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## Quinault Nation closes tribal fishing early, calls on state to do the same

**COHO:** Chehalis Basin likely to be off limits for fall silvers if WDFW follows suit

By Isabel Vander Stoep  
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The Quinault Indian Nation's Department of Fisheries closed fall coho salmon fishing early this year in Grays Harbor and on the Queets River, "despite hardship for tribal fishermen," said a news release from the nation.

In a letter sent Wednesday, the Quinault Nation calls on the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to do the same "in response to alarmingly low returns of wild adult coho salmon," the release stated.

If WDFW follows suit, the decision would likely apply at least to the Queets and main stem Chehalis rivers and others that empty into Grays Harbor, including the Humptulips River, if not to the whole Chehalis River Basin.

The letter states Quinault members are "disappointed at WDFW's 'wait and see' attitude and reluctance to take precautionary actions to protect the resources entrusted to our stewardship in the face of uncertainty."

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## British Bites takes a bite of Centralia

Couple's bakery and bistro set to open in downtown location Saturday



Photos by Jared Wenzelburger / jared@chronline.com

Lori and Mike West pose for a photo alongside son Morgan at the location of British Bites in Centralia as the building was remodeled last October.



Food and flyers from British Bites, an eatery opening in Centralia on Saturday, are pictured at a catered event at the Juice Box last year.

By Hallie Ralls  
For The Chronicle

When Lori and Mike West, owners of Puyallup business British Bites, purchased a home in Centralia in 2021, they had no idea that the seller's agent, Levi Althaus, of Coldwell Banker Voetberg Real Estate and The Juice Box, would soon approach them with an opportunity to expand their business to a second location in Centralia.

"We decided we wanted to live a little further from the hustle and bustle of the bigger cities," Lori West said. "I knew Centralia would be a great place to live and raise our children."

Althaus had the location on South Washington Avenue for a while, but wasn't quite sure what to put there until he heard of British Bites and got excited.

"We need more diversity of businesses," Althaus said. "I

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### Benefit concert



Country musician to raise money for Centralia athletics / Main 16

### Dog shot in head



PUD worker decides to adopt dog after rescue / Main 18

### Deaths

Swecker, Devin Christopher, 42, Port Angeles  
Matzko, Reginald A., 56, Napavine  
Meyers, Max J., 87, Winlock  
Ramsaur, MaryJane, 85  
Wilkinson, Christine M., 97, Centralia  
Rice, Richard D., 84, Ryderwood



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# Gluesenkamp Perez introduces legislation to address nationwide shortage of EMS workers

By Mitchell Roland  
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U.S. Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, D-Washougal, hopes to address the emergency medical services (EMS) staffing shortage and ease the process to become an emergency medical treatment (EMT) worker.

On Wednesday, Gluesenkamp Perez and Rep. Brad Finstad, R-Minnesota, introduced the bipartisan Preserve Access

to Rapid Ambulance Emergency Medical Treatment Act. According to Gluesenkamp Perez, the bill would address the shortage of emergency workers, particularly in rural areas.

“When you dial 911 in a remote community like mine, it can take long enough to receive life-saving emergency services without the added strain of staffing shortages,” Gluesenkamp Perez said in a statement.

“This bipartisan bill will support the recruitment of EMS staff in rural areas and cut red tape for veterans looking to build on their service to their country by becoming a certified EMT or paramedic. I appreciate Rep. Finstad’s partnership to support rural first responders and strengthen this line of defense for our communities.”

If passed, the bill would:  
• Direct the secretary of labor to

study EMS workforce conditions

• Create and fund grants for states to streamline the process of becoming a certified EMT and paramedics

• Develop an EMS preparedness and response workforce pilot grant program that promotes recruitment and retention efforts, with 20% of the grants to rural EMS agencies

“In many cases, qualified veterans with military medical

training face complicated certification processes that make it difficult to transition to a civilian career as an EMT or paramedic,” Finstad said. “I’m proud to partner with Rep. Gluesenkamp Perez on this bipartisan legislation that will cut through the bureaucratic red tape and make it easier for veterans to use their military emergency medical technician training and serve their communities here at home.”

## News in Brief

### Lewis County Foster Parent Association seeks Christmas gift donations through Dec. 11

By The Chronicle staff

The Lewis County Foster Parent Association (LCFPA) is collecting Christmas gifts for children and teens in foster, kinship and adoptive families now through Dec. 11.

“Every year at Christmas time, we have a celebration for the children in Lewis County that are in these special homes. We love to have plenty of gifts to give these children, some of whom have never experienced a warm and loving Christmas with a supportive family,” LCFPA said in a September letter to potential donors. “We would greatly appreciate your support in giving these children a Christmas of a lifetime.”

LCFPA is collecting gifts for:

- 100 kids ages 0-3
- 100 kids ages 4-8
- 60 kids ages 9-12
- 60 kids 13-18

Anyone wishing to supply a gift through LCFPA can purchase the gift themselves or make a cash donation, which will be converted to a gift card or used to purchase specialized gifts, ac-

cording to LCFPA.

LCFPA also has gift tags with age-specific items and sizes available for anyone interested in setting up a giving tree.

Gifts can be mailed directly to LCFPA at P.O. Box 202, Onalaska, WA, 98570. Larger gifts can be dropped off at or mailed to Centralia Christian Church at 1215 W. Main St., Centralia, WA, 98531.

For more information, specific gift ideas or to make a donation or arrange for pickup, contact LCFPA President Sara Jones at 360-440-1260 or mommasara25@gmail.com.

To learn more about LCFPA, visit <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068566181263>.

### Riverside Fire Authority fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society set for Centralia Outlets

By The Chronicle staff

Members and supporters of a local Firefighter Stairclimb team will solicit donations toward a fundraising goal for the 2024 Firefighter Stairclimb in Seattle, which benefits the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The fundraiser will be held at the Centralia Outlets, near Nike

and Columbia Sportswear, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24.

The 2024 Firefighter Stairclimb will be held on Sunday, March 10, at the Columbia Center in downtown Seattle.

The Riverside Fire Authority will represent Centralia as part of the 2,000 firefighters participating from departments across the United States and the world.

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Firefighter Stairclimb is the world’s largest on-air stair climb competition and is held at the tallest building in Seattle, the Columbia Center. At 788 feet of vertical elevation, the Columbia Center stands as the second tallest building west of the Mississippi River. It takes 69 floors of stairs and 1,356 steps to reach the top. All 2,000 firefighters will climb in full turnout gear, weighing over 60 pounds, while breathing through their air packs.

Learn more about the climb at [https://www.llswa.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=1750&pg=entry](https://www.llswa.org/site/TR?fr_id=1750&pg=entry).

### Mason County woman, 42, dies in crash near Shelton

By The Chronicle staff

A 43-year-old Hoodspout woman died in a crash near Shelton on Tuesday, according

to the Washington State Patrol.

Lisa A. Replogle, 43, was traveling north on U.S. Highway 101 at Wallace Boulevard in a 2010 Mazda MZ6 at about 2:15 p.m. when she crossed the centerline and struck another vehicle head on, according to the state patrol.

Replogle died at the scene.

The driver of the second vehicle, Rocky L. Graham, 40, of Shelton, was transported to Mason General Hospital to be treated for his injuries. His 2003 Chevrolet Express was totaled, along with Replogle’s vehicle.

Both drivers were wearing seat belts. It’s unknown whether drugs or alcohol played a factor in the crash, according to the state patrol, which listed the cause of the crash as “speeds too fast for conditions.”

### Friends of the Chehalis Library to hold annual book sale

By The Chronicle staff

Friends of the Chehalis Library is hosting its annual book sale on Saturday, Dec. 2, both during and after the annual Santa Parade down Market Boulevard.

The sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hundreds of books of all genres and for all ages will be

available. All of the proceeds from the sale will be returned to the library to fund community programs throughout the year.

Specially-designed, high-quality cloth book bags will also be available.

The Vernetta Smith Chehalis Timberland Library is located at 400 N. Market Blvd., Chehalis.

### Possibilities Women’s Center doing Christmas raffle

By The Chronicle staff

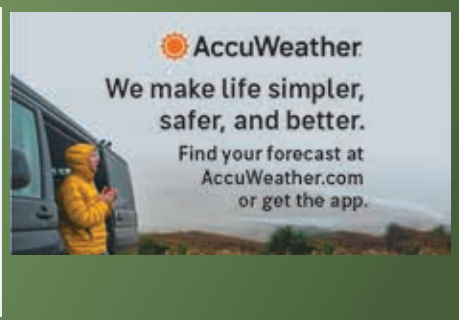
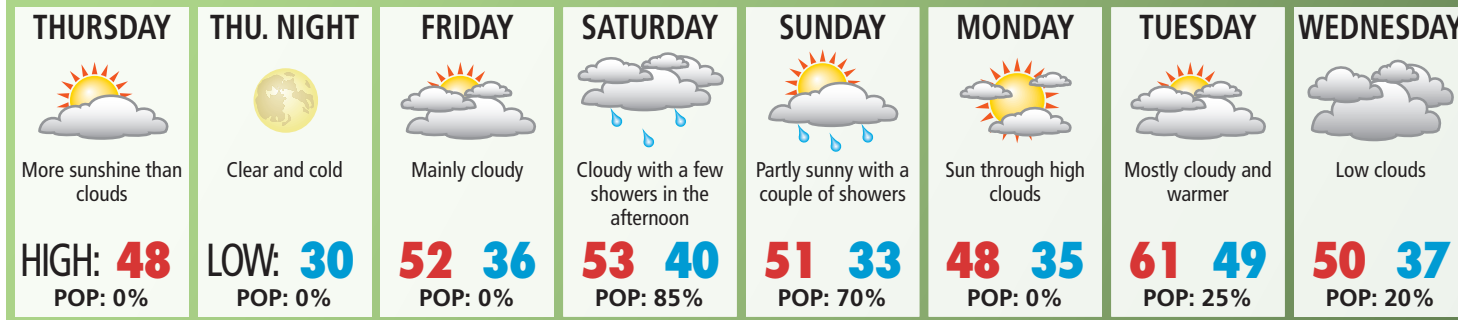
Possibilities Women’s Center in Centralia is doing a Christmas raffle from now until Nov. 20.

The raffle includes four tickets to the Southwest Washington Dance Center’s performance of “The Nutcracker,” a gift card to Great Wolf Lodge, a free Christmas photoshoot, and plenty of Christmas activities for the family.

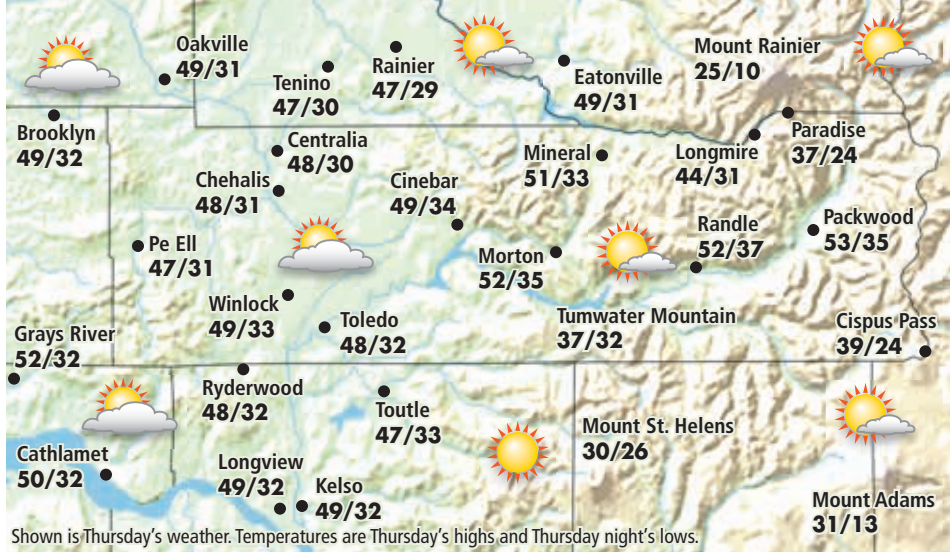
“Here at Possibilities, we value family,” the center wrote in a news release. “We provide free resources to women and families in need, such as pregnancy testing, diapers and education classes. All proceeds from this raffle go to keeping those programs running.”

Visit [findmypossibilities.com](http://findmypossibilities.com) to purchase a ticket.

## TWIN CITIES WEATHER

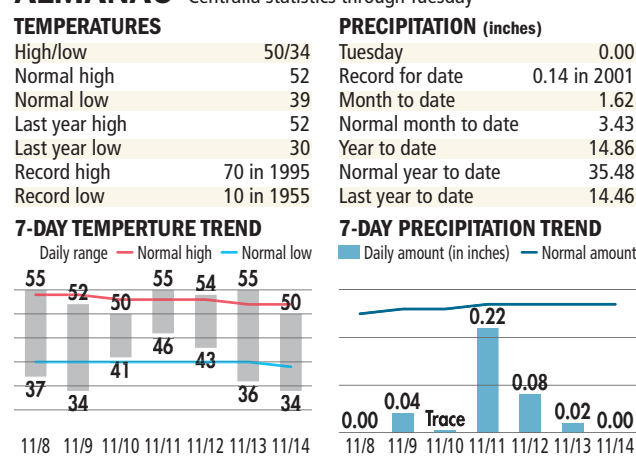


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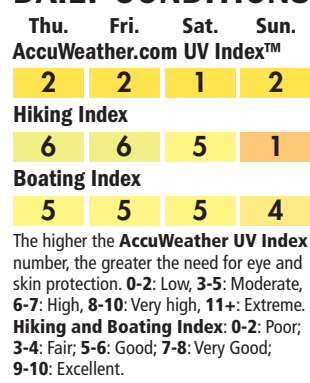


Shown is Thursday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday's highs and Thursday night's lows.

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### DAILY CONDITIONS



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### REGIONAL 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
Aberdeen	48/33/s	54/37/s	51/39/r	Mount Vernon	46/33/pc	52/35/pc	54/41/r
Bellingham	46/28/pc	51/33/pc	50/42/r	Olympia	50/30/pc	54/34/pc	52/41/r
Bremerton	48/31/s	50/35/s	48/38/r	Omak	42/28/pc	45/28/s	47/30/c
Cle Elum	44/26/s	45/27/s	48/32/pc	Parso	44/23/s	42/28/pc	47/36/c
Coulee City	44/26/s	46/28/pc	45/32/pc	Port Angeles	49/35/pc	51/37/s	51/40/r
Eatonville	49/31/s	56/39/s	57/38/r	Portland	53/39/s	55/41/pc	54/42/sh
Ellensburg	47/27/s	47/26/s	48/29/pc	Pullman	43/30/s	48/35/s	48/36/pc
Elmer City	45/30/s	47/29/pc	49/28/pc	Richland	46/26/s	46/30/pc	45/37/pc
Enumclaw	47/32/pc	55/38/s	56/39/r	Seattle	47/36/pc	52/39/s	51/41/r
Everett	46/36/pc	51/41/s	52/39/r	Spokane	38/28/pc	42/30/s	44/33/pc
Forks	52/34/pc	56/38/s	52/37/r	Sunnyside	49/23/s	47/29/c	47/35/pc
Kelso	49/32/pc	52/38/c	51/42/r	Tacoma	48/27/pc	52/30/s	53/40/sh
Kennewick	45/25/s	43/29/pc	46/37/pc	Vancouver	52/36/s	54/39/pc	51/41/sh
Long Beach	52/38/pc	57/44/pc	55/47/r	Walla Walla	43/30/pc	36/31/pc	43/40/c
Longview	49/32/pc	52/38/c	50/42/r	Wenatchee	43/30/s	44/30/pc	43/32/c
Moses Lake	44/25/s	45/27/pc	45/34/c	Yakima	49/24/s	47/25/pc	48/35/r

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

### SOLUNAR TABLE

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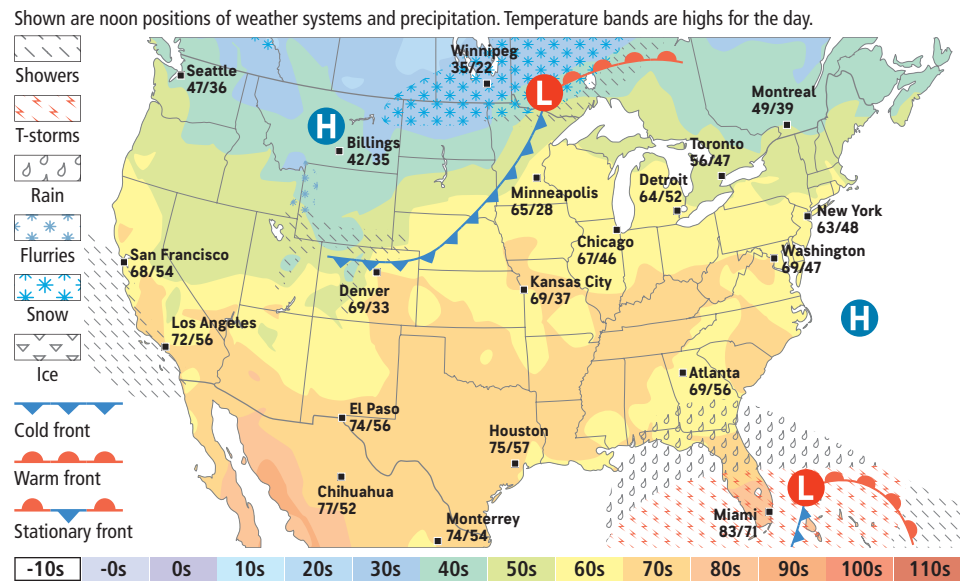
	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Major	1:10 a.m.	2:16 a.m.	3:22 a.m.	4:24 a.m.
Minor	7:25 a.m.	8:31 a.m.	9:36 a.m.	10:38 a.m.
Major	1:40 p.m.	2:46 p.m.	3:51 p.m.	4:52 p.m.
Minor	7:55 p.m.	9:01 p.m.	10:06 p.m.	11:05 p.m.

### SUN AND MOON

	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Sunrise	7:15 a.m.	7:17 a.m.	7:18 a.m.	7:19 a.m.
Sunset	4:37 p.m.	4:36 p.m.	4:35 p.m.	4:34 p.m.
Moonrise	11:19 a.m.	12:11 p.m.	12:51 p.m.	1:21 p.m.
Moonset	6:59 p.m.	8:12 p.m.	9:33 p.m.	10:55 p.m.

First Nov 20  
 Full Nov 27  
 Last Dec 4  
 New Dec 12

### NATIONAL FORECAST THURSDAY



### 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	65/44/sh	65/44/s	62/41/sh	Houston	75/57/s	77/60/pc	77/51/s
Anchorage	35/18/r	23/8/c	14/2/pc	Las Vegas	71/54/pc	71/54/pc	69/52/pc
Atlanta	69/56/c	69/56/c	67/42/pc	Los Angeles	72/56/c	72/58/c	69/54/sh
Billings	42/35/pc	58/35/s	58/36/pc	Miami	83/71/t	84/70/pc	83/68/s
Boise	58/36/pc	61/37/s	55/39/c	Minneapolis	65/28/c	43/34/s	51/34/s
Boston	60/43/s	64/54/pc	56/34/r	New York City	63/48/s	65/52/pc	56/38/pc
Cheyenne	58/33/sh	59/29/s	59/36/pc	Omaha	70/28/s	52/30/s	60/34/s
Chicago	67/46/pc	48/31/pc	51/36/s	Phoenix	79/65/pc	82/65/pc	78/56/sh
Cleveland	67/53/s	60/38/r	47/37/s	Rapid City	55/23/pc	59/30/s	60/35/pc
Dallas	71/57/pc	71/48/pc	69/51/pc	St. Louis	73/52/s	56/32/s	56/38/s
Denver	69/33/pc	62/33/s	61/38/pc	Salt Lake City	55/38/r	58/39/s	53/41/sh
Detroit	64/52/pc	55/31/sh	49/33/pc	San Francisco	68/54/sh	68/57/r	66/53/c
Honolulu	84/72/r	84/67/pc	83/71/c	Washington, DC	69/47/s	70/51/c	59/39/pc

# Bail set at \$50,000 for suspect in Chehalis robbery investigations

By Emily Fitzgerald

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A man accused of committing two robberies and a burglary at Chehalis businesses in October, stealing an approximate total of \$490, was arrested and booked into the Lewis County Jail on Monday.

"As the court can see, this is just a string of criminal activity that spans three separate police investigations," Deputy Prosecutor Paul Masiello said of the defendant, Ethan Bruce Butterfield, 25, of Chehalis, during his preliminary hearing in Lewis County Superior Court on Tuesday.

"He's lucky nobody has used self defense, or lethal self defense," Judge J. Andrew Toynbee said during the hearing.

Toynbee set Butterfield's bail at \$50,000. Masiello had asked for \$100,000 bail due to community safety concerns and concerns for Butterfield's own safety.

"I think the state's concerns are valid, but the court has to take into account his income status," Toynbee said Tuesday.

The first of the three investigations began after a fast food restaurant in the 100 block of Southwest Interstate Avenue was burglarized at approximately 3:15 a.m. on Oct. 14, according to court documents. Approximately \$230 in cash was reported stolen from the cash register.

An employee reported they were "in the back washing dishes when they heard a loud sound," which they initially thought was someone dropping something.

"However, when the employee came to the front of the store about 10 minutes later, the cash register and till were on the floor," according to court documents.

The employee reported they had forgotten to lock the drive thru window and suspected



Ethan Bruce Butterfield, 25, of Chehalis, appears in Lewis County Superior Court on Tuesday, Nov. 14.

someone had reached through the drive thru to access the register.

The second investigation began after the same business reported a robbery at approximately 4:11 a.m. on Oct. 28. An employee reported he was in the manager's office counting cash "when a male wearing dark clothing and a red bandana over his face suddenly appeared," according to court documents. The suspect reportedly "had his hand in his pocket and told (the employee) something to the effect of 'don't move and you won't get in trouble,'" which led the employee to believe the suspect "has a weapon in his pocket" and that "he would be hurt if he attempted to stop him." The suspect allegedly took approximately \$200 in

cash, exited out the back door and began to run, according to court documents. Officers with the Chehalis Police Department reportedly searched the area at the time of the report but were unable to locate the suspect.

The third investigation began at approximately 7:35 a.m. on Oct. 30 when Chehalis police officers were dispatched to a gas station in the 1200 block of Market Boulevard for a report that an unknown male had stolen money from the business's cash register. The store clerk reportedly told a responding officer that the male "entered the store with a blanket over his head," selected several items, approached the register and paid with a \$20 bill, according to court documents.

"When the register opened,

the suspect reached over the register and grabbed the cash in the open drawer," according to court documents.

The clerk reportedly "grabbed the suspect's hand and pulled the blanket off his head," and a physical struggle ensued over the cash drawer. The clerk reportedly "punched the suspect to get him to let go," but the suspect "used physical force to overcome (the clerk's) grasp on the drawer" and fled the store with an estimated \$60 in cash.

At the time of the third incident, officers had identified Butterfield as a possible suspect "given a prior similar theft," and the clerk identified Butterfield as the suspect through a photomontage.

A Chehalis police officer eventually located Butterfield on

Nov. 13, according to court documents. When questioned about the gas station theft, Butterfield allegedly "admitted to the incident at (the gas station)" and "said that he was cold and needed some chew."

Butterfield was then questioned about the two thefts at the fast food restaurant, and Butterfield allegedly "admitted that he used to be an employee of (the restaurant)" and "further said he had been using drugs and going in the wrong direction," according to court documents.

"He (Butterfield) wants the court to be aware he's very interested in Drug Court, very interested in getting help and treatment," defense attorney Rachael Tiller said during Butterfield's preliminary hearing on Tuesday.

In his interview with Chehalis detectives, Butterfield allegedly "admitted that he had been the one who stole the money through the drive-thru window," saying "he did not drive through, he just walked through and reached into the window and stole the money."

He also allegedly admitted to the Oct. 28 robbery, saying "he knew the back door was always unlocked ... entered the business and took the money from the till as the worker was counting it."

He reportedly denied saying anything to the employee at the time of the robbery, according to court documents.

Butterfield was booked into the Lewis County Jail just after 2 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 13. He has since been charged in Lewis County Superior Court with two counts of second-degree robbery, one count of second-degree burglary, and three counts of third-degree theft.

Arraignment is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 22.

## Local Quilts of Valor chapter honors five veterans on Veterans Day

By Owen Sexton

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Veterans Day at the Veterans Memorial Museum in Chehalis included a Quilts of Valor ceremony for five local veterans on Saturday. See more coverage from the museum on page B11 of this edition of The Chronicle.

Those local veterans included:

- Steve Craig, a U.S. Coast Guard veteran who served from 1972 to 2012 and was a captain recalled to service 13 times to respond to national emergencies and earned four Coast Guard Commendation medals.

- Ryan Foreman, a U.S. Army and National Guard veteran who served from 2003 to 2017 and was a captain who ran field artillery and earned a Bronze Star while deployed to Iraq.

- Skip Greenwell, a U.S. Army veteran who served from 1968 to 1971 and was a sergeant who repaired radios for the security department, interrogated people and was deployed to Vietnam, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia and India.

- Carl Stone, a U.S. Army veteran who served from 1976 to 1979 and was a specialist who was a tank crewman and was stationed in Kansas and Germany.

- Tabitha Hopp, a U.S. Army veteran who served from 2002 to 2022 and was a chief warrant of-



From the left, U.S. Army veteran Skip Greenwell, U.S. Army veteran Ryan Foreman, U.S. Coast Guard veteran Steve Craig, U.S. Army Veteran Carl Stone and U.S. Army Veteran Tabitha Hopp pose with their quilts at the Veterans Memorial Museum in Chehalis on Saturday, Nov. 11.

ficer 3 who was jumpmaster certified and deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Quilts of Valor is a nationwide nonprofit started in 2003 by Catherine Roberts, the mother of an Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran who wanted to help her son. It focuses on helping veterans find healing in part by gifting them handmade quilts.

According to Lynn Wiltzius, Veterans Memorial Museum Quilts of Valor chapter leader, the chapter has given 209 quilts to veterans this year so far, and 424 total since the chapter was

created five years ago.

"This quilt is an expression of our gratitude, meant to thank you and comfort you," Wiltzius said.

She added Quilts of Valor has now given out 362,564 quilts nationally.

To nominate a local veteran or someone still serving on active duty, visit the Veterans Memorial Museum at 100 SW Veterans Way in Chehalis to get a nomination form, or stop at the museum's booth at the annual Southwest Washington Fair.

Nomination forms can be sub-

mitted at the museum or the fair booth. Nominations can also be made online at [https://www.govf.org/nominate\\_qov\\_tbw\\_certify/](https://www.govf.org/nominate_qov_tbw_certify/).

To contact the chapter or for more information, visit its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/VMMQOV>.

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## Michael Kain


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Michael "Mike" Ervin Kain, 61, of Adna, Washington, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023.

Mike was born on July 6, 1962 in Chehalis, Washington to Jimmy and Ellen Kain. He spent some of his youth in Milton, Washington before moving to Adna, where he spent the majority of his lifetime.

Mike enjoyed hunting, fishing, car shows, car races, John Deere memorabilia, gun shows, labrador retrievers, and spending time with his friends and family. He will be especially missed by his brothers from other mothers: Dale Beaber, Kris Wolden and Dave Walch; as well as his cousin, Jerry Brugger.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jimmy Kain, his mother, Ellen "Toodie" Kain,



his brother Billy Jo "Steve" Stephenson, and his sister-in-law Dottie. He is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Linda Kain; his siblings Susie (Paul) DuPriest and Gary (Terry) Kain; stepchildren Randy (Jennifer) Holmes and their daughter Brianna, and Angie (Lee) Newbury; as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Adna Grange, 123 Dieckman Road, Chehalis.

