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## Providence Caring for Record Number of COVID-19 Patients, But Fewer Require Critical Care

By Eric Rosane

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The number of patients receiving care at Providence Southwest Washington hospitals in Centralia and Olympia has more than doubled over the last two weeks, according to a hospital spokesperson.

It's likely a result of the high transmission rate seen with the omicron variant.

Chris Thomas, spokesperson with Providence Medical Group Southwest Washington, said on Jan. 1 there were about 60 COVID-19 patients receiving care between Providence Centralia and Providence St. Peter hospitals.

As of Thursday this week, there were a record 148 patients receiving care.

"That's a big increase in just the last couple of weeks," Thomas told The Chronicle.

During the height of the delta wave last summer, Providence Southwest hospitals at one point were caring for a little more than 100 COVID-19 patients, which then was an all-time high.

But this time around coronavirus patients are making up a smaller percentage of the population receiving care in critical care wings, Thomas said.

During delta, about 60% of critical care unit patients were COVID-positive. Today, that number is at about 40%. Patients

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## Report, Investigation Shed Light on Fraud That Cost Tenino \$280,309 in 2020

By Emily Fitzgerald

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While initial reports indicated the City of Tenino lost roughly \$270,000 to scammers in 2020, Washington State Patrol (WSP)'s fraud investigation

and the Washington state Auditor's report have revealed the actual amount was \$336,968 — of which only \$56,659 has been credited back to the city, resulting in an overall loss of \$280,309.

The money left the City of

Tenino's bank account in 20 payments to multiple out-of-state bank accounts between March 19 and May 4, 2020, on the authorization of former Clerk-Treasurer John Millard, according to WSP's investigation.

The results of WSP's inves-

tigation were detailed in State Auditor Pat McCarthy's official report on the City of Tenino's misappropriation of funds, which was published on Thursday.

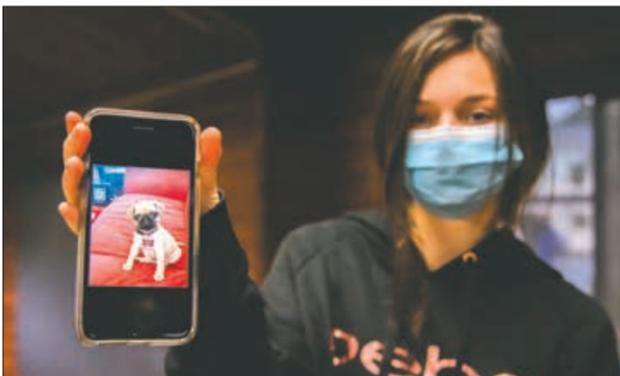
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## Winlock Girl Who Saved Siblings, Family Dog From Fire Gets Award



Jared Wenzelburger / jared@chronline.com

Haylee Laur, 15, holds up the Maglite Tough Award Thursday morning inside the Virgil R. Lee Community Building in Chehalis while being recognized for saving her two siblings and the family pug from a house fire in Winlock last month.



Haylee Laur, 15, holds up a photo of Buddy, a pug she went back to save during a house fire in Winlock last month. Laur was recognized Thursday, Jan. 13, with the Maglite Tough Award inside the Virgil R. Lee Community Building in Chehalis.

By Emily Fitzgerald

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It was a snowy evening during the week of Christmas in Winlock and Haylee Laur, 15, was home babysitting two of her sisters when she smelled smoke coming from down the hall.

When she looked for the source, she saw the home heating system had caught fire — and the flames were getting close to her 3-year-old sister, Ellie.

When asked what her first thought was, Haylee said: "Ellie. Get Ellie. Because the flames were surrounding her and she

was, like, just shocked, just standing there."

With Ellie in her arms, Haylee made sure her other sister, 4-year-old Madison, was following them and together the three got out of the house. But someone was missing: the family pug, Buddy.

"I thought he went out with us, but I looked behind because I thought he was following us, (and) he wasn't. He was still in there," said Haylee.

Once her sisters were safely outside, Haylee went back into the fully-involved structure to

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CCR&M Assesses Damage From Recent Flooding / Main 4

### Deaths

Scott, Larry Dean, 85, Centralia  
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Vandal, Lora J., 74, Centralia  
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# As Packwood Improvement Club Changes Leadership, Commitment Remains

By Isabel Vander Stoep  
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There may have been a changing of the guard at the Packwood Improvement Club (PIC) over the transition into 2022, but the goals of the community-oriented board of volunteers remains the same.

Lewis County Commissioner Lee Grose was the president of PIC for the last seven years. Taking his place at the club's first meeting this year, which was held last Monday in the Packwood Community Hall, was new president Ron Blankenship.

Though, after helping the meeting along, Grose teased that it didn't feel like he'd completely wrapped up his duties.

The club was built by and for volunteers in the East Lewis County town many decades ago. The community hall, which is run and rented out by the club for events, was made from donated Packwood lumber in the mid-1950s.

The club runs the Packwood Flea Markets, Christmas lights competitions, chicken barbecues and other annual fundraisers.

PIC's main responsibility, as Blankenship sees it, is to run the hall. There, weddings, memorials, county meetings and many other events are held throughout the year. A longtime goal of the club has been to build a deck on the hall, which would increase the amount of events it could host even more so now as the COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated more outdoor gatherings.

The last estimate given to the club for that project was about \$30,000, according to trustee Sheryl Hall.

The club's biggest fundraising event annually is its crab feed, where Grose brings in fresh dungeness crab for folks who pre-purchased tickets and auctions for items and desserts are held. The crab feed this year is being held on Saturday, Jan. 15.

PIC also hosts a semi-regular Friday night bingo game, depending on the weather or holidays. When held, it frequently sees between 30 and 40 bingo players, many of whom are members of young families living in the area.

Throughout his tenure as



Lee Grose smiles inside the Packwood Community Hall Monday evening.

Jared Wenzelburger / jared@chronline.com



President Ron Blankenship smiles while talking about his new role at Packwood Community Hall Monday evening.

president, Grose said the biggest accomplishment was not growth or event holding, but keeping the club solvent in order to preserve its role for the town and residents.

Asked what wisdom he would share with future generations looking to help the Packwood community, Grose said: "Volunteer. That's the big thing. At the last meeting, I mentioned

that we've kind of lost that in our society, in general. I think we've lost the attitude of volunteering. And like we said tonight, I mean, this group of people, the 18 to 20 members in here do just a lot of stuff, and most of us are getting older and getting tired. We need some of the younger people to step up and keep it going. And by younger I mean the 40-year-olds."

Blankenship said Grose has taught him a lot in his time as club president and through his role in the county.

Blankenship's goal for the upcoming year, similar to Grose's accomplishment, is to keep the club running and dedicated to the community. He was one of the volunteers to work on the remodel of the building, which he sees as his most valuable contribution to the club so far.

PIC meetings are held at the community hall on the second



Mindy Brooks makes a suggestion while discussing fundraisers at the Packwood Community Hall during a meeting Monday evening.



Lee Grose smiles while talking about the work the club has done to renovate the Packwood Community Hall Monday evening.

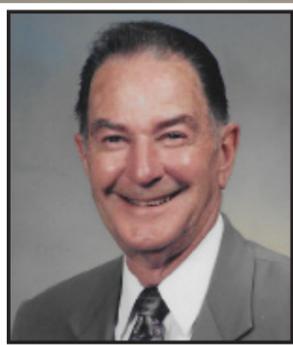
Monday of each month at 6 p.m. The next bingo game will be on Jan. 21. For more information on bingo, contact treasurer Jeanette Blankenship via email at

bunny\_rabbit53@hotmail.com.

For other updates on the community hall or about the PIC, visit its Facebook page, @PackwoodPIC.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## William D. Ward



After his retirement Bill was a structural engineering consultant for The Catholic Archdioceses of Seattle.

One of his most enjoyable pastimes was fishing, both close to home on the Puget Sound and on annual trips north with his son Jim, a tradition which lasted almost 50 years. Still fishing at the age of 85, he caught his biggest fish ever, a 54-pound King salmon in the Queen Charlotte Islands. He loved road trips, including favorites such as Las Vegas and the surrounding national parks. And of courses he always loved ice cream and milkshakes.

Bill and his family were active members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in West Seattle. He was preceded by his wife Jeanne in 2004. Bill is survived by his son Jim (Patty) Ward of Chehalis; daughter Terri Titcomb of Blue Hill, Maine; along with their families' four grandchildren Michael, Megan, Leah and Jack; and two great-granddaughters Poppy and Cecilia.

The family would like to thank all the staff at Woodland Care for the kindness and compassion during Bill's stay there.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

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## WAYNE DUNBAR

1925 ~ 2021

Wayne E. Dunbar, 96, passed away on Dec. 27, 2021 in Chehalis. He was born and raised near Galesburg, Illinois. Always industrious, he sought odd jobs to help the family when his father died at a young age. Prior to his induction in the U.S. Navy during WWII, he met the love of his life, Barbara Carr. After fulfilling his military commitment, he returned to Illinois and married her. In October 1949, with his wife and young children, he moved to Lakewood. Wayne joined the Lakewood Fire Department and secured a job at the newly formed Lakewood Water District. His employment there lasted 34 years and he retired after serving as superintendent for several years. He moved to Salkum, Washington to pursue his passion of steelhead fishing and RVing around the states. His greatest love was his family and lending a hand to help them and his many friends. Some of his most fond memories were hosting family



reunions and gathering around the bonfire sharing stories. He was an avid storyteller. One of his favorites was his recollection as a youngster riding in the rear seat of the family sedan with his mother at the wheel, transporting moonshine for the "old man" between Peoria and Cicero. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara, of 73 years, and sons Michael and James. He is survived by Patricia (Terry) Wheaton, Nancee (Darrell) Alvord, daughter-in-law Linda Dunbar, eight grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. A celebration of life will be held at Mountain View Cemetery on Jan. 23, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

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## News in Brief

### Suspected Burglar Found in Rafters of Graham Business Is Arrested During Police Standoff

By The News Tribune

Pierce County deputies arrested a 33-year-old man Thursday morning after he reportedly broke into a business at a Graham shopping center and wouldn't come out during a hours-long standoff with law enforcement.

The man was found hiding in the rafters of a business at Graham Town Center near 224th Street East and Meridian Avenue East. Deputies said they were able to talk to him and convince him to climb down. The man was arrested and booked into Pierce County Jail for investigation of commercial burglary, resisting arrest and malicious mischief.

Pierce County Sheriff's Department was first called to the scene about 6:45 a.m. after the owner of a smoke shop spotted the man on his surveillance cameras. Deputies said multiple burglaries have occurred there, and they believe burglars were accessing the business through the roof.

# Sky Explodes in Color as the Sun Rises Over Chehalis Friday Morning



Isabel Vander Stoep / isabel@chronline.com

The sun rises over Chehalis Friday morning as Mount Rainier rises above the horizon.

## After 10 Years, Alicia Fox Leaving Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce

By The Chronicle staff

The longest-serving executive director in this history of the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce is leaving the organization.

The chamber announced the departure of Alicia Fox in a news release on Friday.

The chamber's board of directors wrote that it is grateful for Fox's "dedication to the chamber and the entire business community" and that her leadership and expertise over the last decade was appreciated and will be missed.

"I'm honored to have had the opportunity to serve the chamber organization over the last decade, and will always be proud

and humbled by all we have accomplished together," Fox said in the news release. "I'm excited for the next chapter in my life, but will forever be appreciative to the many businesses, board members, ambassadors, staff and so many more for being supportive during my 10 years here. The work was not always easy, but it was important work and I feel proud to have been a part."

According to the release, the chamber's executive board will be serving as a search committee to begin the process of selecting a new director. The position will be posted online.

To learn more about the chamber, visit [www.chamberway.com](http://www.chamberway.com).



Alicia Fox speaks in January 2018 during the chamber's annual banquet at Centralia College.

## Rep. Herrera Beutler Co-Sponsors Police Grant Funding Bill

By The Chronicle staff

U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler is one of nearly a dozen original sponsors for a bill that reauthorizes a law enforcement funding grants program, the congresswoman's office announced Friday.

Herrera Beutler, R-Battle Ground, helped introduce the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) on the Beat Grant Program Reauthorization and Parity Act of 2022. Primarily introduced by Rep. Tom Rice, R-South Carolina, the act would reauthorize the COPS program for 10 years and would triple funding for fiscal year 2022, bringing the total to about \$1 billion, a news release stated.

The bill would expand access to the grant program to rural communities and would allow the grants to be used to increase officer wages in low-income communities, according to the release. The bill also creates a standalone COPS office within the U.S. Department of Justice.

Herrera Beutler said she was pleased to join other co-sponsors from both parties to support a bill which would designate federal funds "to hire, train and retain" local law enforcement.

"The 'defund the police' craze has contributed to demoralized police forces and fewer good cops on our streets; it's time to reverse course," Herrera Beutler stated in the release.

She said the legislation would ensure officers are adequately compensated, especially given the current climate around law enforcement.

"If we want well-trained police officers truly dedicated to

protecting and serving all residents of our communities, it's time to reinvest in our law enforcement rather than chasing them away or cutting their funding," Herrera Beutler said.

The bill would also require the U.S. Government Accountability Office to file a report at the midpoint of the program, the release stated. The report would analyze a number of points, including law enforcement agencies' representation with respect to their communities, average pay compared to the cost of living, and would provide legislative or administrative recommendations for areas of improvement.

## Commissioners Extend Deadline to Fill Three Vacancies on Lewis County Planning Commission

By The Chronicle staff

The Lewis County Planning Commission is still looking to fill three vacancies after the Board of County Commissioners this week approved an extension of the deadline to 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27.

The planning commission is looking to bring on one person living in Commissioner District No. 1, one person living in Commissioner District No. 3, and someone to fill an at-large position, meaning they can live anywhere within the county.

Planning commissioners serve four-year terms on a board of seven voting members, that meets twice a month. Meetings are generally held at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth

Tuesday of each month, and have been mostly held online on Zoom.

"The planning commission assists Lewis County's community development department in carrying out its duties, including helping prepare and execute the comprehensive plan and helping adopt development regulations," read a county news release.

Individuals interested in serving on the Lewis County Planning Commission may sub-

mit an application and letter of interest to commission Clerk Rieva Lester.

Applications can either be mailed to the board of county commissioner's office at 351 N.W. North Street, Chehalis, Washington, 98532; filled out in-person at the office; or submitted by email to [committees@lewiscountywa.gov](mailto:committees@lewiscountywa.gov) (the commission requests applicants include "Planning Commission" in their subject line).

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# Flood Causes Washouts on Chehalis-Centralia Railroad Line, Scenic Rides to Be Postponed

By Isabel Vander Stoep  
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The Chehalis-Centralia Railroad and Museum (CCR&M) brings thousands of passengers each year on a journey through the Chehalis River Valley to showcase the beauty and history of the line.

On just its “Polar Express” trains this winter, over 6,000 passengers rode aboard the steam train.

Unfortunately, the river doesn’t seem to care about the organization’s decades of service to the community. Instead, it floods and washes out part of the tracks every few years. When the Chehalis flooded last weekend, it took out parts of the rail line along 5 miles of the CCR&M’s 10 miles of track.

CCR&M President Mike Beehler released a statement to members this week on the damage, noting little is known at this time as the staff enters the disaster funding process with Lewis County Emergency Management. The line is repairable, but the process will take place “one step at a time,” according to the statement.

“The sooner we can prepare the estimate for emergency management,” Beehler told The Chronicle. “We’re working on that as we speak. But then there’s a lot of other things that are going to have to happen. Getting contractors on board will be another challenge because... we’re very specialized. To do rail work is not an everyday thing.”

Because of all these variables, Beehler was not able to guess how long scenic train rides would be out of commission. For now, the Valentine’s Day and St. Patrick’s day trains will be canceled.

More word from the railroad and museum will come out as assessments and repairs commence.

Cost is another thing the team could not begin to wager without having done a full evaluation of damage.



Some of the damage to the Chehalis-Centralia Railroad line is pictured in these photographs provided by the railroad and museum.

“This is not an inexpensive situation that we’re looking at,” Beehler said.

The majority of damage took place to tracks between the Willapa Hills Trail trailhead and state Route 603, where the trail and the rail line meet in a “V” shape that funnels water into the tracks. Under the line, the ground was weakened to the point of washing out in a few different areas.

With the hopes of preventing damage to the line in future floods, the organization may ask a consulting firm to suggest mitigation strategies. Though, as Beehler pointed out, most possible responses to flooding are



beyond the organization’s scope of ability and responsibility. The parking area near the start of the tracks will also need repairs after taking on a significant amount of water. Neither

**“We can’t control the river. The railroad is a subject to the river, just like anybody else is.”**

Mike Beehler  
CCR&M president

the business office nor any train cars were damaged in the flood event.

“We can’t control the river. The railroad is a subject to the river, just like anybody else is,” Beehler said.

Decades of steam train rides have made the railroad an “icon” in the community, said CCR&M Marketing Director Mary Kay Nelson. And it took on more major damage in the 2007 and 2009 floods than it did this year. She had no doubt this is simply an obstacle, not the end, for the CCR&M, calling it the “most resilient organization” she’s seen.

“The reason I love this organization is because it does respond. It does step up,” Nelson said. “Otherwise it wouldn’t be there in the first place. They took something that was a locomotive sitting in a park 40 years ago. When I was a kid, I saw that sitting in the park, and they brought that back, not even really knowing what the future looked like. They just said, ‘We can do this. We’ll restore this locomotive.’”

Future updates on train service will be posted on Facebook at @steamtrainride or the railroad’s website, <https://steamtrainride.com/>.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Dana Keller*

1964 ~ 2022



and memories she created all over the world with friends and family. For a life cut too short, she loved endlessly.

The pain of this loss runs deep. She loved and cared for people exceptionally and the cost of that love is this immense grief felt throughout our community. Moving forward without her here on this earth will be hard, but as she would have quoted, “We can do hard things!” — Glenn Doyle

“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, for what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” - 2 Corinthians 4:18

The essence of Dana is impossible to convey in 400 words, which is why we invite everyone who has been impacted by Dana’s life to attend a service that will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 15, 2022, at Bethel Church, 132 Kirkland Rd, Chehalis, Washington. Please wear a mask.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to The Napavine High School Scholarship Foundation or Lewis County Young Life.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Lois Toland*

1931 ~ 2022

Lois Marie (Gough) Toland passed away peacefully at Sharon Care Center Jan. 9, 2022. She was born Oct. 1, 1931 in Downey, Idaho to Marion Odell Gough and Mildred Aldous.

She is preceded in death by her first husband Jerry Benjamin, her second husband William Toland, sons Geoff Toland and Scott Toland, and great-grandson Cole Benjamin.

She is survived by her son Robert Benjamin; daughter Deana Gass; grandchildren Laura Vogel, Jeff Benjamin, Kurt Kytta and Tabitha Gass;



and great-grandchildren Rylie Benjamin, Mo Benjamin, Sawyer Vogel and Jaxson Benjamin.

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## Sirens, Court Records, Lotteries, Commodities

### Sirens

#### CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT Recovered Vehicle

- A stolen vehicle was recovered from the 400 block of Southwest William Avenue at 4 p.m. on Jan. 12.

#### Counterfeiting

- Just after 10:25 a.m. on Jan. 13, there was a report of counterfeit money in the 1400 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue.

#### Dispute

- A subject was cited for disorderly conduct in the 1100 block of South Market Boulevard just before 7 p.m. on Jan. 12 after they were allegedly involved in a physical dispute.

#### Assault

- A subject was arrested in the 100 block of North Market Boulevard just before 6:50 a.m. on Jan. 13 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for alleged fourth-degree assault, domestic violence.

#### Crash

- A non-injury, two-vehicle collision was reported in the 1900 block of South Market Boulevard just before 8:45 p.m. on Jan. 12.

#### Theft

- A third-degree theft reported in the 500 block of North

Market Boulevard at approximately 4:05 p.m. on Jan. 12 is under investigation.

- Personal items were reported stolen from a vehicle in the 200 block of Southwest Third Street just before 9:10 a.m. on Jan. 13.

- A subject was cited for shoplifting in the 1700 block of North National Avenue at approximately 9:50 a.m. on Jan. 13.

- Tennis shoes were reported stolen from the 1500 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue just after 7:25 p.m. on Jan. 13.

#### Hit-and-Run

- A hit-and-run to a parked vehicle was reported in the 10 block of Northeast Washington Avenue just before 1:40 p.m. on Jan. 13.

#### CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Burglary

- At approximately 8:20 a.m. on Jan. 13, a burglary was reported at a building in the 2500 block of Seward Avenue. It is unknown whether anything was taken.

- Charges against David L. Davenport, 32, of Centralia, have been referred to the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office after Davenport allegedly entered a protected person's residence in the 400 block of South Gold Street and displayed a firearm. Davenport fled the scene prior to officers' arrival. A K-9 track was conducted, but police were un-

able to locate Davenport.

#### Theft of Services

- A business in the 200 block of South Tower Avenue reported finding garbage belonging to another person in their dumpster just after 9:10 a.m. on Jan. 13.

#### Other Theft

- At 2 p.m. on Jan. 12, \$500 was reported stolen from a purse in the 700 block of Pioneer Way. The case is under investigation.

- Items were reported stolen from a business in the 600 block of North Gold Street just after 10:45 a.m. on Jan. 13 after a victim discovered their storage unit had been broken into.

- Approximately \$1,500 worth of merchandise was reported stolen from a business in the 1400 block of Lum Road at approximately 4 p.m. on Jan. 13.

