussion protocols, participating in pregame warmup drills.

Finally, back at full health for the first time in three weeks, the Huskies overcame a halftime deficit and held off cross-state rival Washington State in the fi-

nal minutes for a thrilling 78-70 victory on Saturday afternoon in front of 7,269 at Alaska Airlines Arena.

Matthews, who got hit in the head last week at UCLA, targeted Saturday's return whereas Davis was questionable before the game.

"He came up to me before the (start) and said (his shoulder) feels kind of sore," UW coach Mike Hopkins said. "I said listen, let's communicate. If you can't go, then you can't go. It's funny what adrenaline does when you

see a crowd like we had, especially in a rivalry game. It's funny what it does when it becomes competitive. We've got competitors, but Daejon is one of the best competitors. He wanted to play and he was a big difference in the game tonight."

Davis erased any doubt regarding his durability early in the second half when he swiped an errant pass from WSU guard Tyrell Roberts and raced ahead to flush a two-handed dunk.

Davis tallied nine points, seven rebounds, five assists, three

steals and a block in 27 minutes off the bench.

UW's downturn was highlighted by a four-game losing streak and Wednesday's 78-70 loss at Washington State.

The score and just about everything else was flipped in Saturday's rematch.

The Huskies (14-13, 9-8 Pac-12) negated WSU forwards Mouhamed Gueye, who had a career-high 25 points, and Efe Abogidi, who tallied 21 points and 14 rebounds, three days earlier.

Finally Healthy, UW Snaps Four-Game Losing Streak by Beating WSU

By The Seattle Times

Daejon Davis and Emmitt Matthews Jr. weren't missing this game.

One of the reasons the Pacific Northwest natives returned home last summer and transferred to Washington for their senior seasons was to play against Washington State in the men's basketball version of the

Friday's 2B Girls Basketball

Pirates Pummel Granger, Punch Ticket to Spokane

By Eric Trent

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It didn't look good for Adna in the beginning of its loser-out, winner-to-state matchup with Granger at W.F. West High School on Friday.

The Pirates surrendered an 8-0 run to the Spartans and trailed 19-15 after one quarter. Then, the Pirates came alive, outscoring them 21-10 in the second quarter to steal the momentum for good and run away with a convincing, 66-44 victory.

Pirate coach Chris Bannish said his players deserve this trip to Spokane after a grueling 27 games this season, which includes winning 13 of their last 14. Though they last made state in 2020, this is the Pirates' first Regional playoff win since 2016.

"We've just come so far," Bannish said. "I didn't know if we were ever going to get here. I just couldn't find them. Then we went on a trip over Christmas and the team bonded. Then the last three weeks, their demeanor at practice is the same you saw today. They're getting after each other."

It was a slow start Friday for the No. 9 Pirates, who were facing a smaller and lightning-fast No. 16 Spartans squad, who used their speed to break the Pirates' full-court press.

"We got punched in the mouth early," Pirate coach Chris Bannish said. "Everybody's always a little bit quicker than they are on film. But we knew that was the next quarter Granger played all year; 19 points."



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Adna's Brooklyn Loose (4) lines up a 3-pointer during a regional playoff win over Granger on Friday at W.F. West High School.

The Pirates switched up their defense in the second quarter, with the 5-foot-9 Faith Wellander playing up top, getting her hands on passes to disrupt the Spartans' offense. It worked as the Pirates went on a 21-10 run to end the half with a 36-29 lead.

It was off to the races for the Pirates from there as they ripped

off a 12-0 run to start the second half, capped by a big corner 3-pointer from sharpshooter Brooklyn Loose to give Adna a commanding, 48-29 lead with 3:30 to go in the third quarter.

"She's as good of a shooter as I've ever had," Bannish said.

The Pirates cruised the rest of the way, securing their spot

in the opening round of the state tournament on Wednesday.

Loose finished with a game-high 23 points, Wellander added 18 and Kaylin Todd pitched in 12 as the Pirates were well-rounded on offense once again.

"It was a team effort," Bannish said. "I've never had a team where all five starters average 7

to 12 points. So when you have five people that average (that), it's tough to pinpoint two shooters."

Adna now heads to the 2B state tournament in Spokane where it will face No. 8 Chief Leschi in the opening-round, loser-out game at 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

Relieved Mountaineers Punch Ticket to Spokane

REGIONALS: Bryn

Beckman Scores 19 With 12 Rebounds in Rainier's 50-41 Playoff Win

By Alec Dietz

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TUMWATER — The No. 11 Rainier girls basketball team had never won a regional round playoff game entering Friday night's contest against No. 14 Columbia (Burbank). They had played in a slew of loser-out games already, and the matchup with the Coyotes was no different. Though the Mountaineers have made state several times, they just have not been able to break through in the regional round.

Friday night, against a pesky Coyotes team, it didn't matter what the history said. In a 50-41 victory, paced by unexpected sources, the Mountaineers punched its ticket to Spokane next Tuesday.

"It's a big relief," Mountaineers coach Brandon Eygabroad said. "But I'm so proud of these guys and how they've battled. We've been through four loser-out games, and each time they come back and respond. We have another loser-out game and we'll see how they respond in Spokane."

It's the Mountaineers first state bid since 2019, and just like all year, they relied on some unexpected sources to eek out the win.

Leading by just one at the half, and getting killed on the offensive glass, Rainier went to sophomore post Haleigh Hanson to add some size to their lineup.

It paid off and then some. Though the sophomore finished with just four points and three rebounds, Rainier's offensive game changed dramatically, and suddenly the Coyotes weren't getting nearly as many looks inside.

"She made an immediate impact, to the point where I couldn't take her out," Eygabroad said. "Her size, rebounding, they didn't want to go inside. She cleaned up the boards, she changed the game. It's big, you never know when your number is going to be called, and to have it called and play like that, it's big."

The Mountaineers went on an 18-13 run in the third quarter, paced by four shots from dis-

tance, including two from senior Faith Boesch who finished with 12 points.

But again, down the stretch, Rainier's freshmen made plays when it mattered the most. Brooklynn Swenson and Bryn Beckman made free throw after free throw to help pull away, and a Hanson layup after a sweet pass from senior Isabella Holmes put the icing on the cake.

Beckman finished with a game-high 19 points and 12 rebounds.

"Both of them have handled the ball and pressure," Eygabroad said of Swenson and Beckman. "Brooklynn had a tough

task with a senior guarding her, but never quit, and Bryn led us in scoring and rebounding. They hate to lose, and they're going to do everything it takes to win."

