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# 97-Plot Housing Development Planned for Toledo as City Seeks to Annex Toward I-5

### GO WEST, TOLEDO:

City Seeks to Grow 'Responsibly' With Winlock House Builder Company

By Isabel VanderStoep  
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During the Toledo community's annual "Big Meeting" on Thursday night, planning commission appointees and elected officials will unveil a plan by local company Red Rock Construction LLC for a 97-plot housing development southwest of Plomodon and Toledo-Vader roads.

Named "Cowlitz Meadows," ground-breaking on the project isn't set to take place in the next year, but the company has reportedly entered a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) application. Through the SEPA process, the plan is subject to change. Red Rock Construction also

built Grand Prairie Estates, a housing development in Winlock, two phases of which have already been completed and sold. Future houses are still set for the area, according to the company's website. If approved, the full build-out of the Cowlitz Meadows development won't all come at

once either, according to Toledo Mayor Pro-tem Eric Hayes, but should take place over about five years. As Winlock has seen major growth in recent years, Hayes said this plan represents an opportunity for Toledo to not get  
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## Chehalis Council Bans Camping on City Property

By Owen Sexton  
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Camping on public property has been banned within Chehalis city limits after the Chehalis City Council unanimously approved an ordinance amending the city's municipal code during its regular meeting Monday night.

The ordinance was put together by various city officials including Councilor Kevin Carns and City Attorney Kevin Nelson and passed by the council on its first and final reading following an amendment.

While the ordinance was up for its first reading Monday, a second reading was scheduled for later this month. Upon a motion by Carns, it was decided to pass the ordinance on its first and only reading and have it go  
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# Missing 69-Year-Old Chehalis Man Found Dead in Vehicle



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Staff from the Lewis County Coroner's Office, the Washington State Patrol and the Lewis County Sheriff's Office responded to the Chehalis River bridge on state Route 6 Tuesday after the discovery of the body and vehicle of missing Chehalis man John Sill.

By Emily Fitzgerald  
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The 69-year-old Chehalis man who went missing March 6 was found dead in his vehicle Tuesday afternoon at the base of the Chehalis River bridge on state Route 6 near Interstate 5 in Chehalis.

The Lewis County Coroner's Office confirmed Wednesday that the body found Tuesday has been positively-identified as John Sill, according to the Lewis County Sheriff's Office.

His family had been notified as of Wednesday morning.

The Washington State Patrol is cur-

rently investigating the case.

Sill was reported missing early March 6 after a family member woke to find him and his vehicle missing from his Chehalis residence.

A family member had reportedly asked him to go to the store about an hour and a half earlier, but he had said he had taken sleeping medication and would not go, according to the sheriff's office.

A Silver Alert was issued later that same day.

Sill's cause and manner of death are pending further investigation by the Lewis County Coroner's Office.



John Sill is pictured in this photo provided by the Lewis County Sheriff's Office.

### Ocean Prime



Fine Dining to Get a Boost With Chehalis Opening / Main 16

### Firefighter Stairclimb



At Least 17 Local Firefighters Climb Seattle Tower for Charity / Main 3

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# WDFW Approves 10 Days of Razor Clam Digs Beginning Friday; Tentative Dates Set for April

By The Chronicle staff

OLYMPIA – Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) shellfish managers on Tuesday confirmed coastal razor clam digging reopens at Twin Harbors and Copalis on Friday, March 17.

This is in addition to Mocrocks, which opens on Saturday, March 18.

"As wonderful as it is to now be able to offer harvest days on Twin Harbors, we are disappointed that Long Beach still remains above the domoic acid toxicity closure level," said Bryce Blumenthal, a WDFW coastal shellfish biologist. "Diggers can expect abundant populations of nice-sized clams on open beaches. Digs switch to morning low tides on March 23-26 providing the first daylight opportunities of spring."

The following digs during evening (p.m.) low tides will proceed as scheduled:

- March 17, Friday, 4:10 p.m.; 0.0 feet; Twin Harbors, Copalis
- March 18, Saturday, 5:06 p.m.; -0.5 feet; Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- March 19, Sunday, 5:54 p.m.; -0.7 feet; Twin Harbors, Copalis
- March 20, Monday, 6:38 p.m. -0.7 feet; Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- March 21, Tuesday, 7:18 p.m.; -0.5 feet; Twin Harbors, Copalis
- March 22, Wednesday, 7:56 p.m.; 0.0 feet; Twin Harbors, Mocrocks

The following digs during morning (a.m.) low tides will proceed as scheduled:

- March 23, Thursday, 8:29 a.m.; -0.3 feet; Twin Harbors, Copalis
- March 24, Friday, 9:13 a.m.; -0.4 feet; Twin Harbors, Mocrocks



Clam diggers are pictured on the Washington coast in this Chronicle file photo.

- March 25, Saturday, 9:57 a.m.; -0.2 feet; Twin Harbors, Copalis
- March 26, Sunday, 10:44 a.m.; 0.2 feet; Twin Harbors, Mocrocks

Future tentative digs planned during morning (a.m.) low tides are scheduled (digging extended to 1 p.m. on April 12 only):

- April 6, Thursday, 7:34 a.m.; 0.3 feet; Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- April 7, Friday, 8:10 a.m.; -0.1 feet; Twin Harbors, Copalis
- April 8, Saturday, 8:48 a.m.; -0.3 feet; Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- April 9, Sunday, 9:29 a.m.; -0.4 feet; Twin Harbors, Copalis
- April 10, Monday, 10:15 a.m.; -0.4 feet; Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- April 11, Tuesday, 11:09 a.m.; -0.2 feet; Twin Harbors, Mocrocks

- April 12, Wednesday, 12:12 p.m.; 0.1 feet; Twin Harbors, Mocrocks (digging extended until 1 p.m.)
- April 19, Wednesday, 6:44 a.m.; -0.4 feet; Twin Harbors, Mocrocks

- April 20, Thursday, 7:28 a.m.; -0.9 feet; Twin Harbors, Copalis
- April 21, Friday, 8:09 a.m.; -1.2 feet; Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- April 22, Saturday, 8:50 a.m.; -1.1 feet; Twin Harbors, Copalis
- April 23, Sunday, 9:31 a.m.; -0.8 feet; Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- April 24, Monday, 10:14 a.m.; -0.4 feet; Twin Harbors, Copalis
- April 25, Tuesday, 11:01 a.m.; 0.1 feet; Twin Harbors, Mocrocks

The Washington Department of Health (DOH) labs indicate domoic acid levels at Long Beach remain slightly above the health guideline cutoff range. WDFW will announce digging opportunities when marine toxin tests show it is safe to do so.

Domoic acid, a natural toxin produced by certain types of marine algae, can be harmful or fatal if consumed in sufficient quantities. WDFW shellfish staff will continue to regularly dig test samples of razor clams to monitor the situation. More information about domoic acid, as well as current levels at ocean beaches, can be found on WDFW's domoic acid webpage and on the DOH webpage.

The daily limit is 15 razor clams per person. Under state law, a daily limit consists of the first 15 clams dug regardless of size or condition, and each dig-

### "Diggers can expect abundant populations of nice-sized clams on open beaches."

Bryce Blumenthal  
WDFW

ger's clams must be kept in a separate container. Digging is prohibited in the razor clam reserves, which are marked by 10-foot poles with signs. A reserve located just south of the Ocean City approach on Copalis. The most successful digging occurs between one and two hours before the listed time of low tide.

With the spring fast approaching, Washingtonians should consider purchasing 2023-2024 recreational hunting and fishing licenses, and from hundreds of license vendors around the state. WDFW recommends buying your license before current licenses expire after March 31. All diggers age 15 or older must have an applicable fishing license to harvest razor clams on any beach. To be notified of in-season rule changes as they are announced, sign up for email notifications at wdfw.wa.gov/about/lists.

Shellfish and seafood enthusiasts can also start making plans to attend the Ocean Shores Razor Clam and Seafood Festival on March 17-19, and the Long Beach Razor Clam Festival on April 8-9. These two long-running events celebrate the unique contribution of razor clams to Washington's culture and coastal communities.

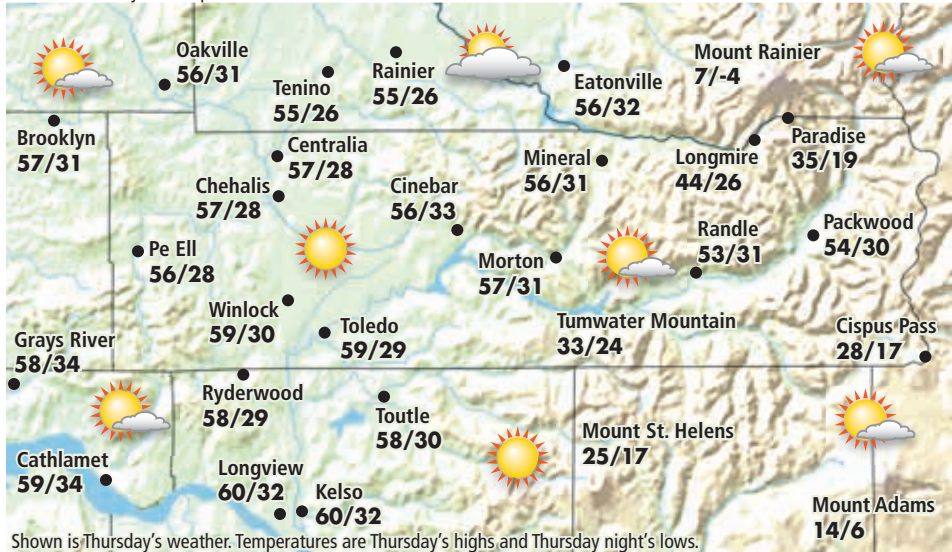
## TWIN CITIES WEATHER

THURSDAY	THU. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
HIGH: 57 POP: 0%	LOW: 28 POP: 0%	61 35 POP: 0%	61 39 POP: 5%	52 38 POP: 85%	52 29 POP: 85%	52 32 POP: 55%	49 33 POP: 55%

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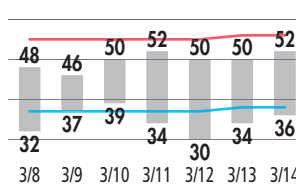


### ALMANAC Centralia statistics through Tuesday

TEMPERATURES	PRECIPITATION (inches)
High/low 52/36	Tuesday 0.00
Normal high 56	Record for date 0.03 in 1960
Normal low 38	Month to date 0.92
Last year high 50	Normal month to date 2.28
Last year low 45	Year to date 4.42
Record high 71 in 1947	Normal year to date 13.89
Record low 23 in 1944	Last year to date 6.02

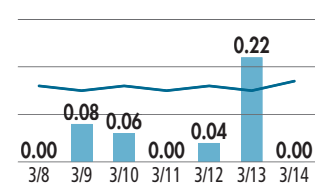
#### 7-DAY TEMPERATURE TREND

Daily range — Normal high — Normal low



#### 7-DAY PRECIPITATION TREND

Daily amount (in inches) — Normal amount



### DAILY CONDITIONS

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
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#### Hiking Index

7	9	8	6
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#### Boating Index

7	7	8	6
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### REGIONAL CITIES

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City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Aberdeen	57/35/s	60/38/sh	55/39/c	Mount Vernon	53/30/pc	59/35/c	59/39/c
Bellingham	55/30/pc	58/36/c	57/37/c	Olympia	56/26/pc	60/33/pc	60/38/c
Bremerton	54/31/pc	59/34/pc	60/37/pc	Omak	50/29/pc	53/29/pc	50/28/c
Cle Elum	51/27/pc	54/31/pc	53/30/c	Pasco	59/23/pc	58/29/s	58/29/pc
Coulee City	51/29/pc	55/28/pc	52/29/c	Port Angeles	50/32/pc	54/37/c	57/38/c
Eatonville	56/32/pc	62/33/c	59/38/pc	Portland	60/38/pc	62/41/pc	57/43/c
Ellensburg	52/27/pc	57/30/s	53/28/c	Pullman	49/28/pc	52/30/s	50/32/pc
Elmer City	53/28/pc	56/25/pc	50/26/pc	Richland	58/26/pc	58/30/s	58/31/pc
Enumclaw	56/35/pc	59/35/c	60/37/c	Seattle	55/37/pc	60/38/pc	57/40/c
Everett	52/37/pc	58/41/pc	56/39/c	Spokane	49/27/pc	52/29/pc	52/31/pc
Forks	55/30/c	60/35/pc	55/39/c	Sunnyside	56/26/pc	57/33/s	56/34/pc
Kelso	60/32/s	62/36/c	62/39/c	Tacoma	56/27/pc	60/30/c	57/37/pc
Kennewick	59/25/pc	59/28/s	56/32/pc	Vancouver	59/37/pc	60/37/pc	59/42/c
Long Beach	56/38/s	55/40/sh	53/42/pc	Walla Walla	54/33/pc	58/34/s	54/36/pc
Longview	60/32/s	62/35/pc	61/39/c	Wenatchee	49/31/pc	53/31/s	52/35/c
Moses Lake	56/28/pc	58/31/s	55/30/pc	Yakima	53/24/s	56/29/s	56/30/c

### RIVER STAGES

In feet as of 7 a.m. Tuesday

River/location	Flood Stage	Stage	24-hr. Chg.
<b>Skookumchuck River</b>			
near Bucoda	211.5	204.72	+0.43
at Centralia	189.0	179.11	+0.75
<b>Chehalis River</b>			
near Doty	318.0	309.48	+1.23
at Centralia	168.5	157.21	+2.47
near Grand Mound	141.0	133.30	+0.77
at Porter	48.0	36.62	+0.62
<b>Newaukum River</b>			
near Chehalis	202.5	197.34	+2.85
<b>Cowlitz River</b>			
at Packwood	10.5	0.81	+0.19
at Randle	18.0	4.74	+0.24

### SOLUNAR TABLE

Four-day forecast indicates peak feeding times for fish and game.

	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Major	7:37 a.m.	8:34 a.m.	9:28 a.m.	10:19 a.m.
Minor	1:21 a.m.	2:19 a.m.	3:14 a.m.	4:06 a.m.
Major	8:08 p.m.	9:05 p.m.	9:58 p.m.	10:47 p.m.
Minor	1:52 p.m.	2:49 p.m.	3:43 p.m.	4:33 p.m.

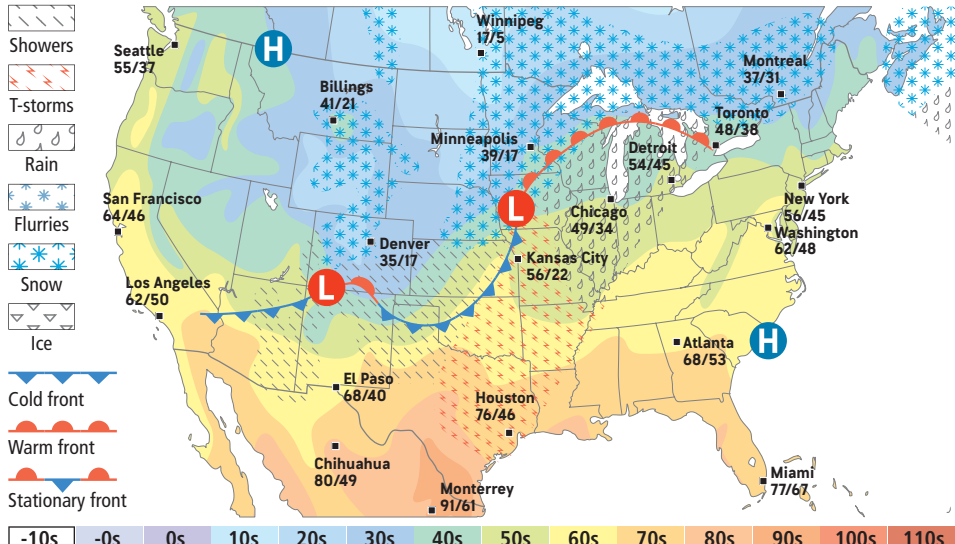
### SUN AND MOON

	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Sunrise	7:24 a.m.	7:22 a.m.	7:20 a.m.	7:18 a.m.
Sunset	7:18 p.m.	7:20 p.m.	7:21 p.m.	7:23 p.m.
Moonrise	4:56 a.m.	5:44 a.m.	6:21 a.m.	6:49 a.m.
Moonset	12:48 p.m.	2:08 p.m.	3:33 p.m.	4:59 p.m.

New Mar 21    First Mar 28    Full Apr 5    Last Apr 13

### NATIONAL FORECAST THURSDAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	55/28/sh	43/32/pc	42/30/c	Houston	76/46/t	53/44/sh	55/43/c
Anchorage	29/14/s	33/22/sn	39/24/pc	Las Vegas	63/45/s	63/48/s	61/48/r
Atlanta	68/53/pc	65/38/t	53/35/pc	Los Angeles	62/50/pc	61/71/pc	65/52/pc
Billings	41/21/sf	41/15/s	39/20/s	Miami	77/67/s	84/71/pc	84/71/pc
Boise	49/27/s	53/26/s	51/29/c	Minneapolis	39/17/sn	23/13/sf	25/8/c
Boston	49/37/s	49/42/c	50/32/r	New York City	56/45/pc	58/44/c	54/33/pc
Cheyenne	31/15/sf	36/15/s	34/16/pc	Omaha	45/18/sn	33/11/pc	25/13/pc
Chicago	49/34/r	40/19/r	30/22/c	Phoenix	72/50/pc	71/54/s	66/55/sh
Cleveland	57/47/c	51/29/r	34/22/sf	Rapid City	35/21/sf	33/8/c	24/11/s
Dallas	69/36/t	55/39/pc	58/37/pc	St. Louis	58/29/sh	43/25/c	33/22/pc
Denver	35/17/sf	40/17/s	34/18/c	Salt Lake City	46/28/pc	48/25/s	45/26/c
Detroit	54/45/r	50/24/r	31/22/sf	San Francisco	64/46/s	60/48/c	59/50/pc
Honolulu	84/72/sh	85/71/c	84/72/sh	Washington, DC	62/48/pc	65/45/c	54/33/pc

# At Least 17 Lewis County Firefighters Take Part in Annual Firefighter Stairclimb in Seattle

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At least 17 firefighters from four local fire departments traveled from Lewis County to Seattle on Sunday to climb the 69 floors of the Columbia Center as part of the 32nd Annual Firefighter Stairclimb.

Participating firefighters climbed the Columbia Center in full structural turnout gear, while on air, to raise funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

“Completing the climb is a physical triumph in itself, but is also symbolic of, yet pales in comparison to, the strenuous journey that blood cancer patients endure,” state Firefighter Stairclimb organizers on the event’s website. “As firefighters race to the top, they keep in mind that every step forward is representative of moving toward finding a cure for all those battling this terrible disease.”

Four fire departments from Lewis County — Winlock Fire and Rescue, Chehalis Fire, the Riverside Fire Authority and Lewis County Fire District 6 — had teams of firefighters participate in this year’s stairclimb.

Winlock Fire and Rescue, also known as Lewis County Fire District 15, raised \$5,011 and had eight firefighters participate: Justin Shoemaker, Kellen Newberry, Patrick Jacobson, Justin Wilkey, Jonpaul Blum, Kelsey Williams, Amy Chambers-Farden and Chief Rich Underdahl.

Chehalis Fire had four firefighters participate — Daniel Ford, Abraham Meyer, Jacob Ross and Pat Glover — and raised a total of \$1,207.

Riverside Fire Authority raised \$3,144 and had two firefighters, Scott Weinert and William Ariss, participate.

Lewis County Fire District 6 had three firefighters participate — Devin Schlapbach, Mike Goodwillie and Kylie Bretzel — and raised a total of \$4,014.

In total, the over 300 participating teams across the nation raised \$2,072,238 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma society this year.

More information about the Firefighter Stairclimb, including each firefighter’s results, is available online at [https://www.lswa.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=1730&pg=entry](https://www.lswa.org/site/TR?fr_id=1730&pg=entry).

Sunday’s event was specifically for firefighters, but non-firefighters can complete the same challenging climb up the Columbia Center on March 26 during the Big Climb, which also benefits the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Registration for The Big Climb is open online at [https://www.lswa.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=1720&pg=entry](https://www.lswa.org/site/TR?fr_id=1720&pg=entry).



Justin Wilkey, Kellen Newberry and Justin Shoemaker of Lewis County Fire District 15 are pictured at the 32nd Annual Firefighter Stairclimb.



Chief Rich Underdahl of Lewis County Fire District 15 takes a short break during the 32nd Annual Firefighter Stairclimb.



Kelsey Williams of Lewis County Fire District 15 smiles for a photo at the 32nd Annual Firefighter Stairclimb.




Amy Farden of Lewis County Fire District 15 is pictured at the 32nd Annual Firefighter Stairclimb.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## Yvonne Wood

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nephews. Yvonne also had what she called her “Bonus Boys,” friends of Sean who were like sons. Charles King and Jared Sheldon held a special place in her heart. Yvonne was preceded in death by her mother, Jeannette Fineide; sisters, Julie Williams and Sally Justice; and niece, Allison Holtz.

Yvonne worked many different jobs but was most proud of working as a beautician doing manicures and pedicures. She loved cooking and was always looking for new recipes to try out. Yvonne loved animals and always had at least one cat in the house. She also loved spending time outdoors, especially at the beach. Yvonne had a wide range of friends and was always ready to help someone in need. She had a very kind and giving soul and will be missed by all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Northwest Kidney Center or the American Heart Association.

Yvonne Dee Wood, 60, passed away peacefully Feb. 23, 2023, surrounded by her husband, son and daughter-in-law at Providence St. Peter Hospital in Olympia, Washington. She was born June 18, 1962, in Centralia, Washington. She attended Centralia schools and most recently had been taking silversmithing classes at Centralia College.

Yvonne is survived by her husband of 35 years, Chris; son, Sean; daughter-in-law, Eunbi; granddaughter, Ellie; sister, Helen Holtz; stepfather, Donald Fineide; and numerous nieces and

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Deborah is survived by her husband Michael Braught; mother Mary Jane (Jean) Holmes; siblings Ron Holmes (Diana), Jeff Holmes, Alice Riley, Frank Holmes (Teresa), Patty Urton (Rick), Bert Holmes (Ruth), Cheryl Wright, Bill Holmes, and Jeanette Wrzesinski (Barry); children Ron Middleton (Tara) and Mary Harris (Dale); grandchildren Ashten Middleton (Emily), Leandre Gaines, Jayci Harris, Bryson Oliver, Amyah Middleton, Rayah Middleton, Krystin Harris, Theo, and Dahlia; soon to be great-grandson Jaxten Middleton; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Memorial service at Salkum New Beginnings Community Church on Monday March 20, 2023 at 6 pm, reception to follow. Memories and condolences may be shared at [www.sticklinsfuneralchapel.com](http://www.sticklinsfuneralchapel.com) for the Braught family.

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# Toledo Man Accused of Causing Wrong-Way Crash on Interstate 5, Breaking Into Two Winlock Homes

By Emily Fitzgerald

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A man accused of driving the wrong way on Interstate 5, hitting another car head-on near Exit 68 and then breaking into two Winlock residences early Monday morning is now facing felony charges in Lewis County Superior Court.

The man, Michael James Maggard, 53, of Toledo, was allegedly driving southbound on northbound I-5 when his vehicle struck another vehicle head-on near Exit 68, according to court documents.

The deputy who located the crash was responding to a report made just after 1:10 a.m. on March 13 that a vehicle, which was later identified as Maggard's, was driving the wrong way on I-5.

The driver of the other vehicle reported "shoulder pain" and had "a small abrasion on his hands" following the collision. He said he could not see the driver of the other vehicle.

"While the car may have been identified, the driver was never identified," said defense attorney Rachael Tiller during Maggard's preliminary hearing in Lewis County Superior Court on Tuesday. "I did not notice any injury or anything to indicate (Maggard) was involved in a head-on collision on I-5."

The deputy reportedly located Maggard's vehicle, which was vacant, upside down in a ditch near milepost 63 on northbound I-5 shortly after talking



Michael James Maggard, 53, of Toledo, appears in Lewis County Superior Court on Tuesday.

with the victim. A witness who pulled over to talk to the deputy reported seeing a suspect "jump from the vehicle while it was still moving" and said the suspect was wearing "a black hoodie," according to court documents.

At about 1:40 a.m. that same day, dispatch received a report of a break-in at a residential trailer in the 760 block of Frost Road in Winlock.

The trailer's occupant reported someone came in through the back door of the

trailer, where his bedroom is located, and stepped inside before the resident "woke up and began yelling at the suspect, who then left quickly."

While deputies were interviewing the resident and waiting for a K9 unit to arrive, a deputy reportedly saw "a white male with a white T-shirt trying to put on a dark-colored jacket while he was running around the rear of the trailer," according to court documents.