#### Graffiti

- A 17-year-old was arrested in the 1000 block of Borst Avenue just before 12:30 a.m. on Jan. 13 and was booked into the Lewis County Juvenile Center for third-degree malicious mischief after they were allegedly caught spray painting a car and a sign. Officers also discovered more damages to other property and are investigating to see if it is related to the case.

#### Assault and Harassment

- A 16-year-old was arrested

in the 2800 block of Russell Road just after 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 13 and was booked into the Lewis County Juvenile Detention Center on an outstanding warrant and for allegedly kicking an officer in the leg during the arrest.

- An assault against a nurse reported in the 900 block of South Scheuber Road just before 2:25 a.m. on Jan. 14 is under investigation.

- A subject was cited for harassment in the 900 block of South Scheuber Road at approximately 3:05 a.m. after they allegedly made "threatening statements" to a nurse.

#### LEWIS COUNTY JAIL STATISTICS

As of Friday morning, the Lewis County Jail had a total system population of 139 inmates, including 125 in the general population and 14 in the Work Ethic and Restitution Center. Of general population inmates, 101 were reported male and 24 were reported female. All WERC inmates were reported male.

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

### News in Brief

## Centralia Police Are Investigating Possible Armed Robbery at Centralia Business; Unidentified Suspect Fled Scene With \$40

By The Chronicle staff

Police are investigating a possible armed robbery that was reported at a business in the 900 block of Harrison Avenue just after 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 12.

A suspect described as a "white male dressed in dark clothing and a face mask" reportedly entered the business, brandished "what the victim believed to be a handgun" and demanded the victim to open the cash register and give him the money inside, according to the Centralia Police Department.

The suspect fled on foot with approximately \$40. No injuries were reported.

## Red Cross Faces 'Dire' Blood Shortage, Partners With NFL for Incentives to Donate

By The Chronicle staff

The American Red Cross is facing its worst blood shortage nationally in over a decade.

In recent weeks, the American Red Cross had less than a one-day supply of critical blood types and has had to limit blood product distributions to hospitals. At times, as much as one-quarter of hospital blood needs are not being met.

Low blood supply levels pose risk to patient care and force doctors to make difficult decisions about who receives blood transfusions and who will need to wait until more products become available.

For the next month, about 53% of Red Cross donation appointments are open in Western Washington. In Lewis County, discounting a fully-booked drive on Jan. 13, the statistics match the rest of the region. There are upcoming drives on Jan. 31 and

Feb. 11 that are less than halfway full.

Appointments can be made using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Blood donations are critically needed to help prevent further delays in vital medical treatments, and donors of all blood types and especially type O are urged to make an appointment now to give in the weeks ahead.

The Red Cross continues to confront challenges due to COVID-19, including a decline in blood donors and staffers for blood drives. The pandemic has also contributed to a 62% drop in blood drives at schools and colleges.

"Winter weather across the country and the recent surge of COVID-19 cases are compounding the already-dire situation facing the blood supply," said Dr. Baia Lasky, medical director for the Red Cross. "Please, if you are eligible, make an appointment to give blood in the days and weeks ahead to ensure no patient is forced to wait for critical care."

This January, the Red Cross and the NFL are partnering to urge individuals to give blood or platelets and help "tackle the national blood shortage," according to a news release from the Red Cross.

Those who show up to donate blood, platelets or plasma in January (which is National Blood Donor Month) will automatically be entered for a chance to win a getaway to Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles. And those who show up for donation appointments will automatically be entered to win a home theater package and a \$500 e-gift card. Terms apply; visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl for more information.

In addition to blood donors, the Red Cross also needs the help of volunteers to support critical blood collections across the country. Blood drive volunteers play an important role by greeting, registering, answering questions and providing information to blood donors throughout the donation process. Blood transportation specialists provide a critical link between blood

donors and blood recipients by delivering blood to hospitals in communities across the country. To volunteer to support Red Cross blood collections, visit redcross.org/volunteertoday.

The Red Cross is screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified Black donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease who require trait-negative blood.

Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease, according to the release.

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

## Thurston County Moves to Entirely Remote Public Meetings

By The Olympian

Because of the surge in COVID-19 cases, residents will not be allowed to attend Thurston County public meetings in person as of last Wednesday.

The Board of County Commissioners decided to move to remote meetings on Tuesday to protect community health during an unprecedented surge in COVID-19 cases.

"This is obviously not where we wanted to be two years into the pandemic," Commissioner Carolina Mejia said in a county news release. "But we have to

continue to adapt our way of doing business."

The 2-1 decision effectively closes Room 280 in Building 1 of the Lakeridge Drive campus in Olympia. All county offices will remain open for now, but residents are encouraged to access services online or by phone if possible.

### Death Notices

- **LARRY DEAN SCOTT**, 85, Centralia, died Jan. 4 at his residence. Arrangements are under the care of Funeral Alternatives of Washington.

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- **LORA J. VANDAL**, 74, Centralia died Jan. 6 at Riverside Nursing Home. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home.

- **RONALD W. HANSEN**, 70, Napavine, died Jan. 8 at Angel Vine Adult Family Home. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home.

- **LENA I. SWETZ**, 90, Silvercreek, died Jan. 10 at her residence. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home.

- **CHARLENE S. WEBER**, 77, Toledo, died Jan. 10 at her residence. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

### Corrections

In the article "Man Convicted for Shooting at Deputies During Police Pursuit in May Sentenced to Over 25 Years in Prison," Denver Bragg's prison sentence was misstated. He was actually sentenced to 54 years (648 months) in prison. The jury's special verdicts added 180 months enhancement to his initial 468 month sentence.

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## Supporting Law Enforcement, Punishing Crime Necessary for Safe Communities

“Centralia Man Accused of Attacking Grocery Store Employees with Knife”  
“Suspects Sought in Centralia ATM Explosion”  
“Man Killed in Chehalis Stabbing; 12-Year-Old Also Injured”  
“‘Terrifying Experience’: Chehalis Homeowner Details Dec. 16 Burglary, Cautions Neighbors”

These are just a handful of recent headlines in The Chronicle highlighting an alarming increase in violent crimes happening not just in Lewis County, but in communities all over Washington. Lewis County Sheriff Rob Snaza reports a 75% increase in crimes of thefts and burglaries in Lewis County in just the last six months.

I’ve spoken with dozens of Southwest Washington police officers in recent months. They



By Jaime Herrera Beutler

### COMMENTARY: From the Congresswoman

tell me that a bad mix of recent state and federal policies are contributing to this rise in crime.

Lax federal border security has triggered an unprecedented wave of dangerous drugs, much of which is shipped from China to Mexico and then transported through our southern border. The buying and selling of those drugs increase crime locally. In Olympia, new laws hamstringing law enforcement have emboldened criminals.

The Biden Administration has turned its back on our southern border, which has allowed drug traffickers to smuggle record amounts of deadly drugs like fentanyl up the West Coast’s major artery, Interstate 5, and into our communities. In Congress, I’m continuing to support legislation that would immediately resume the construction of physical barriers along the border that President Joe Biden halted, hire more border patrol agents, and deploy new

and effective border security technology.

At the same time, Olympia has handcuffed our police. Despite law enforcement officials sounding the alarm on poorly designed police “reform” proposals in 2021, the governor signed two massive bills into law last year that hinder police response and embolden criminals.

For instance, one of the new state police “reform” laws, H.B. 1310, restricts an officer from detaining a person fleeing the scene of an armed robbery — even if the person matches the description of the suspect.

Sheriff Rob Snaza has repeatedly outlined the negative impacts of these laws on the ability of police to stop crime. For instance, at a community meeting last year, he said HB 1310 will pose a challenge to officers who are trying to question and detain alleged perpetrators: “I have no recourse to keep that person staying. It used to be ‘no,

I need you to stay while we investigate this, we need to be sure what’s going on. We’re just going to detain you until we figure it out.’ ‘Detained’ means you’re not under arrest, you’re just not free to go at this point. So now we’ve lost that.”

And another law out of Olympia, HB 1054, restricts police from car chases, conducting routine traffic stops and impedes their use of non-lethal weapons.

I am sponsoring legislation that will provide an incentive to the governor and others in Olympia to change course away from their anti-law enforcement policies. This legislation will create new federal funding — administered by the Department of Justice — to states who reverse efforts to restrict law enforcement.

I’ve always supported full funding for law enforcement. This week, I introduced a bill in Congress that triples last year’s funding for COPS Grants — over \$1 billion — which Lewis County can use to provide police services to protect our homes,

businesses and schools.

And with Washington state ranking dead last — 51st out of 50 states plus the District of Columbia — in law enforcement personnel per capita in the United States, this underscores the dire need for more well-trained police officers.

The rise in crime isn’t just a problem somewhere else. These shocking crimes in communities like Centralia and Chehalis better be a wakeup call to all of us including elected officials in Washington, D.C., and Olympia.

I have a role to play in turning these bad policies around and so do you. Raise your voice and make people in elected office know that we want safe, vibrant and thriving communities to raise our families and go about our daily lives. Supporting law enforcement and punishing crime is necessary for safer communities.

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U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler is a Republican from Battle Ground who represents the 3rd Congressional District.

## Cable News Comes a-Knocking in Lewis County as ‘January Lights’ Go National

“Nothing is as powerful as an idea whose time has come.”

- Victor Hugo

Driving around as our communities dry out from the flood, I’ve noticed that more homes than usual still have their Christmas lights blazing in the darkness of our morning and evening times.

There’s a house around the corner from mine that’s framed in gorgeous white lights. And up a few hills there’s a house aglow in twinkling color.

I’m so thankful for these people who are lighting up the darkness.

It’s an idea I’ve heard people talking about more than ever this year.

Exactly one year ago today, after I dropped my son off at



By Brian Mittge

### COMMENTARY: Hills and Valleys

school on a dark morning and I headed through the neighborhood around W.F. West High School, one house stood out to me, ablaze with its Christmas lights still shining in January gloom.

That festive glow lightened my mood and gave heart to my morning. In my next Chronicle column (and a few since then), I encouraged us all to think about keeping up our lights through the “Big Dark” of January in the Pacific Northwest.

It turns out that it wasn’t a unique idea.

My boss told me that folks in his town of Gig Harbor have been keeping their lights up in January for many years. A former mayor, Gretchen Wilbert, said that people went to so much trouble to put up beautiful lights, why not keep them up and call it “Winterfest”? Ever since then, people in this Puget Sound community put away Christmas-

specific decorations on Jan. 1 but keep up lights from sunset to midnight for commuters and late strollers, then back on from 5 a.m. to sunrise for early workers and walkers.

And a year ago, folks in Richmond, Virginia began encouraging their neighbors to keep their lights in January up as a sign of support for front-line health care workers. It’s especially timely as the omicron wave hits our hospitals and medical workers with another surge in patients.

They’re encouraging people across the nation to participate and share a photo of their holiday lights with the hashtag #LightsUp4Heroes.

I learned about that idea in Richmond when a reporter from CNN contacted me a few weeks ago to see if I would talk to her for a story about lights past Christmas.

As the guy who usually asks

the questions, it was a little strange to be on the receiving end, especially for a national story. But the story she put together was great. (I know CNN’s political coverage alienates some people, but that’s not an issue here — this story is about humanity, not partisanship.)

You can read the CNN story at [www.bit.ly/JanuaryLights](http://www.bit.ly/JanuaryLights).

The reporter has some fascinating insights from Antonio Alonso, assistant professor of theology and culture and director of Catholic studies at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta.

While people of all faiths, or none, take part in seasonal celebrations, I learned new context on ways that the Christmas holiday is celebrated around the world.

He said some Christian faiths extend the celebrations into February with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, or Candlemas, on Feb. 2. This day commemorates when Jesus was

presented to the temple, Alonso explained. It’s the 40th day after Christmas, so some Christians keep their holiday lights up until then, he added.

I’ve heard from one person who said he was keeping his lights up until the time changes.

I’m not saying that, but I do love that people are bringing some light and flair to this dark season.

Thank you to everyone with their lights up. If it’s your think, share a photo with the hashtag #JanuaryLights for all to see and enjoy, or email me a photo.

### Dad Joke of the Week

The sun gave us a great show during the open and close of the last few days. Here’s a dad joke in celebration.

“I stayed up all night wondering where the sun had gone. Then it dawned on me ...”

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Send your January Lights photos and bad/rad dad jokes to Brian Mittge at [brianmittge@hotmail.com](mailto:brianmittge@hotmail.com)

## During Flood, We Saw the Best of Each Other, Police Chief Writes

On behalf of the men and women of the Centralia Police Department, I would like to say thank you to the community members in and around Centralia for helping protect our community during last week’s flood event. It gives me great pride to express how appreciative we are to serve this supportive community.

Every day, the Centralia Police Department responds to emergencies and requests for help from our community members, which too often puts us in situations where we see the worst of our community’s problems. Thursday and Friday, Jan. 6 and Jan. 7, was an opportunity for all of us to engage in the common goal of protecting our community. I received reports of business and community members coming together to help those in need.

While the Centralia Police Department and Riverside Fire Authority performed swift water rescues and aided in evacuations, the Red Cross, Centralia School District and Lewis County Public Health provided a shelter for

those displaced from the flood. Twin Transit staff assisted in providing emergency transportation and the Salvation Army made meals for families who sheltered in place. Aquatechnex, a local water resource management company, provided boats and operators to assist with rescues and evacuations when traditional rescue vehicles were not an option. Centralia Public Works worked hard to close and open roads as needed, opened multiple sandbag stations providing sand, sandbags, shovels and helped fill sandbags. The Centralia Amateur Emergency Services (ARES) volunteered their time in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and with blocking off unsafe roadways. Concerned citizens who wanted to help others showed up at the sandbag locations and started filling sandbags to support anyone in need. Soldiers from the National Guard and staff from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers arrived at the sandbag station across from the Centralia City Hall to assist with filling sandbags for our community. Approximately 9,250 sandbags were filled at the Centralia sandbag stations during this flood event. The unity of caring for others was remarkable

and inspiring.

I continually found myself impressed by the energy, determination and the willingness of people in our community to want to help those in need whom they have never met. In these moments of serving with a common goal, relationships were built; these relationships are essential building blocks in continuing to grow our community oriented policing programs where we all take pride in serving one another. In these moments of unity we get to see the best of each other.

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I thank you for allowing me and every member of the Centralia Police Department to serve this community and to be a part of your lives.

STACY DENHAM  
Centralia Chief of Police

## Newspaper Misses Mark on Coverage of Mailer, Congresswoman Says

Recently, my office issued a legislative mailer to citizens about two deeply flawed laws that are hindering the police in Washington. In it, I referenced

the tragic murder of Clark County Sheriff Detective Jeremy Brown to highlight the shortcomings of these bills Gov. Jay Inslee signed into law — HB 1310 and HB 1054.

The Columbian newspaper issued a “fact check” of my mailer that also appeared in The Chronicle but, ironically, its fact check ignored key facts.

First, the article incorrectly asserts that the new law does not hinder police from pursuing a suspect under these new laws to stop criminals and protect innocent civilians. My mailer details how Sgt. Brown’s alleged killer and his accomplices were suspected to have broken other laws before the murder but were not detained. The story says “there’s nothing in the law that makes a difference in the situation.”

But that flies in the face of what police say. A July 26 KING 5 News story entitled “New Washington law restricting police pursuits causing concern among law enforcement” quotes several officers describing how HB 1054 will result in fewer criminals being removed from the streets.

My conversations with Sgt. Brown’s widow Jill centered on the bad police reform bills as we discussed the circumstances of

his killing and the roles these laws played. She has recounted repeatedly that two police pursuits of the suspects were called off prior to the murder.

Second, the story implies the Clark County Sheriff’s Department was unaffected by these new laws since they did not go into effect until July 25 — two days after Sgt. Brown’s murder.

That’s false. The Clark County Sheriff’s Office told me directly it was changing policies early to comply with the new law. Other police departments in Washington changed their procedures more than a month early to comply.

Furthermore, the Clark County sheriff issued a memo prior to Sgt. Brown’s murder predicting (with grave accuracy) that “the new legislation will have some unintentional consequences that could put the public and police officers in jeopardy.”

It’s disappointing that so much energy has been put into minimizing, dismissing and excusing the damage these bad police reform laws have already done. But I won’t be swayed from doing everything I can to fix them.

U.S. REP. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER  
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# 'It Was Scary': Chehalis Avenue Apartment Residents Detail Evacuation and Return to Their Homes After Flooding

By Emily Fitzgerald

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Alicia Cook was one of the first to evacuate the Chehalis Avenue Apartments when flood water began inundating the complex around 1:30 a.m. on Friday of last week.

"As soon as we were leaving, there was water starting to rush in our apartment ... When we walked out, there was water surrounding the building. It was knee-deep already," said Cook, recalling how she had to carry her 3-year-old son and their belongings through the flood water as they evacuated.

Crystal Mosteller, who lives in a second-floor apartment, said Chehalis Avenue Apartments' manager left around noon the previous day and hadn't left any guidance for residents about what to do if the apartments flooded.

When residents were finally able to contact the manager early on Jan. 7, Mosteller said they were told to break the lock to the office and retrieve sandbags from there.

"They wouldn't help us sandbag, they wouldn't help us try to get anybody out," she said.

Throughout the night, flood water inundated ground floor apartments in eight of Chehalis Avenue Apartments' 10 buildings, Cook said.

"People stayed, got evacuated by bus, boats. I mean it was scary," she said.

The Chehalis Fire Department pulled 10 people out of the apartment complex early Friday morning, according to Fire Chief Ted Hendershot, and Twin Transit transported a total of 12 to 13 Chehalis Avenue Apartment residents to the Red Cross emergency shelter at Centralia Middle School between 6:30 and 10 a.m. on Jan. 7.

The Chehalis Avenue area between Southwest Third and Southwest James streets was the primary area where emergency response was needed due to flooding on Jan. 6 and 7, said Hendershot.

Aside from helping with Chehalis Avenue Apartment evacuations, fire crews rescued people from the tops of their cars and delivered public assistance such as food delivery to people who were safe in their homes but unable to leave due to the flood water.

Only one person that Chehalis Fire rescued during the flooding needed medical treatment: a man who had been stranded on a porch on James Street and was "borderline hypothermic" by the time crews reached him, Hendershot said.

"One of the guys basically carried him from there to the ambulance company that morning," said Hendershot.

Flood water receded enough for some Chehalis Avenue Apartments residents to return to their homes the next day, but what



Crystal Mosteller points out the water line in Alicia Cook's bottom floor apartment. Cook described being in the building trying to leave as water flowed inside.

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Alicia Cook looks down at damaged furniture, bedding, clothing, and toys as it sits stacked outside her apartment following recent flooding. Cook says she has moved her son, 3, up to Auburn for a dry place to stay.



Pictures sit among the remains of damaged furniture on top of sandbags outside the Chehalis Avenue Apartments on Wednesday.

they returned to was a mess of ruined belongings and a "raunchy" stench that carried up into apartments on the upper floors.

"All sorts of people lost everything here," Cook said. "We lost our bed, blankets, toys, memories, all sorts of stuff."

Management moved dehumidifiers between the affected apartments on Wednesday and is working to try and secure funding through the City of Chehalis and United Way, Cook said, but residents have been left to find

and pay for alternative living situations on their own while the apartments are unlivable.

Cook and her family were paying out-of-pocket to stay at a hotel until United Way funding became available on Thursday — nearly a week after they had to evacuate.

"Our apartments told us yesterday we had to pay rent to continue to stay here. And then we didn't know if they were helping us up until today to get somewhere to stay," said Cook on



Aaron Kalista helps his sister stack damaged furniture outside the Chehalis Avenue Apartments on Wednesday after the building experienced major flooding.



Furniture sits stacked outside the Chehalis Avenue Apartments in Chehalis after flood waters flowed through lower level apartments.

Thursday.

Cook has set up a GoFundMe crowdfunding campaign at <https://gofund.me/a6979c13> to help pay for her family's expenses.

While Mosteller's apartment wasn't inundated, the stench and concerns about how the building's wiring and foundation were affected by the flood water drove

her and her two young children to stay with family, she said.

"Nobody should have to pay rent right now. We can't be at our homes. There's no point in us paying rent," said Mosteller.

Chehalis Avenue Apartments management could not be reached for comment by press time.

## News in Brief

### Lewis County-ToledoTel Awarded Full Request of \$23.5 Million to Bring Broadband to Winlock Area

By The Chronicle staff

Lewis County and ToledoTel received the largest chunk of funding Thursday when the Washington State Broadband Office published its list of awardees for the first round of Infrastructure Acceleration Grants.

About \$23.5 million will be awarded to Lewis County and ToledoTel in a public-private partnership that will aim to bring high-speed, fiber-optic internet to more than 1,800 Winlock residents by the end of 2026.

The Washington State Broadband Office has awarded more than \$145 million in first-grant funding to 13 projects statewide. The Lewis County Public Utility District was not among the awardees listed Thursday; the PUD hopes to find funding to bring broadband out to Randle-

Packwood.

With more than 1,800 broadband subscribers currently, the Winlock project is expected to double ToledoTel's servicing network and customer base over the next five years. The project would cover 250 miles of fiber construction within the Winlock area.

ToledoTel hopes to break ground on the project sometime later this year and have about 820 new customers connected by the end of 2022.

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Look for more information in Tuesday's edition of The Chronicle.

