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Eric Mack, 39, of Lacey, appears in Lewis County Superior Court via video Wednesday.



DNA EVIDENCE: Suspect, Who Allegedly Wielded Ax, Eyed in Additional Assaults

By Emily Fitzgerald
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Bail has been set at \$1 million for a Lacey man accused of raping a

woman while threatening her with an ax in Centralia in October 2020.

DNA evidence included in a sexual assault evidence collection kit collected by Providence Centralia Hospital reportedly matched with Eric Mack, 39, of Lacey, earlier this month.

Mack was booked into the Lewis

County Jail at 8 p.m. on April 26 and has since been charged with one count of first-degree rape with a deadly weapon enhancement added to the charge.

If found guilty, Mack would face a maximum penalty of life in prison.

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Packwood Braces for the Potential of 'Very Serious' Wildfires

By Isabel Vander Stoep
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With the 2022 fire season around the corner, Packwood Fire Chief Lonnie Goble isn't just worried about a big wildfire in Packwood. He's expecting it.

"In Timberline and High Valley, if a fire starts and we don't get there within 45 minutes of that fire starting, it ain't gonna be just High Valley, it's gonna be all Packwood is probably gonna burn up and I don't care how many fire departments you get," Goble said.

He added that it's no longer a question of "if?" the East Lewis County town will have a big fire, but, "when?"

On Thursday night, about 40 people gathered at the Packwood Community Hall to hear a presentation on fire prevention and safety from Goble, Tanner Stemkowski from the Department of Natural Resources, Nikia Hernandez, a ranger with

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Lonnie Goble
Packwood fire chief

Spring Youth Fair Returns



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Ella Hylton, 5, and her brother Lane, 3, use a broom and shovel as they prepare for the Spring Youth Fair Friday morning at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds.



American Kennel Club labrador retrievers from LabraDomain sit in a wagon at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds while visiting the Spring Youth Fair Friday morning.

By The Chronicle staff

The Spring Youth Fair returned to the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds on Friday after a two-year hiatus.

Through Sunday, visitors can view a wide variety of living and still-life exhibits — including art, science projects, baked goods and more — from youth, sample fair foods and fares from local vendors and partake in activities such as putt-putt golf and rock climbing that are sure to delight kids of all ages.

The fair operates on the motto "kids are special, fairs are fun" and aims to provide a fun learning experience for all youth — regardless of their background or where they live.

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Project of the Year: Lewis County Public Works Earns Award for Emergency Newaukum River Fix

By Isabel Vander Stoep

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As the Friday morning sun burned off clouds and mallards flew over the Newaukum River, it would be easy to forget the Chehalis tributary threatened to wash out the nearby Newaukum Valley Road less than a year ago.

"Losing this road would put a 10- to 20-minute increase on emergency responses in the valley," said Lewis County Public Works Director Josh Metcalf.

Public Works identified that threat in March of 2021 and requested the Board of County Commissioners declare a state of emergency for the site. Because of this, the team was able to complete the project in under seven months.

For its "Newaukum Valley Road Bank Stabilization Project" the department was awarded project of the year by the American Public Works Association's Washington chapter in the category of emergency projects for \$5 million and under earlier this month.

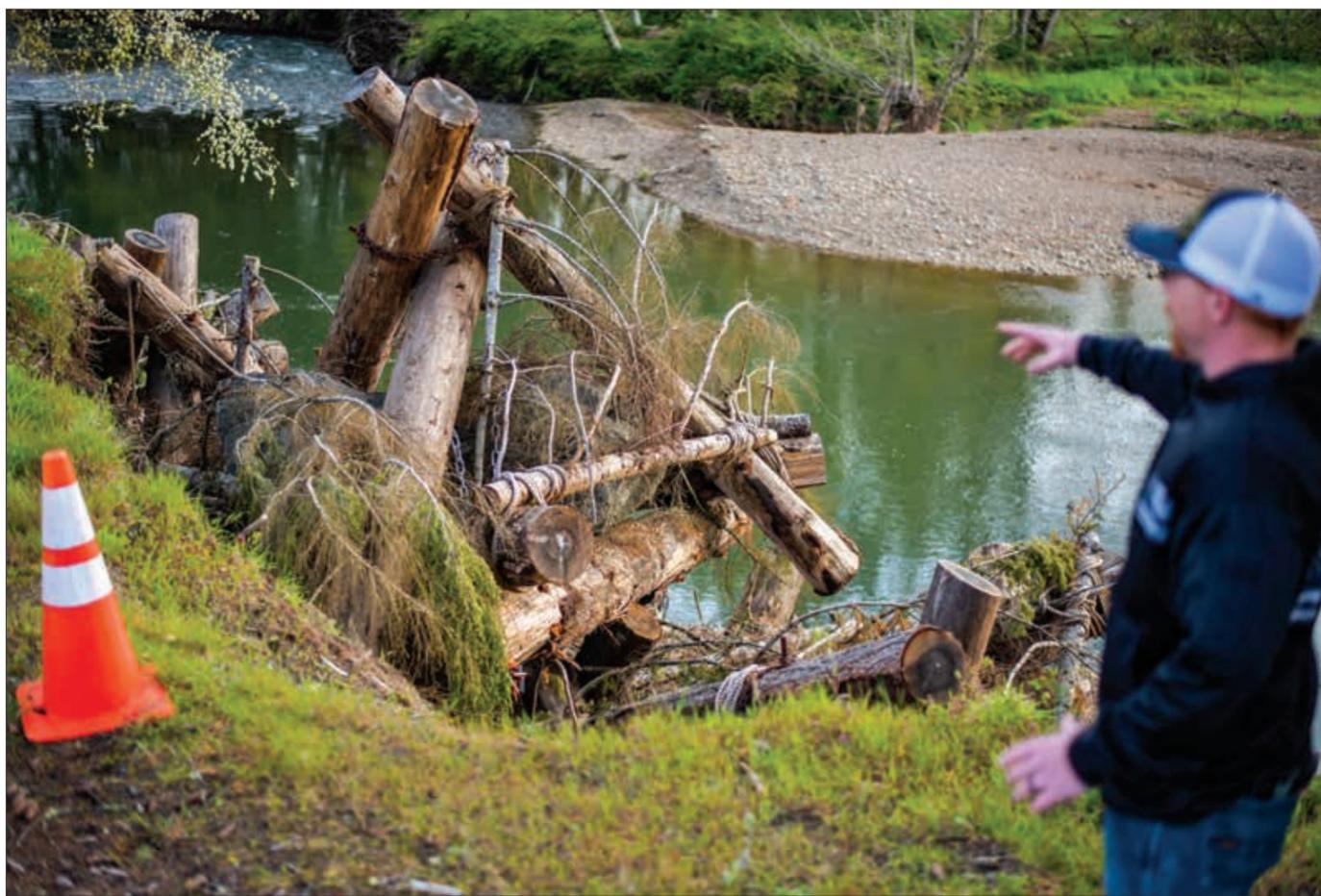
Stabilizing a river bank is no simple task. Northwest Hydraulic Consultants had to come up with a creative design using jacks — named for the toy they resemble — constructed from 6 ton boulders and giant logs. The total weight of each jack came in between 6 and 10 tons. This project required 43 of them.

Another innovative technique used was a "bubble curtain," which deters fish from swimming through the area while work is underway. Essentially, air is hosed upward through the river to create a wall of bubbles.

"The Newaukum is a heavy fish stream. They had to segregate the work zone from the fish, so they came up with the bubble curtain idea. It's not standard use, we don't typically use them here in Lewis County and they got it installed and it worked great," Metcalf said.

Tunista Construction bid on the project at a rate 50% lower than the estimated cost. Metcalf said that initially seemed like a "red flag" but their team ended up being "outstanding. They came in here and they actually got it done quicker than they had even planned."

He added that nearby property owners also played a role by being extremely cooperative, calling the entire project a team



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Lewis County Public Works Director Josh Metcalf points out erosion along the Newaukum River in Chehalis.

"I'm extremely proud of our team. The work that they did in the timeline they did it in, it's pretty amazing."

Josh Metcalf
Public Works director

effort.

"Our own commissioners, our engineering team, our consultant contractor, everybody played part of that. The fact that we got it permitted and built in less than seven months, to me, is awesome. But the bigger deal is it just shows you that it's doable," Metcalf said.

In November of 2021, the project had its first test from flooding. Then, as Lewis County Public Information Officer Austin Majors put it, the January flooding proved the methodology. The Newaukum in early Jan-



Logs, boulders and branches bound with chains and rope along the bank of the Newaukum River to mitigate erosion are seen Friday morning off Newaukum Valley Road in Chehalis.

uary reached its all-time record high, and the log jacks remained in place, propping up the banks and adjacent road.

The criss-crossed design of the jacks also captures debris drifting down the river. This adds sustainability to the proj-

ect as the river bank essentially builds itself back up.

"Just on a normal day, not flooding, the full force (of the river) was still going to continue to go into this weakening out of the river bank," Majors said. "It got to a point where there was 30 feet of vertical wall there on the bank, which is not good."

If the emergency steps had not been taken, the bank was about a foot away from making the road no longer safe to drive.

"We really should have the design team out here getting their picture. I mean, they really did all the work and made it happen," Metcalf said. "Something like this is always on top of the regular work and then you've got to think outside the box, and then it's communication or it doesn't happen successfully. I'm extremely proud of our team. The work that they did in the timeline they did it in, it's pretty amazing."

Port of Olympia Funds Projects in South Thurston Communities

By The Chronicle staff

The Port of Olympia Commission recently awarded Yelm, Bucoda, Rainier and Tenino \$10,000 each to aid in community and economic development investments.

The move was made as part of the port's Small Cities Program.

The Small Cities Program, launched in 2010, provides gap funding for community and economic development initiatives spearheaded by municipalities in Thurston County that have fewer than 15,000 residents, according to a news release.

The funding will help implement the following projects:

- Yelm will create a sidewalk connection between the community garden at Yelm City Park and the adjacent parking lot.

- Tenino will use the funding to offer storefront improvement grants to its business core.

- Bucoda will purchase event equipment to support and expand both its annual Boo-coda Haunted House and vendor fair.

- Rainier will develop a baseball field at Wilkowski Park for the local little league and the community at large.

Past port investments aided efforts such as the development of a community center and emergency notification message boards in Yelm; the installation of a shaded pavilion for bicyclists in Tenino; the enhancement of main street sidewalks and the preservation of a historic school and church in Rainier; and the renovation of the Oddfellows Building and support for the annual Boo-Coda event in Bucoda.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Mary Ida Voelker

1932 ~ 2022

Mary Ida Voelker entered into the presence of her savior, Jesus Christ, on the evening of Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022, at Providence Centralia Hospital. Mary was born on Aug. 21, 1932, to Ida and Fred Moldenhauer in New Underwood, South Dakota. She and her six siblings grew up on a farm and attended a one-room schoolhouse.

After graduating from New Underwood High School in 1950, Mary went to Black Hills Teacher College and earned a one year teaching certificate. She taught in a rural school until her father decided to sell the farm and retire in Clarkston, Washington. It was there, in Clarkston, that she met Charles Edmund Voelker while attending the First Baptist Church of Clarkston. Upon deciding to attend Biola University, where Charles was also attending, Mary was offered a spot in Charles' car for the long ride down to Los Angeles to finish her Bachelor's degree in education. Soon after, Charles proposed to Mary and they were married in Clarkston on July 22, 1961. Charles joined the United States Army as a chaplain after attending

seminary. The military took Charles, Mary and their sons, Phil and David, to many locales including Germany, Arizona and New York. Charles finished his military career at Fort Lewis, allowing them to make their home in Lakewood, Washington for over 20 years.

Mary worked as a teacher and tutor and loved volunteering at her local church in many roles. She is fondly remembered by many as their beloved preschool Sunday School teacher at Central Baptist Church in University Place, Washington. She also enjoyed gardening with Charles, reading and traveling to places such as Alaska, Hawaii and Cannon Beach, Oregon.

Mary and Charles had many pets over the years, but she especially loved their cat, Maggie. Most of all, Mary loved Jesus and was faithful in her devotions and prayers and enjoyed singing hymns. The family Christmas letter was always in poetic form thanks to Mary's talents. She even wrote a hymn called "Look Long on the Cross."

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She will be greatly missed by all that knew her. She is survived by her sister, Fern (Fred) Fillers of Arkansas; sons, Philip (Christine) Voelker and David Loc (Marie) Voelker; six grandchildren, Adrian, Andrew, Hannah, Sarah, Micah and Tommy; two great-grandchildren, Evan and Macy; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A special thank you to the caring staff of Providence Centralia Hospital for their kindness to our family and mom in her final days. A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. May 1 at the Sticklin Funeral Chapel in the George Washington Venue. She was buried at Tahoma National Cemetery.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.sticklinsfuneralchapel.com for the Voelker family.

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Chehalis Woman Faces Assault Charges for Allegedly Burning 2-Year-Old With Cigarette

By Emily Fitzgerald

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A Chehalis woman is facing assault charges for allegedly burning her 2-year-old son with a cigarette.

The woman is not being named by The Chronicle to protect the identity of the alleged victim.

She was arrested after the 2-year-old's aunt called the Che-

halis Police Department on April 24 to report an infected burn on the inside of the 2-year-old's arm.

The child's aunt stated that when she asked the 2-year-old what happened to his arm, "the 2-year-old went to a cigarette box and attempted to remove a cigarette," according to court documents. When the child's aunt stopped him from taking a cigarette, the 2-year-old reportedly

"pointed to the cigarette box and then his arm."

The child's aunt stated she called law enforcement "because she didn't want to be blamed for the child's injury later on by (the child's mother)," according to court documents.

When contacted by police, the child's mother reportedly "became hysterical" and said "the burn was caused by a coffee pot

that had been pulled down from the counter," according to court documents.

She was arrested and was placed on a 72-hour hold for prosecutors to obtain a forensic statement from a medical professional regarding the cause of the burn.

At the end of that 72-hour hold, the woman was charged with third-degree assault of a child, domestic violence.

She was released on a \$5,000 unsecured bail shortly after her initial arrest.

Child Protective Services took custody of the 2-year-old and another child in the home at the time of the woman's arrest and there is a no-contact order in place preventing the woman from interacting with either of the children, according to Deputy Prosecutor Scott Jackson.

Thurston County Tallies 766 People Experiencing Homelessness, Preliminary Data Show

By Daniel Warn

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Thurston County Public Health and Social Services on Thursday released preliminary data for the 2022 Point-in-Time (PIT) Homeless Census.

This year, the census counted 766 people experiencing homelessness.

The preliminary data collection sought to come up with a number for how many Thurston County residents are currently experiencing unsheltered homelessness and how many people are staying in shelters or transitional housing programs.

An annual effort, the census is conducted on the fourth Thursday in January each year. However, the 2022 census was delayed by a month this year due to concerns about the COVID-19 omicron surge, according to a Thurston County news release.

This year's count occurred on Feb. 24 and tallied 56 people staying in transitional housing and 294 people in emergency shelters.

More than half the people counted were experiencing unsheltered homelessness — 416 people were found staying in sanctioned and unsanctioned encampments, RVs, other vehicles, small structures and doorways, as well as in several other places and situations not meant for human habitation.

The preliminary data reports for people living in shelters and transitional housing programs were recorded in the County's Homeless Management Information System.

"Thurston County continues to prioritize understanding the needs of unsheltered and unstably housed residents to build an effective response," said Keylee Marineau, Thurston County homeless response program manager, in a news release. "It is through collaborative efforts such as the PIT that we can hopefully gain perspective of who in our county is experiencing homelessness and why. We all want to find solutions, and we cannot do that without hearing from those who are most in need of it."

The preliminary data show a decrease in Thurston County homeless households when contrasted with last year's final count.

This may be because the 2021 census was based solely on observation, with no surveys conducted, according to the release.

And even though an abbreviated survey was conducted this year, many households chose not to participate.

Common factors typically found in decreased data trends on the matter are when folks decline to participate or are not present at their camp or place of residence when enumerators are deployed. Cold and freezing weather are also typical factors in decreased data being reported.

Packwood Elk Chill Out in Usual Spot



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Elk graze in a field off U.S. Highway 12 in Packwood on Thursday night.

News in Brief

Centralia College Student to Be Honored as Part of All-Washington Academic Team

By The Chronicle staff

Centralia College student Isaac Pope has been selected as a recipient of the WSECU Top 16 scholarship.

South Puget Sound Community College will be virtually hosting the 26th annual All-Washington Academic Team Ceremony. The ceremony will be streamed over YouTube on May 12 at 12 p.m. Students from Washington's 34 community and technical colleges will be honored at the ceremony.

The team will consist of 80 students all of whom will receive a scholarship from KeyBank. Several students within the group, including Pope, will be receiving additional recognitions, such as the WSECU Top 16 scholarship.

According to the news release, the students being honored as part of the All-Washington Academic Team "have demonstrated a commitment to success in the classroom and in the communities in which they live. Their stories are often inspiring, sometimes surprising and always reflective of the larger story of the state's community and technical college students."

In a proclamation, Gov. Jay Inslee invited everyone in the state to observe May 12 as All-Washington Academic Team Day.

I-5 Rest Areas in Thurston County Temporarily Close for Annual Maintenance

By The Chronicle staff

The Interstate 5 Maytown or Scatter Creek safety rest areas in Thurston County will temporarily be closed in the coming days due to Washington state Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) annual maintenance measures.

According to a WSDOT news release, the Maytown Safety Rest Area (southbound I-5) will close from 11 p.m. Monday, May 2, to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 5.

The Scatter Creek Safety Rest Area (northbound I-5) will close

from 11 p.m. Monday, May 9, to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 12.

Real-time traveler information is available through downloading the WSDOT app and by following the WSDOT regional Twitter feed.

Centralia Athletics to Host Online Auction to Benefit Student Athletes

By The Chronicle staff

The Centralia Athletics Activities & Facilities Foundation will be hosting an online auction between 5 p.m. on Friday, May 13, and 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 15.

Proceeds go to Centralia athletic programs and facilities to benefit Centralia middle and high school athletes.

Winning bidders must pick up items at Dick's Brewing Co. at 3516 Galvin Road on Saturday, May 21, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

To participate, log in and create an auction profile at

charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/2022-CAAFF-All-Sports-Auction-30684

For more information, contact Jeff Thummel at 360-266-7366 or Djthummel@msn.com or Tim Ahern at 512-590-1693 or Tahern@centralia.wednet.edu.

Lewis County Gospel Mission to Host Annual Auction Saturday

By The Chronicle staff

The Lewis County Gospel Mission will be hosting its annual dinner and auction Saturday at Centralia Christian School.

According to a description on the group's Facebook page, the proceeds will go to assist less fortunate members of the community by providing them with "hot meals, clothing, showers and connecting them with mental health counselors, jobs and more."

The post also says the group is raising money to complete its flood project after their building was flooded in January.

According to the Gospel Mission's website, the organization's headquarters was flooded by about 3 and a half feet of water and the group lost 90% of its food supply. The website also states all of the group's major kitchen and office equipment is in need of replacement.

The theme for this year's auction is "Cowboy Up!" According to the post, the theme means, "Step up to Volunteer, to Donate and to Pray." Guests are told to "wear your favorite western shirt or cowboy hat!"

According to the ticket site, the event will begin at 4 p.m. and last until 8:30 p.m.

Centralia Christian School is located at 1315 S Tower Ave., Centralia.

Individual tickets, including fees, are \$27.25 while a table for up to eight people is \$190.

You can view the Facebook page for the event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/532764971468573?ref=newsfeed>

Tickets for the event can be purchased at <https://lc-gospel-mission.ticketleap.com/annual-dinner-auction-2022/>

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Annual Lewis County Historic Bike Ride Returns

CHEHALIS-CENTRALIA OPTIMIST CLUB:
Options Available for All Riders, From Beginners to Experts

By Matthew Zylstra
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Chehalis-Centralia Optimist Club will be hosting the Lewis County Historic Bike Ride on May 7.

According to Mazie Schlick-eiser, of the Optimist Club, the ride was originally started by a bicycle company named Broken Spokes for Cycling Folks many years ago. The company later disbanded and the county's recreation department took it over in the early 1990s and operated the ride for two or three years. The county decided to make it a historical ride, as opposed to just a generic bicycle ride as it had been before.

After a couple of years of county operation, the Optimist Club took over the ride. One of the club's members knew someone in the recreation department and the county had been unable to operate the ride on its own.

"The club was able to cooperate with the county and went in and kind of took it over for two or three years before the county said they had to get rid of it. Several groups wanted it but because the optimists had already been helping, the county passed it off to the club," Schlick-eiser said.

The Optimist Club raises funds for many different causes,



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A bicyclist rides off after refueling at a checkpoint next to the Claquato Church along the Lewis County Historical Bike Ride route last year.

including many benefiting children, and the Lewis County Historic Bike Ride serves as a fundraiser for the group.

The Lewis County Historic Bike Ride consists of four different rides of varying lengths, each of which starts at Jackson Prairie Church near Mary's Corner.

This year's bike ride will consist of a 12 and a half mile family ride, a 50-mile ride, a 70-mile ride and a 100-mile ride.

All rides, except for the family ride, come through Adna and go through Centralia before head-

ing by Stan Hedwall Park in Chehalis toward the historic Newaukum Valley Schoolhouse. Riders then take Labree Road to head back toward Jackson Prairie.

According to Emma Ball, also of the Optimist Club, many riders use the event to get ready for the Seattle to Portland (STP) Classic because of the many hills and valleys involved. She also said the ride attracts riders from around the world, including places such as Spain and England. There are also different bicycle teams that have come in

the past that use it as a fundraiser separate from the Optimist Club.

The family ride costs \$35 for the whole family as long as one parent is participating. The ride goes by the historic Saint Urban Catholic Church and is considered to be fairly easy. There will be a barbecue that follows free for those participating. There will also be a breakfast for \$5 the church will be putting on as a fundraiser.

The 50-mile ride goes by Claquato Cemetery, among other historic places, and will cost \$35 per adult. The ride is considered

moderate in difficulty and an ideal ride for those who haven't ridden for a while.

The 70-mile ride goes to Vader and Evaline before heading north to the Claquato area. The fee is \$45 per adult. The ride is considered a little more strenuous than the 50-mile ride and is a good choice for those testing their abilities.

The 100-mile ride goes through Salkum before heading toward Vader and is considered an excellent ride for those preparing for the STP and other long-range or challenging rides. The fee is \$45 per adult.

For those riding tandem bicycles, the second rider rides for free.

All children under 18 ride free with paying adults.

There are three pit stops for the 50, 70 and 100 mile stops, each of which will provide food and water to riders. The family ride will include one pit stop at the end of the ride.

The rides are open to all age groups. According to Ball, in the past, riders in their 90s have participated in some of the longer rides and last year the oldest rider was 82.

The ride begins at Jackson Prairie Church, located at 4224 Jackson Highway, Chehalis.

Payment can be sent to Registrar LCHBR, P.O. Box 183 Chehalis.

For more information, call Ball at 360-669-3386 or Schlick-eiser at 360-262-9647

Registration starts at 7 a.m. and all four rides begin at 8.

Morton Junior/Senior High School Third Quarter Honor Roll

By The Chronicle staff

The following Morton Junior/Senior High School students earned a GPA of 3.0 or higher for the third quarter of the 2021-2022 school year. These students have completed eight classes and did not receive a D, F or an incomplete grade in any class. Running start students are not included in the honor roll. Students are listed in alphabetical order.