The deputy reportedly "rec-

ognized the male as Mr. Maggard and ran after him," at which point Maggard reportedly "dropped to the ground and placed his hands behind his back."

While the deputy was placing Maggard into the back of their patrol vehicle, a man reportedly approached the deputy and claimed "Mr. Maggard had just broken into his trailer prior to being apprehended."

According to the man, "he had turned on the lights in his

kitchen and saw Mr. Maggard laying on his couch." Maggard reportedly "took off running out of the trailer" after the man "yelled and cursed at (him)."

The man identified the jacket Maggard was putting on at the time of the arrest as his and accused Maggard of taking it from his trailer, per court documents.

During a tour of the man's trailer, which was also located in the 760 block of Frost Road, a deputy reportedly found "a black sweatshirt on the ground" that "was soaking wet from the rain." The man told the deputy the sweatshirt belonged to Maggard.

Maggard was booked into the Lewis County Jail just after 5:40 a.m. on Monday, March 13.

While Tiller argued there was no evidence to connect Maggard to the collision on I-5, Jackson said given his presence in the Winlock neighborhood near where his vehicle was found, "I believe there is circumstantial evidence that he likely is the suspect."

Maggard was charged Tuesday with two counts of residential burglary and one count each of felony hit-and-run, reckless driving and third-degree theft.

Court Commissioner Paul Strophy granted Jackson's request to set Maggard's bail at \$50,000 on Tuesday, citing community safety concerns and the risk that Maggard would fail to appear at a future court hearing if released as his reasons.

Maggard's arraignment hearing is scheduled for Thursday, March 16.



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## One Dead, One in Critical Condition After Six Overdose on Fentanyl at Thurston County Jail

By Lauren Girgis

The Seattle Times

Six incarcerated people have overdosed from fentanyl this month in the Thurston County Jail, causing one to die, according to a news release.

Corrections staff found the person who died, a man in his late 20s, on Thursday, according to the Thurston County Sheriff's Office. He was taken to Providence St. Peter Hospital in critical condition. He died Monday.

Tuesday, a man in his mid-30s was also found unresponsive in his cell and taken to the hospital. As of Tuesday evening, he remained in critical condition, according to the news release.

The Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office is investigating the death. The Mason County Sheriff's Office is investigating the incident involving the man in critical condition.

The other four people who overdosed were successfully revived on site, according to a news release.

The release said corrections staff took immediate action, including using naloxone, a medication — commonly known by its brand name Narcan — that rapidly reverses opioid overdose.

The sheriff's office did not say how fentanyl got into the jail.

### News in Brief

**Man Found Dead Outside Union Gospel Mission Tuesday Morning, Thurston County Police Say**

By The Olympian

A man was found dead Tuesday morning outside the Union Gospel Mission, 413 Franklin St. NE, according to Olympia police.

A preliminary investigation shows there were no signs of trauma to the body, Lt. Paul Lower said. The coroner has been notified and the death will be investigated, he said.

At about 6 a.m., police received a 911 call that a body had been found. The man appeared dead, according to the caller.

After officers arrived, they could not find the man's pulse. Olympia Fire Department medics later pronounced him dead.

Thurston County Coroner Gary Warnock said Tuesday afternoon the man was 44. His autopsy is set for this week.

Meanwhile, the body of a man found at Watershed Park in Olympia late Sunday is set to be examined on Wednesday, Warnock said.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

HOWARD WAMSLEY

1936 ~ 2023

Howard and his wife of 54 years, Carole, raised three children in Morton, Washington, sons Brian and Dale, and daughter, Janet. All three children married and stayed in the local area allowing Howard and Carole to be greatly involved in the raising of their four grandchildren and great-grandson as well. Howard was known to his family by many endearing names, including Grandpa, Papa and Papa Howie. Howard truly loved his family and will be greatly missed by all of them.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Leo Wamsley; and son, Dale Gillk.

Howard is survived by his wife, Carole (Rogers) Wamsley; son, Brian (Kimberly) Wamsley; daughter, Janet (Greg) Norris; brother, Garry Wamsley; sister, Patty Edge; grandchildren, Derick Gilk, Carlie (Rondal) Womack, Lucie Wamsley and Hayden Wamsley; and great-grandson, Leonard Womack.

The family would like to thank Fir Lawn Funeral Chapel for their care and services.

Private services will be held at a later date.



Howard Jean Wamsley passed away in the comfort of his home surrounded by family on March 3, 2023.

Howard was born to Roy and Mable Wamsley on July 13, 1936, in Chehalis, Washington. After graduating from high school in Onalaska, Washington, Howard spent six years in the Marines. After leaving the Marines, he worked as a hooktender and timber faller in Alaska and throughout the Pacific Northwest. After coming back to Lewis County, Howard dedicated the remainder of his career as a timber faller, spending time in the place he loved most, the woods. Even in retirement, Howard continued to be involved in the timber industry by sharpening chains for local loggers and splitting firewood.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

VERNA SHERMAN

1949 ~ 2023

Sorensen; aunt, Nina Walberg; uncle, Bob Sorensen; aunt, Ruth Sorensen; and brother-in-law, Ben Johnson.

Whether it was taking road trips, camping or making memories at Disneyland, Verna loved spending time with her family. She always enjoyed cheering on grandkids at their sporting events. She loved playing games and always beat everyone at Scrabble. One of her favorite things to do was listening to the Gaithers with her husband and sister.

Verna was a very special lady who loved her family and friends dearly. She showed this love every day faithfully with her giving heart. There was never a better mama, and she was the one of a kind "Honey Bun" to her husband of 48 years, two months and seven days. 'Til death do they part was their promise to each other, which they kept. She is now in the arms of Jesus, hearing, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

There will be a service at Claquato Cemetery at 10 a.m. on March 18.

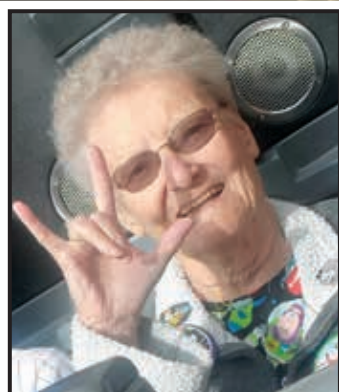
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Verna Mae Sherman, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, was born on May 9, 1949, and went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus March 7, 2023.

She is survived by her loving husband, Kenneth Sherman; son, Barry Sherman, and his wife, Teniel; daughter, Heather Sprague, and her husband, Kyle; siblings, Linda Johnson, of Centralia, and Rick Sorensen, and his wife, Janet, of Vancouver; nine grandchildren, Brady, Brooklyn, Mckayla, Giani, Justin, Ian, Vincent, Josiah and Oliver; and many beloved cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Vern and Lois

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## Sirens

### CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Burglary

• Michael Madrigal, 26, of Centralia, was arrested in the 1100 block of Eckerson Road just before 4 p.m. on March 13 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for allegedly stealing items from an unoccupied property. He was charged with second-degree burglary and third-degree theft in Lewis County Superior Court on March 14. Arraignment is scheduled for Thursday, March 16.

### Eluding

• An officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on West Main Street in Centralia at 2:55 a.m. on March 14. The officer caught up to the vehicle and attempted to stop it after seeing the vehicle did not have a license plate. The vehicle then fled west on Harrison Avenue and onto northbound Interstate 5 at a high rate of speed. The officer was not able to pursue due to state laws, according to the Centralia Police Department. Officers relayed the information to Thurston County Sheriff's deputies, who successfully deployed a spike strip on the vehicle. The vehicle continued north on I-5 until eventually becoming disabled near the Thurston/Pierce County border, where Thurston County deputies apprehended the four occupants. The driver, Feata Peo, 23, of Tacoma, was arrested and booked into the Thurston County Jail for possession

of a stolen vehicle and attempting to elude police. Additional attempt to elude police charges have been referred to the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office.

### Vehicle Prowl

• Two subjects, described as a "white male wearing a black leather raincoat and a white female wearing a heavy coat," were reportedly found inside a vehicle that wasn't theirs in the 400 block of North Ash Street just after 7:30 a.m. on March 14. The suspects reportedly "rode off on bikes" when they were confronted. The same couple was confronted again at 8:15 a.m. on March 14 while prowling a different vehicle in the 800 block of West Pear Street, but they reportedly "rode away on their bikes." No arrests were made.

### Theft

• A wallet containing IDs and credit cards was reported stolen from the 2000 block of Borst Avenue just after 6:20 p.m. on March 14.

### Assault

• A Centralia man was arrested in the 1000 block of Eckerson Avenue just after 1:10 p.m. on March 14 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for alleged fourth-degree assault, domestic violence.

### Hit-and-Run

• A hit-and-run was reported

in the 1000 block of Harrison Avenue just after 2:35 p.m. on March 14.

### CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT Burglary

• A subject was cited for second-degree burglary in the 300 block of Southwest 16th Street at approximately 7:35 a.m. on March 13.

• A burglary was reported in the 800 block of West Main Street at approximately 10:15 a.m. on March 14. The reporting party noticed signs of forced entry, stating it looked like the suspect/suspects broke in through a wall and took a desktop computer valued at over \$2,050.

• A case of second-degree burglary reported in the 600 block of West Main Street at approximately 11:55 a.m. on March 14 is under investigation.

### Theft

• A case of shoplifting was reported in the 1500 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue at approximately 7:25 p.m. on March 13.

### Vehicle Accident

• A non-injury, two-vehicle accident was reported in the 1800 block of South Market Boulevard at 3:05 p.m. on March 13.

### Dispute

• A possible physical dispute was reported in the 10 block of

Southwest Chehalis Avenue just before 3:35 p.m. on March 13.

### Assault

• A subject was arrested in the 300 block of Southwest Third Street just after 12:50 a.m. on March 14.

• A case of custodial assault that occurred at Green Hill School about a month ago was reported just after 11:10 a.m. on March 14.

• A case of fourth-degree assault reported in the 300 block of Northwest Chehalis Avenue just after 1 a.m. on March 15 is under investigation.

### LEWIS COUNTY JAIL STATISTICS

As of Wednesday morning, the Lewis County Jail had a total system population of 166 inmates, including 153 in the general population and 13 in the Work Ethic and Restitution Center (WERC). Of general population inmates, 121 were reported male and 32 were reported female. Of the WERC inmates, 11 were reported male and two were reported female.

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Sirens are compiled by reporter Emily Fitzgerald, who can be reached at [emily@chronline.com](mailto:emily@chronline.com). The Centralia Police Department can be reached at 360-330-7680, the Chehalis Police Department can be reached at 360-748-8605 and the Morton Police Department can be reached at 360-496-6636. If you were a victim of physical or sexual abuse, domestic violence or sexual assault, call Hope Alliance at 360-748-6601 or the Youth Advocacy Center of Lewis County at 360-623-1990.

gun was seen on campus and the lockdown was lifted at about 11:50 a.m., Knight said.

## Thurston County Police Open Death Investigation After Body Found in Park

By The Olympian

The body of an adult man was found in Watershed Park on Sunday, March 12, and the Olympia Police Department has opened an investigation into the cause of his death.

Police Lt. Paul Lower said a man was out around 5 p.m. Sunday hunting for mushrooms off the trails in Watershed Park when he came across the body down an embankment. He shouted for help and a group walking the trail called 911. Lower said it appears the man's body had been there for some time.

Lower said there were no obvious signs of trauma to the body, nor disturbances to the scene. Thurston County Coroner Gary Warnock said the man has not been positively identified yet, and his exam and autopsy will take place this week.

## News in Brief

### Ex-Timberline High School Student Arrested on Campus After Threat, Police Say

By The Olympian

A 19-year-old man and former Timberline High School student was arrested on suspicion of felony harassment Tuesday morning after he threatened to kill a current student on campus, according to Lacey police.

The school was placed on lockdown for about 30 minutes in a related matter, Sgt. Jeremy Knight said Tuesday.

The former student, who Knight said had been expelled, allegedly stabbed the student with a pencil and made the death threat. He was then brought into an office on campus, Knight said, but while there he called his mother to report seeing a gun on campus.

Police believe the man made the call in an attempt to divert attention away from him, Knight said.

Timberline then went into lockdown at about 11:25 a.m. Tuesday so police could investigate whether a gun was on campus. They later learned that no

office. "A deputy from the Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office, an officer from the Quinalt Police Department, and personnel from Fire District 8 began life-saving efforts on the male victim but were unsuccessful and the man died shortly after being transported from the scene."

The victim has not been identified by the sheriff's office.

Through interviews of neighbors and witnesses, deputies were able to identify the suspect as Phelps III.

Phelps fled the scene shortly after the incident, according to the sheriff's office. Investigators believe an argument began over a property dispute, which led to the shooting. Detectives finished searching the scene early Tuesday morning.

The sheriff's office is currently following up on leads attempting to locate Phelps.

"Phelps should be considered armed and dangerous," the sheriff's office wrote. "Please do not attempt to approach him. If you see Phelps or know where he is located, please call 911."

Information on the case can be provided to detectives via [sodetectives@grayshabor.us](mailto:sodetectives@grayshabor.us).

## Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office Seeks 'Armed and Dangerous' Homicide Suspect

By The Chronicle staff

Law enforcement officials are seeking an "armed and dangerous" suspect after a 59-year-old man died from gunshot wounds on Monday, according to the Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office.

Rufas A. Phelps III, 62, was identified as the suspect after allegedly fleeing the scene prior to the arrival of investigators.

Grays Harbor County deputies responded to the 100 block of Otis Avenue in Moclips at about 1:40 p.m. Monday to a report of a shooting. Deputies located a 59-year-old man, who was suffering from gunshot wounds.

"Officers from the Hoquiam Police Department, Quinalt Police Department and the Aberdeen Police Department all arrived on scene to assist in securing the scene, gathering statements and attempting to locate the suspect," according to the news release from the sheriff's

## Winlock High School First Semester Principal's List and Honor Roll

By The Chronicle staff

Winlock High School has announced its principal's list and honor roll for the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year.

Students are listed from highest to lowest GPA. Students with the same GPA are listed in alphabetical order.

fredo Alvarado, Kiya Peppers, Chase J. Scofield, Joseph W. Brenning, Kaidan Perkins, Jayden M. Brown, Nathaniel K. Gerger

### 11th Grade

#### Principal's List: 3.5 to 4.0

Charlee Connelly, Abby G. Hallstrom, Donnie Butterton, Madison Rohman, Michael R. Magallon, Sara Gabbert, Yeretsi J. Silvestre, Noor Mohsin, Madison B. Gerritson, Julian R. Camps, Grace S. Cotton, Adriana Garcia Gonzales

#### Honor Roll: 3.0 to 3.49

Kindyl M. Kelly, Chase Trodahl, Sara Beaber, Romi A. Smith, Pablo A. Regino, Madison N. Pelagio, Erick R. Gaylor, Daisy Sanchez, Brianna D. Ochoa, Kylie A. Bellikka

### 10th Grade

#### Principal's List: 3.5 to 4.0

Elizabeth Gustafson, Evangeline M. Hallstrom, Mariah J. Pacho, Evan Sanchez, Natalie Cardenas Hernandez, Lincoln C. Ruiz, Mateo Leon, Jadin D. Landrym Almir Ramirez-Montes, Clifford A. Norris, Kyleigh J. Creach

#### Honor Roll: 3.0 to 3.49

Mason McCarthy, Logan J. Buckner, Kyndra R. Forler, Christian W. Uhri, Marisa Del Peso, Taylor E. Bonds, Nevaeh M. Smith, Xavier Sancho-Carrillo, Gracie A. Herring, Clayton W. Trumbull, Vanessa Cruz Guijosa

### Ninth Grade

#### Principal's List: 3.5 to 4.0

Adiel M. Cisneros, Hailey L. Goodrich, Victoria A. Sancho, Bria J. Schlect, Wyatt Bellikka, Ava Wisti, Gracie L. Pierson,

## Death Notices

• JOANNE ROCHELLE BAKKO, 83, Rochester, died March 13 at her residence. Arrangements are under the care of Funeral Alternatives of Washington.

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# Opinion

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## Remembering a Musical Gift to Our Community

I've been surrounded by music from the womb on.

My mother had a beautiful singing voice and my dad had taught himself to play enough different instruments to fill this page. OK, so that's an exaggeration. But you get the idea. Need I remind anyone that I was once a local evening disc jockey for a dozen or so years until politics eventually got in the way?

So it's not unreasonable to learn that when I decided to use my morning hours to gain a little knowledge, I chose to take classes at Centralia College and that included a music class directed by Kenneth Kimball, who had already been teaching there since 1955.



By Bill Moeller

### COMMENTARY: *I Was Just Thinking ...*

While I was raised in a home with an old player piano, in later life I became more interested in jazz, the way it was being played back near the end of the last century. I was particularly intrigued by the way it was only being played by Black musicians at the time.

A book on that subject was released back in 1993 titled "Jackson Street After Hours." It tells the story of the development of jazz in the central district of Seattle. During World War II, soldiers from Fort Lewis were prohibited from entering that area for any reason and military police were stationed where they could make darned sure that nobody did.

Segregation was still in full force back then. I purchased a copy of that book as soon as

I was aware of its existence. In thumbing through it, I couldn't help but believe that the wall between races might be ready to come down when I found a picture that showed a young white lad playing a piano whose name was listed as Kenny Kimball, surrounded, apparently, by musicians from the University of Washington.

Now, could this have been the same person who later became the music director of Centralia College back when I was an adult student later in the 1960s? Yep. You couldn't keep him away from good, strong music, even back then. And, conversely, you couldn't keep Black musicians from being able to appreciate Kenny's talent when they heard it.

He, early, had begun to make

friends of these fellow musicians, many of whom would later become known worldwide. Quincy Jones, Jimmie Lunceford and Ray Charles are just a few of the musical legends who were friends of Kenny.

His musical future didn't occur immediately for him, though. It was 1953, after the end of World War II. The Army's drafting wasn't completed, though, and he was called to service. After the completion of the usual military training, he was shipped over to France, where he was stationed at NATO's cryptography room outside of Paris. While attending a concert in Paris, he had the good fortune to meet two ladies.

The first one was Nadia Boulang, internationally known for her teaching of musical composition. For instance, when George Gershwin came to her for instruction, she's said to have

told him that he didn't need any help — to continue what he was already known for, or words to that effect.

The other lady he met was Audrey Goodwin, who after not too long a time, changed that last name to Kimball. The result? For our area, a musical gift for the community and his students.

You may look forward to some examples of that in a second column about Kenneth sometime in the near future. It's difficult for an older person such as myself to realize that it's now been 20 years since he passed away, but his impact lives on.

Ask any of his former students or friends.

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## It's Time to Take Charge of Screens for Our Kids and Ourselves

I'm going to start this "turn off your phones" column with a call to first spend 80 minutes watching your screen.

A movie called "Childhood 2.0," which our friends at the Chehalis Parent-Teacher Organization showed last week to community members, is definitely worth your time. The whole film can be watched, free and without commercials, on YouTube at [www.bit.ly/Childhood2point0](http://www.bit.ly/Childhood2point0).

The movie, about changes to the carefree childhood days of yore, is sobering but ultimately enlightening and positive as it suggests ways to stay engaged



By Brian Mittge

### COMMENTARY: *Hills and Valleys*

in our children's real and digital lives.

The problems it elucidates might be familiar to some parents, but the extent to which our children — if they have smartphones or social media — are encountering serious challenges is worth being reminded about.

We all know about "stranger danger" if we send our kids out to wander the streets, but the multitude of people taking an unhealthy interest in public-facing online profiles our children create is even more worrisome. Online safety experts created fake but persuasive digital personas, and within the first two minutes of going online, their 11-year-old avatar had received multiple private messages with

sexual themes.

Unless you want to leave your proverbial front door unlocked and give these creeps potential access to your kids all night, don't let your child have a device in their bedroom. In our house, my wise wife set up a charging station in the kitchen. All devices live there at night.

The threats to our children from cyber-bullying or pressure to share explicit photos is another worrisome aspect of modern life.

The pressure so many children feel from online social networks (even text threads) creates anxiety and can lead to suicidal thoughts. (A common online insult nowadays is "go kill yourself" — which is easy to

type, but shockingly destructive to receive.)

There is ongoing pressure to compare yourself to others — how many followers you have, how many likes a photo gets.

We can't solve these problems for our kids, but we can make sure they have guidance.

It's crucial to have ongoing conversations with your children about their phones, about their social networks (both virtual and in-person) and about their lives.

"If a kid isn't to the point where they're just a little annoyed by you going there again, then you're not doing it enough," said Chris McKenna, founder of Protect Young Eyes.

It'll be uncomfortable, especially at first. It might take some time to delve into what's going on. But it's the key to helping

our kids navigate a completely new online world with a whole new set of challenges.

"We're going through a painful process of adaptation to something that has fundamentally changed our culture," said Dr. Joel Stoddard, a pediatric mental health doctor at Children's Hospital Colorado.

Parents need to help guide our children in becoming fundamentally solid men and women in this difficult time.

"Focus on teaching them how to be people in this world with all of these things coming at them," is how one mom phrased it.

Great resources for parents are available at [www.childhood-twowomovie.com](http://www.childhood-twowomovie.com).

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### Letters to the Editor

#### Children of Centralia Deserve a Safe, Clean Place to Swim

Hi, my name is Anicee Pruitt and I live and work here in Centralia. I have a 10-year-old daughter who wants to swim in the Veterans Memorial Pearl Street Pool. As a parent and citizen of Centralia we owe it to our children and future children of Centralia to have a clean and affordable place for them to swim.

The splash pad is wonderful for the younger children. During the summer when it is hot the splash pad is overtaken by the old children. If you take your children to Schaefer Park, you have to watch out for broken glass and needles. Rotary Riverside Park has a small area that is easy to access with small children. Both parks you have to be careful of homeless camps.

I have talked to parents who live here in Centralia and children and teenagers who live here and they would like the pool opened during the summer. It would give families a place to go and meet other families in the community. It would also allow our children to build relationships outside of their normal family and friends.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

ANICEE PRUITT  
Centralia

#### Have Patience as Lewis

PENNY MAUEL  
Chehalis

#### County Authorities Investigate Aron Christensen Death

My intention is not to criticize the family members of Aron Christensen or to criticize the sheriff or prosecutor's offices' lengthy procedures regarding Aron's death near Walupt Lake in August 2022.

Please understand the complexity of the situation in determining the facts of how Aron came to die as he did.

I would give the Lewis County agencies plenty of time in gathering all of the facts before going to charging, arresting and prosecuting. You want it done right the first time, correct? The scene is remote and difficult to process and what has come out through The Chronicle is sometimes sketchy or incomplete or in need of correcting in future articles. The whole of the alleged responsible party's story to me contains too many glossed over points and inconsistencies.

Now the point of the officer who was sent out to take possession of the bodies of Aron and his dog should not have been making off-hand comments on the cause of death to family members present at the trailhead when the bodies were brought out to the transport site. Poor form.

Lastly, I do take exception to the lady's statement about we as Lewis County residents must be satisfied with our sheriff's office and prosecutor's office; implying we are satis-

fied with her appraisal of the actions of our law agencies as is applied to Aron's death through her eyes.

Ma'am, that is an incorrect implication. I have sat on nine separate jury panels, two of which were three months long and the remaining two months and one month in length. Again, the fact-finding and case-building is a slow process. Be assured there is a majority of residents of Lewis County who are on your side in finding the truth of Aron's death.

LARRY KEARNS  
Lewis County

#### Lawmakers Must Take Action on Early Learning

As a parent, I understand the importance of early learning on a child's development. In Lewis County, there are a few Head Start locations; however, there are only two locations on the eastern side of the county.

At the Salkum location, when a teacher is out sick, the location has to close down for the school day. This issue is particularly concerning when thinking of the negative impact it could have on the children that attend. We can expand our ability to continue education with the use of substitute teachers. We need our state lawmakers to take action and ensure that our children have a bright and healthy future.

AMBER STAMPER  
Mossyrock

#### Let's Come Together Saturday to Show Love for a Pioneer Cemetery

In the past few years, we here in Lewis County have seen the sad neglect and demise of several pioneer cemeteries. There are many underlying reasons for their difficulties. On the other hand, there are many pioneer cemeteries scattered throughout the county that have survived the many trials and tribulations time has ravaged upon them. Some are supported by the tax dollars of cemetery districts, others are not. It is ever so important to let the many families who have ancestors buried in these smaller sites know they can and should be involved in the care and upkeep of their family history.

I am involved with Fern Hill located on the south end of Chehalis just off Bishop Road. Many are quasi-familiar with driving by the stately pillars at 1500 Bishop Road (intersection of Bishop and Interstate 5) and some are aware of the effort put forth by the association that oversees this beautiful 8 and a half acres.