It's just a byproduct of the way Rainier has played all year, and the culture that's trickled down from the senior leaders, Holmes, Boesch, and Selena Niemi, to the freshmen. It's paid immediate dividends.

After COVID-19 forced a shortened season last year and no state tournament, the Mountaineers are headed back to Spokane to face No. 6 Lake Roosevelt on Wednesday in a loser-out first-round game.



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Rainier forward Isabella Holmes passes while facing a double team against Columbia (Burbank) in the regional round of the state tournament at Tumwater on Friday.

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Friday's 2A Girls Basketball

Bearcats Can't Claw Back in Regional Round Defeat to Wildcats

By Alec Dietz

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TUMWATER — Down by as many as 18 points in the second half to No. 5 Archbishop Murphy, the No. 4 W.F. West girls basketball team fought its way back into the game, and pulled it to one with seconds remaining, but couldn't come all the way back in a 37-36 defeat in the regional round of the state tournament Friday at Tumwater High School.

A couple of big buckets by Lexi Roberts and Olivia Remund made it a one score game with two minutes left, but the Bearcats couldn't make a shot in the final moments, and missed a couple of free throws late that would have helped them take the lead and the win.

But despite a loss at regionals, the Bearcats aren't done yet, and a huge 21-8 scoring run in the second half had coach Kyle Karnofski optimistic for W.F. West heading to Yakima on Wednesday.

"That's the team that I hope we can be," he said. "That's the team that I was proud of and got us back into it. I was happy about that, for sure. That's obviously a big piece for us, that second part



of the third quarter and fourth quarter was great.

"The last little bit is the team we need to be and want to be. The first half wasn't our best basketball, but I was proud of the comeback. That's what we have to be for 32 minutes."

The Bearcats will play No. 12

Lynden in a loser-out, winner-to-quarterfinals game at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday at the Yakima Valley SunDome.

The first half, which saw the Bearcats trailing the Wildcats, 29-15, was hardly anything like the second. Murphy came out firing, while W.F. West struggled

to get buckets, relying on Morgan Rogerson, Amanda Bennett, and Julia Dalan to do some heavy lifting to put points on the board.

Bennett was all over the floor, picking up offensive rebounds over taller opponents and flying for loose balls to energize the

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W.F. West forward Morgan Rogerson skies for a rebound against Archbishop Murphy in the regional round of the state tournament at Tumwater on Friday.

Bearcats in the second half.

"She had a good night scrapping at times, that's her role and she understands that," Karnofski said. "She's not afraid to do that, which is awesome."

The last few minutes of the third quarter, the Bearcats finally got into a rhythm, when Drea Brumfield and crew started connecting on 3-pointers and getting out in transition for easy layups. Brumfield finished with a team-high nine points.

Down by 18 points midway through the third quarter, the Bearcats outscored the Wildcats, 20-3 over the final stretch, but came up just a point short.

W.F. West will look to flush this loss with its backs against the wall against a surging Lynden squad Wednesday.

"You get a chance to go out and redeem yourself," Karnofski said. "It sucks to lose but you're not done."

Friday's 1A Girls Basketball

Beavers Eliminated by Wildcats in Regional Playoffs

By Mark Fraidenburg

For The Chronicle

Tenino fell to Toppenish, 60-55, in a win-or-go-home game for a state bid in the regional round of the Class 1A girls basketball tournament at W.F. West high school Friday night.

Tenino, which was playing in its first regional playoff game in 10 years, was led by Grace Vestal's 19 points and Ashley Schow's 18. The Beavers were going for their first state tournament appearance since 2003.

The Beavers got out to a good start in the first quarter as they were bringing pressure on the defensive end, forcing Toppenish to take bad shots and turn the ball over. The Beavers got some good looks and had good ball movement to take a 16-13 lead heading into the second quarter.

Things fell apart for the Beavers in the second quarter, as they couldn't hit their shots and had a hard time on defense, allowing the Wildcats easy looks and allowing them to hit 3s. Tenino was outscored 21-12 in the second and were down 34-28 heading into halftime.

Tenino's defense stepped up in the third quarter, allowing 15 points in the third, but their offense still wasn't connecting and had a hard time finding open looks and connecting on shots. They went into the fourth quarter down 49-40.

The Beavers had a lot of energy heading into the fourth, as they went on a run and took a one point lead with six minutes left. Toppenish looked tired but slugged it out until the end, as it started hitting shots and forced Tenino to take bad shots to run

down the clock.

The Beavers outscored Toppenish 15-11 in the fourth but it wasn't enough, as they fell short 60-55.

"We pressed them up and started hitting shots," Tenino coach Scott Ashmore said. "We had opportunities and we missed a few crucial shots. They worked hard and played hard. Grace Vestal really stepped up."

This loss ended Tenino's season, where it finished second in league, second at districts and fell one game short of a state berth. Ashmore said what he'll remember most about this team is their fight.

"They got in the gym every time I asked them to, and they set a legacy," Ashmore said. "They're a great group of kids on and off the court and they work so well together in every sport."



Mark Fraidenburg / The Chronicle

Tenino forward Ashley Schow lays the ball up against Toppenish during a regional playoff game Friday night at W.F. West High School.

Saturday's 2A Girls Basketball

Top-Seeded Thunderbirds Upset By Burlington-Edison in Thriller

By Mark Fraidenburg

For The Chronicle

Top-seeded Tumwater couldn't claw back as they were upset by No. 8 Burlington-Edison, 52-47, in a Regional round game of the Class 2A girls basketball tournament at W.F. West high school Saturday night.

The No. 1 T-Birds were led by Kylie Waltermeyer as she had 14 points, and she was helped by Natalie Sumrok's nine points and Aubrey Amendala's eight.

Tumwater got off to a good start, as they were neck and neck with the Tigers as Tumwater held onto a one point 14-13 lead going into the second.

The second quarter was a different story from the first for the T-Birds, letting the Tigers outscore them 18-10, as Tumwater allowed too many open looks

and too many 3-pointers.

The Tigers looked sharp in the second, as they had great ball movement that led to open looks, and played great defensively to force Tumwater to take bad shots. Tumwater hit a buzzer-beater to end the first half to keep it a single-digit game.

Heading into the second half, it looked like more of the same for Tumwater, as they couldn't hit their shots and had a hard time stopping Burlington-Edison's offense.

The T-Birds went on a run to start the fourth quarter to cut it within five. The T-Birds were looking good and their defense was playing solid, only holding the Tigers to five total points in the fourth, and Tumwater scored 13. The game was decided when Burlington-Edison's guard drew a foul and went to the free-throw

line, stopping all momentum the T-Birds had.