Matt Batchelder, Rowan Buerk-Osborne, Jonathon-Tye Chhour, Brandon Curtis, Conner Gleason, Payton Gordon, Madison Green, Haylee Harris, David Martinez, Isabella Palermo, Sabrina Richards, Sara Swartz, Jaden Troy, Maggie Warner

Heck-Kerrigan, Shyann Johnson, Mieckael Miller, Jace Peters, Vadin Phillips, Marcus Redpath, Alexia Rodarte

Vanessa Belgiorno, Hunter Brackett, Michael Dever, Ayden Gleason Anastasia Gonzalez, Isabelle Loucks, Daniel Martinez-Guerrero, Kiera Miller, Haylee Morgan, Rolland Zavodsky

Cassidy Noel, Gerardo Padilla-Salazar, Lance Scogin, Douglas Seavers, Devin Thomas

12th Grade Honor Roll

11th Grade Honor Roll

Mackenzie Caverly, Shawn Crittenden, Carter Dantine, Eley Garcia, Hunter Hazen, Nick

10th Grade

Honor Roll

Kendall Brazil, Madison Clevenger, Lucas Cooper, Kristopher Elliott, Annabeth Ford, Kimberly Gilstrap, Korbin Goodnight, Finn Greiter, Keegan Ingalsbe, Amy Martinez, Mckenee Mays, Charlie Miller, Breanne Myers-Cornell, Max Pabst, Diana Sowards, Cairo Wideman

Eighth Grade

4.0 GPA

Karah Fairhart

Honor Roll

Vanson Armstrong, Cyrus Chhour, Bailey Eden, Gracielynn Ford, Noah Gilstrap, Gus Greiter, Maggie Hinsverk, Jady Holmes, Malia Inocencio-Armstrong, Katherine Johnston, Aiden Kampa, Starla Loomis, Noemi Lopez,

Seventh Grade

4.0 GPA

Aiden Saldana

Honor Roll

Fairlane Armstrong, Harmony Collette, Julie Crittenden, Adalynn Freitas, Sebastian Gonzales, Owen Loucks, Logan Mays, Matthew Miller, Brooklyn Montoure, Vernon Richards, Gracie Sanders, Peyton Shields, Echo Taylor, Emilee Zapalac, Xavier Zinck

News in Brief

Washington Justices Unanimously Reject Inslee Recall Effort

By The Olympian

The Washington Supreme Court on Thursday unanimously rejected an effort to recall Democratic Gov. Jay Inslee over his handling of the coronavirus pandemic.

The justices upheld a Thurston County Superior Court decision that the charges made against Inslee did not provide factually or legally sufficient grounds to support a recall campaign.

The recall petition was brought by a citizen group called Washingtonians to Re-

call Inslee. It alleged that the governor's orders limiting activities and gatherings during the pandemic interfered with their rights.

For example, the petition argued, Inslee violated the separation of powers by banning landlords from suing tenants for overdue rent; violated constitutional rights of assembly and to petition the government for redress of grievances by prohibiting public agencies from holding in-person meetings; and violated the right to assemble by limiting the size of in-person gatherings.

The court, however, found that Inslee's proclamations were well within his emergency powers.

"Governor Inslee has used his discretion to navigate this

pandemic, making difficult decisions in an effort to balance the health and safety of Washingtonians with their individual liberties," Justice Debra Stephens wrote for the court. "While reasonable minds may disagree with the governor's discretionary decisions, such disagreement is insufficient to support a recall."

The recall backers did not explain how a temporary limitation on the ability of landlords to sue their tenants infringed on the power of the courts; there were adequate alternative means, such as telephonic or online meetings, to ensure public access to government; and restrictions on gatherings were not directed at suppressing speech but "tailored to serve a substantial government interest," the justices said.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Thelma Jean Mahar

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Thelma Jean Mahar passed away March 17, 2022, in Castle Rock, Washington. She was born May 6, 1933, to Lawrence and Anna Lee (Henderson) Fay in San Francisco, California. A resident of Cowlitz Mission the past five years, she lived on Parker Hill for over 60 years.

Thelma married Bill Mahar on Jan. 27, 1951; they enjoyed a wonderful life together until his passing in 2004. Professionally, she worked 35 years at Bank Check Supply/Harland. When Harland closed, she went to Centralia Beauty School and became a pedicurist. She then opened her own business, "Happy Feet." She loved going to the senior housing facilities and doing pedicures for the elderly.

To know Thelma was to love her. She was so kind, thoughtful, loving and caring. She once mentioned that people always described her as sweet because they couldn't think of anything better to say, but it was the truth. She was a truly good, caring, sweet person.

Thelma loved reading and doing puzzles. She also



loved animals. Strays always seemed to find her. She fed the raccoons and porcupines, but her greatest love was feeding and watching wild birds. She had a raven that would call her every day and she would bring it an egg.

Thelma is survived by daughters JoAnn Coen (husband Timothy) and Billie Coon (husband Melvin); grandchildren Jason and Justin Coen, and Joey Coon; two great-grandchildren; brother Doug Mahar; and her companion of the last 10 years Burgess "Boo" Bouchard. Burgess and his family were a source of enormous joy and love in her final years.

The family would like to thank the Cowlitz Tribe Elders and Cowlitz Housing for their kindness and thoughtfulness to their mother.

A celebration of life is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2022, from noon to 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Mission, Cowlitz Tribal Housing lunchroom, 107 Spencer Road, Toledo, Washington, 98591.

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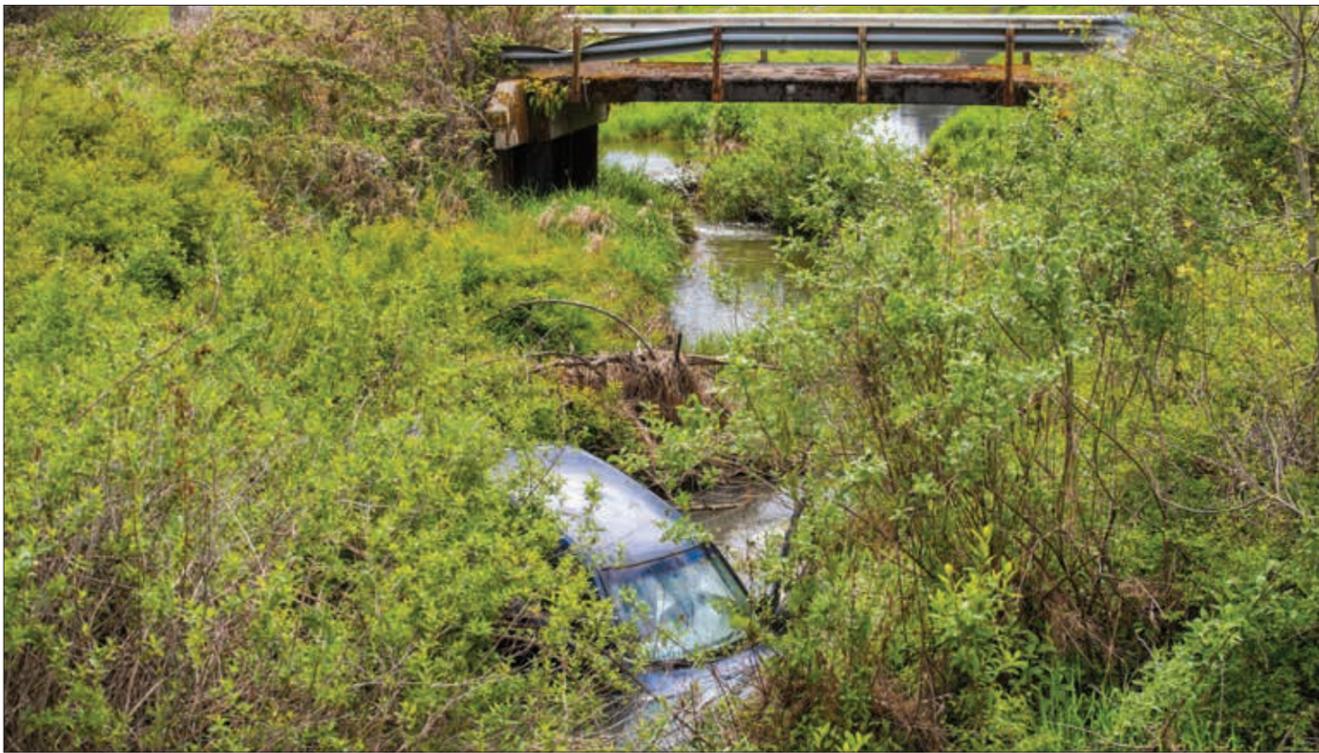
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Chehalis Police Investigate After Submerged Vehicle Discovered



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A car is seen in a creek off North National Avenue in Chehalis Friday morning. There was no one in the vehicle when Chehalis Police Department officers discovered it, and it's not clear how long the vehicle has been submerged.

CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Trespassing

- A man and a woman were trespassed from a business in the 800 block of Harrison Avenue just after 11:10 a.m. on April 26 after they reportedly left their vehicle in the business' parking lot for several weeks.
- A man was trespassed from a business in the 1600 block of South Pearl Street at 2:30 p.m. on April 26.
- A man was trespassed from a duplex in the 1300 block of Alexander Street just before 9:20 p.m. on April 26 for reportedly bothering the residents several times.
- A man was trespassed from a motel in the 700 block of Harrison Avenue just before 9:45 p.m. on April 26 after he was reportedly found charging his phone in the laundry room. He was not a guest at the hotel.
- An intoxicated woman was trespassed from a business in the 900 block of Harrison Avenue just after 2:15 a.m. on April 27 after reportedly refusing to leave the property.

Forgery

- Just after 1:15 p.m. on April 26, there was a report from the 500 block of Harrison of an identified person opening five cell phone accounts under a business' name. The case is under investigation.

Stolen Carts Full of Items

- A male suspect reportedly stole a cart full of items from a business in the 1100 block of Harrison Avenue just after 8:40 p.m. on April 27. He was last seen fleeing in a green Ford Explorer. Officers located a vehicle matching the description in the 1200 block of Alder Street. The driver was determined to not be the suspect who stole the items, but was trespassed from the business due to his connection with the theft. No arrests were made.
- A man and a woman re-

portedly stole a cart full of items from a business in the 1100 block of Harrison Avenue just before 11:20 p.m. on April 27. No arrests were made.

Burglary

- Just before 8:05 a.m. on April 27, the window to a residence in the 800 block of West First Street was reported smashed and tools from inside were reported stolen.

Stolen Vehicles

- Just before 6:40 a.m. on April 28, a red 1997 Honda Accord was reported stolen from the 1600 block of North Scheuber Road sometime overnight.
- A vehicle stolen from Renton was recovered in the 1300 block of Belmont Avenue at 8:20 a.m. on April 28. The vehicle was unoccupied when police recovered it.
- Police attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle with stolen license plates in the 1100 block of Belmont Avenue just before 12:45 p.m. on April 28, but the vehicle failed to stop.

Other Theft

- A Longview man was cited for third-degree theft and obstructing a police officer in the 100 block of West High Street at approximately 6:50 p.m. on April 26. The man was reportedly wearing stolen merchandise from the business.
- A battery and other miscellaneous items were reported stolen from a business in the 1100 block of Johnson Road just before 7:45 p.m. on April 26. The suspect reportedly fled in a black vehicle.
- A cell phone was reported stolen out of a business in the 1100 block of South Gold Street just before 3:15 p.m. on April 27.
- License plates from a boat trailer in the 2500 block of Eureka Avenue were reported stolen at 10:05 a.m. on April 28.
- A man reportedly shoplifted from a grocery store in the 500 block of South Tower Avenue at

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3:50 p.m. on April 28.
• A Tenino man was cited for shoplifting hygiene and hair care products from a store in the 500 block of South Tower Avenue at approximately 7:55 p.m. on April 28.

Assault

- A Seattle man was cited for two counts of fourth-degree assault in the 1200 block of South Tower Avenue just after 7:45 p.m. on April 26 after he allegedly hit a 14-year-old girl and an 11-year-old boy during a dispute.

Sexual Misconduct

- A case of possible sexual misconduct involving a minor that was reported in the 1100 block of Scammon Creek Road just before 1:45 p.m. on April 27 is under investigation.

CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT Harassment

- A case of possible harassment was reported in the 1400 block of Southwest William Avenue at approximately 10:10 a.m. on April 7.
- A case of possible harassment was reported in the 100 block of Southwest Seventh Street just before 2:15 p.m. on April 27.
- A case of possible harassment was reported in the 900 block of South Market Boulevard at 2:40 p.m. on April 27.

Theft

- A subject was cited for shoplifting in the 1700 block of North National Avenue just before 10:35 p.m. on April 27.
- A catalytic converter was reported stolen from the 2500 block of North National Avenue just after 12:50 p.m. on April 27. The case is under investigation.
- A third-degree theft reported at the intersection of Northwest State Avenue and Northwest West Street at approximately 1:05 p.m. on April 27 is under investigation.

News in Brief

Douglas County man who was sentenced nearly three decades ago to life without the possibility of parole for shooting a young woman in the back of the head.
Sen. Ron Wyden said Brown's decision to show mercy to Kyle Hedquist, now 45, "is wrong on every level, starting with its callousness toward the crime victim's family and extending to all Oregonians counting on public officials to make decisions with

public safety in mind."
"Plain and simple, I oppose this grossly irresponsible use of the clemency powers," Wyden said in a statement issued by his office.
Brown's spokesperson, Liz Merah, called Wyden's comments "surprising."
"The governor was under the impression that he shares her and President Biden's values when it comes to second chances and righting the wrongs of a

flawed and inequitable criminal justice system," Merah said in an email. "It is unfortunate that the senator did not make himself familiar with the facts of this case before he made his statements."
Brown so far has commuted the sentences of 1,148 people since taking office in 2015, 963 of them for pandemic-related reasons. Some are people serving life sentences for murder and aggravated murder.

Senator: Gov. Kate Brown's Decision to Free Oregon Killer 'Grossly Irresponsible'

Oregon's senior U.S. senator blasted Gov. Kate Brown on Wednesday for her decision to commute the sentence of a

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Amid Spring Rain, a Day of Sunshine and History

Last Saturday was one of those days that makes you celebrate life in our small towns and communities.

The mercurial spring weather was perfect (more or less). Appropriately, a number of Earth Day observances offered plenty of opportunities to lend a hand or at least to get out-and-about.

I found myself in Centralia for the annual work party at the Seminary Hill Natural Area. As always, it's a blast to work alongside like-minded people. Getting your hands dirty for a good cause, amid the sweet smell of the forest in spring, is certainly rewarding. You also can't beat the big finale: celebrating at the end of the morning with free cookies and brownies prepared by our local Friends of the Seminary Hill Natural Area,



By Brian Mittge

plus toasty hot subs donated by our local Quiznos.

On this particular Saturday, though, I left the party a little early. A few friends and I had an unusual task ahead of us: leading a group of 20-plus volunteer historians and rail travel enthusiasts on a tour of the Hub City.

I had received an email earlier this spring from Chris Collison, the leader of the Trails & Rails Program, which is based out of the Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park in Seattle. It's a group of history buffs who give their time to ride the Amtrak trains and act as interpretive guides, feeding tidbits of the past to passengers as they roll through the countryside.

In this case, a group of these guides wanted to come learn more about Centralia and Lewis County.

I quickly contacted two of our region's most knowledgeable and enthusiastic local historians:

my friends Edna Fund and Judy Bell.

We didn't have much time for our grand tour — their schedule was dictated by the train, which meant we had about an hour and a half.

We tried to give them their money's worth (which, considering this was a free tour, technically wasn't that hard, but we wanted to represent the community well).

Starting at the historic Centralia Depot, we talked about Claude Berlin, the earlier aviator who dedicated the building in 1912 with a dropped bottle of champagne that broke several roof tiles.

From there we headed to the Olympic Club, where the history is as delicious as their Hammerhead Ale.

At the nearby monument to the 1996 visit by President Bill Clinton and company, we also told stories of other presidents

to visit the Twin Cities over the years, including the great Rough Rider himself, Teddy Roosevelt, who spoke in Chehalis in 1903 from atop a giant old growth stump (or at least a modern facsimile) that's easily visible from the train line.

Now that's what you call a stump speech.

Then we headed to George Washington Park to talk about the city square's founding namesake. I took a break by sitting down on the granite bench next to the statue of George and Mary Jane Washington that our community created in 2017 and 2018. Excited by the subject matter, I hopped back up to tell about this couple's remarkable legacy.

We moved into the heart of the park and the bronze Sentinel statue to talk about the Armistice Day Tragedy of 1919 from the perspective of the soldiers, and then we headed past the pink-flowering trees along Locust Street to look at the colorful "Resurrection of Wesley Everest"

mural that tells another side of the story.

With the days of yore at top of mind, we topped off the tales of old with a delicious lunch at Dawn's Delectables and a nice break in the pedestrian plaza next door.

I pulled out my guitar to sing a great song by the late Jim Smith about the Armistice Day Tragedy called "The Sentinel," and I finished off with a song I wrote a few years ago about Centralia's founder, "The Ballad of George Washington."

Our new friends from Seattle seemed well-satisfied. We got them to their train on time and they were off, full of the best telling of history we could muster and some of the area's finest food.

It was a good day in Centralia. Here's to many more as spring turns to summer.

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Survey Shows Inflation Tops a Long List of Employer Challenges

The soaring inflation rate has turned trips to the gas station, grocery store, shopping mall and restaurants into nerve-wracking experiences. Not to mention buying a used car or a sheet of plywood. But it isn't just wreaking havoc on family budgets — inflation is setting off alarm bells for businesses, too.

In a recent survey of Association of Washington Business members, inflation emerged as the No. 1 challenge facing Washington employers right now, edging out a long list of other concerns like finding enough workers, supply chain disruptions and overly burdensome government regulation.

That's not to say those other

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concerns have gone away. The survey of nearly 600 employers found all of those issues remain major challenges, but inflation has leaptfrogged to the front of the line.

It's easy to see why employers are concerned. After years of restrained inflation, inflation began growing during the pandemic and has escalated in recent months. Consumer prices rose 8.5% in March, the fastest pace since December 1981.

The soaring prices are due to a combination of factors, including supply chain snarls that began during the pandemic and have yet to be resolved. Strong consumer demand for goods and services is another factor, and Russia's invasion of Ukraine has disrupted food and energy markets around the world.

With no end in sight, economists are warning that inflation is not only a serious threat to economic recovery, but could also lead to a recession. They worry the Federal Reserve, in an attempt to cool the overheated market, will raise interest rates aggressively and push the economy into a downturn. In April, Deutsche Bank was the first major bank to forecast a US recession in late 2023 and into 2024.

According to the AWB survey, no employer is immune from the rising inflation. Virtually every respondent — 94% — said inflation has increased their costs to do business. And for most employers, costs have gone up by a large amount. Thirty-five percent said their costs have risen 6-10% while almost as many (33%) said costs have risen 11-20%. Another 12% said their costs have gone up between 21-30% and 8% said their cost

of doing business has gone up more than 30%.

At the same time employers are managing the record inflation, the survey found they're continuing to struggle with a multitude of other issues, too.

When asked to identify their biggest challenges, it was nearly a dead heat between inflation (63%), a lack of qualified workers (62%) and supply chain disruption (61%). Government regulation (57%) and overall tax burden (51%) followed close behind, making this the first AWB employer survey where five different issues topped 50%. This highlights what a challenging time it is right now for employers.

Other issues generating concern include the cost of health care (44% said it's a major issue), affordable housing (34%) and the cost of energy (33%). For the moment, the pandemic has

faded as a top concern with just 15% of respondents saying it was a major challenge.

Many of these challenges are the result of complicated global forces and don't have easy answers. Still, it's hard not to look at the Legislature's failure to give back more of the state's historic \$14 billion-plus budget surplus during this year's legislative session as a missed opportunity. The Legislature alone can't solve inflation or fix the broken global supply chain, but lawmakers could have done something about taxes. They could have champions for the economy. For employers facing a myriad of challenges, it could have been one less thing to keep them up at night.

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

Washington Attorney General Fires Ukrainian Paralegal Over Vaccine Mandate

Washington's Attorney General Bob Ferguson, like Secretary Millar at the Washington State Department of Transportation, claims to promote a diverse and inclusive workplace that values and "upholds the dignity" of every employee. But if actions speak louder than words, these agencies do not live up to their stated values.

Like our previous research on the Department of Transportation's punitive firings due to the Governor's vaccine mandate,

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we have yet another example of the unnecessary firing of an employee with an approved religious exemption to the COVID-19 vaccine.

Natalia Corduneanu worked as a paralegal for the Attorney General's office for over five years. She had an approved religious exemption and worked entirely from home under a mandatory telework status.

The Attorney General announced a return to in-person work effective April 4th. Natalia was notified in mid-March that she would not be accommodated with continued telework and must be fully vaccinated or she

would be fired by close of business on April 1st. Natalia submitted an appeal, but the Attorney General refused to reverse his decision.

Natalia is Ukrainian and is financially supporting her family members in Vinnytsia, which was struck by Russian missiles in early March. She asked to delay her termination to July, which would allow her additional income to support her mother and father, as well as others, who are fighting to survive the war.

This request, too, was rejected.

In a note to her work colleagues, she said, "It is hard to explain with words how it made me feel. I did not even want to

ask how a three-month long termination delay would inflict undue hardship upon the agency."

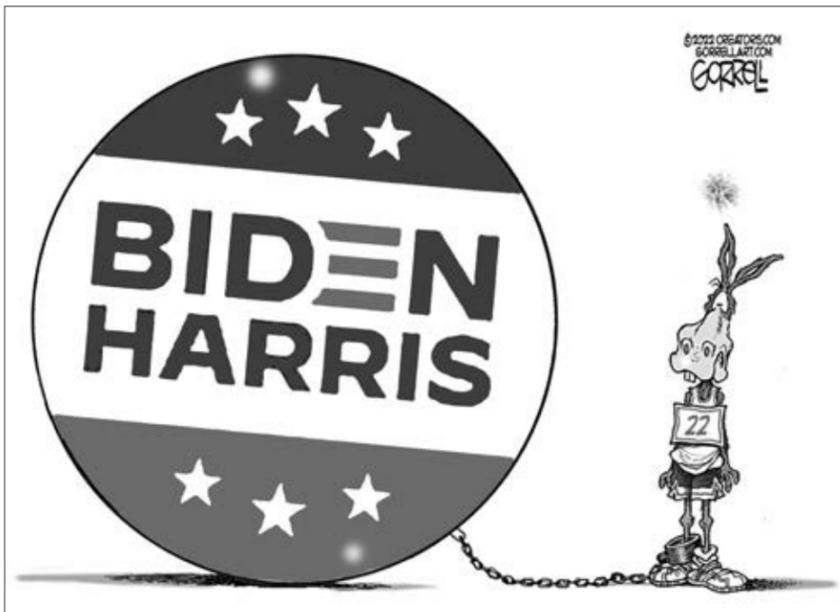
As we've noted before, the vaccine mandate for state employees is yielding negative returns and is doing more harm than good at this point. We saw this clearly after WSDOT fired over 400 employees, many of them road maintenance workers, right as we headed into the winter season.

Even Oregon has lifted its vaccine mandate for nearly 40,000 state employees, with Governor Kate Brown saying that the "extraordinary emergency" orders are no longer necessary as "we learn to live with this virus." She ended Oregon's COVID state

of emergency on April 1, saying "Emergency powers cannot — and should not — go on forever. Instead, these response efforts should be transitioned to normal government processes and authorities, as soon as possible, to ensure that essential checks and balances remain in place."

Washington continues to lead from behind, maintaining its state of emergency and harsh vaccine mandate. Firing someone supporting a family in Ukraine while many recognize the mandate is unnecessary seems vindictive and callous.

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Mariya Frost is the director of the Coles Center for Transportation at the Washington Policy Center.



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Evergreen Playhouse Ready to Dance Into Summer

'MAMMA MIA!': Canceled by COVID, ABBA Show Anchors 62nd Season

By Carrina Stanton
For The Chronicle

Director Emilie Brown said ending the Evergreen Playhouse's 62nd season with "Mamma Mia!" feels like a great way to "dance into the summer."

"Mamma Mia!" opens May 6 at the Centralia playhouse. It is the final piece canceled by the COVID-19 pandemic two years ago to finally get its chance on the stage.

"This show is just so fun and happy and I think we need a lot of that right now," Brown said.

A 1999 jukebox musical set to the songs of ABBA, "Mamma Mia!" is perhaps best known for its 2008 film adaptation starring Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan and Colin Firth, just to name a few. It is the story of fiercely independent Greek island hotel owner Donna (portrayed by Michelle Koenen) who, with her fellow Donna and the Dynamo members Tanya (portrayed by Nicole Galyean) and Rosie (portrayed by Kathy Kluska), is preparing for the wedding of her daughter Sophie (portrayed by Sophie Bustetter) to Sky (portrayed by Steven Walker). Donna sees no use in marriage, so her daughter's choice to get married has her worried.