There were those who purchased a site many years ago who believed this community treasure had what is known as "perpetual care" and they need not worry that someone would assume responsibility for the resting place of their beloved

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# Steve Wohld Appointed as Interim Lewis County Manager

By Isabel Vander Stoep  
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An unanimous vote by the Lewis County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday appointed Steve Wohld, the county's chief of internal services, to the interim role of the county manager.

The current county manager, Erik Martin, is set to see his final day in the job on March 24.

"We had some discussion about this last week and it appeared that is the direction the board wants to head," Martin said of the appointment on Tues-

day. "Attached to that resolution is a list of direction the board wants to give to Steve."

In the directions, the commissioners outline that Wohld should be an equal representative for all the county's offices and departments, pursuing the "best possible service" to the citizens of the county through his management.

The proposed timeline for his stay in the role is set to be four to six months while the county searches for a permanent replacement.

"It's more important to select

the correct county manager going forward as opposed to trying to go through it as quickly as possible," Commissioner Lindsey Pollock said on Tuesday.

The interim manager will not be permitted to appoint or remove any chief officers in any department without the board's approval.

"I have complete confidence in Steve and his ability to keep things going the right direction and moving forward but I also have complete confidence in all the (department) directors," Commissioner Scott Brummer

said. "My observations of the last few months have been that we have outstanding directors in this county and they're doing a fantastic job and difficult jobs, so I'm confident that this is not going to be an issue and things will be as smooth as possible."

Wohld thanked the commissioners for their support. According to the resolution passed, he requested to be the one to fill this role while the county seeks a permanent manager.

"I would echo that confidence in our directors and also the candor the directors provided this

entire process in figuring out how we're going to go forward," Pollock said. "Change is always a little bit difficult."

Brummer added that as the transition gets underway, staff and department heads should feel welcome to call or meet with the commissioners and that he intends to be as supportive as possible.

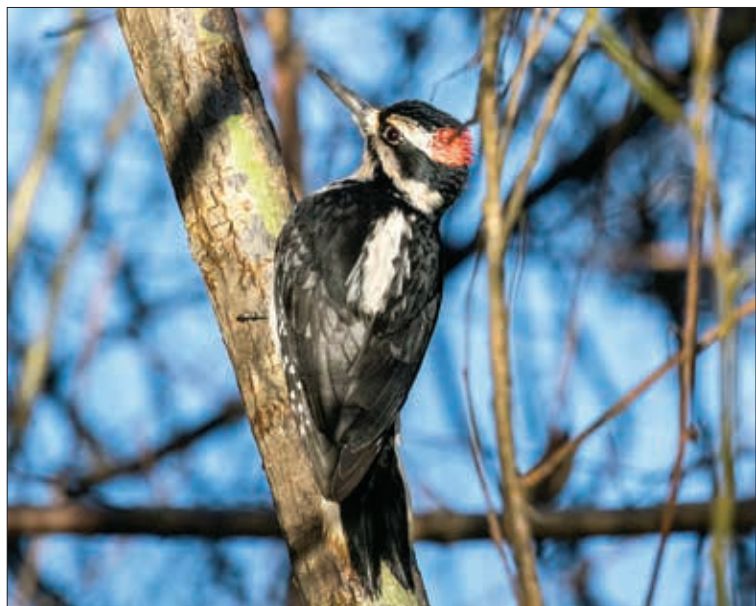
"Thanks for being willing to do this," Commissioner Sean Swope said to Wohld. "I know you have a big plate that you're already doing. Just made a buffet out of it."

# In Focus: Wildlife of Fort Borst Park in Centralia



Photos by Isabel Vander Stoep / isabel@chronline.com

Beside Fort Borst Lake in Centralia on Monday, a great blue heron preens its feathers and basks in the afternoon sun.



A hairy woodpecker climbs a tree next to Fort Borst Lake in Centralia on Monday afternoon in the sun.



A squirrel stares forward while standing on a sidewalk at Fort Borst Park in Centralia on Monday.



A hairy woodpecker looks toward Fort Borst Lake in Centralia on Monday.



A resident bald eagle soars through clear skies above Fort Borst Lake in Centralia on Monday afternoon.

## PDC Issues Warning to Lewis County Sheriff Over Failure to Disclose Party Affiliation in Ads

By Owen Sexton  
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The Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) issued a warning last month to Lewis County Sheriff Rob Snaza over his failure to disclose party affiliation on political advertisements during the 2022 election cycle.

This warning came after Toledo resident Kyle Wheeler filed a complaint with the PDC at the end of December. Wheeler alleged Citizens to Re-elect Rob Snaza and The Chronicle may have violated state law when political advertisements published in The Chronicle on Sept. 22, Oct. 1 and Oct. 15 did not include Snaza's political affiliation.

Wheeler also asked the PDC to consider if it was a violation for Citizens to Re-elect Rob Snaza to be identifying themselves differently in the advertisements.

"The ads state they are, 'Paid for by Citizens to Re-elect Rob Snaza for Sheriff,' and not their registered name, 'Citizens to Re-elect Rob Snaza' which does not include, 'For Sheriff,'" Wheeler said in his complaint. "Conceptually, these could be seen as separate committees supporting this candidate, but if a person goes to search for, 'Citizens to Re-elect Rob Snaza for Sheriff,' as is stated on their ads, technically nothing exists."

In an email response to the PDC complaint, Snaza agreed these issues were causes for concern, but added they were not done intentionally as his campaign's marketing team forgot to include it on the advertisement.

"There was no intent to leave it off or any ulterior motive or intent to deceive the public," said Snaza in the email response. "In response to the second issue, the funds to pay for the ads came from contributions from numerous private citizens. In no manner was it meant or to imply that the ads came from a large group and or committee. I take full responsibility for these errors as I am the candidate responsible for the campaign."

The PDC's investigation concluded the failure to include Snaza's political affiliation on his political advertisements was simply an oversight by his campaign and Snaza was issued a written warning.

The Chronicle and CT Publishing are owned by Coralee and Chad Taylor, who also own The Silver Agency in Chehalis. Snaza was a client of The Silver Agency last year.

To view the complaint, Snaza's response and the PDC's conclusion, visit <https://www.pdc.wa.gov/rules-enforcement/enforcement/enforcement-cases/119960>.



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# Man Accused of Fleeing on Foot From Deputy, Breaking Into Packwood Residence Arrested

By Emily Fitzgerald  
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A man accused of driving a stolen vehicle, fleeing from a Lewis County Sheriff's Office deputy on foot and then breaking into a residence in the Packwood area on March 9 is now facing multiple felony charges in Lewis County Superior Court.

The deputy first contacted the man, who was later identified as Scott Andrew Cummins, 42, of Everett, March 9 in a parking lot near the old Packwood Mill on U.S. Highway 12 following a report of a dispute.

The man allegedly gave the responding deputy a false name and date of birth, according to court documents.

While asking about the dispute, the deputy wrote down the license plate number of the Lexus Cummins was driving to run later, as dispatch's usual search system was down at the time. Cummins reportedly told the deputy he had a suspended license and, with the deputy unable to look up the name Cummins provided, the deputy allowed Cummins to leave the scene on foot.

Cummins did so, taking



Scott Andrew Cummins, 42, of Everett, appears in Lewis County Superior Court on Monday.

with him a black-and-white dog that was in the vehicle with him.

The deputy cleared the scene and continued westbound on U.S. Highway 12 until the search system came back online and showed the Lexus was reported stolen out of Bellevue on March 6, according to court documents.

The deputy turned around and returned to the scene, where he reportedly found Cummins near the Lexus. The deputy reportedly "called out to (Cummins) to come over to him because he wanted to talk to him about the car," but Cummins allegedly "walked backwards into the eastbound lane" of Highway 12. When the deputy "yelled at him to get out of the roadway" and told him the vehicle was stolen, Cum-

mins allegedly "yelled back he did not know the vehicle was stolen, began running away and dropped his cellphone and the black-and-white dog in the process," according to court documents.

The deputy began chasing Cummins on foot but, when he "noticed the dog was running loose on the highway," he "gave up the pursuit and got the dog out of the roadway."

The deputy was soon contacted by a woman who claimed the dog was hers and stated Cummins, who she identified as her ex-boyfriend, had "run off into the woods behind her house."

The deputy then identified Cummins, who had three active warrants out for his arrest at the time of the incident, as the man

he had just contacted.

Immediately after escaping the deputy, Cummins is accused of breaking into a residence in the 12700 block of U.S. Highway 12 in Packwood.

A window on the back door of the residence was reportedly "smashed open" and Cummins allegedly changed clothes inside, leaving behind black patrol-style boots, blue jeans, a black hoodie, a dark sweater and a gray baseball hat and taking a camouflage jacket, light-blue jeans, tan snow boots, two Gucci watches, a belt with camouflage pouches on it and a lapel pin for the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Cummins was wearing all of those items when a deputy arrested him on March 10, according to court documents.

The deputy also noted he had a box of 20 gauge shotgun shells and a partial pack of Lucky Strike cigarettes in his possession at the time of the arrest.

Cummins was booked into the Lewis County Jail at 1:45 p.m. on March 10.

The burglary was reported two days later on March 12. While investigating the burglary, the deputy noted the clothes

found inside the residence matched what he saw Cummins wearing on March 9, and noted the stolen items matched what Cummins was wearing at the time of his arrest.

The deputy also noted two Lucky Strike cigarette butts in the bedroom, which the homeowners denied were theirs.

Cummins was charged Monday with two counts of obstructing a law enforcement officer and one count each of possession of a stolen vehicle, first-degree criminal impersonation, residential burglary, third-degree malicious mischief and third-degree possession of stolen property.

Two of those charges — possession of a stolen vehicle and residential burglary — are class B felonies with maximum penalties of 10 years in prison. First-degree criminal impersonation is a class C felony punishable by up to five years in prison. The remaining charges are gross misdemeanors with maximum penalties of 364 days in prison each.

Cummins' bail was set at \$75,000 in Lewis County Superior Court on Monday. His arraignment hearing is scheduled for Thursday, March 16.

## Four Accused of Hiding in Centralia Restaurant Play Area, Stealing From Cash Register

By Emily Fitzgerald  
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An 18-year-old and three

juveniles are facing felony burglary and theft charges after they allegedly hid in the play area of a Centralia restaurant and then stole \$200 from the cash register after the business closed for the night on Saturday.

The four defendants — Junior Willie Jordan, 18, of Centralia, a 15-year-old boy and two 16-year-old boys — were arrest-

ed over the weekend and were in custody as of Monday afternoon.

As a policy, The Chronicle does not identify juvenile offenders under the age of 18.

The group is accused of hiding in the play structure area of Aliberto's Mexican Food in the 700 block of Harrison Avenue before the restaurant closed on March 10. They allegedly

emerged at about 3:30 a.m., taking about \$200 cash from the register and leaving through the building's drive-thru window, according to court documents.

The business notified the Centralia Police Department of the burglary at about 6:05 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, according to the police department's call log.

Officers were able to identify the suspects from security footage of the burglary, according to court documents.

Jordan was released on \$10,000 unsecured bail following a preliminary hearing in Lewis County Superior Court on Monday. His arraignment hearing is scheduled for Thursday, March 16.

### News in Brief

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# Gluesenkamp Perez Talks Timber During Town Hall

By Brennen Kauffman  
The Daily News

U.S. Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez answered questions about bank bailouts and Cowlitz County projects during a town hall in Longview on Monday night.

Dozens of people attended the event at the Roxy Theater to hear from the 3rd District's first-term Democratic congresswoman. Cowlitz Economic Development Council President Ted Sprague moderated the event and ran Gluesenkamp Perez through a list of questions submitted by the crowd.

Several of the questions tied back to the local timber and wood industry, either explicitly or implicitly. Gluesenkamp Perez is one of three Democrats on the forestry subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee. She toured the NORPAC mill complex in Longview on Monday afternoon before coming to the town hall.

Through the committee, she said she is working to fund more research into the uses for wood pulp and other mill waste products, which would help the local economy and reduce the environmental damage from microplastics.

"I really believe paper and cardboard products are the solu-



Brennen Kauffman / The Daily News

U.S. Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, right, speaks during a town hall at the Roxy Theater in Longview on March 13, 2023. CEDC President Ted Sprague moderated the session.

tion to plastics. That's what we did 40 years ago, and Longview is a juggernaut of cardboard and paper," Gluesenkamp Perez said.

Last week, Gluesenkamp Perez and two Republican House representatives from Idaho introduced a bill to allow counties and Native American tribes to enter "good neighbor" forest restoration partnerships with the U.S. Forest Service.

Gluesenkamp Perez spun a

question about the maintenance of two specific roads in Gifford Pinchot National Forest into a broader statement on the need for kids to appreciate forests.

Gluesenkamp Perez pointed to the bipartisan cosponsors for the forest access bill and many of the others she introduced this winter. The comment received some of the loudest applause of the night.

The evening's first question

was about the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and the federal response that followed. Gluesenkamp Perez said she was unhappy about how the bank had managed its investments and risk leading into the closure.

At the same time, she was concerned about the ripple effects on other regional banks, such as PacWest Bancorp, whose stock value dropped around 40% on Monday.

"A lot of small businesses are wrapped up in this that are just like mine and yours. You have to contain it, so I want answers for what was going on. I want broader accountability. ... If my tax dollars are touching this, that is a problem and it deserves answers," Gluesenkamp Perez said.

Gluesenkamp Perez told The Daily News later that evening that the accountability could potentially include civil and criminal penalties for the bank's board of directors and leadership if there was evidence of misconduct. The Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission are reportedly investigating the bank.

"Their board members had a responsibility for oversight that, right now, it looks like they did not fulfill," Gluesenkamp Perez said.

On another timely issue, Gluesenkamp Perez said she was in favor of a bill introduced in the Senate to end clock changes for daylight savings. She said she did not care if daylight savings or standard time became the permanent version as long as it meant fewer time changes for her and her 1-year-old son.

"You live and die by the sleep schedule. You flip that back an hour or forward an hour, it's a nightmare," Gluesenkamp Perez said.

## Elk Herd Killed in Train Strike in Southwest Washington

By The Columbian

Thursday morning, a BNSF Railway freight train collided with a herd of two dozen elk just

east of Cape Horn Lookout, killing them all upon impact.

Operators sounded a whistle and triggered the train's emergency response but were not able to stop before striking an estimated 24 to 26 elk, according to the rail company. The track passes through a secluded area between state Highway 14 and

the Columbia River, roughly 1.5 miles from the lookout.

Lena Kent, BNSF general director of public affairs, said the workers moved the elk bodies off the track to minimize potential hazards for railway traffic and notified officials from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The animals were not

salvageable.

Jeffery Wickersham, Department of Fish and Wildlife captain, said the incident is an anomaly — especially of this magnitude.

Year-round, there are minimal reports related to wildlife being struck by trains.

"Sadly, it looks as though this

was a wrong place wrong time for the herd," he wrote in an email to The Columbian.

Based on the location where the elk congregated, they were likely grazing, Wickersham said. Moving along the open tracks would be an easier route to maneuver through the dense vegetation.

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## News in Brief

## City of Centralia Annexes Over 100 Acres of Property Along Reynolds Road

By The Chronicle staff

The City of Centralia annexed a 108.96 acre plot along Reynolds Avenue during the city council's regular meeting Tuesday night.

City staff have been working with developers over the past couple of years and toward the annexation with plans for possible industrial developments in the area.

The land annexed is also the location of the Blakeslee Junction homeless encampment. Members of Gather Church have raised concerns about the people living there at past Centralia City Council meetings when the annexation was discussed.

Look for a full story on this annexation in an upcoming edition of The Chronicle.

## Twin Cities Rotary to Hold 'Smoke and Mirrors' Murder Mystery Dinner at The Juice Box on April 16 and 23

By The Chronicle staff

A "Smoke and Mirrors" murder mystery and dinner will be

held on April 16 and 23 at 4 p.m. by Twin Cities Rotary Club.

The event will take place at The Juice Box, located at 216 S. Tower Ave. in Centralia.

This event is a three-course dinner and murder mystery theater. The dinner will be catered by Occasions DB. The murder mystery is written and directed by Twin Cities Rotary members. Cost of attendance is \$40 per person.

## 20th Legislative District Delegation to Hold Virtual Town Hall on March 20

By The Chronicle staff

State Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia, and state Reps. Ed Orcutt, R-Kalama, and Peter Abbarno, R-Centralia, are holding a virtual town hall on Monday, March 20.

Residents of the 20th Legislative District are encouraged to take part in the meeting, which will be held on Zoom from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

"There's much to report to our constituents, especially in the areas of public safety, affordability and education, which are the Republican priorities for this session. We're seeing progress on issues that affect communities throughout the state, like addressing the sharp rise of crime and the drug-overdose epidemic, as well as local issues like planning for future flooding in the Chehalis Valley," Braun stated in

a news release.

In their announcement, the legislators said meeting virtually allows easy and convenient interactions between constituents and the 20th Legislative District delegation while meeting on a weeknight avoids disrupting weekend family activities.

"This town hall also gives constituents a chance to express support or concerns regarding policy or budget proposals and to ask questions about these issues," Orcutt said.

Those wishing to attend the virtual town hall must sign up in advance. The online form is available at <https://bit.ly/40cjOhc>.

"I am looking forward to listening to the concerns of our constituents from all over the 20th Legislative District and discussing solutions," Abbarno said. "With the 2023 legislative session more than halfway over, this is a great opportunity to provide folks with an update on the many good and bad policies making their way through the process and, of course, the many missed opportunities."

## Lewis County Accessible Recreation to Hold a Spring Fling Dance and Karaoke for Adults With Disabilities

By The Chronicle staff

Lewis County Accessible Recreation will hold a "Spring

Fling Dance and Karaoke" event on March 18 for adults with disabilities. The event is free and open only to those ages 18 and over.

The event will take place at the Veterans Memorial Museum, located at 200 SW Veterans Way in Chehalis, from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, email [lcaccessiblerecreation@gmail.com](mailto:lcaccessiblerecreation@gmail.com) or call 360-472-8301.

Sponsors and donation items are still needed. Those wishing to help can visit <https://tinyurl.com/3c6t99zh> to view the Amazon wishlist.

## After Graduating at 15, W.F. West Grad Seeks to Change Laws for Athletics

By The Chronicle staff

In June 2021, Maddy Casper graduated from W.F. West High School and Centralia College at the age of 15, earning high honors from the latter for her GPA of 3.9.

A soccer player, she was then unable to continue her high school sports career. Nearly two years later, Casper, 17, is set to continue her college education, likely at the University of South Carolina, her mother reported in an email.

But, as her life was impacted by no longer participating on the soccer team for athletics — she continued on the sidelines as a team manager — Casper sought to change the rules for

students like her in the future.

"At this point we aren't sure what the results will be, but it's been fun watching her work on the project," said Kathleen Casper, Maddy's mom, in an email to The Chronicle last week. "Maddy wrote to the legislators and the state superintendent of public instruction, and the WIAA. She told them her story and asked for their help. They all responded in helpful ways, inviting her to discuss the issue more and to meet with them."

It wasn't that W.F. West didn't want her around, Kathleen Casper said, just that their hands were tied with WIAA (Washington Interscholastic Activities Association) rules.

But, after Maddy Casper met with various lawmakers, her mother reported the WIAA executive director said they were working on revamping the rules and would look at her issue.

"She has been following up... (19th District) Representative (Jim) Walsh said he would gladly support a bill to enforce schools having to include early graduates until they otherwise are ineligible to play," Kathleen Casper said, later adding, "By the way, none of that advocacy will impact her life anymore she is going off to university in the fall and will not be able to play high school sports again anyway."

Read about Maddy Casper in a 2021 Chronicle article at <https://www.chronline.com/stories/at-15-local-girl-graduating-from-centralia-college-with-high-honors,267067>.

## Chehalis

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into effect as soon as possible.

City code allows the council to forgo an ordinance's normally required second reading and approve it on its first and final reading if passing the ordinance is urgent to public safety.

"I've been waiting for this for a long, long time and I think we should just get it done," Chehalis Mayor Tony Ketchum said.

Staff worked over the past several months to ensure the camping ban would be in compliance with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals rulings upholding the Martin v. Boise and the and Johnson v. Grants Pass decisions.

Both rulings declared bans on camping unconstitutional unless municipalities ensured people experiencing homelessness had adequate access to overnight shelters before enforcing the bans.

"Kevin Nelson deserves a lot of credit for getting the council a

legally defensible ordinance in a short amount of time," Carns told The Chronicle.

Aside from Carns and Nelson, other staff involved in the creation of the ordinance included the police chief and deputy police chief, Parks and Recreation and Planning and Building department staff and a member of the Chehalis City Council Beautification Committee.

"The idea behind this is to limit camping, sleeping and storing personal property on public property, with a great deal of exceptions. Those exceptions essentially relate to periods of time when there is no alternative shelter available," Nelson said at the meeting. "The federal government has determined it is important that the city not prevent people from doing things that every human needs to do and they're doing it on public property simply because they do not have any alternatives."

In a press release sent to The Chronicle, Councilor Daryl Lund praised the ordinance for

balancing public safety and the rights of people experiencing homelessness.

"The passing of this new ordinance is a significant step towards addressing the escalating issues related to the unhoused population and their impact on the community," Lund said in the release. "Officials are confident that this new ordinance will help keep the city safe while also ensuring that the basic rights of those who need assistance are respected."

Lund added that the ordinance closely mirrors other municipalities in Washington state.

Carns believes the ordinance is a step in the right direction as communities around Lewis County deal with the rise of people experiencing homelessness. He indicated it was the first step of many more to come.

"Ultimately, (we need to) make sure that the chronically homeless are getting the services that taxpayers are currently spending a lot on," Carns said.

Other city code amend-

ments could also be in the works, Carns said. He told The Chronicle he wants to help Chehalis better deal with derelict and abandoned vehicles, abandoned or stolen shopping carts and cleaning trash from existing homeless encampments.

"City staff is spending a lot of time picking up shopping carts and trash," Carns said.

While also banning camping, sleeping and storing personal property, the ordinance also established guidelines dictating what law enforcement does with personal property they find on public property.

Upon removal from public property, a person's private property will be safely stored by the Chehalis Police Department for a minimum of 60 days. If stored personal property is not claimed after 60 days, law enforcement is authorized to dispose of it.

Additionally, law enforcement is not required to store personal property if it is hazardous or evidently valueless. That includes garbage, needles, drug contra-

band or "items plainly dangerous or constituting refuse."

Chehalis Police Chief Randy Kaut is responsible for creating the administrative policy to carry out the provisions, according to the amended city code.

As for the shelter itself, Lewis County officials are still taking proposals for a night-by-night shelter that will be located near Yard Birds on Northeast Kresky Avenue in Chehalis. In previous reporting by The Chronicle, county officials hoped to have the shelter open this year.

County officials worked alongside city officials during the ordinance's drafting phase. Lewis County Commissioner Lindsey Pollock was in attendance during Monday night's meeting.

Last fall, Lewis County commissioners voted to approve an ordinance prohibiting unauthorized camping on county land and adopted a resolution for homeless encampment removals and site cleanups.

The county has yet to enforce its own ordinance.

## Toledo

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left behind. Still, the growth must be done responsibly, Hayes said, which is why the city has hired a planning consultant.

"It's about making sure that homes go in in a responsible way so that we create good living conditions for our future residents," Hayes said. "Toledo's been pretty stagnant for a long time and we could use a little bit of growth."

The large development also presents opportunities for the municipality and other taxing districts such as the Toledo School District, Hayes said. While plans aren't official, the school district is considering charging impact fees on the construction to offset costs of additional students who might come into the area for the housing.

In a Monday morning meeting with the county commissioners, Lewis County Community Development Director Lee Napier said she's working with

the school district this week to determine the feasibility of that plan, which is within the district's right. After its bond measure failed in February, the fees could represent an opportunity for the schools to make capital improvements without the full burden falling on the taxpayers.

By the end of the year, Hayes said the city hopes it will have annexed land toward Interstate 5, at the request of various landowners who desire the city's services. In line with state growth guidelines, the city will then

have to expand its urban growth area or UGA, where it can eye future expansion.

Because the state Route 505 bridge over the Cowlitz River is not equipped with conduits for water or sewer, Hayes said expansion to the east is not being considered. He also felt the community would like to preserve the prairie's beauty in that direction.

Expansion toward I-5 also represents more economic opportunities, Hayes said. Winlock, for example, has seen more young families living in

the new housing units, whether they then commute to the Twin Cities, work remotely or stay in South Lewis County.