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# One of only three authenticated Saddam Hussein uniforms in the U.S. is in Chehalis

**DICTATOR:** *Outfit, brought to the states illegally by an American soldier in 2003, unveiled at Veterans Memorial Museum on Veterans Day*

By Isabel Vander Stoep  
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During World War II, it was common for soldiers to take helmets and uniforms from their defeated enemies.

By the late 20th century, taking war prizes was frowned upon and the U.S. military enacted regulations against the practice.

Therefore, the American soldier who brought one of just three known, authenticated Saddam Hussein uniforms back to the states will remain anonymous.

The outfit was taken during the fall of Baghdad in 2003 and sold in a 2005 auction through Manion's, an international auction house that specializes in historical military items. According to Chip Duncan, executive director of the Veterans Memorial Museum in Chehalis, the anonymous soldier is said to have donated the profit to veteran charities.

On Veterans Day last weekend, more than 20 years after the dictator's uniform was taken from Iraq, it was unveiled as a new, permanent exhibit in the Chehalis museum.

Duncan had the outfit examined by Craig Gottlieb, an antiquity expert who authenticates military items for the television show Pawn Stars.

"I've actually known Craig for many, many years, going back to military history websites and so on," Duncan said. "He's like, 'Yep. That's one of those. I've met with (Hussein's) personal tailor.' It had all these markers in the uniform, that he could say, 'This is original.'"

Compared to the man who owned the outfit first, the anonymous American soldier's crime is negligible. During his reign as president of Iraq from 1979 to 2003, Hussein was responsible for genocide, torture and many other crimes against humanity, as defined by the European Union.

Historians have estimated he was responsible for hundreds of thousands of deaths, against both enemies and his own people.

Beside Hussein's outfit in the museum is a second piece of clothing that illustrates the heinous nature of the dictator's rule. A jersey worn by one, un-



Jared Wenzelburger / jared@chronline.com

An authenticated outfit tailored for Saddam Hussein, one of three known to be in America, sits on display inside a case at the Veterans Memorial Museum in Chehalis on Tuesday, Nov. 14. Next to it is a bloodied jersey from a member of the Iraqi national soccer team.

named member of the Iraqi men's Olympic soccer team has a faded but large blood stain.

Uday Hussein, one of Saddam's two sons, was the head of the Olympic Committee in the Iraqi Football Association, Duncan said.

"Uday would torture soccer players if they lost a game," he said, later adding, "His sons, Uday and Qusay, they were just some really sick individuals who enjoyed torturing people."

Apparently, Duncan said, the sons were huge Star Wars fans and enjoyed torturing victims while wearing Darth Vader masks. Duncan said he tried to obtain one for the museum, but they cost a "pretty penny."

Duncan has a concise way of describing Saddam, too: "A really bad individual." Hussein was executed Dec. 30, 2006, after being captured by the U.S. military.

Describing the significance of having the outfit in Chehalis, Duncan recalled his perspective of the Iraq War, beginning when Hussein first lost control of Baghdad in 2003.

"Here I am, 19 years old," Duncan recalled. "I'm like, 'Oh man, I might get drafted.' Those kinds of fears. And literally, you had Iraq throwing Scud missiles into Israel, hoping to provoke Israel into war. Which would have started World War III."

Behind Duncan as he described the exhibit was an American flag massive enough to take up one whole wall of the Veterans Memorial Museum. That flag, he said, was on the U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln the



Veterans Memorial Museum Executive Director Chip Duncan talks about the life of Saddam Hussein and how one of three known authenticated outfits, to be in America, made its way to Chehalis.

day former President George W. Bush delivered his "Mission Accomplished" speech in May of 2003.

"Which is comical now," Duncan said. "At the time, it was true. We had completely defeated the Iraqi army. ... We just didn't anticipate an insurrection of such a large magnitude."

Duncan thinks it is likely that several other of Hussein's uniforms were brought to the states, but only three have been officially authenticated.

Another exhibit on display in the Veterans Memorial Museum of international significance is an outfit gifted by Saudi King Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud to veteran Lynn Hazen, whose family is from the Lewis County area, while the king met with former President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Coming from a long line of veterans, Duncan's passion, and the museum's mission statement for veterans, is to ensure "they shall not be forgotten." The museum also provides peer counseling, hosts community events,

helps to connect local veterans with benefits and much more.

"This is what I can do for veterans behind the glass that aren't here to tell their stories anymore," Duncan said. "But then there's all the veterans that stand where you and I stand, and that's also part of my passion."

Learn more about the museum at <https://www.veterans-museum.org>. Admission is free for active military members and costs \$6 for students or children, \$8 for seniors or veterans, \$10 for adults and \$20 for a family of four or more. It's located at 100 SW Veterans Way, Chehalis.




An authenticated outfit tailored for Saddam Hussein, one of three known to be in America, sits on display inside a case at the Veterans Memorial Museum in Chehalis on Tuesday, Nov. 14. The piece made a public debut on Veterans Day.

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## Robert "Bobby" Orr

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was short, he lived life to the fullest. His big smile, laugh and goofy ways will be so missed.

Bobby is survived by his parents, Rob and Rebecca; brother, Brian Orr (girlfriend, Paige Mason); grandparents, Pam Orr, Terry (Sandy) Ellison and Judy (Jamie) Guenther; uncles, David (Jennifer) Orr, Steven (Jacqueline) Orr and John (Becki) Ellison; aunt, Laura Gipson; and many close cousins and many friends who became like family.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at Alpha Cemetery followed by a celebration of life at Jester's Auto Museum, 321 Hamilton Road, Chehalis, Washington.

Arrangements are under the direction of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary in Centralia, Washington.

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## Sirens

### CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Burglary

• Just after 11 a.m. on Nov. 13, a burglary of a shed in the 1200 block of Ward Street that occurred sometime overnight was reported. The suspect(s) had reportedly cut a panel off of the property's back fence to gain access to the backyard, gained entry to a detached shed and stole three Stihl chainsaws, a Dewalt nail gun and a drill. No suspects have been identified.

### Vehicle accidents

• A non-injury, two-vehicle collision was reported in the 1600 block of South Gold Street just before 12:05 p.m. on Nov. 13.

• A two-vehicle collision with possible injuries was reported in the 1100 block of Harrison Avenue just before 8:05 a.m. on Nov. 14. One of the involved drivers, a 43-year-old Olympia man, was cited for third-degree driving with a suspended license and operating a motor vehicle without ignition interlock.

• A non-injury, two-vehicle collision was reported on private property in the 2600 block of Cooks Hill Road at approximately 9:40 a.m. on Nov. 14.

• A two-vehicle, partially blocking, possible-injury collision was reported at the intersection of Kresky Avenue and East Summa Street at 1 p.m. on Nov. 14.

• A non-injury, two-vehicle, partially blocking collision was reported at the intersection of West Main and North Silver streets just before 3:55 p.m. on Nov. 14.

• A pedestrian was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries after they

were struck by a vehicle at the intersection of West Main and North Pearl streets just after 4:50 p.m. on Nov. 14. All witnesses reported the pedestrian crossed against the traffic light, according to the Centralia Police Department.

### Hit-and-run

• A hit-and-run was reported in the 1100 block of Mellen Street at 7:10 p.m. on Nov. 14. A silver Nissan Maxima reportedly struck a parked car and fled towards Interstate 5.

### Camping

• The manager of a business in the 900 block of Harrison Avenue asked an officer to contact a homeless man who was "sleeping/camping" on the business' property just after 6:30 a.m. on Nov. 14. An officer contacted the man, who is from Red Bluff, California, and asked him to leave the property.

• The owner of an RV camping in the 900 block of Old Airport Way was issued a second camping citation at approximately 6:50 a.m. on Nov. 15. The subject was also provided information on local resources.

### Assault

• A 23-year-old Ilwaco man was referred to the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office on third-degree assault charges after he allegedly assaulted a staff member at a mental health facility in the 2500 block of Steelhammer Drive just after 10:20 a.m. on Nov. 14.

• A physical dispute reported in the 2000 block of Borst Avenue just after 6:55 p.m. on Nov. 14 is under investigation.

• A 19-year-old Seattle wom-

an was arrested in the 1600 block of North Pearl Street at approximately 8:20 p.m. on Nov. 14 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for fourth-degree assault, domestic violence.

### Sexual misconduct

• A sexual assault reported in the 500 block of Hunt Street at 1:20 p.m. on Nov. 14 is under investigation.

### Theft

• A bicycle seat was reported stolen from the 100 block of West Magnolia Street at 10:15 p.m. on Nov. 14.

### CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT Juvenile problem

• A "juvenile problem" reported in the 900 block of South Market Boulevard at 2:15 p.m. on Nov. 14 is under investigation.

### Vehicle collision

• A non-injury, two-vehicle collision was reported at the intersection of South Market Boulevard and Southeast Eighth Street at 2:50 p.m. on Nov. 14.

### Burglary

• A burglary reported in the 200 block of South Market Boulevard just after 8:50 p.m. on Nov. 14 is under investigation. At least one subject was arrested and booked into the Lewis County Jail.

### Criminal trespass

• An illegal burn was reported under an overpass at the intersection of Southwest Riverside Drive and state Route 6 just after 12:40 p.m. on Nov. 14.

## News in Brief

at <https://www.ci.chehalis.wa.us/meetings>.

### One killed, three injured in rollover crash in Centralia on Nov. 5

By The Chronicle staff

A 23-year-old Centralia man was pronounced dead at Providence Centralia Hospital on Nov. 5 after he was involved in a rollover collision in the 300 block of Joppish Road on Nov. 5, the Lewis County Sheriff's Office confirmed Monday.

The sheriff's office had not previously announced details of the crash.

Three passengers in the vehicle, a 19-year-old man, a 21-year-old man and a 16-year-old boy, all from Centralia, sustained minor injuries in the crash, according to the Lewis County Sheriff's Office.

The 23-year-old, identified in a news release as Robert Orr by the Lewis County Coroner's Office on Tuesday, was reportedly the driver of the vehicle at the time of the crash, which was reported at approximately 2:46 a.m. on Nov. 5. He was reportedly not wearing a seat belt and was partially ejected from the vehicle when it rolled, according to the sheriff's office.

"Passengers stated the driver had consumed alcohol and the vehicle had left the roadway after taking a corner at a high rate of speed," Field Operations Bureau Chief Dusty Breen said in an email to a Chronicle reporter on Monday.

The Washington State Patrol responded to assist with documentation of the scene, according to the sheriff's office. The 16-year-old reportedly left the scene before deputies arrived.

The Lewis County Coroner's Office listed the cause of Orr's death as blunt force trauma to the head and the manner of death as accidental.

Bub's Pub in Centralia is hosting a benefit spaghetti dinner for Orr's family from 5 to 8 p.m. Nov. 18. The cost is \$20.

The fundraiser is only open to those 21 and older.

"To support the celebration of life for a family devastated by the loss of their young son," the business wrote in an announcement for the event. "All proceeds will go directly to the family to help with necessary expenses during this difficult time."

### DUI suspected in head-on crash near coast in Grays Harbor County

By The Daily World

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) is investigating a head-on crash between two vehicles that occurred before noon on Friday that may have been caused by driving under the influence of alcohol.

The crash occurred on state Route 109 near Ocean City, according to the incident report from the WSP. One vehicle, a 2015 Honda, driven by a 30-year-old Lakewood man, was southbound on 109 at a high rate of speed, failed to take the corner, and struck the second vehicle, a 2000 Chevrolet, driven northbound by a 77-year-old Hoquiam man, square on. The two vehicles came to rest in the road following the collision, according to the report.

"We're investigating it as a vehicular assault," said Katherine Weatherwax, WSP spokesperson.

The passengers in both vehicles, a 32-year-old woman and an 88-year-old Hoquiam woman respectively, were transported for further care following the crash, one with minor injuries and one with severe injuries, Weatherwax said. Seatbelts were in use by all four people involved in the crash.

There are charges for vehicular assault pending against the driver of the first vehicle, 30-year-old Michael L. Ellison, awaiting the results of the investigation, Weatherwax said, with blood taken at the scene. All vehicles were totalled, and were towed from the scene.

• A male subject was reportedly trespassing in the 1600 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue at approximately 1:20 p.m. on Nov. 14.

• A male subject was reportedly sleeping under a stairwell in the 200 block of Northwest Cascade Avenue just before 7:35 p.m. on Nov. 14.

• A subject who was reportedly digging through a business' trash in the 100 block of Southwest Interstate Avenue was trespassed from the business at approximately 5 a.m. on Nov. 15.

### Possession of a stolen vehicle

• A subject was arrested in the 100 block of Southwest Interstate Avenue at approximately 11:30 p.m. on Nov. 14 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for possession of a stolen vehicle.

### LEWIS COUNTY JAIL STATISTICS

As of Wednesday morning, the Lewis County Jail had a total system population of 150 inmates, including 136 in the general population and 14 in the Work Ethic and Restitution Center (WERC). Of general population inmates, 114 were reported male and 22 were reported female. Of the WERC inmates, 12 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 and the Chehalis Police Department can be reached at 360-748-8605. If you were a victim of physical or sexual abuse, domestic violence or sexual assault, call Hope Alliance at 360-748-6601 or the Youth Advocacy Center of Lewis County at 360-623-1990.*

## Death Notices

• **DEVIN CHRISTOPHER SWECKER**, 42, Port Angeles, died Nov. 9 in Port Angeles. Arrangements are under the care of Funeral Alternatives of Washington.

• **REGINALD A. MATZKO**, 56, Napavine, died Nov. 6 at Providence Centralia Hospital. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home.

• **MAX J. MEYERS**, 87, Winlock, died Nov. 10 at his residence. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home.

• **MARYJANE (TERESKI) RAMSAUR**, 85, died Nov. 5 in Morton. There is no service planned at this time.

• **CHRISTINE M. WILKINSON**, 97, Centralia, died Nov. 10 at The Lodges in Lacey. Arrangements are under the care of Funeral Alternatives of Washington.

• **RICHARD D. RICE**, 84, Ryderwood, died on Nov. 11 at his residence. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home.

## Corrections

• An editorial published in Tuesday's edition in part incorrectly attributed blame for the lack of an investigation at Green Hill School in Chehalis to the Washington state Attorney General's Office. A letter from Centralia and Chehalis police chiefs and mayors requesting an investigation was sent to the Washington Governor's Office. Gov. Jay Inslee decided against referring the case to the state attorney general.

• In an article in Tuesday's edition of The Chronicle about the Industrial Workers of the World Centralia Tragedy of 1919 plaque dedication ceremony, the year World War I ended was incorrectly listed. The war ended in 1918.

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### City of Chehalis approves cost recovery fees for fire department services; Staff stresses fees will be charged to insurance companies

By Owen Sexton

[owen@chronline.com](mailto:owen@chronline.com)

During its meeting on Monday, the Chehalis City Council unanimously passed an ordinance creating a cost recovery program for the city's fire department services on its second and final reading.

"Residents will not be billed for these services. Only the insurance companies will be billed," Chehalis City Manager Jill Anderson said during the meeting.

A variety of Chehalis Fire Department responses — including containment and suppression of a fire, toxic or hazardous material release containment and any specialized rescues — are among types of responses others will now be billed to insurance companies.

Additionally, hourly rates charging for both personnel and vehicles at a scene are included.

Chehalis Fire Chief Adam Fulbright initially proposed this ordinance during a city council meeting last month, as previously reported by The Chronicle.

He said the fire department has responded to a lot of incidents caused by people who are not Chehalis residents, all at zero cost to those who caused the incidents and without attempting to recover any costs.

Fulbright added that with inflation, equipment is going to keep costing more to replace. Some of the tools used, including specialized equipment for vehicle extractions, can cost up to \$40,000 to purchase and on average \$1,500 to \$2,000 to repair.

For more information and to view the ordinance, go to page 85 of the Chehalis City Council Nov. 13 meeting agenda package, which can be found online

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### Letters to the Editor

#### Why does it cost for jury duty when voting is free?

I recently received my first jury summons since I moved to Lewis County.

I noticed, and I found it odd after I thought about it, that returning the mandatory jury questionnaire required me to affix a postage stamp to the envelope.

We all vote by mail. We don't have to pay to return the ballot to the county, but we have to pay postage to return a jury questionnaire mandated by law?

Why do we get to vote for free but we have to pay to perform jury duty, which is required as a civic duty by all citizens?

That is a rhetorical question. I know the answer.

Voting is not mandatory. It is voluntary. Jury duty is mandatory. This is par for the course in a state run by a leftist governor and legislators. They want to make it as easy to vote as possible for a lazy, ignorant, misinformed electorate that will tend to vote for Democrats.

I'm old enough to remember when everyone went to the polls and waited in line and showed identification to vote. They wanted to vote badly enough that they put up with the inconvenience of standing in line for potentially hours.

That made them serious voters, which meant they were informed about the issues. The lazy ones stayed home.

God forbid this country is ever ruled by an electorate that doesn't have a grip on the issues. Oh wait, it already is. Don't bring up the shut-in issue. Shut-ins have always been covered by absentee voting.

I have contacted the county commissioners to ask them why voting is free but jury duty isn't. I suggest other Lewis County residents do the same.

JOEL W. MUENCHAU  
*Centralia*

#### In election after election, voters reject extremism

Americans have now had eight years of Donald Trump and Trumpism. He has fostered the extremist MAGA movement that imperils our democracy as attested to not by Democrats, but by people who worked closely with him in his administration. His former chief of staff, General John Kelly, has called Trump "the most flawed person I have ever met."

Trump faces 91 felony charges. He has been designated as a "rapist" by a judge. He has already been judged a "fraudulent businessman" and he will lose all the money his father left him. The Trump Organization businesses he offered to the American people as proof that he was a savvy businessman prove to be fraudulent.

Disengaged Americans are finally taking interest and are saying "no thank you" to extremist MAGA policy proposals. In election after election, Americans are rejecting very extreme abortion laws passed in red states. Kentucky, Ohio and Virginia are the three most recent states to have voted for women's healthcare and against draconian abortion restrictions.

Florida governor and 2024 MAGA/Republican presidential hopeful Ron DeSantis says he would institute a policy that sets

up machine gun nests along the Rio Grande River to shoot and kill drug dealers as they cross into the United States. How will he know who is a drug dealer? Does he propose to shoot everyone wearing a backpack that is crossing the river?

Donald Trump says if elected, he will invoke the Insurrection Act on his first day and deploy the U.S. military to fire on protesters. He suggested he will execute his former head of the joint chiefs, General Mark Milley. He promises wholesale revenge and retribution against anyone he perceives has slighted him. He says the Constitution should be terminated. It is plain as day who wants to take away our freedoms. Of a second Trump presidential term, General Kelly says, "God help us."

Inspired by Dear Leader Donald, MAGA now uses the phrase "come the retribution." That is the same phrase used by the KKK knight riders after the Civil War as they terrorized newly freed former slaves and anyone who tried to help them. It is one of the most odious phrases in American history.

The MAGA folks say they care about their children and grandchildren, but they embrace total denial when it comes to climate change. Almost every month this year breaks an all-time temperature record.

The recent Hurricane Otis that battered the Mexican west coast at Acapulco should be a powerful warning. It was a 50 mph, nondescript tropical storm one day and 24 hours later it had strengthened into a monster Category 5 hurricane with 165 mph winds. Meteorologists had never witnessed anything like it. It grew so fast and became so powerful because the waters off Acapulco are 91 degrees.

The divisions we suffer from are the divisions of historical myth from historical fact. George Washington would laugh at the historical caricature he has become.

MARTY ANSLEY  
*Cinebar*

#### The time for smaller federal government is now

What if you had a printing press in your basement and you could print \$100 bills, as many as you wanted, legally? The U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 8, says Congress has the power "to coin money (and) regulate the value thereof" and "to borrow money on the credit of the United States."

This authority gives the Congress almost unlimited power to control our economy and your money. They use this power to grow the government and do everything they can agree on to facilitate their bright ideas and advance the importance and benefits of their "public service."

In 1959, when I was 16, gas was 25 cents per gallon, bread was 20 cents a loaf and a stamp was 4 cents.

The difference between then and now is called inflation. According to U.S. government figures, inflation between 1958 and 2023 was 1,000%, a factor of 10.

Inflation between 2017 and 2023 was 27%. The U.S. government's spending between 2017 and 2023 increased 88%. What does this tell you about government growth?

It tells me that the increase in the size and power of our government, under the control

of our present leaders, will continue until everything is owned and controlled by the government, or until the voters recognize the serious threat and take action to stop the insanity and change the leaders.

Do you know what a "confidence game" is? It is an attempt to defraud a person or group after first gaining their confidence. How about a pyramid scheme? How about "something for nothing?" Do you recognize the sin of envy? All of these activities have a victim, and could that victim be you? All of these activities are used with government propaganda to trick you out of your control of your government.

Many people today just aren't interested in politics or government, but I suggest that the time to pay attention has come. Your government is growing to a point that it will no longer protect your God-given rights, but instead it is taking control of everything, unless we demand the change of direction toward smaller government. The government growth is unstoppable unless we the people act to demand a change of direction.

The politicians tried to scare people about a "government shutdown" using fear to prevent normal negotiated attempts at a reduction of spending and a slowing of the government's growth. There have been 14 partial government shutdowns in the past. Previous shutdowns have only temporarily shut down nonessential government services, perhaps making the government perform only its actual duties. The affected employees have always been made whole after the shutdown, and the government has not gone out of business as a result. Unfortunately, the excess spending has always continued. Today, however, our Congress and president are spending trillions at a prodigious rate, and it must change or there will be unprecedented destructive effects on our country and our economy.

Tax and spend politicians were trying to prevent a reduction of their trillions of dollars of excess spending by forcing a government shutdown and then blaming the shutdown on any representative who attempted to negotiate a reduction in spending.

So we have a government-sponsored confidence game trying to eliminate our representatives' attempts to somewhat reduce excessive massive spending and huge, impossible debt. If the excessive spending and debt continues, your standard of living will tank, and our "Land of the Free" freedom will be all gone.

MIKE KIMBREL  
*Oakville*

#### Marking a milestone for 'Saturday's Child'

It is time to move along from a very good thing.

Gordon Aadland, retired from Centralia College, wrote a weekly column in the Chronicle called Saturday's Child from 2003 to 2013.

This sheer delight in his twilight years resulted from an invitation from Dennis Waller, then publisher at the Chronicle. Aadland loved the attention from adoring fans, who he often referred to as "little ol' ladies in sensible shoes."

He also flourished by spending time with Dennis Waller. The two were as close as a father and son.

The Chronicle published in

2014 a collection of Aadland's columns "Tales from Saturday's Child." You may be wondering what is the "moving on" part. The Chronicle runs an ad in most of its editions of the four books it sells. Until recently, I had a warm glow from seeing my father's smiling face in that ad.

Recently, however, the book Tales from Saturday's Child no longer appears. And so, I am marking this milestone with gratitude to the Chronicle community of staff and readers for the Saturday's Child era.

CARRIE AADLAND  
*Centralia*

*Editor's note: "Tales from Saturday's Child" remains available at The Chronicle's office, though it was not included in the most recent advertisements.*

#### Be sure your brain is engaged before putting your mouth in gear

Letter writer Ray Chapman-Wilson claims we can't protect children by "rating" books, and that the expense of doing so would be better applied toward eradicating poverty.

Two points:

1. People are not fashioned cookie-cutter style so that the problem of poverty is born of the same causes. Some people would rather smoke dope than work.

2. If "rating" books keeps perverse sexual influences from harming kids, I favor it. There is an old maxim I recommend to you, Ray — "Be sure brain is engaged before putting mouth in gear."

THOMAS HIGDON  
*Clark County*

#### Property valuations by assessor are outrageous

Apparently, our Lewis County assessor hasn't seen a newspaper, watched TV or spoken to a human being in two years.

I received our annual tax assessment yesterday. Our assessor doesn't seem to know about the recent recession and hasn't shopped in the grocery store or put gas in his car in at least two years. It seems he missed the part about 8% inflation and 7% mortgage rates. Nor does he seem to have noticed the decrease in home sales and sales amounts.

My property assessment went up nearly 20% this year. Two years ago, the Board of Equalization agreed with my property tax appeal and decreased our property assessment nearly \$70,000. The assessor disagreed with the board and increased our property assessment 43% the following year. But he did file an appeal with the state tax board. Apparently, they don't meet very often, as I haven't received an indication of a decision in nearly a year.

State law says that property tax assessments must be based on actual market value. It further states that the assessor is not bound by the Board of Equalization's decisions. The property tax assessment of our house doesn't seem to be based on any known market — at least not on this planet. We couldn't sell our house for the assessed value if it was gold plated. But the assessor just keeps going on his merry way.

I've run the numbers every year. You can get all property sales amounts from the asses-

sor's website. They come in PDF form. And there are many PDF converters to Excel available online. The increase in our property assessment has exceeded the increase in market sales values every year we've been here, although that's only been since 2017.

My wife and I live on a fixed income. Our income is going to increase by around 3% this year. Our assessed value has more than doubled in six years. The assessor seems bound and determined to tax us out of our house. And so, for the first time in my life, I'm going to try to get out of a portion of my taxes by filing for an age exemption since we qualify for the greatest exemption allowed under the law.

It may be the only way to keep our house.

BRUCE PETERSON  
*Centralia*

#### What are lawmakers doing to keep elections secure?

Lawmakers: Our nation is perched on the precipice of a totalitarian takeover of our form of government and the complete destruction of our history and culture. We are engaged in a cultural war to beat all wars. To not know and understand this and not to take affirmative action is a complete violation of your oath of office.

I have tried time and time again to raise your awareness of this tragedy that is openly, unabashedly unfolding before our very eyes. None of you have had even the courtesy to write me back and give me your action plan, or not, to address this travesty.

I'll try one last time to get through to you.

I suggest, as many others have before me, that we:

1. Require proof of citizenship to vote.
2. Require voters to be duly registered in the county of their residence.
3. Show proof of residence to election officials in the form of utility bill or some such document to prove they actually live where they say they do.
4. Voting to be held on one day.
5. Ballots to be on paper.
6. Ballots to be counted by hand immediately and recorded.
7. Results to be published the next day to American citizen voters.
8. Absolutely no mail-in ballots and extended voting periods.

It's that simple, and each of you know the arguments, pro and con. My question is why, knowing that our current electoral system is a complete fraud, do you not take the simple steps listed above to fix the problem? It's not that tough.

The evidence for this debacle has been reported time and again and the facts are growing difficult to ignore, so why are you? An article written by Omega 4 America outlines a methodology that has proven to be very effective against voter fraud and in essence it merges voter rolls, which ERIC, Inc. is powerless to keep straight with local county tax records, and highlights the glaring differences. One has only to look at the charts to see this.

So, let me know why you are not acting to correct this glaring fraud and attack on our culture via electoral fraud. Don't blivate and keep it pithy.

NEIL STEWART  
*Adna*

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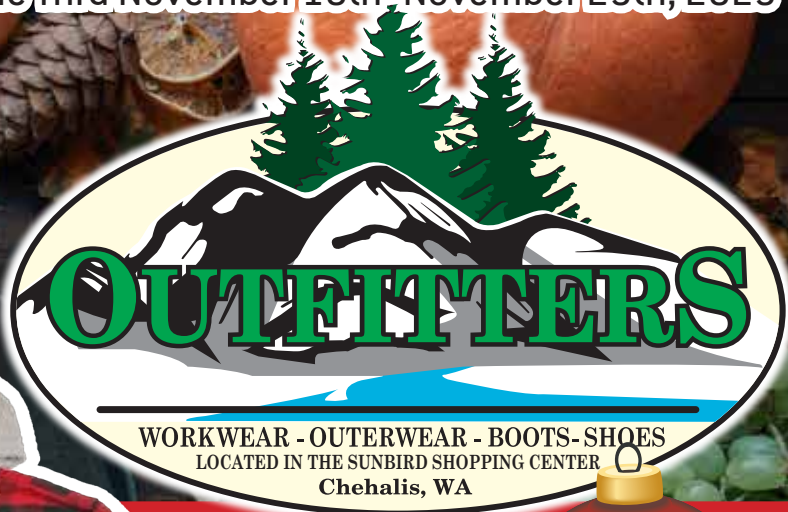
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# Bites

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also really like British accents, so I was slowly working my way into the family.”