"She is strong but completely flawed and that's something we can all relate to," Koenen said.

Sophie is hoping the nuptials will be a chance to also meet her real father and have him walk her down the aisle. She secretly invites three of Donna's old flames, Sam (portrayed by Dan Overton), Harry (portrayed by Rich Garrett) and Bill (portrayed by Dave Marsh), all of whom believe themselves to be the real father.

"We have to keep reminding (Marsh) he's not the real dad," Garrett said with a smile at a recent rehearsal, where Marsh sported a navy T-shirt emblazoned with the words "Team Bill" on the front and "The Real Dad" on the back.

Marsh was chosen to portray Bill two years ago and has been waiting since then for the chance to be part of the trio of dads. Garrett was originally supposed to direct "Mamma Mia!" in 2020 but was asked this season to direct "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" instead, leaving him available to play Harry. And Overton auditioned and was cast this year and said he was excited to be able to work with two other seasoned actors to present these three characters. The trio say they have found working together fun and fairly easy.

"It's amazing working with two other people who, when you make an offer on stage, it's gets picked up by them," Garrett said.

Overton said what drew a lot of people to audition for the show and what he thinks audience members will like best is definitely the music.

"I know ABBA. I grew up singing ABBA. I've had ABBA on my play list for the last 40 years," Overton said. "And it's



Carrina Stanton / For The Chronicle

Director Emilie Brown watches the cast of "Mamma Mia!" rehearse a dance scene on a recent evening. "Mamma Mia" opens at the Evergreen Playhouse in Centralia on May 6.



The cast of "Mamma Mia!", opening May 6 at the Evergreen Playhouse, rehearse a dance scene on a recent evening. The iconic love story features the music of ABBA.

just fun. We're going to have fun. Who doesn't like fun?"

A good number of the cast of "Mamma Mia!" have been waiting two years to take the stage. Bustetter was supposed to have her first role at the Evergreen Playhouse two years ago and now finally gets to bring Sophie to life.

"It's really exciting," Bustetter said. "It's interesting, too, because a lot of us have not done theater in a couple years and it's such a social, emotional and physical experience. It's been a big learning curve getting back into it but it's a lot of fun."

It will also be Brown's directorial debut at the playhouse. She has acted in several shows at the Centralia playhouse and studied theater and directing in college. Brown had applied to be a director at the Evergreen Playhouse and was pleased to be chosen

from among the candidates this year. She said each season's directors get to list their top three choices for shows and then the non-profit's board chooses who directs which piece and "Mamma Mia!" was her first choice.

"It's rooted in really strong relationships," Brown said of what she loves about the show. "It's fun and nostalgic and has a lot of great disco dancing. And within it all, it's just a really sweet story."

The Evergreen Playhouse has also chosen to keep COVID-19 protocols for cast and crew, as well as audiences, in place through the end of this season. That means everyone involved in the show tests weekly and wears a mask at all times. Audience members are still required to show proof of vaccination and wear a mask and sit socially distanced from other groups during shows.

During performances, cast members will wear clear facial shield-type masks as other casts have done this season. Brown said it has given them a lot of chances to learn how to "act with their eyes." But maintaining social distancing is still a challenge, especially presenting a love story with no kissing allowed.

Despite the challenges, cast members said they think the iconic show and its equally iconic music will likely draw in large audiences eager to have a fun time. Koenen said that actors and actresses often feed off the energy the crowd is giving them and truly appreciate when audience members react to the story, whether it's laughing, gasping, or perhaps in this case, singing along.

IF YOU GO

What: Rectangle Gallery, Hubhub and McMenamins present "Mamma Mia!"

When: May 6-22, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Pay-what-you-can artist benefit 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 12

Where: Evergreen Playhouse, 226 West Center St., Centralia

Tickets: \$18 adults and \$15 students/seniors. Proof of vaccination and masks required for all attendees

Information: evergreen-playhouse.com

MORE INFORMATION

"Mamma Mia!" is the final show of the Evergreen Playhouse's 62nd season. Season subscriptions and flex passes are now on sale for the 63rd season for \$75 for adults and \$60 for students and seniors. The 63rd season shows will be:

- Oct. 14-30, 2022 — "A Murder is Announced"
- Dec. 2-18, 2022 — "Irving Berlin's White Christmas"
- Feb. 3-19, 2023 — "The Diary of Anne Frank"
- March 17-April 2, 2023 — "Lend Me a Tenor"
- May 5-21, 2023 — "Tuck Everlasting"

"I think it draws in the crowd because they know the music and I think there's going to be a lot of people wanting to join in," Koenen said. "And when you can bring the audience into the story like that, it's a great play."

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calls to people telling them they face arrest or a fine for allegedly not reporting for jury duty," stated the court in a news release.

Superior Court only initiates communication with potential jurors via summons and the court will never have a law enforcement representative communicate with a juror on the court's behalf, according to the release.

Thurston County Superior Court issued a reminder to the public that it will never ask for money.

"The court will NEVER ask for money if you fail to report for jury duty or fail to communicate with the court about a juror summons," stated the news release.

The court will also never require a juror to meet with a judge, or any other official, about a summons for jury service, stated the news release.

The public is encouraged to call the court at 360-754-4107 for information regarding jury service.

Thurston County Superior Court Warns Public of Recent Juror Scam

By The Chronicle staff

Thurston County Superior Court issued a warning to community members Wednesday regarding a recent juror scam.

"Thurston County Superior Court has recently become aware of scams to the effect of phone

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Lewis County Master Gardeners to Host Plant Sale

By Daniel Warn

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It's time to dust off those green thumbs and get back out into gardens and greenhouses.

The Master Gardener Foundation of Lewis County's Spring Plant Sale will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 21, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 22, at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds Blue Pavilion in Chehalis.

The return of the sale comes with a selection of over 1,000 tomato plants, including many heirloom varieties. Other plants offered include annuals, perennials, herbs, shrubs, trees and more.

Master Gardeners in Lewis County have cultivated the entirety of the sale's bounty, to help all gardeners and horticulturists in the county get ready for the growing season.

Proceeds from the sale allow the Master Gardeners to provide two installments — one in the spring and one in the fall — of an event called "Gardening for Everyone." At each installment, the public will have the opportunity to attend at least three free gardening workshops.

The proceeds will also fund the organization's youth outreach program at James W. Lintott Elementary in Chehalis and Toledo Elementary.

The organization, also called the WSU Lewis County Master Gardeners, is a dedicated program of Lewis County's Washington State University Extension.

Karen Servey, Master Gardener Foundation of Lewis



The Expo Center at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds is stocked with plants by Master Gardeners and volunteers in this 2018 Chronicle file photo. This year's sale will be held in the Blue Pavillion.

MORE INFORMATION

What: Master Gardeners annual Spring Plant Sale
Where: Southwest Washington Fairgrounds Blue Pavilion in Chehalis
When: From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 21, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 22
Why: To help all gardeners and horticulturists in the county get ready for the growing season and to help provide folks with gardening resources and educate the community on best gardening practices based on science and research.

County president, said the organization has ongoing workshops throughout the year because part of its mission is to help educate the community on best

gardening practices based on science and research.

"Our purpose is to promote and perpetuate the (WSU) Master Gardener program with the

Lewis County Extension office," Servey told The Chronicle. "(And) to promote public interest in gardening and home horticulture through education and other activities."

Servey said her own experience with the organization has helped her reap a rich bounty.

"I can only speak for myself and why I choose to become a WSU Master Gardener. I have always had a passion for gardening," she said. "I wanted to learn more about gardening and engage with a community that felt the same way."

She indicated that others in

the county will have the same opportunity through the efforts of the programs the organization offers, and will even receive personal support from becoming Master Gardeners themselves.

"I have made a lot of friends within the local Master Gardener program and at the state level as well," Servey said.

"As a lifelong learner, becoming a Master Gardener allows me to share my knowledge with others."

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Biden Administration Moves Ahead With Proposed Oregon Offshore Wind Power

By The Seattle Times

Two sites near the Oregon coast have been identified by the federal government as potential leasing sites for offshore wind energy.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) will assess areas in federal waters near Coos Bay and Brookings — both about 14 miles, or about 12 nautical miles, from the coast — as

potential sites for offshore wind farms, the Department of the Interior announced Wednesday.

BOEM published a call for information and nominations to gauge commercial interest and public input on both sites. Public comments can be submitted here ([regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov)) until the period ends in 60 days on June 28.

Several offshore wind-energy projects have been approved and begun construction along the East Coast as the Biden administration pushed to create 30 gigawatts of electricity through offshore by 2030. While topographical features along the West Coast — namely the deep drop in water depth along its continental

shelves — present a technological conundrum, floating wind turbines could be the answer.

This project is an opportunity to help "make the West Coast a floating wind technology capital of the world," said BOEM Director Amanda Lefton. "We're really looking to get as much information as we can as early on in the process."

The sites encompass an area spanning over 1.1 million acres near the south and south-central coast of Oregon. The calls for commercial interest and public comment will help BOEM identify technological constraints, areas of high wind speed, sensitive marine habitats,

and potential impacts on commercial fisheries.

While BOEM has not issued similar calls in Washington, the agency is in the process of reviewing two unsolicited lease requests from developers looking to initiate wind-energy projects along its coast.

One of those requests was submitted earlier this month by Seattle-based developer Trident Winds, which proposed a floating wind farm — the state's first — about 43 miles off the coast of the Olympic Peninsula, near Grays Harbor.

"We will continue to evaluate those opportunities in the future," Lefton said. Under the Biden administration, BOEM "has created tremendous momentum to make offshore wind a reality in the United States so that we can fight climate change and create good-paying jobs."

"As we move forward, we are committed to doing so in a manner that robustly engages communities and avoid, as much as we can, impacts to other ocean users and marine life."

Golf Club Theft Triggered Wild Scene on Northbound I-5

By The Olympian

A wild scene played out on

northbound Interstate 5 near Lacey Monday evening after some golf clubs were stolen from a west Olympia sporting goods store, according to Olympia police.

The 31-year-old man accused of stealing the golf clubs later pulled an elderly woman out of her car and drove off with it, according to Lt. Paul Lower. The suspect is still at large, Lower said.

About 5:30 p.m., a man and woman offered an acquaintance a ride to Dick's Sporting Goods at Capital Mall in Olympia. While they waited in their Ford truck, the man went inside then emerged with golf clubs. Unbeknownst to the man and woman, the man had stolen the clubs, police say.

Meanwhile, the store manager flagged down a police officer in the area and explained what had happened. Police began to follow the vehicle as it got onto southbound U.S. 101 then headed north on I-5.

Police attempted a traffic stop, Lower said, and it was then that police could see the three in the truck were beginning to struggle over control of the vehicle, as it slowed, accelerated, swerved or jerked. They later learned the driver wanted to pull over, but the 31-year-old man demanded they drive on, Lower said.

The truck finally stopped on the right shoulder of I-5 near Sleater-Kinney Road in Lacey. The struggle for control of the truck continued, ultimately resulting in the driver throwing the keys out the window and getting out of the truck.

Inside, the woman tried to keep the suspect from getting out, too, but he broke free, retrieved the keys and got back into the truck.

Police were on the scene, giving commands to the man to stop, Lower said. They finally fired pepper balls at the truck, he said.

The woman exited the vehicle, then the suspect ran across all lanes of the freeway to a car that had stopped on a southbound freeway ramp, prior to entering traffic.

The man pulled an elderly woman out of her car and drove off with her green Subaru Impreza, Lower said. He took the first exit at Pacific Avenue and eluded police in traffic. He is still at large.

Anyone with information is asked to call Olympia police at 360-753-8300.

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U.S. Forest Service Issues 30-Year Permit to Mount St. Helens Institute for Coldwater Ridge Visitors Site

By Katie Fairbanks
The Daily News

A large-scale plan to develop the center at Coldwater Ridge for education, recreation and tourism activities moved forward Wednesday when the Forest Service issued the Mount St. Helens Institute a 30-year operating permit for the site.

"We look forward to working with our federal partners and the communities we serve to improve facilities and expand access to the outdoors," said Ray Yurkewycz, Mount St. Helens Institute executive director, in a press release. "This is an opportunity to connect people from near and far with the volcano's unique cultural and natural history."

The Coldwater Ridge Visitor Center, near Coldwater Lake west of Johnston Ridge, was built in 1993 and closed to the public in 2007. The Mount St. Helens Institute partnered with the Forest Service and began offering some youth education programs and public events at the site in 2011.

The institute, a nonprofit founded in 1996, provides youth education programs, field seminars and guided exploration around the volcano.

The institute wants to develop the Coldwater site into the Mount St. Helens Lodge & Education Center, with lodges, cabins, campgrounds and facility renovations.

The changes would expand outdoor education opportunities for kindergarten through 12th-grade students, allowing the institute to host 5,000 to 6,000 of them annually for overnight outdoor school experiences, according to the press release.

It also would provide new amenities and overnight accommodations for monument visitors. These investments would support the local economy by increasing visitor access to Mount St. Helens, creating jobs, and generating more tax revenues for the county and state, the press release states.

The institute has created a master plan with Hennebery



Vision drawing for the Mount St. Helens Lodge and Education Center from the air.



Vision drawings for the Mount St. Helens Lodge and Education Center amphitheater.

Eddy Architects and is conducting fundraising and feasibility assessments, and pursuing private, state and federal funding for the project.

The Cowlitz County commissioners in late March sent a letter of support for the project. "Partnerships such as this strengthen our conservation



Youth education programs taking place at the Science and Learning Center at Coldwater.

education programming while benefiting local communities," said Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument Ranger Rebecca Hoffman, "The Forest's

decision to issue these 30-year operating permits to Mount St. Helens Institute is a result of our confidence in the Institute's vision and due diligence."

News in Brief

Washington's Largest Tuberculosis Outbreak in 20 Years Connected to at Least One State Prison

By The Seattle Times

Washington's largest tuberculosis outbreak in two decades is connected to at least one state prison, as cases rise in other parts of the region, the state Department of Health announced Thursday afternoon.

The state's rise in cases mirrors a similar trend throughout the world, DOH said in a statement. To date, Washington has recorded about 70 TB cases, 17 of which are part of the same outbreak — and are connected to at least one Washington prison, the statement said.

"It's been 20 years since we saw a cluster of TB cases like this," Dr. Tao Kwan-Gett, the state's chief science officer, said in the statement. "The pandemic has likely contributed to the rise in cases and the outbreak in at least one correctional facility."

DOH pointed to "widespread disruptions" in health care systems and missed diagnoses — COVID-19 and TB have similar symptoms — as two main reasons cases have increased locally and globally.

Kwan-Gett noted that increased access to testing and treatment will likely be "key" in curbing spread.

The state Department of Corrections is testing staff and incarcerated people at Stafford Creek Corrections Center, where at least some cases were found, Dr. MaryAnn Curl, the agency's chief medical officer, said in the statement.

DOC did not respond to a request for comment.

Tuberculosis cases in Washington "notably" rose at the beginning of 2021, which saw 199 cases, reflecting a 22% increase since 2020.

The World Health Organization also confirmed last fall that TB deaths had risen for the first time in more than a decade, largely because medical resources were being diverted to fight the coronavirus pandemic.

The disease spreads through the air, though "unlike COVID-19, more prolonged exposure to someone with TB disease is typically necessary for infection to occur," the statement said.

Symptoms generally include coughing, chest pain, fever, night sweats, weight loss and tiredness. Treatment usually takes at least six months.

No further information was available about the recent cases.

COVID Still the Leading Cause of Work-Related Deaths in Washington

By The Seattle Times

COVID-19 was responsible for around a quarter of the 106 work-related deaths reported in Washington in 2021, the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries said this week.

The figure makes coronavirus the leading cause of work-related deaths in the state for the second year in a row. In 2021, 26 people died after contracting the coronavirus while in a workplace — an increase from 24 people in 2020.

While the number of coronavirus-related deaths increased, the number of total workplace deaths declined from 119 deaths in 2020.

In 2021, there were also:

- 22 construction-related deaths
- 16 transportation and warehousing-related deaths
- 14 public safety-related deaths
- 11 agriculture-related deaths, a decrease from 21 agriculture-related deaths from

2020

- 10 worker deaths from falls

The number of deaths from vehicle collisions also tripled from seven in 2020 to 21 in last year.

The workers who died range in age from 19 to 84, and consist of health care workers, corrections officers, mechanics, orchard workers and police officers, according to Labor & Industries.

Labor & Industries will honor the lives of the workers at a virtual Worker Memorial Day ceremony on Thursday, which will be attended by Gov. Jay Inslee, representatives from other work groups and family members. Each name will be read aloud followed by the ringing of a bell.

"Even as we believe that the worst of the pandemic is behind us, we find ourselves looking back on another year where COVID was the leading cause of job-related deaths," said Labor & Industries director Joel Sacks. "We will not forget those who lost their lives to COVID or other

causes. We all need to do everything in our power to ensure every worker goes home safe at the end of the day."

ATM User Robbed at Gunpoint in Thurston County

By The Olympian

An ATM user was robbed at gunpoint in Lacey Monday morning, according to police.

About 9:10 a.m., the suspect

approached the victim at an ATM at Umpqua Bank in the 700 block of Sleater-Kinney Road Southeast. The suspect then pointed a gun at the person and demanded the cash that was just withdrawn as well as the person's cell phone, according to police.

The male suspect then drove off in a cream-colored Ford Edge with switched plates.

The suspect is described as white, 18 to 21 years old, with a thin build. He was last seen wearing a blue hoodie and blue sweatpants.

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A Look Back in Time

Centralia Hosts Children's Pet Parade With 1,000 Pets, Owners in 1932

Compiled by Daniel Warn

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More than 1,000 Lewis County children and their friends of the furry variety participated in the annual Pet Parade put on by Centralia's chamber of commerce in April 1932.

The brainchild of the chamber's Retail Trade Committee, the pet parade gave kids the chance to strut the streets of Centralia to show off their littlest family members.

"Not only were children in the procession, but hundreds of dogs, cats, rabbits, chicken, goats, birds, guinea pigs and every other class of animal or fowl that could be classed as pets," reported The Chronicle. "One entrant led a sheep, two had fish and even mice and turtles appeared."

The parade was formed at a local park and was led by the Centralia High School marching band and police officers on motorcycles.

The route took participants along Tower Avenue north of Hanson Street before countermarching along Magnolia Street, where several prizes were awarded.

"The judges of the parade, Mayor Tom Rowswell, W.H. Cameron and Ray W. Edinger, had a real job picking winners out of the motley array that was offered for their inspection," reported The Chronicle.

Some of the awardees included Letha Fletcher's best bird entry, James Goss' best trick dog, Betty Louise Smith's homeliest pet, Lorna Lyness' largest pet (a horse), Junior Barger's funniest pet, Carl Yantis' best farm pet and Harold Woody's largest dog.

The Fox Theater opened up for a free show for the kiddos after the marching concluded,



From the May 1958 Chronicle archives: "MUSICAL POINTERS on the piano are given by Mrs. Robert Baker, Packwood, a retired concert artist, to her daughter, Joan, 10. Mrs. Baker gave up professional music to live in Packwood. On piano at right is 1567 violin which Mrs. Baker used in concert performances. - Chronicle Staff Photo"

though the animals were barred entrance to the entertainment venue.

It was not mentioned in the article whether there were hundreds of pets patiently awaiting their owners' return out in the theater's surrounding streets.

April 30, 1932:

- Susan N. Ingersoll, then 70, of Toledo, died the previous Thursday at the home of her sister, Eliza Jackson, of Montesano. Funeral services were set to be held at 2:30 p.m. on April 30, 1932, at the Presbyterian Church.
- "School men from all parts of the district were here today for a meeting of the Southwest Washington Principals' Association," reported The Chronicle. The morning and afternoon sessions were held at the Lewis and Clark Hotel.

- An ongoing litigation of whether the Cowlitz, Chehalis and Cascade Railway should see an extension and what receiver-ship it would have had was rescheduled to a hearing in Lewis County Superior Court at 9:30 a.m. May 10, 1932. The postponement occurred at about 3 p.m. on April 29, 1932, when L.B. da Ponte, attorney for the NP Railroad, announced that he and the attorneys for two other rail companies had no more witnesses to present at the time.
- The first-ever American Legion Auxiliary Bridge Tournament in Centralia came to a close after three installments, separated by a week. "Mrs. Theodore Hoss and Mrs. Harold Clark" took the W.
- Mary Bolliger, sister of the Luedinghaus brothers who were pioneer lumber operators in the area, died April 29, 1932, in

Vancouver, Washington. Funeral services were set to be held at 11 a.m. the following Monday at Boone Mortuary.

- The First Baptist Church posted a strong financial position by the end of April 1932 during its annual congregational meeting. The church's general budget was touted as being balanced on a night when each of the church's departments raised their budgets for scrutiny.
- Toledo High School won a dual track and field meet put on in conjunction with Mossyrock High School. Toledo amassed 48 points to Mossyrock's 33.

April 30, 1942:

- There was only one local news story on the first page of 1942's April 30 edition of The Chronicle. Headlines for the national and international stories published by the paper included "Allies Dealt Blow in Burma," "Gigantic War Effort Asked by President" and "Japs Reach Railroad of Vital Route."
- R.S. Reynoldson, 49, of Rochester, was "attacked and gored" by a bull, reported The Chronicle. Reynoldson was transported to Centralia Hospital to receive treatment for his injuries.
- "Centralia High School's baseball crew downed a scrappy Tenino Beaver nine at Tenino Tuesday afternoon, 5 to 4, in a non-league tilt," reported The Chronicle. Centralia had 6 hits to Tenino's 7.
- Southwest Washington track and field elimination meets were scheduled at the end of April 1942, with subdistrict meets for Longview, Centralia and Hoquiam being planned.
- "Mr. and Mrs. Jens Ellington" became the parents of a daughter born the previous Tuesday. The babe was prema-

ture and had to be placed in one of the recently acquired infant incubators provided to local hospitals by the Centralia Mothercraft Club.

- E.O. McNeely was said to possess the ability to banish foot discomfort and bring lasting relief from aching feet.
- The Federated Church and Office Supply company was set to close its doors the following Saturday, so it hosted a store close-out sale. This listing appeared in the "Locals" section of the paper twice.

April 30, 1952:

- Jackie Triplett, 17, was elected as a queen candidate for the Southwest Washington Fair, which would convene in fall 1952. Triplett was chosen by members of the Chehalis High School student body.
- No charges were filed as a result of a traffic accident, which resulted in the death of Arthur B. Cobble the previous Tuesday. Cobble, then 75, of Centralia, was killed after his car collided head-on with John Hillis Jr.'s vehicle.
- "That old standby of the dinner table, potatoes and gravy, is going to be mostly gravy by this weekend in the Twin Cities with potatoes becoming scarcer by the day," reported The Chronicle. A survey reportedly informed the paper that local stores were running out of spuds.
- The annual GOP Convention in Chehalis was scheduled for 10 a.m. the following Saturday at the Chehalis Civic Auditorium. The convention was set to name 20 delegates for the state GOP convention, which would run May 23-24 in Spokane. Chairman Dale Nordquist was ready to work the gavel.
- Armed with a new stick of chalk, Chehalis Police Officer Lee Snaza readied himself to mount his motorcycle and hit the parking meters while keeping an eye out for chalk-marked tires. The move followed a recent ordinance which made parking all day in the business district a punishable offense.
- The Lewis County Treasurer's Office reported a rush of business as area residents scrambled to pay their real estate and personal property taxes before the following Wednesday's deadline. Interest on yet-unpaid, first-half property taxes would be imposed starting May 1.
- The Fox Theater was showing two movies on April 30, 1952. "Bitter Rice" was scheduled for 7 and 10:24 p.m., while "Treasure of Lost Canyon" would show at 9:04 p.m.

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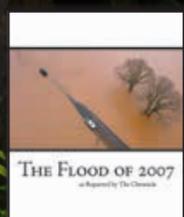
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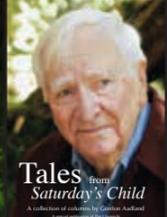
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Washington Legislative Leaders Talk Inslee Veto Overrides

By Raelynn Ricarte

The Center Square

Four top legislative leaders in Washington had a lively debate this week over Gov. Jay Inslee's veto of all or sections of over a dozen bills and the emergency powers he has held for more than two years.