"(Toledo) is a wonderful place to live. I think we know we're a little jewel. That's part of why growing really fast isn't what we want to do," Hayes said. "The big communication is, really, you have to grow some. It's very similar to, 'I'm not ever going to paint my house because I don't want it to change.' Well, eventually your house will rot. At some point, you need to grow a little."

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# Identity Theft Trial for Mother of Missing Oakville Girl Delayed

By Allen Leister  
The Daily World

The long-awaited trial for Jordan Bowers, the biological mother and prime suspect in the disappearance of 6-year-old Oakley Carlson, has been delayed, striking the originally slated date of March 21.

What was supposed to be a trial readiness hearing for Bowers, who appeared in court via Zoom and is currently being held in Grays Harbor County Jail on four counts of identity theft, turned into a granting for a motion of continuance by state prosecutors.

“My preference would be at least 30 days. I’ve got a lot of witnesses to wrangle together to get them all heard at a certain time,” said Prosecuting Attorney Richard Petersen during the hearing.

When questioned by Katherine Svoboda, the pre-assigned judge for the trial, Bowers agreed with the notion that the additional time would be in her best interest to let her defense attorney, Michael Nagle, prepare for the trial. However, Bowers claimed she didn’t communicate with Nagle regarding the state’s request for more time.

“I’ve had a conversation with (Bowers) about continuing the trial, but we didn’t discuss this particular motion,” Nagle said.

With Bowers declining to object to a new trial date, both attorneys and Judge Svoboda came to an agreement that the first week of May would provide a good time for the trial to commence.

“Based on the motion filed by the state, I’m going to find good cause for the continuance. I will grant complex case status



Jordan Bowers, left, and Andrew Carlson, right, are suspects in the disappearance of their daughter Oakley Carlson, center.

but based on the length of this continuance, it will have to be extraordinary circumstances before you’ll get additional time,” Judge Svoboda said.

When asked for an estimated duration by Judge Svoboda, Petersen said the trial would take four days. As such, the trial is set to begin on May 2 and conclude on May 5. While trial readiness will commence at 8:15 a.m. on April 24, Judge Svoboda also issued a pre-trial hearing at 8:15 a.m. on April 3 to address any “scheduling issues or discovery issues.”

Following the conclusion of the hearing, Petersen said to The Daily World that he filed the motion of continuance on Wednesday, March 8, but reiterated it had been in the works for a while.

“It’s a complicated case and there are a number of witnesses, a bunch of whom are with DSHS (Department of Social and Health Services) unemployment security and they just

started their own internal investigation so I’m hoping that will bring some additional evidence to light,” Petersen said. “It’s extremely difficult to get that many witnesses together on the same page that quickly.”

According to Petersen, he hasn’t spoken with anyone from DSHS before the March 13 hearing but stated he was informed by detectives the DSHS investigation would be helpful. When asked how many witnesses Petersen has for the case, he claimed there are at least 14 right now ranging from victims, DSHS workers, detectives and officers.

While indicating there could be more witnesses by the time the trial date arrives, Petersen said the fifth victim of Bowers’ alleged defrauding, Todd Ritter, is still being looked at. Ritter was originally brought up during a Feb. 21 omnibus hearing for Bowers which eventually got delayed until March 6.

Petersen revealed that, pending

more development, Ritter would not be included in the charges if Bowers was to agree to a newly drafted plea offer. As described by Petersen, the plea offer would require Bowers to plead guilty to the three counts of first-degree identity theft and one count of second-degree identity theft as well as agree to all restitution to the victims.

If agreed to, Petersen said he wouldn’t file an aggravator for a sophisticated planner scheme which could result in Bowers receiving the statutory maximum sentence on each of the four counts. If Bowers does accept the plea offer, she would be sentenced to a maximum of 70 months in prison with good time credit for early release potential.

“If (Bowers) doesn’t take the plea and she gets convicted at trial, she could do as much as 10 years. She could do even more since there are a number of triggers that could happen for the judge to technically make them

consecutive sentences. It’s not likely but it’s possible,” said Petersen.

Prosecutors have stressed the current proceedings are unrelated to the disappearance of Oakley Carlson.

Bowers and Andrew Carlson, Oakley’s biological father, were released from jail last year for child endangerment charges linked to another of their children being exposed to drugs. Bowers was rearrested on the identity theft charges while leaving incarceration.

Bowers and Carlson claim they last saw Oakley on Nov. 30, 2021, but the last time detectives with the Grays Harbor County Sheriff’s Office can confirm Oakley was seen alive was nine months prior on Feb. 10, 2021.

Bowers and Carlson have not cooperated with the investigation into Oakley’s disappearance or with efforts to find her.

A reward fund for information leading to Oakley’s whereabouts reached \$80,000 as of early September.

The reward fund is managed by Light the Way Missing Persons Advocacy Project.

More information on Oakley’s case and opportunities to help with the search effort can be found at <https://justiceforoakley.wixsite.com/home>.

Anyone with information that could aid law enforcement in their search for Oakley is encouraged to contact the Grays Harbor Sheriff’s Office at 360-533-8765 or the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children at 1-800-THE-LOST. To speak to a detective directly, contact Detective Sgt. Paul Logan at 360-964-1729 or email [sodetectives@co.grays-harbor.wa.us](mailto:sodetectives@co.grays-harbor.wa.us).

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# Ocean Prime Family Restaurant Set to Open in Chehalis

By Owen Sexton

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Following months of renovations and preparation, Ocean Prime Family Restaurant, a new fine dining grill and bar in Chehalis, is set for its grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. on March 20.

Though he had originally hoped to be open in December, a number of issues delayed chef Eyner "Rene" Cardona. But now, partnered with his new general manager Kristi Beebe, he is ready to open his first restaurant.

"We got 100% on our (health) inspection. It wasn't actually the inspection that we were waiting for. It was everything else, like the new equipment not being grandfathered in like the new hoods and (Cardona) completely gutted this place out," Beebe said. "The whole kitchen, the flooring, all new equipment, everything is new and clean."

Located where the former Kit Carson Family Restaurant was at 107 SW Interstate Ave., Ocean Prime's menu will feature a variety of items, such as ribeye, tomahawk steaks, king salmon, ribs, soups, sandwiches, pasta and salads.

Additionally, the restaurant has a complete breakfast menu and Cardona makes everything from scratch.

"I'm just making everything I know from my experience," Cardona said.

Before moving to Chehalis to be closer to family and open his own restaurant, Cardona spent 15 years working as a chef in a fine dining establishment in Seattle.

While the kitchen is fully prepared and ready to go, Cardona and Beebe are still waiting on the restaurant's liquor license. For now, diners will have to wait to enjoy a glass of wine or whiskey with their steak or salmon.

"We have big plans for after opening. We're going to (be



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Chef Eyner "Rene" Cardona and general manager Kristi Beebe discuss details in preparation for Ocean Prime Family Restaurant's grand opening on Monday while a server fills salt and pepper shakers behind them.

remodeling) the bar and the banquet room and even bigger things. The bar will open later. We still don't have a timeframe yet though," Beebe said.

Before joining Cardona at Ocean Prime, Beebe worked in fine dining. Her last job was managing Papa Bear's West Family Restaurant & Bar. She told The Chronicle she holds high standards when it comes to training the serving staff.

"I've already had servers quit because of my expectations and how I want the tables to be waited on and I even have an ironing

board and an iron in the back for wrinkled uniforms," Beebe said.

She said the staff that has stayed and are getting ready for the grand opening more than meet her expectations.

"I've been training my prep cooks up already too, and tomorrow I start training my cook line," Cardona added.

For more information and to view Ocean Prime Family Restaurant's full menu, visit its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090218822898>.



Servers in training at Ocean Prime Family Restaurant discuss dining room serving strategies as they prepare for the restaurant's grand opening on Monday.

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# The Chronicle

# 2023 All-Area Boys Basketball Team



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The Chronicle's All-Area Boys Basketball team poses for a photo on Tuesday at Centralia College. From left: Tumwater's Luke Brewer, Adna's Braeden Salme, Napavine's James Grose, Tenino's Noah Schow, Oakville's Eddie Klatush, W.F. West's Soren Dalan and Mossyrock's Zack Munoz. MWP's Josh Salguero is not pictured.

## Grose Lit Up Rims, Records in All-Area MVP Season

By Alec Dietz

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Before the 2022-23 season started, three different names were etched at the top of a plaque just outside of Napavine's gym, listing the career, season, and single game scoring record holders over the years.

On December 27, James Grose stamped his name over Cade Evander's single-game scoring record of 42 points set in 2019, dropping 45 in a dominant win over Willapa Valley.

On January 31, with still a full game to go in the regular season, Grose set the Tigers' single-season scoring effort against Toledo, eclipsing Tyson Sturza's mark of 500 back in 2005.

Finally, on February 15, Grose completed the Napavine scoring trifecta in the a single season, breaking Wyatt Stanley's career scoring record of 1,384 points set in 2017 with a 40-point outburst against Ilwaco that kept Napavine's season alive in the 2B District 4 tournament consolation rounds.

That poster hanging outside of Napavine's gym is going to need a lot more plaques, after a banner year for Grose in 2022-23.

"It was a motivation for me," Grose said of breaking the records. "I looked at my stats last year and knew I could pull this off. I put in a lot of time to try to achieve these goals."

The junior guard averaged an area-high 26.5 points per game, nearly pulling off a rare 50-40-90 season, shooting 49% from the field, 42% from 3-point land, and 86% from the free throw line.

Grose also hauled in 5.3 rebounds per game at off-guard and swiped away three steals per contest. He was named Co-MVP of the Central 2B League and led Napavine to a regular season league title, a third-place finish at districts, and a game short of the trophy round at state in Spokane.

He ended his season with 742 points — 242 better than the previous single season record holder — and scored more than 40 points five times this season.



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James Grose, The Chronicle's All-Area Boys Basketball MVP, poses for a photo on Tuesday at Centralia College.

"It took a lot of work," Grose said. "I can't believe how many early mornings I was waking up before football just to go to the gym. I went before school, before practice, before football. It's a lot of nights in the gym and a lot of mornings."

Still, Grose has a year left to play in black and orange, and has a few more records left to break, and some hardware he'd like to bring back from Chehalis and Spokane next season.

Peyton Stanley's career 3-point makes record still stands, despite his single season record of 80 3-pointers made falling to Grose's 115 this year.

"I just need to keep putting my head down and working," Grose said. "I still have a lot to improve on. I know that and everyone I work with knows that, but I'm really working to keep my shot

fluid, cause I want that 3-point record."

### The Chronicle's All-Area Boys Basketball Team

#### Luke Brewer, Tumwater

Named the 2A Evergreen Conference MVP for the second year in a row, Brewer led the Thunderbirds in scoring with 18.8 points per game, and averaged 5.6 rebounds and 3.4 assists per contest as well. Brewer was Tumwater's engine on offense at state in Yakima, scoring 21.3 points per game and earning a first-team all-tournament honor after guiding the T-Birds to a fourth-place finish.

#### Soren Dalan, W.F. West

One of the Bearcats' best

all-time bigs, Dalan scored 20.5 points per game, hauled in 15 boards per contest, and swatted away three blocks per game, leading W.F. West from the low block. Dalan is Chehalis' all-time program leader in both rebounds and blocks.

#### Eddie Klatush, Oakville

Punching the Acorns' first trip to Spokane in years, Klatush was Oakville's X-Factor offensively all season, scoring 17.4 points, hauling in 6.4 rebounds, dishing out 5.4 assists, and stealing 3.1 balls away per game. For his efforts, Klatush was named the 1B Coastal League MVP.

#### Zack Munoz, Mossyrock

One of the more consistent scorers in the 1B Columbia Val-

ley League, Munoz averaged 21 points per game during the post-season, helping the No. 11-seeded Vikings upset more than a few teams to finish fourth at the 1B state tournament in Spokane.

#### Josh Salguero, Morton-White Pass

One of the most dominant big men in Lewis County, Salguero muscled his way to 17.7 points per game, 10 rebounds per game, all on a 58% shooting percentage from the field. The senior earned a first-team Central 2B league honor, all-state honors, and helped guide MWP to a fourth-place finish at state and a district title.

#### Braeden Salme, Adna

A junior leader for the Pirates, Salme led his team with 18.9 points per game while also hauling in 5.7 rebounds per game, dishing out 4.2 assists, and recording 1.3 steals per game. Salme's scoring and facilitating helped him earn a first-team Central 2B league selection and helped Adna to the district title game, and yet another straight berth into the 2B state tournament in Spokane.

#### Noah Schow, Tenino

Already seeing some box-and-ones, Schow has become one of the premier local scorers, and earned a first-team 1A Evergreen league honor for a strong season. Schow averaged 21 points and eight rebounds per game at the guard spot in 2022-23.



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## Monday's Prep Baseball

## Tumwater Comes Up Short in Clark County Road Trip

By The Chronicle staff

The Tumwater baseball day in Clark County started about as well as could be imagined, but after one good inning, it all went south for the T-Birds in a 10-3 loss at 4A Union.

Brayden Oram led the game off by drilling the second pitch

he saw over the wall to give Tumwater an immediate 1-0 lead. Kyler Collier followed that by getting hit by a pitch, and Alex Overbay tripled him home. Briar Finney flew out to left for the first out of the frame, but it was deep enough to bring Overbay home, making it 3-0 to the guests.

From there, though, the Titans held the T-Birds to just three hits and three free passes the rest of the way, keeping them scoreless and giving their offense plenty of time to come back. And come back Union did, scoring two runs in the bottom of the second, tying the game in the bottom of the

fourth, taking the lead with a four-spot in the fifth, and extending it with three more runs in the sixth.

Union did it with just five hits — all singles — while also taking advantage of 10 walks, three hit batters, two errors, five wild pitches, and a balk.

Oram took the loss, going 1

½ innings in relief and allowing seven runs on four hits and seven free passes.

Aside from Oram and Overbay, Eddie Marson, Nick Lowery, and Landon Roy logged hits for the T-Birds.

Tumwater hosted R.A. Long on Tuesday.

## Tuesday's Prep Girls Tennis

## Bearcats Drop First Match to R.A. Long

By The Chronicle staff

Playing with a lineup with tons of fresh faces, the W.F. West girls tennis team fell in its first match of the spring season to R.A. Long Tuesday afternoon, 4-2.

The Bearcats won the top two singles matches, and fell in the rest, with some experience at the top of their singles order and some new faces looking to gain some varsity experience in the rest of their lineup.

The winners for the Bearcats came from Mari Ceessay in the first singles position, defeating R.A. Long's Marissa Stacey, 6-3, 6-0, while second singles winner Laura Yip of W.F. West defeated Lyla Khlee, 3-6, 6-0, 6-0.

Both needed between a set and a half to get their tennis legs under them and win comfortably.

"Mari played a girl who hit a lot of balls back and was very steady," Bearcats coach Jack State said. "She took a few games to figure out what she needed to do against her, but after that she ran off most of the rest of the

games. Laura was nervous in the first set but she loosened up and won pretty easily from then on."

In the third singles spot, R.A. Long's Kenia Castro defeated Alayna Leal of W.F. West, 6-4, 6-1. It was Leal's first varsity singles match after mostly playing doubles a year ago as a freshman. "Alayna is a sophomore and hasn't played a lot of singles," State said. "But I liked the way she hustled, she was all over the court. She's still getting used to playing singles."

The Bearcats' doubles teams were swept by R.A. Long Tuesday, with first singles players Emma Hamilton and Katelyn Wood falling to Emily and Alice Anderson, 6-3, 6-4. The second doubles team of Emma Weerasinghe and Lillian Hueffed of W.F. West fell in a tight three-setter to Olivia Durrett and Audrey Zdunich, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5, and third doubles team Jamie Bradley and Joy Pluard of W.F. West fell to Kassinda Page and Angelica Reyes 7-6, 6-2.

The Bearcats took on Castle Rock back in Chehalis on Wednesday.

## Tuesday's 2A Boys Soccer

## Tigers Shock Tumwater

By The Chronicle staff

When they say, "This is March" in the sports world, it usually refers to shocks and surprises coming at the end of the basketball season.

Well, it works for the beginning of boys soccer as well, apparently.

The Centralia boys soccer team took a bit of March Madness north with it to Tumwater, and knocked off the defending 2A EvCo champs 2-1 to start its season.

"The kids kept believing to that point that we could make things happen, and we did," Centralia coach Noel Vazquez said.

Centralia got off to a later start than most of its fellow EvCo teams, not scheduling a non-league matchup over the weekend and diving straight into league play. Instead, the Tigers gave themselves an extra couple days to practice, but according to Vazquez, had one of their worst training sessions Monday night.

Tuesday, any trace of that was gone, as the Tigers got out strong on the front foot with a goal in the 10th minute from senior Leo Perez.

That opening blow did a good job of waking the T-Birds up, and Tumwater responded with a goal of its own from Perry Lower, 13 minutes later, sending the game into halftime tied up at 1-1.

The Thunderbirds continued the pressure in the second half, but Centralia's back line — Luis Noel Orellana, Alan Cox, Allan Osborne, and Darrell Neuert — held strong.

"We definitely started really strong in the back," Vazquez said.

When Tumwater got past them, keeper Carlos Hernandez was there for a few big saves, and when he couldn't stop it, the iron came to the rescue more than once.

By the end of the night, Centralia was happy to play for overtime and take its chances in the extra period. But as it happened, the Tigers would get much more. Going into the final five minutes, Centralia sent a counterattack down the wing with a slightly-overhit ball. Tumwater was content to let it roll out of bounds, but at the last second, Alex Hernandez dashed in to keep it in, worked around a defender

into the box, and cut it back for Simba Osman, who hammered it home for the game-winner.

"They stepped up big time and took out one of the best teams in the league," Vazquez said.

Centralia faces Rochester Friday. Tumwater takes on Black Hills Thursday.

## Bearcats Blank Shelton

Playing on its home grass in Chehalis for the first time this season, the W.F. West boys soccer team took a few minutes to get settled before blanking Shelton in its opener, 6-0.

Israel Lopez Cruz and Damien Hernandez each recorded braces, and Elvis Leal Perez and Ethan Klodahl also both found the back of the net with the Bearcats finding scoring in a variety of fashions. Adrian Jaimes logged three assists in a strong game from the midfield and Ezra Bolin also dished out two helpers.

"He had an excellent game tonight," W.F. West coach Allen Anderson said of Jaimes. "All three of my center mids had a great game. I thought they controlled most of the game today."

Jeremy Thompson, Jaimes, and Perez were all incredibly solid in the midfield, making plays for forwards up the field and controlling the pace of play throughout. The Bearcats outshot the Highclimbers, 16-1, in shots on frame.

"They did a fantastic job," Anderson said, citing center back Cameron Kunz' play. "It was a great way to see the team chemistry in our first game. Overall I'm really proud of the guys and the effort they put in."

The Bearcats played Prairie Wednesday and head to Aberdeen Friday.

## Wolves Down Warriors

The Black Hills boys soccer team opened up 2A EvCo play with a win on the road, beating Rochester 4-1 on Tuesday.

Rochester's goal came in the 52nd minute off of a penalty kick by Gabriel Fernandez Sales. Black Hills' scorers were not reported.

"We played hard throughout the game, but Black Hills is a good team," Rochester coach Matt Ashton said. "It was a pretty physical game."

Black Hills hosts Tumwater Thursday. Rochester plays Centralia on Friday.

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## Local Schedules

## THURSDAY, March 16

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Tenino at Black Hills, 4:30 p.m.  
Timberline at W.F. West, 4:30 p.m.

Mark Morris at Tumwater, 4:30 p.m.

Ocosta at Onalaska, 4 p.m.

Cascade Christian at Rainier, 4 p.m.

PWV at Elma, 4 p.m.

## Baseball

Rainier at MWP (at Randle), 4 p.m.

Adna at Napavine, 4 p.m.

Toledo at Toutle Lake, 4 p.m.

Tumwater at Timberline, 4:30 p.m.

Mossyrock at River Ridge, 4 p.m.

Oakville at Pope John Paul II, 4 p.m.

R.A. Long at Rochester, 4:30 p.m.

## Boys Soccer

Tumwater at Black Hills, 7 p.m.

## Girls Tennis

River Ridge at Black Hills, 3:30 p.m.

W.F. West at Columbia River, 3:30 p.m.

Tenino at Three Rivers Christian, 3:30 p.m.

## Track

Tenino, others at North Beach, 3:45 p.m.

Adna, MWP, Toledo, Elma at Kalama, 3:45 p.m.

Pe Ell, Napavine, others at South Bend, 3:30 p.m.

Onalaska, Rainier, others at Toutle Lake, 3:45 p.m.

Mossyrock, others at Hoquiam

## FRIDAY, March 17

## College Softball

Clark at Centralia (DH), 3 p.m.

## Baseball

W.F. West vs. Lynden (at the RORC), 3 p.m.

Ocosta at Oakville, 4 p.m.

Centralia at River Ridge, 4:30 p.m.

PWV at Naselle, 4 p.m.

## Softball

Centralia at Toutle Lake, 4 p.m.

River Ridge at W.F. West, 4:30 p.m.

Tumwater at Ridgefield, 4:30 p.m.

R.A. Long at Rochester, 4:30 p.m.

Kalama at Oakville, 4 p.m.

Rainier at Tenino, 4 p.m.

PWV at Auburn Mountainview, 4:30 p.m.

## Boys Soccer

Rochester at Centralia, 7 p.m.

W.F. West at Aberdeen, 7 p.m.

Tenino at Ilwaco, 6 p.m.

## Girls Tennis

Timberline at Tumwater, 3:30 p.m.

## SATURDAY, March 18

## Baseball

Rainier at Tenino, Noon

W.F. West vs. TBD at RORC, 1 p.m.

## Softball

Adna vs. Puyallup at Auburn Riverside, 10 a.m.

Adna vs. Yelm at Auburn Riverside, 2:30 p.m.

PWV at Auburn Riverside, 7 p.m.

Napavine at Montesano, 2 p.m.

## Boys Soccer

Centralia at King's Way Christian, 2 p.m.

Tumwater at Timberline, 3 p.m.

## Track

Rainier Icebreaker (Rainier, Napavine, Onalaska, Pe Ell, Rochester, Tenino), 11 a.m.

Cardinal Relays at Orting (W.F. West)

## Girls Tennis

Centralia at Stevenson, noon

## College Softball

Centralia College at Grays Harbor (DH), noon

## Local Results

## Monday's Games

## Baseball

## At Union (Camas)

## TITANS 10, T-BIRDS 3

Tumwater 300 000 0—3 5 2

Union 020 143 X—10 5 2

Tumwater Pitching —

Ramsey 2 IP, 1 H, 2 R, 4 K, 2 BB;

Lowery 2 IP, 0 H, 1 R, 3 K, 3 BB;

Oram 1.2 IP, 4 H, 7 R, 2 K, 5 BB;

Roy 0.1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 K, 0 BB

Highlights — Oram 1-3, HR;

Overbay 1-2, 3B, R, RBI

Union Pitching — Osborne 3

IP, 4 H, 3 R, 7 K, 1 BB; Richardson

3 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 K, 0 BB; Sutton 1

IP, 0 H, 0 R, 1 K, 0 BB Highlights

— Geffert 2-2, BB, 3 R, RBI

Tenino Pitching — Brody

Noonan 3 IP, 3 hits, 1 ER, 7 K;

Cody Strawn 4 IP, 4 hits, 3 ER, 5 K

Highlights — Mikey Vassar 1-3 2

RBI; Noonan 1-3, 2 runs;

At Mark Morris

MONARCHS 7, WARRIORS 1

Rochester 000 001 0 — 1 5 4

M. Morris 200 050 X — 7 7 0

Rochester Pitching — Hart-

ley 2 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 0 ER, 4 K, 0 BB

Highlights — Parrish 2-4

Mark Morris Pitching — Bar-

tell 3 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 6 K Highlights

— Hammergren 1-3, BB, 2 RBI;

Lamb 1-2, 2B

At Mossyrock

TIGERS 15, VIKINGS 15

Napavine 231 130 5 — 15 14 2

Mossyrock 134 330 1 — 15 11 0

Napavine Pitching — Bis-

sannette 2 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 1 K, 3 BB

Highlights — Chapman 3-5, 4

RBI; Landrum 3-4, 2 R; Wilson

2-4, 2 RBI; Holmes 2-2, 2 BB, 2

RBI, 4 R

Mossyrock Pitching —

Young 3 IP, 9 H, 6 R, 3 K, 1 BB;

Highlights — K. Kolb 3-4, 2B, 2

BB, 2 RBI, 4; E. Kolb 2-4, 2B, 2 BB,

5 RBI; Comer 3-5, 3 RBI

At Tumwater

T-BIRDS 10, LUMBERJACKS 1

R.A. Long 000 010 0 — 1 3 2

Tumwater 222 301 X — 10 9 3

R.A. Long Pitching — N/A

Highlights — N/A

Tumwater Pitching — Tren-

ton Gaither 3 IP, 1 hit, 0 ER, 7 K,

BB Highlights — Alex Overbay

1-1, 2 runs, 3 RBI, HR; Brayden

Oram 2-4, run, 2 RBI

At Winlock

ACORNS 9, CARDINALS 1

Oakville 210 033 0 — 9 8 1

Winlock 000 001 0 — 1 3 4

Oakville Pitching — Daniel

Rodas 7 IP, 3 hits, 1 ER, 12 K, 3 BB

Highlights — Tre Groninger 1-5,

run, 2 RBI; Rodas 2-4, 2 runs, RBI

Winlock Pitching — James

Cusson 1.1 IP, 2 hits, 3 ER, 3 K;

Kyrin Meehan 2.2 IP, 5 K, 0 ER;

Highlights — Cooper Robinette

1-3, RBI; Cusson 1-3, run;

At Pe Ell

Game 1

TITANS 20, WARRIORS 0

Ch. Leschi 00X — 0 0 2

Pe Ell-WV 9(11)X — 20 11 0

Chief Leschi Pitching — N/A

Highlights — N/A

PWV Pitching — Blake How-

ard 2 IP, 1 BB, 6 K, 0 ER; High-

lights — Howard 3-3, 2 RBI, 3

runs; Liam Smaciarz 1-2, 2 runs,

3 RBI

Game 2

TITANS 18, WARRIORS 0

Ch. Leschi 000 — 0 0 1

Pe Ell-WV 2(16)0 — 18 10 0

Chief Leschi Pitching — N/A

Highlights — N/A

PWV Pitching — Riley Pear-

son 3 IP, 0 ER, 1 BB, 8 K; High-

lights — Garrett Keeton 2-2, 3

runs, 3 RBI; Derek Fluke 1-3, run,

2 RBI

Softball

At Tenino

TIGERS 27, BEAVERS 8 (3 inn.)