"They are a really good team and they are really well coached and played ridiculously hard. Credit to them," Tumwater coach Robin Johnson said, "They played really good defense, they applied a lot of pressure that we

didn't handle well, they rebounded well and out-worked us. It was a team effort, my team showed a lot of guts and effort tonight."

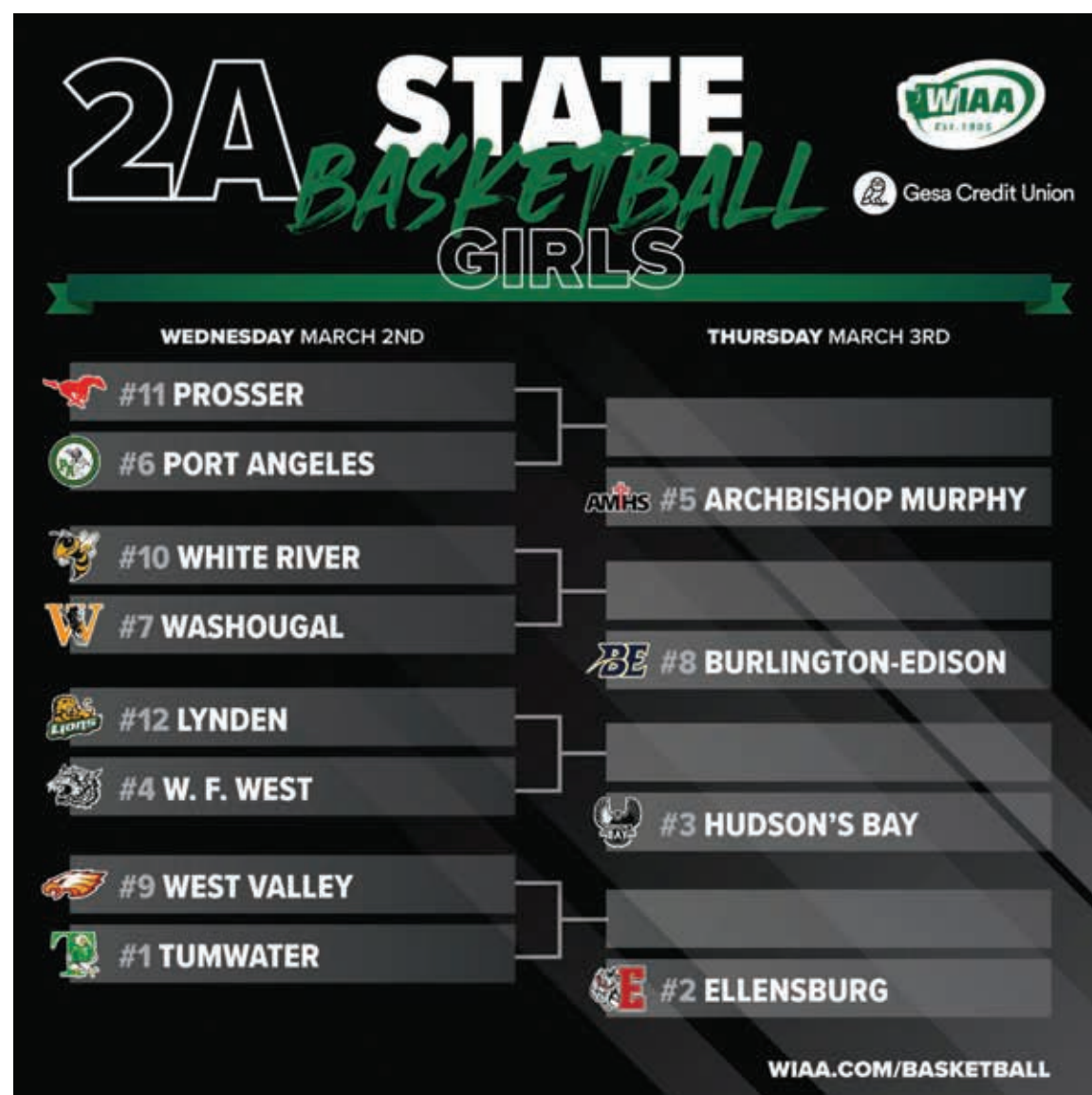
This loss for Tumwater means they will play a loser-out game at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, against West Valley (Spokane) at the Yakima SunDome.

"Losses could be good or they could be bad, and that's gonna be up to us, so we're gonna get back and prepare," Johnson said. "We love this team and we love each other, and now we get another game at the state tournament and hopefully we take care of business."



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Tumwater guard Kylie Waltermeyer shoots over Burlington-Edison defenders during the Regional playoffs at W.F. West High School on Saturday.



Boys

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Adna now takes on No. 10 Columbia (Burbank) in a loser-out game in the opening round of the state tournament at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, at the Spokane Arena

Cold Shooting, Foul Trouble Wrecks Timberwolves in Regional Loss to Brewster

Morton-White Pass was tied at the half and trailed by six heading into the fourth quarter but couldn't quite catch up to Brewster in a 59-51 loss at Regionals on Saturday at Wenatchee High School.

The No. 5 Timberwolves went toe-to-toe with the No. 4 Bears and their star, 6-foot-6 guard Kelson Gebbers, who finished with a team-high 20 points.

MWP and Brewster were notched up at 27-all at the half before Brewster took a slight lead and held onto it for most of the second half. The T-Wolves never trailed by more than six, other than in the last second when the Bears capped the night with a buzzer-beating dunk to win by eight.

"We played them tough," MWP coach Chad Cramer said. "It wasn't our best outing, but we played good enough to win. Defensively, we were pretty solid."

MWP held Brewster to 12 points below their season average of 71 points per game, but early foul trouble and a poor night of shooting ultimately doomed the T-Wolves.

Junior big-man Josh Salguero led all scorers with 24 points, despite picking up his third foul early in the second quarter, forcing him to sit the rest of the half. He then picked up his fourth foul early in the third quarter and had to come out again.

Even with the foul trouble and off-night shooting, the Timberwolves were still within striking distance down the stretch.

"We picked a bad game to have a poor night shooting, and that was really the difference in the game," Cramer said. "We were just a few missed shots from winning it."

"I'm proud of how hard we played and we know with a win on Wednesday, we're right back into the quarterfinals where we would've been had we won today. So our eyes are forward and we look forward to that challenge."

Morton-White Pass, which is playing in its first state tournament since 2018, will take on No. 13 Northwest Christian (Colbert) in a loser-out game at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday at the Spokane Arena.

