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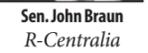
By The Chronicle staff

Senate Minority Leader Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia, said Monday that a new bill requiring school districts allow up to a full day per week of "asynchronous learning," or remote learning, would create an "unnecessary hardship for families already struggling to pay the bills."

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Senate Bill 5735, set Wednesday for a hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning and K-12 Education, would cost K-12 students 20% of "critical instructional time without a legitimate reason," Braun said in a news release.



"Parents should find it alarming that anyone would propose taking away one-fifth of our kids' instructional time just as teachers and students are trying to

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## After Recent Flooding, a Putrid Problem for Some Centralians

Residents Voice Frustration After Sewage Pours Into Neighborhood



James Miller, 64, points to where China Creek flowed over a manhole in the 500 block of Hemlock Street in Centralia.

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Toys are displaced after flood water filled a portion of the property Seth Richards' rents with his family in Centralia.



Seth Richards, 35, talks about the water rising and having to get his family out.

**FLOOD PRONE:** Ten Locations Likely Saw Sewer Overflow in Latest Event, Public Works Director Says

By Eric Rosane  
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Since 2002, James Miller has called Hemlock Street his home.

It has been a little slice of heaven ever since for the 64-year-old Centralia resident and his wife. China Creek hums nearby in the winter. In the springtime, stray deer and wild-life meander into his backyard.

"It's just calm and peaceful," Miller said, "and I bought this house because of the shop out here."

But during flood seasons, he and his neighbors have a problem — a stinky, repulsive one, at that.

About a week and a half ago — as China Creek saw its worst flooding in more than a decade — a sewer line in the 520 block of Hemlock Street overtopped its manhole, spilling out into the roadway and draining into the nearby creek.

Raw sewage, stormwater, toilet paper, oil and, yes, even condoms were seen overtopping the manhole for about a week, residents told The Chronicle.

"I think it was spewing for five, six days. Yesterday morning was when it stopped," said Hemlock resident Derrick Paul, 49, on Friday afternoon. "It was all over the street here."

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### Cleaning Day in Centralia



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### Bearcats on a Roll



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Centralia Police Chief Stacy Denham and other volunteers work to carry heavy bags of wet debris from flooded areas to a trash site near Fort Borst Park Saturday morning. Organized and promoted by local businesses, individuals and governments, the cleanup attracted more than 250 volunteers Saturday morning. They met for their assignments at 9 a.m. at Fort Borst Park and then worked well into the afternoon.

# In Focus: Hundreds of Volunteers Work to Clean Up After Flooding



Volunteers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints pose for a photo at Fort Borst Park Saturday morning during a clean up project.



Volunteers from surrounding communities carry trash bags full of debris from around Fort Borst Park to a dumpster site during a clean up event following recent flooding.



Bonanza BBQ and Catering from Toledo came to provide volunteers with food and water during the clean up on Saturday.



Emily Wilkes, 11, uses a pressure washer while cleaning shelters at Fort Borst Park with family Saturday morning after flood waters covered cement pads with mud and debris.



Centralia's Public Works Director Kim Ashmore smiles while talking to volunteers who gathered to help clean up Centralia after recent flooding.



State Rep. Peter Abbarno carries trash bags full of debris to a dumpster Saturday morning in Centralia.



Centralia Police Chief Stacy Denham throws debris from around Centralia into a dumpster as volunteers gather to help clean up the city after recent flooding.

## Mount St. Helens Makes Appearance After Long Rainy Period



Mount St. Helens is seen from Stan Hedwall Park in Chehalis on Friday.

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## Chehalis Farrier Charged for Allegedly Harming Horse

By Emily Fitzgerald

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A Chehalis man has pleaded not guilty to accusations he purposefully injured a horse while putting shoes on its hooves in September.

Todd Graham, 47, reportedly became “impatient” with a horse he had been hired to put horseshoes on and allegedly hit

the horse multiple times with the claw end of the shoeing hammer, according to the horse owner’s report to the Lewis County Sheriff’s Office.

The horse, named Petey, suffered swelling and a laceration from the incident, according to a veterinarian’s assessment.

“The injuries I ... observed on the horse (were) consistent with what I was told happened and

very consistent with an animal hit with a shoeing hammer,” said the veterinarian who examined Petey in a written statement that was included in court documents. “Horses can be difficult during any procedure. In this case, Todd (Graham) escalated his behavior towards the horse until he was physically abusing it.”

The owner stated Graham “held himself out as an experi-

enced farrier” and said she called the veterinarian as soon as Graham left on Sept. 15. The veterinarian examined Petey that same day, and Petey’s owner immediately reported the incident to the Lewis County Sheriff’s Office.

Graham was charged with first-degree animal cruelty on Dec. 10 and was issued a summons to come to Lewis County

Superior Court for a preliminary hearing on Jan. 11.

The hearing was ultimately postponed to Jan. 13, but Graham was in attendance and the judge allowed him to remain out of custody on an unsecured bond.

A jury trial is currently scheduled for May 9, with an omnibus hearing to check up on the case scheduled for Feb. 3.

### News in Brief

#### State Patrol Identifies Pedestrian Killed on I-5 in Lewis County

By The Chronicle staff

The Washington State Patrol has identified the pedestrian who was struck and killed by a semi-truck while on Interstate 5 near mile marker 72 late Tuesday.

Jonathan L. Hogan, 46, of Olympia, died at the scene.

According to the state patrol, he was in the left lane of southbound I-5 just before midnight when he was struck by a semi-truck driven by a 53-year-old Tacoma man.

There will be no charges as the cause of the fatality was a pedestrian in the roadway, according to the state patrol.

#### Man Arrested for Allegedly Wielding Knife, Threatening Centralia Bar Employee

By The Chronicle staff

A 28-year-old Seattle man was arrested Friday night after allegedly wielding a knife and threatening to stab a Centralia bar employee who asked him to leave.

Donovan E. Spillers was booked into the Lewis County Jail for first-degree assault, providing false information to a public servant and for multiple warrants out of King County.

The arrest occurred at about 10:45 p.m. in the 100 block of South Tower Avenue, according to the Centralia Police Department.

#### State Patrol Troopers Arrest Four DUI Drivers With Minors in Their Vehicles

By The Chronicle staff

Washington State Patrol (WSP) troopers arrested four drivers in Pierce and Thurston counties over the weekend who, in addition to allegedly driving under the influence of alcohol or

drugs, were found traveling with children under the age of 16 in their vehicles at the time of their arrests.

Of those four arrests, three occurred in Pierce County and one in Thurston County. Troopers arrested 48 such drivers in District 1, which covers Pierce and Thurston counties, in 2021 and 53 in 2020, according to WSP.

In addition to the charge of driving under the influence, impaired drivers taken into custody while traveling with minors in the vehicle could face additional charges of reckless endangerment for each occupant under the age of 16, according to WSP.

When those arrests are made, WSP contacts Child Protective Services regardless of the relation between the in custody driver and minor passengers.

WSP is asking anyone who observes vehicles exhibiting signs of a possible driver under the influence of alcohol or drugs to call 911 so law enforcement in the area may respond. Examples of driving behaviors that could be indicators the driver is possibly impaired include, but are not limited to: lane travel, shoulder driving, erratic braking, erratic lane changes, stopping short or beyond stop lines, no headlights activated after dark, excessive speed, impeding traffic and inconsistent speeds.

Do not attempt to personally contact drivers you believe are impaired, said WSP. Instead, call and report the vehicle to 911 and follow prompts provided by dispatchers. Try to include the vehicle description (make, model and color), license plate and any observed occupant information.

#### Nominations Open for the 2022 American Humane Hero Dog Awards

By The Chronicle staff

American Humane, the country’s oldest national humane organization, has announced the official start of the 2022 American Humane Hero Dog Awards

campaign.

The 12th annual, year-long campaign seeks to identify and honor “the best of our best friends” and will culminate this fall with the star-studded “American Humane Hero Dog Awards” gala on Nov. 11 in Palm Beach, stated American Humane in a news release.

Dog owners across the country are invited to visit [www.herodogawards.org](http://www.herodogawards.org) and nominate their heroic hound in one of seven categories. This fall, the top dog in each category will appear at the star-studded, red-carpet awards gala and one of the seven will be named the American Hero Dog of the year.

“Whether they protect us on the battlefield, help us with medical challenges, or just lighten our spirits with an enthusiastic kiss after a hard day, dogs save and improve our lives every day,” said Dr. Robin Ganzert, American Humane president and CEO. “The American Humane Hero Dog Awards is our way of saluting our best friends and we invite every dog lover to take a few minutes to recognize the love, skill and loyalty these remarkable animals show us every day by nominating their canine companion now at [www.HeroDogAwards.org](http://www.HeroDogAwards.org).”

The seven categories for 2022 are: law enforcement and detection dogs, military dogs, therapy dogs, service dogs, shelter dogs, search and rescue dogs and guide/hearing dogs.

Following the nomination period, which ends on March 16, 21 semifinalists (the top three in each category) will be chosen in a first round of voting by the public. The second round, featuring a combination of public and celebrity judge voting, will narrow the field to seven category finalists who will then vie, through a final round of public and celebrity judge voting, for the title of 2022 American Hero Dog.

More information about the 2022 American Humane Hero Dog Awards, including complete contest rules and entry information, can be found at [www.herodogawards.org](http://www.herodogawards.org). More information on sponsorship oppor-

tunities is available by emailing Laura Wright at [LauraW@AmericanHumane.org](mailto:LauraW@AmericanHumane.org) or by calling 1-800-227-4645.

#### Police Still Seeking Information Regarding the Cause of Downtown Olympia Fire

By The Olympian

A month after a large blaze destroyed an apartment building under construction and damaged several others nearby in downtown Olympia, police are still investigating and seeking information on how it started.

Olympia Police Lt. Paul Lower said on Friday that the investigation into the suspicious fire that started around 5 a.m. Dec. 15 on Capitol Way North is ongoing. He said there haven’t been any new developments, but detectives are continuing to interview people in the area and work with forensics teams.

Lower said the department is still seeking information from the public regarding the fire. Anyone with information is asked to call the department’s non-emergency line at 360-753-8300.