Napavine 32(21) X — 27 21 0

Tenino 170 X — 8 6 5

Napavine Pitching — Hannah

Fay 2 IP, 6 hits, 8 ER, 3 K High-

lights — H. Fay 3-5, 4 runs, 5 RBI;

Grace Pancake 2-4, 2 runs, 4 RBI;

Danielle Tupuola 4-4, 3 runs, 4

RBI;

Tenino Pitching — N/A High-

lights — Sophia Hussey 2-2, run,

## Tuesday's Prep Softball

# Huge Inning Powers Napavine Past Tenino

By Josh Kirshenbaum

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TENINO — The Napavine softball team's fortunes flipped about as hard as possible two batters into the top of the third inning at Tenino, and the onslaught that followed sent the Tigers back home in a real good mood after a 27-8 win in three innings to start their spring.

Napavine trailed 8-6 after a bit of a disastrous second inning, and while Hayden Kaut reached base to lead off the third a double play two pitches later wiped her out, with Tenino nearly back in the dugout to hit again.

Instead, Grace Gall walked. Avery Schutz singled. Taylen Evander hit an RBI double. And on and on it went, with 23 straight Tigers reaching base in a 21-run inning.

"I really liked our approach at the plate, being aggressive, and I thought our baserunning was really good," Napavine coach Josh Fay said. "We put pressure on them the whole game."

Sixteen of Napavine's 21 hits came in that third inning, including five doubles and a triple by Dani Tupuola, who finished the three-inning game a home run shy of the cycle, going 4 for 4 with a walk, four runs driven in, and three more scored.

The top four of Napavine's order — Evander, Hannah Fay, Cailyn Milton, and Tupuola — combined to go 13 for 17 with 16 RBIs.

Sophia Hussey and Kiyah Goodwin both had two-hit days for the Beavers and drove in a pair of runs apiece. Seven of Tenino's eight runs came in the second inning, on three straight bases-loaded walks followed by three straight run-scoring hits.

That gave the Beavers the lead, but it would not last long.

"We've just got to build on not making as many mistakes, especially with two outs," Tenino coach Chris Johnson said. "Once we get past that, we'll be better, we'll be fine."

Tenino is slated to play at Black Hills on Thursday, while Napavine will get another test against a non-league foe when it goes to Montesano on Saturday.



Taylen Evander takes a swing during Napavine's 27-8 win at Tenino on March 14.

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Chloe Grayless throws a pitch during Tenino's 27-8 loss to Napavine on March 14.

## Sprague's Walk-Off Pushes Tigers Past Grizzlies

Down by a run heading into the bottom of the seventh, the Centralia softball team needed every timely hit they could get to eventually come back and defeat Hoquiam in eight innings Tuesday afternoon on the road, 6-5.

In the bottom of the seventh, a Judy Vallejo single scored Gracie Schofield from first to tie the game up, and after Payton Baumel and her defense held the Grizzlies in check in the top of the extra eighth inning, Brook-

lyn Sprague walked it off with a hard line drive to center field, scoring Hollynn Wakefield from third for the win.

Sprague finished 2 for 2 with the game-winning RBI, Schofield added a 2 for 4 line with a run scored and two RBIs, and Wakefield scored two runs and went 1 for 2 with an RBI.

In the circle, Peyton Smith got the start and went three innings, allowing six hits with just three earned runs and two strikeouts. Baumel relieved Smith to throw five innings, allowing one earned run on just

three hits with two walks.

The Tigers (1-0) take on Toutle Lake on the road Friday for their next matchup in another non-league contest at 4 p.m.

## PWV Blasts Warriors in Season-Opening Wins

Getting its season started in style, the Pe Ell-Willapa Valley softball team defeated Chief Leschi in Pe Ell Tuesday afternoon twice in a doubleheader, 18-0 and 18-0.

Lauren Emery got the action

started in the first game in the circle, allowing just one hit and no runs in three innings with nine strikeouts, while Jillian Hodel starred at the plate, going 3-for-3 with 2 runs scored and three RBIs. Sophia Milanowski added a 1-for-1 line with two runs scored and two RBIs.

In the second game, Milanowski blasted her first home run of the season, going 2-for-2 with two runs scored and five RBIs to help lead the Titan offense. Hodel got the start in the circle and threw a three-inning no-hitter with eight punchouts.

## NFL

ing leg injury.

Penny's running style is best defined by his ability to run through arm tackles and break off explosive runs with home-run speed. The 5-foot-11, 220-pound back ran a 4.46-second 40-yard dash at the scouting combine in 2018 and averaged an impressive 4.23 average yards after contact last season, according to Pro Football Focus. He also led the NFL in average yards after contact in 2021, according to PFF.

Staying healthy has been a major concern for Penny during his NFL career. He's played in just 18 games the past three seasons, suffering a torn ACL in December 2019 and a broken leg in Week 5 last year.

Seahawks coach Pete Carroll said Penny would make a full recovery from the leg injury, which required surgery.

"He's been through such a long haul, it's really just a heart-breaking loss for him," Carroll said on a local radio show last year. "He's been doing great and everybody can see it, and we've been so excited for him. He's going to miss the rest of this year. He'll come back, he'll be able to

play again and all of that. It's a really clear surgery process and all of that, but it just does take a long time."

The Eagles went into free agency with Kenny Gainwell as the lone running back under contract for next season. Starting back Miles Sanders and key reserve Boston Scott are both on the open market, leaving the Eagles with a chance to rework the running back rotation this offseason.

Penny's tough running style figures to complement Gainwell's elusive approach, but the Eagles could certainly target a third back later in free agency or in the draft to fill out the committee. This year's class of running back prospects is considered one of the deepest in recent memory.

## Jets Signing Former Packers WR Allen Lazard, Could Target Other Green Bay Free Agents: Sources

NEW YORK (TN) — As the

world continues to wait on word from Aaron Rodgers, the Jets added one of his friends to the roster.

The Jets have agreed on a four-year, \$44 million deal with former Packers receiver Allen Lazard, according to sources. Jordan Schultz of The Score was the first to report Lazard's contract terms with the Jets.

Lazard's contract will be official at the start of the new league year, Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Lazard originally signed with the Jaguars as an undrafted free agent out of Iowa State in 2018. But the Packers signed him off the Jaguars' practice squad that same year as he spent five seasons in Green Bay.

In his final season for the Packers, Lazard recorded 60 receptions for 788 yards and six touchdowns, averaging 13.1 yards per catch.

ESPN is reporting the Jets are also targeting wide receiver Randall Cobb, who is one of Rodgers' best friends and has played 10 seasons in Green Bay with the veteran quarterback along with Packers tight end Mercedes Lewis. Cobb registered 34 catches for 417 yards and a touchdown in 13

Grace Huber added a 2-for-2 line with two runs scored and three RBIs.

The Titans take on 1A Elma at home on Thursday at 4 p.m.

## Eagles Walk Off Over Wolves

The Black Hills softball team found itself on the wrong end of a wild season-opener, falling 13-12 in eight innings at Elma.

Tied 10-10 going into the seventh, Black Hills surged ahead with back-to-back home runs by Zoey Theophilus and Kailey Miller. In the bottom of the inning, though, the Wolves left the door open with two errors, and a double let Elma tie the game up.

After a scoreless top of the eighth, Elma put a runner on second with another error, got the runner to third on a dropped third strike, and squeezed her home to win.

Black Hills finished the afternoon with seven errors. Theophilus went the distance in the circle for the Wolves, giving up six hits, but only five of the 13 runs she surrendered were earned.

Theophilus also led the way at the plate, finishing a triple shy of the cycle in a 4-for-5 day, complete with three RBIs. Miller also had a double and a homer, and down the lineup card, Sam West also went 4 for 5.

As a team, Black Hills banded out 19 hits and put runs up in six of the eight frames.

The Wolves will head home to host Tenino on Thursday.

games last season. Lewis caught six receptions for 66 yards and two touchdowns last season.

The Jets are still awaiting Rodgers' decision regarding his future as he could retire, accept a trade to the Jets or return to the Packers — although that seems less likely. On the first day of free agency, current NFL insider and former ESPN personality Trey Wingo said he heard, "Rodgers to the Jets is done." However, sources said nothing has been finalized.

If they are trying to convince Rodgers to join the Jets, adding familiar faces isn't the worst thing in the world.

The Jets could use some help at receiver alongside Garrett Wilson, who was the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year after catching 83 passes for 1,103 yards and four touchdowns. No other wide receiver caught more than 40 receptions as tight end Tyler Conklin (58) and running back Michael Carter (41) were the Jets second and third leading pass catchers in 2022. Elijah Moore, Denzel Mims, Corey Davis and Irv Charles are the other receivers on Gang Green's roster.

## Tuesday's Prep Baseball

# Beavers Come Back, Open With Win Over Wolves

By Josh Kirshenbaum

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TENINO — There was no half-measure in Stone City on Tuesday. The rains stopped long enough for a truly sunny day in Tenino, the field was dry, and two experienced baseball teams took to the diamond for a back-and-forth battle.

Tenino and Black Hills didn't ease into anything; baseball season arrived in full, with the Beavers coming back in the bottom of the sixth to nab a 7-4 non-league win.

"Baseball's back," Tenino coach Ryan Schlessler said. "That was fun."

The Beavers, who held the Wolves scoreless for four innings after giving up a run in the first, led 3-1, before Black Hills rallied for three in the top of the sixth. Facing a one-run deficit, Tenino got the line moving, and didn't slow down.

Austin Gonia drew a walk to lead off the bottom of the sixth. Easton Snider tried to sacrifice him over, but ended up at first base safely when nobody covered the bag. Brody Noonan moved everybody up 90 feet with a sharp single, and Mikey Vasser got a ball through the infield on an error that put the hosts back in front.

Jack Burkhardt kept things going with another bunt single, Kaden Sayamnet brought a run home on a groundout, and another error in the infield made it 7-4 before the Wolves could get out of the inning.

"I think that's where we're going to find success this year, is being able to small-ball teams and put a little pressure on them," Schlessler said. "Make them make plays instead of just flying out or striking out."

Suddenly three outs from the win, Schlessler kept his faith in Cody Strawn — who had given up three runs the inning prior — on the hill, and the junior took the Beavers home, albeit with a bit of a roundabout path.

"We know he's got a bit of that dawg in him," Schlessler said.

Strawn earned the win, allowing three runs on four hits and five walks in four innings of long relief. Noonan gave up the run in the first — loading the bases with no outs and walking a run home — but didn't allow much else in his three innings of work.

Gonia got the Beavers on the board in the bottom of the first with an RBI double and finished 1 for 1 with a pair of walks. Will Feltus added a triple for Tenino.

Four of Black Hills' seven hits came from the top third of the order, with Braiden Bond logging two knocks and Tanner Parkinson and Parker Termini both adding one. The first six batters in the Wolves' lineup all drew at least one walk.

"We were threatening every inning, we just kind of lacked a clutch hit or two," Black Hills coach Todd Venable said.

Black Hills played its home opener Wednesday against 3A Timberline. Tenino will continue its non-league schedule at home Saturday, against 2B Rainier.

## Overbay Goes Yard in T-Bird Win Over Jacks

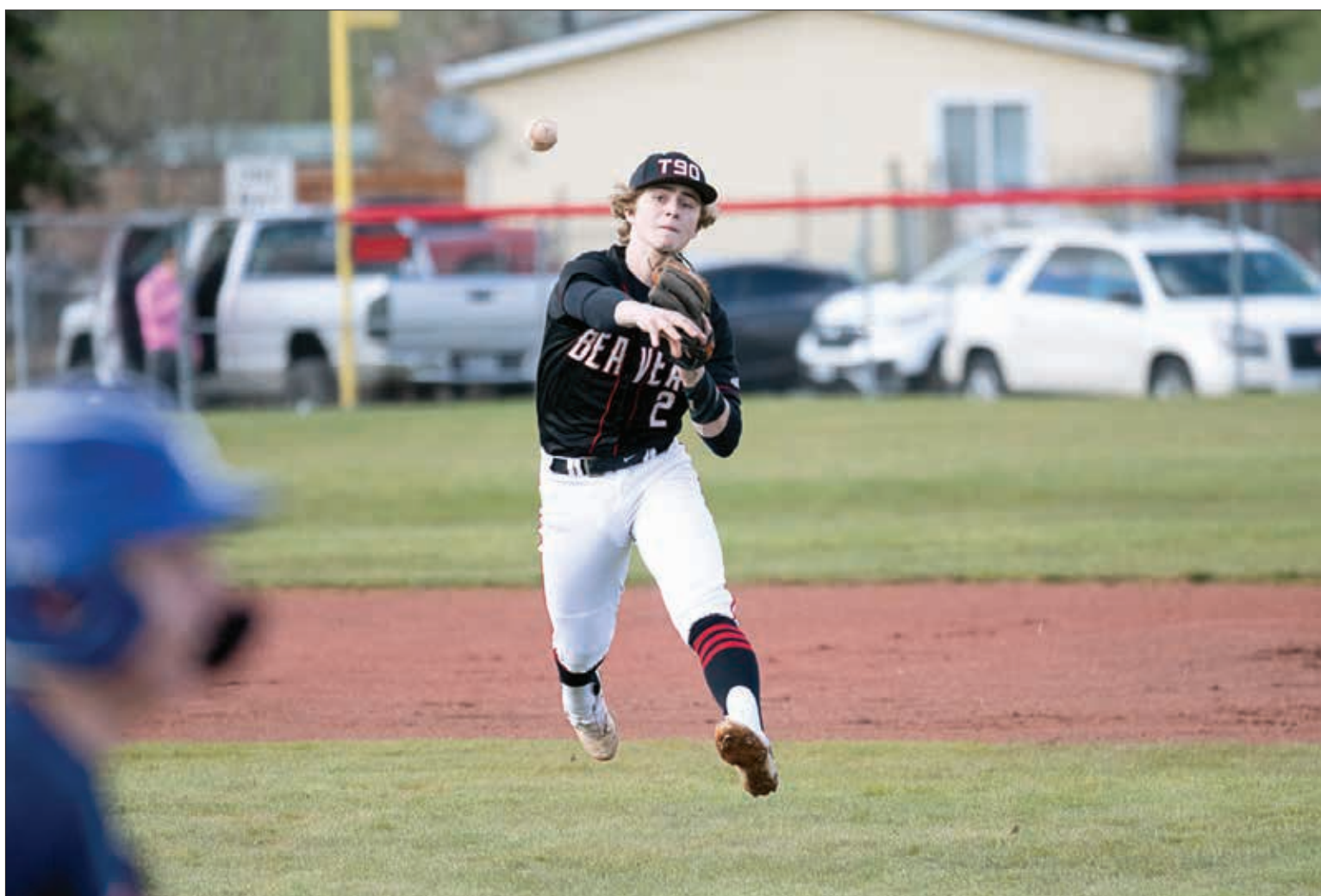
In a dominant and balanced showing from start to finish, the Tumwater baseball team defeated R.A. Long at home Tuesday afternoon, 10-1.

Alex Overbay went 1 for 1, and made that one hit count, mashing a two-run homer toward center field in the very first inning to give the Thunderbirds

## Kraken Penalty Kill Falts as Stars Win 5-2

By The Seattle Times

The Kraken couldn't get much going Monday night at Climate Pledge Arena, falling 5-2 to the Dallas Stars. The Stars took four points from back-to-back games in Seattle while the hosts managed one, from Saturday's overtime loss.



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Cody Strawn tries to throw a Black Hills batter out at first during Tenino's 7-4 win over the Wolves on March 14.



Tenino catcher Austin Gonia gets a tag down on Black Hills' Alec Lynch during the Beavers' 7-4 win over the Wolves on March 14.

a 2-0 lead.

It would be a lead the T-Birds would never relinquish, with a trio of pitchers combining to allow one run, led by Trenton Gaither's strong three-inning start with seven strikeouts on the mound.

Brayden Oram also added a 2 for 4 line with two runs batted in and a run scored.

The Thunderbirds take on 3A Timberline in another non-league contest on Thursday on the road at 4:30 p.m.

## Acorns Down Cardinals in Season Opener

Led by a strong performance on the mound from Daniel Rodas, the Oakville baseball team defeated Winlock Tuesday afternoon on the road, 9-1.

Rodas threw a complete game, allowing just the one run with 12 strikeouts, three hits and three walks.

At the plate, Tre Groninger smacked his only hit for two runs and ran another in himself, with Rodas adding a 2 for 4 line with two runs scored and a run batted in.

Winlock had a tough day on the mound, but Kyrin Meehan stepped in from the bullpen and

pitched 2 ⅔ scoreless innings with five strikeouts to keep the Cards in the mix for a bit. Cooper Robinette went 1 for 3 with an RBI and Cusson went 1 for 3 with a run scored for Winlock.

The Acorns head out on the road on Thursday for a matchup against Pope John Paul II at 4 p.m. while Winlock plays Adna in a doubleheader next Monday starting at 3 p.m.

## Warriors Fall to Monarchs

The Rochester baseball team had its fair share of early-season shakiness early and couldn't muster the offense to overcome it, falling 7-1 to Mark Morris in Longview on Tuesday.

The Monarchs struck for two unearned runs off of Braden Hartley with the help of two Rochester errors behind him. From there, the Yakima Valley College commit shut the Monarchs down in a short outing, striking out four in two innings.

Ben Johnson would keep the Monarchs quiet until the bottom of the fifth, when a five-run frame blew the game open.

On the other side of things, the Warriors put up five hits, two coming from Hyde Parrish.

Rochester will get another crack at a Longview school Thursday when it hosts R.A. Long.

## Darkness Has Final Say in Ugly Tie Between Tigers, Vikings

The final line suggests that nobody was much interested in pitching or defense Tuesday in Mossyrock, as the Vikings and Napavine traded runs until the sun went down and decided that nobody would get to play anymore in a 15-15 non-league tie.

The two teams put runs on the board in their respective halves of each of the first five innings, took the sixth off, then got back to it in the seventh. Napavine dropped a five-spot in the top half of the inning to take a 15-14 lead, but couldn't hold on, as the Vikings snuck the game-tying run on an error with two outs in the bottom half.

That would be all though, with the game getting called a tie before extras could begin.

The two teams — who combined to put up eight crooked numbers — totalled up 25 hits and 33 free passes. Every single player who came to the plate reached base, and 17 of the 18

starters found their way to first more than once.

Austin Chapman and Beckett Landrum both had three-hit days to lead Napavine, while Jacob Comer and Keegan Kolb had three hits apiece for Mossyrock. Easton Kolb went 2 for 4 with a pair of walks and led everyone with five RBIs for the Vikings; behind him, Cooper Young drew three walks, and down the card, Zack Munoz got hit by a pitch three times.

All told, nine pitchers — six for Napavine, three for Mossyrock — combined to throw 368 pitches.

Napavine jumped right into Central 2B League play, facing Adna on the road Wednesday. Mossyrock played at River Ridge on Thursday.

## Titans Sweep Opening Twinbill With Warriors

In a couple of dominant innings in both of its matchups against Chief Leschi to open its season, the Pe Ell-Willapa Valley baseball team defeated the Warriors, 20-0, and then 18-0, in a total of five innings played Tuesday afternoon in Pe Ell.

In Game 1, Blake Howard had a strong day on the mound and at the plate, throwing a two-inning no-hitter with six strikeouts while adding a 3-for-3 line with two RBIs and three runs scored.

Liam Smaciarz added a 1-for-2 line with three RBIs and a pair of runs scored himself.

In the second game, an 18-0 win, Riley Pearson threw a three-inning no-hitter with eight strikeouts and just one walk. Garrett Keeton starred at the plate, going 2-for-2 with three runs scored and three RBIs, and Derek Fluke knocked in two runs with a run scored himself.

"We looked as good as we could for our first game," PWV coach Kent Smaciarz said. "A lot of those guys coming back from Spokane had the minimum number of practices and mostly in a gym, it was nice to get outside and play some baseball and get the basketball brain out of the way."

PWV (2-0) takes on Naselle on the road Friday at 4 p.m. for its next matchup.

## NHL

center ice logo keeping it headed in the correct direction.

The Stars' Wyatt Johnston sent a shot off Adam Larsson's ankle that rocketed into the corner, chased after it and put another shot off Larsson's foot. That one bounced to the goal mouth and off Dadonov and maybe Kraken defender Will Borgen, then in.

Jamie Benn made it 2-0 on the first of three Dallas power-

play goals before Yanni Gourde got the Kraken on the board. Gourde took the puck over the blue line and chipped it to Jesper Froden, who set up Vince Dunn for a one-timer. Gourde sent the rebound off defender Joe Pavelski and in.

Pavelski, in turn, scored on the power play to make it 3-1 three minutes into the second period. Dunn put another long

shot on net and struck teammate Eeli Tolvanen in front for the waiver pickup's 14th of the season, 12 of which have come with Seattle.

Jason Robertson scored the ninth-ranked Dallas power play's third goal of the night early in the third period, and the Kraken didn't offer much more resistance after that.

## NFL

# Pete Carroll, John Schneider Change Course to Rebuild Seahawks Defense

By Larry Stone

The Seattle Times

We have become so conditioned to the start of NFL free agency being a spectator sport for the Seahawks that the news of an actual significant signing Monday seemed like a prank.

Surely it must have been one of those fake Twitter accounts that crop up at times like this, authored by someone named Cob Bondotta. Because that's not how general manager John Schneider and coach Pete Carroll operate.

They preferred to sit back and let their competition fight among themselves in the early feeding frenzy, not unlike when appliance-store doors used to open on Black Friday and customers would tussle over the one \$50 deluxe television set. As Carroll has said multiple times over the years, the first day is when you tend to make the kinds of mistakes that haunt a team for years.

But desperate times call for desperate measures, as either Hippocrates or Bill Walsh once said. For Seattle, "desperation" is defined as a defense that last year ranked as one of the worst in the NFL, especially up front. And so there indeed were the Seahawks on Monday, elbows flying, joining the fray to sign defensive lineman Dre'Mont Jones, formerly of the Denver Broncos. They followed up Tuesday by bringing back defensive tackle Jarran Reed, their second-round draft pick in 2016, on a two-year deal.

For the Seahawks, it's a great, albeit startling, start to the Great Defensive Rebuild Project. Jones resembles (at least in their dreams) nothing less than the second coming of Michael Bennett, a versatile force who can work both inside and outside with equal aplomb. It was the signing of Bennett and Cliff Avril in the free-agency period of 2013 — Avril on the second day, Bennett on the third for the bargain-basement cost of 1 year, \$5 million — that put the finishing touches on a historic defense that would win a Lombardi Trophy that very season.