### Par 4 Sports to Host Virtual Golf Tournament to Benefit Centralia Community Foundation

By The Chronicle staff

On Saturday, Feb. 6, Par 4 Sports, a golf and sport simulator business in the Northwest Sports Hub in Centralia, will host a virtual golf tournament to benefit the Centralia Community Founda-

tion.

The tournament, titled the "Winter Open," will run all day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The facilities can host twenty teams of four players each.

A silent auction will also take place featuring prizes such as golf packages, hotel stays and restaurant gift cards. The silent auction will be available to anyone who attends.

To sign up for the tournament or find more information, visit <https://www.par4sports.com/>.

"It is exciting for Centralia Community Foundation to know that Par 4 Sports becomes the newest of several business supporters that also believes that investing in quality education and career training is the fastest way to a healthy and vibrant Centralia," read a news release from foundation director Kat Santana. "The foundation is focused on two initiatives: the Schools of Excellence and Career Pathways Initiatives and (it) recognizes that the opportunities that stem from these are crucial for growth in our community."

For more on the foundation, visit <https://centraliacf.org/>.

### Thurston County Asks Residents to Submit Flood Damage Estimates

By The Olympian

Residents impacted by recent flooding may receive assistance if they report their initial damage assessments to Thurston County.

The county's emergency management division recently began collecting and compiling damage estimates to submit to state and federal authorities, according to a county news release.

The data will help the Federal Emergency Management Agency decide whether to issue a disaster declaration. This can lead to direct assistance for residents with unmet needs.

Damage estimates can be submitted online by visiting the county's emergency management website.

In the aftermath of flooding, the county recommends residents review damage, report gas leaks, turn off gas and electricity and boil their drinking water.

Residents also can access an online document from Public Health and Social Services with tips on how to clean-up homes, prevent disease and hire help.

The county also provides real-time emergency notices via its Thurston Community Alert system. Such notices can inform residents of local hazards and evacuation orders.

As of Wednesday, several roads in Thurston County remained flooded or damaged. A complete map of current closures can be found on the county's public works website.

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# 'People Get Shot Over Less': Centralian Charged for Allegedly Shooting at Vehicle That Drove Through Flood Water in Galvin

By Emily Fitzgerald

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A Centralia man has pleaded not guilty after allegedly shooting at a vehicle that drove through flood water in front of his house in the 4800 block of Galvin Road on Friday.

The defendant, Jerome Victor Fultz-Jaeger, 41, was arrested around 3:45 p.m. on Jan. 7 after the alleged victim reported the incident to police.

According to the victim, he had been driving in a Subaru Outback with one passenger to his father's house to deliver groceries on Friday and drove around a "road closed" sign on Galvin Road north of the intersection with River Heights Road. He said he observed another vehicle crossing the water at a slow speed, and he "sped up to go around the vehicle to avoid getting stuck," according to court documents.

He reported seeing a group

of people in front of a residence who "yelled at him as he passed."

One of those people was Fultz-Jaeger, who later told detectives he was standing outside his house trying to prevent people from driving down Galvin Road, but "vehicles had been driving around the barricade all day and had no business being in the area," according to court documents. He had seen the Subaru "driving fast through the water, causing the water to spray."

After dropping off the groceries, the victim reported he began driving back when Fultz-Jaeger "stopped him and pointed an AR-15 in his face," according to court documents.

Fultz-Jaeger told detectives he was armed with his rifle "because he was worried about people burglarizing his evacuated home."

Fultz-Jaeger reportedly yelled at the victim for driving around the barricade, to which the victim reportedly replied,

"F—k you, what are you going to do, shoot me over this?" Fultz-Jaeger then said, "people get shot over less."

The victim reported he then drove away from Fultz-Jaeger and then, as he approached the end of the water-covered roadway, "he heard something hit the back of his vehicle and immediately thought he had been shot at."

The victim observed a bullet hole in his rear tail light and called 911, according to court documents.

A detective observed the bullet hole in the victim's vehicle and contacted Fultz-Jaeger, who allegedly admitted to "firing a couple of rounds towards the vehicle."

Fultz-Jaeger has since been charged with two counts of first-degree assault, which carry a maximum sentence of life in prison.

His bail has been set at \$250,000.



Jerome Victor Fultz-Jaeger, 61, makes a video appearance from the Lewis County Jail during a hearing on Thursday.

## News in Brief

### Comment Period Open for Rule Affecting Fisheries Management at Mount Rainier National Park

By The Chronicle staff

The National Park Service has opened a 60-day public review and comment period on a proposed rule change affecting the implementation of the park's 2018 Mount Rainier National Park Fisheries Management Plan.

The proposed rule change notification was posted on Jan. 11 in the Federal Register available online at [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov), stated a news release.

The public currently needs to refer to the Code of Federal Regulations to learn more about fishing regulations in the park. If the rule change is approved, the public will be able to find all the regulations on the park's website in the Superintendent's Compendium at [tinyurl.com/2p96wjnj](http://tinyurl.com/2p96wjnj).

"Moving all fishing regulations to the compendium allows the park to conserve native fish populations by permitting the take and management of nonna-

tive fish at the local level," stated the release. "By eliminating the restrictions on taking nonnative fish, the park also provides for continued and expanded recreational fishing opportunities and related visitor experiences."

A Fish Management Plan and Finding of No Significant Impact was signed in September 2018. It directs long term management for fish within lakes, rivers and streams in Mount Rainier National Park, stated the release.

Information on the plan and prior public review is available on the project website at [parkplanning.nps.gov/morafishmgtplan](http://parkplanning.nps.gov/morafishmgtplan).

The release stated native fish species, like the threatened bull trout, will be conserved with the continued removal of nonnative fish like the Eastern Brook Trout and Kokanee Salmon.

There are approximately 35 mountain lakes within the park that contain breeding populations of nonnative fish. The fish compete with native fish and amphibians for food and habitat.

The park adopted the guidelines of the 2018 Fish Management Plan and the current guide is posted online on the park's

website. It includes images of native and nonnative fish for identification and can be viewed online at [tinyurl.com/2p9hfxys](http://tinyurl.com/2p9hfxys).

To learn more about Mount Rainier National Park, go online to [www.nps.gov/mora](http://www.nps.gov/mora). To learn more about fishing and boating in the park, visit [www.nps.gov/mora/planyourvisit/fishing-and-boating.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mora/planyourvisit/fishing-and-boating.htm).

### State Senate Approves Bill Elevating Harassment of Election Workers to a Felony

By The Washington State Journal

Election officials will get more protection from harassment if SB 5148 becomes law.

The bill was approved in the state Senate Jan. 12 with 48 yeas and no nays. It will be up to the House to approve or amend it.

In debate on the Senate floor, Sen. David Frockt, D-Seattle, said the bill will address a "grievous threat" to our democratic system.

"Here in our own state, in Washington state, which inspired this legislation last year, the top elections official, a dep-

uty to our former Secretary of State had her name and home address posted online with her picture in crosshairs and the threat, 'your days are numbered,'" said Frockt.

He pleaded with fellow senators to vote in favor of this bill to show that this state's Legislature will no longer tolerate this behavior.

"If we don't stand up for them, we run the risk of not standing up for the democracy in this state, and we may go down a road that we will soon regret," Frockt said.

Frockt's bill proposes new protections for all election officials. Any official employed by the Secretary of State or a county auditor's office will have an added layer of protection from harassment. The bill elevates the crime of harassment to a class C felony. If SB 5148 becomes law, any harassment directed at elected officials would be punishable by up to five years in jail and/or a fine of up to \$10,000.

### Jobless Claims, Benefits Payments Jump in Washington State Amid Omicron Uncertainty

By The Seattle Times

New jobless claims in Washington fell slightly last week but remain above prepandemic levels as the state job market absorbed seasonal layoffs, lingering winter weather effects and yet another surge of COVID-19 cases.

Washingtonians filed 11,302 new, or "initial," claims for jobless benefits in the week ending Saturday, according to data posted Thursday by the state Employment Security Department. That's down 2.8% from the prior week, but well above the prepandemic level from the same week in 2020.

Washington's latest claims data comes as the nation saw 11.1% increase in new claims, to 230,000, the Labor Department reported Thursday.

In Washington, the elevated claims likely reflect how recent extreme weather put extra pressure on sectors, such as construction, farming and manufacturing, that were already seeing normal seasonal layoffs, said Anneliese Vance-Sherman, an ESD regional economist.

But the increase could also reflect "a significant rise in the number of COVID-19 cases" reported last week by the state Department of Health, Vance Sherman added.

Construction workers, for example, filed 5,376 new claims last week. That's down only modestly from the prior week, when construction claims dou-

bled, to 5,721, the highest level since May 2020.

Manufacturing workers filed 796 new claims last week, down 10.6% from a week earlier, which saw the most new manufacturing claims since early June.

The surge in seasonal layoffs has helped increase not only the number of workers receiving benefits in recent weeks, but also the size of the average benefit payment, which is determined by workers' wage levels.

Nearly 58,000 Washingtonians collected benefits last week, up 21% from the week before, and total benefits paid out rose 32.6%, to \$30.9 million.

The average weekly benefit payment was \$533, or almost \$100 more than it was in late October. That increase likely reflects the shift in seasonal layoffs from industries such as hospitality, which tend to pay lower wages, to industries such as construction and manufacturing, where wages are often higher.

### Volunteer Fire Crews Use 'MacGyver' Ingenuity to Save Dog From Frigid Franklin County Pond

By The Tri-City Herald

Volunteer Franklin County firefighters used some MacGyver-like ingenuity to help rescue a dog trapped in the icy water of a north county pond this week.

Emergency dispatchers started getting calls about 7:30 a.m. Monday about a dog that had fallen through the thin ice and couldn't get out of the water, said a Franklin County Sheriff's Office post on Facebook.

Sheriff's deputies along with fire crews from Franklin County Fire District 4 and Adams County Fire District 5 responded to help.

They needed a plan to get the large dog out of the frigid water without going into the water themselves.

So a firefighter got into a small boat and used a Leatherman multi-tool to pull the boat across 40 yards of thin ice to get to the open water where the dog was struggling.

The dog was initially hesitant, but, with some coaxing, the firefighter lured the dog close enough to hook its collar and pull it from the icy water, said in the post.

"First responders assisting from the shoreline were ecstatic to see the dog saved; fearful that time was running out. This positive outcome was possible because of valued volunteer first responders," the sheriff's office said in the post.



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# Joe Kent, Heidi St. John and Other Herrera Beutler Congressional Challengers Speak to Cowlitz Republicans

By Brennen Kauffman

The Daily News

Joe Kent, Heidi St. John and other Republicans hoping to unseat Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler made their cases at a forum in Kelso on Wednesday night.

The two-hour candidate forum for Washington's Congressional District 3 held by the Cowlitz County Republican Party was livestreamed and posted on Facebook by Cowlitz Citizens Update.

In addition to Herrera Beutler's most prominent challengers, Matthew Overton and Leslie "Nick" French spoke to the people gathered at the forum and watching online. State Rep. Vicki Kraft initially expected to attend the forum but she did not attend.

Six Republicans and four Democrats have filed to run for the District 3 Congressional seat. Given the crowded field and Washington's open primary system, the candidates and local party officials discussed the need to avoid splitting votes during the August primary and allowing Herrera Beutler to retain her seat.

"There isn't an option. We have to consolidate or Jamie will run us over again," Kent said.

Kent received an endorsement from former President Donald Trump last year and has led Herrera Beutler's opponents in terms of fundraising over the last year. Still, he said the



Cowlitz Citizens United / Courtesy Photo

Joe Kent speaks to an audience of Cowlitz County Republicans at a District 3 Candidate Forum on Wednesday.

ultimate goal was making sure someone was able to unseat the congresswoman.

St. John said she would not answer that hypothetical question. Her previous committal to dropping out to support whichever candidate was endorsed by Trump became a point of contention. St. John said she would always support whoever was best suited to represent conservative values in Congress.

"It's not enough to see who has an R behind their name," St. John said. "I want to know, do you have a record of conservatism? Do you have a track record or are you a brand new member of the Republican Party?"

Jerry Cooper, vice chair of the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee, said Herrera Beutler did not respond to an offer to participate.



Cowlitz Citizens United / Courtesy Photo

Heidi St. John speaks to an audience of Cowlitz County Republicans at a District 3 Candidate Forum on Wednesday.

## Election Integrity Questioned

In addition to worries about vote splitting, all four candidates at the forum stoked fears about the integrity of past and future elections.

"I am very apprehensive about a Republican winning the third district because election integrity is compromised," French said, citing vague worries about Clark County voting machines.

There is little evidence to suggest the District 3 seat would return to a Democrat for the first time since 2010. An evaluation by the nonpartisan agency PlanScore estimated Republicans had an 89% chance of winning the district in Washington's most recently proposed congressional map.

Kent and Vicki Kraft each signed on as plaintiffs in lawsuits by the Washington Election In-

tegrity Coalition United challenging the state's 2020 election results in multiple counties. The suit demanded an election audit and public release of ballots based on so-far unproven claims of election officials switching votes or using illegitimate voter rolls.

Several of those cases have been dismissed in county courts. A statewide version of the lawsuit has been brought to the State Supreme Court, where Commissioner Michael Johnston during a December hearing said he "can't really call it competent evidence" of fraud.

Asked about solutions to ensure future election integrity, Kent focused on registering more Republican voters and assembling outside of counting offices on election night to ensure accurate counting. St. John suggested the state completely do

away with mail-in ballots.

"I see my role in Congress is to shine a light on the importance of election integrity and to make sure ... the federal government gets the heck out of our elections," St. John said.

The candidate forum featured a lot of intense and at times contradictory rhetoric.

In back-to-back sentences during her introduction, St. John called Gov. Jay Inslee a criminal and accused the Democrats of being divisive.

Kent said if elected, his immediate priority was not to pass any particular legislation but to help create gridlock over President Biden's goals for the next two years.

"The Dems' legislative agenda will not move further one inch. Anything Biden wants to get done through Congress will get killed off," Kent said.

## News in Brief

### Western Washington Man Charged With Animal Cruelty After Dog Fatally Shot in Front of 11-Year-Old

By The Seattle Times

A Des Moines man was charged Thursday with first-degree animal cruelty and reckless endangerment after he allegedly shot a dog twice in front of the animal's 11-year-old owner, according to the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Curtis Madden, 64, was charged with animal cruelty for intentionally killing the 5-year-old male boxer named Tyson in the 1800 block of South 243rd Street on Wednesday after it got away from the girl, according to charging papers.

Madden was also charged with reckless endangerment for firing his handgun toward the feet of the 11-year-old girl on a suburban street, according to charging papers.

The girl told police she was walking Tyson when she tripped and lost control of the leash. The dog began chasing Madden's dog, a black Lab, according to the documents.

The young girl told police she called for her dog, Tyson turned around and was making his way back to her when Madden shot him, according to the charging papers.

Tyson was circling the girl while whining and limping when Madden shot the dog a second time, killing him, while screaming profanities, prosecutors allege.

The girl told police she was fearful the second shot was directed at her when Madden pointed the gun, according to documents. Police estimated Madden was about 8 feet away from the girl when he fired his gun the second time, according to the charges.

Madden told officers he was walking his dog, Max, when another dog attacked the black Lab, according to court documents.

An officer noted Madden's dog was roaming the roadway without a leash and said there was no sign of an injury on his dog during the initial field interview, according to the charges. Police said they found no evidence that Madden's dog had been attacked, prosecutors wrote.

A neighbor told police he saw

Madden's dog run past his house while a second dog, Tyson, followed closely behind, charging papers allege.

Madden's dog then raced back down the street a short time later, according to the charging documents, while Tyson walked slowly, stopping to urinate on a mailbox. Max was no longer in sight when the neighbor saw Tyson walk toward a female voice, according to the documents.

The neighbor then reportedly heard gunshots. The neighbor told police Madden was boastful about shooting the 11-year-old's dog when he asked about it, prosecutors allege.

Madden told police that every time he walked past the 11-year-old girl's home, the boxer would bark at his dog and go up to the fence, according to documents.

Neighbors who witnessed the incident told police they never saw Tyson attack Madden's dog and that there was significant space between both dogs, according to the court documents.

Madden did not express "remorse" about shooting the dog in front of the girl, according to documents.

Madden's arraignment is Jan. 27.

Animal cruelty cases have increased since the pandemic began, according to the prosecutor's office. In 2019, nine animal cruelty cases were filed. In 2020, 25 cases were filed, and in 2021, 21 cases were filed, according to the office.

### House Panel Votes to Delay Washington's Long-Term Care Tax to 2023

By The Spokesman-Review

OLYMPIA — A House panel has voted to delay the long-term care tax until 2023.

On a 31-2 vote, a House committee approved a bill Thursday to delay the implementation of the tax. On a 23-10 vote, it also approved a bill that would create voluntary exemptions of the tax for veterans, spouses of military members, nonimmigrant temporary workers and employees who work in Washington but live outside the state.

Both bills still need to pass the full House and the Senate

before becoming law.

Bill sponsor Rep. Pat Sullivan, D-Kent, said he had concerns about delaying the bill for 18 months because there are a number of people who do need the benefits of it sooner than that. However, the delay will give lawmakers a chance to make sure the program runs more effectively, he said.

"We don't do this lightly," Sullivan said.

Gov. Jay Inslee last month ordered the Employment Security Department not to collect the tax from employers in anticipation of the Legislature delaying the program altogether. Employers, however, can still take the tax from their employees' paychecks, but lawmakers have urged them not to.

Lawmakers have said delaying the long-term care tax would be a top priority in the first few weeks of the session. Sullivan on Thursday said the 18-month delay will give lawmakers a chance to make changes to the bill, whether that be later this session

or next year.

Critics have raised concerns about the sustainability of the tax and the fact that Washington workers who live out of state pay the tax but can't access its benefits. The state estimates that's about 150,000 people.

The program requires workers to pay 0.58% of their wages into the fund. Those who qualify can access the benefit — up to \$36,500 — beginning in 2025. The bill passed Thursday would delay the date that it can be ac-

cessed to 2026.

The benefit can be used on a number of services, including professional care in-home or at a facility, home safety evaluations, equipment, training for caretakers, meals or transportation.

Employees can opt out of the tax but must purchase a private long-term care insurance plan to do so.

While Democrats look to fix the program, first passed in 2019, Republicans hope to repeal the program altogether.



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# Chehalis Rehab Facility Confirms Another COVID-19 Outbreak This Week as Some Staff and Clients Voice Concerns

By Eric Rosane  
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A rehabilitation facility in Chehalis is again dealing with an outbreak of COVID-19 after mass testing this week returned a number of positive cases in both clients and staff.

It's not yet known how many people are confirmed to have COVID-19, said American Behavioral Health Systems (ABHS) Director of Operations Marc Malmer, but a number of clients are quarantining inside a remote wing at the facility, located at 500 S.E. Washington Ave.

"We are not actively admitting clients at this time," Malmer said Friday.

He said an outbreak was confirmed at the facility shortly after routine weekly testing on Wednesday, though the private



A sign for American Behavioral Health Systems is displayed at 500 SE Washington Ave. in Chehalis in this file photo.

provider was still working late this week to confirm how many people at the facility tested positive for the viral disease. They

were still testing as of Friday. On Thursday, ABHS admitted a number of patients before shutting down their in-take op-

erations, Malmer said.

"I can't express enough that they're absolutely safe, separated, in a secure environment, and quarantined. We are not admitting at this time," he said.

The largest private provider of substance abuse treatment services in the state of Washington, according to its website, with locations also in Wenatchee and Spokane, ABHS has struggled with coronavirus outbreaks at its facility in Chehalis before.

During an August outbreak, at least 53 were confirmed to have tested positive for the virus, according to previous Chronicle coverage. In September 2020, about 23 clients were confirmed infected with the virus.

No deaths have been reported due to a COVID-19 infection,

though two were hospitalized last August.

Some clients have voiced concern with how the facility is addressing the outbreak.

Tara Garcia-Munoz, 51, of Rochester, has a friend who is a client of the facility, and she said he saw more than 30 COVID-positive and some negative patients spend about two hours together in a hallway during testing this week.

Her friend also said staff had failed to disinfect rooms previously occupied by COVID-positive clients before moving non-symptomatic clients in there, though that and other claims could not be confirmed by The Chronicle.

"He's in fear of his health and safety, so he's kind of freaking out. He's already had health issues before and he just doesn't know what to do," she said. "Something needs to be done. They need to close that place down ... I'm just really concerned for their safety and for their health."

Malmer denies that they've risked infecting patients not infected with COVID-19.

They're currently following all state and federal health standards to disinfect rooms, and are actively separating non-infected patients from quarantining patients, Malmer said.

One employee, who asked to provide information on the condition of anonymity, disputes the timeline laid out by Malmer.

The employee told The Chronicle that they've been dealing with a COVID-19 outbreak for more than two weeks now, and that they've been operating with "unsafe staff levels," with some coming in sick.

"I don't believe they're handling it correctly and they're just sweeping stuff under the rug," the employee said, noting that many staffers are "burnt out."

Lewis County Public Health & Social Services reported this week there are currently 13 outbreaks at congregate care facilities.

## News in Brief

### Washington Logs 1M Coronavirus Cases

By The Seattle Times

The number of coronavirus cases in Washington state has surpassed 1 million, with a new surge in cases largely driven by the highly transmissible omicron variant.

The state Department of Health confirmed the number on Wednesday, just nine days shy of two years since the first case in the country was confirmed in Washington on Jan. 21, 2020. Washington surpassed 500,000 total coronavirus cases in August, the wave at that time fueled by the delta variant.