After a year of convincing by Althausser and plenty of careful planning and work, British Bites is set to open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at 108 S. Washington Ave. in Centralia.

Althausser has helped customize the building to suit British Bites, but also added a personal touch: His father built a custom sliding barn door in the shape of a British flag using upcycled historic flooring from Althausser’s Centralia home.

Mike West is a British citizen from Bath, England, having moved to Washington in 2016 to marry Lori after the couple met online. Lori West grew up in Raymond and visited Centralia often.

Since getting together, they had four children at their Bonney Lake home before moving to Centralia. They’ve been back and forth across the pond at least once a year to see family, taste local fares and bring back new recipe ideas.

While Mike West trained in the culinary arts in the United Kingdom, it was Lori West who first went to work at British Bites in January 2018, initially as a side job on the weekends. After just a month of working for the business, the former owner suggested the West family purchase the business, which has existed in various locations and forms since 2011 and at its current location since 2013. The former owner knew they would always have a family connection to the inspiration for the business.

“The former owner said to me that, ‘you still have that British connection. It’s not a novelty for you,’” Lori West said. “Everything happened at the right moment, even with moving here. I see it as fate.”

British Bites is providing a bakery and bistro in Centralia, though they hope to expand their offerings to include a small imported grocery store. The menu will be the same as the Puyallup location, with some seasonally rotating items. For anyone new to British cuisine, the Wests recommend trying their potato leek soup with a cheese scone or the sausage rolls.

“Every single one of our recipes has something in it that we’ve added that makes it ours,” Lori West said. “A lot of our stuff has come from going over there and bringing it back.”

The Wests will also offer a 10% discount for students of Centralia College, which is less than a block away, as well as for



Photos by Jared Wenzelburger / jared@chronline.com

The building housing British Bites in Centralia has undergone a remodel. It’s pictured here last year. Levi Althausser has helped customize the building to suit British Bites, but also added a personal touch: His father built a custom sliding barn door in the shape of a British flag using upcycled historic flooring from Althausser’s Centralia home.



Lori West smiles in Centralia while talking about getting the building ready for British Bites.

**“Every single one of our recipes has something in it that we’ve added that makes it ours.”**

Lori West  
British Bites owner

al special event teas annually, all with a British theme, including a Mother’s Day Mad Hatter tea, Jane Austin, a Dr. Who Wibbly Wobbly tea, and, of course, a Harry Potter tea.

Lori West has long loved British culture, even before meeting her husband Mike online in 2015. One of her favorite memories she shared is hearing Mike, in his Bath accent, quote Mr. Darcy from famed Bath native Jane Austin’s Pride and Prejudice, saying, “You have bewitched me, body and soul, and I love — I love — I love you. I never wish to be parted from you from this day on.”

For menu details, reservations and further information, visit [BritishBites.net](http://BritishBites.net). To follow the business on Facebook, visit <https://www.facebook.com/BritishBites720>.

first responders.

British Bites will offer large event catering and can host events on site.

A tea service is available by reservation, true to a modern version that reflects what the average UK citizen would enjoy today rather than a Victorian style. They also offer sever-

## Fishing

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“We understand this closure has brought hardship to our tribal fishermen and their families, but as stewards of our salmon for today and future generations, it’s the right thing to do,” said Quinault Indian Nation President Guy Capoeman in the release.

During the Centennial Accord in early November at the Lucky Eagle Casino, state and tribal government leaders held a similar discussion.

Lummi Nation Councilor Lisa Wilson, like Wednesday’s letter from the Quinaults, criticized WDFW. She said the agency was apt to drag its feet on co-management policies more than 40 years after the landmark Boldt decision.

According to the agency’s website, the WDFW commission ordered department staff “to begin development of a joint policy agreement on salmon and steelhead hatchery programs with tribal co-managers” in April 2021. The Boldt decision affirmed treaty tribes as co-managers in 1974.

“There’s a big concern about a few commissioners that don’t respect treaty rights,” Wilson said in, later adding, “It’s actually offensive that some of the WDFW’s commissioners call us ‘industry stakeholders.’ (Like) we’re not willing, we don’t want conservation? We’re the leaders

in conservation. We’re the ones that have been the conservationists since time immemorial. ... They can’t even quantify what conservation is. Because it’s not just about the harvest.”

The Quinault Indian Nation is a treaty tribe.

In its news release Wednesday, the nation stated it has a “protected right to harvestable fish produced by the Queets River and the Chehalis Basin and the responsibility to regulate its fisheries.”

Wednesday’s letter is the second time the nation has called on WDFW to close fall silver

fishing after one originally dated Oct. 30.

In a Nov. 3 response, the department wrote, “We agree that the limited information so far this year, suggests that the coho return is likely below pre-season expectation, but there is still a great deal of uncertainty.”

Quinault Fisheries Policy Spokesperson Cleve Jackson echoed the “uncertainty” in the news release, but added, “the risk of leaving fisheries open too long and getting it wrong is too great.”

The Grays Harbor and Queets fisheries were opened for tribal members on Sept. 1.

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A scale sits on display at British Bites in Centralia.

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# Three Green Hill School inmates charged for possession of contraband

By Emily Fitzgerald  
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Three Green Hill School inmates are facing charges in Lewis County Superior Court after staff at the juvenile detention facility conducted three separate room searches in September and October and found contraband vape pens and a cellphone in the inmates' rooms.

A detective with the Joint Narcotics Task Force (JNET) reported receiving separate reports from Green Hill School, a juvenile detention facility in Chehalis, about the vape pens found in inmates' rooms on Sept. 7, according to court documents. Green Hill staff reportedly found the first vape pen in a room occupied by Myshaun Coleman, 18, on Sept. 4 after one staff member "noticed a skunky odor inside Myshaun Coleman's room," according to court documents.

Staff reportedly found the second vape pen during a "random room search" of a room occupied by Jonell Maurice Irvin Swan, 19, on Sept. 5, according to court documents.

Both vape pens were found on the inmates' beds.

About a month later, on Oct. 6, Green Hill staff reportedly con-

ducted a search on multiple inmate rooms "due to a report a package had been thrown over the wall," according to court documents.

Inside a room occupied by Anthony Javell Smith, 24, Green Hill staff reportedly found a broken DVD player with a "specific wrench" inside that fit screws to an intercom speaker within the room. Inside the speaker, staff found "(a) cellphone, charger and teabag," according to court documents.

Smith, Swan and Coleman were each charged Oct. 30 with one count of possession of a controlled substance while in a county or local correctional facility, which is a class C felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

The three defendants had preliminary hearings in Lewis County Superior Court on Nov. 14. Arraignment hearings are scheduled for Nov. 22.

The room searches and subsequent charging come after JNET served a warrant at Green Hill School on Aug. 31 and seized evidence related to the possession and distribution of illegal controlled substances at Green Hill.

During the execution of the search warrant, JNET detectives reportedly located lockers where Green Hill staff stored contraband found within their facility



Green Hill School in Chehalis is pictured in this photo provided by the state Department of Children, Youth and Families.

dating back to 2017, including illegal controlled substances, cellphones, vape pens, improvised knives, handwritten documents arranging illegal drug transactions and hand tools, according to previous Chronicle reporting.

The search came after a May 30 letter to the governor's office signed by the Centralia and Chehalis city mayors and chiefs

of police, which asked the governor to refer the case to the Washington State Attorney General's Office to investigate Green Hill School "for their ongoing practices and procedures."

In response, Taylor K. Wonnhoff, deputy general counsel from the governor's office, wrote on Aug. 3 that the office "respectfully declined further

investigation," noting the state had "implemented changes to its security practices including the use of full body scanners and bag scanners," according to previous Chronicle reporting.

Washington state Senate Minority Leader John Braun, R-Centralia, has since renewed the call for a state investigation into Green Hill School.

## City of Centralia prepared for winter weather

By The Chronicle staff

Winter weather can lead to poor driving conditions, including ice and snow on local roadways. The City of Centralia is prepared, it stated in a news re-

lease this week.

"The City of Centralia makes every effort to keep its roads passable during these conditions with a fleet of sanding and snow removal equipment," the city stated in the release.

The city's Street Department has three sanders and five snow plows mounted on dump trucks and pickups and a motor grader, which is converted to plow snow.

## News in Brief

Centralia has developed a priority plan for the removal of ice and snow from its 82 miles of roads. Priority is given to viaducts, bridges, roadways leading to the hospital, major hillside roads, and signaled intersections. Sanding and snow plowing in other parts of the city will be conducted as needed depending upon the availability of manpower and equipment, according to the release.

Some streets may be restricted or closed to traffic depending on conditions.

"What can you do to help? Do not drive if you do not have to," the news release stated. "If you have to go out, please slow down. Give the snowplows and sanders plenty of room to operate. Sanders spread sanding gravel and, if you travel too close, your car will be pelted with

rock. Be aware that snowplows make wide turns, so give them room and be sure the operators can see you. The city's street department will make every effort to keep the roads passable and with patience, the citizens of Centralia will be able to travel safely throughout the city."

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# Bail set at \$250,000 for Onalaska man accused of sexually assaulting 18-year-old during massage

By Emily Fitzgerald  
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Bail is set at \$250,000 for an Onalaska man accused of sexually assaulting an 18-year-old woman during a massage at his residence in late October or early November.

The man, identified as Trevor Brent Sanchez, 68, was arrested and booked into the Lewis County Jail for one count of indecent liberties on Thursday, Nov. 9. He was formally charged in Lewis County Superior Court on Monday, Nov. 13.

Sanchez is accused of sexually assaulting the victim when she fell asleep during a massage on either Oct. 28 or Nov. 5, according to court documents.

The victim reported the assault on Nov. 5 and said "it happened approximately a week before she told anybody."

When interviewed by a Lewis County Sheriff's Office deputy on Nov. 9, the victim "explained she was scared of Mr. Sanchez due to his size and she pretended to be asleep during the touching because she wanted to pretend it didn't happen," according to court documents.

The victim reported Sanchez, who is not a licensed massage therapist, had "previously offered to give her a back rub and she agreed this time in part to get him to stop asking," according to court documents.

A deputy reportedly contacted Sanchez and Sanchez's attorney about the allegations on Nov. 9. When questioned, Sanchez allegedly "alluded to the fact he believed this report was in retaliation for a stolen vehicle incident," according to court documents. Sanchez had reported his vehicle as stolen by the victim's fiancé on Nov. 7.

Sanchez is currently facing an unrelated indecent liberties charge in Lewis County Superior Court stemming from an Aug. 29, 2022, incident where he allegedly sexually assaulted a separate 18-year-old woman he had hired to help with yard work.

Sanchez has pleaded not guilty to that charge and is scheduled to face trial in January 2024.

Sanchez was allowed to remain out of custody on unsecured bail for that case when he was charged in February 2022, but bail was set at \$100,000 on



Trevor Brent Sanchez, 68, of Onalaska, appears in Lewis County Superior Court on Monday, Nov. 13.

Monday after his arrest on the new case.

Sanchez will have to post both bail amounts, which have a combined total of \$350,000, to be

released from custody.

Arraignment on the new case is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 22.

No contact orders protecting

each of the two victims are in place. A condition of release prohibiting anybody except Sanchez from being inside his residence is also in place.

## News in Brief

### Grays Harbor County man, 20, killed in crash on Interstate 90

By The Chronicle staff

A Grays Harbor County man was killed on Interstate 90 in

Eastern Washington in a crash the Washington State Patrol reported involved drugs or alcohol, according to a news release.

Steven D. Rosenberg, 20, of McCleary, was the passenger in a 2003 Toyota Tundra traveling east on I-90 at about 12:27 p.m. Nov. 11 when the crash occurred.

Rosenberg died at the scene. The driver, Thomas J. Monaghan, 42, also of McCleary, was transported to Sacred Heart Medical Center for treatment.

Charges against Monaghan related to the crash are pending, according to the state patrol.

The Tundra was near Sprague

when it left the road to the right, entered the shoulder, struck construction barrels, reentered the roadway to the left and crossed the eastbound lanes before driving in the median and rolling.

The vehicle came to rest facing the eastbound median. Rosenberg and Monaghan were

both ejected from the vehicle. Neither of them were wearing seat belts, according to the state patrol.

The Tundra was secured as evidence.

The crash remains under investigation, according to the state patrol.

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# Country musician Ty Herndon to perform concert at Northwest Sports Hub to benefit Centralia student athletics

By The Chronicle staff

Grammy-nominated country music artist Ty Herndon will perform a concert to benefit the Centralia School District's youth and high school athletic programs on Dec. 20 at the Northwest Sports Hub, according to a news release.

The concert, which begins at 7:30 p.m., is presented by The Eli Network in partnership with the Centralia School District and Centralia Youth Sports with support from the Northwest Sports Hub.

"The concert will feature some of Ty Herndon's favorite holiday classics from his album, 'A Ty Herndon Christmas,' along with other possible selections by Ty, too," the release stated. Herndon has performed as part of Chehalis Music in the Park three times over the past 10 years.

"But this time, he returns to Lewis County specifically to support Centralia School District's youth and high school athletic programs," the release stated. "As part of the event, other fundraising opportunities will be happening on site throughout the duration of the event."

Herndon was born in Mississippi and now resides in the Nashville, Tennessee, area.

Some of his career highlights include "What Mattered Most," "I Want My Goodbye Back," "Living in a Moment" and "A



Courtesy photo

Grammy-nominated country music artist Ty Herndon will perform a concert to benefit Centralia student athletics Dec. 20 at the Northwest Sports Hub in Centralia.

Man Holdin' On (To a Woman Lettin' Go)."

Herndon's album "Journey On" was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Southern,

Country or Bluegrass Gospel Album of the Year in 2011.

Reserved seating tickets for the concert range from \$40 to \$60 per ticket and are avail-

able for purchase at <http://www.theelinetwork.com/> via Eventbrite.

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For more information, contact Paul Beattie of Eli Sports Network at [paul@theelinetwork.com](mailto:paul@theelinetwork.com).

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## Campaign data shows state senator is leading fundraiser in race for public lands commissioner

By The Chronicle staff

State Sen. Kevin Van De Wege, D-Lake Sutherland, is now the leading fundraiser in the race to be Washington's next public lands commissioner.

According to filings with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC), Van De Wege has raised \$164,000 as of Tuesday. Former Third Congressional District Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, a Republican, has raised the second most at \$152,000.

King County Council Member Dave Upthegrove, a Democrat, has raised \$115,000 as of Tuesday morning. In a phone call with The Chronicle, Upthegrove said he has been "pleasantly surprised by the strong response."

"I think we're on track to have the resources we need to win," Upthegrove said.

Four other candidates have reported fundraising totals to the PDC in a race to succeed outgoing Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz, who shifted gears last week from a 2024 gubernatorial campaign to a bid for Congress. These include:

- Washington state Senate Deputy Majority Leader Rebecca Saldaña, a Democrat who has raised \$79,000
- Former state senator Mona Das, a Democrat who has raised \$57,000
- Department of Natural Resources Director of Tribal Relations Patrick DePoe, a Democrat who has raised \$52,000
- Sue Kuehl Pederson, the 2020 Republican nominee for commissioner of public lands, has raised \$2,200

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# Book highlights hiker Kris Fowler, who went missing at White Pass

By Luke Thompson

Yakima Herald-Republic

A new book dives into the details behind the disappearance of three Pacific Crest Trail hikers, including a 34-year-old from Ohio last seen near White Pass in October 2016.

Author and former National Park Service ranger Andrea Lankford's "Trail of the Lost: The Relentless Search to Bring Home the Missing Hikers of the Pacific Crest Trail" explores the efforts to find Chris Sylvia, David O'Sullivan and Kris Fowler. The book has been on the New York Times nonfiction bestsellers list this fall.

Fowler had completed more than 2,000 miles of the trail stretching from the Mexico-California border to Canada before he went missing in this area. Lankford relies heavily on interviews with Fowler's stepmom, Sally Guyton Fowler, and tireless volunteer searcher Cathy Tarr.

"It definitely brings a light to the cases and the people that are missing," Tarr said. "I'm very impressed and happy that she took years to write the book and that it was accurate."

Searchers have continued to look for Fowler, and missing-person signs are still posted along the Pacific Crest Trail in Washington.



Kris Fowler, who was last seen near White Pass in 2016, is pictured in this photo previously provided to The Chronicle.

The book also mentions the efforts of retired Yakima County Sgt. Randy Briscoe, who helped organize a massive, multiple county search following a delayed response from authorities that frustrated Fowler's family.

Lankford describes how Briscoe's persistence eventually earned the family's respect, and the book also mentions the contributions of Kittitas County search and rescue coordinator Ellis Nale.

Guyton Fowler said she hopes

the attention from the book will lead to someone coming forward with more information that enables her to finally find out what happened to Kris.

Lankford served with the park service's law enforcement

team and led search and rescue missions from Yosemite to the Grand Canyon. After she left, she thru-hiked the Appalachian Trail, kayaked from Miami to Key West and mountain biked the 800-mile Arizona Trail.

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# PUD worker plans to adopt dog he found shot with muzzle duct taped along Spirit Lake Highway

By Hayley Day  
The Daily News

A dog found shot and his muzzle duct taped shut will soon have a new home with the man who rescued him from the side of the road.

Cowlitz County Public Utility District (PUD) worker Dylan Schulda plans to adopt the roughly 2-year-old dog discovered in a ditch on the side of Spirit Lake Memorial Highway Nov. 2 near Mount St. Helens, said Cowlitz County Humane Society Executive Director Darren Ullmann.

Schulda discovered what experts believe is a blond golden retriever, weak, lying in the ditch with his muzzle duct taped while on a job.

The worker cut through the tape and brought him to the Cowlitz County Humane Society in Longview, Ullmann said.

X-rays at the shelter revealed the black spot on the retriever's forehead was a bullet hole, which fragmented when it hit his skull, nicking his right eye and lodging in his jawline, he added.

The ordeal has led to the dog's name: Trooper.

"He has handled this whole situation like a trooper," Ullmann said, "and the name has now stuck."

Ullmann said the humane society passed on the investigation to Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office, who are working to find the person who injured Trooper, who he described as a docile sweetheart that loves every person and animal he meets.

Ullmann said the shelter routinely sees examples of neglect where animals do not have enough food or water, or are injured by, for instance, a car when they are abandoned, but they never see such premeditated abuses.

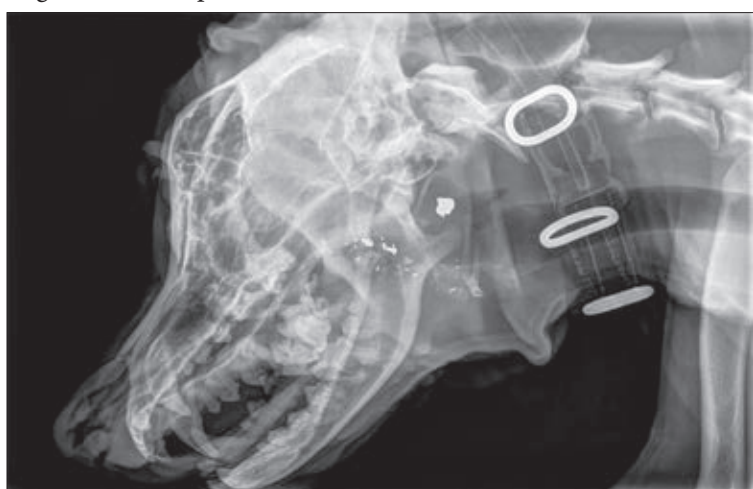
"This was a very planned, deliberate act," he said. "That's what makes this one so heinous."

The humane society reports the dog was found with a leather collar on a green Seattle Mariners leash. To submit a tip about the incident, call 360-577-3092 or visit the sheriff's office web page at [www.co.cowlitz.wa.us](http://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us).

While Trooper has a new home, the shelter is at capacity with dogs, Ullmann added, and is looking for those triggered by Trooper's story, to help others in need.



Cowlitz County Humane Society / Courtesy photo



Bullet fragments can be seen in Trooper's skull in an X-ray performed at the Cowlitz County Humane Society. The shelter staff says Trooper is recovering well.

Trooper is seen with a bullet hole in his head while recovering with a local foster family. The dog was found Nov. 2 on the side of Spirit Lake Memorial Highway.

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### State Football



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Napavine linebacker Brody Landram takes down a Kalama Chinook on Saturday.

# Tigers come out of bye ready for first State test

By Josh Kirshenbaum

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For the third straight fall, the Napavine football team found itself with a bye to open the 2B state tournament, and Josh Fay and his coaching staff needed to find a way to keep practice loose and engaging.

So they dipped into a coaching classic, and asked their offensive linemen to step up and try to field punts — with wind sprints on the line.

Safe to say, the Tigers don't have any new returners racing up the depth chart, but everyone's in slightly better shape.

"We definitely do not have anybody that's going to slide into that spot," Fay said. "But we had some pretty good efforts."

It wasn't all trench hogs

**"We feel good with the guys we're going to put back there."**

Josh Fay,  
Napavine football coach

trying to show off their hands, though. As much as Fay isn't a fan of the 12-team setup for State and the first-round byes it leads to — and for the record, he still isn't — the extra practices let the coaching staff pick up a few concepts that had been left on the backburner in the weekly grind of the season.

"We had a good week," he said. "I thought our guys were pretty engaged. We worked on some things that I don't know if we'd neglected, but things we certain-

ly could spend some time on."

Then on Friday, a pack of coaches went east to Richland, where they watched River View beat Asotin 47-20 (unlike in the NCAA, that's allowed in high school) to earn the right to face the Tigers in the quarterfinals.

When the Panthers come west to Tenino on Saturday, it'll be for their first action beyond the first round of State since 2012.

They'll bring with them an offense that's cracked 35

points eight times this season, led by quarterback Hyatt Clark, who threw for 212 yards and four touchdowns last week to eclipse 2,000 yards on the year.

Like many teams from eastern Washington, River View runs a spread-out attack, with four receivers — at least — on the outside. Four Panthers had at least three catches last week, while sophomore Karson Rawlings ran for 136 yards on 10 carries.

Such an offense will provide a challenge for the back end of the Napavine defense — a back end that happens to be the Tigers' strength, bolstered by all-leaguers Ashton Demarest and James Grose.

In Napavine's 48-0 cross-over win over Adna, the Tigers held the Pirates to just 66

passing yards, and came away with three interceptions.

So far this season, Napavine has allowed 100 passing yards or more just three times: once against Carson-Graham (B.C.), which threw the ball 45 times; once in its loss to Lynden Christian, which is the No. 3 seed in the 1A tournament; and once to Kalama, who managed a paltry 105 and threw four picks.

"We feel good with the guys we're going to put back there," Fay said. "We're going to mix up some coverages, which we've done at earlier times in the year. And then we're going to find some pressures with those down linemen and our linebackers. We certainly don't want them to sit back there and be comfortable throwing the ball."

# Vikings looking for better luck in Stone City this year

By Josh Kirshenbaum

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A perfect storm of circumstances made the Mossyrock football team's first dip into the 8-man state tournament pool one to forget. A win Saturday, though, would go a long way to doing just that.

The Vikings, who will face No. 6 Almira-Coulee-Hartline on Saturday in Tenino, are in nearly the same place they were a year ago last fall, coming into the quarterfinals to host a lower-seeded squad after a first-round bye. But they came into that matchup well below 100 percent after just about the whole team caught the flu at the same time, and that lower-seeded squad turned out to be No. 5 Liberty Bell, which went on to win the whole tournament after pulling the quarterfinal upset.

Again, it was a perfect storm, with a limited Mossyrock team taking on a well-underseeded opponent. But after that, nothing is going to catch these Vikings by surprise.

"We're doing everything we possibly can," coach Eric Ollikainen said. "All you can do is prepare, and sometimes the football bounces in strange ways. There's an element of luck to it with injuries and things like that. But we're doing everything with-



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Zackary Munoz stiff arms a defender during Mossyrock's 62-0 win over NW Christian (Lacey) in the 1B District crossover on Nov. 3 in Mossyrock.

in our power to be successful."

That starts with staying healthy, and Ollikainen said things have gone much better this year.

For the second straight year, he gave his players the end of their bye week off to travel to Ya-

kima and cheer on their counterparts on Mossyrock's volleyball team.

"It's nice to get away from the game for a little while and recharge, physically and emotionally," he said. "Hopefully they come back to work ready to work

harder than ever."

But back on the field this week, the name of the game switches from rest to prep, for a Mossyrock squad that knows there aren't any easy outs at this stage in the season. ACH comes into the matchup with a 9-2 re-

cord, their only losses coming to Liberty Bell and Wilbur-Creston-Keller, the top two seeds in this year's bracket, and is just a year removed from winning the state title.

"You can't look past this team, or any team in this top eight," Ollikainen said. "No one got here by accident."

Then again, the Vikings, who are looking for their first win in a state tournament since 2012, aren't here by accident either. Since losing an 11-man game to Pe Ell-Willapa Valley in Week 1, Mossyrock has gone 9-0 in 8-man play, with all nine victories hitting the running clock.

Ollikainen's offense — which had seven starters make all-league — is averaging 53.6 points per game, while the defense —

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## Sports History

# Fifty years back: Ending with an old friend

**1973 POSTSEASON: A rough first dose of playoffs**

By Josh Kirshenbaum

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The 1973 season marked the first in Washington with a true state tournament, but the biggest matchup in Lewis County the first week of the postseason was an exhibition.

After leaving his post as Centralia's head coach, Frank Smith first went to Wenatchee Junior College, then took a coaching position at Montana State, before crossing the northern border into the world of Canadian football as the offensive coordinator for the BC Lions. Following one season in the CFL, Smith went back to high school ball, starting a program at Sentinel High School (Vancouver) in 1971.

Two years later, on Nov. 9, 1973, Smith brought his Spartans south to his old stomping grounds for an exhibition against Centralia.

The Tigers won the matchup — which was played under both American and Canadian flags — 19-8. Ed LeBaron went 6 for 9 on passes, for 74 yards, while Brad Brumbaugh went for 70 yards and three touchdowns on the ground.

"We realize that Centralia was generous," Smith said. "Skip (Raish) could have stomped us if he had really wanted to."

The Tigers ended their season at 6-4, and took fourth in the Black Hills AA League, behind winners Shelton, Chehalis, and Camas.

That game would be Smith's last with Sentinel. The next year, he took the head coaching job at the University of British Columbia, where he'd stay for the next



**NEW COACH GUIDES CENTRALIA HIGH SCHOOL FORTUNES:** New head coach Skip Raish is at the helm of the Centralia Tigers this year. But he is no stranger to the orange and black, having served as quarterback on the team in 1964-65. Players competing for starting positions include Ed LeBaron, Bo Rickard, Ken Powell, Wes Scott, Tim Taylor, Brad Brumbaugh, Joel Watson, Jeff Forrest, David Owen, Greg Solomon, Gene Jarvi, Wayne Williams, Tom Hartman, Gave Gabette, Dean Proffitt, Bob Blanchard, Doug Myhr, Jeff Mason, Gary Penly, Chris Murray, Pat Campbell, Russell Rice, Henry Ferbrache, Greg Mohoric, John Cleary, Vince Stern, Pete Lehmann, Scott Sticklin, Gary Baldwin, Gary Silva, Mark Miller, Arlo Poe, Ken Victory, Duane Nessel, Vern Ward, Rick Suksdorf, Kevin, Durgin, Kevin Reichert, Clyde Moore, Scott Aho, Daryl Ball, Herb Potter, John Buchanan and Tom Alderson. Assistant coaches are Gerry McCullough, Don LeBaron, Tom Bate, Larry Buck and Steve Smith.

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## Playoffs go... poorly

Two local teams made it to the first ever slate of state playoffs: South Central League champs Winlock in the A clas-

sification, and SWW 8-Man League champs Pe Ell in the B-8 bracket.

Neither had a great time.