That's not to suggest the Se-



RJ Sangosti / The Denver Post

Denver Broncos defensive end Dre'Mont Jones (93) celebrates a stop during the game at Allegiant Stadium on Oct. 2, 2022 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The home team Las Vegas Raiders won 32-23 over the Denver Broncos during week four of the NFL season.

ahawks are poised on the brink of another championship. But that's what they're trying to build toward. The signing of Jones, like the one last week of quarterback Geno Smith (insert "Alias Smith and Jones" joke for the olds), opens a realm of possibilities for the Seahawks as they try to move from fringe playoff team to legitimate contender.

There is definitely an interconnectedness to the two deals. By signing Smith to a contract that became increasingly more team-friendly with each revelation of its terms, it helped free the cap space for the Seahawks to dive into the deep end of free

agency. And with quarterback and defensive force up front now dealt with from their "to-do" list, it frees Carroll and Schneider to attack the NFL draft with a true "best player available" approach.

If there's a quarterback they think is a can't-miss prospect to eventually succeed Smith, they can take him, because Jones — just 26 — is theoretically that "pillar guy" on defense they've been seeking. This is a draft that experts rate as heavy with edge-rushing talent compared with interior linemen, so the Seahawks can realistically hope to get an impact rusher with their second first-round pick, No. 20 overall.

Or, if an edge rusher such as Will Anderson or Tyree Wilson is simply too irresistible to bypass at No. 5, you can take one and have the remade defensive line they covet.

Traditionally, the Seahawks have used free agency primarily to re-sign their players and find depth pieces. At least, that has been the strategy of the current regime since 2011, their second year in charge, when they came out blazing on the first day of free agency with wide receiver Sidney Rice (one year removed from a 1,300-yard Pro Bowl season) and Zach Miller, the top pass-catching tight end on the

market, getting inked.

The fact that neither quite lived up to expectations might have been a cautionary tale, but that took a few years to reveal itself. Those signings came in the building phase of Schneider and Carroll's early tenure, coming off back-to-back 7-9 seasons. By the next year, however, the Seahawks were ascending to the stratosphere. That's when they molded their strategy of sitting out the frenetic early phase of "legal tampering," to use the oxymoron of choice. And it worked for them, by and large.

What changed this year? Well, for one thing, poor drafting left holes for which free agency was the necessary antidote. By all rights, someone such as, say, L.J. Collier would have established himself on the defensive front and be right in the wheelhouse of his prime. But Collier, the Seahawks' first-round draft choice in 2019, has been a major disappointment, with just three sacks to show for his four seasons with Seattle.

Similarly, third-round linebacker Cody Barton failed to establish himself to the extent that the Seahawks didn't intervene with a serious counter-offer when the Washington Commanders swooped in Monday with a one-year, \$3.5 million contract. And now the Seahawks are heavily in the market for a linebacker either via free agency or the draft. Can you say, "Bobby Wagner"?

Everyone knew the Seahawks had to revamp their defense to break out of their rut of being a one-off playoff team. The Times' Bob Condotta reported that they went hard Monday after not just Jones, but also Zach Allen, the ex-Cardinals defensive end who instead signed a three-year deal with Denver.

The fact that the Seahawks were so heavily involved on Day 1, giving Jones the biggest contract they've ever bestowed upon an outside free agent (three years worth up to \$51.53 million), shows how seriously they are taking their defense rebuild.

But it's only just begun.

## Giants Acquire Tight End Darren Waller From Raiders for Third-Round Pick

NEW YORK (TNS) — The Giants made a blockbuster trade for a big-time receiver on Tuesday. And he's a tight end.

Darren Waller is now a Giant.

GM Joe Schoen acquired the Las Vegas Raiders tight end in exchange for a third-round pick, No. 100 overall.

It's the same pick the Giants acquired from the Kansas City Chiefs in their trade of Kadarius Toney to the eventual Super Bowl champions last fall.

So Schoen flipped a talented and disgruntled former first-round pick of the Giants' previous regime in exchange for one of the NFL's best receiving tight ends — when he's healthy.

The caveat is that Waller, 30,

has not been healthy lately.

He played in only 20 of the Raiders' 34 regular-season games the past two seasons, including a stint on injured reserve with a right hamstring strain.

That makes this an uncharacteristic move by Schoen, who prioritizes availability and durability.

The upside with the 6-foot-6, 255-pound tight end, though, is tantalizing.

"He's a matchup nightmare," one NFL player said.

Waller had back-to-back 1,100-yard receiving seasons when healthy in 2019 and 2020, including career highs of 107 catches, 1,196 yards and nine touchdowns during the 2020 sea-

son.

That makes this somewhat of a low-risk trade, since Waller has no guaranteed money in his contract past this season, even though it technically runs through 2026.

He'll cost \$11.875 million against the salary cap in 2023, giving Daniel Jones another weapon to try and maximize Brian Daboll's offense after the organization paid its quarterback to take the next step.

The feeling among several league sources was that the Giants are done with any big spending for now, pending contract restructures or extensions that free cap space.

So Waller will need to make

this worth it: \$11 million is a lot for a tight end. And his \$17 million average annual salary is the highest among all NFL tight ends.

Schoen will now work to fortify the rest of his skill group and roster with depth signings and NFL draft picks.

On a personal level, meanwhile, this is interesting timing for Waller.

He just got married on the first weekend of March to Kelsey Plum, who plays guard for the WNBA's Las Vegas Aces, only to see himself traded across the country about 10 days later.

The Raiders quickly regretted giving Waller a three-year, \$51 million extension prior to last

season, too, according to sources. He was available leading to last fall's trade deadline, when Vegas reportedly declined a second-round pick offer from the Green Bay Packers.

And then Waller got upset with Raiders coach Josh McDaniels recently for making his wedding plans public, according to The Athletic.

The Giants had been poking around the wide receiver trade market through the NFL combine, as the New York Daily News reported prior to free agency. So they were poised to strike when the opportunity arose.

They'll need Waller on the field this season, however, to make this worth it.

## Lions Signing Bears RB Montgomery; Move Likely Ends Jamaal Williams' Time in Detroit

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (TNS) — The Detroit Lions are signing one of the top running backs on the free-agency market, maybe just not the one everyone expected. The team reached an agreement with David Montgomery Tuesday night, according to a source familiar with the negotiations.

According to multiple reports, it's a three-year, \$18 million deal for Montgomery, which includes \$11 million guaranteed. The move almost certainly signifies

the end of Jamaal Williams' time in Detroit.

Montgomery, 25, was a third-round pick out of Iowa State in 2019, spending his first four seasons with the Chicago Bears. A dual-threat out of the backfield, he's racked up more than 3,600 rushing yards and 4,800 yards from scrimmage in 60 games.

A division rival, the Lions have got plenty of time to get an up-close look at Montgomery's skill set. In eight games against

Detroit, he's compiled 484 yards on 110 carries and another 108 yards on 13 receptions, scoring five total touchdowns.

One of the top players available at the running back position following Saquon Barkley, Josh Jacobs and Tony Pollard receiving franchise tags, Montgomery was ranked ahead of Williams on most publications' free-agency rankings.

"Montgomery is a reliable three-down back who is as

tough as any player in the NFL, returning to the lineup from injury faster than expected several times over his career and never showing signs of weakness," Pro Football Focus wrote.

"Beyond rushing and receiving, Montgomery is also a reliable pass protector. As a playmaker, the former third-rounder can routinely shake off tacklers and make defenders miss in a phone booth, with his 185 missed tackles forced over the

past four seasons the fifth most in the NFL. His biggest knock is his lack of top-end speed to break off big gains, as he has recorded just 21 rushes of 15-plus yards on 915 carries.

Williams, a fan favorite, is now expected to sign elsewhere. The six-year veteran, who led the NFL with 17 rushing TDs last season, has reportedly been drawing interest from a number of teams, including Super Bowl contenders Buffalo and Cincinnati.

## Ravens QB Jackson Rebut Report About September Contract Offer With Cryptic Twitter Response

BALTIMORE (TNS) — Lamar Jackson broke his silence on his contract negotiations with the Ravens on Tuesday. As is often the case when it comes to Baltimore's quarterback, though, what he actually said was cryptic.

The 2019 NFL Most Valuable Player seemed to dispute an ESPN report by NFL insider Adam Schefter that he turned down a \$200 million guaranteed deal from the Ravens in September, tweeting an animated gif in response.

Then Jackson, who is repre-

senting himself in contract negotiations, added another response: "133/3 years fully guaranteed but I need a agent?"

For good measure, he added, "People throw [poop emoji] at the wall and hope it stick."

What's not clear is whether the reported three-year, \$133 million offer was its own deal or part of a larger offer from the Ravens. Later on Tuesday, Schefter responded to Jackson's tweet, clarifying the parameters of the supposed deal.

That deal, which was report-

ed in September, included \$133 million guaranteed at signing, according to Schefter and ESPN reporter Chris Mortensen. It also included injury guarantees that would bring it to \$175 million — something that would be all but certain given a \$70 million cap hit if the Ravens released him. On top of that was another \$25 million guaranteed, according to Schefter, if Jackson was on the roster on the fifth day of the 2026 league year.

"The deal that was offered to him, and these are just the facts

from the contract, no spin, no nothing, \$175 [million], that was the real guarantee, with injury, that Lamar Jackson turned down," Schefter said Tuesday on ESPN.

It has been widely speculated that Jackson, on whom the Ravens placed the nonexclusive franchise tag last week, is said to be looking for a contract close to the five-year, fully guaranteed \$230 million deal that the Cleveland Browns handed Deshaun Watson last year.

Meanwhile, it remains to be

seen whether Jackson will play on the roughly \$32.4 million tag or sign a deal with another franchise. Jackson, who has not spoken to reporters since suffering a season-ending knee injury Dec. 4, can begin talking to other teams when free agency officially opens Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Should Jackson sign elsewhere, the Ravens would have five days to match the offer sheet. If they don't, they would get two first-round draft picks from that team in return.

## College Basketball

## Texas A&amp;M-Corpus Christi Hangs on for NCAA Tournament First Four Victory

DAYTON, Ohio (TNS) — Texas A&M-Corpus Christi grabbed the first win of the 2023 NCAA Tournament with a 75-71 triumph over Southeast Missouri State on Tuesday night at UD Arena.

For the Islanders, the victory was especially sweet after they lost the opening game of last year's tourney.

Their redemption almost didn't come, though, as the Redhawks erased a 10-point lead to tie the score at 64 with three minutes to go.

TAMU-CC's Jalen Jackson broke the tie with a pair of free throws at the 2:48 mark, and the Islanders held on as the teams traded scores over the last three minutes.

Isaac Mushila, who scored 15 points for the Islanders, iced the game with a free throw with 1.5 seconds left. That came after he rebounded Phillip Russell's step-back 3-point attempt that would have tied the game.

Jackson led the Islanders with 22 points while Trevian Tennyson added 12.

Chris Harris led SEMO with 23 points, but he was one of three Redhawks to foul out of the game.

Russell added 15 points for SEMO.

The Islanders advance to take on No. 1 seed Alabama on Thursday in Birmingham, Ala.

### Clutch Shot From Burton Sends Pitt to First Round of NCAA Tournament

DAYTON, Ohio (TNS) — Jamarius Burton didn't play long, but when it mattered most, the team's leader stepped up big. With his team down by a point with under 30 seconds left, Jeff



Jalen Jackson (4) of the Texas A&M-CC Islanders shoots the ball against Nate Johnson (14) of the Southeast Missouri State Redhawks during the second half in the First Four of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament at University of Dayton Arena on March 14 in Dayton, Ohio.

Capel knew who had to have the basketball, and his faith was rewarded.

A clutch basket from the fifth-year senior put Pitt ahead for good with nine seconds left. A defensive stop the following possession solidified a 60-59 victory over Mississippi State Tuesday evening in the NCAA tournament's First Four round.

With starting center Fede Federiko out due to a knee injury he sustained last week in the ACC tournament, the Panthers (23-11) formulated a game-plan

that attacked the Bulldogs (21-13) in their weakest areas.

Entering the game as the worst 3-point-shooting team in the country, Pitt dared Mississippi State to win from the outside, which it looked to be capable of doing early on. The Bulldogs opened the contest drilling four of their first five looks from behind the arc. However, as game play continued, the outside heat transitioned to the other team.

While Mississippi State dominated on the glass, the Panthers

relied upon their veteran backcourt to make up the difference with shooting and stingy defense. A 62% shooting effort from 3-point-range allowed Pitt to take a 35-34 lead into the half. The lead was aided by eight forced Bulldog turnovers, which the Panthers turned into 12 points.

Although looks from behind the arc were hard to come by, a triple from Blake Hinson is what gave Pitt the boost it needed in the closing minutes, putting it ahead 58-52 with 3:06 remaining. While Mississippi State

pushed back, Pitt ultimately held on to finish the job to keep its season alive.

Nelly Cummings led the Panthers with 15 points. Greg Elliott, Blake Hinson and Nike Sibande each also scored in double figures, finishing with 13, 12 and 11 points respectively.

Key stat: After dominating from the outside early on, Hinson's triple with 3:06 left was Pitt's only made 3-pointer in the second half. Nonetheless, the basket came at a crucial time, playing a key part in the win.

## Tough West Region Could Present Obstacles for Gonzaga, Top Seeds

By Jim Meehan

The Spokesman-Review

There are numerous ways to rank the NCAA Tournament's four regions, but three indicators show the West can make a strong case as the toughest at the top.

Adding up the top four seeds in each region by the selection committee's 1-68 seed list, the West (Kansas, UCLA, Gonzaga and UConn) checks in first at 31. The South, with top overall seed Alabama, is next at 33, followed by the Midwest at 35 and the East at 37.

Adding up the top four seeds by NET ranking, the West is tops at 26, followed by the East (45), South (54) and Midwest (60). By KenPom's rankings, the West is easily in front at 23, followed by the East (48), Midwest (53) and South (62).

The third-seeded Zags (28-5), who take on No. 14 Grand Canyon in the opening round Friday

in Denver, could face a challenging road in the West Region, anchored by top seed Kansas. The Jayhawks were in contention for the top overall seed with a national-best 17 Quad 1 wins. Texas, seeded second in the Midwest, was second with 14.

Coach Bill Self, who led Kansas to the national title last season, missed the Big 12 Tournament after undergoing a heart procedure, but he's expected to be back for March Madness.

UCLA came up just short against Arizona in the Pac-12 Tournament title game. The Bruins, who won the regular-season title by four games, are No. 2 in KenPom, No. 3 in the NET and No. 5 on the selection committee's seed list.

UCLA guard Jaylen Clark (Achilles injury) is expected to miss the tournament, but there is optimism Bruins center Adem Bona (shoulder) could return.

Gonzaga is sixth in the NET, eighth in KenPom and 10th on

the seed list.

UConn is eighth, fourth and 13th, respectively. The Huskies (25-8) finished tied for fifth in the Big East after an impressive nonconference run. They won six straight before falling to Marquette 70-68 in the conference tournament. Marquette is a No. 2 seed in the East.

"The most important thing is that's a long way off," said Zags coach Mark Few, when asked about the strength of the West Region. "We have to survive and advance with Grand Canyon, literally. The seeds mess with people's minds when they're not in our industry, and it's just not how it is, especially when we talk about how crazy the year was in college basketball. The amount of parity and how tough it is to get any kind of win, we experienced that in our league this year, right?"

"Just go through all of Grand Canyon's games and every one of them was close, maybe a one-

or two-possession game. It's hard to get to what's down the road in the bracket."

Few mentioned he's watched a number of TCU's games. The sixth-seeded Horned Frogs are a potential second-round opponent for the Zags.

"The one nobody is talking about is TCU," Few said. "They're really, really good. Really athletic and (coach) Jamie (Dixon) has them playing a lot faster this year. They went into Kansas and won by 25 or something. When they're at full strength, they're really something."

TCU will open against the Arizona State-Nevada First Four winner.

Few is also quite familiar with fifth-seeded Saint Mary's, which went 1-2 against the Zags this season, and 10th-seeded Boise State, led by former Gonzaga assistant Leon Rice.

The only chance of a fourth GU-Saint Mary's meeting is if

both teams win three games. The Gaels face No. 12 VCU on Friday in Albany, New York.

Boise State, which opens against No. 7 Northwestern, made the Big Dance for the second straight season. Forward Tyson Degenhart, a Mt. Spokane High graduate, leads BSU at 14.3 points, followed by Rice's son Max at 13.9.

The earliest Gonzaga and Boise State could meet is in the Sweet 16 if both teams win twice. "He's done an awesome job," Few said of Rice. "They've yet to win a game in the tournament, but they have a great shot this year."

The upper half of the bracket includes eighth-seeded Arkansas facing No. 9 Illinois. Arkansas knocked off Gonzaga in the Sweet 16 last season. The Razorbacks have a number of new faces, but they have talented players, including guard Anthony Black, who took a recruiting visit to Gonzaga.

## Ole Miss Will Rely on Defense in First-Round Matchup Against Gonzaga in NCAA Tournament

By Jim Allen

The Spokesman-Review

At first glance, the Gonzaga women should feel pretty good about their first-round NCAA Tournament matchup Friday night against Ole Miss.

The Rebels shoot poorly from long range and haven't beaten a top-tier opponent all season. They're also traveling across country for only their second NCAA appearance in the last 16 years.

However, a closer look reveals a team that probably deserved a better fate than ninth-seeded Ole Miss will carry into Stanford's Maples Pavilion.

The Rebels (23-8 overall) finished third in the tough Southeastern Conference at

11-5 — good enough to earn a 25 ranking in the NCAA's NET algorithm.

It was earned mostly with one of the nation's best defenses, which held opponents to an average of 56.8 points a game. The Rebels also have a plus-7.6 rebounding margin.

"I just think we gotta stay true to who we are," coach Yolett McPhee-McCuin told the Jackson (Mississippi) Clarion-Ledger on Sunday.

"We won 23 games, and we've done it only one kind of way," McPhee-McCuin said. "Anytime we don't, we lose. It sounds simple, but we have to stick to our recipe, which is defending, rebounding, running and sharing the ball. I think if we do that, we'll have success."

poll of the 2022-23 campaign is probably fitting.

The Bulldogs didn't move when Monday's rankings came out, holding down the No. 9 spot for the second consecutive week.

Unlike college football, the AP doesn't release a postseason basketball poll following the

Success at the other end of the court has been more elusive. Ole Miss ranks 108th nationally in field-goal percentage and 251st in 3-point shooting at 29.4%.

Ole Miss is 0-5 against teams with a top-25 NET ranking. However, the Rebels took defending NCAA champ South Carolina to overtime three weeks ago at Ole Miss.

Three days earlier they took then-No. 2 LSU to the limit in Baton Rouge before losing 69-60.

The Zags and Rebels have one common opponent: Tennessee. The Zags beat Tennessee, 73-72, in the third-place game of the Battle 4 Atlantis in the Bahamas, while Mississippi lost to the Lady Vols by 14 last month in Knoxville, Tennessee.

NCAA Tournament, meaning Monday's was the last of the current season.

Alabama overtook Houston to claim the No. 1 ranking while the Cougars, Purdue, Kansas and Texas rounded out the top five in that order. Teams ranked Nos. 6-10 were Marquette,

The Rebels are led by senior guard Angel Baker, a reserve last year who has blossomed into a first-team All-SEC honoree. Averaging 15.1 points per game, she shoots 45.3% from the field.

Junior forward Madison Scott (11.8 ppg, 8.2 rpg) and senior guard Marquasha Davis (10.2 ppg, 4.7 rpg) are the Rebels' other top threats.

The Rebels have plenty of tradition, but most of it was made in the previous century. Overall, the program has made 19 tournament appearances, including 10 Sweet 16s and five Elite Eights.

McPhee-McCuin, a native of the Bahamas, has spent most of her career in the South. For one year, 2006-07, she was an assistant at Portland of the West Coast Conference.

UCLA, Arizona, Gonzaga and Connecticut.

Unlike the last two seasons, when Gonzaga didn't slip out of the top five, the Bulldogs were all over the map in 2022-23. AP voters ranked Mark Few's team No. 2 in a preseason poll, but nonconference losses to Texas,

That was also the last time Ole Miss won an NCAA Tournament game, reaching the Elite Eight before falling to Tennessee.

McPhee-McCuin coached the Bahamas national team from 2013 to 2017 before coming to Ole Miss.

Inheriting a program that hadn't been to March Madness since 2007, she went 7-39 in SEC games in her first three years. Last year the Rebels made it back to the tournament as a No. 7 seed only to lose to South Dakota in the first round.

"We don't want to be one-and-done in the NCAA Tournament," she said last month. "I don't care what seed they give us."

Purdue and Baylor dropped Gonzaga to No. 6, No. 14 and as low as No. 18 on Dec. 5.

The Bulldogs fell one spot to No. 9 in the USA Today Coaches Poll that was released on Sunday. They moved up three spots in the NCAA NET rankings, from No. 9 to No. 6.



Courtesy Photo

The Adna girls youth basketball team went to the Washington State Middle School State Championship and went 3-1 overall, losing only to the eventual state champions by 3. Unlike the high school level, the middle school bracket for Adna consists of 3A and under teams throughout the state. The team is made up mainly of third graders who play up, with four of the five starters being in third grade. Overall, the girls went 36-6 this year, even going 3-1 in a fifth grade tournament in Seaside, Oregon. Adna is coached by Joel DeGuise and Mike Fournier. Pictured in the photo above, from left to right, are Emma Fournier, Cooper Lund, Ella Fournier, Hudson Lowrey, Piper Skovold, Sydney Strodemier, Parker Clark, Aria Reynolds and Charlotte DeGuise. This photo and information were submitted by Mike Lowrey. To submit youth sports outcomes for publication in The Chronicle, send photos and information to news@chronline.com.

## In Focus: Adna Girls Find Success at State Championships

### News in Brief

#### Weather Hampers Search for Missing Plane Near Queets

By The Daily World

Search and rescue efforts for a missing plane and pilot believed to have crashed near Queets last week have been hampered by foul weather along the coast.

The plane, piloted by Rod Collen, departed from Tacoma Narrows Airport on Monday, March 6, and was reported missing that evening, according to a Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) news release.

"It's still an active investigation," said Tina Warner, a spokesperson for WSDOT, in a phone interview. "We don't have the information on what led up to this."

Search and rescue efforts for the aircraft, a white single-engine Cessna T182 Turbo Skylane with the tail number N24289, began that night after locating an approximate area where the aircraft disappeared, according to the news release.

"Within seven minutes into the flight, the information that tells us where their plane was going, their tracking system, was turned off or malfunctioned and was no longer visible," Werner said. "We have a specialized radar forensics team. We were able to place them between the coast and Lake Quinault and Queets."

Radar returns gave them an area of approximately 36 square miles where the aircraft made a very rapid descent to the ground, according to the news release.

"As far as we know, Collen was the only person aboard," Werner said.

No signal from the emergency locator transmitter has been detected, and WSDOT air search and rescue crews, working in partnership with the Quinault Indian Nation, whose tribal land the search area is located in, have carried out air searches for the aircraft, according to the news release.

Foul weather along the coast has hampered the ability of aircraft to search safely, and the rugged and forested nature of the terrain makes ground searches impractical without a better idea of the crash's location, according

to the news release. The rugged terrain, tall trees, foul weather and snow-covered ground possibly concealing the plane's white exterior all complicate the search, Werner said.

"When our pilot, our search and rescue coordinator are flying through the area, some of these trees are upwards of 100 feet and are covered in snow. We're looking for a white plane; it can be misleading," Werner said. "When there's reduced visibility and low clouds, it can make for very challenging flying conditions."

Search flights will hopefully resume Tuesday morning, Werner said.

WSDOT is the primary agency responsible for coordinating search and rescue for aircraft incidents, Werner said.

"It's something we do take seriously," Werner said. "Safety is a key part of what we do at WSDOT as a multimodal transportation agency."

Alongside WSDOT and personnel from the Quinault Indian Nation, the Coast Guard, the sheriff's offices of Pierce and Jefferson counties, the Tacoma Police Department and the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center are all contributing to the investigation.

"Anyone who thinks they may have seen or heard that plane, please contact the state emergency operations center at 800-258-5990," Werner said.

#### Man Charged With Murder in Washington Head-on Crash That Killed Two Children

By The Yakima Herald-Republic

Yakima County prosecutors charged a Missouri man with second-degree murder in connection with a Feb. 28 head-on crash that killed two children.

In court papers filed in Yakima County Superior Court Thursday, Keith Andrew Goings, 20, was charged with two counts each of second-degree murder and vehicular assault, and a single count of eluding police.

The murder charges do not require prosecutors to show an intent to kill but demonstrate that while eluding police Go-

ings caused the deaths of Delilah Minshew, 8, and Timothy Escamilla, 6.

The crash has renewed calls from lawmakers and police to change state laws regarding high-speed pursuits.