#### 14-Year-Old Arrested in Fatal Renton Shooting

By The Seattle Times

A 14-year-old was arrested in connection with a fatal shooting Wednesday in Renton that left a 54-year-old man dead, according to the Renton Police Department.

Officers were called to the 2000 block of Benson Road South just before 5:45 p.m. Wednesday and found the victim lying on a sidewalk. The man had suffered multiple gunshot wounds, and despite the efforts of officers and medics, he was pronounced dead at the scene.

Renton police said investigators learned quickly that the alleged shooter was a passenger in a black SUV that had fled the scene.

The suspect vehicle was locat-

ed at a nearby apartment complex Wednesday. Valley SWAT Team served a search warrant Thursday evening at a unit in the complex, police said.

The alleged shooter, a 14-year-old from Burien, was arrested at the apartment, a little more than 25 hours after the shooting.

The teen has been booked into King County Juvenile Detention, and will face charges for both this shooting and another slaying in Renton late in 2021, Renton police said but did not immediately give details about the 2021 incident.

#### 12-Year-Old Dies, Her Friend Critically Injured in Pierce County Hit-and-Run

By The Seattle Times

A 12-year-old girl died of her injuries and a friend was critically injured when a large, white truck hit the two in Midland and then took off, according to the Pierce County Sheriff’s Department.

The critically injured girl, also 12, was taken to Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital, said Sgt. Darren Moss, public information officer for the sheriff’s department.

Around 10:30 a.m. Saturday, the two friends were walking along the side of 104th Street East in Midland, south of Tacoma. The stretch has a 35 mph speed limit. They were struck by the truck traveling east, according to the Pierce County Sheriff’s Department.

“They were walking against traffic the way they are supposed to,” Moss said.

Moss said it was clear that the truck ran off the road and went into the ditch, but it was not clear if hitting the ditch caused the truck to hit the girls or if they were struck before the truck entered the ditch.

“I think they were going to the store,” Moss said.

The Pierce County Sheriff’s Department spent Saturday looking for the suspected vehicle and driver.



Courtesy Photo

Pictured from left to right, the Miss Lewis County finalists are Taylor Derscheid, Taylor Trodahl, Alayna Brindle, Mara Soto and Briana Rasku.

## Miss Lewis County Scholarship Pageant Announces 2022 Candidates

By The Chronicle staff

Five young ladies have been announced as Miss Lewis County Scholarship Pageant candidates for 2022.

The candidates are: Taylor Derscheid, Taylor Trodahl, Alayna

Brindle, Mara Soto and Briana Rasku.

Though the pageant was not held last year because of COVID-19, Adna resident Sophie Moerke was crowned Miss Lewis County, without the promise of

scholarship dollars or the chance to attend the Miss Washington pageant. Moerke wanted the role because of Miss Lewis County's service to the community, which she felt would be missed if the role was left unfilled for a year.

Now that the program is back, it is scheduled to be held at Centralia College's Corbet Theater on Saturday, March 5.

The scholarship program and pageant is open to women in Lewis County between the ages

of 19 and 26. The application period for this year's program closed in mid-December.

More information on tickets for the program will be published in The Chronicle at a later date.

### News in Brief

By The Chronicle staff

Students from Washington will have an opportunity this week to hear from NASA astronauts aboard the International Space Station in a call hosted by Mount Rainier National Park.

The Earth-to-space call vir-

tual event will air live at 9:50 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, on NASA Television, the NASA app and the agency's website.

NASA astronauts Kayla Barron and Raja Chari will answer pre-recorded video questions from students participating in Mount Rainier National Park's Education Program. Barron's hometown is Richland, Washington.

The event, in partnership with Columbia Crest A-STEM Academy in Ashford, Washington, includes activities for students tied to the theme "Connections through Community." The school, named after the summit peak of Mount Rainier, is the nearest school to the park. Through the long-standing partnership with Mount Rainier National Park's Education Program, students explore teamwork, adventure, ecosystems and astronomy.

"For more than 21 years, astronauts have continuously lived and worked aboard the space station, testing technologies, performing science and developing the skills needed to explore farther from Earth," stated a news release from the park.

"Linking students directly to astronauts aboard the space station provides unique, authentic experiences designed to enhance student learning, performance, and interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics."

See videos and lesson plans highlighting research on the International Space Station at <https://www.nasa.gov/stemonstation>.

### Lewis County Elections Mailing 21,560 Ballots on Wednesday for Feb. 8 Special Election

By The Chronicle staff

About 21,560 ballots will be mailed out Wednesday to registered voters in select school districts ahead of the Feb. 8 special election, the Lewis County Auditor's Office's Elections Division reported Friday.

Voters in the following school districts in both Lewis and Pacific counties can expect to receive a ballot: Adna, Boistfort, Castle Rock, Morton, Mossyrock, Napavine, Onalaska, Pe Ell and Winlock. This election cycle will feature replacement levies and capital facilities bonds for some of these school districts.

Ballots should begin arriving in mailboxes the week of Jan. 24-28. The U.S. Postal Service says it can take up to seven to 10 days for delivery, a Friday news release from the Lewis County Auditor's Office reads.

If voters don't receive a ballot by Jan. 28, a replacement can be requested either online at [www.votewa.gov](http://www.votewa.gov); by calling Lewis County Elections at 360-740-1164 or 360-740-1278; or by visiting the auditor's office at 351 N.W. North St., Chehalis, during office hours.

About 199 military and overseas ballots were mailed out on Jan. 7.

In order to count, ballots must be postmarked by the day of election (Feb. 8) or returned to a county-approved ballot drop-box by 8 p.m. on election night.

Jan. 31 is the last day to register or update existing registration by mail, online or at a driver's licensing office. Residents can also register to vote in-person up until 8 p.m. on election day at the auditor's office.

### Thurston County Public Health Offering Free Water Testing for Residents Affected by Flooding

By The Chronicle staff

Thurston County residents who may have had their water wells affected by the historic flooding two weeks ago can test their water starting Tuesday through a program offered by Thurston County Environmental Health.

The free program will test for E. Coli, an indicator that water may be contaminated by flood water, animal waste or sewage.

"Beginning Tuesday, people can pick up special water sample bottles and instructions at several locations throughout Thurston County," read a news release Saturday from Thurston County. Locations and instructions are available at <http://ow.ly/rfC850HvnK>. People who have questions about their water quality or testing procedures can call 360-867-2673.

Bottles can be picked up at Rochester Organization of Families, Rainier City Hall, Tenino City Hall, the Yelm Public Works building, Thurston County Public Health and Social Services or at Building 1 at the Thurston County Courthouse Complex.

### Mount Rainier National Park to Host Call for Students With International Space Station

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in parades like Winlock's Egg Days and Loyalty Day Parade in Long Beach, and just living on their farm. Norma organized the Winlock Trail Riders Mounted Search and Rescue Unit of Lewis County in 1972. An unexpected loss of their daughter, Carol Sue Trainor, in June of 1978 brought her young son Joseph Lee Trainor into their home as their son. Norma was an active member of Christian Fellowship of Winlock Church. She enjoyed studying the word of God at adult Bible studies and at a variety of ladies Bible studies and fellowship events. She considered everyone at her church as her family and was well loved.

Norma was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She is survived by her son Ronald L. Trainor (Nicki); daughters Cheryl A. Schlenker (Dennis), Karen Trainor, and Lora Schrift; and 10 grandchildren Wendy Echaniz (Jeff), Cindy Trainor-Hoey (Jerry), Joseph Trainor (Terri), Shaun Schlenker, Dana Sprouse (Jeff), Charlane Colson, Wade Colson (Caitie), Stephanie and Bryan Schrift, and Alex Chambers, plus 11 great-grandchildren. A graveside service for Norma will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the St. Francis (Cowlitz) Mission located at 139 Spencer Road, Toledo, Washington. Directly afterwards, there will be a memorial service at Christian Fellowship of Winlock, 630 Cemetery Road, Winlock, at 12:30 p.m. with a luncheon to follow.

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## Sirens

### CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Hit-and-Run

- A hit-and-run was reported in the 1100 block of Harrison Avenue just after 1:05 p.m. on Jan. 14.
- A hit-and-run to a parked vehicle in the 100 block of West High Street was reported at 12:55 p.m. on Jan. 15.
- A hit-and-run that caused damage to a fence was reported in the 600 block of West Cherry Street just after 2:20 a.m. on Jan. 16. The case is under investigation.
- A hit-and-run that caused minimal damage to the victim's vehicle was reported at the intersection of Belmont and Harrison avenues at approximately 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 16.
- A hit-and-run was reported in the 2000 block of Borst Avenue just before 6:25 p.m. on Jan. 16.

### Crash

- Minor injuries were reported from a two-vehicle collision in the 500 block of South Tower Avenue just after 2:20 p.m. on Jan. 15.

### Theft

- A backpack was reported stolen from the 100 block of West Maple Street just before 1:10 p.m. on Jan. 14.
- Miscellaneous documents were reported stolen from a vehicle in the 200 block of South Diamond Street at 8:25 p.m. on Jan. 14.
- A subject was arrested in the 1200 block of Harrison Avenue at 6:25 p.m. on Jan. 15 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail on charges of theft, criminal trespass and resisting arrest after they allegedly took items from a business without paying for them, refused to leave the store and refused the commands of a police officer.
- A firearm was reported stolen from the 900 block of Harrison Avenue just after 10:30 p.m. on Jan. 15. The case is under investigation.
- A wallet was reported stolen from the 500 block of North Pearl Street just after 7:15 p.m. on Jan. 16. The case is under investigation.
- Merchandise was reported stolen from a business in the 1100 block of Harrison Avenue just before 9:35 p.m. on Jan. 16.

### Burglary

- A Lincoln wire feed welder was reported stolen during a

burglary to an outbuilding in the 900 block of Marion Street that was reported just after 1:45 p.m. on Jan. 14.

- Miscellaneous items were reported stolen from a business in the 400 block of South Tower Avenue at 4:15 p.m. on Jan. 14. The case is under investigation.
- Money and car wash equipment were reported stolen from a business in the 1500 block of Kresky Avenue just before 11 p.m. on Jan. 14. The case is under investigation.
- A window to a business in the 1700 block of South Gold Street was reported broken and a DeWalt tool set was reported stolen just after 4:15 a.m. on Jan. 15. The suspect supposedly broke the window to gain access to the business.
- A subject was arrested in the 900 block of Harrison Avenue just after 7:50 a.m. on Jan. 17 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for alleged first-degree burglary, third- and fourth-degree assault and resisting arrest.