Winlock went to Yakima to face Carroll, and got blitzed 49-0. The Cardinals were outgained 431-122, threw two picks, and lost two fumbles.

Raymond went on to beat Connell in the A title game, starting a string of three straight

titles for the Seagulls. The last of those came against the Cardinals, who went on to win the championship in 1976 to end Raymond's reign. Winlock returned to the title game in 1977, losing to Chewelah, and hasn't been back since.

Pe Ell got on the scoreboard in its contest but didn't do a whole lot better, falling to Clallam Bay 42-15.

## Elsewhere...

The Twin Cities may not have reached the postseason on the gridiron, but it was a different story on the trails. The Centralia cross country team finished third out of 16 teams at the AA state championship meet, with Chehalis right behind in fourth. Don Althaus finished fourth individually, with a time of 12:46.

## 2A Football

# Kastner, Brumfield, Hach named Evergreen 2A Conference MVPs

By The Chronicle staff

All three MVP awards offered by the 2A EvCo went to area athletes, along with 21 of the 28 first-team all-league spots in the league's postseason awards, released Monday.

**MVP:** Ethan Kastner (Tumwater)

**OFFENSIVE MVP:** Gage Brumfield (W.F. West)

**DEFENSIVE MVP:** Alex Hach (Tumwater)

**COACHING STAFF OF THE YEAR:** Tumwater

### First team

**QB:** Jaxsen Beck (Black Hills)  
**RB:** Tate Quarnstrom (Roch-

ester), Kooper Clark (Tumwater), Aidan Watkins (Aberdeen)

**WR:** Brady Bryant (Tumwater), Connor Coleman (W.F. West), Maddox Hodge (Black Hills)

**TE:** Jake Dillon (Tumwater), Jack Ellison (Black Hills)

**OL:** Jaden Nichols (Rochester), Braden Larson (Tumwater), Orion Haury (Tumwater), Andrew Penland (W.F. West), JaBron Brooks (Aberdeen)

**DL:** Jerome Nichols (Shelton), Malijah Tucker (Tumwater), Andrew Penland (W.F. West), JaBron Brooks (Aberdeen)

**LB:** Hunter Leth (Shelton), Beckett Wall (Tumwater), Cash Short (Tumwater), Jack Ellison

(Black Hills)

**DB:** Tyler Criss (Tumwater), David Malroy (Tumwater), Gage Brumfield (W.F. West), Aidan Watkins (Aberdeen)

**P:** Gabe Conklin (Shelton)

**K:** Dylan Stevens (Tumwater)

### Second team

**QB:** Gabe Conklin (Shelton)

**RB:** Logan Cole (Tumwater), Declan McDonald (W.F. West), Palmer Watt (Rochester)

**WR:** Omar Zepeda (Shelton), David Malroy (Tumwater), Tucker Land (W.F. West)

**TE:** Bennett Henry (Shelton), Grady Westlund (W.F. West)

**OL:** Asher Neff (Rochester),

Colin Griffiths (Tumwater), Kade Contreras (Tumwater), Jaxsen Besaw (W.F. West), Paul Baltazar (Aberdeen)

**DL:** David Daarud (Centralia), Jaden Nichols (Rochester), Tucker Land (W.F. West), Nathan Boone (Tumwater)

**LB:** Marcus Miller (Centralia), Palmer Watt (Rochester), Declan McDonald (W.F. West), Marcus Hale (Aberdeen)

**DB:** Ethan Rodriguez (Rochester), Kody Brotherton (Shelton), Maddox Hodge (Black Hills), Anthony Isenhower (W.F. West)

**P:** Dylan Stevens (Tumwater)  
**K:** AJ Wier (Shelton)

### Local honorable mentions

**BLACK HILLS:** Bereket Lester, Gavin Gordon, Brandon Dolby

**CENTRALIA:** Landen Jenkins, Ariel Velasquez

**ROCHESTER:** Jack Dane, Carson Rotter, Mason Armstrong, Wyatt Dahl, Ethan Rodriguez, Tristan Nelson, Chris Tartios, Xander Peterman, Kole Smith

**TUMWATER:** Dylan Gilliland, Mathias Rodriguez, Jaylin Nixon, Peyton Davis, Derek Thompson, Payton LaGuerre, Dane Iverson

**W.F. WEST:** Andrew Snyder, Carson White, Talan Meredith

## Gonzaga forward Graham Ike named preseason first-team All-American by Sporting News

By The Spokesman-Review

It sets up as a must-see matchup Monday when No. 11 Gonzaga and No. 2 Purdue tangle at the Maui Invitational in Honolulu. Another reason to tune in: A pair of preseason All-American bigs battling in the paint.

Gonzaga's Graham Ike and Purdue's Zach Edey have been named to the first team by The Sporting News. Edey has been a mainstay on preseason All-American teams after collecting player of the year honors last season. Ike hasn't received a ton of attention as he returns from a foot injury that sidelined him last season at Wyoming.

GU point guard Ryan Nembhard has been listed on a few media outlets' preseason teams as a third-team selection.

The 6-foot-9 Ike was a force in the Mountain West Conference, averaging 19.5 points and 9.6 rebounds as a sophomore in 2022. He scored 11 points in his Gonzaga debut Friday against Yale.

"It'd be kind of shocking if Gonzaga didn't have someone in line to be an All-American," wrote Mike DeCourcy of The Sporting News. "From Dan Dickau to Adam Morrison to Kelly Olynyk to Kyle Wiltjer to Rui Hachimura to then Corey Kispert, Chet Holmgren and Drew Timme over the last few years, it seems there's always a Zag swimming with the biggest fish in college basketball.

"Ike is new to Gonzaga, but not to playing in the deep end; he helped lead Wyoming to a 25-win season and only the program's third NCAA Tournament bid of this century."

The 7-4 Edey stung Gonzaga with 23 points, seven rebounds and three blocks in Purdue's 84-66 win at the PK85 last November in Portland. GU All-American Drew Timme countered with 22 points, nine rebounds and four assists. Edey averaged 22.3 points and 12.9 boards last season.

Duke forward Kyle Filipowski, USC guard Boogie Ellis and Marquette guard Tyler Kolek joined Ike and Edey on the first team. Gonzaga faces USC on Dec. 2 in Las Vegas and could run up against Marquette on the final day of the Maui Invitational.

Former Gonzaga center Omar Ballo, a redshirt senior at

Arizona, joined North Carolina center Armando Bacot, Kansas center Hunter Dickinson, Villanova guard Justin Moore and Texas A&M guard Wade Taylor IV on the second team. The Zags could face Kansas on the last day of the Maui Invitational.

## Former UM guard Haley Cavinder commits to TCU without twin sister after retiring

By The Miami Herald

Haley Cavinder is retiring to play for the TCU women's basketball team next season, but it will be a solo act without her twin sister, Hanna.

The Cavinder twins, who have 4.5 million TikTok followers and more than a million combined Instagram followers, transferred to the University of Miami from Fresno State in 2022 and were part of the Hurricanes' Elite Eight team last spring. After the season, they announced they would forego their final year of eligibility to pursue business interests, including a deal with WWE.

But Haley, who said at the time she was more inclined to keep playing than her sister, missed the game and decided to return. She entered the transfer

portal and announced on Monday that she will play for TCU in 2024-25, sharing a photo on social media of herself sitting on a throne in a Horned Frogs jersey and crown.

The caption read: "The last rodeo #committed,"

Her sister commented, "GO FROGSSS BABY" and "mom just bought purple cowboy boots after seeing this".

Haley averaged 12.2 points and four rebounds for the Hurricanes last season and was named second-team All-ACC.

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with six all-leaguers — has pitched four shutouts.

"We've gelled, and I feel like we're getting more and more

physical each week," Ollikainen said. "Our defense, I'm really happy with how they're playing right now. We're doing a lot of the little things right, and we're starting to play to our potential, which is all you can ask for as a coach."

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## 2B State Football

## After two weeks of takes, Onalaska finally gets its rematch vs. Kalama

## SETTLE IT ON THE FIELD:

Seeding drama, State stakes put extra air into the Logger/Chinook rivalry

By Josh Kirshenbaum

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Don't worry, Mazen Saade has heard the talk online and seen the posts on social media, the suspicions of conspiracy and the at-times R-rated allegations.

He's seen them, though he's not so sure about his players.

"Most of our guys were busy," he said. "Elk season's started, late buck season is coming up and most of our guys are busy doing their hunting thing. I don't know how much they know about the internet or what's going on there."

For the unaware or similarly-luddite out there, the prime controversy of the football season in District 4 took place two weeks ago, when the 2B seeding committee gave the Onalaska football the No. 4 seed — and final first-round bye — in the state tournament, one spot ahead of Kalama, which had beaten the Loggers back on Oct. 6.

Kalama fans — and coaches — were not thrilled, to say the least.

The Chinooks went on to dispatch No. 12 Friday Harbor with expected ease, doing their job to set up a rematch with the Loggers on Friday night on the black turf of Tenino.

Throw in the added gripe



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Onalaska head coach Mazen Saade yells as he celebrates a touchdown with the Loggers during a game against Adna Friday night at Pirate Stadium.

coming up from Cowlitz County to the normal rivalry between Onalaska and Kalama, and you have the recipe for one of the most highly-anticipated 2B showdowns in recent memory.

But with bye week — and any hunting trips between practices — in the rearview, Saade wants his players to keep things as normal as possible.

"We've got to go play the game of football," Saade said. "All the numbers and stuff, those were cool two weeks ago, but now you've got to play the game of football. If that's what they need to motivate them, then that's their

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Mazen Saade,  
Onalaska football coach

own M.O. and not ours. Our motivation is that the last time we played, they beat us. They won league. We know how it ended,

and we weren't happy with our efforts there."

It's not the first time Onalaska has had to deal with a rematch

against a Central 2B League opponent in the postseason. This will be the Loggers' 10th postseason matchup in the past five state tournaments, and fifth against league competition.

"That's always interesting, Saade said. "You have an idea already going into the first time playing them of what they do and their personnel, and then see it live when you face them the first time. And then you see it again. There's going to be new wrinkles and things they've done."

The last time this happened to Onalaska, it came against the same Chinooks, who beat the Loggers in the regular season, then again in the semifinals on their way to a state championship.

In this season's first episode, the Chinooks burst out to a 22-6 halftime lead behind a one-way second quarter, before Onalaska's Kayden Mazingo and Kalama's Aidan Brown went to work trading explosive plays in the second half. Mazingo's third touchdown of the half tied things up at 36-36, before the Chinooks came back with a sustained drive and went ahead for good in the final 30 seconds.

After such a close matchup the first time around, Saade and his coaching staff aren't trying to reinvent the wheel in Tenino come Saturday.

"Offensively, we do what we do," he said. "We don't have a lot of trickery in what we do. We run our offense and we see what defenses give us."

## Riverhawks head east — again — to try to pull another upset

By Josh Kirshenbaum

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For once, the film was kind to Toledo.

On the field at Kelso on Saturday following his Riverhawks' 21-12 win over Tri-Cities Prep, head coach Mike Christensen was blunt about his groups' shortcomings and their inability to pull away in a game he felt they should have won by more.

By Tuesday, those feelings had lessened a bit.

"After watching film of last week, we actually blocked well, played well overall," he said. "We've just got to finish drives, finish plays, do that little stuff, and for the most part we've done that all year, so I'm not too concerned about it."

But that's where the positive spin on things ends.

"If we play like we did last week, we're not going to be making it past this game," Christensen said. "I think that everybody understands that."

In Toledo's way stands No. 3 Northwest Christian (Colbert), for a 2B state quarterfinal a good six hours away, at Freeman High School on Saturday.

It's a story that's become common for the Riverhawks, who are making a long trip east for a State matchup for the fifth straight postseason. Toledo won the first four matchups in that run as underdogs — then coming back to Lewis County and losing in a later round to a Central 2B League opponent — before its streak was snapped last year in Moses Lake with a loss to Chewelah.

A small handful of Toledo's starters played in that game; fewer still took part in the Riverhawks' last win across the mountains, in a first-round matchup against Davenport in Moses Lake in 2021.

"I think that our young guys have responded well in big games so far, but it's a whole different monster when you're traveling east," Christensen said. "You have to make sure you're going to bed on time in



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Toledo's Eli Weeks rushes downfield during a 21-12 win over Tri-Cities Prep on Nov. 11 in Kelso.

a different bed, you're not distracted by your friends, all that sort of thing and turning it into a business trip instead of a fun, end-of-the-year activity."

When they get to the Spokane area, they'll face an undefeated NWC squad who has only been held from the running clock four times this season. The Warriors have eclipsed 50 points in each of their past four matchups, hitting 76 twice.

Then again, watching their film from such blowouts — while knowing the style of play out east — can only go so far.

That's the part that Christensen said was different about last year's matchup with Chewelah; the Riverhawks got to Moses Lake and found an opponent that was just on another level in terms of size

and athleticism, and could do more than hang with a C2BL team for power.

"That was the weird thing for us last year, is that we didn't own them physically," he said. "That was a frustration. I think that Northwest Christian has the ability to be a physical team, but it's whether they've done it against a really physical opponent for multiple weeks in a row, for a full game, and that's the part that it's hard to see until you get there. It's hard to see on film."

They'll see for sure Saturday on the field at in Rockford, while also trying to hone the rough spots that limited a 311-yard day for the run game to just three touchdowns, in many of their starters' first experience in such a contest.

"Our seniors want to keep



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Nico Acosta puts a block on a TCP defender during Toledo's 21-12 win over Tri-Cities Prep on Nov. 11 in Kelso.

playing, and I think that's going to help our younger guys focus," Christensen said. "Because they

do respect our seniors, and they want to make them proud at the end of the day."

## Sports Briefs

## Deion Sanders begs forgiveness for suspects in Colorado Rose Bowl thefts: 'Let's not crucify these high school kids'

BOULDER, Colo. (TNS) — Deion Sanders said he won't

hold a grudge against the four California high school students who are accused of stealing from the Colorado locker room at the Rose Bowl last month. And he's hoping Buffs fans will do the same.

"Let's not crucify and punish these high school kids," Coach Prime said Tuesday during his

weekly news conference at CU's Champions Center.

"Let's make sure those kids atone for what they did, but (make sure) they don't lose an opportunity to change their lives. They're kids."

Police in Pasadena have identified four suspects, which USA Today reported as being prospec-

ive UCLA recruits, in the alleged theft of personal items such as jewelry from Buffs players and staffers that took place while CU was playing the Bruins on Oct. 28.

Names were not disclosed but police said the suspects were from Beaumont (Calif.) High School in Riverside County, 78

miles east of Pasadena.

The investigation is reportedly still ongoing but some of the items stolen have been returned to the victims in question.

"They made a stupid, dumb ... mistake," Sanders said of the suspects. "Guess what? When I was 17, 18, so did I. So did you ... let's pray for those kids."

## Prep Football

## After first round of 2A blowouts, Tumwater set to host Clarkston in quarterfinal

By Josh Kirshenbaum

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As the No. 1 seed in the 2A state tournament, the Tumwater football team did a proper job of setting the tone with a 58-point blowout of No. 16 Port Angeles. But the rest of the higher seeds filled in the pattern behind the Thunderbirds, in a one-sided roll of a first round.

The eight higher seeds last weekend went 8-0 collectively, with an average margin of victory of 38.5 points, and no game closer than 33-10.

The routs flew in stark contrast to last season's bracket, which opened up with three true blowouts but also three games decided by single digits. "It just so happens that some teams have really good groups of kids right now that happen to be there and are building off of it, and it just so happens that they're a little bit better than the rest of the field," Tumwater coach William Garrow said.

Now, this coming weekend will determine whether the 2A ranks are dominated by eight teams ready to hammer at each other, or if it's fewer than that and another round of culling has to take place to get to the true competitions.

And after watching the film from No. 8 Clarkston's 44-6 blowout of No. 9 Woodland, Garrow isn't exactly sure himself of what the Bantams will bring to Tumwater District Stadium on Saturday.

"At least in my experience, when you watch a team that is clearly superior to another team, you have to throw some things out," he said. "Some of the stuff you watch on film, you kind of put off to the side. Like tendencies. If you're up by 35 points, odds are pretty good on third-and-long that they're still running the ball just to keep the clock moving, rather than showing you their best pass concepts."

On the other hand, though, Garrow said the film from the



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Payton LaGuerre celebrates after coming away with an interception in the third quarter of Tumwater's 70-12 win over Port Angeles in the first round of the 2A state tournament on Nov. 10.

end of blowouts can be important as well, even if his coaches aren't watching the stars on Clarkston's roster they're going to have to scheme to stop on Saturday.

"The things they install at the very beginning (is what) they're going to run with their young kids," he said. "So sometimes that can give you an idea of what they want to do as a program, what they want to hang their hat on."

The T-Birds are no exception; after pulling their starters going into the fourth quarter of their win over Port Angeles, the backups and JV players ran the purest, simplest version of the Wing T attack — and it just happened to get two more touchdowns out of it to turn the rout truly ugly.

After all, that's the type of run-first offense Tumwater has loved for decades now. And in the 2A EvCo, they're not alone, facing a host of teams that make most of their hay in the trenches and on the ground.

But the Thunderbirds have a secondary as well, one that boasts two first-team all-leaguers in David Malroy and Tyler Criss and pulled in three interceptions last week.

Joining up with Derek Thompson and Payton LaGuerre, and with Brady Bryant set to return from injury, Garrow said his DBs are looking at a matchup against a Clarkston team that's averaging 212 passing yards per game as a chance to prove they can do more than just come down hill and tackle.



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Jaylin Nixon lunges for the goal line to score Tumwater's second touchdown in the T-Birds' 70-12 win over Port Angeles in the first round of the 2A state tournament on Nov. 10.

"Hopefully those guys get an opportunity to make some plays," he said. "Because when teams do put the ball in the air, they do a good job of getting it."

## NHL

## Baker: Thanksgiving not a welcome sight for Kraken group needing to get more done

By Geoff Baker

The Seattle Times

EDMONTON, Alberta — Two playoff teams from last season facing each other here Wednesday night have already reached a crucial point where things must change if they hope to repeat that next-level distinction.

This was evidenced by the more talented of those teams, the Edmonton Oilers, firing a coach who got them to the second round of the playoffs last May and had them touted as Stanley Cup contenders in October before things fell apart. The fact the Oilers fired Jay Woodcroft on Sunday, the morning after they beat the Kraken, tells all you need to know. There are huge expectations for the Oilers in their home city — quite unlike a minimal-pressure Seattle market still learning the NHL — and just under 20% of the season is more than enough sample size for them to hit the panic button.

As for the Kraken, authors of a 5-8-3 record that's just one win and four points better than their 4-9-1 opponents with two more games played, firing a coach isn't on the table as a solution to their woes. Unlike the Oilers, done in largely by poor goaltending and defense that was supposed to be better, the Kraken's biggest issue is an offense that already had doubters coming in.

The Kraken logged just 18 shots in their 4-1 loss to the Oilers on Saturday, then just 19 two nights later in a 5-1 defeat against Colorado. Both losses came at home, with the Kraken not managing a third-period shot Monday until Adam Larsson put a cheapie on goal from the other end of the rink with 97 seconds to play. Top scorer Jared McCann had zero shots. So did the Kraken's entire fourth line of Tye Kartye, Shane Wright and Ryan Winterton. The power play went shot-less in two



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Sam Malinski (70) of the Colorado Avalanche skates in his NHL debut against Vince Dunn (29) of the Seattle Kraken during the first period at Climate Pledge Arena on Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, in Seattle.

attempts — two fewer shots than the penalty kill had.

So, yeah, things are getting dicey for a team that, after playing the Oilers here, faces the New York Islanders at home Thursday and then the red-hot Vancouver Canucks on the road two nights after that. Lose all three and Thanksgiving could be arriving early. Over the past decade, only 30 of 128 teams (23%) not in a playoff spot by Thanksgiving actually made the postseason.

There are exceptions, one being an Oilers squad not in a playoff position last January when the Kraken last visited Rogers Place in the regular season. The Oilers trounced the Kraken that night, steamrolled opponents from there and cruised into the playoffs. So, Thanksgiving isn't the be-all barometer some claim, though the Kraken had best get their act together before feasting on holiday turkey. If not, they might be the cooked goose.

Edmonton has finally won consecutive games after showing up at Climate Pledge Arena in disarray. And any team with gen-

eration players Connor McDavid and Leon Draisaitl can never be counted out this early. At least, not the way the NHL standings keep teams in relative contention by awarding "loser" points for defeats in overtime and shootouts.

The Kraken already have three such points and that's enabled them to remain within two of the final Western Conference wild-card spot, though the teams ahead hold multiple games-in-hand. But that closeness can be misleading as other teams also frequently pile up "loser" points. Unless the Kraken start grabbing two points in far more games, other playoff contenders will quickly separate to where the gap becomes insurmountable.

Once that gap hits double digits, which it already has with Pacific Division rivals Vegas and Vancouver and is threatening to with Los Angeles, few things short of a season-defining win streak will help the Kraken catch up. And they've shown few signs of being able to compile such a streak the way they did last season with seven consecutive January

road wins.

Kraken coach Dave Hakstol has said he doesn't like comparing teams from one season to the next and that this campaign is about this Kraken group. Thus far, that group has blown leads in 12 of their last 13 games primarily because they score early and don't add on.

Part of the scoring woes are a result of the team's design. The Kraken jettisoned 44 goals of production from fourth-line free agents Daniel Sprong, Morgan Geekie and Ryan Donato, to create room for young AHL prospects to be gradually worked in. To offset that, they counted on the injury return of Andre Burakovsky and incremental improvements by others, including Calder Trophy winner Matty Beniers.

Well, Burakovsky is hurt again and weeks away from returning. Jordan Eberle is hurt as well after scoring 20 goals last season. Brandon Tanev, who had 16 goals last season, just returned after being hurt since opening night. And the centermen on the team's top two lines, Alex Wennberg and Beniers,

have zero goals between them.

Meanwhile, rookie Kartye, one prospect used in a spot vacated by the departing free agents, scored twice in the opening two weeks, but has just two assists in the three weeks since as his full NHL introduction continues.

The Kraken made an interesting weekend roster decision, keeping prospects Wright and Winterton while sending veteran Devin Shore back to the AHL. Hakstol said Monday morning he was keeping Wright and Winterton around to experience not only the highs, but the current lows of a typical NHL season.

But on Tuesday, the duo — which failed to register a shot the last two games — was indeed sent back and veteran minor-leaguer Andrew Porturalski, 29, called up while the team readies for Pierre-Edouard Bellemare, and eventually Eberle, to return from injury. For Kraken fans, it's a sign the team hasn't yet given up on salvaging the week ahead, the rest of this month and the season in general.

After all, if the opposite was true, it might have kept Wright, maybe Winterton, and even promoted AHL defenseman Ryker Evans as well, so they could all get inevitable NHL acclimation headaches out of the way this season just as Beniers and Kartye are. That way, you possibly avoid more growing pains spilling into next season.

But the Kraken sent a clear signal with Tuesday's moves that they are still in the business of winning games now. They also know making the playoffs will clearly take something more than five wins every 16 contests. And with the team nearly maxed-out on salary-cap space, there's little NHL help coming beyond players already in-house.

So, we're about to find out quick whether the current group is enough.

## College Football

## UW, Kalen DeBoer have initiated contract talks as coaching carousel intensifies

By Mike Vorel

The Seattle Times

As the college football season nears its conclusion, coaching carousel season is hitting full stride.

In the space between No. 5 Washington's 35-28 win over No. 16 Utah (7-3) on Saturday and coach Kalen DeBoer's news conference at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Texas A&M fired Jimbo Fisher, Mississippi State fired Zach Arnett, Boise State fired Andy Avalos, and San Diego State's Brady Hoke announced his intention to retire.

In a lucrative game of musical chairs, no one wants to lose.

And on Monday DeBoer — who is 21-2 in less than two full seasons in Seattle, including an active 17-game winning streak — was asked if he sees himself at Washington for the long haul.

"Yeah, this is a great place," he said. "Listen: I keep bringing it up, but my family loves it here. There's a lot of other reasons, too. My daughter [Alexis DeBoer], I guess she does or doesn't love me talking about [her blossoming softball career after recently signing with Washington out of Bellevue High School]."

"But there's just a lot of things that I love about this place. This is a championship football program. I've said it since Day One. It's got the bones of championships. I love the way we've been accepted into this place. It's a great place to coach. Like I said earlier, [new UW athletic director Troy Dannen] is doing everything he can to help myself and the staff continue this journey that we're on."

While help can manifest in multiple ways, DeBoer is referring to money. After the 49-year-old received a raise — from \$3.2 million to \$4.2 million annually — and a two-year extension (through 2028) last November, another one may be on the way.

When asked if Dannen and DeBoer's representatives have begun negotiating another extension, the Husky coach said: "Yeah. Troy's been very intentional with that, and I'm very appreciative of that. It is hard. The question was asked earlier [about



Washington Huskies head coach Kalen DeBoer speaks during the Pac-12 Football media day at Resort World, on Friday, July 21, 2023, in Las Vegas.

maintaining focus during the season]. You're in the middle of a great season like we have and I'm trying to keep the focus on that, but you also understand that those things need to continue to happen for our program to continue to move forward."

Meanwhile, UW offensive coordinator Ryan Grubb may move forward, by moving someplace else. Grubb — whose salary spiked from \$1.02 million to \$2 million last offseason — has previously confirmed his desire to become a head coach, and opportunities may soon arise. On Monday, The Athletic's Bruce Feldman listed Grubb as a leading candidate to succeed Hoke at San Diego State.

But Grubb's immediate priority is leading an offense that leads the nation in passing (378 yards per game) and completions of 10 yards or more (149), and ranks third in yards per play (7.75), fourth in yards per pass attempt (9.9), fourth in sacks allowed (7), fifth in scoring (41 points per game), fifth in passing

touchdowns (29), sixth in total offense (503.9 yards per game) and seventh in first downs (25 per game) ... against No. 10 Oregon State (8-2) on Saturday.

"I don't. I don't, and I mean that sincerely. I just don't," Grubb said, when asked how he balances outside interest with his current responsibilities. "I have people [an agent] that take care of that, and honestly I'm lucky that way, that I don't have to worry about it. I don't even think about it. I'm blessed that all I have to worry about is scoring points and getting touchdowns for Washington, and that's exactly what I'm focused on."

## A controversial call

UW's drive to end the first half against Utah was waylaid by a controversial call, as a 17-yard reception to tight end Jack Westover on fourth-and-four was wiped out by an ineligible-man-downfield penalty. The referees ruled that running back Dillon Johnson had lined up at

tached to the line of scrimmage, thus illegally "covering up" tight end Quentin Moore.

But the replay reveals that Johnson lined up a yard and a half behind the line, a legal position.

"No ... comment," Grubb said of the call, which negated a first down to Utah's 26-yard line with 14 seconds left in the first half, instead forcing a Husky punt. "Wow. It was unfortunate, I'll say that. Because we had the play we wanted. We had the coverage we wanted. We just needed the refs to execute and missed out."

"But it was a bummer, man, because we had points on the board [with a potential field goal]. I really felt like our kicking game was doing pretty well, and we would have had the ball on the 26-yard line. So guys did a good job of getting down there into scoring position. Those are hard to deal with. But the guys did a good job at halftime of dealing with it quickly and moving on and not worrying about it."

In the moment, DeBoer made

the same argument with a nearby referee. When asked Monday if he's still confident he was right, DeBoer smiled and said: "Yeah, I am."

## Wide receiver injury updates

UW junior wide receiver Jalen McMillan returned from a lingering left-leg injury against Utah, though he failed to catch a pass in a six-snap cameo.

Still, Grubb said that was the plan, to reintegrate McMillan into the action.

"[We wanted to] let him get out there and get some confidence, out there getting some guys' hands on him in run blocking and getting through some man coverage plays and letting him feel the flow of the game," Grubb said. "Because it was really late in the week, Thursday really, before we got him any reps in practice. So we certainly didn't want to go too far down the road with him and get him out there for 30 plays or something."