Friday's Games

Tigers Fall to Bulldogs in Regional Round, Face Ducks in Rematch at State Tournament

Playing east of the mountains a bit early in Spokane at University High School, the No. 6 Napavine boys basketball team led at half, but fell behind in the second and were outdone by No. 3 Colfax, 69-51, Friday night in the regional round of the state tournament.

The Tigers got 14 points and nine rebounds from Keith Olson, but more foul trouble for the big man, and a blistering shooting night for Damian Demler helped the Bulldogs pull away in the second half for the win.

Gavin Parker and Karsen Denault also scored in double figures for the Tigers with 11 and 10 points, respectively, and John Lustig had 21 points for the Bulldogs.

Napavine will look to rebound on Wednesday in Spokane against No. 11 Toutle Lake in a loser-out first-round game. The Tigers beat the Ducks, 57-53, back on Jan. 12.

Mossyrock

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Columbia Valley League MVP Payton Torrey led the Vikings' offensive attack with a team-high 20 points to go with nine rebounds. Post Hailey Brooks added seven points and a team-high 10 rebounds while Caelyn Marshall chipped in seven points.

Mossyrock will now face No. 11 Waterville-Mansfield in a loser-out match in the opening round of state at 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday at the Spokane Arena.

The Vikings are still in the hunt for a state title, they just have to win one extra game to get there now.

Bearcats

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After that, though, it was all Cards. The Bearcats were outscored 32-13 to close out the game.

"I tip my hat to those guys," White said. "I thought we had a good plan but they turned us over more than we liked. I felt like we calmed down, but they just got hot and went downhill and we were a bit late to the party, it happened over and over again."

The loss means the Bearcats season is over, after earning a regional bid with two wins at the district tournament last week, and finishing as 2A Evergreen Conference runners-up in

league.

"No one thought we'd get this far," White said. "They really overachieved and I love them so much."

Seven Bearcats played their final game in a W.F. West basketball jersey: Evan Tornow, Dirk Plakinger, Ryan Witham, Seth Hoff, Gideon Priest, Austin Snyder, and Charlie Mallonee.


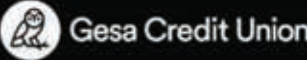
Led by Plakinger, who finished as W.F. West's leading scorer, had a final night to remember with two highlight dunks against Franklin Pierce, and a barrage of midrange and layup moves that led to 32 big points, almost half of the Bearcats scoring.

"What a career he had for us," White said. "He's a pleasure to watch and a pleasure to coach

and he's so smooth. He was really feeling it and we were trying to feed him, he makes me so proud. He's grown so much from the start of his career to now, he's so dependable. I can't wait to watch him at the next level."

White also commended his other seniors at length, praising Tornow for his growth at the lead guard spot, Mallonee's defensive tenacity, Snyder and Witham's grit off the bench, Priest's defensive prowess in his first varsity basketball season in Chehalis, and Hoff for his huge strides as the Bearcats' third scorer.

He said W.F. West would not have made it this far without any of them and their work this season.

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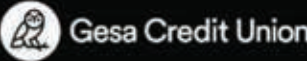
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- #16 WILLAPA VALLEY
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Life

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Surrounded by intricately carved pieces of sandstone, Keith Phillips, a master stonecutter, stands inside a rustic shed in downtown Tenino in this Chronicle file photo.

Tenino Stone Carvers to Become Nonprofit While Looking to Preserve Stone City's Legacy

By Daniel Warn

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For the Tenino Stone Carvers, being between a rock and a hard place is something to stride toward, not avoid.

To facilitate more folks anchoring themselves behind the city's stones, the Tenino Stone Carvers are in the process of starting a nonprofit organization for the development of stone carvers in the region.

The Tenino Stone Carvers group was founded by area resident Keith Phillips, who has been carving stone out of a quarry in Tenino since the 80s.

Phillips has done stone restorations and artwork with stone all over the state of Washington. He has become known in the region by his work. As recently as last year, Phillips offered stone-carving workshops for people in and around Tenino, something the stone carvers nonprofit group will continue at some point in the future, said group member Daniel Miller.

Miller, a stone mason from the United Kingdom who has been trained to do restoration work on the stones of churches and cathedrals, found a video of Phillips creating an architectural sundial for a client on YouTube. After viewing it, he knew then and there he wanted to leave his occupation of doing stone masonry on patios and walls to help Phillips with his stone artwork and restorations in the region.

Since Phillips and Miller teamed up, the Tenino Stone



Master stonecutter Keith Phillips, of Tenino, demonstrates how he carves intricate designs into sandstone in this Chronicle file photo.

Carvers have acquired a building they call "The Shed" in downtown Tenino at 147 Olympia St., and the group has grown to a total of seven stone carvers, with about three others helping the group create a stronger foothold in the region as a nonprofit.

"I'm not the leader of the group, but I feel I'm trying ... to encourage them that there really is something in this," Miller told The Chronicle. "And there's a vision that's beyond me and Keith. That's pretty much what I do. I have a good experience in

masonry, so I can help develop some of the beginning people that want some help."

At The Shed, the group runs a showroom where they make artwork for sale.

The nonprofit would work as an economic development piece to ensure the stone carvers would have a place to possibly make a living off of their work.

To make the nonprofit arm of the stone carvers a reality, the group is teaming up with Thurston County's Parks, Arts, Recreation, & Culture (PARC) Foundation to

facilitate the nonprofit's admin work and grant acquisitions.

"What we're looking at doing is basically keeping alive the tradition of stone carving in Tenino, because obviously there's a history with the quarries and the stone industry there," Miller said. "We want to help the community — provide training and access through the community workshop so that we can train people in the craft."

The group also wants to be a sort of living history exhibit in the city.

"There's other things we want to tie into the history of Tenino, and maybe have correct historical information so we can give that to the public about the stone carving trade, the quarries," Miller said. "We're going to be like a history exhibit so people can come down and see what an old-time stone mason — a stone cutter — would look like, what kind of work they would have been doing."

The group would also serve as a place for U.S. veterans of military service to come and reap the benefits of the therapeutic qualities found in the carving of stones, he said.

"Not only that, but we want to provide training for people who want to do historical restoration, to ensure that it's done correctly, to really good standards," Miller said.

To get involved, folks can send a message to the group on Facebook by searching "The Tenino Stone Carvers."

Yet the group is still in the process of reaching the 501 (c)3 nonprofit status with the state.

"We're not official yet, but we've had a meeting that this is the road we're going to head down," Miller said. "It should happen within the next four to six weeks, I would imagine."

Ultimately, Miller said the group is essential for Tenino's identity.