### Stolen and Recovered Vehicles

- A Jeep Cherokee was reported stolen from the 2800 block of Russell Road just before 3:45 a.m. on Jan. 16. It was later recovered in Olympia.
- A white 2000 Ford Excursion was reported stolen from the 3000 block of Borst Avenue just after 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 16.
- A 1997 Subaru Impreza reported stolen out of Vancouver was abandoned in the 2500 block of Borst Avenue and was recovered by police just after 8:35 a.m. on Jan. 16.
- Just after 1:45 p.m. on Jan. 16, a black 1993 Jeep Wrangler with a tan cloth top was reported stolen from a business in the 1000 block of South Gold Street sometime overnight.

### Harassment

- A subject was referred to the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office on possible charges of harassment after they allegedly threatened to kill another person in the 700 block of North Tower Avenue at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 15.

### Trespassing

- A subject was cited for trespassing in the 900 block of Harrison Avenue just before 8:15 p.m. on Jan. 15.

### Assault

- A subject was arrested in the

1000 block of North Pearl Street just before 8:25 p.m. on Jan. 15 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for alleged fourth-degree assault, domestic violence.

### Malicious Mischief

- Just before 3:50 p.m. on Jan. 16, a car window was reported broken in the 200 block of Harrison Avenue sometime overnight.
- Graffiti was reported on a building in the 1000 block of Scammon Creek Road just before 7:40 p.m. on Jan. 16.

### MORTON POLICE DEPARTMENT Morton Incidents

- An officer was dispatched to the 300 block of Westlake Avenue at 11:40 p.m. on Jan. 1 regarding a noise complaint. Upon arrival, the officer did not hear any loud noise.
- An officer was advised of a disorderly individual at the Arbor Health Hospital at 2:40 a.m. on Jan. 2. The individual left the premises without further incident.
- An officer was dispatched to Bucksnot Pub just before 1:15 p.m. on Jan. 4 regarding a request to assist Morton Fire Department with an unresponsive male. Upon arrival, the subject spoke with the officer and was taken home by a friend.
- An officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Adams Avenue at 9:25 p.m. on Jan. 4 regarding a dog that was loose in bad weather. The officer was unable to locate the dog.
- An officer was dispatched to the 300 block of Westlake Avenue just after 11:30 p.m. on Jan. 4 regarding a noise complaint. Upon arrival, the officer contacted the resident and issued a warning.
- Police are investigating a burglary reported at Papa Bear's Restaurant at 9:50 a.m. on Jan. 5. The burglary reportedly took place the night of Jan. 4.
- An officer was dispatched to the 200 block of Seventh Street at 3:25 p.m. on Jan. 6 regarding a death investigation. The elderly woman was found to have died of natural causes pending further reports from the Lewis County Coroner's Office.
- An officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Third Street for a disorderly tenant who was refusing to go to the hospital. The officer advised that the police department does not have authority to force an individual to seek medical care.
- An officer was dispatched

to the 400 block of Main Avenue just before 4:20 p.m. on Jan. 9 regarding a dispute. The officer transported one individual to Morton Hospital at their request.

### Mossyrock Incidents

- An officer was dispatched to the 700 block of Williams Street just before 11:10 a.m. on Jan. 1 regarding a theft complaint. Upon arrival, the officer found no evidence of a theft and an informational report was taken.
- An officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Aldrich Road just after 11:35 p.m. on Jan. 3 on a report of suspicious circumstances. The officer contacted the reporting party, who was highly intoxicated, and advised them to go to bed. The officer cleared the scene without further incident.
- An officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Aldrich Road just before 4 p.m. on Jan. 7 regarding a missing person report. The officer was unable to locate the individual and advised the reporting party to communicate to 911 when the individual returns.
- An officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Mossyrock Road just before 7:45 p.m. on Jan. 8 for a welfare check.
- An officer was dispatched to Country Shots Espresso just before 7:15 a.m. on Jan. 9 regarding an attempted burglary that occurred sometime late Saturday evening. An informational report was taken pending further leads.
- An officer was dispatched to the 300 block of Main Street at 10:40 a.m. on Jan. 11 regarding a suspicious person complaint. An informational report was taken.
- An officer was dispatched just after noon on Jan. 13 to the Mossyrock Post Office regarding a disorderly person. An informational report was taken.
- An officer was dispatched to a malicious mischief complaint in the 300 block of Mossyrock Avenue at 1 p.m. on Jan. 15. An informational report was taken.

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## News in Brief

### Southwest Washington Man Gets Two Years in Friend's Overdose Death

By The Columbian

A Vancouver man was sentenced Friday to more than two years in prison for selling a friend drugs that caused his fatal overdose.

David A. Urbach, 24, pleaded guilty Dec. 10 to second-degree manslaughter in Clark County Superior Court. He was originally charged with controlled substance homicide. Judge Suzan Clark sentenced him to 27 months, at the high end of the standard sentencing range.

At about 5:15 a.m. May 29, 2020, Vancouver police responded to 23-year-old LaJeune Q. Gay's residence in the 13100 block of Northeast 26th Street, after Gay's brother reported his death. Gay's girlfriend, Zoe Williams, told officers that she believed he died after consuming

a light-blue pill he got from Urbach the night before, according to an affidavit of probable cause.

Senior Deputy Prosecutor Toby Krauel told the judge Friday that the Clark County Medical Examiner's Office found Gay had three times the lethal level of fentanyl in his body when he died.

Urbach said in court records that he did not know the pills had fentanyl in them.

Gay's mother spoke about her son during Friday's hearing and was escorted, sobbing, from the courtroom.

Urbach also cried while he apologized to his friend's family.

"I'm so sorry for what happened," he said. "He was an amazing guy, and I'm so sorry you had to go through that. I was at work when I got the call and — like his mother said she didn't believe it — I didn't believe it either. I will never sell to anybody, and I'm so sorry that this happened."

Urbach's attorney, Therese Lavallee, said the incident hap-

pened before there was much public awareness in the area about the dangers of fentanyl.

In court records, Williams said her aunt text messaged her the night before Gay's overdose and asked if she knew where she could get some pills. Williams told Gay, and he contacted Urbach. Her aunt requested three "percs," also known as Percocet, and was quoted a price.

The couple then drove to the aunt's residence, collected her money and drove to Urbach's residence to purchase the pills. Gay showed Williams he actually had obtained four pills, described as being round and light blue. Gay took one of the pills and delivered the remaining three to Williams' aunt, according to court documents.

Gay and Williams then returned to Gay's residence, where he consumed alcohol and appeared to become drowsy, Williams said. She did not see him consume the pill, she said, but she assumed his drowsiness was an effect of the pill. She fell asleep

and later awoke to find Gay dead, the affidavit states. (Police had also responded to Williams' aunt's residence that morning for an overdose death investigation. Urbach was not charged in her death, however.)

An investigator with the medical examiner's office was shown Facebook messages on Gay's cellphone between him and Urbach, court records state.

Urbach reportedly told Gay: "And you gotta be super careful with these. They are dumb strong. Like take it slow (as euphletic). Small lines. I don't wanna lose a bro," the message reads, according to the affidavit.

A search of Urbach's residence turned up small, clear plastic bags, with Playboy bunnies printed on one side, that matched the bag containing the pills found at Williams' aunt's residence, according to court documents.

Investigators have said that counterfeit oxycodone pills laced with fentanyl are being sold throughout Clark County.

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## Sweden Native in Chehalis Celebrates a Century of Life

A century ago, on Jan. 11, 1922, Axel and Johanna Pettersson welcomed a baby girl into their home along the Baltic Sea on the southeast coast of Sweden, the fourth of what would grow to be a family of 10 children.

As she trudged through pastures, dodging the droppings of farm animals on her way to school in the small fishing village of Brantevik, young Emma Elizabeth “Lisa” Pettersson never imagined she’d spend more than half her life in the United States.

But love changes everything, and a persistent suitor drew her across the ocean to America and Western Washington.

A week ago today, Lisa (Pettersson) Blomdahl celebrated her 100th birthday in her house overlooking her adopted home of Chehalis with her adult children, David Blomdahl and Anne Peterson. Treasured friends Suzi Vander Stoep, Hank and Jenny Kirk, and Barbara Mason stopped by.

Lisa grew up near Brantevik, once home to Sweden’s largest fishing fleet. Her bedroom looked out on the Baltic Sea, where waves froze during cold winters, creating mountains of ice. Her hardworking father, who erected a retaining wall buffering their family home from the stormy sea, delivered mail in Skåne County, Sweden — first on foot, then by bicycle and, finally, using a fleet of buses he owned and operated. Her mother cooked fresh fish, vats of Swedish meatballs and other scrumptious meals on a wood-fired stove with an oven for baking. Downstairs, electricity lit the rooms. Upstairs, her six brothers snuggled into one bedroom, their feet warmed by pitchers of hot water that froze during the night.

“I had a happy childhood,” said Lisa, who also had three sisters. “We looked up to our dad. He was special.”

So was her mother. “She looked after us. She was the most wonderful cook.”

She enjoyed helping her mother in the house, setting the table for a dozen at each meal,

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From left, David Blomdahl, Lisa Blomdahl, Anne Peterson and Suzi Vander Stoep

keeping the house nice and tidy. “I like to see things nice,” she said.

The children learned to swim in the fishing harbor at Brantevik, although she taught herself by holding onto a board and kicking. During the summers, they frolicked on the rocky shore and swam in the Baltic Sea, which warmed to nearly 70 degrees.

After seven years of education, rather than eight, she and two other girls passed exams enabling them to attend secondary school, which Lisa referred to as “college.” They rode a bus to school in nearby Simrishamn. She studied English and German, although she enjoyed German more. She enjoyed her classes and, after graduating at 17, started working for the Royal Postal Department Sweden, where post offices doubled as banks. She worked 15 years as a cashier and moved up to supervisor, sorting mail to deliver through six smaller post offices. Today, she still receives a pension from Sweden.