Also discussed was the push by Inslee and other top Democrats to remove four Snake River Dams to aid endangered salmon runs.

Seated on stage in the Tri-Cities to address these issues and others were Sen. Andy Billig, D-Spokane, who is the Senate Majority Leader, and Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia, the Senate Minority Leader.

They were joined by Rep. Monica Stonier, D-Vancouver, the House Majority Leader, and Rep. J.T. Wilcox, R-Yelm, House Minority Leader.

The Four Corners Legislative Luncheon on April 27 was sponsored by the Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Moderator Cecilia Rexus asked each of the elected officials what, if anything, would be done about Inslee's veto or partial-veto of policies approved by lawmakers during the 2022 session.

Billig said he wanted to recognize that the governor has legitimate constitutional authority to wield a veto pen, and sometimes it serves a good purpose.

However, Billig said he didn't understand why Inslee had recently vetoed some strongly supported and bipartisan pieces of legislation.

"I was confused by a number of those vetoes," he said. "The message did not make complete sense in some of them. Some of them I understood."

For example, he said Inslee vetoed a provision in Senate Bill 5901 to spur economic development in rural areas by creating a sales tax exemption for construction of large warehouses.

Inslee criticized the measure



From left, state Sen. Andy Billig, D-Spokane, state Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia, state Rep. Monica Stonier, D-Vancouver, and state Rep. J.T. Wilcox, R-Yelm.

for being "overly broad" in providing exemptions to businesses in 36 of 39 Washington counties. He said "the warehousing industry has remained strong" with the rise of online shopping and did not need tax incentives to remain competitive.

Billig thought the legislature would "look closely" at some of those vetoes in the coming days. "My guess is that there will be bipartisan support to override some of them," he said.

Stonier said conversations were taking place in the legislature about how lawmakers could avoid getting caught off guard by the governor's actions.

"We'll get to that," she said of next year's session.

According to Article III, Section 12 of the state constitution, the Legislature can call a special veto session to consider overrides of bills the governor vetoed after adjournment. Two-thirds of members in both chambers must agree to do so. The session may not exceed five days. The Legislature may also consider vetoed bills during the next regular session.

Wilcox laid blame for the problem on the Legislature's failure to rein in Inslee's emergency powers.

"It is corrosive to our democratic republic to have an ongoing emergency that doesn't have a logical end," he said. "To have the same person responsible to declare the beginning and the same person to say the emergen-

cy is over - I think we are seeing the results of that."

He said the Legislature had given Inslee authority to keep the emergency going as long as he liked, and the governor had gotten used to acting unilaterally.

Inslee can often be single-minded with his goals, and Wilcox said it was the job of the branch that is constitutionally tasked with making laws to remind the governor that he did not work alone.

Braun said Inslee had proven by his conduct that he could abuse veto powers.

In December, the Legislature sued the governor over his crossing out single sentences in the state transportation budget regarding eligibility for grants to transit agencies, as well as his removal of verbiage in a bill creating a clean fuel standard that tied the start of enforcement with the passage of a transportation funding package.

In Washington, governors can veto entire bills and entire sections of legislation, but nothing less.

This is the second time the Legislature had sued Inslee over questionable use of his line-item veto power.

Weeks before the lawsuit, the state Supreme Court ruled against Inslee in a previous lawsuit for striking out the same lines dealing with transit agency grants in the transportation plan passed in 2019.

Per the Supreme Court's deci-

sion, Inslee conceded in a court order last month that his vetoes in the 2021 transportation budget are "invalid...so there is no dispute between the parties on this issue."

"If we want the Legislature to be a co-equal branch of government, we need to be more assertive," said Braun.

"We should be calling ourselves into special session tomorrow and overriding those vetoes. This is a Legislature that hasn't asserted itself."

Billig disagreed. He said lawmakers had discussed what perimeters, if any, should be set around Inslee's emergency powers. He said thoughtful consideration had been given to proposals to rein some or all of them in before Democrats had made decisions.

"It's something we're going to keep working on," he said.

Braun said Democrats had only voted once on emergency powers and that had been in 2021 to extend them indefinitely.

"That's not asserting yourself, it's just not," he said.

On Inslee's push to remove the Snake River Dams, something now being given consideration in Congress, Braun called out Stonier for not giving a firm answer.

"I'll be more clear," he said. "I oppose the removal of dams."

Stonier had said the decision was up to the federal government. "So I think we will stand ready to do the legislative role in

making sure the communities are prepared and responsive for however the federal government decides," she said.

Braun reminded Stonier that Democrats had gotten engaged in the issue by voting to invest \$350,000 in a study of dam removal.

Stonier, Braun and Wilcox agreed that communities along the river relied on port transportation as a vital part of their economies.

Braun said the dams were also important to flood control.

Wilcox said there were other ways to protect salmon runs than remove dams that provide clean, renewable energy for businesses and residences.

He said predator management, hatchery expansion and protection of habitat were all viable options.

Billig said there were "enough really hard decisions we have to make as state leaders and this is not one of them."

He said the study funded by the legislature was intended to prepare communities for whatever course of action the federal government took.

"I'm open-minded but I also know it's not something we will have to decide," he said.

Billig said he was encouraged by the bipartisan discussion on energy issues, which he felt would lead to positive results.

"The world is transitioning and Washington is one of the leaders," he said.

Judge Strikes 'Excise' and 'Income' Tax From Capital Gains Repeal Ballot Title

By The Center Square

Neither "excise tax" nor "income tax" will appear on the ballot title and summary for Initiative 1929, Thurston County Superior Court Judge Indu Thomas ruled on Thursday afternoon.

The I-1929 campaign to repeal Washington state's capital gains enacted last year had challenged the state Office of the Attorney General for what it called its "misleading" ballot title and

summary for the proposed ballot measure.

The attorney general's proposed language used the term "excise tax" despite the March 1 ruling by Douglas County Superior Court Judge Brian Huber that found the capital gains tax unconstitutional because it's a progressive income tax. Attorney General Bob Ferguson has since asked the state Supreme Court to take the case on direct appeal.

"So, it is appropriate to avoid

using the terms 'excise tax' and 'income tax' in the concise description to avoid a statement that is an incorrect statement at the time that people are voting," Thomas said in explaining her ruling.

The official ballot language approved by the court is as follows:

"Statement of Subject: Initiative Measure 1929 concerns taxes.

"Concise Description: This measure would repeal a 7% tax on annual capital gains above

\$250,000 by individuals from the sale of stocks and certain other capital assets (exempting, for example, real estate and retirement accounts).

"Ballot Measure Summary: This measure would repeal a 7% tax imposed on the sale or exchange of certain long-term capital assets by individuals who have annual capital gains of over \$250,000. The tax applies to the sale or exchange of stocks, bonds, and certain other longterm

capital assets, but exempts, for example, real estate, retirement accounts and certain other assets. This repeal would operate retroactively to January 1, 2022, as well as prospectively."

Before Thursday's ruling, Ferguson had stopped using the words "excise tax" in the ballot title for I-1929.

The I-1929 campaign can now begin gathering signatures to get their proposal on the ballot.

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younger sister, who works as a special education teacher at JBLM, texted him at about 10:30 a.m., telling him she'd heard the whole base was locked down and that she was hiding under her desk.

"I started texting my family to make sure that they knew," Wong said. "We had a whole set of text messages between our brothers and her: 'stay under the desk, grab something just in case, barricade the door.'"

False Alarm Prompts Evacuation at Capitol Campus Building

By The Olympian

A suspicious package prompted the Washington State Patrol to evacuate the Department of Licensing building in Olympia Thursday, but it turned out to be a false alarm.

Troopers responded to the package about 10 a.m. and the Capitol Campus building returned to normal operations before noon, according to state patrol spokesperson Chris Loftis.

A specialty unit from the WSP bomb squad determined the inadequately marked box contained a harmless scanning device that was low on battery and emitting a noise, Loftis said.

"Somebody saw something that didn't look right, didn't sound right," Loftis said. "They did exactly the right thing. They called 911."

While this turned out to be false alarm, Loftis said state patrol encourages people to report anything suspicious so it can be evaluated and handled appropriately.

"We'd much rather have the inconvenience of a false alarm than a tragedy of a real event that didn't go reported," Loftis said.

Washington, Other States Sue U.S. Postal Service Over New Gas-Powered Delivery Fleet

By The Seattle Times

Washington and 15 other states are suing the United States Postal Service Thursday, claiming it violated federal law by choosing new gas-powered trucks over an electric fleet.

The lawsuit, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, asserts Postmaster General Louis DeJoy violated the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) when the Postal Service decided in February during a "deficient review process" to replace nearly

165,000 mail trucks primarily with vehicles powered by gasoline, not electricity, in its nationwide fleet of 212,000.

The lawsuit asserted that, when choosing a vehicle manufacturer, USPS did not consider alternative options, weigh the impacts of poor air quality in polluted communities, align its purchase with state climate policies or release an environmental review before its decision to sign a contract worth \$6 billion over the next 10 years.

NEPA "requires government to look before it leaps by considering reasonable alternatives and allowing the people's voices to inform decisions," Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson said in a news release. "Postmaster DeJoy illegally leapt towards gas-powered vehicles without sufficiently considering alternatives. Postmaster DeJoy failed to uphold his responsibility to protect our shared environment."

Plaintiffs in the lawsuit filed Thursday include 16 states, two cities (the District of Columbia and New York City) and California's Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

Two other lawsuits were filed Thursday in New York and California by environmental advocacy groups that asked judges to order a more thorough review of

the postal service's decision.

Oshkosh Defense, a manufacturer based in Wisconsin, was selected by DeJoy in 2021 to build a new fleet for USPS. Oshkosh Defense does not currently build electric vehicles but, according to the company's website, "will manufacture both zero emission battery electric vehicles (BEV) and fuel-efficient low-emission internal combustion engine vehicles (ICE), upgrading the USPS fleet to be increasingly sustainable. Production of the next generation delivery vehicle is expected to begin in 2023."

Washington is pushing to electrify its transportation system in its efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 45% below 1990 levels by the end of the decade, and to eliminate them altogether by 2050.

In March, DeJoy's decision was not only denounced by the Environmental Protection Agency and the White House Council on Environmental Quality, it led House Democrats to call for an investigation and send a letter to USPS Inspector General Tammy Whitcomb.

The USPS estimated the newly built vehicles would achieve nearly 30 miles per gallon, but an EPA analysis found that figure was closer to 15 mpg, or 8.6 mpg if the driver is using air conditioning.

Report of Active Shooter at JBLM Was 'Miscommunication' During Training Exercise

By The News Tribune

A report of an active shooter Thursday morning at Joint Base Lewis-McChord was actually a "miscommunication" during a training exercise for active shooter situations, according to a base spokesperson.

Military police responded about 10 a.m. for a report of an active shooter near Lewis North, an area of the base northwest of Interstate 5 near American Lake. Police went to that area and found no evidence of an active shooter.

Base spokesperson Gary Dangerfield said someone had overhead "active shooter, active shooter," while a unit was conducting training and called 911.

"Our military police were responding to a call and doing what they needed to do to secure the area and keep us all safe," Dangerfield said.

Dangerfield apologized for the false alarm. JBLM was not put on an official lockdown, but the report caused some at the base to take cover.

Bruce Wong, 69, said his

Fair

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“We believe that fair participation encourages family unity, community pride and cooperative competition,” stated youth fair organizers in a written statement “Our event wouldn’t be possible without the amazing kids who exhibit and all of their family, friends, teachers and group leaders who support and encourage them to do their best ... as well as the enormous group of volunteers, vendors, nonprof-

its and entertainers who join in to make Spring Youth Fair this community’s premier spring-time event!”

The youth fair is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 1. Admission is free for kids ages 5 and under, \$5 per day for adults and youths older than 13 and \$4 per day for kids ages 6-12, seniors and military.

Parking costs \$5 per day at the fairgrounds parking lot.

Learn more about the Spring Youth Fair online at <https://www.springyouthfair.org>.



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Strawberry looks on from her pen at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds Friday during the Spring Youth Fair.

Fire

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the Gifford Pinchot National Forest (GPNF), Jennifer Harris, GPNF zone fire management officer and Dirk Shupe, fire management staff officer for GPNF and Mount Hood national forests.

Presenters discussed a grant program called Firewise, where homeowners associations — of which there are several in Packwood — can apply for funding to make their homes more fire safe.

Goble said in 2020, Lewis County Fire District 10 responded to 21 total calls, whereas in 2021, they responded to 64. Seventeen of the calls were to Airbnbs or other short-term rental homes and of those, 14 were left with nobody at the house. He said this to illustrate that it is not just the department’s, but also the public’s responsibility to prevent fires.



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Attendees listen to speakers talk about the Community Fire Wise program Thursday night at the Packwood Community Center.

Steps residents can take to protect their homes from fire include getting rid of dry brush around the house, using mulch to maintain wet soil, planting

fire resistant flora, watering plants to hold more humidity and keeping fuel such as woodpiles, as far from the house as possible.

Hernandez spoke about how a mixture of factors went into the uptick in wildfires on the west side of the Cascades including climate change and an

increase in wildland urban interface.

“You’re catching the common theme. ‘What you need to do to prepare.’ Firefighters are a finite resource. There aren’t enough when there’s wildfires across the west,” Hernandez said. “We cover 600,000 acres of national forests and you heard Jen, as of a few years ago, we cover Mount Rainier National Park. So firefighters are a finite, finite resource.”

Homeowners as individuals or in groups should be visiting firewise.org to learn more about the steps they can take to protect their homes, according to the presenters. Hernandez said the biggest determinant of a house’s fate in a fire is the last 100 yards before the structure, and that even in recent major residential-area fires, many houses were spared because they took those “firewise” steps early on.

“The fire danger here is very serious and it’s time now that we start doing something about it,” Goble said.

Bail

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Mack is accused of pulling his car in front of the alleged victim while she was walking to the grocery store the evening of Oct. 24, 2020, blocking her from crossing the road and asking her to “get in his car because he needed to talk to her,” according to court documents. He reportedly

offered to give her a ride to the grocery store but once she was in the car, he drove to Fort Borst Park and reportedly offered to “smoke a bowl of methamphetamine with her” and claimed he was recently ripped off by two women, according to court documents. The victim “reported that she kept telling him that she needed to leave and go to (the store), but he wouldn’t let her leave his car,” according to court documents.

Mack then reportedly drove out of the park and parked his car across from the cemetery on Johnson Road, where he allegedly “grabbed an ax out of his car door and said he was not going to hurt her so long as she didn’t start screaming,” according to court documents.

Still holding the ax, he allegedly directed her to lay out a sleeping bag he kept in his car and then allegedly sexually assaulted her.

The victim told police “she begged him not to hurt her and he said he won’t as long as she didn’t scream or resist him,” according to court documents.

Mack then allegedly got back into his car and drove away from the scene.

Officers with the Centralia Police Department were dispatched to Providence Centralia Hospital’s emergency room the following morning, where the victim was receiving medical treatment.

Officers went to the location provided by the victim and found the sleeping bag described by the victim, who also provided a license plate and a general description of the suspect, according to court documents.

Providence staff completed a sexual assault evidence collection kit the morning of Oct. 25.

When contacted by police in April 2022 after officers received the DNA results connecting Mack to the case, Mack allegedly admitted to having “consensual sex” with the victim and corroborated several details provided by the victim, including that he had an ax.

In addition to the connection with the October 2020 Centralia case, Mack’s DNA profile in the National Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) also showed suspect DNA matches for three cases out of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

A Centralia officer contacted a Las Vegas cold case investigator, who advised Mack’s DNA profile in the system matched three of the department’s cold

cases dating back to 1999, according to court documents.

Defense Attorney Rachael Tiller asked the court not to consider the suspect DNA matches to those other cases when setting Mack’s bail.

“It’s suspect DNA. It’s not founded. He has not been charged,” Tiller said during Mack’s preliminary hearing in Lewis County Superior Court on Wednesday.

Deputy Prosecutor Scott Jackson had cited the three other DNA matches, as well as the severity of the allegations, as reasons for his \$1 million bail request.

“Given the circumstances and the extreme danger, we believe that \$1 million bail is appropriate,” he said Wednesday.

Tiller asked Judge Joely Yeager to set bail no higher than \$20,000 due to Mack’s lack of failure-to-appear offenses in his Washington criminal history and his financial situation.

“Considering Mr. Mack’s resources, \$1 million is completely out of the ballpark for him,” she said.

“I believe that the state’s request in this case is warranted,” Yeager said on Wednesday. “I feel that high bail is needed here to ensure the public is protected.”

Yeager acknowledged Tiller’s concerns regarding her consideration of the other possible DNA matches, “but the court can consider things like hearsay and allegations at this point,” she said.

Mack’s next court appearance is an arraignment hearing scheduled for May 5.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Richard McGandy

On His 100th Birthday

1922 ~ 2019

Remember me when you see the light dappling through the trees or the mountains in all their majesty. For there I will be.

Remember me when you hear the hummingbird’s wings or the singing of the sea. For there I will be.

Remember me when you speak of love and family. For there I will be.

When you miss me, look around you . . . or listen . . . or speak of me. For there I always will be.

On Jan. 7, 2019, Richard “Dick” Gordon McGandy, at age 96, optimistically passed on to what he believed to be the stage after life on earth.

Born in April 1922 in Sumner, Washington, he was the youngest of four children of Phoebe and Roy McGandy. He graduated from Chehalis High School and attended Centralia College. During those days, he also earned a pilot’s license. He loved taking an unsuspecting friend or family member flying and doing barrel rolls.

After serving in World War II in the Aleutian Islands, the European theater and Japan, he returned to college. He graduated from the University of Washington, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, and later moved to Los Angeles to attend the University of California, Los Angeles, where he earned a master’s degree in journalism.

He worked in Los Angeles in newspaper and public relations writing. In addition to other types of news reporting, he interviewed several movie stars of the day, including Mickey Rooney, Lana Turner and Loretta Young. More importantly, an assignment arranged by a match-making editor led him to interview a young woman, Barbara Challenor, who was returning from teaching abroad and would later become his wife. Moving quickly to out-manuever another young gentleman, Pete Rozelle, who would later become the long-time commissioner of the National Football League, he married Barbara in the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed glass Wayfarers Chapel in Rancho Palos Verdes, California overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Later, wanting to teach, he moved with his wife and children to Washington state and returned to Centralia College where for more than 20 years he taught written and oral communication, including composition, journalism and public speaking, and also advised the student newspaper staff. He spent several summers during those years as a U.S. Forestry Service ranger of a park on the Hood Canal, providing idyllic summers for his family.

He retired with his wife to Los Angeles to be near their daughter. There, he was a docent for years at the home of Los Angeles pioneer Charles Lummis. He also served as the editor of several organizations’ publications. His primary joy during those years was spending much time with his grandchildren.

After more than 20 years in Los Angeles, he returned to his beloved Pacific Northwest. He lived independently in Bellevue, Washington until his final days. He still drove and essentially taught his youngest grandchild to drive. He remained energetic, curious, open-minded, humorous and appreciative of all the good in life and, thus, was a joy to be around.

He is survived by his daughter April McGandy Evans and son-in-law Godfrey Evans of Bellevue and grandchildren Ariel Evans Harmon, Austin Evans, Jameson Evans and AnaMarie Evans, all of Los Angeles, as well as many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded by his wife Barbara, his son Eric McGandy and all three of his siblings, Robert “Bob” McGandy, Betty McGandy Hawkins and Barbara McGandy Hays, all formerly of Chehalis.

His ashes commingled with those of wife Barbara will be spread over their much loved Puget Sound. He requested no memorial be held, acknowledging that good health in his final years had allowed him to enjoy many gatherings with friends and family, often with his favorites of clam chowder and a gin martini with three olives. It being hard, however, to fully honor his request that no memorial be held, a small memorial for family was held in 2019.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

RONALD "BUD" YEAGER

1929 ~ 2022



Ronald “Bud” Edward Yeager passed from this world

on March 25, 2022. He was born Sept. 5, 1929. He was 92. He is survived by his 10 children, three sisters, a brother and many more. He was a loving father, brother, son and friend. He will be missed beyond words. He was many things in his life, but one of our favorites was race car driver. We hope that this new adventure will be his greatest. He loved a good adventure.

A memorial for Bud will be held later this July or August 2022.

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U.S. Economy Posts Surprise Contraction, Belying Solid Consumer Picture

By Tribune News Service

The U.S. economy shrank for the first time since 2020, reflecting an import surge tied to solid consumer demand.

While the surprise contraction adds to political headaches for President Joe Biden, it's unlikely to dissuade the Federal Reserve from hiking interest rates aggressively to combat inflation.

Gross domestic product fell at a 1.4% annualized rate in the first quarter following a 6.9% pace at the end of last year, the Commerce Department's preliminary estimate showed Thursday. The median projection in a Bloomberg survey of economists called for a 1% increase.

The report is more an illustration of how GDP calculations tend to be volatile from quarter to quarter, not necessarily indicating weakness in the economy or a sign of recession. The contraction was due to a jump in imports and a drop in exports, coupled with a slower buildup of businesses' stockpiles. On a year-over-year basis, the economy grew 3.6%.

Together, trade and inventories subtracted about 4 percentage points from headline growth. Government spending shrank, also weighing on GDP. But real final sales to domestic purchasers, a measure of underlying demand that strips out the trade and inventories components, accelerated to a 2.6% annualized rate.

Against a backdrop of quicker inflation and solid spending, Fed



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Tug boats alongside lumber and cargo shipping containers at a dock at the Port of Long Beach on Jan. 11, 2022, in Long Beach, California.

monetary policy is still geared for a half-point rate hike next week. Nonetheless, officials need to balance tighter policy with risks to demand.

The economy faces other potential headwinds that include knock-on effects from Russia's war in Ukraine. Growth prospects in Europe are deteriorating, some raw materials are in short supply and the Chinese government's severe pandemic-related lockdown measures are leaving supply chains in disarray.

The S&P 500 rose and the yield on the 10-year Treasury note remained higher along with the dollar.

"With strong growth of consumer spending, business investment and employment in the first quarter, the U.S. economy was not in a recession at the beginning of the year," said Bill

Adams, chief economist at Comerica Bank. "Growth should resume in the second quarter as the trade deficit and inventories become smaller headwinds."

Biden blamed the contraction on "technical factors," saying in a statement that employment, consumer spending and investment all remain strong.

Consumer Spending

The Commerce Department's data showed personal consumption, the biggest part of the economy, rose an annualized 2.7% in the first quarter, compared with 2.5% at the end of 2021. Services spending added 1.86 percentage points to GDP, while goods purchases stagnated, reflecting changing consumer behavior.

At the start of this year, spending surged as COVID-19

cases declined. As the quarter dragged on, high inflation began to take a bite out of purchasing power. Nonetheless, many corporate executives on recent earnings calls touted the durability of the American consumer.

Looking forward, rapid inflation and dwindling fiscal support point to more moderate growth in outlays for the remainder of the year. Furthermore, higher interest rates may at some point prompt companies to trim capital expenditures budgets.

Last quarter, inflation-adjusted business investment increased an annualized 9.2%, the firmest in a year and reflecting stronger equipment spending and intellectual property, according to the GDP report.

Residential investment rose at a 2.1% pace, as builders began making some headway on backlogged projects. While underlying housing demand remains strong, a rapid rise in mortgage rates and record-high home prices are weighing on affordability and could begin weighing on homebuilding later this year.

How Executives See It

"We remain very confident that the fundamental strength of consumer demand trends will remain intact over multiple years." — Whirlpool Corp. CFO James Peters, April 26 earnings call

"If anything, discretionary spending, especially from affluent consumers and credit cardholders, has been going up quite

healthily. So in general, there isn't any evident impact on inflation." — Visa Inc. CFO Vasant Prabhu, April 26 earnings call

"North American dealer inventory remains at record lows with healthy demand further constrained by the persistent global supply chain headwinds, limiting any improvement in inventory levels," — Polaris Inc. CEO Michael Speetzen, April 26 earnings call

The report showed trade subtracted 3.2 percentage points from GDP in the first quarter, reflecting a surge in imports and a drop in exports. The U.S. economy has recovered more quickly from than pandemic than many countries abroad, bolstering demand for foreign-made goods.