"I think it's huge for Tenino, actually, because ... they call themselves Stone City, and without a group of active carvers, it kind of loses a little bit of its pizzazz" he said.

Community Calendar

Lewis County COVID Memorial Service

March 2 at the Centralia United Methodist Church; 12 p.m.

Bells will be rung at this Ash Wednesday service in memory of the more than 224 lives lost to COVID-19 in Lewis County over the pandemic. For more information, call Pastor Vangie at 360-736-7311 or 360-556-3278.

7th Annual Free Seed Swap

March 5 at the Toledo Library; all day

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, attendees are asked to sign up at the library in advance. Sign ups will be open on Wednesday and Thursday from 12 to 4 p.m. or Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Plan to drop off seed donations (2020, or newer) when signing up. There will be a self-

serve, cafeteria-style seed selection this year.

38th Annual Winter Carnival

March 5 at White Pass Ski Area; all day

Visit skiwhitepass.com for a full schedule of events.

Car Show and Vendor Fair

March 5 at the Moose Lodge, 1400 Grand Ave., Centralia

Raffle tickets to vote for cars will be sold for \$1 each and will be drawn for prizes. Proceeds will go to Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. Over 20 local vendors will be at this event.

Miss Lewis County

March 5 at the Centralia High School Center for Performing Arts, 813 Eshom Road, Centralia; 7 p.m.

Five young women will com-

pete for the title of Miss Lewis County at this scholarship pageant.

Rainy Daze Quilt Guild

March 8 at the Twin Cities Senior Center, 2545 N. National Ave., Chehalis; doors at 6 p.m., meeting at 6:30 p.m.

New members are welcome. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

March 9, 12, 13 and 14 at the Mossyrock Grange Hall, 152 Isbell Road, Mossyrock

Free tax preparation for seniors and folks in the low income category. Bring income papers.

This program will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 9, 12 and 14 and from 12 to 6

p.m. on March 13.

Riverside Fire Authority Meeting

March 9 at Station 2 headquarters, 1818 Harrison Ave., Centralia; 5 p.m.

These meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

Workgroup for Parents of Children With Disabilities

March 9 at the Jensen Memorial Event Center, Veterans Memorial Museum at 100 SW Veterans Way; 5:30 to 7 p.m.

This class is hosted on the second Wednesday of every month until May by Reliable Enterprises and Lewis County Public Health and Social Services.

Topics include preparing for graduation and other transitions, social security, employ-

ment supports and more. Register by calling organizer Shawna Haller at 360-520-9299 or email shaller@reliableenterprises.org.

Lewis County Cemetery District #1 Monthly Meeting

March 9 at the cemetery office, 407 Cowlitz Road, Winlock; 7 p.m.

These meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month.

Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet

March 18 at Hotel Washington, 545 N. Market Blvd., Chehalis; Social hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and program at 7 p.m.

Reservations per person cost \$50, or groups can sponsor a table for \$350. RSVP by Jan. 17 by contacting the chamber at 360-748-8885 or visiting chamberway.com.

Puzzles

Find Answers to the Puzzles in the Next Edition

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 — Majesty
 - 4 Prompt
 - 7 Bucket handle
 - 11 Turkish official
 - 12 Big Bird's buddy
 - 13 Wrist-to-elbow bone
 - 14 — Voight of films
 - 15 Cleans the floor
 - 16 Certain wines
 - 17 Wild guesses
 - 19 Elf
 - 20 Tiny
 - 21 Protective shelter
 - 22 Showed violent anger
 - 25 End-of-day event
 - 28 Starman's vessel
 - 29 Takes legal action
 - 31 Reservoir boundary
 - 33 Cove
 - 34 Big laugh (hyph.)

- 36 San Francisco's — Hill
 - 37 Curie discovery
 - 40 Tibet's capital
 - 42 Cheer from the bleachers
 - 43 Winter ailment
 - 44 Cosmetics brand
 - 46 C-3PO or R2-D2
 - 49 Smile ear-to-ear
 - 50 Potter's supply
 - 52 Windy and cold
 - 54 Burn soother
 - 55 Ponies up
 - 56 Lumberjack tool (Var.)
 - 57 Audacious
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- 4 Nearby
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- 7 Hides, as treasure
- 8 Mr. Trebek
- 9 A famous 500
- 10 Refrain syllables
- 12 Sets, as in cement
- 18 Astonish
- 19 Corral
- 21 Like a rain forest
- 22 Chafe
- 23 Way, way off
- 24 "Naked Maja" artist
- 25 Mine find
- 26 Ferber or Millay
- 27 New Mexico town
- 30 "No dice!" (hyph.)
- 32 Wall Street deg.
- 35 Steel and brass
- 38 Talked on and on
- 39 — Holm of "Alien"
- 41 Wheel part
- 43 Unravels
- 44 Alice's chronicler
- 45 Cello kin
- 47 Paperless exam
- 48 Roll down the runway
- 49 Chatter
- 50 ER practice
- 51 Fellow
- 53 Take a mate

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to shopping.

TRLEIA

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Answer: Retail

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.