The department reported 17,464 new cases and 77 new deaths statewide Wednesday. The update brings the state's totals to 1,009,187 cases and 10,103 deaths, meaning that 1% of people diagnosed in Washington have died, according to the DOH. The data is as of 11:59 p.m. Tuesday.

Wednesday's total case counts may include up to 1,600 duplicates, according to DOH.

Health officials reported the tragic milestone on Friday, as the region battles yet another wave of infections and hospitalizations.

Unvaccinated Washingtonians make up about 75% of all COVID deaths, while vaccinated Washingtonians make up about 19%. About 5% had been partially vaccinated.

Washington's population, as of 2020, is nearly 7.6 million residents, meaning that almost 1 in 7 people in the state has contracted COVID-19.

In addition, 48,084 people have been hospitalized in the state because of the virus — 296 new hospitalizations. In King County, the state's most populous, state health officials have confirmed a total of 257,298 COVID diagnoses and 2,172 deaths.

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## Light Reflects Off the Chehalis River at Sunset



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Sunlight reflects of the Chehalis River as the sun sets behind the Willapa Hills Wednesday evening.

## White Pass Closures Cause 'Hardship' for Packwood Business Owners

By Isabel Vander Stoep

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On Thursday, eastbound and westbound U.S. Highway 12 through White Pass opened after off-and-on closures for the last two weeks.

Shortly after Christmas, heavy snow in the area created tough driving conditions. As the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) worked to clear the pass, more obstacles have continued to cause closures throughout the new year.

Tweets from "WSDOT Passes" stated that on Jan. 3, White Pass was closed due to hazardous driving conditions. After reopening again on Jan. 4, it was closed through Jan. 10, briefly opened, and then closed again. After the heavy snowfall came hard rain, causing a rockslide and unstable slopes west of the pass summit, according to The Seattle Times. Those conditions also caused high avalanche risk.

For Packwood residents and business owners, the consistent closures have caused effects ranging from inconveniences to an inability to work.

Blanton's Market store director Chris Falk said she has worked in the store for 16 years. Before that, she managed a hotel in the town. In all her years, she said she's "never, never" seen the pass close this many times in such a short time-span.



Washington State Department of Transportation crews work to clear White Pass earlier this week in this photograph from WSDOT.

"I've spoken with other business owners, and it's a hardship, I can tell you that," Falk said.

Likewise, Gene Seiber, a staffer at the Packwood Visitor's Center, said this was a unique situation he'd not seen in over 60 years of being a resident in the East Lewis County community.

Though, the results seen from the market and the visitor's center are nearly opposite.

On the one hand, Falk said, "At Blanton's, we do not have

the foot traffic, we do not have the skiers. The skiers come here. And also we don't have the workers. They get off the hill, they come down here for their beer and their dinner."

But as folks with Airbnb res-

ervations have rolled into town only to be shut off from downhill skiing or snowboarding, the visitor's center has seen a huge spike in guests. Groups of up to 10 people are coming in at a time, Seiber said, looking for other ac-

tivities to do near town, such as cross country skiing or sledding. Normal days at the center see about 2 or 3 people, Seiber said.

"We had a heavy amount of snow come in a real hurry," he said. "I probably have about 2 feet of packed snow in my yard. It started building up and then it got real wet. It's been cold too so we're not getting a lot of melt off."

Neither Seiber nor Falk knew of any folks who were living on one side of the pass and working on the other, but both noted seasonal ski area workers had been cut off from getting to or from their jobs. According to the ski area's Facebook page, at least 4 employees were stuck at work during one closure.

Falk also said she had employees at Blanton's that were unable to make it to work through the snow even if they did live west of the pass.

Though the closures have been unprecedented, residents will seek to get Packwood right back to a bustling tourist town once the highway remains open.

"It is opening back up today," Falk said on Thursday. "I believe it will pick back up. ... People like to ski, they bring their money into this town."

### News in Brief

#### A Man Was Fatally Shot in Auburn by Someone He Was Trying to Rob, Police Say

By The News Tribune

A man being robbed at gunpoint Tuesday night in Auburn exchanged gunfire with the man who was trying to rob him, killing him, police said.

Officers from Auburn Police Department were called just after 9 p.m. to the 200 block of Au-

burn Way South for a report of a shooting, the department said in a Facebook post. At the scene, officers found a man who had been shot in the arm and another man who was shot and killed, police said.

The name of the deceased man has not been publicly released. Police did not release his age. The man who died approached someone who was leaving a nearby business and tried to rob him with a gun, police said. The victim also had a gun, and the two exchanged gunfire.

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## News in Brief

## COVID-19 Vaccine Breakthrough Cases on the Rise Amid Unprecedented Surge, State Says

By The Olympian

COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough cases have increased in Washington state, the Department of Health says, but vaccines continue to provide protection.

Breakthrough cases recently increased 43%, according to a Thursday news release. The state counts a breakthrough case if a person tests positive for COVID-19 via a PCR or antigen test and has received their final vac-

cine dose over two weeks prior.

The state believes the increase is related to the record-breaking surge in disease activity across the state.

The more transmissible omicron virus variant has come to dominate the recent wave in infections after first being detected in early December. Since then, cases have skyrocketed and local hospitals have been strained.

“That’s why, to avoid worsening the strain on our hospitals, everyone should use a high-quality well-fitting mask, don’t use the emergency department unless it’s a true emergency, and, most important, get vaccinated and boosted as soon as you are eligible,” DOH Chief Health Officer Tao Sheng Kwan-Gett said

in a news release.

The newer variant appears to evade vaccine immunity to a greater extent than previous variants, Kwan-Gett said.

## Lewis County Superior Court: Jury Trial Suspension Extended to Feb. 14

By The Chronicle staff

Lewis County Superior Court has extended its suspension of all jury trials until at least Feb. 14.

All civil and criminal jury trials scheduled for the weeks of Jan. 31 and Feb. 7 will be rescheduled.

Bench trials — trials where

a judge hears a case and makes a decision without a jury — will continue to be held, as will all other types of court hearings.

Parties in both civil and criminal matters are encouraged to participate remotely if possible. More information on how to do so is available online at [lewiscountywa.gov/offices/superior-court/video-appearance-links/](https://lewiscountywa.gov/offices/superior-court/video-appearance-links/).

Those who attend in person are required to strictly follow masking and social distancing requirements in the courtroom.

While state and federal law requires courts to maintain a defendant’s right for a speedy trial, which in Washington state means the court has 60 days from the day the defendant enters a plea on charges to bring the case to trial, the 60 day

countdown is on hold for the duration of the closure.

The court cited information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention along with guidance from local officials, the state Supreme Court and Gov. Jay Inslee’s restrictions regarding COVID-19 as reasons for limiting court operations.

The suspension marks the third time Lewis County Superior Court has put jury trials on hold since the start of the pandemic.

The first suspension, which put jury trials on hold from March 2020 to March 2021, amassed a backlog of hundreds of cases, according to Prosecutor Jonathan Meyer. The second suspension lasted two months and was lifted in early November.

## Fire

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rescue Buddy.

When asked what she saw when she went back in, Haylee said, “Dark, smoke, flames all over. I couldn’t see anything.”

She crawled under the smoke, found the dog in the dining room and brought him outside.

“I think he was looking for us, but I just went in there, crawled in there and got him,” she said.

Haylee called 911 and managed to carry her siblings across several snow covered pastures, barefoot, to the safety of a neighbor’s house.

Lewis County Fire District 15 Chief Richard Underdahl said he was impressed with Haylee’s actions.

“I’m very proud of her,” he said to a reporter, later adding, “you’re not going to find a girl her age going back into a fully involved structure.”

Haylee herself has been very humble about what she did, Underdahl said.

“That’s one of the attributes of a hero, is being humble,” he said.

Mag Instrument, the manufacturer of the Maglite flashlight, awarded Haylee a MAGLITE Tough Award for her heroic actions the evening of the fire during a brief ceremony Thursday.

The award was created last year as a way to recognize civilians for extraordinary actions, said Lou Desmond, who does public relations work for Mag Instrument and happens to be one of the Laur family’s neighbors in Winlock.

“Normally I’m traveling around the country doing this in some small community somewhere, but this time I’m fortunate to do it in my own backyard,” said Desmond at Haylee’s award ceremony in Chehalis.

The award came with some money, but “it is not going to be enough to completely see them through,” said Desmond.

The family’s home was completely lost in the fire, which was

fully involved when fire personnel arrived on the scene, said Underdahl.

“The snow really hampered everybody getting there,” he said.

Crews were able to protect the exterior of the home and prevent the fire from spreading, but the roof collapsed before crews arrived and there was no way to salvage anything inside, Underdahl said.

“It’s one of those things that you try to reassure them that it’s just stuff and your kids and your dog are OK, and that’s what matters,” he said.

“I don’t even know how to begin to pick up the pieces. We are all still in shock and just trying

to get through each day,” said Haylee’s mom, Nichole Johnston, in a written statement. “Haylee’s my hero. I am so proud of her. She saved the children’s and the dog’s life, so we certainly have that to be thankful for. The house is gone, we are financially ruined, but all my children are alive and well — that is a blessing.”

The community has banded together to donate clothes and other items to the Laur family, but they are still in need of assistance — namely in getting school supplies and finding a permanent place to live.

To donate to the Laur family, visit <https://gofund.me/eb-e3d23e>.

## Fraud

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Millard received an email on March 19, 2020, from what he reportedly thought was the Washington Municipal Clerks Association requesting a loan to pay for some expenses for their 50th anniversary celebration, according to previous The Chronicle reporting.

The Washington Municipal Clerks Association sent out an email to all of its members — including Millard — that same

day notifying them of the scam email and warning them not to make any payments, according to McCarthy’s report.

“While other recipients either deleted or ignored the email, contacted the association to confirm it was a phishing attempt, or contacted their IT departments, Tenino’s clerk-treasurer did not. Instead, on the same day as receiving the email, he initiated an automated clearing house (ACH) payment for \$2,890 to someone in Ohio who was not connected to either the city or the association,” stated McCarthy in her report.

Millard reportedly received specialized training in cyber-crimes during his time in the military, according to WSP, which noted “red flags about the email someone knowledgeable in cybersecurity should notice,” including spelling and grammatical errors, the frequency and use of multiple out-of-state bank accounts, the fact that it came from an email address not associated with the association and wasn’t signed with the name of the association’s current president.

Millard was the only recipient of the email who made payments, according to the report.

During an interview with WSP, Millard said he recognized the emails weren’t from the association’s official email address, but said he did not call the association to confirm the legitimacy of the payment request “because he recognized the name of the person who claimed to send the email,” according to the report.

Millard went to the Tenino City Council on April 14 and asked for council approval to “write a couple of checks” to help the association, and ultimately, the council approved \$23,000 for that purpose.

“He did not disclose that he had already paid \$45,090 to purportedly help the association,” according to the report.

While he stated he asked the city council’s approval before he started making payments, “he said he did not get the council’s approval for every payment,” according to the report.

While Millard told the city council the city would be reimbursed within two weeks of that April 14 meeting, Millard never received invoices or supporting

information for the payments, he said, “but he didn’t care as long as the association reimbursed the city for the transactions,” according to the report.

He got a call from a Texas bank on May 5 that was reporting a concern about one of the payments, saying someone had come to withdraw the amount the city had deposited and attempted to close the account.

Millard told the bank to contact the professional association about the payment, and then Millard told the mayor “he had been deceived into a scam for city funds,” according to the report.

Millard told WSP “he convinced himself that he was communicating with the real professional association’s president, and that he did not realize he had been deceived until the out-of-state bank called him,” according to the report.

The City of Tenino reported the fraud to the Tenino Police Department, which reported it to WSP, and has been cooperative in the investigation, according to the report.

WSP found the phishing email originated from Nigeria, but WSP was unable to continue its investigation into the scammer once the funds were withdrawn and the bank accounts closed because the activity occurred out of state.

Millard resigned from his position in December 2020 and moved out of state, according to the report.

WSP closed the investigation in January 2021 and while it could not determine whether Millard personally benefited from the city’s loss, all of WSP’s files have all been turned over to

the Federal Bureau of Investigation for further investigation.

McCarthy noted that the City of Tenino’s internal controls failed in this case because Millard had full access to the city’s bank accounts and could complete electronic transfers “with no oversight or monitoring,” and could also perform bank statement reconciliations without another person reviewing them.

She recommended the city improve its overall control structure by implementing a secondary bank statement reconciliation and either breaking up financial duties among different staff members or increasing oversight.

The City of Tenino stated it had already done both of those in the wake of the fraud: the mayor will now review bank reconciliations completed by the clerk-treasurer, and two employees are required to approve a transaction or transfer before it goes through.

There is also a dollar limit for transactions.

The city has also contracted with an IT company, Right!Systems Inc., to harden network security for the city and filter out phishing emails.

“The City of Tenino will continue to be diligent by improving and strengthening the internal controls and monitoring of funds through all available resources to prevent any fraudulent activities in the future,” stated the city in its written response to McCarthy’s report.

The auditor’s office will follow up on the City of Tenino’s internal controls during the city’s next audit, stated McCarthy in the report.

## COVID

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are also coming in with symptoms that are less severe.

“The bad news is we’re seeing a dramatic increase in the number of patients who are being hospitalized overall with COVID-19. The good news is the acuity level and the percentage of patients needing critical care is less,” he said.

Between the two hospitals, Providence Southwest operates about 46 critical care unit beds, though that number can fluctuate with demand, Thomas said.

The outsized demand for COVID-19 care continues to hit hospitals across Washington state hard. Taya Briley, executive vice president with the Washington State Hospital Associa-

tion, told FOX13 News that “this is the worst situation hospitals in Washington state have been in compared with any prior point in the pandemic.”

Late last month, Providence Southwest announced routine visitors would no longer be allowed at Providence Centralia and Providence St. Peter hospitals in an effort to limit spread of omicron to immunocompromised patients.

On Thursday, Gov. Jay Inslee issued an emergency order pausing all non-emergent health care procedures and surgeries in order to “address the current COVID-related state of crisis in hospitals.”

His emergency order goes into effect Monday, and Thomas said Southwest Providence would comply with that deadline. Southwest Providence had already been limiting non-

emergency procedures that require an in-patient bed.

A statewide hospital staffing crisis has also led Inslee to call in the National Guard to deploy 100 non-clinical personnel across the state to assist with hospitals with non-medical tasks, such as testing.

Providence St. Peter in Olympia is one of those hospitals where the National Guard will set up a COVID-19 testing site.

“We’re going to be working with the National Guard to set up a drive through testing center on the Providence St. Peter campus,” sometime within the next week, Thomas said. “Until then, folks should use the community resources available for testing.”

On Thursday, The Seattle Times reported that Lewis County has one of the highest hospitalization rates in the state.

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# Inslee Calls on Hospitals to Halt Non-Emergency Procedures Amid Omicron

By Rick Bannan

For The Chronicle

With Washington state currently facing a wave of COVID-19 spurred on by the virus's omicron variant, the state has put a number of measures in place to handle the surge in hospitalizations, the governor announced.

During a Jan. 13 press conference, Gov. Jay Inslee announced hospitals in the state are required to temporarily halt non-emergent medical procedures. The move is intended to free up staff to handle the on-going wave of COVID-19, which has seen substantial increases in activity in recent weeks.

Though Inslee said there is "some good news" worldwide and in other states of a potential peak, he did not believe Washington is done with the latest wave.

"We do believe we are in for several weeks of very hard slogging in Washington state," Inslee



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said. The peak would likely occur later than other states as omicron hit Washington later, the governor said. He said hospitalizations would peak after the infections, as has been the case in the past.

COVID-19 patients made up about 18% of hospital occupancies and 22% of intensive care units (ICUs) in the state, Inslee said. Roughly 80% of those patients were unvaccinated.

The governor said many hospitals have already taken to halting those non-emergent procedures. He said the determination of what counts as an urgent procedure under the new restriction is up to the physician's discretion.

"If the physician identifies harm or a worsening condition ... that procedure can still be done," Inslee said.

The halting of non-emergency procedures will last for four weeks, Inslee said.

Inslee also said he would require hospitals to be in "conventional" status for its personal protective equipment (PPE) resources. The status would require facilities to have a "steady supply" of PPE to build confidence among hospital staff that they are protected, he said.

Supply chain issues during the early months of the pandemic were not the same as they are now, Inslee said, and the state now had adequate access to PPE.

Inslee said most of the issues facing hospitals relate to staffing. Both the increase in cases and staff becoming ill has impacted hospitals' staffing resources.

To free up staff, Inslee announced he was ordering 100

members of the Washington National Guard to assist hospitals across the state. The personnel will assist with non-medical tasks such as alleviating issues in emergency departments and assisting with COVID-19 testing.

Washington National Guard Commander Bret Daugherty said all 100 personnel would be deployed by Jan. 24. The decision to deploy non-medical National Guard personnel is an effort to not dip into health care resources in the state for those medical professionals who do serve in the guard, the governor said.

"It's not a solution to take those nurses and physicians out of their civilian employment where they are today working in hospitals, put them in a guard uniform and then put them back just where they were working," Inslee said.

Inslee said the deployment would last a month. The personnel will be sent to hospitals in Everett, Yakima, Wenatchee and Spokane, the governor said. Some personnel will also be designated to set up testing centers at hospitals in Olympia, Richland, Seattle and Tacoma.

Inslee mentioned the state has a third-party contract allowing hospitals to "order up" additional staff. So far, the state has helped hospitals with 875 staff through that avenue, with an additional 200 on their way to facilities.

Another issue in the state is placing COVID-19 patients after discharge who still required care in long-term facilities. Inslee said the state will increase contracted staff at those facilities by 200 people, and would provide incentives for "strike teams" at long-term care facilities.

Though at the forefront now, Inslee said a shortage of health care professionals has been a challenge even before the pandemic. To address the issue, he pointed to \$30 million in his supplemental budget that will be considered by the Washington State Legislature, which would address delays in training caused by a lack of opportunities.

"We need more folks even after the omicron hopefully passes us by, or is at least reduced dramatically," Inslee said. "We're still going to need more personnel."



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## Nation and World in Brief

## U.S. Says Russia Is Preparing Operations to Justify Ukraine Attack

By Tribune News Service

The Biden administration believes Russian actors are preparing potential sabotage operations against Russian forces and fabricating Ukrainian provocations in social media to justify an intervention and sow divisions in Ukraine, according to a U.S. official who asked not to be identified.

The Biden administration warned Russian actors are preparing potential sabotage operations against their own forces and fabricating provocations in social media to justify an invasion into Ukraine if diplomacy fails.

As part of the plan, President Vladimir Putin's government has repositioned operatives trained in urban warfare and in using explosives, possibly to carry out acts of sabotage against Russia's proxy forces in or near Ukraine, administration officials said Friday.

"We do have information that indicates that Russia is already working actively to create a pretext for a potential invasion, for a move on Ukraine," Pentagon spokesman John Kirby told reporters. "In fact, we have information that they have repositioned a group of operatives to conduct a false flag operation."

White House Press Secretary

Jen Psaki said a Russian invasion, if it occurred, "could begin between mid-January and mid-February."

Russia's plan would probably be set in motion if diplomacy with the U.S., NATO and key European nations fail to achieve Moscow's goals, according to an assessment shared by a U.S. official who asked not to be identified.

Russia has repeatedly denied it intends to invade its neighbor, and U.S. officials didn't provide more details of the intelligence they said is behind their assessment. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Western media talk of Russia supposedly preparing provocations is unfounded, Tass reported.

Kirby said "there is a fidelity here to the information that we have that we believe is very credible."

The assertion follows a cyber attack that downed a wide range of Ukrainian government websites on Friday. Seventy government agencies were hit, including the Foreign and Agriculture Ministries, according to Viktor Zhora, the deputy head of the state agency in charge of special communication and information protection.

"There was no leak of important data. The content of the websites was not damaged," Zhora said. "We are collecting digital evidence and analyzing data to understand the full chain of this attack."

President Joe Biden was

briefed on Friday's attack, but the U.S. didn't immediately pin the blame on any group or nation, and administration officials said the affected websites appear to be coming back online.

## Supreme Court Blocks Biden's Vaccine Mandate for the Workplace

By Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Thursday blocked President Joe Biden's plan to require that most workers be vaccinated against COVID-19 or undergo weekly testing.

But the justices, in a separate decision, upheld a smaller and more targeted regulation that will require workers in hospitals and nursing facilities to be vaccinated. This rule, once put into effect, is expected to cover about 17 million people working in healthcare, the administration said.

In blocking the broader workplace rule, the court's conservative majority agreed with Republican state attorneys who contended the president had overstepped his authority by requiring workers in companies and agencies with more than 100 employees to be vaccinated or tested regularly. There were exemptions for those who worked outdoors or at home, or had medical or religious objections.

The vote was 6-3. Biden's rule was based on the Occupational Safety Health Act of 1970, which protects employees from toxins and other dangers in the workplace. The justices said it does not go so far as to authorize mandatory vaccinations.

In an unsigned opinion, the court's conservatives said "it is telling that OSHA, in its half century of existence, has never before adopted a broad public health regulation of this kind — addressing a threat that is untethered, in any causal sense, from the workplace... Although Congress has indisputably given OSHA the power to regulate occupational dangers, it has not given that agency the power to regulate public health more broadly. Requiring the vaccination of 84 million Americans, selected simply because they work for employers with more than 100 employees, certainly falls in the latter category."

The three liberals dissented. They said the decision "stymies the federal government's ability to counter the unparalleled threat that COVID-19 poses to our nation's workers. Acting outside of its competence and without legal basis, the court displaces the judgments of the government officials given the responsibility to respond to workplace health emergencies."

However, Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh joined with the court's three liberals to uphold Biden's testing requirement for hospitals and nursing homes. That requirement is based on the Medicare and Medicaid Acts, which authorize federal health officials to set standards to protect the health and safety of elderly and sick patients.

Biden said the court's decision to uphold the requirement for healthcare workers "will save lives: the lives of patients who seek care in medical facilities, as well as the lives of doctors, nurses and others who work there."

He said he was disappointed in the OSHA ruling, but called on states and businesses to step up and voluntarily institute vaccination requirements to protect workers, customers and the broader community. The ruling "does not stop me from using my voice as president to advocate for employers to do the right thing to protect Americans' health and economy."

Justices Stephen G. Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan said they would have upheld both regulations.

The outcome is not a surprise because of the makeup of the court. The conservative majority is highly skeptical of new and far-reaching federal regulations.

In a separate concurring opinion, Justice Neil M. Gor-

such said the states have broad authority to impose rules to cope with COVID-19. He said the "only question [in the OSHA case] is whether an administrative agency in Washington, one charged with overseeing workplace safety, may mandate the vaccination or regular testing of 84 million people. Or whether, as 27 States before us submit, that work belongs to state and local governments across the country and the people's elected representatives in Congress."

## No Child Tax Credit Deal in Sight as Monthly Benefits Lapse

By Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Monthly payments of up to \$300 per child didn't go out Friday for the first time in six months, and some families may never see benefits as generous again.

Democrats are working to restore an expansion of child tax credits they enacted on a temporary basis last year. But they don't have the votes to do so without curtailing the benefits to appease Democratic skeptic Sen. Joe Manchin III or at least 10 Senate Republicans.

The costly family benefit is a major reason why Manchin opposes his party's sweeping \$2.2 trillion budget reconciliation package. But Democrats are betting they'll get a better deal by lobbying the West Virginia centrist to support the filibuster-proof package than working with Republicans.

A more modest child tax credit remains in place for the 2022 tax year, and beneficiaries can still claim half of the 2021 expansion that wasn't sent out in the monthly checks starting Jan. 24 when tax filing season begins, helping to ease the pain.

But the lapse of bigger benefits paid monthly, which helped the poorest families the most, is one of Democrats' biggest disappointments in what's been a tough year since President Joe Biden took office with majorities in both chambers.

For now, Democratic leaders remain focused on winning over Manchin, rather than trying to work out a compromise with Senate Republicans even though several have expressed interest in expanding the current credit. A version that could win at least 10 GOP votes to pass the Senate could involve cutting off undocumented immigrants and maintaining work requirements, among other obstacles to a bipartisan deal.

## Boris Johnson Apologizes to Queen for Downing Street Parties

By Tribune News Service

Boris Johnson's office apologized to Queen Elizabeth II following revelations of partying in Downing Street the night before her husband's funeral, heaping further pressure on the prime minister as his government faces a string of allegations over pandemic rule-breaking.

The Daily Telegraph on Friday said that on April 16, 2021, two parties were held in Downing Street to mark the departures of two staffers, on the eve of Prince Philip's funeral. One of them was for Johnson's former spokesman James Slack. At the time, indoor mixing between households was still banned.

"It's deeply regrettable that this took place at a time of national mourning," Johnson's spokesman, Jamie Davies, told reporters at a regular briefing, declining to comment on whether the government believes the events also breached COVID regulations. "We acknowledge the significant public anger."

The report in the Telegraph, which traditionally leans in favor of the ruling Conservative Party, is especially sensitive for Johnson because the queen was famously photographed sitting masked and alone at her husband's funeral service, in accordance with the pandemic rules at the time.

Asked if the premier would apologize personally to the

queen, Davies replied: "Number 10 has apologized to the Palace." He said Johnson was not in Downing Street when the events took place.

Even so, the apology to the queen is likely to exacerbate the anger among Tory MPs, some of whom already want him to resign after he finally acknowledged he'd attended a drinks party in the Downing Street garden in May 2020 — also a time when such gatherings were banned under COVID rules.

The prime minister told the House of Commons on Wednesday he thought it was a "work" event.

Many Tories are waiting on the verdict of a senior civil servant's probe before deciding whether they still back Johnson's leadership. Sue Gray has been charged with investigating the various events held in Downing Street and around Whitehall during the pandemic — including the event attended by Johnson and the two latest gatherings reported by the Telegraph.

In a rare boost for Johnson during the toughest week of his premiership, The Times newspaper reported Friday her inquiry is expected to conclude there was no criminality involved.

If true — and the Times gave no indication as to how close to Gray its sources were — it would mean London's Metropolitan Police, which faced being dragged into a scenario with potentially huge political ramifications, will also not formally investigate. The force said late Thursday it would consider any evidence handed to them by Gray but would not open an inquiry beforehand.

"Officers do not normally investigate breaches of coronavirus regulations when they are reported long after they are said to have taken place," it said.

Much is therefore riding on the outcome of Gray's probe. In the meantime, Johnson is trying to shift the public focus onto the U.K.'s emergence from a record wave of COVID infections fueled by the omicron variant.

During his Parliament appearance on Wednesday, Johnson described the U.K.'s vaccination program as the "fastest booster roll-out in Europe" and the reason the country is now "one of the most open economies" in the region.

As Johnson starts to pivot toward what he calls learning to live with COVID, the government this week cut the number of days those testing positive are required to self-isolate to five days from seven.

## Administration Announces \$27 Billion in Bridge Projects

By Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced the release Friday of the first chunk of a more than \$27 billion investment in bridges during a visit to Philadelphia.

The bridge program, announced on the 60-day anniversary of the passage of the bipartisan infrastructure law, has become a frequently touted talking point since the law's passage. Money for the formula program will go to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and tribal governments over the next five years.

In all, the formula program is expected to help repair some 15,000 highway bridges. It includes \$26.5 million for states and \$825 million for tribal bridges and includes incentives to spend money on "off-system" bridges, which are typically not on the federal highway system. Generally, states are required to match federal funding with up to 20 percent state or local funding, but the bipartisan bill allows 100 percent of federal funds to pay for the repair or rehabilitation of locally owned off-system bridges.

A second \$12.5 billion bridge program, aimed at "bridges of national and regional significance," will be announced after the Department of Transportation establishes eligibility and application criteria, the official said.



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# Spirit Lake Highway Closure Continues Indefinitely Amid Sinkhole Repairs

By The Daily News

TOUTLE — A failing culvert is the cause for a sinkhole on westbound State Rout 504, also known as Spirit Lake Memorial Highway, and both lanes are indefinitely closed amid repairs, officials report.

The state highway at milepost 13.5, near Tower Road and east of Toutle, has been closed since Monday morning due to a sinkhole. Part of the roadway's asphalt has collapsed into a hole underneath.

State Communication Consultant Kelly Hanahan said Department of Transportation crews are working to create a temporary replacement for the culvert, while a permanent solu-

tion would have to be budgeted and scheduled.

She could not give a timeline of when the road will open. She said crews have to cut out the existing pavement, excavate under the roadway, fill the hole with concrete and wait for the work to set to complete the temporary repairs.

Hanahan advised drivers to use a detour on State Route 505, as crews work "to get this done as quickly as possible."

Sinkholes are ground depressions with "no natural external surface drainage," reports the United States Geological Survey. The organization states sinkholes create about \$300 million in damage per year throughout the country.



A sinkhole on state Route 504 westbound is pictured in this photograph from the state Department of Transportation.

## Democratic Candidate for 3rd Congressional District Hosting Kickoff Saturday

By The Chronicle staff

Brent Hennrich, a Democratic candidate looking to unseat 3rd Congressional District Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler this November, will host his campaign

kickoff event this Saturday, Jan. 15.

The event will be hosted 3 p.m. online by way of video conferencing

application Zoom, and will also be streamed on the candidate's Facebook page.



Brent Hennrich candidate

A registration link for the event is available at [www.brenthenrich.com/launch](http://www.brenthenrich.com/launch).

## L&I Investigating After Logger Was Killed Near Castle Rock on Monday

By The Daily News

The Washington State Department of Labor and Industries is looking into a logger who was killed while working near Castle Rock on Monday.

Labor and Industries spokeswoman Dina Lorraine said the logger worked for Brindle Technical Logging Inc., a small company registered out of Mossyrock, Washington. Lorraine said L&I has opened an inspection to determine what caused the em-

ployee's death.

Brindle Logging manager Jerry Brindle confirmed Wednesday L&I was looking into the incident but declined to comment until the investigation was completed.

The name of the person killed has not been released.

The Daily News in Longview will continue to update this story as more information becomes available.

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# 'Zack's Law' Sparks Emotional Testimony During First Hearing

**LEGISLATURE:** Proposed Legislation Aims to Warn of Cold Water Danger After Drowning of Local Teen

By Eric Rosane  
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Legislators in the state's House Transportation Committee heard emotional testimony Thursday afternoon from a Centralia family who is advocating for a new law creating signs on bridges and water overpasses to educate people about the danger of cold-shock drownings.

The family of Zachary Rager — the Centralia teen who drowned last year after jumping from a railroad trestle into the frigid Chehalis River waters and experiencing cold water shock —



Rep. Peter Abbarno  
R-Centralia

voiced their unwavering support for House Bill 1595, which is sponsored by state Rep. Peter Abbarno, R-Centralia. "Had some of these signs been posted somewhere

where these kids could see this, like my son, he would have thought twice about this. It's more than just saying 'no jumping, no diving.' It's letting these kids know why they shouldn't do it," Lee Hines, Zachary's stepfather, told lawmakers.

If passed, HB 1595 would allow cities, towns and counties to erect informational signs near bridges that would warn about the hazards of cold water shock. The aim is to reduce recreational jumping. It would also create a fund for the public to donate funds for the purpose of erecting such signs, similar to the state's memorial highway program.

It would also require state



Kim Hines, Zack's mother, fights through tears while testifying in favor of a bill in honor of her late son Zachary Rager Thursday.

agencies to consider placing these signs on new public works projects, where applicable. Signs would be erected at the same time as infrastructure upgrades and new bridges, and at minimal cost to the state.

The bill would cost WS-DOT \$21,000 over the current budget biennium and \$16,000 annually for placing signs at four locations per year, House Transportation Committee staff said.

If the bill passes, Washington State Parks would also be required to install a sign in memory of Zachary Rager on or near the bridge where he lost his life, at a cost of less than \$1,000 to install the two signs.

The bill so far has garnered bipartisan support and sponsorship in the House, as well as unanimous buy-in from 20th

Legislative District lawmakers Rep. Ed Orcutt, R-Kalama, and Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia, who has introduced a similar bill in the Senate.

Abbarno says the state has a responsibility to let its people know about the dangers of cold water shock and to educate the public on what they can do to avoid a potentially lethal situation. "Zack drowned in the Chehalis River on a warm day in March, in a river he had jumped in countless times," Abbarno told the House Transportation Committee. "The day he did jump — a sunny, warm day — it was unknown how cold that water was."

"I really believe, based on the number of cold water shock drownings in the state of Washington, that Zack's Law will save lives," Abbarno continued.

Warm air doesn't always mean warm water, according to the National Weather Service. Water temperatures as high as 55 degrees can be deadly, and quickly plunging into cold water of any temperature may become

dangerous if swimmers aren't prepared — both mentally and physically.

"Cold water drains body heat up to four times faster than cold air. When your body hits cold water, 'cold shock' can cause dramatic changes in breathing, heart rate and blood pressure. The sudden gasp and rapid breathing alone creates a greater risk of drowning even for confident swimmers in calm waters," reads information from the NWS.

Cold water shock can also impair a person's ability to think and act, and swimmers often begin to hyperventilate.

Lee Hines said Zachary was 208 pounds of muscle and a state wrestler. He had waded the river many times before and "wasn't a weak swimmer."

"But the difference this time was the river had changed," he said.

Passing HB 1595 could also save the state on search and rescue efforts, Hines said. Many people already know the dangers of hypothermia, he said, but awareness of cold water shock



Zachary Rager is pictured in this photograph provided by his family.

just isn't as widely known.

"I believe it's especially important here in Washington because, as you all know, we don't get many summer days, and when the sun comes out, as it did March 23 of 2021, Washingtonians soak it up," said Kim Hines, Zack's mother, fighting through tears.

"We live in a state that has glacier-fed rivers and streams. Cold water shock can happen in water that is 59 degrees ... If we can get these signs in place, and it saves even one person, then my son didn't die in vain," Kim Hines continued.

Rep. Robert Sutherland, R-Granite Falls — who shortly before the Hines' testimony said he had concerns that placing the signs in only select locations would create a legal liability for the state — came around to "fully support" the bill after the family's words.

"You educated me on something. I fell in water — a lake — when I was a kid, and everything described happened to me. I'm uneducated on cold water shock, so you've educated me and I want to thank you for that," he said. "It was a traumatic experience. You can't breathe, you gasp for air and you're in trouble. Fortunately, I didn't go under and I believe that's probably why I'm here."

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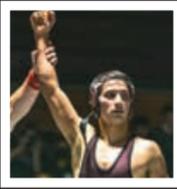
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### Thursday's 2B Girls Basketball

# Niemi Comes Up Clutch in Mountaineers Win Over Pirates

**SPARKPLUG:** Reserve Guard Hits Three Deep Shots in the Second Half to Propel Rainier Past Adna in Huge League Tilt

By Alec Dietz  
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**RAINIER** — It was anyone's game at the start of the fourth quarter, as the Rainier girls basketball team and Adna traded blows throughout the first three quarters Thursday night.

But when push came to shove, the Mountaineers went to one of their seniors down the

stretch, and Selena Niemi delivered.

The reserve guard splashed home two threes at the start of the fourth quarter to push Rainier's lead to nine, and then created a turnover on defense and dished to Bryn Beckman to put the nail in the Pirates' coffin Thursday in a 41-33 Mountaineer win.

"Selena has that ability, she can come in and hit shots," longtime Rainier assistant coach Pete Zimmerman, who was substituting in for an unavailable Brandon Eygabroad, said. "There's no question she was the difference."

The Mountaineers (9-3, 4-1 C2BL) got nine points from Ni-

emi in the second half, all threes, and 12 points from the freshman Beckman to get past Adna and pick up their league-leading fourth win.

But it didn't come without its challenges. It was a slugfest in the first half, with the teams tied at 14 points after single-digit quarters to start the game. The message for Rainier at the half, per Zimmerman, was to limit their mistakes in the second half.

"We needed to quit making dumb passes," he said. "We had to be more fundamental, we had to come out and shorten the passes and do a better job of taking care of the ball. All of that seemed to work out."

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Rainier guard Selena Niemi takes a 3-pointer against Adna on Thursday night in Rainier.

### Thursday's 1B Boys Basketball

# Trojans Nab First League Victory in Comeback Win

**COMEBACK:** Pe Ell's Tough Defense Fuels Second-Half Comeback Over Three Rivers Christian

By Eric Trent  
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**PE ELL** — After trailing almost the entire first half, Pe Ell ripped off a 15-7 run in the third quarter and held Three Rivers Christian to just 11 second-half points to notch its first league victory, 42-31, at home on Thursday.

It was an impressive comeback for a Trojans team that struggled offensively in the first half, thanks to a slew of turnovers as the Trojans played at 100 miles per hour. That led to a 20-16 deficit at the half.

The second half was a different story.

"We came out the second half and shut them down defensively," Pe Ell coach Chris Phelps said. "We dialed up the pressure and started executing. Our defense generates our offense, and we came out in the third quarter and started putting points on the board."

Jesse Zard led the Trojans with a double-double of 10 points and 12 rebounds, while Blake Howard added 10 points and Wyatt Marrs finished with six points.

The Trojans shot 12 of 32 from 2-point and 4 of 9 from long range. They won the rebounding battle, 49-37.

"I really feel we're turning the corner with this group," Phelps said. "It's a really fun group to coach and they're determined."



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Pe Ell's Carter Phelps (22) drives for a layup during a home game against Three Rivers Christian on Thursday.

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Wednesday's 2A Wrestling

# Bearcat Boys Roll Bobcats in Dual Home Match

By The Chronicle staff

W.F. West boys wrestling dominated visiting Aberdeen to extend its league dual-match win streak during a 55-18 home-match victory over Aberdeen on Wednesday.

The Bearcats picked up 10 victories, including five pins, and were really only hampered by not having wrestlers in the 106 and 113 weight classes and having to forfeit those matches.

On the girls side, Adna's Lilly Wellander won by fall over W.F. West's Brooke Johnston at 120 pounds, while W.F. West's Elaina Koenig won by fall over Adna's Margarite Humphrey at 145 pounds.

Full results are listed below:

- 170 — Tucker Land (W.F. West) fall in 2:45 over Erick Silveira (Aberdeen)
- 182 — Tanner Wallin (W.F. West) fall in 1:19 over Daniel Garcia (Aberdeen)
- 195 — Brock Guyette (W.F. West) decision over Liam Heikkila (Aberdeen)
- 220 — Andrew Penland (W.F. West) fall in :27 over Devyn Ayala (Aberdeen)
- 285 — Daniel Matagi (W.F. West) decision over Erick Hayter-Ramsey (Aberdeen)
- 106 — Talatheon Warness (Aberdeen) forfeit
- 113 — Mikey Hatton (Aberdeen) forfeit
- 120 — Joel Nelson (Aberdeen) decision over Kayden Ryan (W.F. West)
- 126 — Drew Lock (Aberdeen) decision over Damian Hernandez (W.F. West)
- 132 — Bo Davis (W.F. West) pin in 3:46 over Michael Leonteyv (Aberdeen)
- 138 — Cristo Parriott (W.F. West) pin in 3:55 over Shane Glowacki (Aberdeen)
- 145 — Ty Foister (W.F. West) pin in 1:00 over Ethan Trader (Aberdeen)
- 152 — Blake Ely (W.F. West) pin in 3:39 over Aiden Watkins (Aberdeen)
- 160 — Henry Jordan (W.F. West) pin in 3:01 over Tyler Andreas (Aberdeen)

## Tiger Boys Drop Dual Match in Shelton

Centralia boys wrestling picked up just three victories as the Tigers took a 53-24 loss on the road to Shelton in 2A Ev-

ergreen Conference action on Wednesday.

Tiger sophomore and top-ranked Antonio Campos collected the only non-forfeit win for Centralia, jumping out to a 15-point lead before pinning his opponent in 3:22 in the 120-pound weight class. That runs Campos' high-school career record to 32-0.

Izaiah Marquez and William Stinkeoway each registered forfeit victories for Centralia as well in the 220- and 285-pound weight classes, respectively.

"The boys need some experience and everyone is scrambling to find tournaments," Centralia coach Scott Phillips said.

On the girls side, Analeese Mcallister, Willa Phillips and Anna Stinkeoway each picked up victories, with Mcallister beating two Shelton opponents at the 140-pound weight class.

Full results are listed below:

- 106 — Double forfeit
- 113 — Double forfeit
- 120 — Antonio Campos (Centralia) fall in 3:22
- 126 — Dashba Denetclaw (Centralia) lost a 15-0 decision
- 138 — Shelton fall in 1:40 over Jack Klawitter (Centralia)
- 145 — Double forfeit
- 152 — Double forfeit
- 160 — Shelton won in forfeit
- 170 — Shelton fall in 3:14 over Julian Gruginski (Centralia)
- 182 — Shelton fall in 1:16 over Dylan Mock (Centralia)
- 195 — Shelton fall in 1:40 over Chris Mendoza-Ponce (Centralia)
- 220 — Izaiah Marquez (Centralia) won in forfeit
- 285 — William Stinkeoway (Centralia) won in forfeit

### Girls Results

- 115 — Shelton fall in 1:32 over Mackenzie Lawrence (Centralia)
- 140 — Analeese Mcallister (Centralia) fall in 1:12
- 140 — Analeese Mcallister (Centralia) fall in 2:10
- 145 — Willa Phillips (Centralia) fall in :59
- Hvy — Anna Stinkeoway (Centralia) fall in 1:36

"The girls wrestled pretty well," Scott Phillips said. "For Analeese, this was one of her more dominant nights."



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W.F. West's Cristo Parriott, left, grapples with Aberdeen's Shane Glowacki during a 2A Evergreen Conference dual wrestling match in Chehalis on Wednesday.

## LEWIS COUNTY Sports SCOREBOARD

### Local Schedules

#### SATURDAY, Jan. 15

##### Boys Hoops

Skyview at Tumwater, 7 p.m.  
Tenino at Columbia Adventist, 7:30 p.m.

Morton-White Pass at Eatonville, 7 p.m.  
Winlock at Toledo, 7 p.m.

Napavine at Willapa Valley, 2 p.m.

##### Girls Hoops

Klahowya at W.F. West, 4:30 p.m.  
Eatonville at Morton-White Pass, 7 p.m.

##### Wrestling

Adna and Rochester at Rainier, 9 a.m.  
Toledo and Tumwater at Hoquiam, 8 a.m.

#### MONDAY, Jan. 17

##### Boys Hoops

Tumwater at Mark Morris, 7:30 p.m.  
Napavine at Black Hills, 7 p.m.

Adna vs. Ilwaco at Longview, TBD  
Stevenson at Pe Ell, 7 p.m.

Winlock vs. Willapa Valley, 10:30 am

##### Girls Hoops

W.F. West vs. Mark Morris, 6 p.m.  
King's at Tumwater, 12:30 p.m.