The change in inventories subtracted 0.84 percentage point from the headline figure during the January-March period. In the fourth quarter, they added a whopping 5.3 points. Looking ahead, businesses will continue to replenish their inventories in an effort to restock following the robust merchandise demand seen in 2021.

The personal consumption expenditures price index excluding food and energy, an inflation measure followed closely by Fed officials, grew an annualized 5.2% last quarter. Monthly PCE data for April will be released on Friday.

A separate report Thursday showed applications for state unemployment insurance fell slightly last week, consistent with an extremely tight labor market.

Kyiv Reels From New Attack During UN Chief's Visit as NATO Beefs Up Forces

By Tribune News Service

LVIV, Ukraine — Far from the war's front lines, central and western Ukraine were on high alert Friday after Russian missiles rained down on the capital, Kyiv, killing at least one person and shattering a relative return to calm that saw the United Nations chief visit mass graves on the city's outskirts.

In a video address overnight, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the aerial attack Thursday near the center of Kyiv after his meeting with U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres was a sign of "Russia's true attitude to global institutions" and would provoke "a strong response."

"We still have to drive the occupiers out," Zelenskyy said, citing recent bombings in the capital as well as in Fastiv — southwest of Kyiv — and Odesa, a strategic port city on the Black Sea that's increasingly become a target of missiles, including one that struck a major bridge and railway link this week.

The shifting state of affairs in Ukraine, where Russia had telegraphed its intention to focus on the eastern Donbas region claimed by pro-Moscow separatists yet has continued to assault parts of the west and center, prompted the U.S., Britain and other NATO members to increase troops around Ukraine and pledge billions of additional dollars in humanitarian and military aid through the summer.

"We need to be prepared for the long term," NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said late Thursday after President Joe Biden announced that he would ask Congress to approve \$33 billion in new aid to Kyiv.

"There is absolutely the possibility that this war will drag on and last for months and years," Stoltenberg said.

The British government said Friday that it would dispatch 8,000 troops over the summer to Eastern Europe for extended exercises to deter Russian aggression. The deployment is among the largest by the nation since the Cold War and will include training with thousands of troops from NATO and the Joint Expeditionary Force alliance, a group that includes Finland and Sweden, two non-NATO nations that this week were told their membership would be fast-tracked if they petitioned to join.

Britain also said Friday that it would send war crimes investigators to Ukraine, following reports of rape by Russian troops, the discovery of mass graves outside Kyiv and reports of additional mass burials outside Mariupol, a heavily bombarded southern city nearly under full Russian control.

"Russia has brought barbarity to Ukraine and committed vile atrocities, including against women. British expertise will help uncover the truth and hold [Russian President Vladimir] Putin's regime to account for its actions. Justice will be done," said British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss.

As Kyiv cleaned up the aftermath of missiles that hit a commercial and residential neighborhood northwest of the presidential office, Mayor Vitali Klitschko said on Telegram that a body had been recovered from the rubble.

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, a U.S.-funded news organization, said one of its workers, Vira Hyrych, was killed.

A former U.S. Marine from Tennessee has also died in the conflict while fighting in Ukraine with a military contracting company, his family told CNN. "He wanted to go over because he believed in what Ukraine was fighting for," Rebecca Cabrera said of her 22-year-old son, Willy Joseph Cancel.

In Mariupol, where authorities said 600 people — a mix of military and civilians — were surrounded by Russians in a vast steelworks that is Ukraine's last holdout in the once-thriving city, another attempt at an evacuation was announced Friday. Several previous attempts to transport Ukrainians out of the Azovstal plant, including Russian offers to allow safe passage, have not materialized.

Speaking at a video news conference, Mariupol Mayor Vadym Boychenko said that "if Mariupol is hell, Azovstal is worse." He said those trapped were "begging to be saved."

Boychenko said his city was "destroyed" but denied that it had fallen to Russia. "Mariupol is holding," he said.

Fighting continued to rage in the east, along a 300-mile battlefield in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions, where Ukrainians and Russians have traded increasingly heavy fire for weeks as locally organized humanitarian efforts distribute basic supplies to fleeing populations.

In Sumy, near the Russia border, officials said there were multiple rounds of shelling Friday morning but did not report deaths or injuries.

Moderna Applies for U.S. Clearance of COVID Shot for Young Kids

By Tribune News Service

Moderna Inc. applied for emergency use authorization for its COVID-19 vaccine in children from six months to under 6 years old after a successful trial showed two doses generate high levels of antibodies to the virus.

The highly anticipated application comes just over a month after Moderna said a large trial showed two low doses of its vaccine produced powerful immune responses in young kids. Even though its effectiveness against omicron-related infections is modest, the application will put tremendous pressure on the Food and Drug Administration to quickly make a decision on whether to authorize it.

Similar submissions for clearance are underway with regulators outside the U.S., Moderna said Thursday in a statement. Meanwhile, Moderna has also initiated a submission for authorization of its vaccine for use in kids ages 6 to 11.

While the vaccine from partners Pfizer Inc. and BioNTech SE is authorized for kids 5 and up in the U.S., there is no COVID vaccine those under 5, much to the consternation of many parents. More than 900 doctors sent a letter Wednesday to FDA Commissioner Robert Califf asking for quick review of a vaccine for young children.

Pfizer's effort to bring forward a vaccine for the youngest children was delayed after immune responses from two doses appeared insufficient in some, and the company decided to wait for results from a third. But in an interview, Moderna Chief Medical Officer Paul Burton said the immune response generated by two doses of its vaccine should be enough to provide significant protection against severe disease in very young kids.

"There is an important unmet need here," Burton said. The two-dose regimen "should be sufficient for primary vaccination" in the young kids, as it produced antibody levels similar to the levels that showed protection against serious disease in younger adults, he said.

FDA Proposes Ban on Menthol Cigarettes, Flavored Cigars

By Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — The

Food and Drug Administration on Thursday proposed a long-awaited ban on menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars, targeting products used by more than a third of smokers.

The agency estimates roughly 18.5 million people use menthol cigarettes. The products are particularly popular with Black smokers, with 3 out of 4 reporting using menthol products.

More than half of smokers under 18 also use menthol cigarettes, and more than half of those young people who smoke cigars use flavors, according to the proposed rule. The ban would take effect one year after the final rule is published.

"Ending the sale of menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars will save lives. It will also help reduce the unjust disparities in tobacco use, primarily caused by the tobacco companies targeting vulnerable communities with menthol cigarettes," American Lung Association's National CEO Harold Wimmer said in a statement. "When finalized, we believe this will be the single most significant action taken by FDA in its almost 13-year history of regulating tobacco products."

The FDA first announced its intention to ban menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars in April 2021.

Advocates have framed the menthol ban as an equity issue, but opponents have raised concerns about discrimination against Black smokers and potential excuses for heavier policing. The issue triggered lobbying on opposite sides of the issue by groups like the NAACP — which supports the ban — and the National Action Network, a group led by the Rev. Al Sharpton that opposes the ban.

The proposal is the latest move to tighten restrictions on the tobacco industry. In January 2020, Congress raised the eligibility age to buy tobacco products from 18 to 21.

The FDA is also beginning to regulate vaping products with synthetic nicotine after a loophole was closed in the 2022 omnibus.

Biden Says He's Considering Some Student Debt Relief, But Not \$50,000

By Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden shot down speculation that he is open to canceling up to \$50,000 in debt for federal student loan borrowers Thursday, after Democratic lawmakers in favor of forgiveness suggested he was moving in their direction.

"I am considering dealing with some debt reduction," Biden told reporters at an event highlighting his request to Congress for additional aid for Ukraine. "I am not considering \$50,000 debt reduction. But I'm in the process of taking a hard look at whether or not there will be additional debt forgiveness."

Biden has faced increasing pressure to announce how he plans to address student loan debt, a key issue for many younger voters who make up a critical part of the Democratic base. Members of his party have urged him to use executive action to either fulfill his campaign promise of forgiving \$10,000 in debt for borrowers, or issue more generous relief.

The president, however, has been reluctant to act unilaterally. There's some debate over whether he has the legal authority to do so, and any move would almost certainly be challenged in court.

More than 43 million Americans have \$1.6 trillion in federal student loan obligations, but the vast majority have been exempt from repaying them for the last two years under a payment moratorium introduced by then-President Donald Trump in March 2020 and extended multiple times by Biden. The payment pause is currently set to expire Aug. 31, but Biden has said he will either announce a plan to help borrowers, or extend the pause.

Earlier this week, members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus who met with the president said he seemed very open to canceling some debt through executive action.

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WSP: Driver Lost Control of Car, Causing I-5 Crash Involving Multiple Semis

TRAFFIC HALTED: California Man Hospitalized in Longview After Crash Impacts Northbound and Southbound Lanes

By Becca Robbins

The Columbian

A California man was taken to a Longview hospital after a Tuesday crash on southbound Interstate 5, north of Woodland, sent two tractor-trailers into the Columbia River.

The Washington State Patrol responded to the crash at about 1:30 p.m. near milepost 23.

Tamara A. Cole, 63, of Castle Rock, lost control of her Volkswagen Jetta and spun into the middle lane, according to a state patrol crash memo.

Cole's Jetta crashed into a tractor-trailer driven by William A. Gordy, 51, of Mount Baldy, Calif., which then crashed into another tractor-trailer in the right lane. Gordy's truck and the other tractor-trailer, driven by Kevin P. Clark, 38, of Surrey, Canada, careened through a guardrail and down an em-

bankment, into the Columbia River, the crash memo states.

Clark's truck came to rest on its passenger side in the river. Gordy's truck stopped partially in the river and the cab caught on fire, according to the state patrol.

Becky L. Desmet, 65, of Salinas, Calif., slowed her car in the left lane for the crash and was rear-ended by Shawn E. Moore, 25, of Castle Rock, the crash memo states.

Gordy was taken to Peace-Health St. John Medical Center in Longview, according to the state patrol. Trooper Will Finn said on Twitter the driver suffered a broken finger. No one else was reportedly injured.

The state patrol referred a charge of speeding against Cole. Her passenger, Larry E. Smith, 61, was also uninjured.

All lanes of southbound I-5 were blocked by the crash debris and for the investigation. Traffic was backed up to just south of Longview as the Tuesday afternoon commute began.

Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue, Cowlitz County Fire District 5, along with WSDOT and the state patrol responded to the crash.



Washington State Patrol

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Federal Judge Dismisses Lawsuit Against WA Cares, Ruling Action Should Instead Be Brought in State Court

By Joseph O'Sullivan

The Seattle Times

OLYMPIA — WA Cares has for now survived another challenge, this time after a federal judge dismissed a lawsuit against Washington's first-of-its-kind long-term care program.

A Democratic priority styled as social insurance passed into law in 2019, WA Cares will allow eligible state residents to collect up to \$36,500 to pay for things like meals, transportation and respite care and other needs.

To pay for that, the program will impose a 0.58% payroll tax on employees in Washington — about \$290 per year for somebody making \$50,000 annually — starting in July 2023.

Last November, six individuals and a trio of businesses filed a legal challenge to WA Cares in the Western District of Washington against Gov. Jay Inslee and state officials.

Among other things, that lawsuit alleged that WA Cares runs afoul of multiple federal laws, like one that forbids a state from having a law requiring workers to participate in a plan providing medical or sickness benefits.

The legal challenge also contended disparate treatment of people paying the tax but not getting any benefits if they aren't a resident of Washington state, and that it also violated the U.S. Constitution's Equal Protection

and the Privileges and Immunities clauses.

But in a ruling Tuesday, U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Zilly struck down those arguments, saying his federal court did not have jurisdiction.

"Any legal challenge to WA Cares must be brought in state court," he wrote.

That is unlikely to happen immediately, according to Richard Birmingham, an attorney with Davis Wright Tremaine who represents the plaintiffs.

"Any state law challenge we may pursue will likely wait until July 1, 2023, the next date by which premium is scheduled to be collected," Birmingham wrote in an email.

That delay will also allow state appeals judges or the state Supreme Court to first resolve a

pending legal challenge against another big Democratic priority, he wrote: a lawsuit against the new capital-gains tax.

A Douglas County Superior Court judge last month ruled that tax unconstitutional in a case that will likely reach the Supreme Court. The ultimate outcome could be relevant in a new legal challenge against WA Cares, according to Birmingham.

In a statement, WA Cares Fund Director Ben Veghte praised Zilly's ruling.

"We are glad to see this decision from the court," Veghte, whose office is part of the state Department of Social and Health Services, said in prepared remarks, adding: "This decision is another step toward making long-term care accessible for all Washingtonians and setting an

example for the rest of the nation to follow."

Democratic lawmakers and advocacy groups have pointed to the help many people will need as they age as a reason the program is needed. Opponents and even some supporters, however, have criticized the number of state residents who will pay into WA Cares but never receive a benefit.

Under that pressure, Democrats scrambled to delay the state collection of the payroll tax — which had been scheduled to start Jan. 1 this year — and make changes to the law at the start of this year's legislative session. Inslee quickly signed those bills into law.

Under those changes, some people who will pay into the program but would never be eli-

gible for benefits will now be able to permanently opt out of WA Cares.

Those people include about 150,000 people who work in Washington but whose residence is in another state, like Oregon or Idaho; military families rotating through the state; and some disabled veterans.

Under the original law passed in 2019 creating the program, about 477,000 state residents near retirement age might not have become fully vested to claim full benefits.

And so the legislation signed by Inslee also changed the formulas so residents born before 1968 who aren't fully vested can still receive partial benefits according to the number of years they ultimately pay into WA Cares.

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News in Brief

Seattle City Attorney Pushes to Prosecute Repeat Offenders

By The Seattle Times

City Attorney Ann Davison has issued a formal request to Seattle Municipal Court that would allow her office to prosecute repeat offenders of serious crimes instead of sending them to a community court that seeks to release people first.

Launched two years ago, Seattle Community Court is intended to be an alternative to jail for people with low-level misdemeanor charges, connecting them to housing assistance, employment support and drug treatment.

But Davison said the agreement signed by her predecessor in 2019 that requires the city to send people to SCC in lieu of prosecution is not appropriate for chronic offenders.

In a Wednesday evening announcement, Davison said she has sent a formal request to Seattle Municipal Court asking that individuals who meet the criteria for the High Utilizer Initiative (chronic reoffenders) be excluded from Community Court after an unsuccessful attempt to negotiate with the court's judge.

King County Public Defender Anita Khandelwal has previously said that Davison's program is neither a new idea nor the best approach.

"The High Utilizers Initiative appears to be the same program reheated from 2012 and 2019," Khandelwal has said. "The only guaranteed outcome of this initiative, and of any criminal legal system-based initiative, is racial disproportionality and continued cycling of individuals through a system that is harmful, expensive and ineffective."

"For the last several weeks, my office has negotiated in good faith with the Honorable Judge Damon Shadid and the Department of Public Defense to remove frequent offenders who meet the High Utilizer Initiative criteria from eligibility in Community Court," Davison wrote in a letter sent to local media.

Her office is asking that the 2019 agreement be modified to exclude individuals who meet the criteria of the High Utilizer Initiative and to clarify how many chances an individual gets.

"Community Court's release-first model, voluntary referrals to services, and limited accountability mechanisms are the wrong interventions for individuals committing repeat, high-impact criminal activity," she said in the letter.

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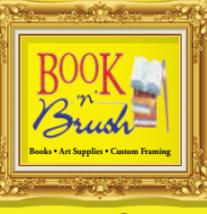
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Randle Sign Asks Motorists to 'Share the Love'



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A handmade sign seen from U.S. Highway 12 in Randle reads "Share The Love" on Thursday evening.

News in Brief

Walsh Calls for Gov. Inslee to End State of Emergency, Citing Fauci Statement

By The Chronicle staff

Rep. Jim Walsh, R-Aberdeen, released a statement Thursday calling for Gov. Jay Inslee "to stop inflicting hardship on the people of this state. It's time for him to stop governing by emergency mandate and edict. It's time for him to end his COVID emergency declaration."

In his release, Walsh pointed to recent comments by Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, in which Dr. Fauci described the pandemic as having ended.

In his release, Walsh said, "Governor Inslee needs to end his COVID emergency declaration immediately and surrender all related emergency powers granted to him by the people of Washington."

Walsh added that in the past, Inslee had cited Fauci's statements as a basis for the state's COVID-19 response and that, in light of Fauci's recent statement regarding the end of the pandemic, the governor should now end the state of emergency.

"Washingtonians have been suffering under the current governor's state of emergency for nearly 800 days. They have endured hardships, both economic and constitutional. Family members trying to visit loved ones in hospitals have suffered. State employees have suffered. Nurses, firefighters and other first responders have

suffered. Meanwhile, the rest of the United States has returned to normal government. And to everyday life," Walsh said in concluding his statement, "It's time for Gov. Inslee to stop inflicting hardship on the people of this state. It's time for him to stop governing by emergency proclamation, mandate and edict. It's time for him to end his COVID emergency declaration."

WSP Seeks Information on Steel Object That Led to Fatal Crash

By The Spokesman-Review

The Washington State Patrol is seeking information about a fatal truck crash Wednesday on Interstate 90 near Ritzville in which the driver was hit with a falling steel object.

Thomas M. Hosford, 73, was driving a black 2000 Ford pickup around 3:15 p.m. west on I-90 when a large, heavy steel plate piece pierced the front windshield of the truck, striking the driver, WSP said in a news release on Wednesday. The truck went off the road and traveled through the center median before ending up on Hills Road at the freeway overpass.

WSP Det. Lewis Stevens is seeking information and witnesses to the crash, including information about the identification of the steel plate piece, like where it was made, where it was being shipped to and where it was shipped from. Contact Stevens at -509-227-6642 or Lewis.Stevens@wsp.wa.gov with information.

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Wednesday's 2B Baseball

Pirates Out-Duel Napavine in Extra-Inning C2BL Thriller



Alec Dietz / alec@chronline.com
Adna ace Tristan Percival delivers a pitch against Napavine in Adna on Wednesday.

10 INNINGS: Percival, Parker Duel in Eventual 3-1 Win by Adna

By The Chronicle staff

ADNA — Moved to Adna due to rainy conditions, the Pirates' baseball team went neck-and-neck with Napavine in a pitcher's duel between Gavin Parker and Tristan Percival, but finally, in the 10th inning, the Pirates prevailed, 3-1.

Tied at 1-1, Luke Mohney hit a single to get the action started for the Pirates. After Percival

drew a walk at the plate, Asher Guerrero smacked home what would turn out to be the winning RBI-single, and Chance Muller added a sacrifice fly for good measure. Guerrero turned around to pitch a scoreless final inning to give the Pirates the crucial league win.

"I'm really proud of the kids for battling," Pirates coach Jake LeDuc said. "That was a really good high school baseball game, and it keeps us alive for second in league."

But the story of the game was the near immaculate play from

the starting pitchers, Parker for Napavine and Percival for Adna.

Percival went 7 2/3 innings with one unearned run on three hits with 14 strikeouts and five walks. Parker countered with 8 1/3 innings pitched, one earned run on nine hits and six strikeouts. Parker also went 1 for 3 at the plate with two walks, and Percival went 3 for 4 with two runs and a walk.

"That was a really good high school baseball game led by two really good outings by both

please see **DUEL**, page B6

Thursday's 2A Baseball



Alec Dietz / alec@chronline.com

W.F. West pitcher Logan Moore winds up to deliver a pitch against Centralia on Friday at Bearcat Baseball Stadium.

Bearcats Run-Rule Tigers for Sweep

By The Chronicle staff

After dispatching Centralia twice already, the W.F. West baseball team was able to complete the sweep Thursday in a 15-2, five-inning victory at home.

The Bearcats got their run-game going from the jump, getting after Tiger starter Landen Jenkins and putting up six in the first frame.

After the teams exchanged two runs in the second and third innings, W.F. West put the finishing touches on the rivalry with seven runs in the fourth inning and a shutout top of the fifth.

After a tough couple of games against Tumwater and Rochester

before this series, 35 runs in two days is exactly what the doctor ordered for the Bearcats.

"It was really good to see us rebound after a couple of tough games," Bearcats coach Bryan Bullock said. "It was really nice to rebound and come out swinging the bats like I know we're capable of."

The Bearcats peppered 10 hits across the field Thursday, and took advantage of three Tiger errors, something that W.F. West hadn't been doing enough against the Thunderbirds and Warriors earlier in the week.

Logan Moore started on the

please see **RIVALS**, page B5



W.F. West catcher Deacon Meller makes contact with a pitch against Centralia on Friday.

Thursday's 2B Softball

Loggers No-Hit Bulldogs to Stay Perfect in C2BL

LEAGUE PLAY: Zigler Tosses Five-Inning No-Hitter in Stevenson as Loggers Win 13-1

By The Chronicle staff

Senior pitcher Dylan Zigler tossed a no-hitter and Onalaska's offense did its job as the Loggers hammered Stevenson, 13-1, for a five-inning, run-rule road victory in Central 2B League action Thursday.

The win keeps the Loggers (11-2, 10-0 C2BL) perfect in league play, setting up a showdown with Adna (7-2, 5-0 C2BL) on Monday in a battle of league unbeaten.

The Loggers had no trouble dispatching the Bulldogs, putting up five runs in the first and five more in the fourth to run away with the win.

Zigler fanned seven batters across five hitless innings with three walks. Stevenson's lone run came after a dropped third strike.

"She's throwing well," Onalaska coach Rich Teitzel said.

Onalaska's offense tallied 12 hits, led by Alex Cleveland-Barra going 2 for 4 with a double and Zigler going 3 for 4 with two doubles.

please see **SOFTBALL**, page B6

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Thursday's 2B Track & Field

Rainier's Jeremiah Nubbe Sets Washington Record in Onalaska Meet

By The Chronicle staff

When Rainier senior Jeremiah Nubbe stepped into the discus cage at Onalaska High School on Thursday, he had no idea he'd be resetting history.

Nubbe, who entered Thursday's track and field meet as the nation's No. 1 boys discus thrower in the nation with a mark of 205 feet, 2 inches, let loose a throw of 197 feet on his first toss. He then hit 204 feet, 8 inches during his second throw. But it was his third that would cement his name in the state record books.

"I knew I hit it right and I knew it was the right flight and height," Nubbe said.

It landed at 207 feet, 4 inches, beating Washington state's 25-year-old record of 207 feet, 2 inches, set by Vinnie Pecht of West Valley High School (Spokane) in 1997.

"Honestly, it's a big relief," Nubbe said. "It's been a long time coming. To finally see it come to fruition, I was happy to see it being around friends and family."

The record has seemed as only a matter of time for Nubbe, who broke the Washington state junior record last year and has led the nation since his first meet of the year this season.

Nubbe also won the shot put with a personal best 55-foot, 8-inch throw, and the javelin with a 152-foot toss to sweep the throwing events.

Elsewhere, Rainier's Dylan Davis was another big winner, with victories in both the 800 meters (2:11.94), 1600 meters (4:52.40) and the pole vault (10 feet, 6 inches). Davis also helped Rainier's 4x400-meter relay to a victory in 3:51.05.

Rainier's Chase MacFarland continued his recent tear, jumping 41 feet, 5 inches in the triple jump to pick up another win for

the Mountaineers.

Ony's Kole Taylor picked up a few wins in the long jump (18 feet, 8 inches) and 100 meters (11.69).

The Loggers also got a win in the 110-meter hurdles, thanks to Taden Miller's personal best 19.79 run, and Rainier rounded out local teams with a win in the 400 meters (Hunter Waltman in 57.30).

In girls events, Rainier's Selena Niemi was a double-winner in the 800 and 1600 meters, running in 2:37.08 and 5:57.72, respectively. The Mountaineers' Emma Mathson won the 300-meter hurdles in 1:00.22, and Acacia Murphy won the high jump, clearing 4 feet, 8 inches.

Personal Bests Abound at Winlock Meet

A slew of squads made the trip out to Winlock Thursday, with personal bests being made right and left.

In the boys sprint events, Talon Betts was a double winner for Rochester in the 100 meters (11.42) and 200 meters (23.32), though neither in personal best fashion.