FOOD SERVICE WORD SEARCH

A	F	H	T	K	M	B	O	B	A	P	L	L	I	B	T	B	C	R	V
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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| BARTENDER | CHARCUTERIE | EARLY BIRD | HOSTESS | RESERVATION | SPECIALS |
| BILL | CHEF | FAMILY STYLE | LUNCH | SERVER | TAKEOUT |
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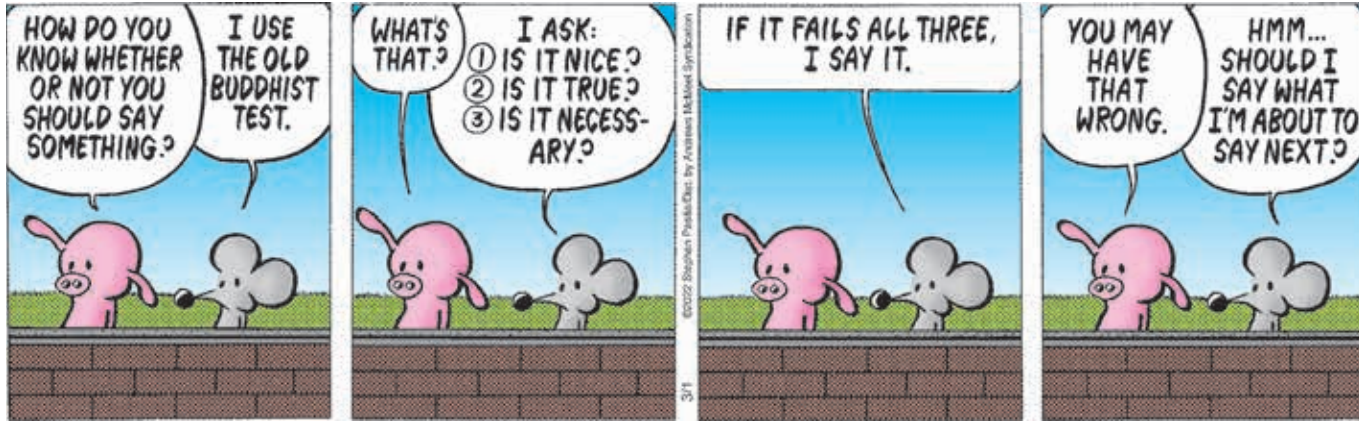
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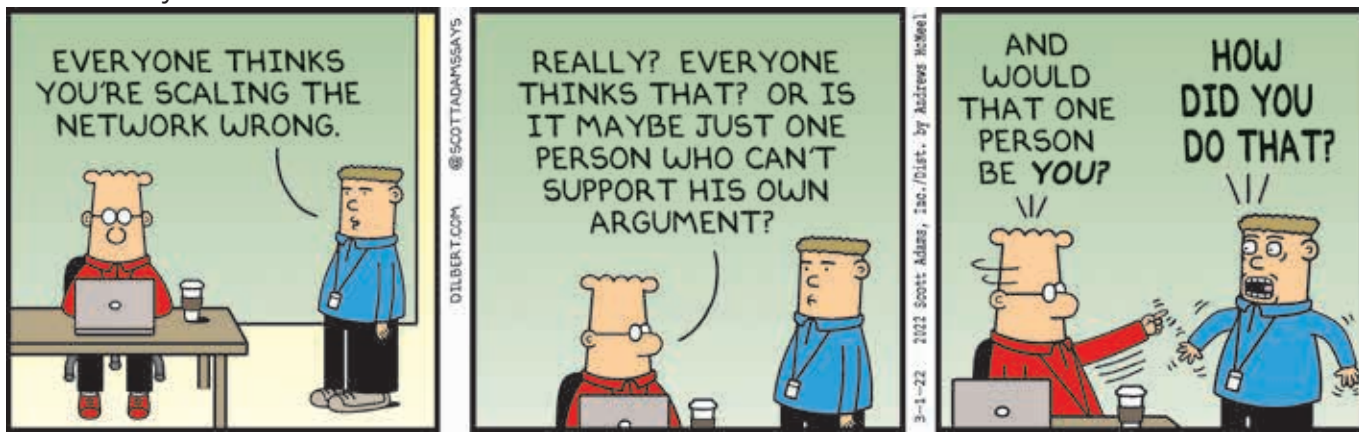
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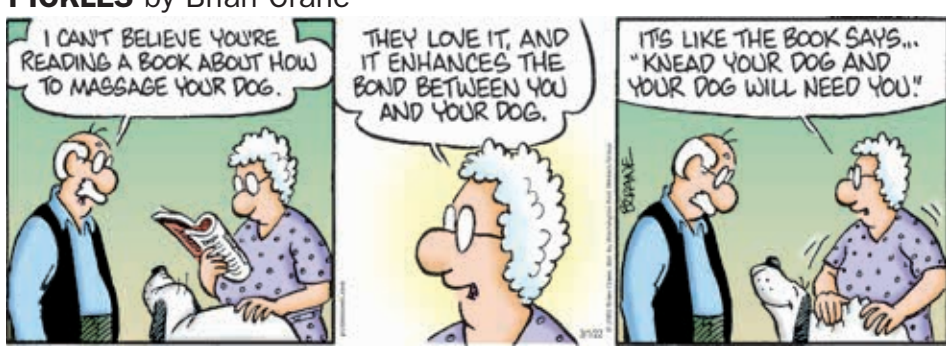
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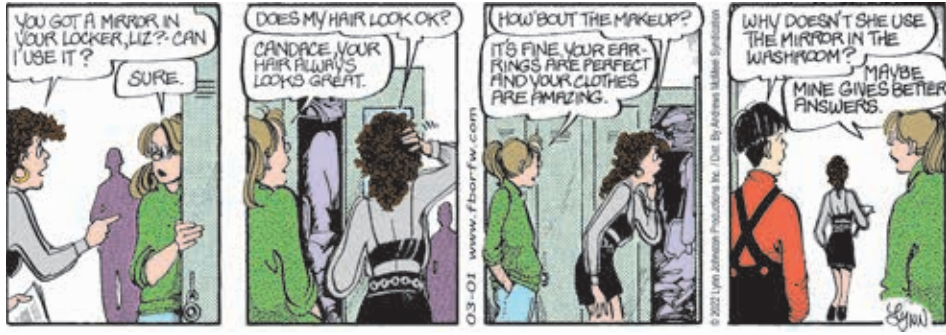
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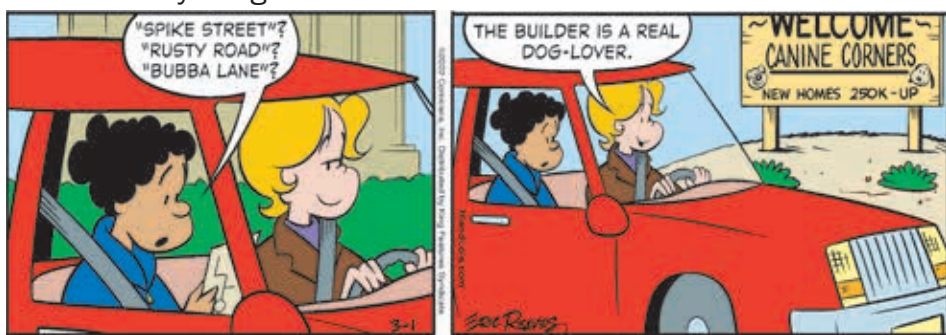
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BLONDIE by Dean Young & John Marshall



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Electrical Engineer-Systems:

The Electrical Engineer provides engineering analysis for internal and external District customers, including system protection and coordination, load allocations, system optimization, fault study, communication, and automation, in compliance with District policies and applicable government standards.

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AUTOMOTIVE

MOTOR HOMES

WANTED: Motorhome or truck & travel trailer, any type, size, condition considered, cash buyer. Call Paul or Maryann 360-434-3993.