Yelm at Black Hills, 7 p.m.  
Adna v. Ilwaco at Longview, TBD

Willapa Valley vs. Winlock, 7 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, Jan. 18

##### Boys Hoops

Elma at Tenino, 7 p.m.  
Wahkiakum at Winlock, 7 p.m.

Mossyrock at Three Rivers Christian, 7 p.m.

North River at Oakville, 7 p.m.

##### Girls Hoops

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

Shelton at Black Hills, 7 p.m.  
Winlock at Adna, 7 p.m.

Toutle Lake at Morton-White Pass, 7 p.m.  
Onalaska at Napavine, 7 p.m.

Rainier at Toledo, 7 p.m.  
Mossyrock at Three Rivers Christian, 7 p.m.

North River at Oakville, 5:30 p.m.

##### Wrestling

Toledo and Rainier at Kalama, 4:30 p.m.

##### Bowling

W.F. West at Tumwater, 3 p.m.

### Local Results

#### Wednesday's Games

##### Boys Basketball

**KNIGHTS 48, TIGERS 37**  
Centralia 13 8 10 6 —37  
King's Way 12 16 8 12—48

Centralia: Kaut 13, C. Wasson 9, Yeung 6, Sprague 6

##### PIRATES 78, LOGGERS 28

Onalaska 5 15 4 4 —28

Adna 28 23 19 8 —78  
Onalaska: Taylor 10, Rushton 6, Underhill 6, Russon 2, McGraw 4

Adna: Aselton 2, Meister 15, Johnson 12, Salme 10, Guerrero 6, Fagernes 4, Collins 13, Loose 2, Percival 2, Smith 8, Neilson 4

##### GRIZZLIES 58, BEAVERS 42

Tenino 6 12 7 17—42  
Hoquiam 18 6 14 20—58  
Tenino: Schow 19, Hickie 16, Gonia 4, Snider 1, Feltus 2  
Hoquiam: Watkins 19, Stankovich 13

##### TIGERS 57, DUCKS 53

Toutle Lake 16 12 10 15—53  
Napavine 9 18 14 16—57  
Toutle Lake: Swanson 21  
Napavine: Grose 11, Parker 8, Olson 8, Stanley 6, Shannon 2, Denault 8, Prather 14

##### T-WOLVES 82, CARDINALS 37

Winlock 12 10 8 7 —37  
Morton-WP 18 21 27 16—82  
Winlock: Sickles 6, Richendollar 3, Scofield 2, Fray-Parmantier 9, Swofford 15, Ramirez 1  
Morton-WP: L. Cooper 2, Kelly 6, Martinez 2, L. Colette 11, M. Copper 3, Hazen 20, Dotson 16, Peters 14, Dantinne 4, Aaron 2

##### CHINOOKS 73, RIVERHAWKS 58

Kalama 20 16 14 23—73  
Toledo 11 14 18 15—58  
Kalama: Doerty 26, Cox 13, Meyer 6, Mills 5, Armstrong 4, Esary 19

Toledo: Cournyer 23, Stanley 9, Stemkoski 10, Co. Olmstead 1, Ca. Olmstead 5, Gould 5, Winters 5

##### Girls Basketball

#### BOBCATS 48, TIGERS 45

Aberdeen 12 13 8 15—48  
Centralia 8 12 9 16—45  
Aberdeen: N/A  
Centralia: Schofield 1, Hawley 1, Babka 4, Corwin 15, Chavez 15, Wilkerson 9

##### T-BIRDS 78, HIGHCLIMBERS 14

Shelton 9 7 2 0 —14  
Tumwater 26 18 18 14—78  
Tumwater: K. Waltermeyer 19, Lund 18, Sumrok 12, A. Waltermeyer 9, Amendala 6, Brewer 6, Mccauley 5, Woods 1

##### BEARCATS 58, WARRIORS 17

W.F. West 24 11 18 5 —58  
Rochester 3 6 2 6 —17  
W.F. West: Roberts 8, Mencke 3, Remund 4, Brumfield 17, Bennett 6, Deskins 6, McCallum 7, Mallonee 5, Busse 2  
Rochester: Sand 4, Castro 7

##### Thursday's Games

##### Boys Basketball

#### ACORNS 65, OWLS 19

Oakville 10 10 10 8 —65  
MM Knight 15 20 15 9 —19  
Oakville: Klatush 20, Price 15,

Boyd 25  
Mary M. Knight: N/A

##### WOLVES 65, BOBCATS 51

Black Hills: Stallings 19, Ellison 11, Byoune 11  
Aberdeen: N/A

##### HIGHCLIMBERS 59, BEARCATS 38

W.F. West 10 10 10 8 —59  
Shelton 15 20 15 9 —38  
W.F. West: Amoroso 4, Tornow 2, Plakinger 14, Hoff 2, Priest 2, Snyder 5, Mallonee 3, Brumfield 2, Dalan 4  
Shelton: Thompson 20, Goos 12

##### TROJANS 42, EAGLES 31

3 Rivers 9 11 7 4 —31  
Pe Ell 7 9 15 11—42  
Three Rivers: Dombrowsky 6, Ja. Lefever 3, Montanez 2, Poyner 9, Ju. Lefever 2, Hastings 12  
Pe Ell: Krafczyk 2, Morales 5, Zard 10, Phelps 8, Howard 10, Marrs 6

##### Girls Basketball

#### MOUNTAINEERS 41, PIRATES 33

Adna 8 6 12 7 —33  
Rainier 6 8 15 12—41  
Adna: B. Loose 13, Guard 2, Wellander 2, Von Moos 9, Humphrey 7  
Rainier: Swenson 4, Niemi 9, Boesch 11, Blackburn 2, Beckman 12, Holmes 3

##### CARDINALS 68, BULLDOGS 20

Stevenson 8 3 9 0 —20  
Winlock 29 23 10 6 —68  
Stevenson: Sofras 8, Piper 4  
Winlock: Carper 19, Vigre 18, Hall 14, Kelly 13

##### BEARCATS 64, WOLVES 20

W.F. West 21 19 15 9 —64  
Black Hills 5 2 9 4 —20  
W.F. West: Roberts 3, Mencke 5, Remund 5, Brumfield 23, Bennett 6, Rogerson 8, Deskins, McCallum 11, Mallonee 3, Busse.  
Black Hills: N/A

##### TIGERS 65, CHINOOKS 29

Napavine 16 16 21 12—65  
Kalama 8 4 11 6 —29  
Napavine: Tupuola 11, O'Neill 7, Taliaferro 7, Schutz 6, Marcial 4, Kaut 14, Gall 11, Fay, Evander 4, McCoy 1  
Kalama: Johnson 10, Doerty 7, Johnston 6, Larsen 4, Meyer 2

##### Girls Bowling

W.F. West (2038): Savannah Hawkins 161, 206; Tyrann Ozretich 140; Emma Hamilton 145; Clara Bunker 133; Jayci Harris 168; Piper Chalmers 224, 211  
Rochester (1191): Elaine Slifer 93, 102; Taylor Staley 150, 82; Serenity Hurst 109, 105; Kyra Smith 112, 81; Alyssa Morales 96, 64



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W.F. West's Bo Davis raises his hand in victory after defeating Aberdeen's Michael Leonteyv at 132 pounds during a home dual match on Wednesday.

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## Wednesday's 1A Boys Basketball

## Beavers Drop Evergreen Contest to Grizzlies, 58-42

By The Chronicle staff

Missed free throws and layups proved costly for Tenino as the Beavers were handed a 58-42 road loss to Hoquiam in a 1A Evergreen League game on Wednesday.

"We played hard, we just shot ourselves in the foot," Tenino coach Joe Chirhart said. "We missed some layups that would have given us some confidence. That Hoquiam team is scrappy, but we played hard and battled."

The Beavers found them-

selves in a rut early on, falling behind 18-6 in the first quarter, and were never able to mount a comeback.

Most of that had to do with poor shooting as Tenino was 9 of 30 from the field and a dismal 6 of 24 from the charity stripe.

Hoquiam, meanwhile, was scorching the nets from long range, knocking down nine 3-pointers to keep the Beavers at bay.

Tenino was led by Noah Schow's 19 points, which included five 3-pointers.

Takari Hickie added a double-double of 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Tenino (5-5, 1-1 Evergreen) hits the road to face Columbia Adventist on Saturday in a non-league matchup.

## Wednesday's 2B Boys Basketball

## Riverhawks Don't Have Answers for Kalama's Doerty, Esary in Loss

By Alec Dietz

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TOLEDO — The Toledo boys basketball team hung around the defending district champions, and even cut the deficit to three in the third quarter, but Kalama proved to be too much in a 73-58 defeat Wednesday night.

The Riverhawks (9-3, 0-2 C2BL) got 23 points, 12 rebounds, and eight assists from junior guard Jake Courner, but after a barrage of Riverhawk threes cut the lead to just three, the Chinooks pulled away thanks to Jack Doerty's 26 points and Jackson Esary's 19. Doerty made six threes for the Chinooks.

"He came up clutch every time," Riverhawks coach Grady Fallon said of Doerty. "Every time we made a run, he came up big."

The Chinooks also boasted a big free throw advantage, getting to the line over 40 times while the Riverhawks couldn't crack 20 free throw attempts.

A strong third quarter, that saw four threes go down for Toledo, wasn't enough to put the Riverhawks over the top in their second consecutive league loss after dropping a three-point heartbreaker to Toutle Lake earlier this week.

"You have to scrap and fight and battle," Fallon said. "It just slipped through our fingers tonight."

The Riverhawks faced Onalaska Friday and host Winlock on Saturday.



Toledo guard Rayder Stemkoski drives for a layup against Kalama on Wednesday in Toledo.

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## Pirates Cut Down Loggers at Home

The Adna boys basketball team used a well-rounded scoring night, with four double-digit scorers, to blow past Onalaska at home Wednesday night, 78-28.

Seth Meister (15 points), Lane Johnson (12 points), Chase Collins (13 points), and Braeden Salme (10 points) all scored in double figures to lead the Pirates (8-3, 2-1 C2BL) to the win.

The Loggers were led by double figure scorer, Kole Taylor, who had 10 points.

The Pirates played Rainier on Friday, while Onalaska headed to Toledo looking for its first league win.

## Timberwolves Take It to Cardinals, 82-37

Eleven Morton-White Pass players scored as the Timberwolves raced past visiting Winlock for an 82-37 victory in Central 2B League action on Wednesday.

Hunter Hazen led all scorers with 20 points, while Gary Dotson added 16 and Jace Peters tal-

lied 14 for the Timberwolves.

"We started out really sluggish and had a bit of a hangover," MWP coach Chad Cramer said. "Kysen (Collette) did a great job defensively and turned us up. Once we got going, we were able to establish what we wanted to do."

Winlock was led by senior post Nolan Swofford's 15 points, while Cole Fray-Parmantier added nine and Payton Sickles scored six.

Winlock (0-10, 0-2 C2BL) headed to Stevenson on Friday.

Morton-White Pass (6-4, 2-1 C2BL) travels to Eatonville on

Saturday for a non-league game.

## Tigers Stave Off Ducks After Slow Start

Despite 21 points from Toutle Lake's Zach Swanson — including 14 in the first quarter — the Napavine boys basketball team came back and held on to beat the Ducks, 57-53 at home Wednesday.

The Tigers (7-1, 3-0 C2BL) had two double figures scorers, with sharpshooter Jarin Prather leading the way with 14 points and James Grose scoring 11. Se-

nior center Keith Olson played just 22 minutes with foul trouble, and scored eight points, but his absence was felt on the boards.

Napavine was outrebounded 43-28, which kept the Ducks in the game when the Tigers were trying to put things away late.

"We got off to a tough start," Tigers coach Rex Stanley said. "On the defensive end, you have to account for Swanson, he got off to a hot start and you have to take away their best player. We have to tighten up our defense."

The Tigers hosted Kalama Friday.

## NFL

## Free Agents Often Prefer to Stay in Seattle, Underscoring the Culture Carroll Has Built

By Matt Calkins

The Seattle Times

Russell Wilson and Bobby Wagner have been with him for 10 seasons. Kam Chancellor was with him for eight, Richard Sherman for seven and Marshawn Lynch for five.

Pete Carroll has coached a host of All-Pros and future Hall of Famers during his tenure with the Seahawks, but perhaps the most compelling testimony speaking to the culture he has built came from a guy who had been there for one month.

Adrian Peterson, the best running back of his generation, signed with the Seahawks on Dec. 1 and played just one game before being sidelined because of an injury. He spent the rest of the season as a mentor to younger running backs and appeared to have a substantial impact on budding star Rashaad Penny. But the day after the Seahawks' final game, Peterson — who has played for seven NFL teams in his 15 years — offered profound praise for the franchise.

"I've been blessed to play with a lot of different organizations. I can say this is definitely, probably, the best experience I've had," Peterson said. "There's a different mentality that I experienced coming into this building. With the team having the record that they had, just kind of seeing how the coaches and the players con-



Seahawks coach Pete Carroll takes the field before the Week 16 game at Lumen Field on Dec. 26.

File Photo / TNS

tinued to approach each week, just really grinding and focusing on one week at a time and looking at it as another challenge, another opportunity, I mean, to get better. So it was an amazing experience for me."

Peterson didn't single out Carroll here, but he did extol the mindset he instills. And if you notice something about the Seahawks, it's that players rarely

want to leave.

The aforementioned Penny is set to hit free agency worth significantly more than he was before he blew up in the last five games of the season, when he logged at least 135 rushing yards in four of them. When the California native and San Diego State product was asked if he wants to return to Seattle, he beamed and said, "This is home to me. I

would love to be back."

You hear this quite often — and you have to think Pete has a lot to do with it. Think about some of the times he could have sounded off on players but bit his tongue. In 2016, Sherman twice blew up at his coaches on the sideline, and after the second instance (vs. the Rams), blasted Carroll for choosing to throw the ball on the 1-yard line — a clear dig at the infamous Super Bowl mishap.

Carroll never chastised him publicly, possibly prompting Sherman to reach out to the Seahawks to see if they would match the deal the 49ers offered two years later.

In 2015, Lynch chose to rehab his abdominal injury away from the Seahawks' trainers, and notoriously declared himself out just before the team's playoff game vs. the Vikings that post-season. Carroll never criticized him publicly, and four years later Lynch rejoined the team for the final regular-season game and two playoff games.

In 2018, safety Earl Thomas regularly denounced the Seahawks for not signing him to an extension two years before his contract was set to expire. He flipped Pete the bird after breaking his leg in Arizona, but yet again, Carroll gave Earl his full support.

And, of course, when Wilson put forth a list of four teams

he'd be willing to be traded to last offseason — thus putting Seahawks fans into a spin cycle — Carroll downplayed the drama and showed reverence for Russ. Since then, Wilson has repeatedly said he wants to return to Seattle (although who can really be sure).

Oftentimes, relationships matter just as much as success. That's not just true among players and coaches, but coaches and owners as well. Two examples in San Diego speak to this.

In his final year with the Chargers, coach Marty Schottenheimer led the Chargers to a 14-2 record. But his frayed relationship with owner Dean Spanos cost him his job. Meanwhile, Padres manager Bud Black — possibly the nicest man in sports — never led the club to the playoffs and just once finished with a winning season. He still lasted nine seasons in SD, and is about to enter his sixth season with the Rockies, who have just one playoff appearance under Black's watch.

Carroll's Seahawks may have gone 7-10 this season, but he has earned the benefit of the doubt given previous success. Just as significantly, given the relationships he's built, it's unlikely the folks above him want to see him go.

2A Girls Basketball

# Bearcats' Drea Brumfield Named McDonald's All-American Nominee

By Alec Dietz

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In a series of posts on Twitter on Wednesday, the McDonald's All-American Games announced its boys and girls nominees from each region, and W.F. West's Drea Brumfield made the cut as one of just 54 girls from the West region still in the running.

The senior all-league and all-area forward was one of just three Washington hoopers to make the list for the nation's most prestigious high school showcase.

"Being nominated for the McDonald's All-American game has been something I have been dreaming and thinking about for a very long time," Brumfield said. "Wednesday was a pretty emotional day for me because as much as I had thought about it, I don't think I ever truly believed that I would get nominated. I'm very grateful."

Brumfield is one of the top high school girls basketball prospects in the state of Washington, and has signed to play basketball in college at Pepperdine University. She made the list of nominees alongside fellow Washingtonians, Elizabeth Stump from Lynden Christian, and Ali Hardwell from Beamer in Federal Way.

For her high school coach, Kyle Karnofski, it's just the beginning for Brumfield, and the



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W.F. West's Drea Brumfield (13) knocks in two points against River Ridge on Dec. 14.

culmination of a lot of hard work to get here.

"That's a cool honor," he said. "It's something that's unheard of,

she's put in the work and she's earned it. It's a big deal, it's a na-

tional honor. It's awesome, that's the only word I have for it."

Wednesday's 2A Girls Basketball

## Bearcats Show Depth in Win Over Warriors

By The Chronicle staff

Buoyed by strong bench play and Drea Brumfield's 17 points, the W.F. West girls basketball team handled Rochester Wednesday night, 58-17.

It's the Bearcats' (8-2, 4-1 2A EvCo) first game of a series of seven games in nine days.

"Good team win," Bearcats coach Kyle Karnofski said. "We played a deep bench, everyone contributed."

Karnoski went to his bench to make sure his players had enough rest to be able to compete for the next three days, before a one day break and two more games immediately after. Emily Mallonee came up from the junior varsity team to drop five points in good minutes, and Karnoski commended the play of Kyla McCallum, Lexi Roberts, and Olivia Remund in well-

rounded efforts.

McCallum had six rebounds, 12 assists, and five steals to go along with her scoring. Brumfield had four assists and four blocks, Roberts had seven steals, and Remund had three.

For the Warriors, despite the lopsided loss, coach Davina Serdahl was proud of her team's effort.

"I was pleased with our hustle and no quit mentality," Serdahl said. "We will get better and work on the things we need to be competitive against these types of teams. They played very well with pressure defense that led to a lot of fast break points."

Serdahl said that Angelica Castro gave the Warriors strong minutes, leading them with seven points, and Sofie Sand and Roisin Stull battled inside against the taller Bearcats and

never backed down.

The Bearcats will face Black Hills on Thursday, while Rochester played another tough contest against Tumwater on Friday.

### Slow First Half Dooms Tigers Against Bobcats

Centralia fell behind early and couldn't catch up as the Tigers took a 48-45 defeat to visiting Aberdeen in 2A Evergreen Conference play on Wednesday.

"It was a struggle for us both offensively," Centralia coach Doug Ashmore said.

The Tigers, who shot just 11 of 40 (26%), cut the deficit to five at the half but couldn't complete the comeback. They were aided by 34 free-throw shots, making 21 of them.

"That kept us in the game," Ashmore said. "The girls did a

great job of attacking."

Maddie Corwin and Makayla Chavez each led the Tigers offensively with 15 points a piece, with Corwin adding a team-high 16 rebounds. Rachel Wilkerson added nine points and 10 rebounds.

The Tigers trailed by three with 10 seconds left when Aberdeen missed two free throws, setting up Centralia's final shot attempt, a 3-point shot that was blocked by the Bobcats in the final seconds.

"Proud of the girls," Ashmore said. "We executed late in the game."

Centralia (5-4, 3-2 EvCo) hosts Rochester on Tuesday.

### Lund Breaks Steals Record as T-Birds Soar

Isabella Lund shattered

Tumwater's single-game steals record of 12, beating the previous record of eight, as Tumwater thumped visiting Shelton 78-14 at home on Wednesday.

The previous steals record was held by four players: Vernon (1994), Nesbit (1995), Sheets (1997) and Carlson (2013).

Lund added 18 points and five assists on the night, while Kylie Waltermeyer finished with a game-high 19 points and Natalie Sumrok tallied 12 points and five boards.

Also scoring for the Thunderbirds was Alyssa Waltermeyer (nine points), Aubrey Amendala (six points, six assists, four steals), Regan Brewer (six points, three boards) and Lily Mccauley (five points, three assists).

Tumwater improved to 11-1 and headed to Rochester for another league match on Friday.

Thursday's 2A Girls Basketball

## Bearcats Track Down Black Hills in Blowout

By The Chronicle staff

W.F. West senior Drea Brumfield scored a game-high 23 points and the Bearcats had no trouble disposing of Black Hills for a 64-20 victory on the road in 2A Evergreen Conference action Thursday.

The Bearcats' defense was sturdy once again, limiting the Wolves to just 10 points at the

half, including just two in the second quarter.

The Bearcats' offense, meanwhile, was humming out the gate as they drilled six 3-pointers in the first quarter, part of a 21-5 run to start the game. Brumfield finished with five 3-pointers herself on the night.

"We talked about being aggressive and that's what we did,"

W.F. West coach Kyle Karnofski said.

Karnofski praised the overall performance of junior Morgan Rogerson, as well as the staunch defense of freshman Amanda Bennett, who also hit two 3s in the first half. He was also pleased with his team's passing.

W.F. West (9-2, 5-1 EvCo) played at Shelton on Friday.

NHL

### Eberle Named Kraken's First All-Star; Beniers Added to Olympic Team

ST. LOUIS (TNS) — Forward Jordan Eberle is the first Kraken All-Star, the NHL announced Thursday night when unveiling the league's rosters.

He will represent the Pacific Division as the lone Kraken player in their inaugural season. Eberle leads the team with 24 points, is second with 12 goals and is tied for second with 12 assists in 33 games.

Eberle, 31, was the Kraken's expansion draft selection from the New York Islanders. It is his second All-Star appearance after he represented the Edmonton Oilers in his second season in the league.