Winlock's Payton Sickles came back from the 100-meter and 200-meter to win the 400 meters in 59.29, and Collin Regalado won the 800 meters (2:13.22) and 1600 meters (5:18.29). Sophomore distance runner Chase Trodahl won the 3200-meter for the Cardinals in 11:13.89, a personal best.

Napavine's Mario Lara swept the hurdle events, setting a new PR in the 110-meter hurdles with an 18.61, and winning the 300-meter hurdles in 46.30.

Winlock continued its strong day on the field, with Isaac Ramirez winning the shot

put with a 43 foot, 2 inch toss. Napavine's Colin Shields (javelin), Evan Kunkel (high jump) and Peyton League (triple jump), and Tenino's Gavin Watson (long jump) rounded out winners for the boys.

On the girls side, Rochester's Kya Ubias won the 100-meter hurdles in 18.87, and Emily Weddle won the shot put with a 35 foot, 7 inch toss. Winlock's Addison Hall won the discus on her home turf with a 96 foot, 3.25 inch throw.

Vikings Have Good Day in Kalama

In a meet hosted by Wahkiakum, Mossyrock and Morton-White Pass made the most of the drive, with several winners spread across various events.

For the boys, Mossyrock's Christian Paz Tapia ran a PR in the 800 meters and picked up the win for good measure in 2:14.78. Morton-White Pass' Clark Henderson also recorded a PR in the 300-meter hurdles, running a 47.72 for the win.

In the 4x400-meter relay, Kysen Collette, Asher Sympton, Matt Cooper and Garret Clevenger ran the fastest time in

3:48.58.

On the field, Collette won the high jump with a 5 foot, 8 inch clearance and finished second in the long jump with an 18 foot, 8.5 inch leap.

For the girls, Jordan Koetje was again the story in the sprints for MWP, running a 12.97 in the 100 meters and a 48.47 in the 300-meter hurdles. Mossyrock's Teaguen Weise won the 200 meters in 28.12, and eighth-grader Joan Wedam won the 1600 meters in 6:23.70.

Weise also helped the Vikings take home a win in the 4x100-meter relay in 54.57. She was joined by Renzy Marshall, Caelyn Marshall and Paige Houghtelling on the winning team.

Kayla Sievers for Mossyrock won the shot put with a 27 foot, 11 inch toss, and Caelyn Marshall won the javelin with a 104 foot throw. MWP's Miranda Sparks' 4 foot, 9 inch clearance was good enough to win the high jump.

Pe Ell in Action in Raymond

Headlined by its runners, Pe Ell track and field had a pretty

good day out on the coast in Raymond, with multiple winners.

No boys won, but the Trojans' Carter Phelps finished fourth in the 100 meters (12.10), third in the 110-meter hurdles (16.59) and second in the 300-meter hurdles (44.49).

For the girls, Charlie Carper won the 100 meters in a personal best 13.41, and second in the 200 meters in 28.41. Carper also finished second in the 100-meter hurdles behind Raymond's Kyra Gardner (16.32), with a personal best time of 17.64.

Morales, Miller Win for Toledo in Wahkiakum

Chris Morales and MaKenna Miller each won events for Toledo at a 1A/2B/1B track meet Thursday in Cathlamet.

Morales, a senior, won the 3200 meters on the boys side in 12 minutes, 50.4 seconds. He added a third-place finish in the 1600.

Miller, a freshman, won the 800 in 3:08. Teammate Whitney Olson finished second and took third in the javelin.

Toledo runs in Adna's Pirate Classic meet on Tuesday.

NFL

Steelers Select Pitt QB Pickett in NFL Draft

By Tribune News Services

The Steelers selected Pitt quarterback Kenny Pickett with the 20th overall pick in the NFL draft, possibly not wanting to make the same mistake they

made 39 years ago when they passed on hometown hero Dan Marino.

Pickett was the top quarterback selected in the draft and was chosen by the Steelers ahead of Liberty's Malik Willis, who had the athletic mobility the Steelers appeared to covet.



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Local Schedules
SATURDAY, April 30

Baseball
Centralia at Aberdeen (DH), 10:30 a.m.
Rainier at Concrete, 1 p.m.
Winlock at Mossyrock, Noon
PWV at Adna, Noon

Softball
Napavine at Cle Elum-Roslyn (DH), 11 a.m.
PWV at Adna, Noon

College Baseball
Centralia at Pierce, 1 p.m.

Track
Shelton Invite, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, May 2

Baseball
Centralia at Tumwater, 4 p.m.
Naselle at Mossyrock, 4 p.m.
Kalama at Napavine, 4 p.m.

Softball
Toledo at Kalama (DH), 3 p.m.
Rainier at Napavine (DH), 3 p.m.
Onalaska at Adna (DH), 3 p.m.
Stevenson at MWP (DH), 3 p.m.
Naselle at Mossyrock, 4 p.m.
Shelton at Centralia, 4:30 p.m.
W.F. West at Tumwater, 4:30 p.m.
Black Hills at Rochester, 4:30 p.m.

Soccer
Tenino at Eatonville, 6 p.m.

Tennis
Centralia at Black Hills, 3:30 p.m.
Aberdeen at W.F. West, 3:30 p.m.

Golf
Centralia at Shelton, 3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, May 3

Baseball
Montesano at Tenino (DH), 3 p.m.
PWV at North Beach (DH), 3 p.m.
Napavine at Mossyrock, 4 p.m.
Tumwater at Centralia, 4:30 p.m.
W.F. West at Black Hills, 4:30 p.m.

Softball
Tenino at Montesano (DH), 3 p.m.
North Beach at PWV (DH), 3 p.m.

Soccer
Centralia at Tumwater, 7:30 p.m.
Black Hills at W.F. West, 7:30 p.m.
Rochester at Shelton, 7:30 p.m.

Track
Pirate Classic at Adna, 3:30 p.m.

Golf
W.F. West at Aberdeen, 3:30 p.m.

Local Results

Wednesday's Games

Baseball
At Adna
PIRATES 3, TIGERS 1
Adna 100 000 000 2 — 3 12 3
Napavine 000 100 0000 — 1 3 0
Adna Pitching — Percival 7.2 3 hits, 0 ER, 14 K, 5 BB; Highlights — Muller 1-5, 2 RBIs; Guerrero 1-5, RBI; Percival 3-4, 2 runs, BB
Napavine Pitching — Parker 8.1 IP, 9 hits, 1 ER, 6 K; Highlights — Parker 1-3, 2 BB; Chapman 1-5, run; Burdick 1-4, BB

At Rochester
T-BIRDS 4, WARRIORS 1
Tumwater 100 020 1 — 4 1 0
Rochester 100 000 0 — 1 2 0
Tumwater Pitching — Orr 4 IP, 1 ER, 3 BB, 7 K; Smith 3 IP, 0 ER, 7

K; Highlights — Thompson 2 BB; Overbay 1-2
Rochester Pitching — Hartley 6.2 IP, 1 hit, 0 ER, 4 BB, 11 K; Groninger 0.1 IP, K; Highlights — Groninger 1-3, RBI; Hawes 1-2, run

At Centralia
BEARCATS 20, TIGERS 1
W.F. West 398 00 — 20 14 0
Centralia 000 10 — 1 3 2
W.F. West Pitching — Moore 1 IP, 0 hits, 0 ER, 4 BB; Potter 2 hits, 1 ER, 2 BB, 2 K; Bunker 2 IP, 1 hit, 0 ER, 3 K; Highlights — Fugate 5-5, 4 RBIs; Moore 1-4, 3 RBIs; Staloh 1-1, 3 RBIs
Centralia Pitching — Sprague 1 IP, 7 hits, 7 ER, 2 BB, K; Highlights — G. Seymour 1-1, RBI

Softball
At Rochester
WARRIORS 4, HIGHCLIMBERS 3
Shelton 000 003 00 — 3 6 2
Rochester 000 030 01 — 4 6 4
Shelton Pitching — Zembas 5.2 IP, 6 hits, 2 ER, 9 K; Baumgart 0.2 IP, 0 hits, 1 ER, 5 BB; Squire 0.2 IP, 0 hits, BB, K, 0 ER; Highlights — Squire 1-3, run, 2 RBIs
Rochester Pitching — Escott 6 IP, 6 hits, 2 ER, 6 K; L. Demers 2 IP, 0 hits, 0 ER, 3 K; Highlights — Knutson 1-4, 2 runs; Fluetsch 2-3, run, RBI; Lenzi RBI

At Tumwater
T-BIRDS 7, TIGERS 5
Centralia 110 201 0 — 5 10 1
Tumwater 400 003 X — 7 6 0
Centralia Pitching — Smith 6 IP, 6 hits, 7 ER, 2 K, 4 BB; Highlights — Chavez 3-3, run, 2 RBIs; H. Robbins 2-3, 2 RBIs
Tumwater Pitching — Stewart 4 IP, 8 hits, 4 ER, 2 BB; Ferguson 3 IP, 2 hits, 1 ER, 2 K, BB; Highlights — Manriquez 1-3, 2 runs, 2 RBIs, HR; Ferguson 1-2, run, 2 RBIs

At Morton
MOUNTAINEERS 16, TIMBERWOLVES 6
Rainier 032 124 4 — 16 16 0
Morton-WP 000 040 2 — 6 2 0
Rainier Pitching — Elwell 6 IP, 2 hits, 2 ER, 12 K, 2 BB; Earsley 1 IP, 0 hits, 4 ER, 1 K, 6 BB; Highlights — Mounts 2-4, run, 4 RBIs; Anderson 4-5, 4 runs, 2 RBIs
MWP Pitching — Armstrong 7 IP, 16 hits, 16 ER, 10 K, 7 BB; Highlights — Hampton 1-3, run, 2 RBIs, BB

Thursday's Games

Baseball
At W.F. West
BEARCATS 15, TIGERS 2
Centralia 002 00 — 2 3 3
W.F. West 620 7X — 15 10 0
Centralia Pitching — Jenkins 3 IP, 5 hits, 3 ER, 2 BB, 4 K; V. Wasson 0.1 IP, 5 hits, 7 ER, 1 BB; Kaut 0.2 IP, 0 hits, 0 ER; Highlights — V. Wasson 1-2, RBI; Jenkins 1-3, RBI
W.F. West Pitching — Moore 4 IP, 3 hits, 2 ER, BB, 6 K; Martin 1 IP, 0 hits, 3 BB, 0 ER; Highlights — Moore 1-4, 2 runs, 4 RBIs; Westlund 1-3, run, 3 RBIs; Meller 2-3, 3

runs, 2 RBIs

At Kalama
CHINOOKS 13, PIRATES 5
Adna 005 000 0 — 5 9 2
Kalama 311 008 0 — 13 8 2
Adna Pitching — Wickert 4 IP, 4 ER, 4 H, 4 BB, 1 K; Fleming 1 IP, 1 K; Highlights — Percival 2 H, 2B, RBI; Guerrero 2 H, RBI; Muller 2 H, 2 RBI
Kalama Pitching — Fisher 7 IP, 7 K

At Tumwater
T-BIRDS 10, WARRIORS 2
Rochester 020 000 0 — 2 3 2
Tumwater 214 210 X — 10 11 0
Rochester Pitching — Parrish 2.1 IP, 6 hits, 6 ER, 1 K, 3 BB; Groninger 2.1 IP, 4 hits, 2 ER, 2 K, 2 BB; Johnson 1.1 IP, 1 hit, 0 ER; Highlights — Groninger 1-1, run, BB; Pietrus 1-2, RBI
Tumwater Pitching — Hanson 7 IP, 3 hits, 2 ER, 11 K, 3 BB; Highlights — Orr 2-3, run, 2 RBIs, BB, HR; Reveal 3-3, 2 RBIs, BB; Worgam 1-4, run, 2 RBIs

At Toutle
DUCKS 12, MOUNTAINEERS 5
Rainier 020 101 1 — 5 4 3
Toutle Lake 102 090 X — 12 4 1
Rainier Highlights — John Kenney 1 H, 2 RBI
Toutle Lake Pitching — Zack Swanson 4 IP, 11 Ks

At Oakville
VIKINGS 11, ACORNS 0
Mossyrock 002 412 2 — 11 11 X
Oakville 000 000 0 — 0 X X
Mossyrock Pitching — E. Kolb 3 IP, 6 K, 1 hit; Mulligan 3 IP, Comer 1 IP; Highlights — Mulligan 3 hits; Comer 2 hits; Griesen 2 hits; Oakville Pitching — Daniel Rodas 4 IP, 5 K; Enrique Rodas 3 IP; Highlights — N/A

Softball
At Oakville
VIKINGS 21, ACORNS 0
Mossyrock 53(13) — 21 5 1
Oakville 000 — 0 1 3
Mossyrock Pitching — Courmyer 2 IP, 2 BB, 0 H, 2 K; Hadaller 1 IP, 1 H, 2 K; Highlights — Lovan 2-2, 2B, 2 R, 4 RBIs; Brooks 3 R

At Toledo
RIVERHAWKS 12, TIGERS 2
Napavine 200 00 — 2 3 0
Toledo 007 14 — 12 17 0
Napavine Highlights — Tanner Simpson 2 hits
Toledo Pitching — Bethany Bowen 5 IP, 7 Ks; Highlights — Greenlee Clark 4 hits, 2 RBI; Candace Clark 2 hits, 3 RBIs; Mialeigh Jurica 3 hits

At Stevenson
LOGGERS 13, BULLDOGS 1
Onalaska 511 51 — 13 12 1
Stevenson 100 00 — 1 0 4
Onalaska Pitching — Zigler 5 IP, 3 BB, 0 H, 7 K; Highlights — Cleveland-Barrera 3-4, 2B; Zigler 3-4, 2 2B

Thursday's 1B Softball

Plate Discipline Carries Mossyrock Past Acorns

By The Chronicle staff

CHEHALIS VILLAGE — Mossyrock softball took advantage of a walk parade as the Vikings shellacked Oakville for a 21-0 road victory in three innings at Legends Field Complex in Chehalis Village on Thursday.

The Vikings managed just five hits on the day but drew 11 walks and were hit by six Acorn pitches during what started out as a rainy matchup.

Abbie Lovan provided the horsepower on offense, going 2 for 2 with a double, two runs and four RBIs. Hailey Brooks scored three times and Jolee Hadaller, Delaney Marshall and Addison Barrows each collected one hit.

"We're younger but getting better," Mossyrock coach Keith Coleman said. "It's nice to see the younger girls hitting the ball."

The Vikings jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first inning, then tacked on three runs in the second and exploded for 13 in the third to end the game in three innings.

As the Vikings were doing damage offensively, starting pitcher Erin Courner and reliever Jolee Hadaller kept the Acorns' offense off balance.

Courner tossed two hitless innings, striking out two and walking two. Hadaller came in to pitch the final inning, allowing one hit with two punchouts.



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Mossyrock's Lois Stone (7) high-fives a teammate after scoring a run against Oakville during a game at Legends Field Complex in Chehalis Village on Friday.

early in the game, then it dried out and she was fine," Coleman said.

Mossyrock now prepares to host league rival Naselle on Monday, a team the Vikings lost

to in the district title game last season.

"That'll hopefully be a good

game," Coleman said. "We should be able to compete with them."

Wednesday's 2A Softball

Lenzi's Sac Fly Gives Rochester a Walk-Off Win Over Shelton

By The Chronicle staff

It started as a pitcher's duel, but a late rally from Shelton pushed things into extra innings — where the Warriors came out on top with a 4-3, 2A Evergreen Conference softball win Thursday in Rochester.

Shelton's late rally tied things up at 3-3 after seven innings. After relief pitcher Layna Demers didn't allow a run in the top of the eighth, Jessa Lenzi made sure it wouldn't go any more innings, hitting a sacrifice fly to score Sadie Knutson, helping the Warriors beat the Highclimbers in walk-off fashion.

In the circle, Lakota Escott got the start and was strong, lasting six innings with six strikeouts, and two earned runs on six hits. Demers pitched two innings of relief and didn't allow a hit.

At the plate, Knutson got Rochester's first run on the board thanks to a double, and Macey Fluetsch went 2 for 3 with a run and an RBI.

The Warriors hosted W.F. West on Friday in another league contest.

T-Birds Rally to Defeat Tigers

It was a game of runs, literally, in Tumwater softball's 7-5 win over Centralia Wednesday afternoon.

After the Thunderbirds put four runs on the Tigers in the first inning, Centralia responded with four unanswered runs of their own after a score in the top of the first, to take a brief, 5-4 lead heading into the bottom of the sixth inning.

But a three-run sixth for the T-Birds, coming off an Aly Waltermeyer double and a Jaylene Manriquez home run, sealed the deal for the home team Wednesday after Centralia couldn't score again in the seventh.

Tumwater ace Ella Ferguson came out of the bullpen in Wednesday's game, and gave up just one earned run on two hits with two strikeouts. At the plate, Ferguson went 1 for 2 with a run scored and two RBIs.

For the Tigers, Peyton Smith threw a complete game with seven earned runs on six hits with two strikeouts and four walks. Makayla Chavez was a perfect 3 for 3 at the plate with a run scored and two RBIs. Hannah Robbins went 2 for 3 with two RBIs.

The Tigers and Thunderbirds played again Thursday in Centralia.

Bobcats Hold Off W.F. West, 5-3

Freshman pitcher Lilly Camp was solid in the circle Wednesday, holding W.F. West to give hits and three walks with nine strikeouts to lead Aberdeen to a 5-3 2A Evergreen Conference softball win.

Breanna Crosby went 2 for 3 with an RBI while Savannah Hawkins went 1 for 3 and knocked in two runs for W.F. West. Kamy Dacus pitched all six innings, striking out five with two walks and 10 hits.

The Bobcats improved to 7-3 (third) in EvCo play with the win.

W.F. West (11-3, 10-2 league) played Rochester on Friday.



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Rochester's Sadie Knutson looks back while sprinting toward home plate against Shelton on Wednesday in Rochester.

Wednesday's 2B Softball

Mountaineers Dispatch Timberwolves, 16-6

By The Chronicle staff

After a scoreless first inning, the floodgates opened up for the Rainier softball team against Morton-White Pass, as the Mountaineers scored 16 runs over the next six innings to take a 16-6 road victory Wednesday.

Madison Mounts led the Mountaineers at the plate, going 2 for 4 with four RBIs and a run scored. Keira Anderson added a 4 for 5 line with four runs scored and two RBIs.

On the mound, Bailey Elwell was dominant again, going six innings with two earned runs on

two hits with 12 strikeouts and two walks.

"A slow start in the rain but once we got going the girls never looked back," Mountaineers coach Kyle Greenwood said. "Very aggressive baserunning and plate approaches again put the other team on the back foot to try and make the play against us. They did the job and got the win. So proud yet again of this group, I can never say that enough."

The T-Wolves were led by Emarey Hampton's 1 for 3 line with two RBIs.



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Thursday's 2A Girls Tennis

Centralia Sweeps Highclimbers in Tennis Duel

By The Chronicle staff

Across the lineup, Centralia girls tennis earned a clean sweep over Shelton, 6-0, Thursday. Read up on scores below.

Singles

- Evie Rooklidge (Cen) defeated Beaudion (Shelton) 6-1, 6-4
- Wiley (Cen) defeated Dowling (Shelton) 6-4, 6-4
- Maddy Breckel (Cen) de-

feated Kept (Shelton) 6-2, 6-3

Doubles

- Hopkins and Corwin (Cen) defeated Pratt and Haskins (Shelton) 6-0, 6-2
- Stehr and Lackie (Cen) defeated Todd and Betts (Shelton) 6-0, 6-2
- Norris and S. Wiley (Cen) defeated Allen and Baily (Shelton) 6-2, 6-0

Shorthanded Bearcats Upend T-Birds

Playing without a couple of normal lineup figures, the W.F. West girls tennis team did enough with a shorthanded squad to defeat Tumwater, 4-2, Thursday afternoon.

Singles

- Claire Kuykendall (WFW) defeated Olivia Kee (Tum) 6-1,

6-0

- Laura Yip (WFW) defeated Kendall Gjurdsic (Tum) 6-2, 6-1
 - Zoe Guintoli (Tum) defeated Alayna Leal (WFW) 6-1, 6-1
- “Laura has been so steady,” WFW coach Jack State said. “She has improved so much since her first year and has been big for us.”

Doubles

- Kaylynn Dowling and Mari Ceesay (WFW) defeated

Aubrey Amendala and Regan Brewer (Tum) 6-3, 6-3

- Makenna Jensen and Brook Borogec (Tum) defeated Cadence Edminster and Emma Hamilton (WFW) 6-7 (8-6), 6-4, 6-4

• Emma Weerasinghe and Katlyn Wood (WFW) defeated Emily Meek and Jianna Wiedenmeyer (Tum) 6-3, 7-6 (7-4)

The Bearcats (7-1, 5-1 2A EvCo) took on Centralia next on Friday at home.

Bearcats Finish Fifth, Thunderbirds Seventh at Cowlitz Invite

By The Chronicle staff

Competing with some of Southwest Washington's top golf teams, the W.F. West and Tumwater girls golf teams finished fifth and seventh, respectively, at the Cowlitz Invitational Wednesday at Mint Valley Golf Course in Longview.

The Bearcats, who finished third among 2A squads and fifth overall behind 3A Mountainview, 4A Union, 2A Woodland, and 2A Hockinson, had two of the best golfers at the Invite.

Natalie Eklund finished sixth overall among the 35 golfers with a score of 96. Teammate Kendall Rasmussen finished ninth overall, shooting a 105. Rounding out the Bearcats' scor-

ers were Macee Shannon (121 for 26th) and Grace Oien (113 for 16th).

The Thunderbirds, who finished last as a team, were led by Chloe Staudt and Sammie Jasper, who both shot a 114 for 18th overall. Mily Johnston was just one stroke behind with a 115. Josie Monti shot a 126 to round out the Tumwater golfers.

The top scorer of the day was Union's Jade Gruher, who shot a 69, six strokes better than second place Mountainview's Anika Yeh, and 19 strokes better than third-place finisher Grace Phillips from Hockinson.

Mountainview won the Invitational, scoring a 413 as a team. W.F. West scored a 435 and Tumwater a 469.

Wednesday's 2A Girls Tennis



Josh Kirshenbaum / The Daily News

Tumwater's Sammie Jasper chips out of a sand trap during the Cowlitz Invite golf tournament on Wednesday at Mint Valley Golf Course in Longview.

Thursday's 2B Baseball

Sixth-Inning Collapse Spells Loss for Pirates Against Kalama

By The Chronicle staff

Adna held a 5-4 lead until the sixth inning before Kalama erupted for eight runs to hand the visiting Pirates a 13-5 loss in Central 2B League play on Thursday.

After trailing 4-1 entering the top of the third, the Pirates countered with five runs to take their first lead of the game.

“We came out a little flat the first couple innings,” Adna coach Jake LeDuc said. “The

third inning, we came alive. We hit the ball hard all day.”

Kalama scored one run in the bottom of the third to cut its deficit to 5-4, then Adna held that lead until the bottom of the sixth, where the Chinooks' offense took off to plate eight runs and seal the win.

“We came out and didn't throw strikes,” LeDuc said. “Before we knew it, the bases were loaded and we didn't respond.”

It was Adna's third game in

four days and LeDuc said the team was feeling the fatigue.

“The wind finally came out of our sails,” LeDuc said.

Ryan Wickert tossed the first four innings, allowing four earned runs on four hits and four walks while striking out one.

Offensively, Tristan Percival, Asher Guerrero and Chance Muller led the way with two hits a peice. Percival had a double and an RBI, Guerrero drove in a

run and Muller drove in two.

Adna is set to host Pe Ell-Willapa Valley in a cross-league bout at noon on Saturday.

Toutle Lake Puts Away Rainier, 12-5

Zack Swanson struck out 10 batters in four innings and Toutle Lake dealt Rainier a 12-5 loss Thursday in C2BL baseball action in Toutle.

The Ducks (17-1, 14-0 league) scored nine runs in the fifth inning to break a 3-3 tie and cruised from there. Swanson had a pair of hits to help his own cause, while Fisher Wassell drove in three runs.

John Kenney had a hit and drove in two runs for the Mountaineers. He also pitched four innings and struck out four.

Rainier (3-12, 2-6 league) played at Yelm Friday and plays at Concrete on Saturday.