During the early 1940s, Lisa recalled the ceilings and walls of her home shaking when planes from Norway flew overhead and woke them up. Although both Sweden and Norway declared neutrality during World War II, the Germans invaded Norway April 9, 1940.

“We got used to it,” she said.

One morning while the family ate breakfast, a knock sounded at the door. A German man, his wife and several children stood outside, seeking asylum. Her father hurried them inside and then notified authorities.

“We weren’t allowed to help them,” she said. Her father took

the family to the authorities, but they were allowed to remain in Sweden.

The Pettersson family attended a small Baptist church next to their home, where Lisa performed in a string band, singing and strumming a guitar, which her aunt taught her to play. After a long day at the post office on New Year’s Eve in 1946, Lisa refused her sister’s request to attend the Watch Night service at the church where an American evangelist was speaking.

“I was tired,” she recalled. “I said, ‘I don’t feel up to it tonight.’ But my older brother said ‘Go. It only takes an hour.’”

At the church, George Blomdahl, wearing blue pants and a sweater, spoke about the Lord, and the pastor asked Lisa to sing a song. The petite young blond played her guitar and sang in an angelic voice, drawing the interest of the Seattle native who had served with the U.S. Army Air Force in the British West Indies. After his discharge, he visited Sweden to look up relatives of his parents, Erik and Anna Blomdahl. He attended Bible College in Stockholm and spent several months traveling as an evangelist. His itinerary listed a stop at the Brantevik church. When the service ended, he approached Lisa and asked if he could see her.

“I thought he was good looking,” she recalled of the first time she saw the lanky 5-foot-11 man with brown hair and hazel eyes. “I couldn’t believe how he learned the Swedish language after he came to Sweden.”

The next morning, George knocked on the family’s door to see Lisa. He later stopped by the



Lisa (Pettersson) Blomdahl celebrated her 100th birthday recently.

post office where she worked, so frequently that her coworkers teased her about it. He rode his bicycle the four miles between Simrishamn and Brantevik.

They corresponded when he returned to Seattle in 1947 to study photojournalism at the University of Washington, where he played the clarinet in the marching band, ran the photography lab and served as the school newspaper’s photographer.

After earning his bachelor’s degree, George returned to Sweden to work as a journalist and freelance photographer and resumed his relationship with Lisa.

As part of a Christian string band, Lisa traveled to small communities throughout southern Sweden, singing and playing guitar at evangelistic meetings.

“It wasn’t easy for me to think that I should leave,” she said.

Her parents liked George, she said, “but they were wondering why in the world he would spend money to go over and see a girl.”

He left again for Seattle in late January 1952 but returned around Christmas for his third trip to Sweden. After a visit from

Saint Nick, the Pettersson family heard a knock on the door and opened it to find a man dressed as Santa Claus, drawing confusion as Santa had already visited. Lisa’s sister then recognized George by his neck.

While riding his bike one day, pressing against a strong wind, George prayed to God for guidance on whether to propose to Lisa. Suddenly, the wind shifted 180 degrees, and he figured God had blessed the marriage.

After seven years and three trips to Sweden, George proposed. They were engaged on May Day and married July 25, 1953, in a Lutheran church in Malmö, Sweden, a city in southern Sweden with a cobblestone square and a grand Renaissance castle erected by Danes in the 16th century.

“My mother was sickly at that time,” Lisa said. “She couldn’t come to the wedding.”

Next week I’ll share more of Lisa (Pettersson) Blomdahl’s story of her life in America.

Julie McDonald, a personal historian from Toledo, may be reached at [memoirs@chaptersoflife.com](mailto:memoirs@chaptersoflife.com).

### Celebrating the Real Heroes of the Republican Party

At the anniversary of the Jan. 6 insurrection, it is time we recognized the true heroes of the Republican Party. They are not the dopey louts who rampaged through our nation’s capitol and the moral cowards who still cover for them. They are not the ranting demagogues exploiting the emotions of the resentful. They were the unsung people not seeking attention, but doing their jobs: from poll workers to police officers. They were Republican state legislators and governors who did not bend to pressure to overturn the elections in their state. They were Republican judges who did not allow mere allegations unsupported by credible evidence to deny votes that happened. They were a vice president who stayed loyal to the Constitution and the rule of law above any man. They were Republican congressional representatives and senators

who did not fear to try and hold their own president accountable, and dared to stand on their conscience instead of follow the majority in their party. They did not win. But they showed more bravery than the majority in their party who did.

It is Republicans like those who could save the soul of the party from being lost to a band of fascists, if they find the nerve to do so. My father was a lifelong Republican who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the sacrifices that generation made to defeat fascism, I’m glad he was not alive to see his party dishonored by America’s Mussolini.

JAMES TWEED  
Ocean City

### Why Do We Continue Voting for These People?

A day doesn’t pass when I don’t ask myself, “Did this politician (really) think that was a good idea?”

Here is a good example: “Increase the minimum wage

to \$15. Everyone deserves a ‘living wage.’”

Really? Politicians don’t realize raising the minimum wage for teenagers and unskilled labor will create massive inflation?

Creating a \$15 minimum wage for teens will cost teens 90% of all jobs previously available. They will lose the opportunity to have very valuable “life” experiences. Why pay \$15 to an inexperienced teen when the business owner can hire more experienced adults for the same amount? Even more threatening would be for employers to invest in “robots” that can work 24/7, no vacations, no sick leave, etc. Now everyone is without a job.

Don’t politicians understand the “trickle up” factor? If business owners are required to pay \$15 for unskilled labor, then the next level of employee will require a higher wage and it goes on and on up the ladder. This increase in manpower cost is simply passed down to the consumer in the form of higher priced items. Everyone will end up with the exact same buying power; ex-

cept U.S. product prices won’t be competitive in the world market. U.S. consumer price inflation accelerated to the fastest pace in four decades last month.

Here are more great ideas!

“Give every adult more in stimulus and unemployment benefits than they can earn in their previous job.”

The politicians didn’t think a large percent of these recipients would choose not to go back to work because they make more free money by staying at home? Really? Now we have millions of unfilled job openings.

“Better yet, we won’t require recipients of this free money to pay their rent payments. Let’s make it unlawful to evict a tenant for failing to pay their rent.”

These politicians place giant burdens on landlords that have to make their own mortgage, property tax, insurance payments and then complain because there aren’t any “affordable” rentals available. Really? Why would anyone invest in rental property if they are going to be treated this way?

“Defund the police! Police are bad!”

The politicians didn’t realize reducing the number of officers would result in a 30% increase in crime throughout nearly all major cities? Really? San Francisco’s mayor reduced the police budget by 30%. Crime skyrocketed and now she is screaming that she is going to get tough on crime and take the city back.

“Downgrade crimes to ease the burden on the prison system!” Some cities made it only a misdemeanor for persons that steal less than \$1,900 per theft. The police in one city arrested 17 thieves involved in a smash and grab last week. Within hours all of the thieves were released without a bond. Within days, three of those thieves were arrested again!

Really? It was a surprise that bad people will continue to do bad things if they aren’t punished.

Do your part to vote these people out of office!

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# Nisqually Tribe Works to Extend Broadband Services to Unserved Areas, Including Near Rochester and Littlerock

By Daniel Warn

For The Chronicle

The Washington Statewide Broadband Office (WSBO) awarded the Nisqually Indian Tribe with \$6.775 million to expand its broadband services throughout the Nisqually region.

Specifically, the grant will help allow the tribe to install broadband fiber north of Rochester and into Littlerock.

The grant comes on the heels of another from the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) for \$2 million to install fiber between the Nisqually Reservation and Rochester.

“The Nisqually Tribe appreciates the Washington State Broadband (WSBO) efforts and is excited about the prospect of being able to work together in extending quality broadband into the currently unserved/underserved areas of Thurston County,” wrote Nisqually Information Officer Debbie Preston in an email. “The funding, alongside the tribe’s efforts, will

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Debbie Preston  
information officer for Nisqually Tribe

greatly increase the quality of life for the community residents that have suffered from the lack of quality broadband, most notably throughout the recent pandemic.”

Broadband started at Nisqually when the tribe realized there was virtually no access to broadband services on the reservation, Preston said.

“The tribe addressed this gap initially by providing broadband

services to all home(s) and facilities on the reservation” she said. “It was completed thanks to (CERB) and tribal funding. As part of this on reservation effort, the tribe became aware of those remaining rural areas in Thurston and Pierce Counties in which qualified broadband services are still not available.”

As a result, Preston said, the tribe completed several optical

access network (OAN) feasibility studies through CERB funding to address financial feasibility, permitting requirements, regional market, logistics and long-term sustainability for such off-reservation areas.

The tribe also reached out to other jurisdictions as part of the effort, she said.

The tribe’s fiber optic installation company, Nisqually Communications, is currently carrying out much of the fiber optic installation work in the south Puget Sound area.

To work further on its goal of extending broadband services to other areas of the county that are also currently unserved, Preston said the Nisqually Tribe has consulted with Thurston County on the potential for collaboration and partnership under a multi-year plan.

A letter of intent with that purpose is currently being developed with the county, she said.

Preston detailed the proposed third phase of the Thurston County OAN buildout in

her email.

The phase-three buildout will consist of an OAN originating at the town of Rochester in southern Thurston County, and running north along public roads to serve the Littlerock and Gate areas, as well as additional areas near the town of Rochester.

To aid in the effort, the Nisqually Tribe has built its own Gigabit Passive Optical Network (GPON) company that provides broadband services to previously unserved homes and facilities on the Nisqually reservation.

The Phase III buildout “will provide an estimated 800 residents with new GPON services, which will supersede the state’s broadband goals and be the highest available residential broadband speed available in the state,” Preston said.

She said the tribe has also worked with the county in the drafting and review of a memorandum of agreement for the Thurston County Broadband Action Team (BAT), which the tribe is part of.



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Julie Gullett, owner of the Seedpod Farm in Centralia, carries a shovel of contaminated soil away from planting boxes Saturday afternoon after flood waters filled the property. A few chickens were lost in the flood. The farm is located near the Skookumchuck River on the Waunch Prairie. Saturday was a clean up day on the farm.

## In Focus: Cleaning Up After the Flood at Seedpod Farm in Centralia



Harley, 4, looks on while helping Tina Sternback sort through soil finding worms Saturday at the Seedpod Farm in Centralia.