"But I think it's good for a guy to get out there and remember what it feels like, especially against a defense like Utah where you know no matter what the play is there's going to be an element of physical play out there. So it was good. He got his feet wet again, and I think it got him some confidence, and we'll build on that this week."

When asked if McMillan will likely see more consistent work against Oregon State, Grubb added: "Yeah, I definitely think so. He felt great after the game. He's good now."

Elsewhere, senior wide receiver Giles Jackson missed the Utah game because of ankle and upper-body injuries. Jackson has participated in just three games this season, so if he also sits against Oregon State or Washington State he can utilize a redshirt and return in 2024. Sophomore Denzel Boston left Saturday's game because of an upper-body injury after he was walloped (resulting in a targeting penalty) on a punt return.

"They both should potentially be back out there [against Oregon State]," Grubb said.

## Woods: Washington State and Oregon State's victory in Tuesday's hearing is no surprise

By Greg Woods

The Spokesman-Review

COLFAX — The victory Washington State and Oregon State secured Tuesday in Whitman County Superior court, where judge Gary Libey ruled in their favor and granted them governing control over the Pac-12 board, was lots of things for the schools: Vindicating, refreshing, encouraging.

It was not surprising.

This was always the way this ruling was headed. Back in September, when Libey granted WSU and OSU a temporary restraining order against the Pac-12 and commissioner George Kliavkoff, he drew on the conference's previous actions to remove UCLA, USC and Colorado from the board when they shared their notice of withdrawal.

Why would anything change this time around? That the University of Washington tried to act like this was different, that its attorney argued that it didn't act with any less interest in the Pac-12's survival by leaving the conference than WSU and OSU did when they explored other conferences, was silly. It felt like a slap in the face, but the Hus-

kies already did that when they jumped ship.

But we aren't blaming Washington or Oregon or any of the departing schools for leaving. Those schools may have put the Cougars and Beavers in a terrifically tough spot, but they did so out of their own best interest, which is fine. But for UW to act like the rules this time are different — that it suddenly doesn't have to abide by the same rules it imposed on USC and UCLA when they announced their departures — was an argument destined to fail from the beginning.

In truth, Tuesday's hearing could have taken much less time than the nearly three hours it spanned. Oregon State attorney Eric MacMichael hammered home precedent, that the Cougs and Beavs were asking Libey to apply the same interpretation of the Pac-12 bylaws that the conference itself applied, while UW and Pac-12 attorneys spent an hour parsing the language of the bylaws and taking the court back to a previous version of them.

It all felt a little mindless, like the Huskies' attorneys could put the court to sleep and the Pac-12's attorney, Mark Lam-

bert, could say as little as possible and get back to wherever he spends his time. MacMichael's arguments were sharp, lively and drew on Libey — and the conference's — previous actions. The arguments from Dan Levin, UW's lawyer, felt like they came from a seventh-grader who just learned how to reference the dictionary for technicalities.

"I feel good, obviously, afterwards," WSU president Kirk Schulz said. "We felt really strongly about our case, and I thought our legal team did a great job of not just summarizing it, but reinforcing those particular points. So we feel good moving ahead and want to continue to operate the conference in a responsible fashion."

"I think like President Schultz said, it's a much-needed ruling today," WSU athletic director Pat Chun added. "All we were asking for was the continuation of how this conference is operated. We still have a lot of work in front of us in terms of what next year looks, what the future of the Pac-12 could potentially look like. But today's a positive step. And today's the outcome that we were hoping for and expecting, but we're seeing a lot of work in front

of us."

From the very start, back in August when this whole thing kicked off, nothing about the departing schools' arguments made much sense. They plastered their plans to leave the conference all over the internet. They solidified schedules in the Big Ten. They riled up their fans and promised even bigger successes in bigger conferences.

Wait, they said, but that doesn't mean we submitted a notice of withdrawal. There was nothing official about that. That was just us... sharing the news in every imaginable way? Tapping into their ability to use the internet and spread the news to millions of eyeballs?

These schools' cases are not just flawed. They are preposterous. Late last week, in a court filing, UW president Ana Mari Cauce shared her concern around the idea of WSU and OSU taking control of the board and the Huskies losing out on 2023-24 revenue.

"Losing this revenue would be devastating for UW and our student-athletes," Cauce wrote.

Very true, Ana. What ever will Washington do without Pac-12 revenue? What will happen to

the Huskies if they leave the conference? What a scary position to be in, to face the consequences of your actions.

Washington State has a lot to figure out. The transfer portal opens on Dec. 4. The Cougs have a football schedule to fill. They can't actually do so until Monday, giving Washington time to appeal the decision to a higher court, but all signs point toward this decision being upheld.

"I don't think we're going to wait on any particular legal decision," Schulz said, "on what we're going to do in terms of our scheduling and alliances and things like that."

Shortly after the hearing ended and Schulz and Chun gathered in the courthouse lobby, they wore smiles. They weren't giving themselves time to breathe, they said, but this was a sigh of relief. That's when, as they headed out the front door, Schulz shook Chun's hand.

"See you back in Pullman on Friday," Schulz said.

"What's on Friday?" Chun laughed.

Sometimes the other side's arguments are so ridiculous that you have to laugh.

## Apple Cup gets kickoff time, TV assignment

PULLMAN (TNS) — Washington State may not know which conference it'll be playing in next season, but now it knows what time its last game in the Pac-12 will kick off.

WSU's road matchup with No. 5 Washington, perhaps the last installment of the Apple Cup, will kick off at 1 p.m. on Fox 28, the conference announced Monday.

The Cougars (4-6, 1-6 Pac-12) will be looking for their second straight road win over the Huskies (10-0, 7-0).

## WSU linemen Gomness, Fifita forgoing extra year of eligibility

PULLMAN (TNS) — Ahead of Friday night's game against Colorado, Washington State will be honoring a few more seniors than expected.

Senior offensive linemen Konner Gomness and Ma'ake Fifita are forgoing their extra year of eligibility thanks to COVID waivers, WSU coach Jake Dickert said Monday, explaining they're ready to move on to their next stages of life.

Gomness is planning to study abroad next year, while Fifita is

graduating with a degree in engineering, Dickert said.

"Just so proud of those two guys," Dickert said, "and obviously their choice, excited for both of them."

Gomness, WSU's starting center for each of the past three seasons, has not yielded a sack all season, according to Pro Football Focus. Fifita started each of the first five games of this season at right guard, a stretch in which he allowed five pressures, including one sack. Redshirt sophomore Brock Dieu began filling in for Fifita during WSU's loss to Oregon on Oct. 21.

Meanwhile, senior linebacker Ahmad McCullough will not be

honored because he is applying for a medical redshirt, thanks to an injury he sustained when he was playing at Maryland, his previous stop.

Pole questionable with foot/ankle injury Washington State's starting left tackle, Esa Pole, is questionable for Friday's game. He came out of WSU's loss to Cal over the weekend in the third quarter with a foot/ankle injury, getting carted away with his left shoe off.

Pole's foot is in a walking boot, Dickert said Monday, but it is not broken. The Cougs are hoping he can get it removed "pretty quickly."

If Pole cannot play Friday,

WSU will shuffle its offensive line like it did when Pole first went out, Dickert said: Move left guard Christian Hilborn to left tackle and insert redshirt sophomore Rodrick Tialavea at left guard.

Tialavea fared well, giving up no pressures in 30 snaps, according to PFF. For WSU, the one downside might be having to move Hilborn to left tackle, where he gave up a sack against Cal.

"We thought Rod came in and played really well," Dickert said. "That's what Rod Tialavea is capable of doing, and I'm excited to see him do that."

## NFL

## The domino effect of Kenneth Walker's, Zach Charbonnet's runs on all of Seahawks' offense

By Gregg Bell

The News Tribune

Yes, of course Geno Smith was encouraged with the win, and with how he played nearly perfectly at the end to seize it.

But the Seahawks' quarterback was most inspired following his team's 29-26 victory over Washington by his offense looking and feeling familiar, seven days after it looked inept in a 34-point loss at Baltimore.

"Coming back after last week, felt like we did a lot of uncharacteristic things in that last game, and it was important for us to kind of get back to who we are. And I felt like we did that," Smith said Sunday following the win over the Commanders that leaves Seattle 6-3 heading to play the Los Angeles Rams (3-6) this weekend.

Specifically, the Seahawks' offense ran the ball against Washington. For a change.

Kenneth Walker and Zach Charbonnet rushed 25 times combined, for 107 yards. It was almost twice the 13 carries Walker and Charbonnet combined for in each of the previous two games.

Smith threw eight play-action passes off the increased runs Sunday. He completed six of those fake-handoff throws for 98 yards. That included the 64-yard catch and run by Walker for a touchdown on a check-down throw by Smith beneath deeper coverage. That adjustment gave Seattle its first lead, 16-12, early in the third quarter.

Smith threw for 369 yards, the most in his 11-season NFL career. Offensive coordinator Shane Waldron called multiple tight-end sets 21 times, and ran 12 times for 55 yards out of those. Waldron also used Jaxon Smith-Njigba 62% of the time as a third wide receiver behind DK Metcalf and Tyler Lockett.

The more varied Seahawks gained 489 total yards against the Commanders. It was Seattle's most yards since week two of the 2022 season, a 48-45 win at Detroit.

"I feel like Shane called an amazing game. I felt like the O-line did exactly what they were supposed to do. They were great in the run game, great in the passing game," Smith said. "It allowed us to really dial up some plays and get some guys going."

Part of the reason for difference in the Seahawks' offense from Baltimore to Washington is, of course, the quality of opposition. The AFC North-leading Ravens entered their Seattle game leading the NFL in sacks and pass defense. The 6-3 Browns, the Seahawks' foe before Baltimore, had the league's top-ranked defense.

The 4-6 Commanders entered Sunday 28th in total defense and 27th against the pass.

Yet what allowed the Seahawks call plays they hadn't been using in the previous



John Kuntz / TNS

Seattle Seahawks running back Zach Charbonnet stiff arms Cleveland Browns safety Grant Delpit on a rush in the second half, Oct. 29, 2023, at Lumen Field.

weeks — specifically, running plays — was getting more first downs. After getting through penalties that killed drives in a sputtering first half, Seattle finished with 27 first downs against Washington. It was its most since 27 in week three against Carolina. Sunday the Seahawks had more first downs than in the previous two games combined, against Cleveland (17) and Baltimore (six).

The added first downs directly contributed to a more balanced Seahawks offense, and thus less pressure on Smith to win by almost exclusively throwing against a pass rush that could ignore the run. Half of Walker's and Charbonnet's 25 carries against Washington, 12 rushes (for 43 yards), came in the middle of drives immediately after Seattle got first downs.

Carroll saw this as so important, he highlighted running the ball in a team meeting with his players Monday.

"(Running the ball give us) more balance and helps the rest of our game. We talked about it today in our meetings, how important it is to run the football and how it affects so many other aspects of your play," Carroll said. "We aren't 3 yards and a cloud of dust. We just want balance as best as we can get to it."

"That balance doesn't even mean 50-50 all the time. It just means the complements really work together to strengthen the other aspect of the game."

The Washington game was the sixth time in nine games Seattle ran at least 23 times. They are 5-1 when they do.

"I'm still working at it," Car-

roll said of his run-pass numbers. "It's still a work in progress."

**First downs allow for no-huddle**

More first downs also enabled Waldron to use a no-huddle offense in the middle of the second quarter.

Smith is at his rhythmic best in passing accuracy and decision making in no-huddle, on-the-fly plays. The Seahawks surprised Washington by going no huddle on three consecutive plays starting from the Commanders 43-yard line with 3 minutes left in the second quarter. Those three plays, runs by Walker for 13 and 5 yards sandwiched around Smith's 11-yard pass to Jake Bobo, got Seattle into the red zone.

That drive ended with Jason Myers kicking one of his five field goals Sunday, to tie the game at 9 into the third quarter.

The Seahawks want to get Smith into no-huddle in the middle of games more often. They need to sustain drives with more first downs to do that. Going no huddle on three-and-out drives means your defense is back on the field about 30 seconds of game time after coming off it.

"He's really good at it," Carroll said of Smith in up-tempo mode. "He's really well-equipped. There's a big tool box there (from him). There are a lot of things that we can call and he can adjust. He's totally in command of it."

"So it's a really good part of our game, when it matches up right. We go in and out of it, and

try to get the most out of it. But there's no restrictions."

Going no-huddle in the middle of drives and quarters allows Smith to get his offense to the line in time to see the defense while Waldron tells him in his helmet speaker what to look for or where might be best to go with the ball. NFL rules allow headset communications from the play caller to the quarterback until 15 seconds remain on the play clock between snaps.

"Protection-wise versus pressures, the whole thing, he's got the whole thing shooting match that he can call on," Carroll said of Smith in no-huddle.

The running game was the reason Carroll chose not to have Myers try a 57-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter of a 16-12 game. On fourth and 1 from the Washington 36, out of shotgun formation, Charbonnet cut behind a bulldozing block by 41-year-old right tackle Jason Peters for 7 yards and another first down.

Peters, playing more than twice more than starter Stone Forsythe Sunday, took out Washington's Efe Obada then linebacker Jamin Davis to spring Charbonnet for that first down.

"The line protected their tails off, they blocked," tight end Will Dissly said. "You can see some explosive runs. You can see them wearing down in the second half. A lot of those 3-, 4-yard plays turned in to 6-, 7-yard plays."

"I think we had a whole drive where I don't know if we threw a pass. It was fun. It was a fun game, good team win."

**Jason Peters at right tackle**

Peters played 56 of the 81 snaps at right tackle, his most of the three games he's played for Seattle. That was after Forsythe started and played the first two drives.

Carroll said Peters was blocking so well he and line coach Andy Dickerson decided to leave Philadelphia's former All-Pro and nine-time Pro Bowl tackle in Sunday's game.

"It was obviously his best play for us, and that's why we left him in," Carroll said. "We had planned to split the time. We liked the way he was going so we just kind of left him out there."

"There was some concern about how his endurance would be, staying out there, because he hadn't played a lot in the last couple of weeks. ...

"He came through in a big fashion."

Peters may stay there against the Rams Sunday.

Starter Abe Lucas is scheduled to return Wednesday to practice for the first time since he went on injured reserve Sept. 13. Coaches and trainers want to see how Lucas' previously injured knee responds to his first practices in two months before they assess whether he can play in Los Angeles.

The Seahawks have to add Peters to the active roster this week or give him a chance at free agency. That's because he's been on the practice squad and has had the league maximum three elevations to game-day rosters.

It seems certain Seattle will sign Peters to the active roster.

**Buffalo Bills fire offensive coordinator Ken Dorsey, promote QB coach Joe Brady**

By Tribune News Services

The Buffalo Bills have fired offensive coordinator Ken Dorsey after just 10 games in his second season in the role and promoted quarterbacks coach Joe Brady to interim offensive coordinator.

The move comes just hours after the Bills fell to 5-5 in a 24-22 loss to the Denver Broncos on Monday Night Football where the offense had four turnovers and produced scores on just three of 11 drives in the game.

After the game last night, Bills coach Sean McDermott said he remained confident in Dorsey but that the offense needed to be better. He said he'd take 24 hours to evaluate the situation to decide whether a drastic change was necessary.

Now Dorsey is out after just a season and a half.

Brady came to the Bills in 2022 after serving as the Carolina Panthers offensive coordinator in 2020 and most of 2021 before getting fired in December

of his second season.

The Bills offense held its second players-only meeting before taking on the Broncos and continued to look lost for most of a pivotal AFC game last night. The loss dropped the Bills' playoff odds down to 19%, per the New York Times.

Dorsey took over as the offensive coordinator when Brian Daboll took the head coaching job with the New York Giants following the 2021 season. Bills quarterback Josh Allen advo-

cated for Dorsey to get the job and has remained confident in Dorsey throughout this season.

"I think we have a very good rapport in terms of him knowing what I don't like and what I like," Allen said last Thursday. "He should be able to point at any given play and we should go out there and try to execute it and execute it to the best of our ability. And that comes down to the guys on the field and we've got to be better for him. I know he's getting a lot of flack. I don't

know, people talk as much as they want to talk, but it comes down to the 11 guys on the field executing."

The Bills' execution issues remained against the Broncos when they fumbled on the very first offensive play of the game and then Allen threw an interception to end the second drive. Dorsey's playcalling has been heavily criticized by the fan base and McDermott opted to go in another direction by handing the reins over to Brady.

**Zach Wilson will remain Jets starter after Robert Saleh says quarterback played 'good' vs. Raiders**

By The New York Daily News

If the Jets are going to make a postseason push towards the playoffs, something will need to change with their dreadful offense.

At least this week, that change won't occur at the quarterback position.

A day after their 16-12 loss to the Raiders, Jets coach Robert Saleh told reporters that Zach Wilson will remain the team's starting quarterback despite another mediocre performance from the third-year player.

"You can argue some type of change and you're always going to look at the quarterback first, along with the play-caller," Saleh said. "When speaking about Zach, I get it, it's a yearning for more, but I felt like he played a good game yesterday."

"He will admit he would want that interception back, but it is hard to make changes just to pacify something, especially when someone is not deserving. If he was deserving of it, I got you, let's change something. And that's for every position, that's a coach, that a

player, that's a defensive player, it doesn't matter.

"You're always trying to find ways to make sure everyone is operating at full go. To say that one person is the reason for everyone failing, I don't think that's fair, I don't think that's right. But that's one man's opinion."

Against the Raiders, Wilson completed 23 of 39 passes for 263 yards with zero touchdowns and one critical interception to Raiders linebacker Robert Spillane with 1:14 left which essentially sealed the game for Las

Vegas. The Jets had one last opportunity to win the game with five seconds left, but Wilson's Hail Mary heave was incomplete.

Since Aaron Rodgers' Achilles injury four plays into the Jets season opener against the Bills on Sept. 11, the Jets offense has been completely dreadful. Gang Green ranks 29th in yards (283.1) and 30th in points (16) per game. Wilson has thrown for 1,863 yards, five touchdowns and six interceptions in nine games.

Because of his numbers, not only has Wilson come under

fire recently, but so has Jets offensive coordinator Nathaniel Hackett. The Jets have gone 11 consecutive quarters without scoring a touchdown. The last time the Jets found the end zone was during the first quarter of their 13-10 overtime victory against the Giants on Oct. 29. If the Jets were to make a change at quarterback, the only other options are backup quarterback Tim Boyle or Trevor Siemian, who has been on the team's practice squad since late September.

## NFL

## Calkins: Is Russell Wilson back to his old self after late rally against Bills?

By Matt Calkins

The Seattle Times

To be sure, this doesn't mean it wasn't one of the Seahawks' greatest trades. And to be even surer, it doesn't mean the subject of this piece didn't make a mistake by forcing his way out.

But that Russell Wilson guy? The nine-time Pro Bowler making nearly \$50 million per year and current Seattle sports supervillain? It would appear that he is back. Or phonetically speaking — ba-ack.

It seemed at the end of last season that the Broncos quarterback had dipped into permanent mediocrity. At age 34 he posted what was easily his worst professional season, finishing with 16 touchdowns against 11 interceptions with a passer rating (84.4) 16 points below his career average. The Broncos went 4-11 in his 15 starts.

But now, according to certain metrics, Wilson is having what looks to be a typical Russell season. And given that he seemed bound for the Pro Football Hall of Fame before the Seahawks dealt him last year, "typical" basically means sensational.

Through nine games, Wilson is fourth in the NFL in passer rating (104.0), tied for third in touchdown passes (18) and first in touchdown percentage (6.9). He has thrown just four interceptions, and at 4-5 has won just as many games this season as he did the last.

No, this doesn't mean Russell has rediscovered the elite status that once made him the highest-paid quarterback in football. But the Broncos, likely to the shock of millions, are in the playoff hunt — and probably wouldn't be without him.

One of Wilson's signature



Andy Cross / The Denver Post

Denver Broncos quarterback Russell Wilson (3) talks to Denver Broncos guard Ben Powers (74) and Denver Broncos center Lloyd Cushenberry (79) on the bench in the second quarter at Highmark Stadium Nov. 13, 2023.

characteristics during his time in Seattle was his ability to engineer game-winning drives. Well, consider Monday night's game in Orchard Park, N.Y., a throwback, because he did it again.

With the Bills leading 22-21 with 1:55 left, Wilson took the Broncos from their 25-yard line to Buffalo's 18 before Will Lutz drilled a 36-yard field goal as time expired, lifting the Bills to a 24-22 victory. Wilson's stats weren't mind-blowing — he had 193 passing yards and two touchdowns on 29 attempts. But considering he completed 24 passes

and committed no turnovers, he seemed to be about as efficient as could be within the confines of the game plan.

A few caveats (and a warning — lots of numbers in this paragraph): Wilson did take four sacks Monday and has 30 for the season. He is on pace to surpass the career-high and league-leading 55 sacks he endured last season. Additionally, Wilson has five fumbles — tied for 10th among quarterbacks. He also averages 200.7 passing yards per game — which is 22nd among QBs who have played at least sev-

en contests. Perhaps this is why Wilson's QBR — an advanced statistic — is just 52.7, which is 19th in the NFL.

This is reasonable ammunition for the anti-Russellers trying to justify their sports hate. So is the fact that Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes had his worst game of the season vs. the Broncos two Sundays ago, and that Bills QB Josh Allen has been nursing a shoulder injury.

None of that, however, takes away from the fact that the Broncos have won three in a row, or that Wilson has three comeback

victories and game-winning drives — both of which are on pace to surpass his career highs.

So what should Seahawks fans make of all this? How do the thousands that rained boo birds down on Wilson in last season's opener feel about him finding his (or at least something resembling it) old form?

I can't tell you that with any certainty ... but I'm thinking they aren't totally hating it.

Wilson isn't Alex Rodriguez or Howard Schultz, whose deeds (leaving the Mariners as he hit his prime/selling the Sonics) will never be forgiven by this town. Wilson had 10 great years here, was instrumental to Seattle's Super Bowl win and other appearance, and he was a fixture in the community. Many will question his authenticity, and even more will gripe about him wanting out with two years left on his massive contract. But I don't think there was a move that got him permanently 86'd from PNWers' hearts.

And let's be real here — without the Wilson trade, there is no Devon Witherspoon, the cornerback who looks primed to be an All-Pro for years to come. That'll help heal a wound.

More than anything, though — I think folks see what he's been through over the past year. The constant jokes, the regular ridicule. Most of it stemmed from unforced errors, yes, but there are feelings that even a \$240 million contract can't protect you from.

I don't know if Wilson is really back to his old quarterbacking self. The numbers do look encouraging, though. And as long as he doesn't go out and, you know, win a title — I'm guessing Seattleites are OK with that.

## Perkins: The stage is set for Dolphins to make a second-half run

By Chris Perkins

South Florida Sun Sentinel

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — The most important part of the Miami Dolphins' schedule starts this week, and the focus, at least for fans and media, should be winning the AFC East, which would be their first division title since the 2008 season.

At the halfway point of the season, when strength of schedule actually has applicable significance, that mission looks pretty achievable if the Dolphins, who gained ground in the AFC playoff race on Sunday, can stop beating themselves.

Only three of Miami's final eight opponents have a winning record. Four opponents are below .500, and one is at .500.

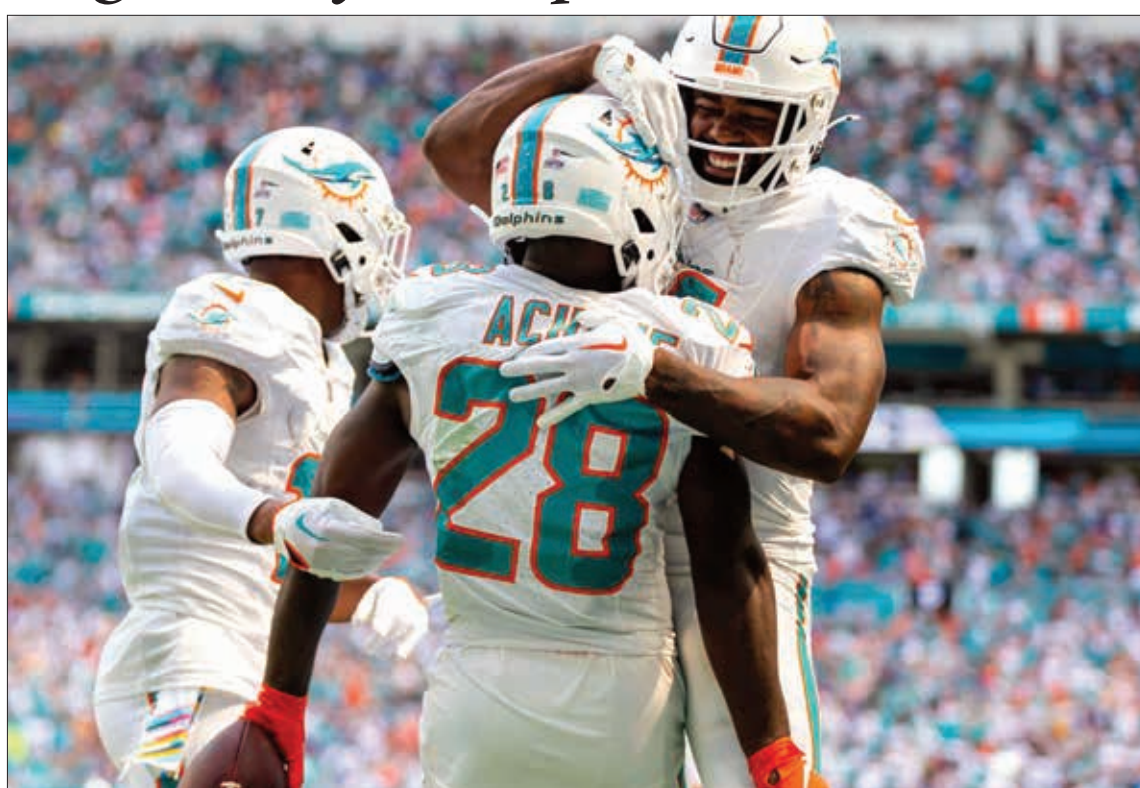
Miami (6-3), which leads the AFC East, must stay healthy and learn how to win close games against top-caliber opponents. Do that, and the division is theirs. Both tasks are tough, but well within Miami's reach.

"I'm very, very happy about our pre-bye week season," coach Mike McDaniel said.

At the end of Sunday's games, Miami's opponents had a combined 38-37 record (.507).

Among the three toughest remaining games — against Dallas (6-3), at Baltimore (7-3) and against Buffalo (5-4 heading into their Monday night game) — two are at home, where Miami is 4-0 this season and 10-2 under McDaniel.

Here's some good news: Buffalo, which hosts Denver on "Monday Night Football," probably has at least three additional losses among the Eagles, Chiefs,



File Photo / TMS

Miami Dolphins running back De Von Achane (28) celebrates with running back Raheem Mostert (31) after scoring a touchdown against the New York Giants in the second quarter of an NFL game at Hard Rock Stadium on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023, in Miami Gardens, Florida.

Cowboys and Dolphins, which would drop the Bills to 10-7. If they lose all four, they'll finish no better than 9-8, practically ensuring the Dolphins the AFC East title.

Here's more good news: Baltimore, which has had a fourth-quarter lead in every game this season, is still blowing late-game leads, even at home.

Let's take a closer look at both of those Dolphins opponents.

While it's true Buffalo's Super Bowl window is closing, the Bills' playoff window remains wide open, so they must be taken seri-

ously at all times.

The Bills have eight games remaining, including the Broncos game. They then host the New York Jets (Nov. 19), then visit Philadelphia (Nov. 26) before their bye week. The Bills finish at Kansas City (Dec. 10), against Dallas (Dec. 17), at the Los Angeles Chargers (Saturday, Dec. 23), against New England (Dec. 31) and at Miami (Jan. 7). It's a tough road ahead.