Thursday's Prep Boys Soccer

Bearcats Shut Out Wildcats, 3-0, in Non-League Contest

By The Chronicle staff

W.F. West boys soccer won its second match in a row with a 3-0 shutout victory road victory

over La Center in a non-league matchup on Thursday.

The Bearcats were coming off a big penalty-kick win over league-leading Tumwater, hand-

ing the Thunderbirds their first league loss since 2018.

On Thursday, the Bearcats kept their momentum churning, getting goals from Adrian Jaimes, Cody Pennington and Gideon Priest to notch the victory.

Jaimes put the Bearcats up 1-0 on a free kick in the 15th minute. Pennington made it 2-0 just after the half, scoring off an assist from Sam Mittge in the 45th minute.

Gideon Priest put the game out of reach with a goal in the 63rd minute off an assist from Ezra Bolin.

W.F. West has two regular-

season games left, both league matches, starting with hosting Black Hills at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The Bearcats finish out the regular season at home against Aberdeen on Thursday.

Wednesday's Games

Beavers Drop Road Matchup with Bulldogs

In a tight, scoreless stalemate for most of the match, it was one tiny thing that made the ultimate difference in the Tenino boys soccer team's 1-0 defeat to Montesano on the road Wednesday.

Making a play in the 67th minute, Beaver keeper Alex Reichelderfer went up to make a

save, and had the ball knocked from his hands to jar it free, right near the head of Monte's Mateo Sanchez, who put the ball through the back of the net in what would prove to be the game-winner.

Just before that moment, the Beavers had a chance at a score themselves that they botched.

Ultimately those two moments gave the game to the hometown Bulldogs.

“We didn't do enough to win the game,” Beavers coach Kevin Schultz said. “We can't leave it to a call or two, we need to be making plays. All it takes in a 0-0 game is one little thing, and that's what happened. It's unfortunate we didn't take advantage of our opportunities.”

After a sluggish first 20 minutes, Tenino responded with a strong ensuing 40 minutes, but just couldn't take advantage of its chances.

When the game got chipper as a result of a 0-0 deadlock between offensively-frustrated squads, the Beavers began to fade down the stretch.

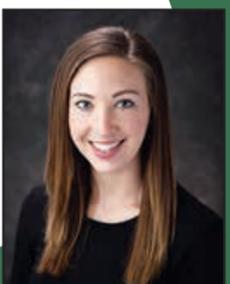
Immediately after a scoring chance went awry, the Bulldogs capitalized to get the win.

Schultz praised Zach Byer for his strong play on defense, and Toby Suess once again for holding down the midfield and adding some leadership to a young squad.

The Beavers (7-5, 6-5 1A Evergreen) took on Elma Friday on the road in their third to last regular season game.

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Wednesday's 2A Baseball

Thunderbirds Come Out on Top in Pitcher's Duel Over Warriors

By The Chronicle staff

ROCHESTER — To no one's surprise, when Rochester baseball's Braden Hartley and Tumwater's Ryan Orr took the mound Wednesday in a league matchup in Rochester, runs and hits were at a premium.

With just three hits total, the Thunderbirds walked away victorious, 4-1.

After a 1-1 first inning that saw the Thunderbirds score on a passed ball and the Warriors score thanks to a Tony Groninger single, the game went three full innings without a score.

In the fifth inning, the T-Birds finally got something going, with Trent Roy getting hit by a pitch, and Eddie Marson and Derek Thompson drawing walks.

With the bases juiced, Hartley struck two out, and struck out the third, Kyler Collier, but a dropped third strike and errant throw toward first scored two runs after Collier plunged into Rochester first baseman Garren Smith.

After that, Tumwater's Blake Smith slammed the door and helped the T-Birds to a 4-1 league victory.

Orr finished four innings, with one earned run on one hit, three walks, and seven strikeouts. In three innings out of the pen, Smith allowed no hits and struck out seven more.

"We weren't able to put the ball in play," Warriors coach Brad Quarnstrom said. "Striking out isn't putting pressure on the defense."

On the other side, Hartley threw 6 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings, with no earned runs on one hit and four



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Rochester first baseman Garren Smith is plowed in to by Tumwater's Kyler Collier (5) while trying to handle an errant throw. Collier was ruled safe and drove in two runs on the play.

walks. Hartley struck out 11.

At the plate, Tumwater's Thompson drew two walks and Alex Overbay was 1 for 2. Rochester's Groninger was 1 for 3 with an RBI, and Landon Hawes was 1 for 2 with a run.

The Warriors and Thunderbirds played again Thursday.

Bearcats Dismantle Tigers on the Road

In a game that wasn't close, the W.F. West baseball team put all its demons to rest in a 20-1 win over Centralia Wednesday afternoon.

The Bearcats, who had recently lost to Rochester and Tumwater, scored all 20 of their runs in the first three innings.

Gavin Fugate went a perfect 5 for 5 with four RBIs, Logan Moore added three RBIs and Avery Staloh was 1 for 1 with three RBIs.

On the mound, Logan Moore, Westin Potter and Brock Bunker combined on the mound to allow just three hits and one run. Centralia's Gabe Seymour knocked in the Tigers lone run.

The Tigers and Bearcats played again Thursday in Chehalis.

Rivals

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mound, pitching four innings with two earned runs on three hits and six strikeouts, while also sending four RBIs across home plate, and Riggs Westlund added a 1 for 3 line with three RBIs. Deacon Meller went 2 for 3 with three runs scored and two RBIs.

"Putting up that many runs, we were given a lot of opportunities," Bullock said. "But taking advantage of those opportunities was something we hadn't been capitalizing on. We had guys step up and deliver in those situations. It's been up and down the lineup, everyone's contributing."

Bullock said his entire lineup played well against the Tigers, but singled out Moore's steadiness, Gavin Fugate's good week, and Meller and Avery Staloh for stepping up.

The Tigers, meanwhile, couldn't get much going in either game of this mini-series, getting outscored 35-3 over two games with the Bearcats. After a 20-1 loss Wednesday, the Tigers mustered three hits and two runs Thursday.

Moshie Eport got the Tigers going with a hit right off the bat in the first inning, but it was tough sledding afterwards, with Von Wasson and Jenkins knocking in runs in the third inning.

Jenkins started for Centralia, and went three innings with just three earned runs on five hits with four strikeouts and two walks.

The Bearcats (12-5, 6-4 2A EvCo) played at Tumwater on Friday before closing out the league season against Black Hills

in a series starting Tuesday.

The Tigers (5-8, 3-5 2A EvCo) have to make up a couple of Aberdeen games this weekend before closing out the regular season against Tumwater on Monday and Tuesday.

Warriors Play Waiting Game After Season-Finale Loss to T-Birds

With one week of regular season to go, Rochester is now in wait-and-see mode after taking a 10-2 loss to Tumwater on Tuesday.

It was the Warriors' season-finale, which means they'll be watching from home while the rest of the 2A Evergreen Conference plays its final slate of league games next week.

"It's a weird way to end the season," Rochester coach Brad Quarnstrom said.

Rochester is currently tied for fourth in league with Black Hills as both teams are 5-7 in league. Centralia is 3-5 and has a chance to catch both teams to create a three-way tie for the fourth seed, which would be a play-in berth to the 2A District IV tournament.

It was a rough matchup for the Warriors Thursday, playing the league-leading Thunderbirds. Rochester scored a pair of runs in the second inning to briefly tie the game up but Tumwater responded by scoring seven runs in the next three innings to pull away.

The Warriors were out-hit 11-3, getting hits from Tony Groninger (1 for 1, one run, one walk), Garren Smith (1 for 3, one run) and Hayden Pietrus (1 for 2, one RBI).

Tumwater had four multi-hit batters, led by Graysen Reveal going 3 for 3 with two RBIs and a walk. Alex Overbay was 2 for 4 with two runs and one RBI, Kyler Collier went 2 for 3 with two runs and Ryan Orr was 2 for 3 with two RBIs.

"They just out-hit and scored almost every inning," Quarnstrom said.

Hyde Parrish tossed the first 2 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings for Rochester, allowing six earned runs on six hits and three walks with a strikeout. Groninger pitched 2 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings of relief, striking out two while allowing two earned runs on four hits and two walks.

"Tony had a good game," Quarnstrom said. "He came in relief and did an OK job. He

had a good base hit down the line. And Hayden did a better job blocking balls behind the plate."

Quarnstrom wanted to give a shoutout to his seven seniors — if this ends up being their final game: Landon Hawes, Tony Groninger, Garren Smith, Ledger Anderson, Kyle Wilson, Johnny Childers and Hugh Gramel-schaper.



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Centralia's Landen Jenkins swings at a pitch against W.F. West on Friday.

Thursday's 1B Baseball



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Mossyrock's Easton Kolb winds up to deliver a pitch to an Oakville batter during a road game at Legends Field Complex in Chehalis Village.

Mossyrock Pitchers Combine to Shut Out Acorns

By The Chronicle staff

Three Mossyrock pitchers combined for a shutout as the Vikings cruised to an 11-0 road victory over Oakville at Legends Field Complex in Chehalis Village on Thursday.

Easton Kolb struck out six batters and allowed just one hit across three innings as the starter. Gunner Mulligan tossed three innings of relief and Jake Comer one to help keep the Acorns off balance.

"We had 11 hits as a team and our pitchers pitched well," Mossyrock coach Darren Kolb said. "It was another league win."

Mulligan led the Vikings' offensive attack, collecting three hits on the day, while Comer

and Wylde Griesen each tallied two hits.

Daniel Rodas started for the Acorns on the mound, fanning five batters in four innings. Enrique Rodas tossed the final three innings.

"Great four innings by Daniel," Oakville coach Connor Bensen said. "(Enrique) came in and gave us three solid innings of relief. At the plate, we didn't get much done."

"Daniel pitched a good game," Kolb said.

The Vikings (4-2, 4-0 1B CVL) played Lake Quinault Friday in another league contest.

Oakville (2-7) hosts Lake Quinault in its league finale this week.



Mossyrock shortstop Gunner Mulligan, left, catches a throw to second as an Oakville baserunner slides into second base during a game in Chehalis Village on April 28.

Softball

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"The girls played well for it being a cold game," Teitzel said.

Onalaska is off until Monday when it hosts Adna in a double-header starting at 3 p.m. The first game is a league match.

Bowen Pitches Toledo to 12-2 C2BL Win Over Napavine

The Riverhawks piled up 17 hits on Thursday to top Napavine, 12-2, in Central 2B League softball action.

Bethany Bowen worked all five innings in the circle for host Toledo, striking out five and allowing just three hits. Toledo trailed 2-0 before scoring all 12 of its runs in the final three frames.

Greenlee Clark had four hits and knocked in a pair of runs to pace the Riverhawks at the dish. Candace Clark had two hits and three RBIs and Mialeigh Jurica added three hits.

Tanner Simpson drove in both Napavine runs.

Napavine (8-3, 3-3 league) plays a twinbill at Cle Elum-Roslyn on Saturday. Toledo (5-6, 3-4 league) plays two games at Kalama on Monday.

Duel

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starting pitchers," Tigers coach Brian Demarest said. "We had our chances to put the game away, but could not find a way. Our bats were pretty quiet tonight."

The win moves the Pirates into third place in league with a 7-3 record, and drops the Tigers down to 5-5 in league, good for fifth.

Adna took on Kalama on Thursday. Napavine played Winlock on Friday.

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THE ECONOMIC REPORT

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Chehalis Tribe to Add Sports Betting



Slots are a strong draw at the Lucky Eagle Casino. The Chehalis Tribe has been tentatively approved to add sports betting to its offerings at the Rochester-area casino.

NEXT STEPS:

- Formal notification about the proposed compact amendment will be conveyed to the Governor, Legislature and others.
- The Senate Labor and Commerce Committee and House Commerce and Gaming Committee will hold public hearings.
- The Gambling Commission will vote at its public meeting on May 12, and decide whether or not to forward the proposed compact amendment to the Governor.
- If the Commission votes to forward the Tribe's amendment, it will be sent to the Tribal Chair for final consideration and signature.
- Once the Tribal Chair signs the amendment, it will be sent to the Governor for final consideration and signature.
- After obtaining the signatures of the Tribal Chair and the Governor, the Tribe will send the amendment to the Secretary of the United States Department of Interior for consideration, signature, and publication in the Federal Register.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Hydrogen Project, Post Covid Summit Coming to Lewis County

Sign Up Now for 'Covid Unmasked' Informational Gathering in Chehalis

BY RICHARD DEBOLT

Executive Director
Economic Alliance of Lewis County



These are exciting times for Lewis County and your Economic Alliance of Lewis County is hosting two key events I believe are important to our future business environment.

Post Covid Summit

Set for June 15, this Post Covid Summit will feature a panel of speakers including state elected officials, economists and representatives from the Washington Policy Center. Topics include supply chain disruptions, human resources needs, logistics and the changing times we are living in.

The "Covid Unmasked" event is detailed in an advertisement on page 2 of this supplement to *The Chronicle*. We have all been so impacted by impacts of the Covid virus, which has now been haunting us since March of 2001. It's time to put the virus in the rear-view mirror.

One of the aims of the Economic Alliance of Lewis County is to assist area businesses into profitability and expansion. This summit will offer practical ways to move forward as it appears the virus is finally on the wane.

Hydrogen News Forthcoming

The headlines have been captivating: "Centralia, Lewis County Can Expect Multi-Million Dollar Hydrogen Investment."

I'm poised, with the assistance of many partners, to reveal exciting news of investment into Lewis County. We'll make the announcement on May 12 as elected officials gather for first the news and then marketing and future development needs.

Already the state Legislature has funded \$2.5 million to build the county's first hydrogen fueling station at the Port of Chehalis Industrial Park off LaBree Road. This is measuring up to being a major opportunity for Lewis County for decades to come.

I apologize for the wait, but it is important to unveil this key development by starting with bringing elected officials together for a presentation. For the public, a project of this depth will need plenty of public hearings, allowing for the participation and input from the citizens of Lewis County.

The key to success, as always, is building alliances among the many entities that drive our county's economy. It is one of the reasons we changed our name to the Economic Alliance of Lewis County.

I'm extremely heartened by cooperation where in the past there were too many people pulling in all sorts of divergent directions and the defense of turfs and fiefdoms that pop up over time. It is Lewis County's time to shine. Let's pull together for our common good.

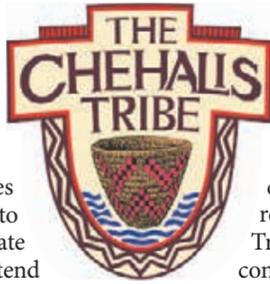
Richard DeBolt is a former state Representative and House Minority Leader.

modernizing their gaming operations and adding sports wagering to their casinos," said WSGC Chair Bud Sizemore. "It also means a boost in funding for programs to help people struggling with problem gambling along with charitable contributions and community impact funding."

Chairman Harry Pickernell, Sr. of the Chehalis Tribe said in a press release, "The Chehalis Tribe views this updated Compact as an expression of the continued excellent working relationship between the Tribe and the State and the continuation of the Tribe's well-regulated offer of safe gaming for the citizens of the State of Washington."

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 provides that Indian tribes may conduct Class III gaming activities on

Indian lands when the gaming is conducted in conformance with a tribal-state compact. RCW 9.46.360 provides that the Gambling Commission negotiate those compacts on behalf of the state. The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation's tribal state compact for Class III gaming was originally signed on Dec. 21, 1992, and this is the sixth amendment. Public comments regarding this compact amendment may be submitted to compactcomments@wsgc.wa.gov.



Lucky Eagle Casino Waits Final Approval Pending Public Hearings

BY THE ECONOMIC ALLIANCE OF LEWIS COUNTY

A tentative agreement has been reached by the Washington State Gambling Commission and the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation to add sports wagering, operate higher wager limits and extend credit to customers of its Lucky Eagle Casino in Rochester.

"This amendment is an agreement with the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation to join other tribes

Early Learning Center in Centralia Granted \$900,000

Project Timeline Has Center Opening in Fall of 2023

BY THE ECONOMIC ALLIANCE OF LEWIS COUNTY

The Pacific Northwest Early Learning Center in Centralia has been awarded \$900,000 from the state Early Learning Facilities (ELF) Capital Facilities Competitive Grant Program.

What Is the United Learning Center? The Early Learning Center is a collaborative educational experience for children in Lewis County opening fall of 2023.

The Center will facilitate the comprehensive education of Lewis County's youth through the founding entities' combined skills, resources, and connections. The Center will consist of a high-quality, affordable early learning



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An architect's drawing of the Early Learning Center under development across from *The Chronicle* and adjacent to Centralia City Hall as located on Pearl Avenue.

program for working families, an after-school mentorship program and summer engagement opportunities through the Boys & Girls Club of Lewis County, the Discover! Children's Museum, and the nonprofit Bezos Academy which will operate a preschool for low-income families.

The Washington State Department of

Commerce, in partnership with the Department of Children, Youth, and Families announced \$43.2 million in grants to 69 early learning projects across the state, including the Centralia project. State Rep. Peter Abbarno was instrumental in obtaining the grant.

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THURSTON-LEWIS-MASON CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

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Labor foundation helps union families in need

BY THE FOUNDATION FOR WORKING FAMILIES

The Foundation for Working Families is a charitable nonprofit organization formed by the affiliated unions of the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO to assist union members and their families in times of hardship or disaster. As you can imagine, the FFWF has been quite busy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the past two years, the FFWF has delivered thousands of \$300 Fred Meyer gift cards to families suffering extraordinary hardship. That's hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations to help folks get through difficult times.

In addition, families that have experienced loss due to natural disasters such as wildfires and floods can apply for FFWF assistance.

Generous contributions are made to the FFWF



by unions and rank-and-file members throughout Washington state—and those contributions are making a real difference. The families the FFWF is helping are extremely grateful for the assistance.

"I can't thank you enough for the incredibly generous Fred Meyer gift card," Jessica wrote in one of many thank-you notes the FFWF has received. "I used it to make a HUGE shopping run of groceries that will help my family and me for a long time. We are so grateful to you for your support during this strange and difficult time."

Because the WSLC covers all administrative

and overhead costs of running the FFWF, 100% of contributions—every single dollar—goes directly to people in need.

"The Foundation for Working Families is an important part of the WSLC and its affiliated unions' work," said WSLC President Larry Brown. "Helping families get through difficult times is what unions have always done. We lift each other up, particularly when some of us are struggling, so we can get through those hard times and ultimately share in the prosperity we have created together."

Learn more about the Foundation for Working Families at www.wslc.org/FFWF. You can also make a contribution or apply for assistance there.

The Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO is the largest labor group in the state. It represents some 600 union organizations, including the Thurston-Lewis-Mason Counties Labor Council, with more than 550,000 members statewide.

Residents Oppose Centralia Golf Course Rezone

Proposal Has up to 387 Housing Units to be Built at Former Armory Hills Golf Course

BY THE ECONOMIC ALLIANCE OF LEWIS COUNTY

Residents living near the former Armory Hills Golf Course in Centralia adjacent to Seminary Hill came out to oppose a proposal to turn the land into a housing development with up to 387 housing units at Tuesday's Centralia City Council meeting.

The former golf course is owned by the city, and located in a valley between Seminary Hill and Ham Hill. The property, according to an article in The Chronicle, is currently under a pending contract to be sold to an undisclosed developer. The property, which is located at the end of Duffy Street in Centralia's urban

growth area (UGA), was listed with John L. Scott for \$1.8 million.

The Centralia Planning Commission is currently discussing the option of updating the city's comprehensive plan regarding the 48.44-acre old golf course property and its subsequent rezoning for an allowance of two housing units per acre to eight, according to The Chronicle article.

The zoning change would make the 48.44-acre property go from a zoning classification of R-2 to R-8 and would allow the property to hold up to 387 housing units, up from 96.

At the April 14 Planning Commission meeting where the idea was workshopped, dozens of people voiced opposition to the potential move. There, they were told to contact the city council about their objections after a lively back-and-forth between the concerned citizens and Centralia Community Development Director Emil Pierson, who gave a presentation on the rezoning possibility to the

commissioners.

One prevalent theme was the hope that the old golf course property would remain an open natural area where wildlife could continue to live and where people could bring their children for recreation.

"Thank you all for coming and engaging your local government," Smith Johnston said as reported by The Chronicle. "It may not feel like it, but you are engaging early in the process. This is right now what's happening is we are looking at the comprehensive plan and the zoning is a part of that and that's one of the earliest possible stages. This issue currently is with the planning commission. I know many of you attended the Planning Commission meeting. ... There will be a public hearing, I believe on this topic at the next Planning Commission meeting on May 12. That is another opportunity to provide your input."

Citizen Jason Mattson stated on Facebook, "This piece of land is not only a gorgeous natural area, it also has a creek



The property formerly known as the Armory Hills Golf Course shows an attractive pond and wetlands.

that runs through it that contributes to China Creek. As it is well known, China Creek is known for flooding. ... I'm sure I'm not the only one that would hate all of the flood mitigation work done on Gold Street to be for nothing."



The Ryerson Centralia center is nearing completion at its Harrison Avenue location.



Architect's drawing

Ryerson Centralia Center Nears Completion

The Ryerson Centralia service center located at 3010 Harrison Ave. continues with its construction of its 215,000-square-foot facility, with a hoped-for start-up date in the second quarter of this year. When it opens, Ryerson Centralia will employ about 50 to 60 employees initially with possibilities for expansion. Once operational, Ryerson will pro-

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Why Is the United Learning Center Vital to Our Community?

In Lewis County, only approximately 25% of children under five years of age have the opportunity to participate in a quality child care program; lack of child care centers playing a large part in this. Center numbers are on the decline, leaving families and children unable to access programs that promote child success.

Parents of infants and young children all across Washington struggle to find and afford high-quality, licensed child care, often paying more for child care than the cost of college tuition.

Project Goals:

- To provide a collaborative educational experience for children ages 3 to 18 years old, including a quality early learning center for 80 kids, a state-of-the-art children's museum, and an after school mentorship program.
- To create an affordable childcare option

for families in Lewis County, providing a high-quality, no cost daycare with wraparound services for families.

- To help children achieve Kindergarten readiness.
- To build economic opportunities for Lewis County through job creation and high-quality, affordable programming.

Project Funding To-Date:

- Washington State Dept. of Commerce funding — \$3 million
- Discover! Children's Museum Dept. of Commerce funding — \$1 million
- City of Centralia REET funds — \$1.9 million
- TransAlta Coal Transition Board grant — \$1 million

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"When my children were young, I remember how painful it was financially and emotionally to find child care for our children," Abbarno stated in a press release. "The sacrifices and decisions we had to make were difficult and I am proud of the increasing investment through the Legislature and the capital budget, in particular.

"Washington state must continue to do a better job investing in families and child-care," said Abbarno, Assistant Ranking Republican on the House Capital Budget Committee. "Quality child care and early learning helps struggling families financially, opens up educational and employment opportunities for parents, and helps prepare children for kindergarten."

Early learning is a critical part of the state's essential infrastructure for both families and our economy, said Commerce Director Lisa Brown in an earlier release from the

Washington State Department of Commerce.

"This investment in facilities in our state will help communities ensure safe, secure, and stable early learning opportunities are accessible for everyone," Brown said. "This is critical for an equitable recovery for the state's economy and families, and is vital to helping ensure that children succeed."

Commerce awarded projects in three categories: pre-design (\$20,000 award limit); minor renovation and pre-development (\$200,000 award limit); and new construction and major renovation (\$1 million award limit). When making award decisions, Commerce and the Department of Children, Youth, and Families evaluated key project criteria such as the number of early learning spaces for kids from low-income families, the project location relative to other early learning facilities, and projects located in rural locations and low-income neighborhoods, among other factors. The grants provide financial assistance to allow Early Child-

hood Education and Assistance Program contractors and Working Connections Child Care providers to plan, expand, remodel, purchase or construct early learning facilities and classrooms.

In Washington state, it is estimated that 117,884 families with young children live in child care deserts. The early learning facilities program, slated to open in fall 2023, makes it possible for child care facilities to expand and serve additional children in the 20th Legislative District and beyond.