Jameson, 10, helps his mom Alethea Bordwell with a wheelbarrow as contaminated soil is raked and shoveled out Saturday afternoon in Centralia at the Seedpod Farm.



Volunteers shovel soil into wheelbarrows at the Seedpod Farm in Centralia Saturday afternoon during a clean up event following recent flooding.

# Edison Elementary Welcomes Back Educational Author Ellin Keene for a Second Year of Hands-On Professional Development

By Emily Fitzgerald  
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In her second year doing hands-on professional development in Edison Elementary School's classrooms, educational author Ellin Keene was impressed by just how much Edison's teachers had retained and expanded upon what Keene taught them the previous year.

"The really great thing about this school ... is how beautifully they follow up after I'm gone," said Keene. "What I do is a tiny drop in the bucket. What these guys are doing, before and after, is so much more important."

Edison Elementary School won a contest in 2019 for a free day with Keene, who works with schools and districts across the country with an emphasis on school-based professional development and strategic planning for literacy learning, the following school year.

"A lot of us have used and read a lot of Ellin's texts for teachers in our education ourselves," said Instructional Facilitator Aimee Turner, adding that Keene's research played a big role for the Edison teachers who received their National Education Board certifications.

"Our staff has always been really geared toward professional learning," said Principal Andy Justice.

After winning the free day with Keene, Edison ended up purchasing a second day to maximize their time with her,



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Author Ellin Keene speaks to students in Ms. Capps' sixth grade classroom during a reading of "A Different Pond" Friday in Centralia at Edison Elementary.

said Justice. "Edison's was the best (application), without question. The best. There was no question that we were going to come," said Keene, commenting on Edison staff's dedication to their students.

She said she wrote to Justice the day after her visit in 2020 to ask to come back the next year.

"It's a great gift to be able to

be here again this year. Because I begged. I don't think I've ever begged anybody to come back. I sure did here," she said.

Keene spent the two days in Edison's classrooms working with different teachers on teaching reading synthesis, or making students aware of how their thinking evolves as they read a text.

Keene also focused on teaching reading and writing simultaneously so students understand how the skills relate.

"Probably when most of us were in school, we had a reading class and a writing class that were separate. That doesn't make sense ... they're so tied together, you have to do both," said Keene.

She met with each teacher before class and planned out a lesson, then Keene went into the classroom and taught with the teacher observing, and the two debriefed after the lesson.

"We're not talking in most cases about developing pedagogical skills. We're talking about refining at a very, very high level," said Keene.

## Lewis, South Thurston County Bridges to Benefit From \$605 Million Federal Investment

By The Chronicle staff

U.S. Sens. Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell on Friday announced \$605 million in funding for bridge repairs in Wash-

ington state over five years through the recent bipartisan infrastructure law, and some bridges in Lewis and Thurston counties have been highlighted

as in-need.

The Chehalis Riverside Bridge on state Route 6 and the Deschutes River Bridge on state Route 507 are just some of the

many bridges that have been listed as having unfunded preservation needs in Washington state, according to a joint news release from the two lawmakers.

Of the 8,338 bridges in the state, more than 6,000 are in need of repair and about 416 have been classified as "structurally deficient."

Murray, a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said in a statement the bipartisan funding means "less traffic and shorter, safer commutes for so many people across our state — all while creating jobs in every community. That is a huge deal for everyone in our state who uses our roads and bridges every day — and it's just the beginning of how the bipartisan Infrastructure Law will improve our daily lives and bolster our state's economy."

Cantwell echoed those statements.

"In Washington state, we know how vital bridges are to connecting communities and improving freight mobility, and we know how important it is they are properly maintained in order to keep people and goods moving," Cantwell said. "With over 400 of Washington's bridges classified as structurally deficient, I'm glad to see this \$605 million in much-needed funding from the bipartisan Infrastructure Law going to Washington so we can improve our bridge infrastructure."

### News in Brief

#### Everett Pub Owner Arrested, Charged With 10 Counts of Second-Degree Rape

By The Seattle Times

Police arrested the owner of an Everett pub Friday after the Snohomish County Prosecutor's Office charged him with 10 counts of second-degree rape, according to the Everett Police Department.

Anchor Pub owner Christian Sayre was initially arrested in October under suspicion of having drugged and sexually assaulted men and women over the past several years, according to a police news release. The victims told police they had a few drinks at the pub, blacked out, and suspected, after waking up, that they had been sexually assaulted, according to a police news release.

The pub owner was released on bail, as he waited for possible charges, the news release said.

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# Nirvana '666' Sign Leaves State Route 8 in Grays Harbor County

By The Daily World

A piece of music history used as a photographic memento for fans of Nirvana for about 30 years is coming to Aberdeen, and the man who bought the sign couldn't be happier.

Wil Russoul, executive director of Downtown Aberdeen Association, has worked since October 2018 to acquire the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) mileage sign on state Route 8 outside McCleary, which shows drivers that it's 6 miles to Elma, 16 miles to Montesano and 26 miles to Aberdeen, and place it in Aberdeen.

It took three years and three months for Russoul to make his dream become a reality because on Thursday, Jan. 13, the sign was removed from the highway and it was brought to Aberdeen. It was slated to come down soon, but Russoul wanted to make sure it was protected.

Russoul was spirited, with a capital "S," about the sign coming down and its temporary move into a locked garage, the first step before it finds its home in Aberdeen, where it will be displayed in one of the birthplaces of grunge music.

"The fans of Nirvana won," he said with a big enthusiastic grin as he stood with his arms outstretched in front of the sign.

Russoul said it seemed surreal to finally have the sign.

"I thought to myself, 'This isn't real, is it?'" he said. "This was a larger moment than I thought."

The sign will sit temporarily in a locked garage while Russoul and his team figure out the logistics required to get it displayed properly. The preferred location is on the city lot next to the Tesla Supercharger lot and against ColorTyme Rent-To-Own, all on East Wishkah Street, so it's easy for people to find once they transit across the Wishkah River Bridge and enter downtown Aberdeen.

"It's a free area that's easy to find for anyone coming into town," he said. "And then we start to build out the amenities. How people gauge downtown and how they learn about Nirvana from right there."

Russoul said WSDOT is the last hurdle for the sign. The concern is that the sign would potentially direct traffic, or confuse people as they enter Aberdeen. So, Russoul's team needs to alleviate those concerns.

"Whether we put up trees, tilt (the sign) a certain way," he said. "Put something so when people come into town, they're not like 'What, we're not in Aberdeen?' We still have 26 miles to go."

The late-Kurt Cobain, a left-handed Fender guitarist and singer who founded the world-famous band Nirvana and was from Aberdeen, made the sign outside McCleary on Highway 8 famous with a photograph. He once stood on bass player Krist Novoselic's hands and stretched his right arm over the 1 next to Montesano and the 2 next to Aberdeen to make the mileage sign show "666." Tourists driving to Aberdeen would stop and strike the same pose.

Search for "Nirvana 666 sign" online. Aberdeen Mayor Pete Schave, who's been a fan of music since the 1960s, did.

Schave, who was in attendance for the sign's move into the locked garage, said he didn't know why the sign was so important.

"I had to research why this sign is so significant. I'm so sorry," he said to Russoul.

Schave said the sign, and Russoul's vision for it, is important because there are a lot of Nirvana fans throughout Aberdeen. He sees the sign's future spot sparking a little fun and adventure for the city.

"This sign will become part of our whole community," he said. "It'll become a part of a collection of art and different things that enhance our community, particularly for, in this case, the age group that loves Nirvana's music."

However, Russoul said that unlike a lot of music, Nirvana's fanbase is growing younger. Maybe that will include Schave's young granddaughter Peyton, who was there with her grandfather for the sign's arrival in Aberdeen.



WSDOT

The Washington State Department of Transportation removes the guide sign that helps westbound drivers on state Route 8 know how much farther they are from Elma, Montesano and Aberdeen. The late-Kurt Cobain, who founded Nirvana, made the sign famous. Cobain stood on Nirvana bass player Krist Novoselic's hands and covered the 1 and 2 to make the sign read "666."

"It looks big," she said with her eyes wide open.

Then she asked Schave why the 6 on the bottom of the sign, layered with what looks like yellow and white spray paint, looked weird. Her grandfather explained.

"There was a 6, then the Department of Transportation put a 7 on top of the 6," Schave said. "And then somebody came back and painted another 6 back on top of the 7. There's a reason, but it's way over your head."

Carmen Nogueira, who's assisting Russoul with social media for the sign project, said WSDOT will replace the sign with one that will be a mile closer to Elma,

Montesano and Aberdeen.

Russoul said the mileage sign was due to be replaced, but he wanted to pay for the sign — through a grant for which Downtown Aberdeen Association applied — to make sure it wasn't damaged before it was replaced. It'll be the last one of its kind.

"Part of our deal (with WSDOT) is there will never be another '666' sign on Highway 8 near McCleary," he said.

Nogueira, who went to Aberdeen High School with Cobain's sister Kim, said she's excited to see the band's legacy return to Aberdeen. Nogueira said she's always been a fan of Nirvana and that she saw Cobain lead the trio

— including Novoselic and Dave Grohl — in the early 1990s at the former Key Arena in Seattle.

She said her children also have an affection for Nirvana, who got inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2014.

"They love Nirvana," she said. "It's really a legacy of music. Younger people really relate to Kurt (Cobain's) music."

Schave, who admittedly was too old to appreciate Nirvana when the band originated in 1987, is instead a big fan of The Beatles, The Doors and Creedence Clearwater Revival.

"I can remember when the first Beatles album came out," he said. "I bought it in the store

"It'll become a part of a collection of art and different things that enhance our community, particularly for, in this case, the age group that loves Nirvana's music."

Pete Schave  
Aberdeen mayor

there in Hoquiam. That says a lot about my age."

Russoul said he appreciates Schave's support in attending the event. He also wanted to thank Grays Harbor Community Foundation for believing in him and the project.

But, mostly, he's excited as can be about the sign finding its spot in downtown Aberdeen. He compared it to the Jimi Hendrix Memorial in Renton.

"I want to come to work early in the morning, see some candles still lit and a guy out there playing guitar (and) writing a song," Russoul said. "Always, fans were there. I went there. People left their guitar picks. They left notes."