A Washington State Patrol trooper first spotted Goings driving a White Ford Mustang 104 mph east on Interstate 90, four miles west of Thorp, according to a State Patrol probable cause affidavit. When the trooper tried to stop Goings, he sped off at 111 mph, the affidavit said.

The trooper then broke off his pursuit, the affidavit said. Three other troopers in Kittitas and Yakima counties also tried to pull over Goings, who reached speeds of 120 mph, but broke off each time when he refused to stop, the affidavit said.

As he fled officers, Goings turned off his headlights and weaved around slower vehicles on the highway, the affidavit said.

After refueling in Sunnyside, Goings started driving west in the eastbound lanes of Interstate 82, where he collided head-on with a Nissan Altima. Delilah and Timothy, who were siblings, were in the Altima and were killed in the crash while their 5-year-old sister and the Altima's driver, Maurilio "Danny" Trejo, 23, of Grandview, were injured and eventually taken to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, along with Goings, the affidavit and a State Patrol news release said.

The Tri-City Herald reported that Trejo was driving the children, who were in foster care, to a supervised visit with their parents.

Troopers said Goings was reportedly "laughing and showing complete disregard" for the Altima's occupants, the affidavit said.

He is being held in the Yakima County jail in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

Under state law, police must have probable cause, meaning that it is more likely than not, that someone has committed a violent crime before engaging in a pursuit. At that time, the only crime authorities could attribute to Goings was speeding, which alone does not justify a pursuit under the 2021 state law, Trooper Chris Thorson said earlier.

While police can pursue someone if they have reasonable

suspicion that they are driving under the influence, Thorson said there was not enough evidence at the start to justify that rationale for a pursuit. A drug-recognition expert who saw Goings after the crash determined he was likely under the influence of intoxicants, and a toxicology test is being performed on his blood.

Police and lawmakers cited the crash as further evidence the law needs to be revised to allow police to use a reasonable suspicion standard for initiating pursuit in some cases.

State senators passed a bill this past week that would allow police to engage in pursuits if they have reasonable suspicion that someone has committed or is committing a violent offense, a sex offense, vehicular assault, escape, domestic violence assault or driving under the influence, and that the risk of not stopping the person outweigh the risks of the pursuit.

#### Bremerton's 'Praying Coach' to Return to the Sidelines Next Football Season

By The Seattle Times

The Washington high school football coach at the center of a First Amendment case that went before the U.S. Supreme Court last year will return to the sidelines for the upcoming football season.

The Bremerton School District announced that Joe Kennedy, a former assistant football coach who prayed with his players and other students on the field, will be back in his old coaching role this year. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in June that Kennedy's prayer fell under his First Amendment rights to free speech and free exercise of religion, weighing in on the age-old argument over prayer in public schools.

After the decision, Washington's Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction said the ruling affirms that school employees can engage in individual prayer as long as there's no expectation that others join and the prayer is not part of their official duties.

Kennedy started coaching at

the school in 2008 and initially prayed alone on the 50-yard line at the end of games. But students and players soon joined him, and he began giving talks with religious references.

The district asked him to stop. Kennedy and district officials disagreed about whether he complied with that request, and how to characterize his actions.

Kennedy was put on administrative leave at the end of the 2015 season, and a school official recommended against renewing his contract for the 2016 season. Kennedy did not reapply for his job.

Kennedy, who moved to Florida to care for a family member, had previously said he wanted his old job back, and his attorneys implied after the Supreme Court decision that they expected him to return to coaching.

Kennedy has completed human resources paperwork, and the district is awaiting his fingerprinting and background check results. The school board will approve football coach contracts on Aug. 3, and Kennedy will be included in coaching staff communications and begin coaching in mid-August, the district said.

"We are thrilled that Bremerton and Coach Kennedy are back together and we hope they go undefeated," Hiram Sasser, executive general counsel at First Liberty Institute, the legal organization that represented Kennedy, said in a statement.

The district also announced last week that it had reached an agreement to settle a claim for Kennedy's attorney fees for \$1,775,000. The agreement still must be approved by the board of directors in a public meeting Thursday.



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# DeSantis Outpaces Trump in Major Republican Primary Measure: The Number of Mentions on Fox

By Tribune News Service

Gov. Ron DeSantis has for the first time passed former President Donald Trump in mentions on Fox, the all-important source of information for Republican primary voters, a shift that could have an impact on the contest for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination.

Media Matters for America, the liberal organization that monitors conservative media, reported Tuesday that Fox mentioned DeSantis more often than Trump last week for the first time in 2023.

Fox played a major role in DeSantis' rise from a junior member of the U.S. House to governor and now contender — all but officially declared — for the Republican presidential nomination.

It's a favorite venue for DeSantis, and he's a favored guest for Fox. It was in response to Fox host Tucker Carlson's questionnaire that DeSantis made presidential campaign news, declaring that he didn't see that defending Ukraine, which was invaded by Russia, as vital to U.S. interests. Some leading Republicans disagree.

And it was on Saturday night, March 11, where he was the subject of a glowing profile on "One Nation with Brian Kilmeade," during which DeSantis and Kilmeade played catch on the Dunedin field where DeSantis played Little League baseball.

Until last week, Media Matters reported, Fox personalities and guests mentioned Trump more often than DeSantis every week this year.

For the first 10 weeks of 2023, Fox mentioned Trump at least 1,571 times and DeSantis at least 791 times.

Last week, the score switched to at least 177 mentions of DeSantis and 142 for Trump. DeSantis' mentions are likely inflated by his nationwide book tour stops and visits to key states in the presidential nominating process.

"Over time, slowly, it will wear into Trump's base," said Jim Kane, who has polled for



Scott Olson / Getty Images/TNS

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis speaks to Iowa voters gathered at the Iowa State Fairgrounds on March 10, 2023, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Democratic and Republican clients and is former adjunct professor teaching graduate students in political science at the University of Florida.

Susan MacManus, a retired political science professor at the University of South Florida, where one of her courses was on media and politics, said Fox is enormously influential among Republican voters who watch television.

Fox nighttime host "Tucker Carlson, he's an opinion leader" for those voters, she said. Younger voters, regardless of parties, aren't big television watchers — preferring other ways to get information — so the impact from Fox is limited for them, MacManus said. "The podcasts really seem to be grabbing the young conservatives," she said.

Since the beginning of this year, DeSantis has appeared on the network seven times, Media Matters said. Trump, by contrast, has not had any appearances this year.

The Murdoch family, which controls Fox and other right-leaning outlets such as the New York Post, has been seen as leading toward DeSantis for some time.

On Nov. 9, the day after the Florida governor won reelection by 19 points last year, the New York Post put him on the front page with a headline proclaiming, "DeFUTURE," called him a "young GOP star" and relegated the much closer reelection win of the New York governor to a line at the bottom of the page.

The paper's Nov. 10 cover depicted the former president as "Trumpty dumpty" about to have a great fall. And on Nov. 16 it relegated Trump's announcement that he'd seek the

2024 presidential nomination to the bottom of the front page with the headline "Florida man makes announcement."

Even before the recent uptick in DeSantis mentions, Trump hasn't been happy with Fox. He's labeled it the "RINO Network," which stands for Republican In Name Only, after court filings showed executives and on-air personalities didn't believe Trump's false claims that the 2020 election was stolen and disparaged the former president.

In a Presidents Day speech to supporters in West Palm Beach, Trump expressed his displeasure with the channel. "They're not on board with us. They're better [than the other cable channels]. They're not on board with us."

Polling shows a potentially close race for the nomination between Trump and DeSantis. A CNN poll released Tuesday, showed 40% of Republicans who indicated they might participate in the nominating process cited Trump as their first choice with 36% naming DeSantis as their top choice, effectively a tie.

All other declared or potential candidates were in single digits. Trump's backers were enthusiastic, with 76% reporting they'd definitely support him and 59% of DeSantis supporters saying they'd definitely support him.

The CNN poll of 1,045 Republicans and Republican-leading independents was conducted online and by telephone March 8-12 by SSRS. CNN/SSRS said it had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

than poisoning. Arrests weren't made until Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei spoke publicly to condemn the attacks for the first time last week.

**30-Year Mortgage Rates Retreat for First Time in Five Weeks**

By Tribune News Service

U.S. mortgage rates declined for the first time in five weeks, helping propel a measure of home-purchase applications to the highest in a month.

The contract rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage fell 8 basis points to 6.71%, according to Mortgage Bankers Association data released Wednesday. The group's index of mortgage applications for the purchase of a home increased 7.3% to 165.6, the highest since the week ended Feb. 10.

The decline in mortgage rates coincided with a sharp drop in 10-year Treasury yields as investors flocked to the safety of government securities on fears of contagion stemming from the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank. That's also prompted traders to bet the Federal Reserve will proceed with a 25-basis point hike next week as opposed to 50.

Mortgage News Daily, which updates more frequently, put the 30-year rate at 6.75% late Tuesday.

The MBA's index of refinancing applications also increased in the week ended March 10, helping boost the gauge of overall mortgage applications 6.5%.

The MBA survey, which has been conducted weekly since 1990, uses responses from mortgage bankers, commercial banks and thrifts. The data cover more than 75% of all retail residential

mortgage applications in the U.S.

**Salmon Fishing Banned Along California Coast as Population Plummet**

By Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES — Fishing boats would normally fan out along the California coast to catch Chinook salmon in the spring, but regulators have announced the fishing season will be shut down this year.

It's only the second time in history that the ocean salmon fishery has been closed in California, and the decision reflects a major decline in fish populations after the state's driest three-year period on record.

People who depend on salmon fishing said the closure will bring economic hardships for many in the industry. "This whole situation is really depressing," said Sarah Bates, who fishes with a commercial boat and usually sells her catch through a community fishing association in San Francisco.

"I think we're going to lose some boats from both our commercial and recreational fleets," Bates said. "The public of California is going to have to get used to not having salmon on their barbecue, unless they want it from very far away."

The Pacific Fishery Management Council, a multistate, quasi-federal body that decides on ocean fishing seasons, adopted proposals to close the fishing season at a meeting last week, and is expected to formally approve the closure at a meeting in early April.

The National Marine Fisheries Service also announced that the coastal sport fishing season, which had been scheduled to

open in most areas on April 1, will be canceled through May 15. Fisheries officials have cited the nearly record-low numbers of fall-run Chinook salmon that returned to spawn in the Sacramento River last year.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife said the estimated number of 3-year-old adults that are likely to return to the Sacramento River this year to spawn is less than 170,000, one of the lowest forecasts in the 15 years that officials have been using their current assessment method.

Officials estimated fewer than 104,000 fall-run Chinook are likely to return to the Klamath River, the second lowest estimate since 1997.

The only other time salmon fishing has been entirely shut down along the California coast was in 2008.

"We don't have enough salmon this year to have a season," said John McManus, president of the Golden State Salmon Association.

"This is incredibly sad," McManus said. "There's thousands of people in California and in Oregon both that rely on Central Valley salmon to make a living."

Fishing and environmental groups have criticized Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration for water policies they argue have failed to prioritize river flows for salmon.

"This didn't have to happen," McManus said. "We don't have to suffer this again in the future, and we won't if some changes are made."

His association, together with other fishing and environmental groups, has two pending court cases against the state and the federal government challenging water management policies.

State officials have pointed

out that declines in salmon populations typically follow dry years, and have said they are prioritizing efforts to rebuild fish populations.

Chuck Bonham, director of the state Department of Fish and Wildlife, said recently that the decline is part of a decades-long trend and the last three years of record drought "only further stressed our salmon populations."

Bonham said the low population reflects the extremely dry conditions of 2020.

Fluctuations in salmon numbers are typically tied to flows in rivers, with wetter conditions helping the fish flourish.

Bonham said the storms and high river flows this year should benefit the salmon. In 2010, for example, ample rainfall led to higher estimates of returning adults in 2012 and 2013.

"That gives you some optimism that in three years from now, you could see the same kind of thing," Bonham said. "This can turn around."

When salmon return to California rivers to spawn, they lay their eggs in gravel nests in streambeds. The juvenile fish migrate to the Pacific, often returning in three years to complete the cycle.

Normally, heavy spring runoff is ideal for pushing young salmon downriver to the ocean. But because of the low numbers of adult salmon that came back to spawn last year, McManus said, "our best guess is that there are not a ton of wild baby salmon waiting to take advantage of this runoff."

State and federal officials also manage hatcheries that rear and release millions of Chinook salmon each year. And high river flows this spring are expected help more of those salmon thrive as they are released in the coming months.

Iranian authorities arrested 110 people on suspicion of being linked to suspected poisonings at girls schools that have hospitalized hundreds of students since November.

Saeed Montazeralmahdi, a spokesman for Iran's police command, said the arrests were the result of an increase in police foot patrols around affected institutions, the semi-official Mehr News Agency reported on Wednesday.

A spate of mass illnesses has spread through hundreds of Iranian schools over the past few months, with teachers and students reporting the presence of noxious gas and smells that have caused vomiting and nausea. That's coincided with the biggest popular uprising against the Islamic Republic's theocratic leadership since it was founded after the 1979 revolution — with women and girls playing a central role.

The protests followed the death in police custody of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini, a Kurdish woman who was arrested for allegedly flouting Islamic dress codes.

Schoolgirls have staged classroom protests rebuking the male clerics that run the country. Several teenage girls have been beaten to death by security forces, according to the United Nations and several rights groups.

Montazeralmahdi didn't give details about the people arrested or if the police had determined the chemicals used. He said "stink bombs" had been deployed in some cases and that a number of cases were the result of "psychological factors" rather

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A resident at the property looks into a detached garage after crews from Riverside Fire Authority responded to a structure fire along View Avenue in Centralia where flames damaged the building and items inside Wednesday morning.

## No Injuries Reported in Centralia Detached Garage Fire

By Emily Fitzgerald

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No injuries were reported following a structure fire on View Avenue in Centralia on Wednesday morning.

day morning.

Fire crews with the Riverside Fire Authority and the Chehalis Fire Department were dispatched to a report of a fire in a detached garage just before 8:15

a.m. on March 15. A neighbor originally reported there might be someone living in the garage, but there were no signs the garage was occupied by a resident, according to Riverside Assistant

Fire Chief Kevin Anderson.

The garage was reportedly being used for storage.

The fire posed no threat to the primary residence or any neighboring properties, Anderson said.

son said.

Crews cleared the scene after extinguishing the fire at about 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, according to the Riverside Fire Authority.



Crews from Riverside Fire Authority carry hoses along View Avenue in Centralia where a detached garage and items inside were damaged by flames Wednesday morning.



Centralia police and crews from Riverside Fire Authority carry hoses along View Avenue in Centralia where a detached garage and items inside were damaged by flames Wednesday morning.

### News in Brief

#### Lewis County Elections Logic and Accuracy Test Scheduled

By The Chronicle staff

Ahead of the April special election, Lewis County Elections shared a news release reminding the public they are invited to various activities of the voting tests and counting process.

On Friday, March 17 at 10 a.m., at the Lewis County Auditor's Office, 351 NW North St., Chehalis, a test of the Accessible Voting Unit will be conducted.

A ballot from each unique ballot style will be marked and printed from the unit and incorporated into the test deck for a Logic and Accuracy test on Jan. 9. Both parts of these tests are open to the public for observation.

On Monday, March 20 at 10 a.m., at the Lewis County Auditor's Office, 351 NW North St., Chehalis, a Logic and Accuracy Test will be conducted on the tabulation system for the April 25 special election. This testing is also open to the public for observation.

After the election, the Lewis County Canvassing Board will meet twice. These are open public meetings. In the first, on Thursday May 4 at 9 a.m., the board will determine status of provisional, challenged or questionable ballots, if there are any.

On Friday May 5 at 9 a.m., they'll then review and determine the status of any provisional, challenged or questionable ballot not previously reviewed.

Following that, the board will certify the election.

#### Mount Rainier National Park to Go Cashless on Entry Fee and Camping, But Not Concessions

By The News Tribune

Beginning May 26, Mount Rainier National Park will only accept digital payments for entry and campground fees, according to an announcement last week. Cash will still be accepted for concession-run businesses inside the park like bookstores and restaurants.

Other national parks have also started to move away from cash payments. Earlier this year, South Dakota Badlands National Park and Oregon's Crater Lake National Park both switched to a cashless system. Devil's Tower National Monument also stopped accepting cash in April 2022.

Those who can pay only with cash can purchase pre-paid passes with ticket sellers outside the park before visiting Mount Rainier, although the park service has yet to identify external partners who will sell them. More information will be shared once it's available on the park's fees and passes webpage.

Annual passes, private vehicle passes, motorcycle passes, individual passes or backcountry permits and campground reservations can be purchased at recreation.gov, the federal government's online travel planning and reservations platform. Advanced campground reservations can also be made on the park's website.

The park service said the cashless payments will save

money and help them manage their revenue more efficiently. The new system is also intended to reduce transaction times and improve accountability.

The national park isn't the only entity switching over to cashless forms of payment. Research shows that Americans, especially those in younger generations, are becoming increasingly comfortable going cashless. Survey results from analytic and advising company Gallup found that a majority of Gen Z and Millennial Americans — 54% of people age 18-29 and 55% aged 30-49 — are comfortable without carrying cash. However, 73% of people age 65 and older and 64% of those aged 50-64 prefer to carry cash.

Several park passes can be purchased at recreation.gov, including annual passes, which cover the entrance fee. The cost for each pass are as follows:

- Mount Rainier annual pass: \$55
- Private vehicle pass: \$30 for seven days
- Motorcycle pass: \$25 for seven days
- Pedestrian/cyclist pass: \$15 for seven days
- Campground fee: \$20 per night
- Group campground fee: \$60 per night

Entrance passes must be printed to enter, but the park will accept a digital voucher for a single vehicle pass.

Military veterans are qualified to enter the park free annually. Since November, the National Park Service and other federal agencies have been offering lifetime and an annual Military Pass that waives entrance fees at various parks nationwide. The lifetime pass is available for Gold Star Families and U.S. military veterans, and the annual

pass is for current U.S. military members and their dependents. Gold Star Families and veterans must display a voucher to park staff to claim the lifetime pass, and current military members can get the annual pass at the U.S. Geological Survey agency's website.

During a few days a year, Mount Rainier lets all visitors in for free:

- April 22: First day of National Park Week
  - Aug. 4: Anniversary of the Great American Outdoors Act
  - Sept. 23: National Public Lands Day
  - Nov. 11: Veterans Day
- Groups from educational institutions can have their fees waived if they're visiting with the intent of studying park resources. The waiver must be applied a month prior to the scheduled visit, and the group must email an education request form to mora\_fee\_waiver@nps.gov.

#### Southwest Washington Mycological Society to Hear From Mycologist Daniel Winkler on April 4

By The Chronicle staff

The Southwest Washington Mycological Society is inviting community members to attend its next meeting on Tuesday, April 4, at 6 p.m.

During the meeting, attendees will hear from the mycologist Daniel Winkler, who the club describes as a "distinguished guest." According to the announcement from the club, Winkler was a highlight when he last presented in 2018.

Winkler will be sharing his knowledge of edible mushrooms

in the Pacific Northwest with his new book "Fruits of the Forest — Handbook to Edible Mushrooms of the Pacific Northwest." He will discuss the identification, collection, preparation and storage of edible mushrooms as well as the different habitats and seasonality of mushrooms.

Winkler will also share "fungal fun" facts from his ethnomycological research and "mushrooming" adventure travels.

The event will take place in the meeting room of the Lewis County Fire District 6 Station 61 at 2123 Jackson Highway in Chehalis.

#### Traffic Slowed for 11 Hours After Fuel Truck Rollover Injured Pierce County Men

By The Olympian

Two men from Pierce County were injured Monday morning when a semi-trailer fuel tanker rolled over on Interstate 5 in Lacey, slowing traffic all day, according to Washington State Patrol.

The 43-year-old Puyallup driver and a 21-year-old Tacoma passenger were injured and taken to Providence St. Peter Hospital in Olympia.

About 5:50 a.m. Monday, the tanker truck was headed south on I-5 near Carpenter Road when it left the roadway to the left and rolled. Troopers say the cause of the crash was "speed too fast for conditions," according to a memo released by the state patrol.

The crash and subsequent cleanup of the truck's fuel slowed traffic for 11 hours and 32 minutes, according to state patrol.

# Puzzles

Find Answers to the Puzzles in the Next Edition

## Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Twilight, to a poet
  - 4 Slight progress
  - 8 Fictional spy — Helm
  - 12 Pitch in
  - 13 Finishes a cake
  - 14 Mediterranean landmark
  - 15 Mama's boy
  - 16 Pitch in
  - 18 Make happy
  - 20 "My gal" of song
  - 21 Fabric meas.
  - 23 Be a bookworm
  - 26 Short distance
  - 29 Related
  - 32 "Casablanca" pianist
  - 34 Like a sage
  - 35 Ginza money
  - 36 Opposite of post-
  - 37 Pecs' partners
  - 38 Adjust a clock

- 39 Sailed through
- 40 Green parrot
- 41 Cavity
- 42 Eucharistic service
- 43 Little kid
- 45 Meadow
- 47 Brady Bill opposer
- 49 The Forbidden City
- 53 Safety run-through (2 wds.)
- 58 Lively dance
- 59 Comics canine
- 60 Berg
- 61 Fruit cooler
- 62 Summer hangout
- 63 Basted together
- 64 Tulip color

**DOWN**

- 1 Relieve
- 2 Fat fiddle
- 3 Best or Ferber
- 4 Minced

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 5 Author Umberto —
- 6 Prefix for classic
- 7 Kitchen meas.
- 8 Haggard of country music
- 9 — loss for words
- 10 Dynamite letters
- 11 — kwon do
- 17 Get paid
- 19 Hunt and peck
- 22 Right to decide (hyph.)
- 24 Humane org.
- 25 Is bold enough
- 26 Love letter letters
- 27 Nepal neighbor
- 28 Composition
- 30 Ship timber
- 31 Chip producer
- 33 Rx items
- 39 Delhi nursemaid
- 41 Group of livestock
- 44 Use a prayer rug
- 46 Pompeo of TV
- 48 Dog's barks
- 50 Partly open
- 51 Facet
- 52 Like good cheddar
- 53 Vain fellow
- 54 Chapel vow (2 wds.)
- 55 Grande or Bravo
- 56 Seine moorage
- 57 Feeling blue

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## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to blood collection.