As for Baltimore's habit of blowing late-game leads, it happened again against Cleveland on Sunday, as the Browns scored

16 fourth-quarter points to overcome a 14-point fourth-quarter deficit and take the 33-31 victory.

Baltimore lost a narrow 14-13 fourth-quarter lead at home in its 22-19 overtime loss to Indianapolis.

You'll recall the Dolphins scored 28 fourth-quarter points to snatch a road victory at Baltimore last season.

The Ravens, who finished 5-3 at home last year, blew a 13-6 fourth-quarter lead in last year's home finale against Pittsburgh and lost, 16-13.

In Baltimore's other home

his elder brother, Jason Kelce, an offensive lineman for the Philadelphia Eagles. Jason Kelce said last month that he's "really happy" for his younger brother, but worried about the heightened spotlight on him while he's in the orbit of the pop superstar.

"This is another level of stardom that typically football players don't deal with," the Eagles center told NBC Sports. "And so on one hand, really, really happy for my brother and where he's at in his current situation with Taylor, but on the other hand, there's some, I think, alarms sometimes with how you know, over-in-pur-

for autographs and tickets due to Taylormania.

"Nobody's really mentioned much on that," Reid said in a virtual interview with Kansas City-based reporter Tod Palmer.

"It is what it is," the coach added. "I'm just glad he's found somebody he likes and she's found somebody she likes. That's a good thing."

Perhaps Reid caught that wholesome video of the "Cruel Summer" singer running straight into the tight end's arms after her Saturday show in Buenos Aires? Yes, the same show in which Swift updated "Karma's"

lyrics to reference "the guy on the Chiefs coming straight home to me."

It's not the first time that Reid has alluded to the buzzed-about romance. When the Chiefs beat the Los Angeles Chargers 31-17 in October, the three-time Super Bowl winner praised Kelce's showing and his rumored girlfriend.

"Kelce is getting better with time," Reid said during a news conference. "Taylor can stay around all she wants."

The "Anti-Hero" and "Shake it Off" singer has also gained the approval of Kelce's parents and

suit people can be.

"Overall, he can deal with some of this," he added. "As long as it's not, you know, becoming a threat to his safety and things like that."

Swift, 33, and Kelce, 34, have been linked since about mid-September, sending weeks of rumors into the stratosphere when she showed up at his Oct. 1 game vs. the New York Jets. The couple appeared to officially confirm the relationship when they stepped out in New York together in mid-October amid their surprise appearances on "Saturday Night Live."



## Soccer

## Emma Hayes is selected coach of U.S. women's national soccer team

LOS ANGELES (TNS) — U.S. Soccer confirmed Tuesday what had already been widely reported, selecting Chelsea manager Emma Hayes coach of the women's national team. What the federation couldn't say, however, is when the new coach will be able to meet with her players.

Hayes is under contract with Chelsea through the end of the Women's Super League schedule in May and the club intends to keep her in the job. As a result, it's unclear whether Hayes will be able to attend the national team's final training camp of this year in December or the first training camps of 2024. After her Chelsea contract expires, she will have two months and four games with the U.S. team to prepare for the Paris Olympics tournament, which kicks off July 25.

Sources told Fox Sports that Hayes' base salary would be \$1.6 million a year, more than three times what Sarina Wiegman, manager of England's national team and the highest-paid coach in women's soccer, is reportedly paid. Vlatko Andonovski, the former USWNT coach, was paid \$450,000 a year while Gregg Berhalter, coach of the men's national team, made \$1.6 million, according to the federation's 2022 financial filings.

Chelsea was said to be offering Hayes four times her current salary to stay in London, but the coach, the mother of a 5-year-old son named Harry, has long



Emma Hayes, manager of Chelsea, looks on prior to the Barclays Women's Super League match between Everton FC and Chelsea FC at Walton Hall Park on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023, in Liverpool, England.

talked about moving out of club soccer in search of a better life-work balance.

Interim coach Twila Kilgore will continue to manage the U.S. team in Hayes' absence, then join her staff as a full-time assistant.

"This is a unique situation, but the team is in safe hands with Twila," said Matt Crocker,

U.S. Soccer's sporting director and the man who chose Hayes for the job. "Her stewardship will be crucial during this period as we are focused on success at the Olympics."

Andonovski stepped down after the U.S. was eliminated in the round of 16 in last summer's World Cup, its earliest exit.

"This is a huge honor to be

given the opportunity to coach the most incredible team in world football history," Hayes, 47, said in a statement released by U.S. Soccer. "The feelings and connection I have for this team and for this country run deep. I've dreamed about coaching the USA for a long time, so to get this opportunity is a dream come true."

## MLB

## Brandon Hyde becomes 4th Baltimore skipper to be named AL Manager of the Year

By The Baltimore Sun

Amid the Orioles' poor start to the 2022 season, manager Brandon Hyde expressed confidence in not only the club's future, but also his place in it.

"I'm in this for the long haul," Hyde told The Baltimore Sun last April. "I'll be here when we're winning."

At that point, early in his fourth season leading Baltimore's baseball team, Hyde possessed one of the five worst winning percentages of any manager in major league history. Hired as a first-time manager before the 2019 season to guide the club through a rebuild, Hyde had overseen as many campaigns with more than 100 losses as every preceding Orioles manager had in the franchise's first 65 years in Baltimore.

Tuesday night, little more than a year and a half after his declaration, Hyde was named the 2023 American League Manager of the Year. In his fifth season at the helm, the Orioles won 101 games, winning the AL East and possessing the circuit's top record. Hyde, 50, joins Frank Robinson (1989), Davey Johnson (1997) and Buck Showalter (2014) as Baltimore managers who have won the honor since its introduction in 1983. Hyde joins Showalter and seven others



Barbara Haddock Taylor / The Baltimore Sun

Baltimore Orioles manager Brandon Hyde was named the 2023 American League Manager of the Year on Tuesday.

as managers who won after never playing in the major leagues.

He received 27 of 30 first-place votes from the Baseball Writers' Association of America and came in second on the other three ballots. Texas' Bruce Bochy received the other first-place votes and finished second ahead of Tampa Bay's Kevin Cash. Miami Marlins manager Skip Schumaker won the National League award.

With infielder Gunnar Henderson named the AL Rookie of the Year on Monday, 2023 marks

the third season in Orioles history the team has had multiple winners of the BBWAA's annual awards. Robinson's 1989 honor came as reliever Gregg Olson was the AL Rookie of the Year, which outfielder Al Bumbry took home in 1973 as Jim Palmer was the AL Cy Young Award recipient.

The club's performance this season put Hyde alongside Hall of Famer Earl Weaver as the only managers to lead the Orioles to a 100-win season. The campaign marked the second

straight in which Baltimore massively exceeded external expectations. About a month after Hyde said he would manage Baltimore when it went from rebuilding to competing, the Orioles promoted top prospect Adley Rutschman, and the winning started soon after. Projected to be among the majors' worst teams as they had been in Hyde's first three seasons, the Orioles ended 2022 with an 83-79 record, the best of any AL team that missed the postseason. The finish made Hyde the runner-up in AL Manager of the Year voting, though he won Sporting News' honor, which was voted on by fellow managers.

Despite the Orioles' breakout success, sports books and projection systems expected regression in 2023. They instead won the best division in baseball, going the entire regular season without being swept. Under Hyde, Baltimore has set an AL record for most consecutive multigame series with at least one victory.

"We were disrespected, honestly, going into this year," Hyde said hours before the Orioles clinched their first playoff berth since 2016. "Just from where we were from projections, smart people thinking they know what

Hayes, who was born in London, had her playing career cut short by an ankle injury at 17 and she quickly transitioned to coaching, first with Long Island in the now-defunct USL W League, where she was named coach of the year despite being the league's youngest manager. At Iona College, she won two conference championships and another coach of the year award in four seasons before moving to the Chicago Red Stars of the WPS. She returned to England to take over at Chelsea in 2012, leading the Blues to 15 trophies, including six WSL titles and five FA Cups. She was named FIFA's coach of the year in 2021.

When Hayes joins U.S. Soccer in late May, she'll be taking over a national team in transition. Megan Rapinoe, 38, and Julie Ertz, 31, have played their final games for the U.S., and defender Becky Sauerbrunn, 38, might soon follow. Their places will be taken by young talents such as Alyssa Thompson, Jaedyn Smith, Naomi Girma and Trinity Rodman, none of whom are older than 23.

The U.S. finished third in the Tokyo Olympics, the second straight Olympics in which it failed to reach the gold-medal final. In the last four major international tournaments, the 2020 and 2016 Olympics and the 2023 and 2019 World Cups, the U.S. has made the final only once.

## Marlins' Skip Schumaker wins NL Manager of the Year in first season on the job

By The Miami Herald

The Miami Marlins' Skip Schumaker on Tuesday was named the 2023 National League Manager of the Year, as voted on by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

He finished ahead of the Milwaukee Brewers' Craig Counsell and Atlanta Braves' Brian Snitker, the other finalists for the award.

Schumaker was on 24 of the

30 ballots, which were submitted before the start of the playoffs. He received eight first-place votes, eight second-place votes and eight third-place votes for 72 total points. Counsell was second with 51 points while Snitker was third with 48 points.

Schumaker's win marks the ninth time in MLB history a manager of the year award was given to someone in his first season as a major-league manager. It's the first time since the Minnesota Twins' Rocco Baldelli

in 2019 and the first in the National League to do so since the Arizona Diamondbacks' Torey Lovullo in 2017.

The other seven: the Houston Astros' Hal Lanier (1986), the San Francisco Giants' Dusty Baker (1993), the Marlins' Joe Girardi (2006), the Washington Nationals' Matt Williams (2014), the Texas Rangers' Jeff Banister (2015), and the Los Angeles Dodgers' Dave Roberts (2016).

He is also the fourth Marlins manager in franchise history to

take home the award, joining Don Mattingly (2020), Girardi (2006) and Jack McKeon (2003).

In his first season as an MLB manager, Schumaker guided a Marlins team projected by most to finish fourth in the National League East to an 84-78 record — a 15-win improvement over the 2022 season — and the team's first playoff berth in a full season since winning the World Series in 2003.

Miami's playoff run was brief, getting swept in the best-

of-three wild card series by a Philadelphia Phillies team that went to the National League Championship Series.

Miami went 33-14 in one-run games and had 41 comeback wins.

"He's amazing. Skip's the best," Marlins second baseman Luis Arraez said. "He gave me the opportunity to talk with him every day and to my teammates. He deserves it. We went to the playoffs because of him. He's the man."

## NFL

## Mahomes says he's worn the same pair of underwear every game day for entire NFL career

By New York Daily News

Kim Kardashian may have been onto something when she tapped Patrick Mahomes to be part of her expanding SKIMS empire: the Kansas City Chiefs starting quarterback revealed that he has worn the same pair of red underwear on game days during his entire professional football career.

Mahomes, 28, came clean about his lucky undies while commenting on ESPN's ManningCast with Peyton and Eli Manning Monday night.

"First, my wife Brittany got them for me, so I'm not throwing y'all down, but I have to wear them," he shared when asked about the superstition former Chiefs player Chad Henne dis-

closed earlier this year. "At the same time, I threw them on that first season, we had a pretty good season that season."

"I only wear 'em for game day, though," the Super Bowl 2023 champ continued, noting "they're not too worn down" or "nasty."

"I clean 'em. I wash 'em. Every once in a while, at least," he

joked. "I mean, if we're on a hot streak, I can't wash 'em, you know? I've gotta just keep it rolling."

The Kansas City Royals part owner added: "As long as I'm winning football games, I'll keep the superstition going."

Last week, Mahomes, his wife and children kicked off a 2023 holiday campaign for Kar-

dashian's wildly popular underwear and loungewear brand.

"This is our first campaign as a family, and shooting for SKIMS all together was an awesome moment," the two-time NFL MVP said in the SKIMS announcement. "I'm all about comfort and these sets will be my go-to at home all season."

# Rainier High School pitcher commits to Panola College

By Dylan Reubenking

For The Chronicle

Rainier High School senior and right-handed pitcher John Kenney has verbally committed to Panola College, located in Carthage, Texas, to play baseball.

Kenney had verbally committed to Lassen Community College in Susanville, California, but flipped his commitment when he received a full-ride scholarship offer from Panola College.

"I was pretty stoked. It was really a surprise to me," Kenney said of receiving the offer from Panola College. "Not having to pay for college is really nice. It'll be nice to play down in Texas. They have a really good program down there that I can make an impact on. I'm really excited to play for their coaching staff."

Kenney, who has played baseball for over a decade, said he has always wanted to live in Texas as his sister lives there. He said he hopes that playing at a strong program like Panola College will give him the opportunity to garner interest from Division I baseball programs or potentially be drafted in the MLB draft, which are both long-term goals of his.

"It's a dream to play baseball at the next level. Even though it is a junior college, it's still a higher level of sports. I've always wanted to be in college to play baseball," Kenney said.

Kenney has only been a pitcher for over a year as he mostly spent time in the outfield and first base.

He has played for the Rainier baseball program since he was in eighth grade and also plays for a travel team called EnFuego, coached by Steve Avila, a former Northwest scouting supervisor for the Cleveland Guardians.

Avila helped transform Kenney into a pitcher, helping him to increase his velocity by more than 10 miles per hour, as well as developing a changeup pitch.

"He saw a kid who was just a hitter with no pitching ability and changed me into a pitcher. He taught me better mechanics and made my curveball a lot better," Kenney said of Avila.

Kenney also credited Rainier's program for helping him get to the next level.

In his final season with the Mountaineers, he aims to help the team toward a state tournament run before graduating and moving to Texas in the summer.



Dylan Reubenking / For The Chronicle

John Kenney smiles at Rainier High School's softball field on Nov. 13.

# Rainier's Beadle named GNAC soccer player of the year

By Brandon Hansen

For The Chronicle

Conference coaches voted Rainier High School graduate and Seattle Pacific soccer player Sophie Beadle as the NCAA Division II Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) women's soccer player of the year.

"It feels awesome to be named player of the year. I am very grateful for everyone that has helped get me to this point," Beadle said.

Beadle becomes the 10th Seattle Pacific player to receive such an honor as the Falcons won their 10th regular season title this year.

Beadle is a senior forward who had a storied career for Rainier. She qualified for the Washington Class 2B state cross country meet all four years and qualified for the state track meet three years. She was also named to the All-Central 2B League second team for basketball and helped her club team reach the Elite Clubs National League national soccer tournament three times.

"Playing sports at Rainier High School helped shape my character and perspective. It was a very unique high school experience, and, as I grow older, I feel even more grateful for the time I spent in Rainier," Beadle said. "I don't get back as much as I'd like, but



Courtesy photo

Rainier graduate Sophie Beadle was a driving force for the Seattle Pacific women's soccer team this season.

I try to be there for the holidays."

During her senior year at Seattle Pacific, she earned first-team all-GNAC honors after leading the conference with seven assists, along with one goal.

She finished her career in college with 16 goals and 25 assists.

"Playing at SPU has been an amazing, unforgettable journey that I will always be grateful for," Beadle said.

Seattle Pacific went 9-0-4 in conference play and 12-2-5 overall.

"This season went well. We were able to accomplish a lot of things that we said we wanted to at the beginning of the year,"

Beadle said. "Some factors that contributed to the success of our team were overall determination and selflessness from an amazing group of women who work hard for each other every day."

## News in Brief

### Commission recommends raises for Thurston County elected officials

By The Olympian

The Thurston County Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2024 salaries for those same officials.

The commission sets the salaries of the Thurston County Commissioners and makes a recommendation to them regarding the salaries of the elected assessor, auditor, clerk, coroner, prosecuting attorney, sheriff and treasurer, according to a news release.

Here are their monthly salaries in 2023:

- County commissioners: \$10,992.
- Assessor: \$10,992.
- Auditor: \$10,992.
- Clerk: \$10,992.
- Coroner: \$10,992.
- Prosecuting Attorney: \$16,639.
- Sheriff: \$13,580.
- Treasurer: \$10,992.

Here are the proposed monthly salaries for 2024:

- County commissioners: \$11,322.
- Assessor: \$11,322.
- Auditor: \$11,542.
- Clerk: \$11,322.
- Coroner: \$11,322.

- Prosecuting Attorney: \$18,659.
- Sheriff: \$14,259.
- Treasurer: \$11,322.

The public hearing is set for 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20 in The Atrium, Room 110, 3000 Pacific Ave. SE, Olympia, WA. The meeting also can be watched online.

The salary commission will accept written comments until noon Monday. Send them to Ruth Elder at ruth.elder@co.thurston.wa.us.

### Cayuse and Chinook passes close for the season

By The Yakima Herald-Republic

Chinook and Cayuse passes have closed for the season, according to the Washington Department of Transportation.

The closure covers State Route 410 through Mount Rainier National Park and Chinook Pass.

Eastbound traffic is closed at milepost 57, Crystal Mountain Boulevard, 12 miles west of the summit. Westbound traffic is closed at milepost 74.5 Morse Creek, 5 miles east of the summit. Cayuse Pass is closed between Crystal Mountain Boulevard and Stevens Canyon Road.

These roads and mountain

passes typically close for the winter sometime in mid-November each year due to hazardous driving conditions. The passes usually reopen in late May.

Drivers can get real-time traffic information on their phone with the WSDOT traffic app and get advanced information from the Cayuse and Chinook passes webpage.

### Grays Harbor County man points sawed-off shotgun at another man and demands money, police in Thurston County say

By The Olympian

A man and woman from Grays Harbor County were arrested on suspicion of multiple crimes in downtown Olympia last week after police say they demanded money from another couple and threatened them with a gun.

About 10:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, an Olympia man and woman were sitting in their vehicle in the 100 block of Fourth Avenue when another vehicle suddenly blocked them, preventing their departure, according to Olympia police.

The Grays Harbor County couple then got out and con-

fronted the Olympia couple, demanding money they claimed they were owed, Police Lt. Paul Lower said.

The male suspect pulled out a sawed-off shotgun and pointed it at the head of the other man during the incident.

The Olympia couple then said they could get the money, but needed to make a few phone calls and would meet them at a fast-food restaurant on Martin Way.

The Grays Harbor County couple did not trust them, so the Olympia woman handed over her cellphone as collateral, according to police. Both couples left the scene, but once on northbound I-5, the Olympia couple used a second phone to call police, Lower said.

The Grays Harbor County couple were detained at a convenience store at Sleater Kinney Road and Martin Way and taken into custody without incident, Lower said.

The 35-year-old Westport man was arrested on suspicion of first-degree assault and first-degree robbery. His accomplice, a 34-year-old woman from Hoquiam, was booked on suspicion of first-degree robbery and unlawful imprisonment because she was driving the vehicle that blocked the other vehicle, Lower said.

The victims were a 38-year-old man and a 42-year-old wom-

an, both from Olympia, according to police.

### Lewis, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties join state to reduce roadway deaths

By The Daily News

Local leaders are working with the state to reach the goal of zero Washington state roadway deaths by 2030, as recent data shows road deaths are increasing.

The Washington Transportation Safety Commission is managing a state road safety program called Target Zero in Cowlitz, Wahkiakum and Lewis counties through the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments, a regional planning organization which recently contracted with the commission for three years.

Each state is required to have a highway safety plan, and the local program will work alongside the Council of Governments' Metropolitan Planning Organization, which handles transportation safety planning in and around Longview, the organization reports in a press release.

The Washington Traffic Safety Commission and state patrol report data from road deaths as of July are on track to surpass 2022's total of 750 deaths and become the deadliest year on state roads since 1990.

# Hiker sets record for hiking Pacific Crest Trail

By Santiago Ochoa

Yakima Herald-Republic

Under the full blast off the Sonoran sun in Southern California, Jessica Pekari took the final steps of an epic journey spanning more than 2,600 miles, two months and countless sleeves of Oreos on Sept. 18.

At 11:32 a.m., with only the nearby shrubs to bear witness, Pekari reached the southern terminus of the Pacific Crest Trail. Her mom, who was supposed to pick her up, had yet to arrive. Pekari, a Toppenish native who spent much of her life in Wapato, reached her destination ahead of schedule.

Even as she recounted the moment months later, she had to pause and gather her thoughts.

"I was just an emotional wreck," Pekari said. "I'm kind of glad I got there first by myself. I was just so incredibly overjoyed. I'm kind of speechless just thinking about it now. It took me so many years to get to that point."

Pekari had started the trek 63 days, seven hours and 31 minutes earlier on July 17 at the northern terminus of the trail on the Canada-Washington border.

Her hike set a record in the female north-to-south self-supported category, meaning she didn't receive help along the way from other people. She mailed supplies to various places along the trail before she left and picked them up as she went along.

The 2,653-mile trail goes from the U.S.-Canada border to the U.S.-Mexico border. Most thru-hikers complete the journey in four to six months.

## Distance running

After graduating from Wapato High School in 2003, Pekari enrolled in Yakima Valley College where she got an associate degree. Inspired by her sister who was serving overseas and not wanting to take on student debt, Pekari joined the Army in 2006.

Her fascination with endurance began during her time serving as an Army medic with the 82nd Airborne Division in Iraq. It was there she started running 5Ks and 10Ks.

"I was so undertrained and I had no idea what I was doing," Pekari said. "In the military, you have to run. It's just part of training. So that got me more into running."

When she returned to the U.S., Pekari decided to keep running for her health. While living in Germany, where her husband was stationed, Pekari ran marathons. As time passed, she grew curious and began pushing her limits, running longer and longer races.

Over the course of a few years, Pekari traded in 5Ks for 100-mile events.

"From there, I heard about this thing called the Triple Crown of 200s," Pekari said.



Jessica Pekari takes a selfie while hiking along the Knife's Edge in Washington during her hike across the Pacific Crest Trail.

Consisting of three races, the Tahoe 200, Bigfoot 200 and Moab 240, completing the Triple Crown is considered a feat in the world of extreme distance running.

When she decided to take on the trails in 2018, Pekari placed second in female category for the Bigfoot 200 in her home state of Washington and first place for females at the Moab 240.

"I was like wow, I'm really loving this extreme distance," Pekari said. "I found that I really liked the long-distance stuff."

## Trying in 2020

Years before, Pekari had heard about the Pacific Crest Trail but thought little of it. After her wins in Washington and Utah, though, she knew she wanted to conquer the longest trail possible.

In 2020 the stars aligned for Pekari and her family. Her husband was stationed in Colorado and she was able to take time off for the hike. Despite the Pacific Crest Trail being orders of magnitude longer than anything she'd done before, Pekari knew she had to try.

"We'd always done stuff with our kids in shorter distances," Pekari said. "But before I attempted the PCT the first time, my longest backpacking trip was like four days."

About 1,400 miles in, Pekari was forced to cut her hike short as historically large forest fires tore across parts of California.

Pekari left her hike more motivated than ever. The next time she returned, she knew she'd finish.

"I didn't want to fail again," Pekari said. "I moved so much quicker this second time around because of it."

Using a GPS-enabled watch and a tracker that pinged her location every 30 minutes both day and night, Pekari kept me-

ticulous track of her advancement. She tried to stick to 16-hour days, waking up at dawn and often hiking until 11:30 at night. Most days, she'd hike 20 to 40 miles.

"It's really surreal," Pekari said about having her name on the leaderboards of fastest-knowntime.com, the site that keeps track of records like hers. "I can't believe I did that. It just gives me such a sense of pride, doing something that I wasn't able to accomplish the first time in 2020."

## Keeping focused

Pekari said almost every aspect of the hike was appealing to her. The challenges on her body and her mind, the drive to get a competitive time, it all kept her going.

As she traversed the country's West Coast, crossing valleys, prairies, mountain passes and forests, she said she learned to respect nature and to respect herself.

During her long, solitary days (Pekari said it was rare that other hikers kept her pace or chose to hike well into the night like her) she found herself thinking about her time in Iraq, her kids, her family.

"I try to talk about my struggles with PTSD as much as possible," Pekari said. "The trail really just gave me time to process everything. Normally I'm the type that just buries everything ... the trail helped me work through my own mental struggles."

"You think about so much. I could be fixated on one thing for days on end," Pekari said. "I'll think about my family, food, miles, my military experience, I'll be doing math in my head all day thinking about my pace and time and where to stop for the night. The littlest thing could pop into your head and you just focus on that."

Like with anything else in life, Pekari said the trail brought with it as much beauty and calm as it did hardship.

Deep into her trek in California, Pekari came across a section of the trail known as Mission Creek, a 15-mile stretch of land that had been ravaged by Hurricane Hilary just days before she reached it.

"It just completely wiped out a lot of the trail," Pekari said. "So I'd be hiking and I'd just come across a sheer cliff. Maybe a 50- or 60-foot drop. So I'd have to backtrack or find a way to climb down and get past these insane obstacles and mudslides."

That day, Pekari said she hiked 42 miles over the course of 23 hours and still, she didn't reach her expected destination for the night.

## Amazing views

Even though there were days where she felt she dropped her pace, Pekari said she still made a point of making the trip enjoyable.

She recounted a moment early in her hike and not far from Yakima County where she came across what would be the defining view of her hike.

"I think Washington has one of the best locations on the PCT," Pekari said, admitting she may be biased. "Goat Rocks wilderness just after White Pass. From there, you climb the Knife's Edge, where you're just walking across the peaks of these mountains."

Pekari said the sun had just begun to set and she found herself completely alone on the trail. "Normally people bunker down for the night, but I like night hiking," Pekari said. "I got to that section and I had the entire trail to myself. I was in awe. It was so beautiful the way the light hit the mountains. With all the reds and the pinks and purples in the sky. I felt super

blessed I had hit that spot at the perfect time."

Despite aiming for a record, she still stopped when the trail demanded it.

This was the case in Oregon, where Pekari said she came across a field of huckleberries that stretched into the horizon.

"It was probably at least five or six miles of just huckleberries," Pekari said. "Instead of just blowing past them, I said, 'You know what, I have not picked huckleberries since I was a kid.' I stopped and filled a Ziploc bag full of huckleberries. I knew I needed to be moving but I couldn't resist it."

Pekari said staying fed was a crucial part of her hike. For her, it was even more important to have food than something to cook it with. She didn't bring a camping stove, choosing instead to replace the weight and space it would occupy with more food, even if it meant eating glacially cold rehydrated biscuits and gravy.

For all her discipline and ability to choose pain and distance over comfort, there was one food Pekari said she could not go without: Oreos.

"I am addicted to Oreos," Pekari said. "I made sure I had a sleeve of Oreos almost every night. There were some days where I would eat two sleeves of Oreos and the next day I'd be hungry for more Oreos and ask myself, 'Why did I do that?'"

Now, a few months removed from her life-changing experience, Pekari said she's looking forward to her next challenge and hopefully record-breaking hike, the Colorado Trail.

A 500-600-mile hike, depending on the starting location, Pekari said she hopes to take it on next summer if the snowfall this winter isn't too bad.

After climbing more than 400,000 feet in elevation, covering Washington, Oregon and California on foot and spending long days and nights in the solace of her mind, Pekari reached her destination.

Pekari, who is of Blackfoot and Mexican descent, said she was surprised to see the U.S.-Mexico border wall just feet away from the terminus.

"You can reach out and touch the wall, it's right there," Pekari said. "I wish it wasn't there. It blocked out a really great view too."

She said the hike was something she would not have been able to do without the help from her family, her friends and her tribe. "The trek would not have gone the way it did without them," Pekari said.

Upon reaching the southern terminus marker, Pekari hugged it. There, she found a small lined notebook hikers signed when they started their journey to the north, or ended their journey in the south.

In the book, Pekari wrote: "Flys High Woman, 9/18/23, 63 days solo. Thank you creator, ancestors, family and friends. I love you!!!"

# 'Net Nanny' operation leads to 15 arrests, including Rochester man

By The Chronicle staff

A multi-agency operation identifying subjects allegedly involved in the sexual abuse and exploitation of children has led to 15 recent arrests, the Washington State Patrol announced Monday.

The initial operation conducted in Longview at the end of October resulted in 11 arrests, and an extension of that operation conducted in Renton on Nov. 9 resulted in four additional arrests, according to the state patrol.