He said people still write songs in Renton. And like them, Russoul said he has written songs underneath one of the Nirvana landmarks in Aberdeen, the Wishkah River Bridge.

"I sit there and listen to them and what they're doing," he said. "It's like, he's still there affecting people. And I've been under the bridge many times. There are pictures of me playing songs and writing songs underneath the bridge. You get inspired."

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# Before Tonga Went Quiet: A Washington Woman Tells of Texting With Her Sister as the Tsunami Surged

By Erik Lacitis

The Seattle Times

On Friday at 8:58 p.m. the first text arrived from her sister in Tonga. It was 5:58 p.m. Saturday over there.

"Sis pray for us. There is a tsunami. It's scary. We are escaping. It's raining little rocks."

Every day, Susana Erika Fakapulia, 39, of Spanaway, a mom of four who also works as a caregiver, is in some way chatting or texting on Facebook with her sister in Tonga.

In an earlier voice call, the sister, Moala Sili, 40, who lives in an apartment near the ocean in the capital of Nuku'alofa, had described, "The water is going down. It's very low."

The sister here warned, "That's a sign for a tsunami. It will come back. When it does, it'll overflow to land."

Tonga is not a very populous country, even as it spreads across a chain of 170 islands in the South Pacific. Only three dozen of those islands are inhabited, according to the CIA World Factbook. Its population is 106,000, about the same as Everett.

Fakapulia helps at the Church of Tonga, which rents space at a Burien Lutheran church. She says its membership is around 10 families. The U.S. census estimates that in 2010 there were 1,100 Tongans in Washington. Both sisters were born in that country, with Fakapulia emigrating from there in 2001.

The Associated Press reported that the tsunami threat around the Pacific from a huge undersea volcanic eruption began to recede, while the extent of damage to Tonga remained unclear.

All internet connectivity to Tonga had been lost.

As spread out as the Tongans are who emigrated, the internet helps unite them in both everyday and extraordinary times. Tsunami advisories reached the Washington coast some 9,000



A combination of images taken by a Japanese weather satellite shows an undersea volcano eruption near the Pacific nation of Tonga on Saturday.

miles away.

On Friday night, the texts continued.

Fakapulia says she wasn't thinking she had to type out big, important thoughts.

"I wasn't scared. The Tongan community is very strong in their faith," she says.

"The little rocks are from the eruption of the volcano. It's still up in the air," Fakapulia told her sister in Tonga.

She answered, "We are at the airport," which is on higher ground. She and her 16-year-old son had managed a ride there. A photo she sent from Tonga showed a bank in her neighborhood with water lapping on the steps, and water reaching the wood structure that's the Royal Palace.

Spanaway: "Were you able to pack anything? I watched some live videos. The water is already downtown. How are you guys doing? [A heart symbol]."

Tonga: "My goodness this is scary. We're OK. The rain with the rocks stopped. It's now rain water mixed with ash."

Spanaway: "I thought people started to evacuate yesterday."

Tonga: "We started evacuating today. The waves are scary."

Tonga: Describes the scene at the airport. "It's packed with people."

Spanaway: "Be careful."

At that point, apparently the volcano erupts again.

Tonga: "Oh, my God, listen to the boom."

Spanaway: "Can you video?"

Tonga: "The water is already

downtown. I think it might wipe our car. The wave is already downtown."

Spanaway: "Look at how strong the current is. Keep me updated. I love you both."

Later Friday night, Fakapulia tries to reach her sister.

11:02 p.m.: "Sister, how are you guys. I watched some videos. I think [the water] is probably where you guys are living. The water is probably destroying ..."

Fakapulia taps her keyboard again. There is no response from Tonga.

To keep up with what's happening in the old country, Fakapulia clicks on the YouTube channel for Pasifika TV & Radio, which broadcasts to Tongans worldwide out of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

"Tsunami news & prayers" it banners as hosts take live on-air calls and there is a prayer chain. The language is Tongan but the emotions, as callers cry and their voices sometimes tremble, are clear. They are often punctuated with "amens."

On the right side of the screen there are scrolling messages from the audience.

Someone named Tikku writes, "Can someone be friendly enough to give a status update on situation at the scene. Communications, casualties, more eruptions? My prayers go to everyone involved in the incident."

Someone named Samiu replies, "Tikku, everyone is waiting for that news. At the moment there is no communication with Tonga."

## Washington Experiences Only Slight Tsunami Surges From Undersea Eruption Near Tonga

By Sandi Doughton

The Seattle Times

Washington's coastlines experienced only minor surges Saturday from a tsunami triggered by a spectacular underwater eruption in the South Pacific.

Waves of 1 foot or less were measured at sites from Westport and Neah Bay on the outer coast, to Port Angeles on the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Neah Bay, at the state's northwesternmost corner, registered a 1.1-foot surge.

The impacts were more dramatic in a few places along the West Coast, especially Santa Cruz, California, where rushing water swamped boats in the harbor and flooded the surrounding area. Waves exceeded 4 feet at Port San Luis, south of Monterey. In some parts of Alaska's Aleutian Islands the tsunami reached 3.3 feet.

Shortly after the early morning eruption off the coast of the Pacific nation of Tonga, the National Tsunami Warning Center issued a tsunami advisory for the entire U.S. West Coast, warning that waves of 1 to 3 feet would sweep northward for several hours.

The advisory for the Washington and Oregon coasts was canceled shortly before 5 p.m.

Some of the first waves to hit the Washington coast surged ashore on the Long Beach Peninsula at about 8:30 a.m., but Scott McDougall, emergency-management director for Pacific County, described them as "subtle."

"To the best of my knowledge, we had no damage whatsoever," he said late Saturday afternoon.

In a Facebook post, an observer at nearby Cape Disappointment State Park described rapidly breaking waves that were larger than usual. "The water seemed unsettled and almost 'jiggly.'"

Sandra Hollenbeck, who has a home near the jetty in Ocean



Mary Lyn Fonua / AFP/Getty Images/TNS

This picture taken on Dec. 21, 2021, shows white gaseous clouds rising from the eruption seen from the Patangata coastline near Tongan capital Nuku'alofa.

Shores, said the waves were a bit more fierce than usual — especially for a windless day. "It was definitely some pretty big, breaking waves," but never posed a threat to roads or homes.

King County's Emergency Management Department issued an alert warning residents to avoid beaches and waterfront areas because of the possibility of strong waves and currents. But impacts in Puget Sound proved to be minimal.

The event marked the first Pacific-wide tsunami warning from a volcanic eruption instead of an earthquake, said Harold Tobin, director of the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network at the University of Washington. In fact, the only other volcanic

outburst to trigger such wide-ranging tsunamis was the 1883 eruption of the Indonesian island of Krakatau, he said.

And the submarine Tongan volcano that exploded Saturday may not be done, Tobin cautioned. "There's a possibility it could have another bigger, small or similar-sized eruption in the coming days, weeks, months or years."

Despite the unusual nature of the event, the tsunami-warning system worked well, Tobin added. The advisory was issued quickly and communicated widely.

At least some local alert systems also met the test. Pacific County sent out 17,000 reverse 911 messages via text, email and

phones, to residents living closest to the shore, McDougall said. The messages explained that the impacts would be limited to the immediate beach area and advised people not to evacuate.

Many residents posting on the Eye of the Storm Pacific County Facebook page said the text and phone messages came through quickly, though others said they received no notification or experienced glitches.

While Washington was unscathed this time, the tsunami advisory is a reminder of the region's vulnerable position and geologically volatile nature.

"Events like this (advisory) really help us wake up and consider the possibility of a more locally generated earthquake

event — the big one," Tobin said.

An earthquake on the offshore Cascadia Subduction Zone could trigger massive tsunamis that crash into the coast within 10 to 15 minutes after the ground stops shaking.

People in areas with no high ground, like parts of the Long Beach Peninsula and Ocean Shores, would be hard-pressed to evacuate in time. A recent analysis by Washington's Emergency Management Division estimates the state needs to build at least 58 vertical evacuation structures — either towers, berms or tsunami-resistant buildings — to ensure coastal residents can escape the high water.

At least 36 state school buildings are also in tsunami zones.

# Inslee, Washington Democrats Push Election Bills

By Joseph O'Sullivan

The Seattle Times

OLYMPIA — Hypothetical scenario: A candidate for county executive loses an election, then claims there's been fraud in the county's election office and announces that something needs to be done about it.

"And supporters hear that and they decide, 'Well, I'm going to go and firebomb the place,'" said Sen. David Frockt, D-Seattle. "And they go and firebomb the place."

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"That's not totally dissimilar, arguably, to what took place on Jan. 6," said Frockt. "But it's a little more of an extreme example."

Frockt's hypothetical came as he explained Senate Bill 5843, the bill requested by Gov. Jay Inslee that would make it a gross misdemeanor for elected officials or candidates to lie about election results if those lies lead to violence. A gross misdemeanor in Washington can bring a fine of up to \$5,000 and confinement in county jail for up to 364 days.

After more than a year of fraudulent election claims fueled by former President Donald Trump — and closer to home, unsuccessful GOP gubernatorial candidate Loren Culp — Inslee and Democratic lawmakers are envisioning proposals to shore up democratic systems against those who would work outside the constitutional system.

This year's proposals include another bill by Frockt that would increase criminal penalties for harassment of election workers. And a bill sponsored by Senate Deputy Majority Leader Rebecca Saldaña, D-Seattle, would strengthen and expand the state's

Voting Rights Act. That proposal, Senate Bill 5597, got a committee hearing Friday and is scheduled for a committee vote next week.

But it's the governor's proposal that has quickly spurred debate about the balance between free-speech rights enshrined in the state and federal constitutions and the threats to the rule of law amid election lies and debunked conspiracies.

An attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington said the organization has "initial concerns" about the proposal.

Meanwhile, SB 5843 drew quick condemnation from Republican state lawmakers who questioned whether making lying about elections illegal was constitutional or productive.

"I get a lot of calls and emails throughout the year from concerned constituents on a multitude of different issues," said Republican Floor Leader Jacquelin Maycumber, R-Republic. "And I have never received an email or a call asking to criminalize speech."

For Frockt, both the election-lies bill and the bill increasing penalties for harassment against election workers are attempts to shore up the country's constitutional system.