His 10-year gap between All-Star Games is tied for the third-most in NHL history. The 12th-year forward's last appearance came during his career-high 34-goal campaign. He picked up an

assist in that appearance.

Eberle has been making history for the Kraken all season; he also recorded the franchise's first hat trick when he scored three goals against the Buffalo Sabres on Nov. 4 at Climate Pledge Arena.

The NHL All-Star Game is Feb. 5 in Las Vegas.

### Beniers to the Olympics

NHL players won't play in the Winter Olympics next month, and that has created an opportunity for others.

One of those is Kraken prospect Matty Beniers.

The chance for the 19-year-old comes less than a month after the World Junior Championships in Edmonton, Alberta, were canceled due to COVID-19 complications. It would have been Beniers' second World Juniors after he helped lead Team USA to gold in 2021.

Beniers was one of the 25 players named to the U.S. men's Olympics roster Thursday. He is

joined by University of Michigan teammates Jake Sanderson and Brendan Brisson.

"It's something every kid growing up, you watch Miracle, you watch the Winter Olympics every chance you get," said Beniers via Zoom on Thursday.

In 2018, Kraken forward Ryan Donato was named to the U.S. Olympic roster while playing with Harvard. He went overseas and made the most of another Olympics that didn't have NHL players.

The Kraken's Alexander True and Philipp Grubauer had originally been named to the Denmark and Germany rosters, respectively, before the NHL pulled out of the Beijing Games because of schedule changes caused by COVID-related postponements.

"I'm just so honored, humbled, excited for this experience," said Beniers. "... I can't wait to get started and hopefully bring back a gold."

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## Thursday's 2A Bowling



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W.F. West's Tyran Ozretich bowls at Fairway Lanes in Centralia alongside Rochester athletes Thursday afternoon.

## Bearcats Score Season-High Series in Win Over Warriors

By The Chronicle staff

W.F. West girls bowling team is starting to heat up at the right time. The red-hot Bearcats scored their highest series of the season with a 2,038 total pins series to Rochester's 1,191 total pins in a 2A Evergreen Conference match at Fairway Lanes Thursday night.

The Bearcats reached this score using eight different varsity bowlers in the match, again showing their depth of talented bowlers throughout their program.

"After a stressful two-pin victory over Black Hills last night, our girls just relaxed a bit and had fun," W.F. West head coach Don Bunker said. "We were able to use several different bowlers and it is incredible to see how much our team has improved since our first practice this season."

In Game 1, the Bearcats were led by Piper Chalmers' 224 game and defeated the Warriors 826 to 560.

"It has been nice to see Piper starting to regain her MVP form as of late," Bunker said. "We have encountered some tough lane conditions this year at several different houses. It has been good for our bowlers to see some different conditions and learn to make adjustments quicker in games."

Rochester was led by Taylor Staley who had a nice 150 game.

W.F. West defeated Rochester in Game 2 in total pins 896 to 432. The Bearcats subbed in freshman Emma Hamilton, who bowled a solid 145 and senior Jayci Harris, who rolled a 166. The Bearcats were led once again by Chalmers' 211 game, followed up by another outstanding performance by Savannah Hawkins who bowled a 206.

In Baker Game 1, the Bearcats defeated Rochester 160 to 120 and, again, in Game 2, 156 to 77.

"Our coaching staff is really excited to see our rapid development this season," W.F. West assistant coach Rich Bunker said. "We have a few important league matches left and we hope to carry this momentum into the playoffs."



Rochester's Krya Smith bowls at Fairway Lanes in Centralia on Thursday alongside athletes from W.F. West.

### Bearcats Notch Two League Victories

W.F. West girls bowling accomplished something Wednesday night no team in school history had done before: win two varsity matches against two league opponents — one home and one away — at the same time.

Due to scheduling conflicts and makeup matches, the Bearcats sent six bowlers to bowl their longtime rival and league-leading Black Hills at Westside Lanes in Olympia. The Bearcats also sent a second varsity squad to bowl Rochester at home at Fairway Lanes.

"It was a rare night for our team and a challenge that our bowlers were very excited to take on," W.F. West head coach Don Bunker said. "When I asked our girls about bowling two different teams in two different locations on the same night, they thought I was kidding. Once they realized I was serious, they really wanted to take this challenge on."

In the away match vs. the Wolves, the Bearcats won an electric match by only two pins to move into a tie with the Black Hills for first place in the 2A Evergreen Conference. It also avenged an earlier-season loss to the Wolves that snapped the Bearcats' nearly three-year winning streak.

"We have always had amazing battles with Black Hills over the

last few years, but this one was special," Bunker said.

In Game 1, the Bearcats won a close game 896-867. The Bearcats were led by Piper Chalmers' 204 game and Savannah Hawkins' clutch 199 game.

"Savannah has really come a long way in just one season," Bunker said. "In our first match this season against Black Hills, Savannah was bowling on the JV team and has improved almost daily to earn her spot on the varsity."

The Wolves were led by Zoey Theophilus with a 208. Theophilus is one of the most powerful bowlers in the state, Bunker said, and is currently leading the league in average, battling for the top spot with Chalmers.

In Game 2, the Wolves edged out the Bearcats in another close contest, 808-779. After two games, the two teams were tied at 1,675-1,675 while heading into two crucial Baker games.

The Bearcats had some bad breaks and untimely splits, but were consistent throughout the lineup to keep it close. They were led by senior Cami Aldrich's 160 game.

Cami has struggled this season, but I think she figured out a few things tonight," Bunker said. "If Cami can get back up to her 180 average as we head into the playoffs, we will be tough to beat."

The Wolves were led by Hallie Stuart with a 184, giving them the slight edge.

In Baker Game 1, the Bearcats lost a close game, 168-161.

"Savannah really bowled well in our Baker games," Bunker said. "She is a clutch athlete in other sports and she really came through for us tonight with several big strikes."

In Baker Game 2, the Bearcats won 180-171.

"We had a great game going and I thought we were going to bowl a big 200+ game, but a costly open frame late in the game left the door open for the Wolves," Bunker said.

It all came down to the 10th frame with the Wolves' anchor Theophilus on a spare needing a strike to tie the match, and she only knocked down eight pins to give the Bearcats the victory.

Meanwhile at home, the other Bearcat varsity squad rolled out a second team comprised of their talented young athletes and two of their senior leaders to dominate the Rochester Warriors, 1,583-1,097.

"The future is very bright for our bowling program," W.F. West assistant coach Bob Spahr said. "Our younger bowlers are eager to learn and compete every day at practice while having a lot of fun."

Spahr, who has been instrumental to the success of the Bearcat bowling program, was the acting head coach for the match vs. Rochester.

In Game 1, the Bearcats won 600-480 and were led by freshman Savanna Hoyt-Siler with a 132.

"Savanna has had quite a bit of varsity experience this season and has the potential to be a first-team, all-league bowler next season if she keeps putting in the work," Spahr said.

In Game 2, the Bearcats won 729-438 and were led by another one of the Cats' future stars, freshman Emma Hamilton with a 163.

"Emma throws one of the best balls on the team and is improving every day," Spahr said. "She has a great attitude and it has been really fun to watch her improvement throughout the season."

In Baker Game 1, the Bearcats won 137-98, and in Baker Game 2 the Cats triumphed 117-81.

## Thursday's 2A Boys Basketball

# Long Layoff Proves Costly for Bearcats in Shelton

By The Chronicle staff

In just its second game in 27 days, W.F. West couldn't shake off the rust quick enough as the Bearcats were handed a 59-38 defeat by Shelton on the road Thursday in 2A Evergreen Conference play.

The Bearcats hung in in the first quarter, trailing just five, but a 20-10 run by the Highclimbers to end the half gave Shelton a comfortable lead it wouldn't relinquish.

Senior Dirk Plakinger led the Bearcats with 14 points, while Austin Snyder added five and Cameron Amoroso and Soren Dalan each finished with four.

W.F. West (5-4, 3-2 EvCo) headed to Class 3A Kelso for a non-league matchup on Friday.

## Wolves Nab League Victory Over Bobcats

Three Black Hills players scored in double-digits and the Wolves claimed a 65-51 road victory over Aberdeen in a 2A Evergreen Conference matchup Thursday.

Guard Johnnie Stallings scored a team-high 19 points, while Luke Ellison and Andre Byoune each tacked on 11 points for the Wolves.

Black Hills (7-5, 4-2 EvCo) heads to Shelton on Wednesday.

## Wednesday's 2A Boys Basketball

# Offensive Woes Doom Tigers on the Road

By The Chronicle staff

Centralia couldn't get its offense going as the Tigers fell behind in the second quarter and couldn't recover during a 48-37, non-league loss on the road to King's Way Christian on Wednesday.

"We did a good job defensively, scrambling and covering," Centralia coach Kyle Donahue said. "They have a couple good shooters. On the offensive end, we never got in sync. Just poor execution and no rhythm. And when we did get looks, we missed a ton."

Donahue estimates the Tigers left about 16 to 18 points at the rim that should have gone in.

Senior Landon Kaut led offensively with 13 points and six rebounds. Senior Cole Wasson added nine points and nine boards, while senior Brandon Yeung chipped in six points and three assists. Brady Sprague finished with six points.

Centralia shot 6 of 20 from the field, including 6 of 14 from deep.

Centralia (4-6, 2-3 EvCo) hosted Tumwater on Friday.

## Trojans

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Pe Ell (4-6, 1-4 IBCVL) hosted Naselle on Friday in another league clash.

## Acorns Notch Second League Win

Three Oakville players scored in double digits and the Acorns faced little resistance in a 65-19 road victory over Mary M. Knight in 1B Coastal League action on Thursday.

The win moves the Acorns to 7-5 overall and 2-0 in league.

Ashton Boyd led all scorers with a double-double of 25 points and 10 rebounds, while Eddie Klatush added 20 points and seven assists and Courtney Price finished with a double-double of 15 points and 12 rebounds.

Oakville headed to Lake Quinault on Friday for another 1B Coastal League matchup.

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voked on health and good order grounds and on the basis that it was in the public interest to do so, he said in a statement Friday.

"Australians have made many sacrifices during this pandemic, and they rightly expect the result of those sacrifices to be protected," Prime Minister Scott Morrison said in a statement following the decision. "Our strong border protection policies have kept Australians safe."

Morrison said he wouldn't comment further on the cancellation due to expected ongoing legal proceedings. At a hearing on Friday, Djokovic's lawyers

submitted a request that the athlete not be detained before appearing before border officials Saturday, after which he would enter detention until a hearing as soon as Sunday. Judge Anthony Kelly granted the request later Friday.

A last-minute request to relocate Djokovic's detention to avoid a media frenzy triggered a barbed response from the judge.

"I will not be a party to or in any way inveigled into the very real possibility of a media circus," Kelly said, before allowing the detention location to be agreed on later.

Djokovic was entered into the Australian Open on Thursday despite lingering doubts over his ability to play, with the number one seed due to face fellow Serbian Miomir Kecmanovic in his first match.

Public outrage has dogged the champion since his arrival in the country last week. The revelation that he'd secured a medical exemption to play in the tournament unleashed a wave of anger in a country that's endured some of the toughest curbs seen in the pandemic, with Melbourne becoming one of the world's most locked down cities.

## Djokovic's Australian Visa Canceled Again

By Tribune News Services

Australia canceled Novak Djokovic's visa for a second time, reversing a court decision that temporarily thwarted the federal government's bid to deport the unvaccinated tennis star.

Immigration Minister Alex Hawke exercised special powers to override the court ruling, just days before the world men's No. 1 is due to vie for a record 21st Grand Slam victory at the Australian Open. The visa was re-

# Hoops

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While the Mountaineers found their stride in the second half, the Pirates (7-6, 2-2 C2BL) just never got in a rhythm. Starting guard Kaylin Todd was held off the scoresheet, and Brooklyn Loose was the lone player to score in double figures with a game-high 13 points.

Though it was still an early league game, the win meant a lot to a young Mountaineer team that starts three freshmen to go along with a few seniors. After not keeping up with the Pirates last spring, a win to open 2022 felt good.

“Adna’s beat the tar out of this team before,” Zimmerman said. “They’ve had our number, this win sure didn’t hurt.”

The Mountaineers will look to keep it going on the road against Toledo on Tuesday.

Adna looks to get revenge against Winlock at home on Tuesday.



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Winlock’s Addison Hall (24) makes a shot from deep during a game against the Stevenson Bulldogs Thursday night.

## Cards Handle Bulldogs in Second League Win

Addison Hall had a triple-double, Charlie Carper had a double-double, and Madison Vigre and Kindyl Kelly finished in double figures to pace the Winlock girls basketball team to a 68-20 win over Stevenson Thursday night.

“It was a great team effort,” Cardinals coach Dracy McCoy said. “The girls did an excellent job running the ball and filling lanes.”

Hall had 14 points, 11 rebounds, and 10 assists, and Carper had a game-high 19 points and 10 rebounds, but McCoy praised the efforts of Vigre for her scoring and effort running the floor and creating turnovers. Vigre also finished with eight boards.

Kelly was often the facilitator for Vigre’s action in the pick and roll, finding the senior five times for five dimes. Kelly also scored 13 points.

The Cardinals hosted Raymond on Friday at home.

## Tigers Thrash Chinooks in C2BL Tilt

Napavine held Kalama to single-digit scoring in three quarters and the Tigers sprinted past the Chinooks for a 65-29 road victory in Central 2B League play on Thursday.

Hayden Kaut led all scorers with 14 points, while Danielle Tupuola added 11 points and eight rebounds and Grace Gall finished with a double-double of 11 points and 10 boards.

“I thought our girls played really hard tonight,” Napavine coach Shane Schutz said. “We had great, balanced scoring. We also made the extra pass tonight, which led to some easy baskets.”

Nine Tigers in total scored on the night as they shot 38% as a team while holding the Chinooks to 31% from the field.

The Tigers were vicious on defense, tallying 25 steals, forcing 29 turnovers and holding the



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Adna guard Brooklyn Loose (4) drives to the hoop against defense from Rainier’s Isabella Holmes (right) on Thursday in Rainier.

Chinooks to just 12 points at the half. They also won the rebounding battle, 38-24. Napavine (6-5, 3-1 C2BL) hosts Onalaska in another league clash on Tuesday.

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Sections Chief Jeff Wilcox, of Spokane, describes the work of Team Rubicon Disaster Response as Michael Chiu takes a call in Centralia Wednesday afternoon.

# Who Are The Grayshirts? Team Rubicon Deploys Volunteers to Help With Local Flood Response

By Eric Rosane  
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You might see them this weekend.

Team Rubicon — clad in their iconic gray shirts — will be out this weekend helping clean up after last week's severe flooding displaced dozens of Lewis and Thurston county residents and inundated neighborhoods with flood water.

On Wednesday, Washington volunteer organizers with Team Rubicon established their forward operating base in west Centralia with plans to mobilize about 30 volunteers around the Twin Cities and Rochester area this weekend.

Volunteers were out Friday doing site assessments in anticipation for cleanup over the next two weeks.

"We focus on the uninsured, socially vulnerable population," said Michael Chiu, a volunteer incident commander with Team Rubicon, and a retired Bellevue Police Department officer.

Team Rubicon is a Los Angeles-based non-governmental organization that focuses on disaster response and humanitarian crises assistance throughout the United States. Most of its volunteers are U.S. veterans and first responders, and Chiu estimates about three-fourths of volunteers responding to this flood will be veterans.

"We have a 450-mile radius to pull from, so we have people from all around Washington," and Oregon, Chiu said.

According to information on the organization's website, Team Rubicon's roots stem from the 2010 7.0 magnitude earthquake that rocked Haiti. The organization was established by two U.S. Marines who led a small group of veterans and first responders and responded to calls for supplies and aid.

"The small group focused on populations often overlooked or underserved by traditional aid organizations. By applying medical and leadership skills honed by years of service in the military, Team Rubicon provided aid to thousands of survivors of the Haiti Earthquake. From this



A Team Rubicon Northwest patch is displayed on the jacket of Karl Kaiyala in Centralia on Wednesday.

initial operation, a larger organization grew, one committed to helping underserved communities impacted by disasters," read the organization's online bio.

In the past decade, approximately 785 field operations have been set up with more than 1.2 million hours tallied by volunteers in response to disasters. Team Rubicon focuses on responding to disasters caused by earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and wildfires.

The organization in recent years has been involved in assisting with COVID-19 response on the Navajo Indian Nation, Hurricane Harvey and the 2020 fire that flattened the town of Malden, Whitman County.

"This is a great outlet for us emotionally, and it's part of our identity," Chiu said.

This month, dozens of Team Rubicon volunteers will focus on muckraking, cleaning and helping Lewis and South Thurston county residents affected by Chehalis Basin flooding.

Chiu said work on Saturday will first start at the Chehalis

Avenue Apartments, where at least four families have been displaced.

"This is a highly vulnerable population that might not have the resilience necessary" to recover, Chiu said.

They also plan on assisting the Lewis County Gospel Mis-

sion where assistance is needed. Work to clean their Chehalis Avenue headquarters began earlier this week. The scope of their work has not yet been determined, though assistance may pivot toward south Thurston County communities which saw historically detrimental flood-

ing. Local residents so far have been very kind and warm-hearted, Chiu said, which has made their work so far easier.

"You guys are very welcoming, very warm. The red carpet's been rolled out and it's been quite touching," he said.

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Michael Chiu and Karl Kaiyala, with Team Rubicon, talk about disaster response after flooding in Centralia on Wednesday.

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# Puzzles

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## Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 — fu
  - 5 Chatty alien of TV
  - 8 Leadership position
  - 12 Buckeye State
  - 13 Mai — (rum drink)
  - 14 Sicilian spouter
  - 15 Female relative
  - 16 Rand of fiction
  - 17 Come to rest on the ground
  - 18 Vacation expense
  - 20 Watchdog breed
  - 22 Underwater shocker
  - 23 Wildebeest
  - 24 Dull noise
  - 27 Scales a peak
  - 30 Poet's contraction

- 31 Allow
- 32 Itch
- 34 Chicago airport code
- 35 — kwon do
- 37 Woolly one
- 38 "Get lost!" (2 wds.)
- 40 Cowboy gear
- 42 Dory mover
- 43 Crone
- 44 Riyadh resident
- 46 Long-plumed heron
- 49 Lose focus
- 50 Scoundrel
- 52 Resound
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- 56 Satie or Estrada
- 57 Afternoon socials
- 58 Born
- 59 Drab colors

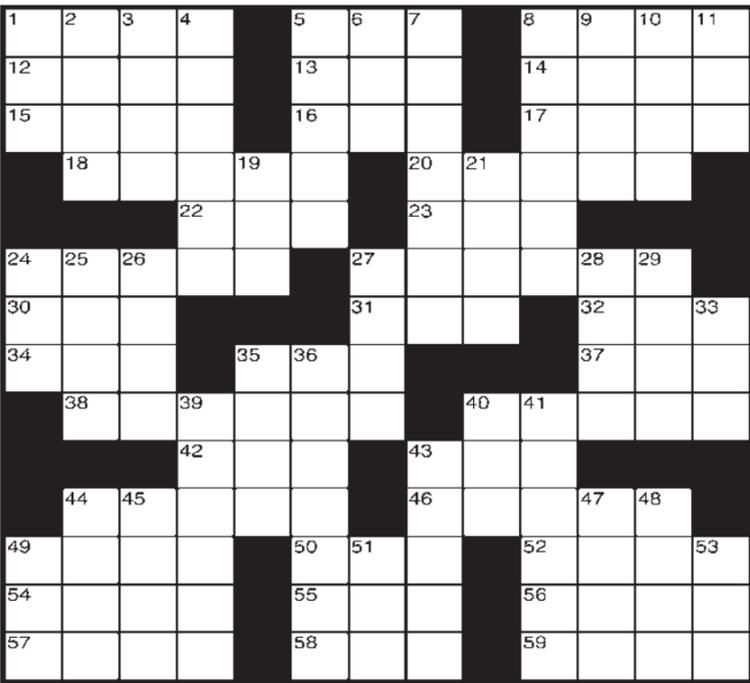
**DOWN**

- 1 RV haven

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 2 Nope (hyph.)
- 3 Muchacho
- 4 Acquired
- 5 "I don't mind —"
- 6 Deposit
- 7 Wheedle
- 8 Dirigible filler
- 9 Iowa, to Jacques
- 10 Paquin of "The Piano"
- 11 Informal parent
- 19 Reaction to a mouse
- 21 Do socks
- 24 Likewise
- 25 Sage or basil
- 26 Karachi language
- 27 Musical sign
- 28 Parting words
- 29 Fixes a seam
- 33 Opposite of "paleo"
- 35 Frog's cousin
- 36 From Kenya
- 39 Old-time dippers
- 40 Trail behind
- 41 Went along with
- 43 Row of bushes
- 44 Kind of gin
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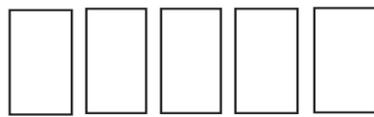