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Answer: Donor

## Sudoku

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

# Bath Safety Word Search

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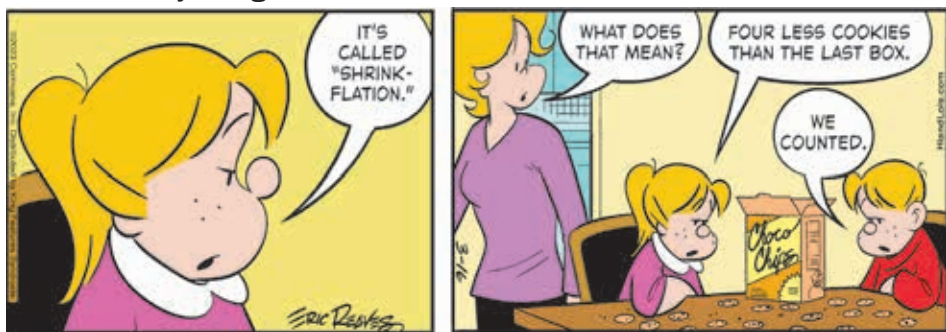
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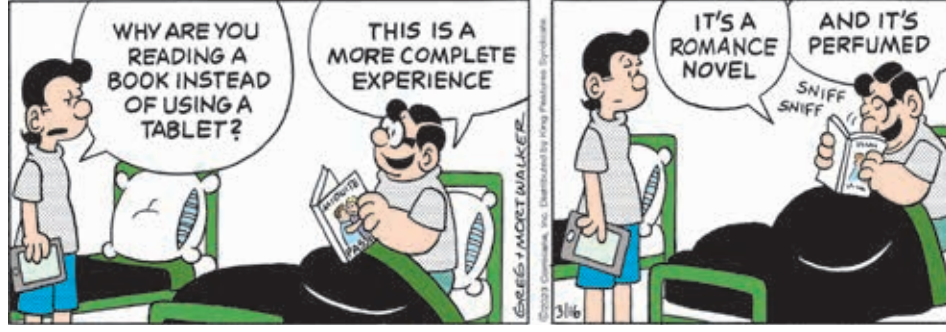
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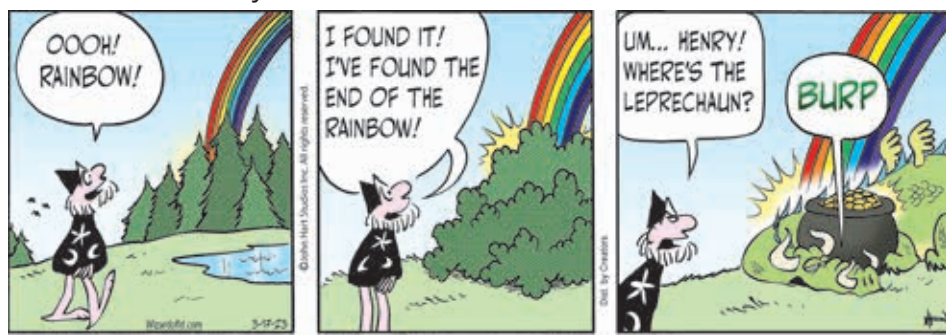
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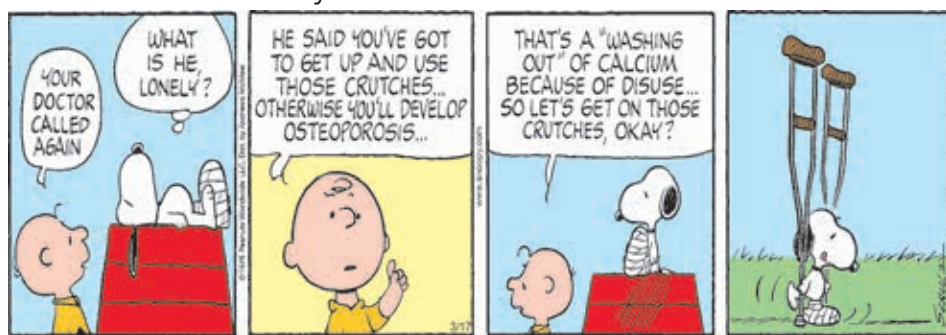
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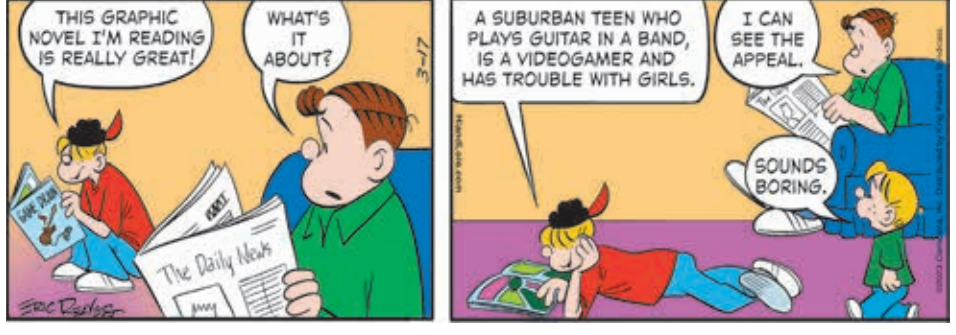
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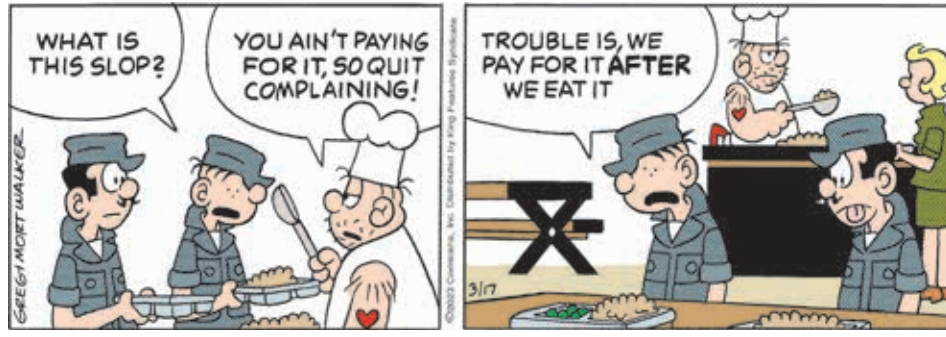
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**NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEETING DATE AND TIME**

The Board of Directors of the Napavine School District announces that the originally scheduled March 20, 2023 workshop meeting will be held on March 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. due to scheduling conflicts. The meeting will be held via Zoom. The link to the meeting can be found on the district website @ napavineschools.org. Further questions may be directed to district office personnel @ 360-262-3303. Shane Schutz Secretary to the Board Dated: March 13, 2023

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125585 Call For Bids  
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Sealed Proposals will be received by the undersigned at the Town of Pe Ell, 111 South Main Street, Pe Ell, Washington 98572, up to 11:00 a.m.; local time on Thursday, March 30, 2023, for furnishing the necessary labor, materials, equipment, tools, and guarantees thereof to construct Mauerman Road Waterline.

The Project includes installing approximately 1,000 linear feet of 2-inch waterline and water services along Mauerman Road and Pe Ell McDonald Road.

The Work shall be substantially complete within 20 working days after the commencement date stated in the Notice to Proceed. All bidding and construction is to be performed in compliance with the Contract Provisions and Contract Plans for this project and any addenda issued thereto that are on file at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Pe Ell, Washington.

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

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

Financing of the Project has been provided by Town of Pe Ell, Washington.

The Town of Pe Ell expressly reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive minor irregularities or informalities and to Award the Project to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder as it best serves the interests of the Town of Pe Ell.

(Signed) **MAYOR LONNIE WILLEY**  
MAYOR

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

125586 Dependency Yoder

**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF LEWIS JUVENILE COURT**  
In re the  
**Dependency of: TEVIN LEE TROY YODER**  
D.O.B.: 08/17/2022  
No. 22-7-00187-21  
**NOTICE AND SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION (Dependency) (SMPB)**  
TO: AMBERLY MOREHEAD, Mother; TEVIN YODER, Alleged Father; WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER, OR ANYONE EXPRESSING A PATERNAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE-NAMED CHILD;

A Dependency Petition was filed on August 19, 2022; A Fact Finding hearing will be held on this matter on April 13, 2023 at 1:30 pm at Lewis County Superior Court, 345 W. Main St., Chehalis, Washington 98532. YOU SHOULD BE PRESENT AT THIS HEARING.

The hearing will determine if your child is dependent as defined in RCW 13.34.030(6). This begins a judicial process which could result in permanent loss of your parental rights. If you do not appear at the hearing, the court may enter a dependency order in your absence.

To request a copy of the Notice, Summons, and Dependency Petition, call DCYF at 360-807-7081 or 1-800-562-6926. To view information about your rights, including right to a lawyer, go to [www.atg.wa.gov/DPY.aspx](http://www.atg.wa.gov/DPY.aspx). DATED this 16th day of March, 2023  
SCOTT TINNEY, Lewis County Clerk  
By: Yolinda Hipp, Superior Court Deputy Clerk

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

125564 Landlord Lien

Centralia - Public Auction/Landlord Lien Foreclosure Sale - 3/28/2023 @10:00 AM - 1981 COM-MO 70 x 14 Manufactured Home - VIN: RS9696--Parkway Mobile Home Park, Sp. #14, 1740 Harrison Ave. PH: (360) 464-3506

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

125565 Notice to Contractors

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Lewis County or designee, will open sealed proposals and publicly read them aloud on or after 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2023, at the Lewis County Courthouse in Chehalis, Washington, for the Culvert Material Purchase - Kruger Rd. MP 1.2 Culvert Project.

**SEALED BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY OR BEFORE 12:15 P.M. on Thursday, March 30, 2023**

(Lewis County official time is displayed on Axxess Intertel phones in the office of the Board of County Commissioners. Bids submitted after 12:15 PM will not be considered for this project.)

Sealed proposals must be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Lewis County Commissioners (351 N.W. North Street, Room 210, CMS-01, Chehalis, Washington 98532), by or before 12:15 P.M. on the date specified for opening, and in an envelope clearly marked: "SEALED BID FOR CULVERT MATERIAL PURCHASE - KRUGER ROAD MP 1.2 CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT, CMP 15-1904, TO BE OPENED ON OR AFTER 12:15 P.M. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023."

All bid proposals shall be accompanied by a bid proposal deposit in cash, certified check, cashier's check or surety bond in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of such bid proposal. Should the successful bidder fail to enter into such contract and furnish satisfactory contract bond within the time stated in the specifications, the bid proposal deposit shall be forfeited to the Lewis County Public Works Department.

Informational copies of maps, plans and specifications are on file for inspection in the office of the County Engineer of Lewis County in Chehalis, Washington. The contract documents may be viewed and downloaded from Lewis County's Web Site @ [www.lewiscountywa.gov](http://www.lewiscountywa.gov) or you may call the Lewis County Engineers office @ (360) 740-2671 and request a copy be mailed to you.

The Lewis County Public Works Department in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42

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# State Senator Testifies Before Committee on Catalytic Converter Bill

By Matthew Zylstra

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On Tuesday, 19th Legislative District state Sen. Jeff Wilson, R-Longview, testified before the Senate Law and Justice Committee in favor of his catalytic converter bill, known as Senate Bill 5740.

The bill, which would require everyone involved in a catalytic converter transaction to have a license, creates the crime of trafficking in catalytic converters, requires record keeping for transactions and mandates the Washington State Patrol to conduct periodic inspections of licensed catalytic converter purchasers. While the deadline for committees to pass bills sponsored by members of their own chambers has already passed for the current legislative session, SB 5740 was exempted from the deadline on the grounds the bill is necessary to implement the budget.

"I bring you this bill today to address what I will still say is one of the fastest growing if not the fastest growing crime in Washington state, which is the continued theft of catalytic converters," Wilson told the committee.

During his testimony, Wilson said at least 12 catalytic converters were stolen every day during 2021, with those thefts affecting people across the state.

"Why is this bill necessary? Well to me it's PPR, palladium, platinum and rhodium; three very precious metals worth a lot of money. So much money that it elevates these crimes and it attracts organized crimes," Wilson said. "That's what this bill is really trying to address."

Wilson also told his Senate colleagues that while it's already a crime to steal a catalytic converter, a more aggressive approach is needed to address the issue.

"We need to up our game a little bit," Wilson said.

Wilson told the committee his bill would create a licensing requirement to address the issue of people engaging in catalytic converter transactions at informal locations around the state, mentioning parking lots as a specific example.

"This bill says, 'Slow that down a little bit.' You can buy these but you have to be a licensed auto or scrap metal recycler," Wilson said.

Wilson added he did not want Washington state to be number one in catalytic converter thefts, declaring, "This is not a statistic we want."

To add upcoming events to the Community Calendar, email reporter Matthew Zylstra at matthew@chronline.com.

## Vet-To-Vet Cafe

March 17 at the Olequa-Winlock Senior Center, 119 SW Kerron St., Winlock; 9:30 a.m.

This event is a social hour open to all veterans of any age or branch. Attendees can enjoy the company of their fellow service members.

## Noxious Weed Identification Class

March 17 at the Onalaska Fire Department, 1733 Main Ave., Onalaska; 5 to 7 p.m.

There will be a class on how to identify noxious apiaceae weeds. It will cover the topic of identifying giant hogweed vs native cow parsnip, poison hemlock vs water hemlock, and wild carrot and chervils so that attendees can address them appropriately. Those who attend can earn two pesticide credits for free. Attendees are encouraged to preregister as space is limited.

The meeting will also be available on Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84926497119>. The meeting ID is 849 2649 7119. For more information or to reserve a seat, contact Danika Davis at [Weeds@lzewiscountywa.gov](mailto:Weeds@lzewiscountywa.gov).

## Ford's Prairie Grange Handcrafted Bazaar

March 17 and 18 at the Ford's Prairie Grange, 2640 W. Reynolds Road, Centralia; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



State Sen. Jeff Wilson testifies before the Senate Law and Justice Committee on Tuesday in support of his catalytic converter bill.

He also said he recognizes the bill would not end all the crime related to catalytic converters because some people use sophisticated methods, but he does believe the bill would make a difference.

After testifying, Wilson received no questions from his colleagues and the committee's vice chair, state Sen. Yasmin Trudeau, D-Tacoma, who presided over the hearing on SB 5740 during the absence of chair Manka Dhingra, D-Redmond, moved on to public testimony.

Gary Ernsdorf, a senior prosecutor with King County Prosecutor's Office, was the first person to testify. Ernsdorf said SB 5740 represents much of work done by a work group he was a part of to address the issue of catalytic converter theft.

Telling the committee it is important "to recognize the impact on the individual," Ernsdorf gave the example of a single parent whose car was stolen and now has difficulty taking care of their children.

According to Ernsdorf, the work group found drying up the marketplace for catalytic converters can help combat the problem. He also described catalytic converter transactions as taking place in two market places. One market place consisted of licensed recyclers, who the working group found were not receiving inspections. The other marketplace consisted of unlicensed dealers, who he said need to be licensed. Ernsdorf said SB 5740 would create a penalty for being unlicensed, add-

ing, "That's the kind of action we need."

The second member of the public to testify was Shannon Barnett, a school transportation administrator.

Barnett called catalytic converter theft a "scourge," adding the increase in catalytic converter thefts has made it harder to provide transportation to students with special needs. Barnett said his staff have come back to their workplace in the early morning to find catalytic converters stolen from five special needs buses, telling the committee such thefts disrupt service for special needs students and cost his agency over \$3,000 per bus to fix. He added other school buses in his area have also been targeted.

Brad Tower, another testifier representing Schnitzer Steel, said the bill would make Schnitzer's work more challenging, specifically mentioning an amendment sponsored by Dhingra.

Holly Chisa, representing the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, also voiced opposition to the amendment while testifying.

James King, of the Independent Business Association, expressed opposition to the entirety of Wilson's bill.

"This bill is a terrible misfire," King said.

According to King, contrary to Ernsdorf's testimony, SB 5740 does not represent findings of the work group that researched catalytic converter thefts, which he also served on.

## Community Calendar

### Run Amok Irish Running Club 5K Dash

March 18 at Dick's Brewery, 3516 Galvin Road, Centralia; 9 a.m.

Check-in begins at 9 a.m. and the race begins at 10. The cost is \$30 for a long sleeve shirt and \$15 for no shirt. Children 10 and under are free, though shirts can be purchased. The fee for the day of entry is \$20 with no shirt. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/mr3vr2td>.

### Spring Open House at the Memorial Park

March 18 at Mill and Mills Funeral Home, 5725 Littlerock Road SW, Tumwater; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Attendees can meet the staff, tour the memorial park and funeral home. There will be refreshments.

### Benefit Fundraiser for Christina Porter

March 18 at the Chehalis Moose Lodge, 1400 Grand Ave., Centralia; 4 p.m.

There will be a spaghetti dinner at 4 p.m. for \$10 followed by an auction and bake sale. For donations, call Pattie at 360-490-8921.

### Potato Bar and Bingo Night

March 18 at the Trinity Rebekah Lodge, 111 W. Washington St., Napavine; 4 p.m.

Dinner will be followed by bingo. Dinner is \$15 and bingo is \$10. The cost is \$5 for each additional playing pack. There will be drawings, prizes, raffles and snacks.

### Lincoln Day Dinner Fundraiser

March 18 at The Loft, 547 NW Pacific Ave., Chehalis; 6 p.m.

The Lewis County Republican Party is holding its annual Lincoln Day Dinner fundraiser. The speakers include talk radio host Todd Herman, comedian Josh Novey and Center for Self-Governance founder Mark Herr. Local activist Glen Morgan will serve as host. Tickets can be purchased at <https://auctria.events/LewisCountyLDD2023>. General admission tickets are \$100 and VIP tickets are \$150.

### Spring Fling Dance and Karaoke

March 18 at the Veterans Memorial Museum, 100 SW Veterans Way, Chehalis; 6 to 8 p.m.

This is a spring dance for adults with disabilities. The event is open only to those ages 18 and over. The event is free. For more information, email [laccessiblerecreation@gmail.com](mailto:laccessiblerecreation@gmail.com) or call 360-472-8301. Sponsors and donation items are needed, visit <https://tinyurl.com/3c6t99zh> to view the Amazon wishlist.

### Roll for a Cause: March Bowl-a-Thon

March 19 at the Mill Town Smokehouse, 834 Westlake Drive, Morton; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Mill Town Smokehouse will hold a monthly Bowl-a-Thon sponsored by the Morton Seniors Advisory Board, which provides services to local senior citizens through the Morton Senior Center. There will be teams

of four, each of which requires a \$150 sponsorship to participate, \$100 of which the Morton Senior Center will directly receive in addition to other donations and raffle proceeds.

### 20th Legislative District Virtual Town Hall

March 20 from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

State Sen. John Braun and state Reps. Ed Orcutt and Peter Abbarno are inviting 20th Legislative District residents to attend their virtual town hall. The meeting will be hosted on Zoom and people wishing to participate will need to sign up in advance at [https://leg-wa-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Mng7847RCGTG5OQVRFEfw](https://leg-wa-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Mng7847RCGTG5OQVRFEfw).

### Botanical Bartending Workshop Series

March 22 at Flourish Cafe, 202 S. Tower Ave., Centralia

Herbalist Lauren Olean will teach this herbal mixology class. Attendees can learn how to make herbal liqueurs, syrups, sugars and cocktail bitters in a relaxed and mindful environment. The class will cover how to work with different herbs that grow locally and their medicinal benefits. Attendees will make products together and sample ingredients. One drink is included. Attendees must be at least 21. Spaces are limited and tickets are \$50 per class or \$135 for the whole series. Go to <http://www.naturenurturefarmacy.org/events> to reserve a spot or call 360-996-4387.

law to steal a catalytic converter, but when people fence them, that's where it becomes an organized crime. That's why I was so surprised at the resistance I saw from the scrap metal industry and the auto wreckers at Tuesday's hearing before the Senate Law and Justice Committee. I think the public ought to know what we are arguing about in Olympia."

Wilson said catalytic converter theft is unique among crimes in how much it has increased, claiming there was a 10,000% increase in catalytic converter thefts from 2019 to 2021. Wilson added Washington is ranked third in the country for catalytic converter thefts across the country, with over 4,200 converters reported stolen.

"Yet the scrap metal industry and the auto wreckers tell us current law is working fine and nothing needs to change. All we need to do is look at the evidence of our own eyes and we can see that isn't true. When catalytic converter components are worth more than gold, we have to change the way we do business," Wilson said.

According to the statement, the precious metals found in catalytic converters are highly valued. Rhodium is currently traded at \$9,700 an ounce, which is currently five times the price of gold, while palladium is valued at \$1,505 an ounce and platinum is valued at \$989 an ounce.

Prior to last year, Washington state treated catalytic converters as a car part no different than others that are removed, something that was only changed with the passage of House Bill 1815 in 2022. Under HB 1815, catalytic converter sales to scrapyards are treated with the same level of scrutiny and record keeping requirements of other transactions that might involve criminal activity, such as the scrapping of street signs, copper wiring and metal guardrails. Under current law, sellers are required to show proof of ownership and immediate cash payments are prohibited.

According to the statement, representatives of the scrap industry claimed current laws are adequate and argued the proposed licensing requirements do not make allowance for wholesalers who buy catalytic converters from auto wreckers and resell to recyclers. The industry representatives instead proposed the state create a program to engrave numbers on catalytic converter casings.

### Lewis County AAUW Used Book Sale

March 23, 24 and 25 at the Moose Lodge, 1400 Grand Ave., Centralia; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Book prices will drop every day with the best selection of books on March 23. On March 25 books will be \$5 per bag all day. The proceeds are used to fund college scholarships and other educational opportunities for women.

### Family Resource Fair

March 25 at the Morton Elementary School Gym, 400 W. Main Ave., Morton; 10 a.m. to noon

There will be information on infant and child CPR, booths, free raffle drawings, games, a photography session, free books and a fire truck. Free diapers can be reserved for pick up at the event by parents who are expecting or have a baby up to 18 months old by calling 360-496-3749 by March 17. There will be parenting health tips from Jason Whitney, ARNP, FNP-C and Dr. Travis Podbilski.

### Stationary Dinner Train

March 25 at the Chehalis Centralia Railroad and Museum, 1101 SW Sylvanus St., Chehalis; 5 p.m.

Attendees will be able to have a three-course dinner with musical entertainment aboard renovated 1920s dining cars and can choose between roasted chicken with potatoes or Fettuccine Alfredo. Tickets are \$66 and are available at [SteamTrainRide.com](http://SteamTrainRide.com). Attendance is limited to 48 guests.

# Life



Jared Wenzelburger /jared@chronline.com

W.F. West High School hosts a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday for a new student store "The Crimson & Gray" powered by Lewis County Coffee Co. in Chehalis.

## W.F. West Trains Its Own Baristas for New Business Venture With Lewis County Coffee

Submitted by the Chehalis School District

Educational options for career pathways have recently increased at W.F. West High School thanks to new business and marketing teacher Kristin Ciolli.

Students in Ciolli's class have been abuzz with energy and excitement (and maybe a little caffeine) in preparation for the grand opening of The Crimson & Gray Powered by Lewis County Coffee, a new business venture that will eventually be managed and fully run by high school students.

"This kind of thing doesn't just happen overnight," said W.F. West Career and Technical Education (CTE) Director and Assistant Principal Christine Voelker. "Ms. Ciolli began making connections with the owners of Lewis County Coffee right after she was hired last spring."

After some brainstorming with building administrators, Ciolli took the initiative and contacted Lewis County Coffee owners Samantha and Spike Magnuson and Angie Twining.

"It was Kristin who got the ball rolling," Voelker said.

Ciolli continued to keep that ball rolling, spending countless hours ensuring every detail was considered and taken care of before the grand opening on Wednesday, March 15.

While she was the driving force in bringing this project to fruition, Ciolli had the support and assistance of Business and Operations Specialist Gladis Mendez Mendoza. Together, they attended to health department requirements, worked with contractors, responded to city and county inspectors and demonstrated for students the persistence required to get a business started. And the students are eager to assist.

W.F. West hasn't had a business and marketing class for several years. However, with 43 students in Ciolli's first semester class, it has become evident that student interest will keep the program alive and thriving. Other CTE teachers are helping make the new CTE pathways successful.

In Donnie Bunker's sign-making class, students have helped create and install professional signage for the coffee shop, including a new logo designed by Alison Clinton. Students from Clinton's photography class and Ciolli's yearbook staff are busy taking pictures. Other CTE colleagues are helping Ciolli make connections with local businesses and spread the word on social media.

Thanks to student-run cookie sales during lunch, ingredients for the coffee shop were purchased, and business and marketing students were ready



Receipts are handed out with smiles at W.F. West High School during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday for a new student store "The Crimson & Gray," which is powered by Lewis County Coffee Co. in Chehalis.

**"Ms. Ciolli began making connections with the owners of Lewis County Coffee right after she was hired last spring."**

Christine Voelker  
Chehalis School District

to formally serve customers beginning Wednesday.

### Business and Marketing

The Business and Marketing class provides students with a major emphasis on employability skills, economics, marketing and business concepts, creative sales and leadership development. Students will have the opportunity to take part in Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), which is an association of marketing students that encourages the development of business and leadership skills through academic conferences and competitions.

Recently, for the first time in years, Chehalis students competed in the state DECA competition. They participated in professional selling events and a role play competition.

"As first year DECA students they did very well," said Ciolli. "We hope that with more experience, our W.F. West students will be able to continue to compete at state and national conferences."



From left, Kristin Ciolli, Angie Twining and Sam Magnuson pose for a photo as Lewis County Coffee Co. celebrates a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday for a new student store "The Crimson & Gray," at W.F. West High School in Chehalis.

### Grand Opening

Beginning at 11 a.m. March 15, students and staff had the chance to order traditional coffee drinks including four specialty drinks named for the Chehalis schools' mascots: The Bearcat, The Wildcat, The Cougar and The Bobcat.

Specialty drinks are flavored with huckleberry, peach, strawberry, mango and more. Some are topped with orange juice. In order to meet USDA standards for public schools, ingredients had to be modified, resulting in fewer calories per drink. For example, all syrups are sugar-free — tasty, but with reduced calories.

Thanks to Lewis County

Coffee, the students were fully trained and ready to serve customers. All of W.F. West baristas have attended formal training on drink recipes and the service culture for which Lewis County Coffee is known.

"We were attracted to the service culture this company created and wanted the same for our students," said Voelker. "This training model, and the work culture they promote, is exactly what our Business and Marketing students needed."

What's more, the trainers and owners of Lewis County Coffee are former Bearcats. As W.F. West alumni, Samantha and Spike Magnuson and Twining are giving back to their com-

munity.

They have volunteered their time and expertise in designing the work space and giving students work-based learning skills like time management needed in this kind of work.

"We look forward to eventually serving parents and community members as well," said Ciolli. "We plan to be open for some evening community events, and hope to broaden our hours of operation as more student workers become involved and available."

The Crimson & Gray Powered by Lewis County Coffee opened to an eager customer base inside W.F. West High School on Wednesday.