"My sense is that we have to find a way to push the system back towards truth," he said. "Back towards some semblance of shared reality about what is taking place."

### 'Continuing risk'

SB 5843 may be Frockt's bill, but the concept came from Inslee.

The governor announced the idea in remarks made on the one-year anniversary of the Capitol insurrection in Washington, D.C.

That was also the one-year anniversary of demonstrators in Olympia protesting election results. The demonstrators

breached a gate and stood on the lawn of the governor's residence, forcing Inslee into a safe room and protective vest.

That day came after a steady escalation after the 2020 election in Olympia between political demonstrators that had already culminated in a pair of shootings at political clashes near the Capitol.

In an interview on the day of the one-year anniversary, Inslee recalled hearing of the insurrection at the Capitol, where he spent years as a member of the U.S. House.

"I just remember this deep, deep not just sorrow but deep anger that people would attack the citadel of democracy, the temple of democracy," he said. "You know, everything we've enjoyed, we've been given this precious gift by our ancestors."

"And here, the fact that we may not even keep it ... is incredibly disturbing to me," he continued, adding: "I don't believe people understand the continuing risk that we face."

Inslee general counsel Kathryn Leathers said she worked — with Frockt's input — to try to craft SB 5843 so that it wouldn't run afoul of constitutional protections for free speech.

A big part of that is the U.S. Supreme Court's 1969 ruling that overturned the conviction of a Ku Klux Klan leader in a case known as Brandenburg v. Ohio.

That ruling laid out a pair of thresholds to be met in order to prohibit speech, according to Leathers, the top attorney in the governor's office: "if the speech is directed to inciting or producing imminent lawlessness, and is [also] likely to incite or produce imminent lawless actions."

The governor's bill actually has a higher standard than that, Leathers said, because it would apply only if lawless actions were found to have actually occurred.

"So that's where we think it not

only meets but exceeds the Brandenburg standard," she added.

Nonetheless, the ACLU of Washington has its eye on the legislation, according to Kendrick Washington, a policy attorney with the organization.

While the organization recognizes a balance between political free speech and protecting the democratic process, Washington said there's concern with ideas that might ultimately put government in charge of deciding what's true or false.

Additionally, "laws that criminalize speech not only fail to change behavior, but they can be misused to further harm people who are already marginalized" or are disproportionately impacted by the criminal system, Washington said.

In her arguments against the bill, Maycumber, the House Republican floor leader, cited allegations by Democrats in 2016 suggesting that election had been stolen, as questions swirled around the extent of Russian interference.

"Criminalizing free speech, or criminalizing questioning it, goes both ways," she said. "That's a dangerous path to go down."

SB 5843 will get a public hearing at the end of the month, said Sen. Sam Hunt, D-Olympia and chair of the Senate State Government & Elections Committee. Hunt said he hopes to hear from constitutional experts in the hearing.

"I think it's a good idea," Hunt said. "The real question of course is whether it meets constitutional muster or not."

### 'Mob rule'

Another bill by Frockt is drawing widespread support, at least in the Senate.

Senate Bill 5148 would elevate the crime of harassment to a Class C felony when that harassment is directed at election offi-

cial working with the state Secretary of State or county auditor offices across Washington.

The crime of harassment is generally a gross misdemeanor, according to a legislative analysis of the bill.

Frockt cited the harassment of a Washington state elections official after the 2020 election, as well as harassment against officials in other states during that election cycle.

"One of the purposes of the legislation ... is for it to be known that if you don't like what's happening, you don't have a right to go after the people counting the votes or running the elections," he said, adding later: "We're not going to succumb to mob rule."

That bill passed out of the Senate Wednesday with unanimous support from Democrats and Republicans. It now goes to the House for consideration.

When that bill came up for a vote last year, Saldaña was one of only two lawmakers — both Democrats — who opposed SB 5148.

Her resistance came amid a broader reevaluation among Democrats of the criminal-legal system and whether it's worth creating new or increased penalties, she said: "We don't just want to keep adding people to our prisons."

But in an interview, Saldaña said she since reconsidered her position.

"I think that given that we need to make sure that people who are trying to make our democracy work, that they are protected and that we have their back," she said.

While she hasn't yet studied the bill, Maycumber said she supports the concept of criminal penalties to protect election workers.

"We want to make sure that the people who do the jobs to make sure we have this great country are safe," she said.

## Lewis County-ToledoTel Awarded \$23.5 Million in State Grant to Bring Fiber Internet to 2,300 Winlock Residents

By The Chronicle staff

Lewis County and its partner ToledoTel were announced last week the winners of a \$23.5 million grant from the Washington State Broadband Office to build out broadband infrastructure and provide access to high speed internet service to about 2,300 homes in the greater Winlock area.

The awardees for first-round funding through the Infrastructure Acceleration Grant program were announced last Thursday.

"Lewis County ranked fifth out of 13 awardees and received the largest maximum award in this round of funding. The proposed project would start this year and wrap up by the end of 2026," read a Friday news release from the county.

"Together, Lewis County, ToledoTel and Lewis County PUD have been awarded a little more than \$36 million in broadband infrastructure funding and will continue to seek future funding opportunities outlined in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act," the news release continued.

## Debt Overwhelming Many in Washington State Restaurant, Hotel Industries, New Data Show

By The News Tribune

If 2020 and 2021 were years of just surviving for restaurants and hotels, 2022 starts the big dig, as in digging out of debt.

"The tone and the reasons for the relief is a little bit different than 2021," said Anthony Anton, president and CEO of the Washington Hospitality Association, in a news conference Friday held via ZOOM.

The association represents more than 6,000 members of the hotel, restaurant and hospitality

industry in the state.

According to Anton, the restaurant industry as a whole saw a 30 percent drop in year-over-year sales from 2020 second quarter through first quarter 2021 compared with 2019, with bars alone seeing a 54 percent drop.

"We now have a full year of revenue numbers of COVID. And we lost \$5.4 billion as an industry when compared to 2019," he told reporters.

The state's hospitality workforce as a whole was short 28,600 workers by mid-November 2021, down 12 percent of the workforce, and Omicron is making it worse.

"On top of the 12 percent, we're short in Omicron," he said, adding another 15 to 20 percent in absentees of people out sick. "A lot of operators are like, 'I don't have enough people operate today — I'm going to close down,' which community-wise I applaud. That means they are protecting you and doing the right things."

"But ... that continues to build upon that debt," he added.

While worker shortages are hitting sectors across the spectrum, restaurant and hospitality industry-specific shutdowns, particularly in 2020, Anton said, also led to losing an estimated 40 percent of the workforce amid the uncertainty of reopenings and who would be hired back.

"As we've come back, a lot of our workforce went and got the job that they knew would be there. And now we're trying to recoup," he said.

Questions remained about who would want to come back to public-facing jobs in a pandemic and a public not uniformly in support of vaccinations or even COVID safety protocols.

He projected a three- to five-year window minimum of worker shortages "without some other kind of dynamic change." That could mean more of the random closed days for workplaces to have enough staff as has been seen during the omicron surge in places such as Starbucks.

"A lot of them are going to look at what shifts are profitable. And the old adage of, 'I have to stay open seven days a week constantly,' is probably going to shift back to, 'If I'm slow and this is

not a profitable week, do I need to be open?'"

He noted the average full-service restaurant operator debt from pandemic is \$160,000. He cited figures that with the average annual net profit for sites at less than \$50,000, operators are essentially facing three years with no income, assuming they can achieve a 4 percent margin.

"While Congress has stepped up and established the restaurant revitalization fund, and that's great, it only provided enough money to fund about less than half of the restaurants who qualified. So many of our restaurants are still carrying that debt," he said, adding that many are running out of time to pay that debt back.

Add to that supply-chain shortages continuing for food deliveries, and 2022's "digging out" time grows even more challenging than the previous two years.

While more than 3,300 restaurants closed statewide between January 2020 and May 2021, plus an additional 243 between June and November of 2021, "it's about 1,400 fewer than we expected," he said, a testament to community support and outside aid.

## New Whatcom State Senator Says Bipartisan Outreach Key to Success

By The Bellingham Herald

At age 22, Whatcom County's newest state senator is one of the youngest ever to serve in Olympia.

"I believe that my youth will deliver needed diversity to a Senate whose average age is much higher than mine," said state Sen. Simon Sezik, R-Ferndale, in answering a written questionnaire from the Whatcom County Council that chose him Tuesday, Jan. 11, to replace the late state Sen. Doug Ericksen.

In addressing the council Tuesday, Sezik promised to bring a "young, fresh and energetic voice" to the Legislature.

"We are not only the future voting bloc, the future taxpayer

base, but ultimately — public service is about caring for the future. I believe it's time for young people to have a voice at the table," he told the council.

Ericksen, also a Ferndale Republican, represented the 42nd Legislative District that includes northern Bellingham and northern Whatcom County for more

than two decades as a member of both the House and Senate.

He died Dec. 17 at age 52, after a five-week battle with COVID-19.

Sezik took the oath of office from District Court Judge Angela Anderson in an online ceremony immediately after his selection on a 4-2 vote Tuesday.

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## Problem

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Miller said he noticed a “blue sheen” on the water entering into China Creek as the floodwaters began to recede. For many days, sewage lined most of the roadway where Hemlock meets the creek.

Early Friday — about a week after it first began overtopping — workers with the City of Centralia came out to pump the remaining liquid and sprinkle a garden lime compound.

Workers had set up sandwich signs and cones to deter anyone from walking in the area. The stench had subsided considerably by then, residents said.

“If that’s not pollution, I don’t know what is,” said Miller, noting this was the worst overflow he’s seen since purchasing his house.

Kim Ashmore, the city’s public works director, said Monday the city was still busy assessing how many gallons of sewage overflow likely occurred in the City of Centralia following the Jan. 6 flood.

There are about 10 or so sanitary sewer overflows that likely occurred during this most recent flood event, Ashmore said, with the Hemlock location being among the lowest spots on the entire city’s sewer system.

“When the water backs up, that’s the first place for it to come back out, basically,” he said.

That adds up. Since 2008, when Miller bought his house at the end of Hemlock after moving across the street, he’s counted at least three other similar incidents. It happens, he said, “basically everytime it snows really bad” and there’s a large rain event.

But Ashmore said the overflowing events they see aren’t anything new or unique.