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LEWIS COUNTY - STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT THRESHOLD DETERMINATION DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

LEAD AGENCY: Lewis County - Community Development Department
PROPOSER: Dashmesh Petroleum 13, Inc. (Harnek Dhudwal)
FILE NUMBERS: SEP21-0031, SUP21-0006 & MSR21-0660

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: Construction of new 35 foot by 75 foot self-storage unit building as an isolated small business on a parcel with an existing convenience store/gas station facility. Cumulative square footage of both buildings exceeds 5,000 and requires a special use permit.

LOCATION OF

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PROPOSAL: The project is located at 2058 SR 508, Onalaska, Lewis County, WA - Section 28, Township 13 N, Range 01 E, WM on parcel number 032753007000.

THRESHOLD DETERMINATION:

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable, significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is NOT required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review by Lewis County of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with this agency and such information is adopted herein by reference. This information is available electronically here: <https://lewiscountywa.gov/departments/community-development/current-planning-applications/dashmesh>

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the issue date below. Written comments may be submitted during the 14-day period by 4 pm on **March 15, 2022.**

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

Contact Person: Karen Witherspoon, AICP, Senior Project Planner for Responsible Official

Date of Issue: March 1, 2022

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- Maintain identifying tags and labels on materials
- Read and follow work orders
- 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

Benefits:

- Paid Training
- Health insurance with company paid HRA
- Profit Sharing
- Opportunity for advancement
- Vacation available after one year
- Shift premiums
- Competitive wages \$ 16- \$18.00

HOROSCOPE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) --
Sit tight and work on presentation and promotion. You'll know when you are ready to launch your project, but keep improving and updating it until that time. Too much too fast will be your downfall.



PISCES

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) --
Take what others say in stride. Proceed with passion and use the power of persuasion to make changes that will help you seize the moment and achieve what you set out to do.



ARIES

ARIES (March 21-April 19) --
Use your power of persuasion to your advantage. Preparation, accuracy and compromise will help you get your way. Don't take a risk regarding your health, position or reputation.



TAURUS

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) --
You will be hitting home runs today. Physical action will be key to your success. Step up and do your best. A material change will lift your spirits. Dig in and work hard.



GEMINI

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) --
Be reasonable and expect the same from others. Don't be afraid to do your own thing and let others do as they please. Being true to yourself may not be easy, but it is necessary if you want to get ahead.



CANCER

CANCER (June 21-July 22) --
Put what you know to good use. You will drum up interest in what you are doing. Set high goals, come up with unique ideas and plans, and seek out people who have something to contribute.



LEO

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) --
Keep life simple, your plans doable and disruptive people at a distance. By keeping the peace and executing your projects strategically, you will overcome any obstacle you face along the way.



VIRGO

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) --
You'll be drawn to innovative ideas and people who offer different perspectives. Get moving, and you'll accomplish what you set out to do. Networking events will help drum up support.



LIBRA

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) --
Use intelligence if you want to get things done. Problems with someone you deal with will leave you in an awkward position if you can't come to terms. Give others the same freedom you want in return.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) --
You won't have to stand alone if you do your part. Words won't matter if you don't follow through. You can take a unique approach and achieve excellent results. Make change work for you.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) --
Stick to your plan, regardless of what others pursue. A steady pace and a well-thought-out strategy will pay off. Discipline and understanding will get you where you want to go.



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) --
Make a couple of minor adjustments to how you do things, and you'll have everything you want. Be adventurous and share your thoughts and feelings with a loved one.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022



AQUARIUS

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) --
Refuse to let red tape hold you back. Ensure all documents are ready in order to avoid setbacks. Take the initiative by putting your ideas and plans into play. New beginnings are within reach.



PISCES

ARIES (March 21-April 19) --
Keep your secrets to yourself. Sharing too much information will disrupt your relationship with someone in a position to influence your future. Finish paperwork in order to avoid a fine or loss.



ARIES

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) --
Someone's change of heart will put you in a good position. You will receive the help you need if you are clear about your plans and desires. Celebrate with a loved one.



TAURUS

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) --
Think for yourself and proceed with your plans, regardless of temptation. Intelligence and practicality will help you advance. Be wary of a scheme someone presents.



GEMINI

CANCER (June 21-July 22) --
Formulate a plan and follow through. You can bring about change that will improve your chance to advance. Take advantage of an opportunity. Romance is encouraged.



LEO

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) --
Avoid getting into a compromising position. Keep your thoughts to yourself, and don't sign up for something you don't fully comprehend. Take care of unfinished business and put your needs first.



VIRGO

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) --
It's up to you to make a change. Trust your instincts and follow your heart. Enhance a meaningful relationship by spending quality time together. A lifestyle change looks promising.



LIBRA

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) --
Go over all your options and consider what's doable and affordable. Don't back yourself into a corner because you don't know how to say no. Procrastination is the enemy.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) --
Keep everyone guessing until you are ready to make your move. Explore the possibility of changing your residence, lifestyle or direction. Let your creative side take the reins.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) --
Proceed with caution. Someone will be eager to make you look bad or take advantage of you. Choose your words carefully, and don't make promises you don't want to keep.



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) --
Work hard, and you will find a way to reach your goal. Being adaptable will help you adjust to the necessary changes involved in the process. Romance will enhance your day.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) --
Control situations before someone tries to take charge. Be respectful of others, but don't let them walk all over you. Do what brings you joy and peace of mind.

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ter. Appellants should be prepared to make **specific factual objections**. The appeal procedure is established in Lewis County Code (LCC) Section 17.110.130 and LCC Section 2.25.130. The administrative appeal fee is established by Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. The current adopted fee schedule is available online at <https://lewiscountywa.gov/departments/community-development/permit-applications-and-handouts/>.

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Searching for Ronald Ike Kinswa. Please contact Tacoma Mausoleum and Mortuary 5302 S. Junett St. Tacoma, Washington. 253-474-9574

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. 108 1st Ave South, Suite 202 Seattle, WA 98104 Trustee Sale No.: WA-18-809625-SH Title Order No.: DEF-375606 Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 3249391 Parcel Number(s): 014698-001-001 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: CARL E. NELSEN, AS HIS SEPARATE ESTATE Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-BC5 Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: Quality Loan Service Corporation of Washington Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: NewRez LLC, f/k/a New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 7/1/2022, at 9:00 AM At the Main Entrance to the Lewis County Courthouse, located at 351 N.W. North Street, Chehalis, WA 98532 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of LEWIS, State of Washington, to-wit: PARCEL A OF BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT NO. BLA-00-0027 RECORDED IN BOOK 1 OF B.L.A.M, PAGE 14 UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 3096274, BEING A PORTION OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 12 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, W.M. More commonly known as: 250 CLASSE ROAD, TOL-EDO, WA 98591 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 4/7/2006, recorded 4/19/2006, under Instrument No. 3249391 records of LEWIS County, Washington, from CARL E. NELSEN, AS HIS SEPARATE ESTATE, as gran-