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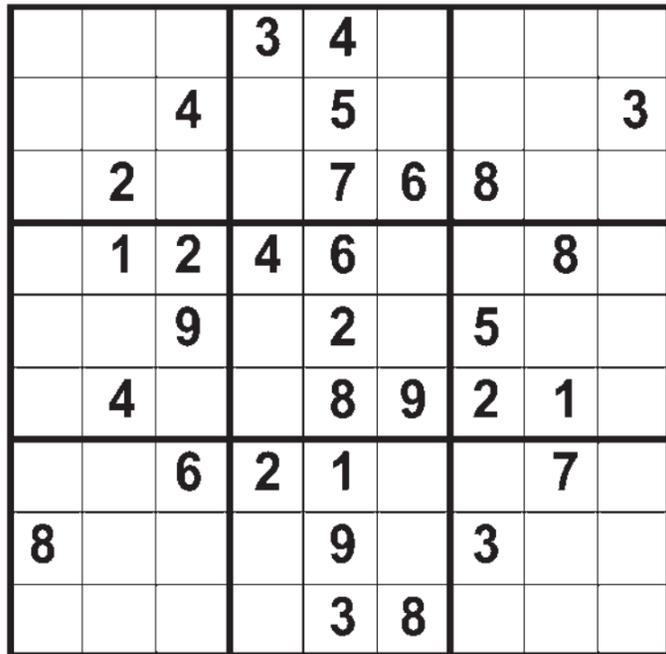
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Answer: Guard

## Sudoku

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9	4	2	1	6	5	3	8	7
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**HOW TO PLAY:**  
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

## Diet Plan Word Search



Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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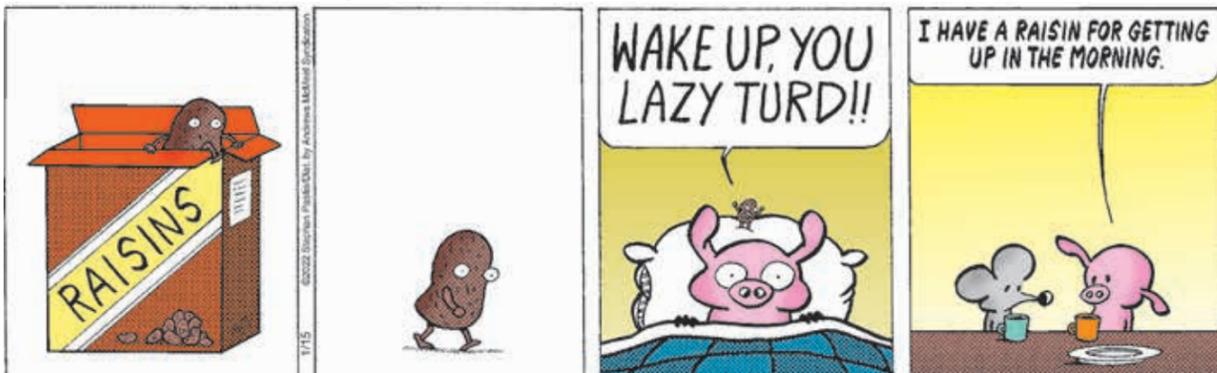
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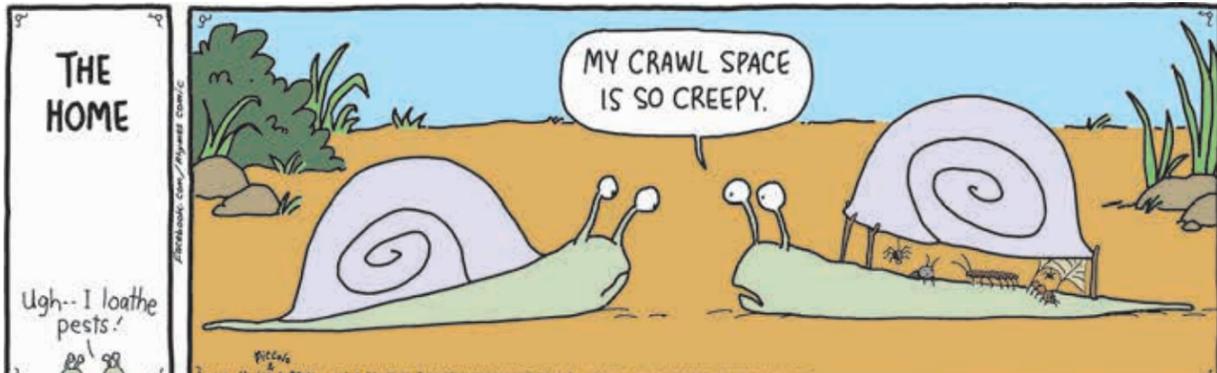
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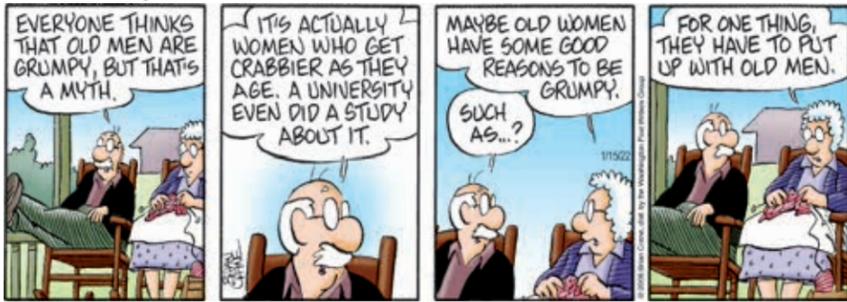
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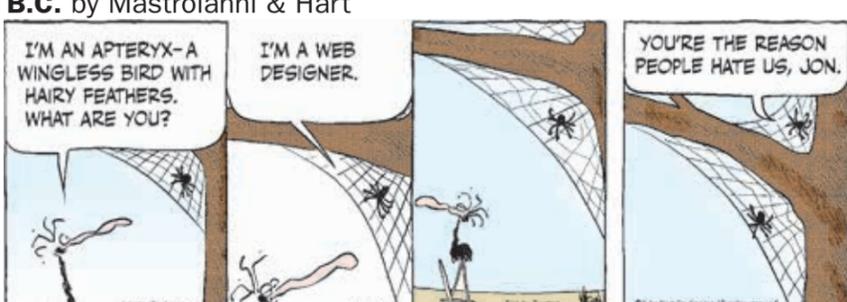
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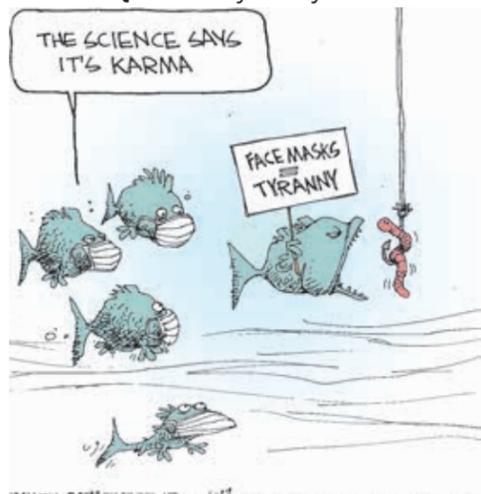
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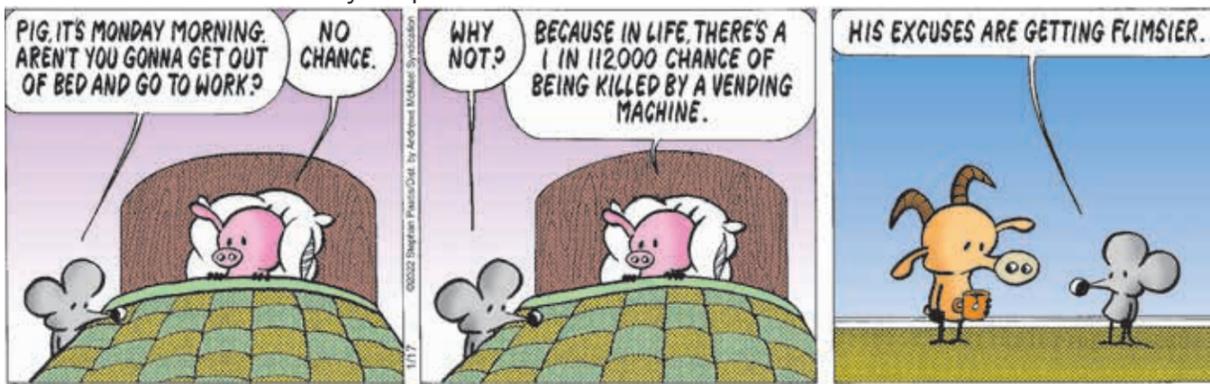
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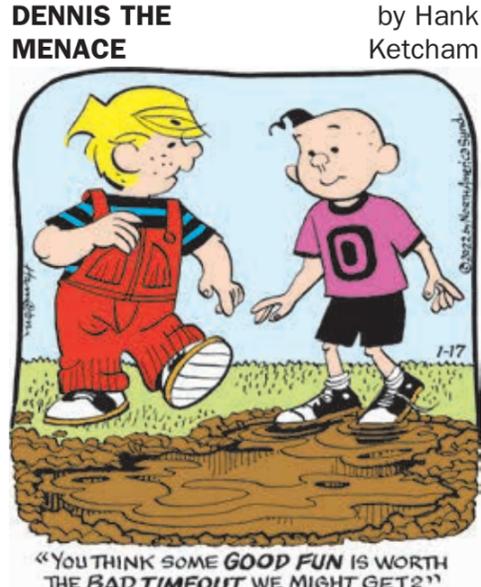
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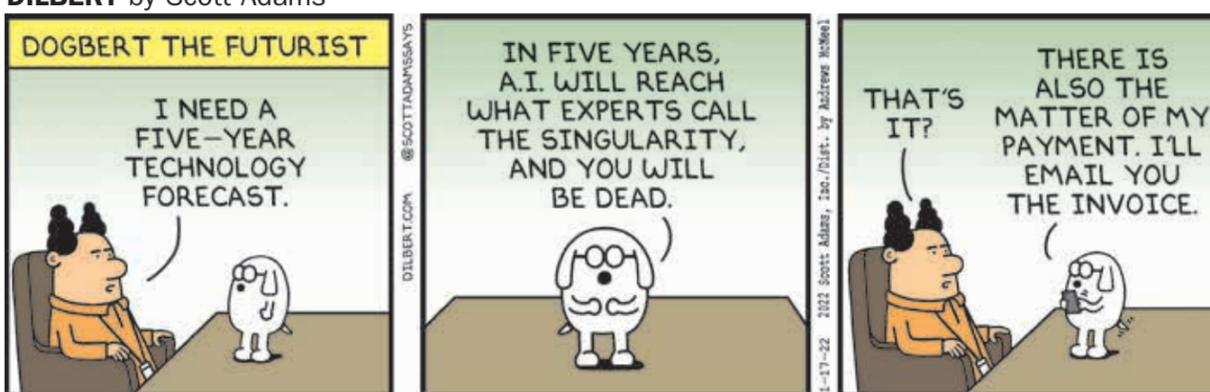
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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Take a unique approach to life, love and happiness. A positive attitude will encourage others to listen to what you say and support what you want to pursue. Share your feelings and intentions.



**AQUARIUS**

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)**  
Take care of unfinished business. Don't ignore what others are doing or saying. The information you receive will encourage you to rethink your strategy. Protect your reputation, assets and possessions.



**PISCES**

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)**  
You'll instinctively know what's doable. Dig in and put a plan together that will attract individuals who can contribute to your success. Mix business with pleasure. Romance is favored.



**ARIES**

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
Don't make a fuss. Tend to business. Take an intellectual approach to your goal and consider how to go about living up to your expectations. An energetic approach will help.



**TAURUS**

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
Make changes that encourage you to spend more time with loved ones. Be sensitive toward others' needs. If you share your intentions, you'll receive the help you need.



**GEMINI**

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
Learn as you go. Hone your skills and share your plans once you are happy with them. Refuse to let someone interfere with your ability to forge ahead. Don't hesitate to proceed alone.



**CANCER**

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
Your imagination and attention to detail will raise interest. You will prosper if you take a unique approach to your work and incorporate something trendy into your presentation.



**LEO**

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Having a strategy and knowing what you want will help you avoid mistakes and bypass people who can disrupt your plans. Put your energy where it counts, and you will get things done.



**VIRGO**

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Mix business with pleasure, and you will excel. Share your point of view and listen to others' responses. Don't leave anything to chance if you want to get things done calmly and correctly.



**LIBRA**

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**  
A disciplined approach to work will help you avoid criticism and interference. Keep your thoughts and emotions to yourself, and finish what you start. Expect people to judge you on your abilities.



**SCORPIO**

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**  
Be receptive to suggestions and ideas. The information someone passes along will encourage you to diversify and create something unique. Working with a like-minded partner will pay off.



**SAGITTARIUS**

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**  
Consider how you earn your living and what's required to improve your financial future. A disciplined attitude regarding your budget will be needed. Don't let anyone take advantage of you.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022



**CAPRICORN**

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Take time to make your surroundings conducive to your success. A personal change will lift your spirits and fetch compliments. An affectionate signal will spark your interest.



**AQUARIUS**

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)**  
Take notice of what's going on around you. Be open to suggestions, but don't go out of your way to please someone who doesn't reciprocate. Be fair, not gullible. Don't let anyone manipulate you.



**PISCES**

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)**  
Leave nothing to chance or unfinished. A spontaneous act will result in an emotional setback. Work alongside people who are striving for the same results as you.



**ARIES**

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
Use your intelligence wisely. Get involved in events that offer eye-opening information. Being prepared will help you make better decisions when the time is right.



**TAURUS**

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
You'll find it challenging to stick to one thing. Avoid promising more than you can deliver. Put your physical strength and energy where they will bring the highest return.



**GEMINI**

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
Spend more time with your peers, and you will gain perspective regarding the best way to move forward. Avoid individuals who are indulgent or exaggerate. Intelligence and determination will be needed.



**CANCER**

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
Think about the changes you can make to improve your community, relationships, qualifications and ability to get ahead. Broaden your interests and skills. Romance is featured.



**LEO**

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Emotions will surface if someone tries to interfere with your plans. Don't make changes because someone else does; do what's best for you. Take an intelligent and healthy approach to life.



**VIRGO**

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
You'll gravitate toward unique people and pastimes. The more you indulge in something foreign to you, the easier it will be to recognize what's possible. Romance is in the stars.



**LIBRA**

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**  
Be smart; provide valid reasons for the changes you make or the plans you pursue. A proactive approach and open mind will help keep the peace and get you the help you require to reach your goal.



**SCORPIO**

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**  
Don't labor over something you cannot change. Take physical action and do what you can to make your life better. Expand your interests, friendships and physical activities.



**SAGITTARIUS**

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**  
Money problems will lead to confusion and costly mistakes. Rethink your financial plan and put spending limits in place. Refuse to let anyone talk you into an indulgent expense.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AUCTIONS

**COMPLETE STORE LIQUIDATION AUCTION!!!**  
111 W Main St, Centralia  
Saturday, Jan 15, 10am.  
All details @ [www.ax3auctions.com](http://www.ax3auctions.com)

### Lost & Found

**FOUND**  
• Weapon, Winlock-Vader area, case #22C345. Please call Lewis County Sheriff's Office to describe & claim. 360-740-1470

### SPECIAL NOTICES

**DO YOU NEED BUSINESS CARDS?**  
Call Sign Pro, 360-736-6322

**UP LATE?**  
Need to place an ad?  
Place your ad on [chronline.com](http://chronline.com)

Want your event in The Chronicle's Community Calendar?  
Email your event to: [calendar@chronline.com](mailto:calendar@chronline.com)

### EMPLOYMENT

### HELP WANTED

**Police Officer - Lateral Entry**

City of Centralia is currently recruiting for Police Officer - Lateral Entry. This is a Civil Service Classified position. 2022 salary ranges \$6,454-\$7,672 per month DOQ /DOE + benefits. Please see the City of Centralia website [www.cityofcentralia.com](http://www.cityofcentralia.com) or visit City Hall at 118 W. Maple, Centralia, WA 98531 for detailed information on required qualifications and how to apply and/or test for this position. For questions call (360)623-8251. City of Centralia is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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## Need to access an archived legal?



## Washington Newspaper Association has it for you at

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### HELP WANTED

### DRIVERS

Scot Industries is hiring a full time driver. Class A CDL & clean driving record are required. Must possess an enhanced license or passport. Ideal candidate would have 3 years flatbed experience & must be able to go to Canada. Home on weekends. Canada route drivers pay to be 55¢ per mile plus drop. We offer competitive pay, profit sharing, insurance, paid holidays, & paid vacation. Please apply in person with complete drivers abstract Mon - Fri 8am to 5pm @ 3020 Foron Rd., Centralia, WA 98531.

### HELP WANTED

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You can get your ad into The Reflector & The Nisqually Valley News.

Call us at 360-736-3311 to ask how!

### NEW TODAY!

Lewis County Fire District 2 is accepting applications for an experienced individual to serve as a Full-Time Firefighter/EMT-B. Fully benefited position. Application packets may be obtained online at: [www.tolefire2.com](http://www.tolefire2.com) or by calling 360-864-2366 #2. Applications must be submitted by February 11th 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

**Lewis PUD - Journeyman Operator Maintainer**

Join a dynamic electric utility and become part of a progressive team!

Lewis County Public Utility District is seeking Journeyman Operator-Maintainers to operate, maintain, troubleshoot, construct, clean, repair, modify, and install electrical and/or mechanical equipment and systems relating to the production of hydroelectric power, water control and related facilities at the District's Cowlitz Falls Hydroelectrical Project. Lewis PUD is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. For a complete listing of job requirements and how to apply visit: [www.lcpud.org](http://www.lcpud.org)

Scot Industries is a leading manufacturing company ([www.scotindustries.com](http://www.scotindustries.com)) with 12 locations throughout the country. We are looking for energetic candidates with an ability to learn quickly in a fast-paced environment that would like to grow with our company as a material handler for our 2nd shift Centralia WA location

**Responsibilities:**  
Material handlers are responsible for the timely stocking of productions equipment, placement of materials into storage locations, and identifying proper stock for orders.  
-Load & Unload tractor trailers and move raw materials, in-process inventory, and finished good within plant utilizing overhead cranes  
-Package Materials for shipment  
-Maintain identifying tags and labels on materials  
-Read and follow work orders  
-Band Materials together using steel banding  
-Keep Workplace clean and orderly

**Requirements:**  
- No experience needed  
- ability to follow instructions and work independently  
- Ability to pass basic math test (tape measure use, concerting fractions to decimals)  
- High school diploma, GED, or equivalent  
- Able to pass drug tests and criminal background check  
-Must be eligible to be legally employed in the United States

**Benefits:**  
- Paid Training  
- Health insurance with company paid HRA  
- Profit Sharing  
- Opportunity for advancement  
- Vacation available after one year  
- Shift premiums  
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### RENTAL HOMES GENERAL

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The Chronicle Classifieds: a rich resource for both buyers and sellers seeking results. Readers recognize classified as the marketplace for merchandise. Call us today at (360)736-3311, or 1(800)562-6084 to place your ad.

### LIVESTOCK & PETS

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## Multigen Goldendoodle Puppies

Available now, born Nov. 20, 2021. Dad is standard AKC poodle, mom is F2b Goldendoodle, parents on site, \$1200 to \$1500. Call or message for any more details. 360-688-0995

### PET SITTING

Call The Chronicle at 360-736-3311 and place your ad HERE

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Rita female Shepherd/Heeler mix needs to go to good & loving home without cats, good with other dogs, 40 lbs, spayed with all shots, smart, loving & happy. 360-985-2900 after 11am.

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### FURNITURE & HH GOODS

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### \$100 OR LESS

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You deserve to get ahead in life, and to find the job you were made for, all you need to do is turn to

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### GUNS & ACCESSORIES

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### MOTOR HOMES

**WANTED: Motorhome or truck & travel trailer, any type, size, condition considered, cash buyer. Call Paul or Maryann 360-434-3993**

### DOMESTIC AUTOS

2012 Smart car, low miles, well maintained, clean title, \$7500 or best offer. If interested, call 360-523-8812.

### LEGAL NOTICES

120937 City Council Member Vacancy

**City of Chehalis City Council Member Vacancy**  
Notice is hereby given that the Chehalis City Council is accepting applications for the vacant City Council At-Large Position No. 2 until 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 2, 2022. Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office located at 350 N. Market Boulevard, Room 101, Chehalis, WA 98532 or on the City's website at [www.ci.chehalis.wa.us](http://www.ci.chehalis.wa.us). To apply for this opening, you must be a registered voter and a current resident within the city limits of Chehalis for at least one year. Please direct any questions to the City Clerk's Office at 360-345-3240 or [kfranz@ci.chehalis.wa.us](mailto:kfranz@ci.chehalis.wa.us). Kiley Franz, City Clerk

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120921 Notice

**NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEETING TIME**  
The Board of Directors of the Napavine School District announces the change of the January 18, 2022 workshop meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. due to scheduling conflicts. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom and the link to the meeting can be found on the district website at [www.napavineschools.org](http://www.napavineschools.org). Further questions may be directed to district office personnel @ 360-262-3303.

Shane Schutz  
Secretary to the Board  
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120942 Public Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice to the public is hereby given that the Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) has issued draft Air Operating Permit (AOP) SW01-12-R4 to TransAlta Centralia Mining, LLC. The AOP is a compilation of all applicable air quality requirements for the facility. The AOP does not modify existing permit limits.

The public has an opportunity to review and comment on the draft AOP. A copy of this AOP will be available on SWCAA's website at [www.swcleanair.gov](http://www.swcleanair.gov). This AOP will be made available in other media, if necessary. All written or oral comments must be received by SWCAA by February 18, 2022. If there is a demonstrated public interest, a public hearing may be held with the required 30-day notification. The material is available for review at 11815 NE 99th Street, Suite 1294, Vancouver, Washington, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

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