"Early learning has been a priority of mine, especially representing communities located in child care deserts," added Abbarno, R-Centralia. "Supporting early learning facilities through the capital budget, as well as programs like Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and Fair Start for Kids, is something the parents and children in my community want and need. There are few better long-term investments in our communities and in our children than early learning and child care."



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Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Zipping Into White Pass

Scenic Byway Along Highway 12 Set for 8 New Stations

BY THE ECONOMIC ALLIANCE OF LEWIS COUNTY

Electric vehicle drivers in Lewis and Yakima counties will soon have eight more options for charging their rides along U.S. Highway 12.

Construction is set to begin on new stations along the White Pass Scenic Byway this spring, according to a press release.

Leading the infrastructure expansion effort is Energy Northwest, a Washington state joint operating agency that operates one of the largest carbon-free energy portfolios in the region. Energy Northwest has been involved with electric vehicle infrastructure development since 2016 and has overseen installation of 10 EV charging stations throughout

eastern and central Washington. The addition of the White Pass Scenic Byway stations will bridge the charging gap between eastern and western parts of the state.

The project is a collaboration among EN, Lewis County Public Utility District and Twin Transit, with support from White Pass Scenic Byway organization, Benton REA and surrounding community members.

“Highway 12 is integral for east to west travel, with stretches of rural areas through Lewis, Pierce and Yakima counties. It’s designated as an underserved corridor for EV drivers,” said Jennifer Harper, Energy Northwest project developer. “There was a desire and support from local communities along the route to bring this effort together.”

Energy Northwest secured two grants to fund the infrastructure project — a \$1.15 million grant from the Washington State Department of

Commerce’s Clean Energy Fund and about \$667,000 from the TransAlta Coal Transition Fund.

“Transportation is Washington’s largest source of polluting greenhouse gas emissions, and the 2021 State Energy Strategy emphasizes the essential need to improve the design and operation of our state’s transportation networks,” said Washington State Department of Commerce assistant director Michael Furze. “Establishing charging infrastructure along the White Pass Scenic Byway is a necessary step towards electrifying Washington’s transportation sector. We support Energy Northwest’s efforts to connect communities and the regions across our state by making long distance electric charging possible in this beautiful part of our state.”

Stations along the route will include at least one DC fast charger and one Level 2 charger at each site. Each location will also have a White Pass



Courtesy Photo

Eight new charging stations are coming to the White Pass Scenic Byway.

Scenic Byway interpretive sign highlighting nearby attractions and local information.

“The White Pass Scenic Byway is a beautiful drive and there are amazing recreational opportunities all along the way. We’re thrilled that EV drivers who want to get out and explore places like Mount Rainier, Mount St. Helens or Mount Adams can do so without the worry of where they can charge their vehicles,” said Maree Lerchen, White Pass Scenic Byway president.

Once the stations are online,

they will be listed for drivers to find on the PlugShare website and mobile application. The stations are scheduled to be operational by the end of the year.

Energy Northwest develops, owns and operates a diverse mix of electricity generating resources, including hydro, solar, battery storage and wind projects – and the Northwest’s only nuclear power facility. Energy Northwest comprises 27 public power member utilities from across the state serving more than 1.5 million customers.

White Pass Ski Area Enjoys Strong Season

New Owners to Limit Number of Daily Passes Sold

BY THE ECONOMIC ALLIANCE OF LEWIS COUNTY

One final hurrah takes place this weekend at the White Pass Ski Area as it opens for a final weekend from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. today (Saturday) and Sunday.

The ski resort, located along U.S. Highway 12 on the Yakima/Lewis County borderline, was sold and is under new ownership. The new owners enjoyed significant snowfall and a snow-happy April made it one of the best seasons in memory.

An article in the Yakima Herald-Republic stated the season will go down as the second-best year in the company’s history. The new owners plan to double the size of its mid-mountain lodge while adding more buildings for guest

services.

New General Manager Rikki Cooper announced new season pass sales details.

“White Pass is a home away from home for many of you, and we want to make sure that our core customers can continue to purchase a season pass despite growing interest in visiting our gem of a ski area,” she stated in a press release. “I recognize that the increased interest must be balanced so that we do not invite too many people to the party and dilute the quality experience we have come to expect. With these goals in mind, White Pass will be limiting the number of Unlimited Season Passes available.”

She said the resort will no longer exceed the number of guests from the 2021/22 season.

“I know we all miss the good old days of deciding to take the family skiing on a whim on Saturday morning, but our growing customer base makes



A drawing of the runs at White Pass Ski Area.

that memory all but impossible to resurrect,” she said. “Increasing profitability while sacrificing customer experience

is simply not in the best interest of our customers or ultimately, of the company.”

She said advanced

reservations will help the resort manage the hill and not have to turn families away who might have driven three hours or more.

Second Hearing Set on YMCA Mineral Lake Camp

BY THE ECONOMIC ALLIANCE OF LEWIS COUNTY

The Lewis County Planning Commission will hold a second public meeting to consider the YMCA’s proposal to rezone approximately 500 acres of lands north of Mineral Lake from Forest Resource Land to Master Plan Resort.

YMCA stated in their application that they intend to develop a youth camp including cabin and tent sites for roughly 400 campers and 100 staff, as well as trails and a dock.

The Planning Commission held a workshop last week and

a second one is set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 24.

The first opportunity for the public to provide comments to the Planning Commission will be set following the second workshop. It is anticipated that the public may begin submitting written testimony on the proposal starting June 9. A public hearing, where the public is invited to provide oral testimony to the Planning Commission, is tentatively scheduled for June 28.

The project has been met by resistance by many in the East Lewis County town of Mineral.



Courtesy map

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Puzzles

Find Answers to the Puzzles in the Next Edition

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Early moralist
 - 6 Ilsa in "Casablanca"
 - 12 Trimmed back
 - 14 Spanish dance
 - 15 Absorbedly
 - 16 Glove leathers
 - 17 Had a meal
 - 18 Helmsman's dir.
 - 19 Gratuity
 - 21 Ca++ or Na+
 - 23 On behalf of
 - 26 — Cruces, N.M.
 - 27 Greenspan stat
 - 28 Pack animals
 - 30 Van Gogh medium
 - 31 Census info
 - 32 Upper-crust
 - 33 Consternation
 - 35 Discouraging words
 - 37 Promise
 - 38 Cash

- 39 That, to Jaime
- 40 Uh's cousins
- 41 Hwys.
- 42 Rainbow
- 43 Billings hrs.
- 44 "The Bachelorette" network
- 46 Broad st.
- 48 Vote
- 51 Have rapport
- 55 Unit of current
- 56 Noisy sleeper
- 57 Made like a snake
- 58 Suppose

- DOWN**
- 1 IRS month
 - 2 Distinct period
 - 3 Have dinner
 - 4 Pub sign (2 wds.)
 - 5 Hide
 - 6 "A Doll's House" playwright

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 7 Part of speech
- 8 Tickled pink
- 9 Lipstick color
- 10 Spleen
- 11 Windows predecessor
- 13 Tinting
- 19 Custom-make
- 20 Gas pump platform
- 22 Kitchen tool
- 24 Dull greens
- 25 Answer back
- 26 Sand, silt and clay
- 27 Strong, as venison
- 28 Monument Valley sight
- 29 Repairs a seam
- 34 Used car deals
- 36 Prized statuettes
- 42 Did something
- 43 Casaba
- 45 Make a tunnel
- 47 "I came," to Caesar
- 48 Scrooge's cry
- 49 "Who — — to say?"
- 50 DJ's platters
- 52 Comic strip bark
- 53 Kickoff stand
- 54 Bungle

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Water Quality Word Search

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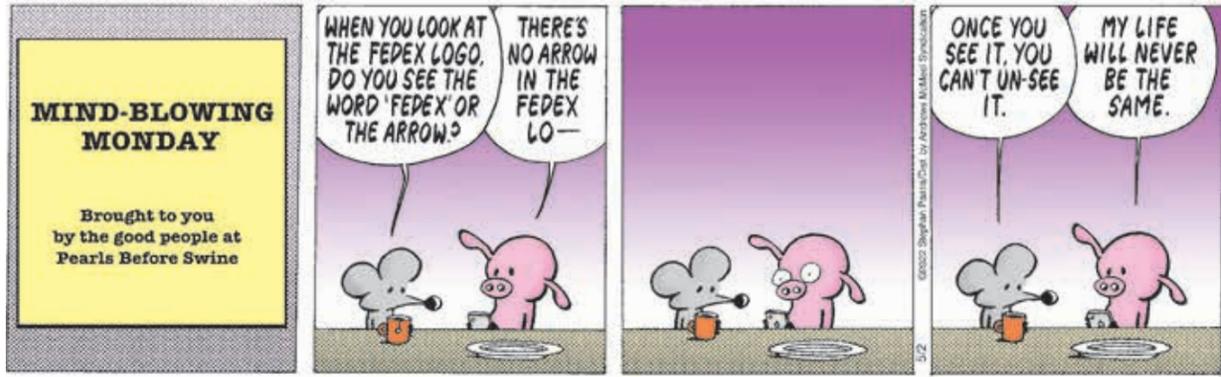
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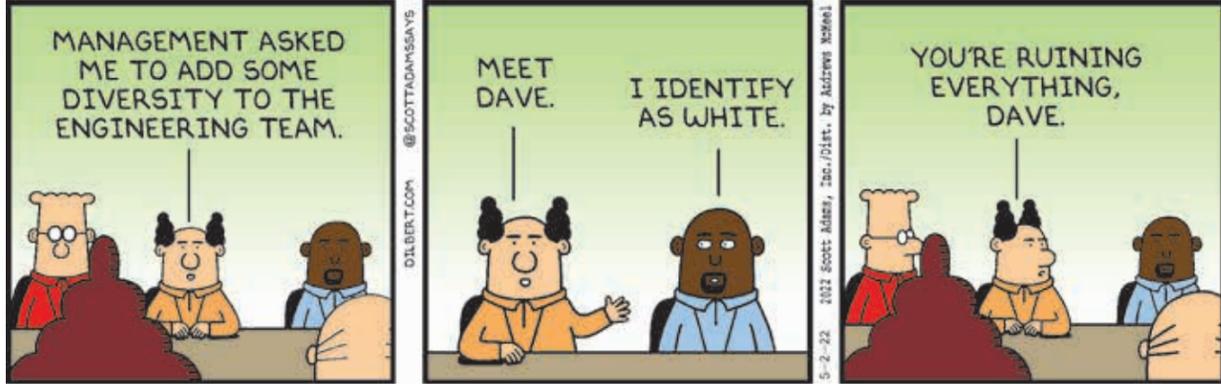
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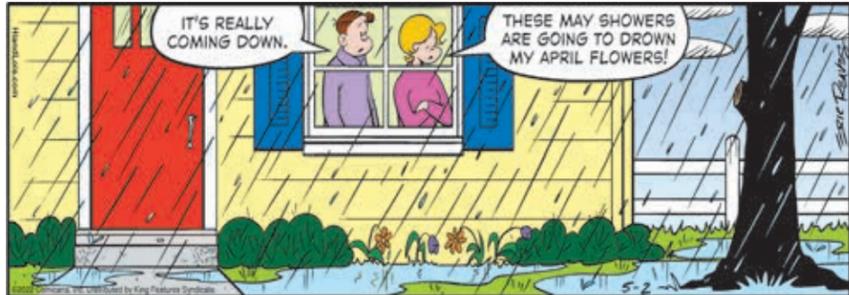
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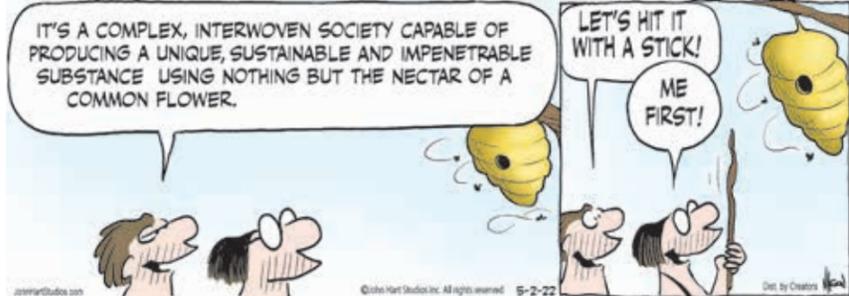
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Sealed bids for the above project will be received from Contractors by the City of Centralia City Clerk, 118 W. Maple Street, (PO Box 609), Centralia, Washington 98531, until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
This project includes pipe bursting existing 8-inch sanitary sewer mains with 8-inch HDPE DR17, replacing and installing manholes, removing cleanouts, bypass pumping, reconnecting services and re-

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storage on various streets in Centralia, Washington all in accordance with the contract plans, contract provisions and City of Centralia Standards.

The City of Centralia hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award. The City of Centralia encourages contracting procedures that provide M/WBEs equal opportunity to participate as subcontractor on City contracts.

All bids must be submitted on the forms furnished for that purpose, and each proposal must be accompanied by cash, bid bond, or certified check made payable to the City of Centralia, in an amount of not less than five (5) percent of the total bid. The bid shall be labeled 2022 Sanitary Sewer Pipe Bursting Project Bid on the envelope.

The City of Centralia reserves the right to reject any and all bids or waive irregularities in the bid or bidding.

Contractual documents may be obtained by going to the City of Centralia website www.cityofcentralia.com and going to the section on bid opportunities. Contractors can register and download the bid documents on the website. If you need assistance with accessing the bid documents please contact Sierra Anderson, Civil Engineer at (360) 623-1891 or by e-mail at sanderson@cityofcentralia.com. Questions regarding the bid documents should be submitted through the question portion of the website and all responses to the questions will be on the website.

The City provides reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities. We invite any person with special needs to contact the City Clerk at 360-330-7670 at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the Bid opening to discuss any special accommodations that may be necessary.

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122061 Invitation to Bid

CITY OF CHEHALIS INVITATION TO BID

Bids for the provision of maintenance rock ONLY to be supplied during 2022 will be accepted by the City Clerk at Chehalis City Hall, 350 N Market Blvd, Chehalis, WA 98532, until 3:00 pm, Wednesday, May 4, 2022. Specifications may be obtained at www.ci.chehalis.wa.us - City Clerk - Bids & RFPs, or by calling the City Clerk at 360-345-1042. The City will

Lewis County Public Utility District #1

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For a complete listing of qualification and how to apply please visit our website located at www.lcpud.org
Payroll and Human Resources Specialist

The Payroll and HR Specialist manages and maintains accurate and timely payroll and HR records and reports; processes payroll in compliance with government regulations, District policies, and the District Collective Bargaining Agreement; provides employee customer service, and general administrative support for the HR Department.

Engineering Technical Services Supervisor
The Engineering Technical Services Supervisor's primary function is to supervise the engineering technical services group. The incumbent is an experienced professional responsible for the operation of the District's integrated GIS and OMS system and operational data management of SCADA and AMI systems. The position is responsible for the operation, and maintenance of the District's electronic mapping and work order staking system and data management of the SCADA system and AMI system including technical support and services to internal and external District customers.

Chippeman
A Chippeman is an entry-level position in which their main function is to assist and support the District's tree trimming crews by falling trees and disposing of brush by chipping, burning, and hauling away. Job assignments may entail very physical manual labor, heavy lifting, equipment operating, Class A vehicle driving, working in rough terrain and inclement weather day and night.

HOROSCOPE

MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Embrace challenges head-on and use your experience and wit to push your way to the top. Don't procrastinate. Size up situations and do whatever it takes to set your plans in motion.



PISCES

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Evaluate your position and lifestyle, and consider how you can make your life easier. Reach out to people you trust to give you good feedback or expert advice. A change will pay off.



ARIES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Consider the possibilities and make a plan that will help you excel. Refuse to let what others do or say get you down. Consider what you have to offer and make a big play.



TAURUS

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Take a chance and do something that makes you feel good about yourself and your contributions. Expand your awareness. Be willing to go the extra mile; rewards will follow.



GEMINI

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Push your way forward. Draw on experts and people you know you can trust to come through for you. Be patient, compassionate and resourceful, and you will leave a lasting impression.



CANCER

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Fulfill promises and reap the rewards. How you act and what you do will affect how others treat you. A financial gain will allow you to invest more time and money into something you want to pursue.



LEO

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Act in haste, and you'll end up backtracking. Use your intelligence and get to the bottom of certain problems. Keep an open mind, look at every angle and maximize your skills.



VIRGO

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
A show of weakness will hold you back. Don't put yourself in a vulnerable position emotionally. Do whatever is needed to take care of responsibilities and outmaneuver any rival.



LIBRA

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Invest more time and money into things that matter to you. Make improvements to how you live and look. Show pride in what you do. Work hard, play hard and shoot for the stars.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Whether working alongside others or taking the lead, compromise and consistency will make it easier to reach your goal. A change of heart will set you on the right path.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Speak up, leave nothing to chance, and make your needs and wants known. Stability will come from knowledge and bringing people together. Draw people in with peaceful interactions.



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Put your heart into your plans, and you won't be disappointed. Share with the people you love and trust, and together you will build a better future. A short trip or social event will prove valuable.

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Say no to changes that don't suit your needs, and do your own thing. Build a solid foundation for what you have planned. Invest in your surroundings. Now's the time to go for broke.



PISCES

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Don't share secrets. Put your energy where it will do some good. A change of heart will help clear up uncertainty and encourage you to do what's best for you. Clear up financial problems.



ARIES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Put your energy to good use, and it will help you control your emotions. Refuse to let others get to you. Go about your business, and let your accomplishments speak for you.



TAURUS

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Stand up for your rights and make yourself heard. Take the initiative and put your plans in motion. Make decisions and act on them with passion and clarity. Anger will get you nowhere.



GEMINI

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Concentrate on what's doable and stop worrying about things you cannot alter. A positive attitude will help you achieve what you set out to do and get you the backup you will need.



CANCER

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Don't scrimp when it comes to meaningful pursuits. Explore the possibilities and let your imagination run wild, but don't let your emotions spin out of control. Don't be rattled by any setbacks.



LEO

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Spend time with people who stimulate your mind and offer enlightening perspectives on life, love and happiness. What you share will change how you think and help you choose a suitable path.



VIRGO

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Absorb what others say, and it will help you understand the best way to gain approval, respect and the assistance required to get what you want. Consider what you can do to move things along.



LIBRA

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Stop dreaming and start doing. How you perceive situations and handle money will be crucial. Cut your costs by doing things yourself instead of hiring someone to do things for you.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
An unexpected change will work in your favor. Refuse to get overwhelmed by what you have no control over. Concentrate on the things and people who make you feel good about yourself.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
A low profile and patience will help you navigate your way through the ups and downs you encounter. Put more thought into your appearance, health and lifestyle.



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Take a walk down memory lane, attend a reunion or reach out to someone who brings out the best in you. Look for innovative ways to make the most of what you have.

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only accept bids from companies with pick-up locations within 12 miles of Chehalis City Hall. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to award individual bid items to separate suppliers as determined in the best interest of the City.

Cassie Frazier
Interim City Clerk

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121978 NTC Dick

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS No. 22-4-00140-08 SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR COWLITZ COUNTY

Estate of DENNIS A. DICK, Deceased. 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 Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the probate assets and nonprobate assets of the Decedent. Date of First Publication: April 23, 2022

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121904 NTC: Coleman

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY IN MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF CHARLES L. COLEMAN, Deceased. Case No.: 22-4-00165-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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 Representatives or

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122077 NTC: Johnson

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of DONNA MICHELLE JOHNSON, Deceased. No. 22-4-00193-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator of the Estate of Donna Michelle Johnson. Any person having a claim against



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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 days after the Personal Representative's served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: April 16, 2022.

/s/ Debra Brehmeyer
by counsel Allen Unzelman
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121919 NTC: Germeau
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR LEWIS COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN GERMEAU, Deceased. No. 22-4-00160-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of John Germeau. 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 days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets. Date of First Publication: April 16, 2022

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Centralia, WA 98531

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122077 NTC: Johnson

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of GARY DOUGLAS MURRAY, Deceased. No. 22-4-00194-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Gary Douglas Murray. 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



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the Decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets. Date of First Publication: April 30, 2022

Administrator:
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JOHNSON
Attorney for Administrator:
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121613 NTC: Klatush
CHEHALIS TRIBAL COURT CHEHALIS INDIAN RESERVATION OAKVILLE, WASHINGTON

Estate of: COLLEEN MAE KLATUSH DOB 3/11/1958, Deceased. No. CIV-721-73 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having 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 Chehalis Tribal Code 14.70 by serving or mailing to the Personal Representative or the attorney for the Personal Representative, at the address stated below, a copy of the claim, and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented 90 days after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate assets and non-probate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: March 19, 2022
Personal Representative: Karen Klatush
Attorney for Personal Representative: William Penoyar, WSBA # 38777, PO Box 425 South Bend, WA 98586 Phone: (360) 875-5775

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122078 NTC: Murray

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of GARY DOUGLAS MURRAY, Deceased. No. 22-4-00194-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Gary Douglas Murray. 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



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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 days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets. Date of First Publication: April 30, 2022

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122062 Ordinance
No. 1028-B
City of Chehalis
Ordinance No. 1028-B

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHEHALIS, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE 2022 fiscal year budget adopted by ordinance no. 1025-B by revising the budgeted amounts by a combined total of eight THOUSAND and five hundred thirty-eight (\$8,538) for the general fund, PUBLIC FACILITIES RESERVE FUND, AUTOMOTIVE/EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND, park improvement fund, wastewater fund, water fund, airport fund, and airport capital fund and directing THE finance director TO AFFECT THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS HEREIN PROVIDED.

Cassie Frazier
Interim City Clerk
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122073 Vacancy Advisory Committee

City of Chehalis

The City of Chehalis is seeking applications from persons interested in filling vacancies on its Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, which is comprised of 7 members appointed by the City Council. The Committee typically meets once or twice per year to review and make recommendations to the City Council on applications for Lodging Tax Funds.

The membership includes 3 representatives of business required to collect the Lodging Tax, 3 people involved in activities that are authorized to be funded by the tax and one elected official who serves as chairperson. All positions are vacant excluding the elected official chairperson.

Application forms are available at City Hall, 350 N Market Blvd, or on the City's website: ci.chehalis.wa.us. Applications will be accepted through Friday, May 13, 2022. For more information, contact the City Clerk at 360-345-1042.

Cassie Frazier
Interim City Clerk
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122103 Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Request: Variance Permit

Applicant: Doug Amman,
153 Hamilton Rd N,
Chehalis WA 98532

Topic: The applicant is requesting to connect to City water, while retaining their connection to an existing well. The site is within a mapped wetland, Critical Aquifer Recharge Area, and stream buffer.

Land Use Case #: UGA-VR-22-001

Date of Application: March 14, 2022

Date of Complete Application: March 14, 2022

Project Location: 153 Hamilton Rd, Chehalis WA 98532. Parcel #017897019000

Hearing Date and Location: May 12, 2022. 4:00PM. Chehalis City Hall Council Chambers: 350 N. Market Blvd, Chehalis WA 98532

City Contact: To view the complete application online: https://www.ci.chehalis.wa.us/building/public-notices-development-review-committee-drc To contact Amelia Schwartz, City Planner: Phone: 360.485.0373 (8am-4:30pm) Email: aschwartz@ci.chehalis.wa.us Building and Planning Department 1321 S. Market Blvd Chehalis WA 98532

Anyone interested may appear and be heard. Any aggrieved party of record can file an appeal with Lewis County Superior Court. Written comments must be submitted to Amelia Schwartz at the listed address above. If you have questions, please visit the website or call.

Written public comments can be accepted until 3:30 PM on May 12, 2022

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122076 Summons/ Miller/Walker

STACEY MILLER, Plaintiff, v. LOIS WALKER, and the UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF LOIS WALKER, Defendants
Lewis County Superior Court Cause Number 22-2-00211-21
The State of Washington to the said LOIS WALKER, and the UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF LOIS WALKER
You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 30th day of April, 2022, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff STACEY MILLER and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for plaintiff ERIC J. LANZA of BUZZARD O'ROURKE, P.S. at his (or their) office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. This action pertains to title to real and personal property located in Lewis County, Washington.

/s/ Eric J. Lanza,
attorney for Plaintiff
PO Box 59
Centralia, WA 98531
Lewis County, Washington

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