"I'm proud of the deputy prosecuting attorneys in my office who worked diligently to assist in this important operation to crack down on individuals who are online trying to victimize our youth," Cowlitz County Prosecutor Ryan Jurvakainen said. "I was very impressed with the large-scale operation conducted by the Washington State Patrol, its partner agencies from throughout the state, and our lo-

cal agencies that contributed resources, including the Longview Police Department, the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office and the Kelso Police Department."

Dubbed "Operation Net Nanny," the operation was the 21st operation spearheaded by the Washington State Patrol's Missing and Exploited Children Task Force, an affiliate of Internet Crimes Against Children, according to a news release.

"There is no greater cause than protecting the children of our community," said Washington State Patrol Chief John R. Batiste. "Proactive efforts such as these operations carried out by such a dedicated group of individuals have a ripple effect, protecting countless vulnerable and innocent victims."

The Missing and Exploited Children Task Force's primary mission during Operation Net Nanny was to proactively target persons involved in child abuse and child exploitation via the internet, according to a news

**"There is no greater cause than protecting the children of our community."**

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Washington State Patrol

release.

Washington State Patrol has identified the 11 subjects arrested in Longview in October as:

- Theodore Dodge, 53, Brewster
- Brandon Head, 26, Joint Base Lewis-McChord
- Aaron Henderson, 31, Olympia
- Braxton Hood, 23, Longview
- Justin Gardner, 38, Olym-

pia

- Nikolay Migorodskiy, 35, Kelso
- Robert Murray, 29, Lake Forest Park
- Pedro Romero-Rivera, 35, Rochester
- Travis Saban, 49, Vancouver,
- Phillip Thomas, 43, Puyallup
- Oleem Tipikin, 30, Molalla, Oregon

The state patrol identified the four individuals arrested in Renton in November as:

- Alec Bagley, 31, Renton
- Christopher Doyle, 54, Burien
- Reinaldo Cuadrado Jr., 22, Seattle
- Christopher Johnson, 34, Seattle

The Washington State Patrol asks anyone with information related to the suspects or information leading to the identity of victims possibly involved in the cases to contact the Missing and Exploited Children Task Force at [mectf@wsp.wa.gov](mailto:mectf@wsp.wa.gov).

The primary crimes being investigated are:

- Attempted first-degree rape of a child
- Attempted second-degree rape of a child
- Attempted commercial sexual abuse of a minor
- Communication with a minor for immoral purposes
- Sexual exploitation of a minor
- Possession of depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct

The collaborative effort involved over 50 law enforcement officers, agents and staff, from 15 separate agencies, according to a news release.

Though not detailed in the Monday news release, in the past, Net Nanny operations have included undercover detectives posing online children with profiles and posted advertisements on several websites. Those arrested have in the past attempted to meet with the undercover agents.

# Chehalis museum hosts Veterans Day events; Speeches by local veteran and U.S. congresswoman focus on issues veterans face

By Owen Sexton

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The Veterans Memorial Museum in Chehalis hosted a number of events on Saturday, Nov. 11, to celebrate Veterans Day.

It started with a 5K run in the morning to raise money for Veterans Journey Forward, a nonprofit based in the museum dedicated to helping veterans navigate services and get their benefits. UNFI partnered with the museum to host the run and provided water, Gatorade and energy bars for runners.

“Through the donation of UNFI along with the 46 (runners) registered, we raised \$1,860 for Veterans Journey Forward today,” museum Executive Director Chip Duncan said.

Following the 5K, the Centralia Bible Baptist Church provided an early Thanksgiving Day feast free for veterans and their families at the museum.

Then, more than 100 veterans and their families were attended Veterans Day speeches.

First was Tabitha Hopp, a Chehalis resident who recently retired after 20 years of service as a chief warrant officer 3 in the U.S. Army.

Some of the Army units she served with include the famous 82nd Airborne Division and the 1st Special Forces Group, among others.

“I started out as a basic paratrooper and made my way through to becoming a jumpmaster,” Hopp said.

Throughout her 20-year career, she said she found a great support network while in the service thanks to their fellow service members.

“I had all of these people looking out for my welfare,” she added.

Unfortunately, this support network doesn't exist outside the service once someone retires or is discharged, she said.

“That infrastructure, that culture, that support of the unit you have when you're an active duty service member, even though we voluntarily get out, whether it's after three years or 20 years, it can be ripped from you ...” Hopp said. “And you're all of a sudden alone and afraid, trying to navigate a very intimidating, very scary process.”

She said that leads to many veterans struggling to adjust back to civilian life and with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) while trying to get disability and other benefits.

“(Veterans) get frustrated and they get disenfranchised, (thinking) ‘I served my country, I did all these things, and there's nobody out there to answer my questions,’” Hopp added.

Having been out of the Army for less than a year, she's already had issues trying to navigate the VA's benefit system. Through her own struggles and living with horses even from before her time in the Army, she discovered equine therapy.

“That has given me the capability to be OK,” Hopp said. “I have friends that have experienced the same situations and been in the same struggles next to me, but they're not OK. They live with their demons and they don't have that outlet ... (to) interact with an animal like a horse that has pure empathy.”

Hopp, along with her husband, who is still in the service, is currently working on establishing an equine therapy ser-



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U.S. Congresswoman Marie Gluesenkamp Perez greets U.S. Army veteran Ryan Foreman on Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Veterans Memorial Museum in Chehalis.



Tabitha Hopp, a retired U.S. Army chief warrant officer 3, speaks to veterans and their family members at the Veterans Memorial Museum on Saturday, Nov. 11.

vice for veterans in Lewis County, much like Hope for Heroes in Thurston County.

Following Hopp's speech, Congresswoman Marie Gluesenkamp Perez spoke. She thanked veterans for their selfless sacrifices to the country, especially with society's recently changing views on military service.

“It is incredibly counter-cultural right now to say that I'm going to serve. I'm going to choose service,” Gluesenkamp Perez said. “We think of counter-culturalism as this, like cool rock-and-roll. It's not anymore. It is choosing service. It is choosing community and sacrifice. That is what is counter-cultural right now ... There are not very many people like that left.”

She thanked veterans for sharing issues they are facing while dealing with the VA and urged more of them to contact her as she continues to push to

reform the VA.

“The nature of veterans' sacrifice means that we can never fully repay it, but we have an obligation to try our damndest,” Gluesenkamp Perez said.

She said VA reform is no easy task as there are 17 different VA systems across the country. To further complicate things, each is operated differently.

Before she was in office, the different VA systems would only report veteran satisfaction levels regionally when it came to medical care and getting benefits.

“They told me they couldn't give me county by county, and we all know that's not true. They have the data. They wouldn't release it,” Gluesenkamp Perez said.

She said this led to rural areas, such as Lewis County, where many veterans are dissatisfied with VA care, often being ignored. The county where she lives, Skamania, also saw the

closure of its VA clinic like Lewis County did in 2021, leaving many veterans with long drives just to get the medical care they need.

Gluesenkamp Perez stated she has succeeded in passing an amendment requiring VA systems to report veteran satisfaction levels by county now.

“You can't hide behind high levels of satisfaction in urban areas,” she added.

Additionally, Gluesenkamp Perez also talked about passing House Resolution 5470 in Congress, a bipartisan bill also known as the Veteran Medical Exams for Distant Areas Act or VET MEDS Act.

She said it helps ensure those living in remote or rural areas still have access to specialty care doctors under the VA.

She has also recently introduced the Helping Heroes Act, another bipartisan bill that aims to not only improve support for

veterans, but for their family members, as the family members are often the only ones left to take care of disabled veterans and become caregivers.

“It acknowledges that fact. It takes a community to actually support veterans,” Gluesenkamp Perez said.

Located at 100 SW Veterans Way in Chehalis, the Veterans Memorial Museum is a nonprofit dedicated to preserving the memories and telling the stories of veterans.

For more information, visit <https://www.veteransmuseum.org/> or find the museum on Facebook.

Veterans Journey Forward is a nonprofit dedicated to providing care for veterans and connecting them with services. It is based at the Veterans Memorial Museum.

To learn more, visit <https://www.veteransjourneyforward.org/>.

## News in Brief

### Hearing scheduled on proposed transfer of roads to the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis

By The Chronicle staff

The public is invited to provide input during a hearing on the proposed transfer of roadways in Thurston County to the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation.

“This initiative is part of a col-

laborative effort to ensure continued public access to essential routes while fostering cooperation between Thurston County and the Chehalis Tribe,” the county stated in a news release.

The hearing will be held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, at The Atrium, 3000 Pacific Ave. SE in Olympia. It will be held in Room 110.

The proposed transfer involves portions of the following roads within Thurston County:

- Anderson Road SW, south of U.S. 12 to the dead end
- 188th Ave. SW, between

Anderson Road Southwest and Moon Road Southwest

- 183rd Ave. SW, west of Moon Road Southwest to the dead end

- 195th Ave. SW, east of Anderson Road Southwest to the dead end

- Moon Road Southwest, south of U.S. Highway 12 to the dead end

“These roads are critical in connecting our communities,” the county stated in the release. “Thurston County is committed to ensuring their continued accessibility to both Chehalis

Tribal members and non-members. The transfer maintains the roads' current public use and travel functions. We invite all community members to attend the hearing in person or virtually to share their views on this important matter. Your feedback is appreciated.”

For those unable to attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted. Comments must be submitted no later than 5 p.m., Nov. 27. If sent by mail, they should be addressed to Becky Conn, traffic engineering and operations manager, Thur-

ston County Public Works, 9605 Tilley Road S., Olympia.

Comments submitted via email should be sent to [tcpw.hearings@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:tcpw.hearings@co.thurston.wa.us).

Those who wish to attend the public hearing remotely can do so using link that will be posted on the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners' public meetings and hearings website at <https://bit.ly/3rXcKP5>.

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# Puzzles

Find Answers to the Puzzles in the Next Edition

## Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Air show stunts
  - 6 Twirler's gear
  - 11 Detached
  - 12 Dote on
  - 13 Place to fish
  - 15 Garfield or McCarthy
  - 16 Boxed up
  - 18 Small fry
  - 19 Freud topic
  - 21 CPA employer
  - 22 A Guthrie
  - 23 Mr. Spinks of boxing
  - 25 Make a breeze
  - 28 Slow down
  - 30 Whirlpool locale
  - 31 Snake River loc.
  - 32 Selene's sister
  - 33 Hi-fi component

- 35 Like Gatsby
- 37 AMA members
- 38 Pored over
- 40 Proof word
- 41 Wind dir.
- 42 Pigment
- 43 Kind of humor
- 46 In and of —
- 48 Uses a crane
- 50 BB shot
- 54 Savory jelly
- 55 Gullible
- 56 Hen's lack
- 57 Limerick writer — Nash

- DOWN**
- 1 — Vegas
  - 2 Cast a vote
  - 3 Paddle cousin
  - 4 Make in advance
  - 5 Pupil's reward
  - 6 Orchestra

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 7 Affix
- 8 Actionable wrong
- 9 Two-color cookie
- 10 Kid in "Aliens"
- 14 Post
- 15 Fable author
- 17 Intrude
- 19 Mistake
- 20 It's made from sand
- 22 Retired
- 24 Harp on
- 25 Tempestuous
- 26 Proverb
- 27 Defense org.
- 29 Hearing organ
- 34 Is introduced
- 36 Danger signal (2 wds.)
- 39 Profound
- 43 "Come again?"
- 44 Trellis coverer
- 45 "Ouch!"
- 46 Problem with hives
- 47 Comedian Jay —
- 49 Make a lap
- 51 Box top
- 52 Twilight, to a poet
- 53 Wallet filler

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## WORD SCRAMBLE

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Answer: License

## Sudoku

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### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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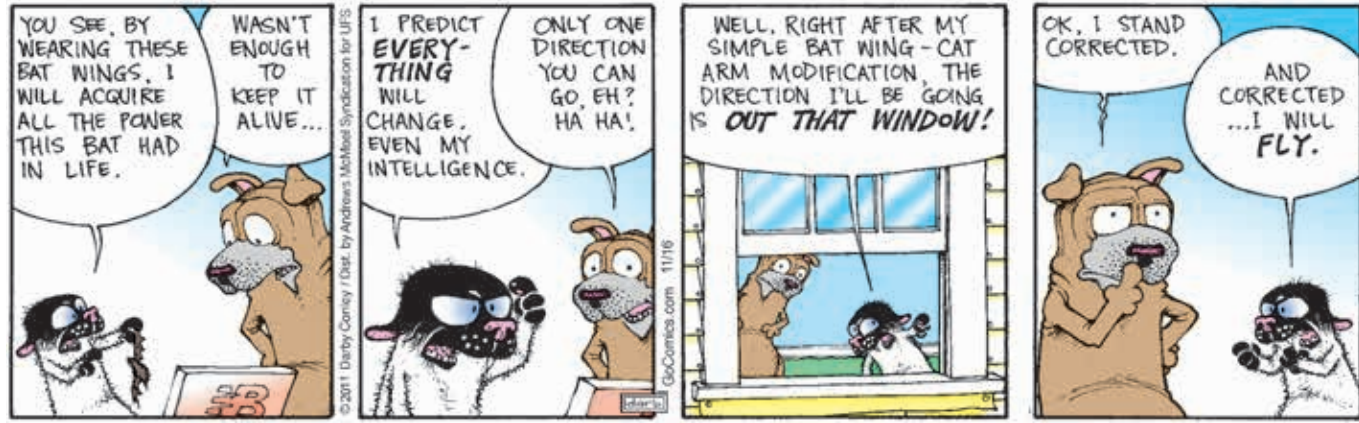
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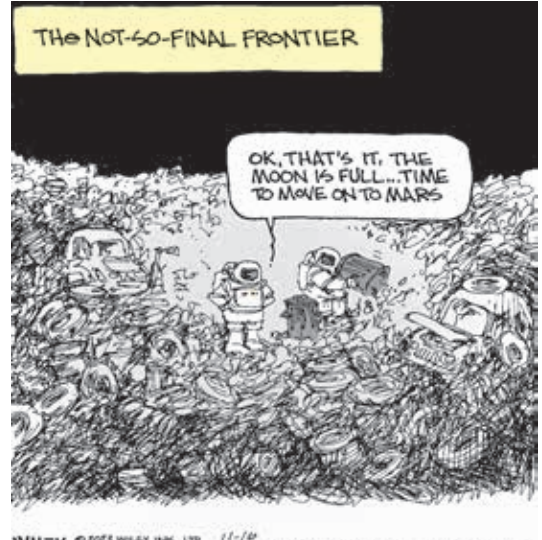
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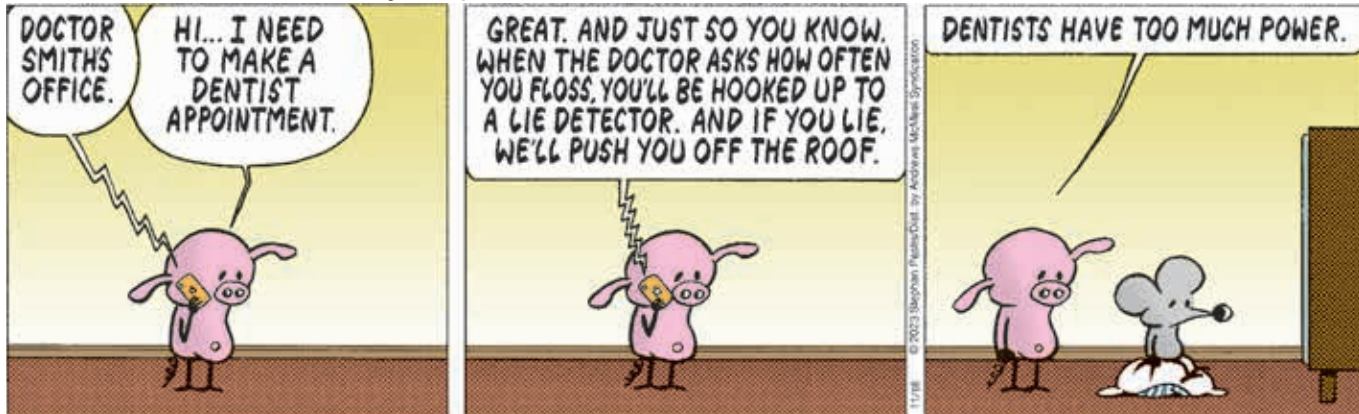
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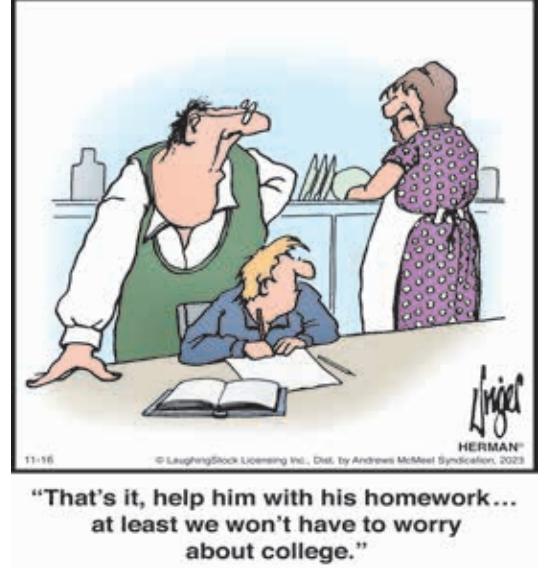
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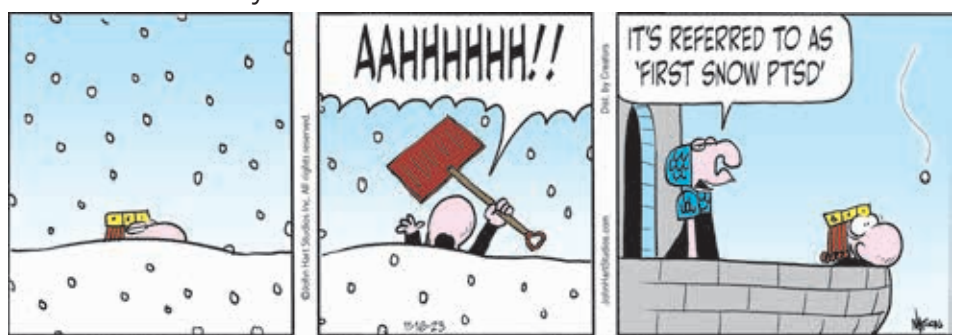
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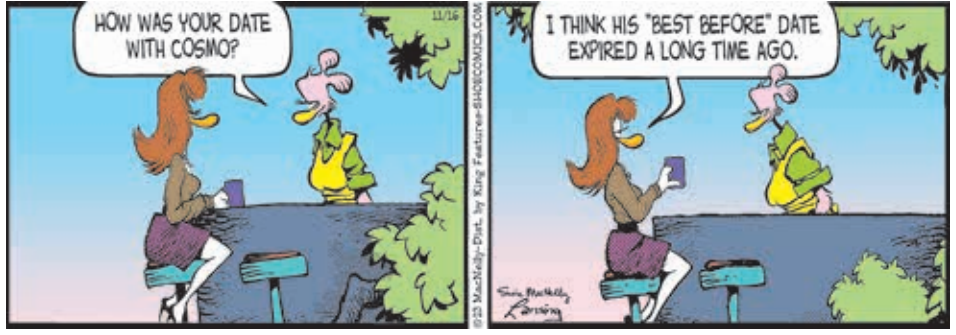
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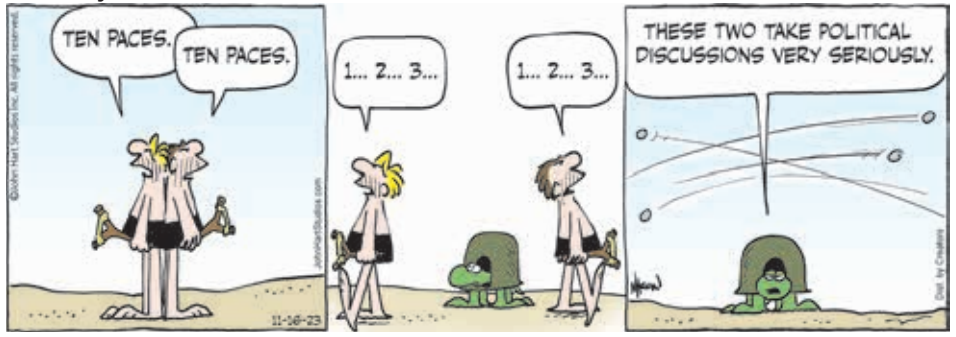
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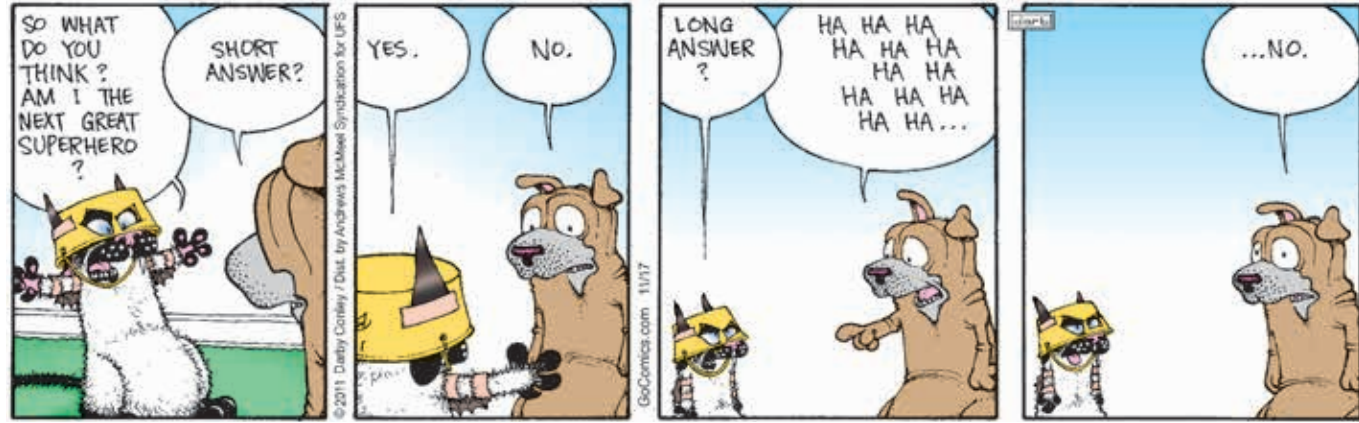
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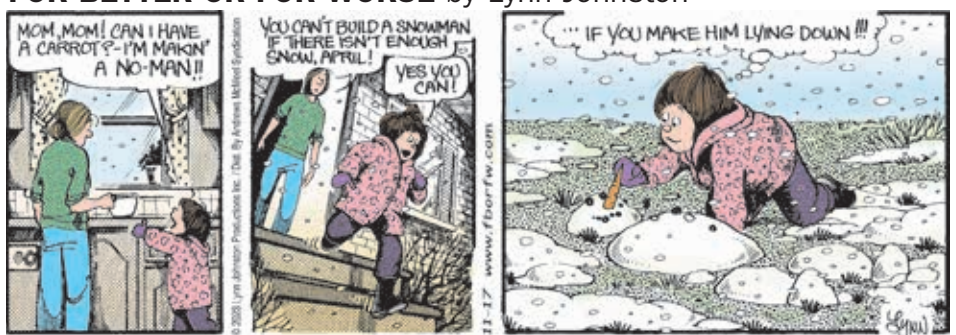
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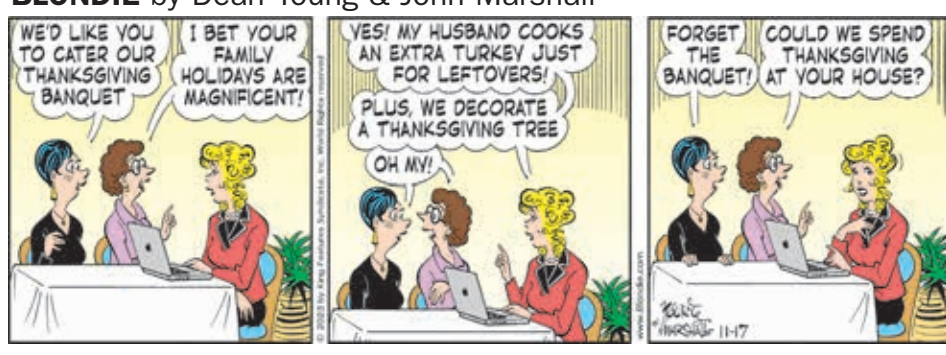
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Trustee Sale # 099395-WA Title # 210924753 Notice of Trustee's Sale Grantor(s): CONNIE M. GOSCH Grantee(s): PRLAP, INC., as Trustee Original beneficiary of the deed of trust: BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Current beneficiary of the deed of trust: U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST C/O U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Current trustee of the deed of trust: CLEAR RECON CORP Current mortgage servicer of the deed of trust: Selene Finance Reference number of the deed of trust: 3352892 Parcel number(s): 007931-000-000 LOT 13 AND A PORTION OF LOT 11, CHARNESKYS HOME ADDITION I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, CLEAR RECON CORP, 601 West 1st Avenue, Suite 1400, Spokane, WA 99201, Trustee will on 12/15/2023 at 10:00 AM IN THE LOBBY OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 351 NW NORTH STREET, CHEHALIS, WA 98532 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable, in the form of cash, or cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Lewis, State of Washington, to-wit: LOT 13, CHARNESKY HOME ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF PE ELL, IN LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON. WE NOTE THE LEGAL FOR PARCEL NUMBER 007931-000-000 ALL OF LOT 13 AND THE WEST 25 FEET OF LOT 11, CHARNESKY'S HOME ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF PE ELL, AS PER REVISED PLAT RECORDED IN VOLUME 4 OF PLATS, PAGE 14. LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON Commonly known as: 320 QUEEN AVE PE ELL, WA 98572 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 10/14/2010, recorded 10/28/2010, as Auditor's File No. 3352892, and an Order and Judgment recorded on 12/29/2022 as Instrument No. 3588091, records of Lewis County, Washington, from CONNIE M. GOSCH, as Grantor(s), to PRLAP, INC., as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, under an Assignment recorded under Auditor's File No. 3582054. II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust or the Beneficiary's successor is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: \$9,115.71 IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of

\$30,000.00, together with interest as provided in the Note from 1/3/2018, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 12/15/2023. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 12/4/2023, (11 days before the sale date) to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 12/4/2023 (11 days before the sale) the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 12/4/2023 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the or the Grantor's successor interest or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following address(es): SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "1" by both first class and certified mail on 4/28/2023, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS - The purchaser at the trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the grantor under the Deed of Trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the Deed of Trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. If you are a servicemember or a dependent of a servicemember, you may be entitled to certain protections under the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and any comparable state laws regarding the risk of foreclosure. If you believe you may be entitled to these protections, please contact our office immediately. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only 90 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this Notice of Trustee Sale to be referred to mediation. If this is an amended notice of Trustee Sale providing a 45 day notice of the sale, mediation must be requested no later than 25 calendar days before the date of sale listed in this amended Notice of Trustee Sale. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission Telephone: 1-877-894-HOME(1-877-894-4663) . Web site: http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post\_purchase\_couns elors\_foreclosure.htm The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Telephone: 1-800-569-4287 Web site: http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dcf The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 Web site: http://nwjustice.org/what-clear THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Dated: JUL 27, 2023 CLEAR RECON CORP, as Successor Trustee Monica Chavez, Authorized Signor For additional information or service you may contact: Clear Recon Corp 601 West 1st Avenue, Suite 1400 Spokane, WA 99201 Phone: (206) 707-9599

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### EXHIBIT "1"

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### 128093 Dependency/ Samantha Jones

### SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF LEWIS JUVENILE COURT

In re the  
Dependency of:  
SAMANTHA JONES  
D.O.B.: 06/03/2022  
No. 22-7-00185-21  
NOTICE AND SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

(Dependency) (SMPB)  
TO: 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 3, 2022; A Fact Finding hearing will be held on this matter on December 7, 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 2nd day of November, 2023 SCOTT TINNEY, Lewis County Clerk  
By: Yolinda Hipp, Superior Court Deputy Clerk

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### 128094 Dependency/ Violet Jones

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Dependency of:  
VIOLET CHAPMAN  
D.O.B.: 10/11/2020  
No. 23-7-00166-21  
NOTICE AND SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

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TO: 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 23, 2023; A Fact Finding hearing will be held on this matter on January 4, 2024, at 1:30 pm at Lewis County Superior Court, 345 W. Main St., Chehalis, Washington 98532. YOU SHOULD BE PRESENT AT THIS HEARING.