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tor(s), to LSI, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS NOMINEE FOR SECURED FUNDING CORP., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-BC5, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 3374868 II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: \$170,476.66. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$163,323.05, together with interest as provided in the Note from 11/1/2013 on, and such other costs, fees, and charges as are due under the Note, Deed of Trust, or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 7/1/2022. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 6/20/2022 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 6/20/2022 (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 6/20/2022 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s) by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of 8/16/2019. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS - The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against

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the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You may be eligible for mediation. You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date of this notice to pursue mediation. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-4663 or Web site: http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_counselors_foreclosure.htm The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD> or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fo/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=fdc> The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 or Web site: <http://nwjustice.org/what-clear> Additional information provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the noteholders rights against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-18-809625-SH. Dated: 2/16/2022 Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Trustee By: Maria Montana, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington 108 1st Ave South, Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-18-809625-SH Sale Line: 800-280-2832 or Login to: <http://wa.qualityloan.com/IDSPub#0176897> 2/22/2022 3/1/2022 3/8/2022

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121403 Meeting Time Change

In accordance with RCW 42.30.075, the Fire Commission of Lewis County Fire District 15 has changed the regular meeting time from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, held on the second Tuesday of every month at the Winlock Fire Station Meeting Room, located at 609 NW Kerron St.

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121311 NTC: Graham

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF LEWIS In the Matter of the Estate of: RONALD D. GRAHAM, Deceased. No. 22-4-00065-21 Notice to Creditors, RCW 11.40.030

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this Estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets. Date of First Publication: February 22, 2022 Personal Representative: Nancy Nieves Attorney for the Personal Representative: Marc Wheeler, WSBA No. 7860 Address for Mailing or Service: Nancy Nieves c/o Marc Wheeler Attorney at Law 1303 Grand Avenue Centralia, WA 98531

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Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Lewis County Superior Court Cause No. 22-5-00065-21 s/ Nancy Nieves Personal Representative

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121423 NTC: Trainor

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF LEWIS In the Matter of the Estate of: NORMA LEE TRAINOR, Deceased. No. 22-4-00094-21 Notice to Creditors, RCW 11.40.030

The Co-Personal Representatives named below have been appointed as Co-Personal Representatives of this Estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Co-Personal Representatives or the Co-Personal Representatives' attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the Co-Personal Representatives served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets. Date of First Publication: March 1, 2022 Co-Personal Representative: Ronald L. Trainor and Cheryl A. Schlenker Attorney for the Co-Personal Representatives: Marc Wheeler, WSBA No. 7860 Address for Mailing or Service: Ronald L. Trainor and Cheryl A. Schlenker c/o Marc Wheeler Attorney at Law 1303 Grand Avenue Centralia, WA 98531 Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Lewis County Superior Court Cause No. 22-4-00094-21 s/ Ronald L. Trainor and Cheryl A. Schlenker Co-Personal Representative

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121415 SEP22-0005 DNS

LEWIS COUNTY - STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT THRESHOLD DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

LEAD AGENCY: Lewis County - Community Development Department
PROPOSER: Collins Architectural Group
FILE NUMBERS: SEP22-0005 & MSR18-0512 Review 2
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: 10,480sf addition to Adna High School to include new gym and classroom space.
LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: The project is located at 121 Adna School Rd, Adna Lewis County, WA --Section 09, Township 13 N, Range 03 W, WM on parcel number 018723008000.
THRESHOLD DETERMINATION: The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable, significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is NOT required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review by Lewis County of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with this agency and such information is adopted herein by reference. This information is available electronically here <https://lewiscountywa.gov/departments/community-development/current-planning-applications/>. This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the issue date below. Written comments must be submitted by 4pm on March 15, 2022.
Responsible Official: Lee Napier, Director
Lewis County Community Development 2025 NE Kresky Avenue Chehalis, Washington 98532
Contact Person: Preston Pinkston, Planner for Responsible Official
Date of Issue: March 1, 2022
This SEPA determination may be appealed in writing to the Lewis County Hearings Examiner until 4 pm on **March 22, 2022** at the Lewis County Community Development Permit Center. Appellants should be prepared to make **specific factual objections**. The

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appeal procedure is established in Lewis County Code (LCC) Section 17.110.130 and LCC Section 2.25.130. The administrative appeal fee is established by Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. The current adopted fee schedule is available online at <https://lewiscountywa.gov/departments/community-development/permit-applications-and-handouts/>.

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121401 SUP21-0006 NO

TYPE III - SPECIAL USE PERMIT Notice of Application Permit Number(s): SUP21-0006, SEP21-0031, MSR21-0660

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lewis County has received a Type III Special Use Permit and SEPA Checklist from **Dashmesh Petroleum 13, Inc. (Harnek Dhudwal)** for the following development proposal:

Project Proposal: The construction of new 35 foot by 75 foot self-storage unit building as an isolated small business on a parcel with an existing convenience store/gas station facility. Cumulative square footage of both buildings exceeds 5,000 and requires a special use permit.

Project Location: 2058 SR 508, Onalaska, Lewis County on tax parcel number 032753007000

Comments Due by: March 16, 2022

Environmental Determination: The proposed project has been reviewed for probable adverse impacts and Lewis County issued a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(2) (see attached DNS). The proposal may include mitigation under applicable codes, and the project review proposal may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether and EIS is prepared.

Documents related to this project can be reviewed at the following project webpage: <https://lewiscountywa.gov/departments/community-development/current-planning-applications/dashmesh-self-storage-unit-project-special-use-permit-sup21-0006/>

Contact: Send written comments and requests to review the additional information to:

Karen Witherspoon, AICP, Senior Project Planner

Phone: 360-740-2637

Email: karen.witherspoon@lewiscountywa.gov

Mail: 2025 NE Kresky Ave., Chehalis, WA 98532

Date Application Received: November 3, 2021

Date of Complete Application: January 14, 2022

Date of Notice of Application: March 1, 2022

Hearing Date: TBD, see below

Comments about this application may be submitted to the Lewis County Planning Division by March 16, 2022. A hearing date will be scheduled for a virtual public hearing with the Lewis County Hearing Examiner after the completion of the environmental review for the Type III application (per Lewis County Code (LCC) 17.05). Once the hearing date is set, the notice of hearing will be issued providing the time, date and Zoom hearing attendance information of this virtual public hearing. **Please Note: The hearing will be by remote virtual hearing only and there will be no in-person public access to the hearing room.**

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