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age under the Washington State Department of Ecology's Construction Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit.

The proposed project, Berwick Creek at Logan Hill Fish Passage Project, is located at Logan Hill Rd milepost (MP) 0.103 near Chehalis in unincorporated Lewis County.

Any persons desiring to present their views to the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding this Application, or interested in Ecology's action on this Application, may notify Ecology in writing no later than 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice.

Comments can be submitted by email to ecyrwqiano@ecy.wa.gov, or by mail to Washington Department of Ecology ATTN: Water Quality Program, Construction Stormwater, P.O. Box 47696, Olympia, WA 98504-7696.

It is the policy of Lewis County that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, or national origin, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise discriminated against under any of its Federally funded programs and activities.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Request: Environmental Review

Applicant: Dr. Brandy Fay, DVM

Land Use Case#: SEPA-23-002

Date of Application: May 25, 2023

Date of Complete Application: June 22, 2023

Project Location: 1268 NW STATE ST, Chehalis, WA 98532 (Parcel No. 004333003000)

Proposal: New 6,000 SF emergency vet hospital, 2 future commercial buildings, and associated parking and stormwater facilities.

City Contact: To view the complete application during normal business hours contact:

Malissa Paulsen, Planner Community Development 1321 S. Market Blvd Chehalis WA 98532 Phone: 360.345.2228 Email: mpaulsen@ci.chehalis.wa.us

Comment Procedures: This decision has a 14-day public review period that ends on November 17, 2023. Written comments must be submitted to Community Development at the address listed above. Only written comments will be accepted.

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128067 Notice of Public Hearing TIP & ACP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners, Lewis County, Washington, proposes to adopt the Comprehensive Road and Bridge Construction Program for the six calendar years 2024 through 2029, known as the Six-Year

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Transportation Improvement Program and the Annual Construction Program for 2024, on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, on or after 10:00 a.m. at the Lewis County Courthouse, County Commissioners Hearing Room, 351 NW North Street, Chehalis, Washington, at which time and place any person may appear to be heard, either for or against the adoption of the proposed plan.

Title VI Notice to Public

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DATED: October 24, 2023

Published: The Chronicle November 9 & 16, 2023

128241 NTC: Glasser

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY

In re the Estate of: JOHN VAL GLASSER, Deceased.

Case No.: 23-4-00338-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate.

Date of First Publication: November 16, 2023

Personal Representative: The Helma R. Hauge

Address: 165 Hendrickson Road, Vadar, WA 98593

Published: The Chronicle November 16, 23 & 30, 2023

128116 NTC: J McKenna & B Mckenna

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY

IN MATTER OF COMBINED ESTATE OF JEANNE KATHERINE MCKENNA and BRANDT DANIEL MCKENNA, Deceased.

Case No.: 23-4-00391-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator of this Combined Estate.

Date of First Publication: November 9, 2023

Personal Representative: P. O. Box 867 Chehalis, WA 98532 Telephone: (360) 748-9281

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128171 NTC: Music

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY

IN MATTER OF MARIE K. MUSIC, Deceased.

Case No.: 23-4-00400-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate.

Date of First Publication: November 2, 2023

Personal Representative: /s/ Nicole Martin, Administrator

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c/o VANDER STOEP, BLINKS & UNZELMAN Attorneys for Administrator 345 N.W. Pacific Ave. P. O. Box 867 Chehalis, WA 98532 Telephone: (360) 748-9281

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128226 NTC: Jay

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS

IN THE MATTER OF EDWARD E. JAY, Deceased.

Case No.: 23-4-00411-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate.

Date of First Publication: November 9, 2023

Personal Representative: Kelli Vanasse

Address: 114 W. Magnolia; P. O. Box 210 Centralia, WA 98531 Telephone: (360) 736-1301

Published: The Chronicle November 9, 16 & 23, 2023

128146 NTC: Matson

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY

IN MATTER OF ROY ARIC MATSON, Deceased.

Case No.: 23-4-00396-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate.

Date of First Publication: November 16, 2023

Personal Representative: Daniel G. Price

Address: 345 N.W. Pacific Ave. P. O. Box 867 Chehalis, WA 98532 Telephone: (360) 748-9281

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128134 NTC: Sauer

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

Case No.: 23-4-02180-3 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR PIERCE COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of: Kenneth Sauer, Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has qualified and has been appointed as Personal Representative of this Estate.

Date of First Publication: November 2, 2023

Personal Representative: Margaret Mizelle

Address: 302 E Yelm Ave, Yelm, WA 98597

Pub: Nisqually Valley News November 2, 9 & 16, 2023

128164 NTC: Ward

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY

IN MATTER OF BARBARA LOUISE WARD, Deceased.

Case No.: 23-4-00401-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator of this estate.

Date of First Publication: November 2, 2023

Personal Representative: Daniel W. Crowe, WSB#32722

Address: Buzzard O'Rourke, PS 302 E Yelm Ave, Yelm, WA 98597

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as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: November 9, 2023

Personal Representative: Christine M. Neumann

Address: 345 N.W. Pacific Ave. P. O. Box 867 Chehalis, WA 98532 Telephone: (360) 748-9281

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128215 NTC: Price

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY

IN MATTER OF DARRELL G. PRICE, Deceased.

Case No.: 23-4-00408-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The Co-Personal Representatives named below have been appointed as Co-Personal Representatives of this estate.

Date of First Publication: November 16, 2023

Co-Personal Representative: Diane M. Price

Address: 345 N.W. Pacific Ave. P. O. Box 867 Chehalis, WA 98532 Telephone: (360) 748-9281

Published: The Chronicle November 16, 23 & 30, 2023

128134 NTC: Sauer

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

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In the Matter of the Estate of: Kenneth Sauer, Deceased.

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Date of First Publication: November 2, 2023

Personal Representative: Margaret Mizelle

Address: 302 E Yelm Ave, Yelm, WA 98597

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the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced.

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Address: 345 N.W. Pacific Ave. P. O. Box 867 Chehalis, WA 98532 Telephone: (360) 748-9281

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128279 Ordinance No. 1068-B

CITY OF CHEHALIS ORDINANCE NO. 1068-B

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHEHALIS, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE 2023 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1060-B.

Kassi Mackie, City Clerk

Published: The Chronicle November 16, 2023

128270 Ordinance No. 1071-B

CITY OF CHEHALIS ORDINANCE NO. 1071-B

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHEHALIS, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING A NEW SECTION OF THE CHEHALIS MUNICIPAL CODE, 2.30.055, IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM TO CHARGE MITIGATION RATES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

KASSI MACKIE, CITY CLERK

Published: The Chronicle November 16, 2023

128271 Ordinance No. 1076-B

CITY OF CHEHALIS ORDINANCE NO. 1076-B

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHEHALIS, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF PARCEL NUMBER 021612001002

KASSI MACKIE, CITY CLERK

Published: The Chronicle November 16, 2023

128272 Ordinance No. 1078-B

CITY OF CHEHALIS ORDINANCE NO. 1078-B

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHEHALIS, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING A NEW FUND, THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS & FIREFIGHTERS PLAN 1 (LEOFF 1) OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) TRUST FUND

KASSI MACKIE, CITY CLERK

Published: The Chronicle November 16, 2023

128273 Ordinance No. 1079-B

CITY OF CHEHALIS ORDINANCE NO. 1079-B

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHEHALIS, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CODE AND ADOPTING NEW SECTIONS 17.55 AND 17.56 OF THE CHEHALIS MUNICIPAL CODE AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF

KASSI MACKIE, CITY CLERK

Published: The Chronicle November 16, 2023

128274 Ordinance No. 1083-B

CITY OF CHEHALIS ORDINANCE NO. 1083-B

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHEHALIS, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.08.050 OF THE CHEHALIS MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF

KASSI MACKIE, CITY CLERK

Published: The Chronicle November 16, 2023

128288 Summons Ryan/Davison & Watt

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS LAUREL RYAN, an unmarried person, Plaintiffs, v.

The Heirs and Devisees of LOUIS G. DAVISON and SYLVIA M. DAVISON, deceased, and WILLIAM L. WATT, husband and FRANCES M. WATT, husband and wife, TOGETHER with any and all persons, parties and/or entities known and/or unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien and/or interest in the real property described herein and/or by or through said individual(s) and/or entity(s), Defendants.

NO. 23-2-00581-21 AMENDED SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE DEFENDANTS:

Public Hearing Scheduled: November 27, 2023 at 6:00PM - 130 N. 2nd Street, Toledo WA 98591 Purpose: The Toledo City Council will conduct a public hearing on the Preliminary Budget and on revenue sources for the budget, which may include an increase to property tax revenues and utility rates.

Public Hearing Scheduled: December 4, 2023 at 6:00PM - 130 N. 2nd Street, Toledo WA

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98591 Purpose: This public hearing is an opportunity for residents to voice their opinions regarding the final 2024 budget. We urge the citizens of Toledo to participate in this process.

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128260 Public Notice

Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with RCW 84.55.120 The Fire Commission of Lewis County Fire District 5 will conduct a public Hearing for consideration of the proposed 2024 Budget on Friday, November 17th, 2023 Time 9:00 a.m. To be held at the LCFD5 Administration Meeting Room Located at 105 2nd Ave. SE, Napavine

Date of notice 11/13/2023

Published: The Chronicle November 14 & 16, 2023

127832 Summons McCarter/Master

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS

PETER J. MCCARTER, an unmarried person, Plaintiff, v.

ELIZON MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST 1, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Owner Trustees, TOGETHER with any and all persons, parties and/or entities known and/or unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien and/or interest in the real property described herein and/or by or through said individual(s) and/or entity(s), Defendants.

NO. 23-2-00885-21 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE DEFENDANTS:

ELIZON MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST 1, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Owner Trustee, TOGETHER with any and all persons, parties and/or entities known and/or unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien and/or interest in the real property described herein and/or by or through said individual(s) and/or entity(s).

YOU AND EACH OF YOU are hereby summoned to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this Summons, to-wit, within sixty (60) days after the 12th day of October, 2023, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled Court and answer the complaint of the Plaintiff and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for the Plaintiff at their office below stated; and, in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be entered against you according to the demands of the complaint in this action which has been filed with the Clerk of said Court.

THE OBJECT OF THIS ACTION IS TO OBTAIN A JUDGMENT AND/OR DECREE QUIETING TITLE IN REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL A: THAT PORTION OF THE SOUTH HALF OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 13 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, W.M., DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER WITH THE EASTERLY LINE OF STATE ROUTE 7 (FORMERLY S.R.5); THENCE NORTHERLY 205.8 FEET ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE; THENCE SOUTH 87° EAST TO THE TILTON RIVER; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID RIVER TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHLINE TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT ANY PORTIONS LYING WITHIN STATE ROUTE 7. PARCEL B: THAT PORTION OF THE SOUTH HALF OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 13 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, W.M., DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER WITH THE EASTERLY LINE OF STATE ROUTE 7 (FORMERLY S.R.5); THENCE NORTHERLY 385.8 FEET ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE OF ROAD; THENCE EAST TO THE TILTON RIVER; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID RIVER TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SUBDIVISION; THENCE WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT ANY PORTIONS LYING WITHIN STATE ROUTE 7. ALSO EXCEPT BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SUBDIVISION WITH THE EASTERLY LINE OF STATE ROUTE 7 (FORMERLY STATE ROAD NO. 5); THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG SAID ROAD 205.8 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 87° EAST TO THE TILTON RIVER; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID RIVER TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SUBDIVISION; THENCE WEST TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Against the claim of the defendants and anyone claiming by or through them. DATED this 15th day of November, 2023. VANDER STOEP, BLINKS & UNZELMAN /S/ J. Vander Stoep, WSB# 21837 Of Attorneys for Plaintiffs

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Centralia City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, in the Centralia City Council Chambers, 118 West Maple Street, Centralia, Washington at the hour of 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard by the City Council. The purpose of this hearing is to receive and consider public testimony on the matter of surplus personal property.

Interested persons may appear remotely or in person and be heard at said hearing or written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk, P.O. Box 609, Centralia, Washington 98531, by email kmconnell@cityofcentralia.com or in person at Centralia City Hall not later than 5:00 p.m. on November 27, 2023.

The public should check the City's official website, www.cityofcentralia.com, for instructions on how to view and/or hear the hearing remotely.

The City provides reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities. We invite any person with special needs to contact the City Clerk at (360) 330-7670 at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting to discuss any special accommodations that may be necessary.

Kristan McConnell Centralia City Clerk

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The Heirs and Devisees of LOUIS G. DAVISON and SYLVIA M. DAVISON, deceased, and WILLIAM L. WATT, husband and FRANCES M. WATT, husband and wife TOGETHER with any and all persons, parties and/or entities known and/or unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien and/or interest in the real property described herein and/or by or through said individual(s) and/or entity(s).

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# Several South Thurston County races remain too close to call in week after election day

**VOTES:** Rainier City Council candidates in even tie, Tenino mayor candidates separated by 27 votes and race for new spot on county commission remains tight

By Isabel Vander Stoep  
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One week after the Nov. 7 general election, candidates in the races for several South Thurston County seats are still anxiously refreshing the election results at each new ballot drop.

Votes for a new spot on the Thurston County Board of Commissioners, Tenino mayor, one Rochester School Board position and a seat on the Rainier City Council were still split closely between candidates as the Thurston County Auditor's Office estimated 1,000 ballots left to count as of Wednesday morning.

The election won't be certified until Nov. 28.

Since Nov. 7, the race between Vivian Eason, I-Rochester, and Wayne Fournier, D-Tenino, has been tight.

The brand new seat on the soon-to-be five-person commission, Thurston County Commissioner District 4 will represent most of South and all of Southwest Thurston County, including Tenino, Rochester, Bucoda, Rainier, Maytown, Grand Mound and the southern half of Tumwater.

Only the district voted in the August primary, and Eason prevailed. Of 12,187 votes cast, she took 7,059, edging out Fournier by just under 2,000.

At first on Nov. 7, Fournier trailed by about 1,000 votes. But, as ballots continued to roll in from the general election, which includes voters from the entire county, he inched upward. On Wednesday, with a total 71,909 votes cast in the race, Fournier led Eason by 481.

Fournier, who currently serves as the mayor of Tenino, said Eason would need more than 60% of the remaining ballots in her favor to close the gap. Eason, though, said she was not ready to concede.

"I'm doing really well for having spent way less money," Eason said earlier this week. "There are things that I've learned. If it happens that I don't win, I won't be running again, but I'd like to be fighting."

Eason said she believes a district-by-district approach to elections would ensure "better representation" on the county level, and that would be an issue she'd like to advocate for in the upcoming Legislative session. She said she is working with the Thurston County Republican Party to encourage ballot curing, where voters remedy signature discrepancies and other issues in order to have their vote counted.

With the "Independent" next to her name and the "Democrat" beside Fournier's, Eason felt the "progressive" voters in Olympia and other Thurston County cities helped Fournier overcome the results of August's primary.

Fournier and Eason both had negative comments about their opponent's campaign. Eason said Fournier and supporters tried to "paint" her as a "MAGA election denier," while Fournier said Eason deceived voters by calling herself an Independent "when around 30% of her funding came from a political party."

Fournier said he believes the difference between August's primary and the Nov. 7 general election wasn't in the letters by their names, but in the campaigning and a larger "sample size" of the district and county.

The top vote-getter take the seat immediately on Nov. 29, rather just after the new year when most candidates are sworn in. The new commissioner will also immediately be up for election in November 2024.

Fournier said, if elected, he's excited to continue the "momentum" of his current campaign, and that he'd be thrilled to have a role in the hiring of Thurston County's next manager. Applications for the position will be reviewed for the first time on Dec. 1.

"Being a part in setting up the new leadership for the county, that's something that I really want to get engaged in," Fournier said.

Whoever is elected will join current commissioners Tye Menser, Carolina Mejia and

Gary Edwards along with a second new spot, Thurston County Commissioner District 5. That seatholder, from the Olympia area will be Emily Clouse, who led opponent Terry Ballard by 14,469 votes Wednesday.

Until results are officially confirmed, residents can see election updates on weekday afternoons online at <https://results.vote.wa.gov/results/20231107/thurston/>.

## Tenino

In the race between two candidates looking to be the next mayor of Tenino, results are likewise too close to call. On Wednesday, just 27 votes stood between candidate David Watterson, a former city councilor who leads with 249 total, and Linda Gotovac, a longtime and current city councilor, who has 222 in her favor.

Watterson serves on the city's planning and fire commissions. He is a career firefighter with 30 years of service in Lacey. "I hear rumblings all the time from people saying things aren't going right or they aren't informed," Watterson previously told The Chronicle. "I want to focus on ensuring everyone, whether they vote for me or not, will have a voice."

Gotovac is the secretary of the Tenino Area Chamber of Commerce and a member of the local Lions Club, and spent more than four decades working for the state Legislature in different capacities.

"I've been on the city council for six years and been part of almost all of the things that have been happening here in the last decade," Gotovac previously told The Chronicle.

Candidates Elaine Klamn and Jeff Eisel ran unopposed for Tenino City Council Position Nos. 2 and 5.

## Rochester School Board

In a trio of races for the Rochester School Board, Grant Rodeheaver, Susie Hawes and James Turner lead as of Tuesday night's preliminary results update. The school district includes voters from Lewis, Thurston and Grays Harbor counties.

The race between Turner and opponent Michael L. Mor-

row is still too close to call. Just 22 votes standing between them even after combining results from all three county auditors.

Rodeheaver had 2,004 votes compared to Wava Garza's 1,164. Hawes led Penelope Mena 1,812 to 1,373 votes.

## Rainier

On Wednesday, there was an even tie between Damion Green and Ryan Roth for Rainier City Councilor Pos. No. 2. The winner will fill the opening left by retiring council member George Johnson. On Wednesday morning, they had 244 votes each. If the tie remains after election certification, the Thurston County Auditor's Office flip a coin with both candidates present.

Incumbent Ron Kemp ran unopposed for the Rainier City Council Position No. 4 seat.

## Centralia School Board

In the race for Position No. 4 on the Centralia School Board, challenger Sarah Holmes leads incumbent Mandi McDougall. A race that includes parts of Thurston and Lewis counties, Holmes, as of Wednesday, had 2,281 votes in her favor, and McDougall had earned 2,084. A total of 4,411 votes were cast.

Candidates for Position Nos. 2 and 3, Maritza Bravo and Andrea Ware, respectively, ran unopposed.

## Tenino School Board

Between the two candidates for Tenino School Board Director for District 2, Jennifer Johnson led her opponent, Ryan T. Hilton, with an insurmountable 84.24% of the total 2,760 votes cast.

Candidates for Districts 3 and 4, Adam Barr and Jessica Reeves-Rush, respectively, ran unopposed.

## Tumwater School Board

Jill Tokarczyk Adams has won in the race for Tumwater School Board Director for District 1, leading Jeff (Cowboy) Curry. Tokarczyk Adams currently has more than 60% of the total votes cast.

Candidates for Districts 2 and 3, Casey Taylor and Scott

Killough, respectively, ran unopposed.

## Rainier School Board

The Rainier School Board is likely to retain all its incumbents who were up for re-election.

In the race for the director representing Rainier School Board District 1, incumbent Amanda Siemandel leads challenger Aaron Lang 710 to 560. For District 2, incumbent Jerry Sprouffske, current school board chairman, leads challenger Jon Palmer in the Rainier School Board District No. 2 race. Sprouffske, a 15-year member of the board, totaled 711 votes while opponent Palmer collected 607 votes.

In the District 3 race, Dana Spivey will likely retain her seat against opponent Brian Hackethal. Spivey, a 12-year member of the School Board, totaled 890 votes while Hackethal received 417 votes.

## Port of Olympia

Similar to the Thurston County Commission, the Port of Olympia Commission is expanding from three to five members this year.

As of Wednesday, Maggie Sanders led Rose Chiu Gundersen in the race for the District No. 4 port commissioner. Sanders totaled 35,118 votes while opponent Chiu Gundersen totaled 34,295 votes.

## Thurston County Proposition No. 1

Proposition No. 1, a sales tax to support funding at the Thurston County Sheriff's Office, is set to pass. As Wednesday, votes were 40,059 in favor and 30,994 against. The proposition would authorize an additional sale and use tax at a rate of two-tenths of 1% to be used for up to 75% in law enforcement protection, including hiring additional sheriff deputies and associated infrastructure, and 25% for additional prosecution and proportionate public defense services, and elections security infrastructure. Of the amount collected, Thurston County will retain 60% and 40% will be distributed on a per capita basis to cities in the county.

## Chamber cuts the ribbon at Bigfoot Treasure in downtown Chehalis



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Bigfoot Treasure owner Mitch Moberg officially cuts the ribbon during a ceremony for his store in downtown Chehalis. The ceremony was hosted by the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce. The business is located at 548 N. Market Blvd. in downtown Chehalis. Look for a feature article on the business in an upcoming edition of The Chronicle.

Chehalis city councilors, representatives of the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce and other residents gather outside Bigfoot Treasure in downtown Chehalis on Tuesday, Nov. 14.



Mitch Moberg, owner of Bigfoot Treasure, prepares to cut the ribbon at his business in downtown Chehalis as Chehalis City Councilor Daryl Luncer, left, mayor Tony Ketchum, second from left, and Lindy Waring and Christine Brower look on.

## Chihiro Bringman of Centralia signs on to swim at Stonehill College



Photos by Jared Wenzelburger / jared@chronline.com

Chihiro Bringman smiles for a photo with fellow swimmers Tuesday evening at Centralia High School following her signing to Stonehill College in Massachusetts. Bringman, a swimmer for Centralia High School, will compete at the college after graduating. **Look for a full feature story on Bringman in the Saturday edition of The Chronicle.**

## State Senate Republicans unveil seven-point agricultural agenda for 2024 session

By Mitchell Roland  
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Roughly eight weeks before the lawmakers reconvene in the state Capitol, Senate Republicans unveiled the agricultural problems they hope to tackle, which range from overtime requirements for agricultural workers to a lack of agricultural education.

The Cultivate Washington plan, released Wednesday, identifies seven problems the Senate Republicans hope to address in the Legislature when lawmakers return in January. Following the announcement, Senate Republicans outlined their plan to address the state's agricultural needs in a press conference with Sen. Ron Muzzall, R-Whidbey Island, Sen. Judy Warnick, R-Moses Lake, Sen. Perry Dozier, R-Waitsburg, and Sen. Shelly Short, R-Addy.

"For too long, the agricultural community in Washington has faced neglect or even hostility in the state Legislature, despite their significant contributions

to our state," Warnick said. "We need to do everything we can to support our agricultural communities with sustainable and common-sense policies."

The seven problems identified by Senate Republicans include:

- Labor costs and overregulation
- The cost of fuel
- The struggle of small and midsize farms to compete
- The availability of water
- The state's management of predators and wildlife
- Poor societal knowledge of where food comes from
- A lack of support for the state's dairy farmers

"Agriculture is really the lifeblood of our state, our nation and our world," Short said. "Our system works so well that we don't often think about where our food comes from. But we got a wake-up call when COVID disrupted our supply chains, and we started seeing empty shelves in supermarkets. In Olympia, we see relentless attacks on agriculture and an attitude that no amount of regulation is ever enough. Yet the health of our society depends on the security and quality of our food supply, and the government needs to recognize the importance of a

vibrant agricultural sector."

### A focus on water

According to Warnick, discussions around water will be key, impacting communities from Seattle to the Eastern Washington city of Lind.

"There isn't enough water, even on the wet, west side," Warnick said.

The Cultivate Washington plan identifies "water availability" as one of the problems legislators must address, with the plan proposing continued support of the Yakima, Icicle and Walla Walla integrated plans, and continued "coordination efforts" to complete the Columbia Basin project.

In response to a question about whether legislators anticipated any significant developments with the Chehalis Basin strategy, Warnick said she was involved in discussions in developing the Office of the Chehalis Basin, and that she would approach Senate Minority Leader John Braun, R-Centralia, about receiving an update on the project, noting much of the authority has been given "to the counties, the tribes and the local folks to decide how to solve those problems."

"We have spent money in the

past, and it's time to take a look at what's going on down there," Warnick said.

### Labor costs and overregulation

With the overtime threshold for agricultural workers set to fall to 40 hours per week in the new year, Senate Republicans will again push for a partial exemption.

Four Senators, including Warnick, sponsored legislation during the 2023 session that would allow agricultural employers to select 12 weeks a year where workers could work for up to 50 hours a week before overtime pay is required.

The proposal did not advance out of the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce. "It has had a tremendous effect across Washington State," Sen. Perry Dozier, R-Waitsburg, said of the state's overtime requirements.

The Legislature overwhelmingly voted in 2021 to require that farm workers receive overtime pay, with Dozier and Short among six senators who voted no on the proposal. The bill passed the Senate 42-6 and the House 91-7.

During a Senate Labor and Commerce hearing on the seasonal exemption on Feb. 9, spon-

sor and ranking member Sen. Curtis King, R-Yakima, said the legislation would address the "seasonality" of Washington's agriculture.

"I think it's a fair and equitable thing to do, not just for the farmer, but for the worker as well," Dozier said.

At the hearing, Committee chair Karen Keiser, D-Des Moines, noted nearly 2,000 people had voiced their opinion to the committee, with 1,048 in support and 894 in opposition. Following roughly 45 minutes of testimony, the legislature did not take further action on the proposal.

### Coming to a classroom near you

While much of the plan addresses the problems faced by current farmers, the Senate Republicans also want to encourage the next generation of agricultural workers. The Cultivate Washington plan includes support for "agriculture in the classroom" and the Future Farmers of America program.

"I think it's very important that we look to the future and try to help the youth in this state to understand what agriculture means to Washington state," Dozier said. "Especially since we are an economic driver in Washington State."

## Bob and Ann Shirer celebrate 50th wedding anniversary on Veterans Day

By The Chronicle staff

Originally married in their own Centralia home on Nov. 11, 1973, Bob and Ann Shirer celebrate their anniversary every year at the American Legion Grant Hodge Post 17 in downtown Centralia.

"We've only missed one year there," Ann said.

"But we got remarried on our 25th anniversary at the Legion," said Bob.

"And I had my wedding dress and stuff this time," Ann added.

While Anne did have a "fancy" dress in 1973, it wasn't an actual wedding dress.

Ann is also currently the auxiliary president of Grant Hodge Post 17 while Bob is a U.S. Navy veteran who served on the submarine USS Greenfish during the Vietnam War and is a member of the post's honor guard.

The couple has two children, six grandchildren and



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Bob and Ann Shirer smile while celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at the American Legion Grant Hodge Post 17 in downtown Centralia on Saturday, Nov. 11.

eight great-grandchildren. As for what 50 years of marriage has been like, "let's just say we haven't killed each other yet," Ann joked.

The Chronicle publishes

wedding anniversary announcements of 50 years or more at no cost.

To submit photos and information, email news@chronline.com.

## 50th anniversary announcement: Linda and Steve Coyner



Linda and Steve Coyner celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 11, surrounded by family and friends. They were married Nov. 9, 1973. They, along with their three children, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, reside in Lewis County. One grandchild and wife reside in Oregon. The Chronicle publishes anniversary announcements of 50 years or more. To be included, send photos and details to news@chronline.com.