“It happens. Every city, every county and treatment plant experiences this,” Ashmore said. “We’re not unique. We’re not the only ones that are overflowing out of their system.”

During the Jan. 6 flood event, more than 10 million gallons a day were being pumped to the sewer plant, Ashmore said, which is about twice as much as what the 2004-era plant is rated to receive on any given day. Some residents at Hemlock, due in part to this, had problems flushing their toilets during certain times of the day.

Sewer overflow events during flooding can leak anywhere from about 1 to 2 gallons per minute, Ashmore said, though that rate can fluctuate drastically depending on variables with flow and flooding. It’s no stretch to imagine possibly thousands of gallons of sewage alone leaked from the Hemlock manhole into this single section of creek during this last event.

Ashmore said the city will be required to report overflow estimates at each location to the Washington state Department of Ecology and the state Department of Health.

Seth Richards’ yard was the hardest hit on Hemlock. The last three years, he, his two children and wife have rented a house on the street.

For about a week, Richards couldn’t let his 3-year-old son out to play as city sewage had inundated their yard and covered his play toys. Richards said the city also hasn’t given them guidance on when their yard may be habitable again.

“Honestly, my family hasn’t been feeling well this week. Since we got back (from the flood), we all haven’t been feeling well,” said Richards, 35.

Miller and his neighbors are lobbying the city for a fix to this regular overtopping. Last Tuesday, Miller took to the Centralia City Council meeting to voice his concerns, and he said the city should utilize state and federal infrastructure dollars to im-



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Seth Richards, 35, looks on from his porch where traffic cones and signs mark the area that flooded, spilling into the yard he rents where his kids play.



James Miller talks about his decision to blow up an inflatable raft as water from China Creek rose into the 500 block of Hemlock Street in Centralia.



Damaged equipment and boots dry in the sun outside James Miller’s workshop in Centralia after the building flooded.

prove its systems. But a solution may not be feasible.

Ashmore told The Chronicle that while their sewer treatment

facility is nearing the end of its useful life, they’re working diligently to invest in infrastructure and bring about regularly

phased improvements to sewer pipes and infrastructure. The last two summers, he said, the city invested about \$1 million

each to fix leaky sewer pipes.

More data on sewage overflow from the Jan. 6 China Creek flooding is expected this week.

## Proposal

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regain academic and psychological ground lost during a year of remote learning and isolation,” Braun said in a statement Monday.

“Most disturbing is the idea

that students and teachers would not be required to communicate during this remote learning time. Teachers are paid to teach. Is it fair that they be paid for five days a week if they spend only four days with their students?” Braun continued.

Braun said allowing students one full day of remote learning

would leave parents struggling to find affordable child care, and that those caregivers may likely not be qualified to help with public school instruction.

“In his state-of-the-state remarks this past week the governor acknowledged the importance of in-person instruction when he called for empowering

educators to address how students have lost educational opportunities because of the pandemic. I don’t see how this bill would accomplish that. It’s too wide open, with zero mention of a pandemic, or public health, or even trying to help small rural school districts recruit teachers,” Braun said.

“The K-12 reforms passed five years ago were showing promise before the pandemic, but there still were improvements needing to be made. SB 5735 would do nothing to address those needs, and it would take our state a huge step backward when we’re already needing to catch up. It’s a huge mistake,” he continued.

# House Bills Target Crisis of Missing Indigenous People in Washington

By Sarah Kahle

The Seattle Times

The House Public Safety Committee heard testimony Friday on two bills that would address the current crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women.

House Bill 1571 would increase communications between county officials and the families of missing Indigenous people while also providing grants to aid human trafficking survivors' rehabilitation efforts.

House Bill 1725, sponsored by Rep. Debra Lekanoff, D-Bow, the state's only Indigenous legislator, would create an emergency alert designation specifically for missing and endangered Indigenous people.

The bills, meant to update a previous measure passed in 2018, come after years of grassroots activism and data analysis by native researchers. The measures aim to address a deadly trend where more and more Indigenous women are being disproportionately affected by violence and 128 women are reported missing in 71 urban centers.

"This issue has been brought to the forefront by families and by survivors who are sharing their stories and their lived experiences, and policy and leg-



Debra Lekanoff, the only Native American in the Washington State Legislature, is pictured in this photograph from House Democrats.

islation should remain focused and centered on those families and their experiences moving forward," said Carolyn DeFord, a member of the Puyallup tribe and an advocate for families of missing persons.

The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women movement, or MMIW, started among First Nations people in Canada and has since spread to the U.S., raising awareness for the disproportionately high rates of abduction and murder that Indigenous women and girls face.

A snapshot of data from 71 urban cities in the United States

found that murder was the third leading cause of death for American Indian/Alaska Native women, according to a 2016 report by the Seattle-based Urban Indian Health Institute.

HB 1571, sponsored by Rep. Gina Mosbrucker, R-Goldendale, would require county coroners to identify and notify the family of a deceased missing Indigenous person, allowing them access to their loved one's remains to conduct spiritual practices or ceremonies. The bill also sets aside funds for centers to provide long-term shelter, mental health counseling, medical care and le-

gal services for Indigenous survivors of trafficking.

The other bill in the House, HB 1725 would create a new alert designation similar to the AMBER Alert and Silver Alert systems. It would help connect law enforcement, state agencies and media outlets in the search for abducted children and missing seniors.

"Indigenous women go missing at a rate four times higher than white women in Washington state," said Lekanoff during the hearing, held remotely due to the continued spiked in COVID-19 cases. "They are the highest rate of any ethnic group in Washington state that go missing and I want to make sure that the public hears this."

The bill instructs the Washington State Patrol to add a new class to the Endangered Missing Person's Advisory titled "Missing Indigenous Women and Persons Alert," also referred to in the legislation as a "Red Thunder Alert."

Once activated by either a local law enforcement agency or WSP, the special alert would help different jurisdictions of law enforcement collaborate with communication services like radio, cable and satellite broadcasting systems, as well as state and tribal agencies, to share resources and enlist the public's help in cases of

missing Indigenous women.

HB 1725 was requested by the Attorney General's Office.

"Law enforcement often has limited tools and options when engaging with the public and providing information that can help bring them home quickly," said Annie Forsman-Adams, who is a policy analyst for the Washington Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People Task Force and identifies as a Suquamish woman. "This bill will not only provide additional tools to law enforcement, but it starts to address some of the inequities with information sharing and media coverage among Indigenous communities."

A 2019 report by the Urban Indian Health Institute estimated that the disproportionately high number of missing Indigenous women is likely an undercount. It cited poor state data collection practices, a lack of resources for families of missing persons, sparse media coverage compared with other demographics, and racism from law enforcement as barriers to accurately understanding the scope of the problem.

The two bills head to committee votes this week, and are expected to have bipartisan support. If passed, the bills would move to the state Senate.

## Chemicals in Cosmetics Targeted in Proposed New Washington Law

By The Washington State Journal

For a large portion of Washingtonians, the use of cosmetic products is a part of their everyday routine, but some of those same household products often contain harmful chemicals that cause a variety of health risks.

A bill now making its way through the Legislature will require manufacturers to adhere to more transparent label requirements. Similar bills that monitor and prevent the distribution of cosmetic products have already passed in California and Maryland.

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"It's a simple bill that will have a huge impact on the health and well being of many of our community members," said Sen. Mona Das, D-Kent. Dr. Ami Zota, professor of environmental occupational health at the Milken Institute School of Public Health, said that although anyone can be exposed, women of childbearing age and those from under-represented groups are most vulnerable and disproportionately impacted.

"Compared to white women, women of color have higher levels of beauty product related environmental chemicals in their bodies and these differences are not explained by the differences in income."

According to Zota, Black women spent upwards of \$5 million on beauty product services in 2014. Her research shows Black women not only use more types of personal care products but the products marketed towards them contain more toxic chemicals.

A growing scientific consensus of the health impacts of long-term involuntary exposure to chemicals such as phthalates and parabens, commonly found in beauty products is forming. These chemicals enter the body through the skin, hair, and through the air from dust.

During the Senate Environment, Energy & Technology Committee meeting Jan. 12, a proposal regulating the manufacturing, selling, and distribution of any cosmetic product that contains toxic chemicals, such as per- and polyfluorinated substances, was introduced.

"This act is to protect our communities from the extremely harmful toxic product," Das said. Since certain chemicals used in products are linked to harmful impacts on health such as cancer,

birth defects, damages to reproductive systems, organ system toxicity, and endocrine disruption. Many of which have already been identified by the state as high-priority chemicals.

Lindsay Dahl from Beautycounter, a cosmetic company whose focus is selling safer skincare, claimed the beauty industry is severely underregulated and that banning these chemicals doesn't hinder the industry's ability to deliver on consumer expectations. "This work is hard but it's the right thing to do," Dahl said.

Nora Burnes, of the Personal Care Products Council, said she hopes some amendments to the bill can be made.

"We need to avoid inadvertently setting up a nationwide patchwork that isolates our consumers and retailers," she said. Burnes hopes to continue discussion on amending the bill to align state law with the European Union's list of prohibited cosmetic ingredients and believes global alignments would benefit manufacturers and provide good protection for consumers.

## Legislation Aims for More Accurate Count of Homeless

By The Columbian

Each January, agencies and nonprofits work together to conduct a single-day census of homeless individuals. Better known as the Point in Time count, the data collection is required by both the state Department of Commerce and the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

But state Sen. Lynda Wilson says those counts are incomplete because they leave out individuals in jails and hospitals who were homeless before entering those facilities.

Wilson is working to fix this by sponsoring Senate Bill 5607, which would require such individuals to be included in the state census.

The bill is co-sponsored by state Sens. John Braun, Bob Hasegaw, Christine Rolfes, Lisa Wellman and Jeff Wilson.

The bill had its first hearing before the Senate Housing and Local Government Committee on Wednesday.

"Year after year, (homelessness) becomes more prominent. Washington state has spent billions of dollars during the past decade trying to reduce homelessness, only to see the problem growing worse, especially with the number of homeless living on the street," Lynda Wilson said during the committee meeting.

She said Washington is now only second to California in its number of unsheltered homeless individuals.

"While the rest of the country has been in a decline in chronic homelessness, in Washington, we've seen an explosion — and it's outpacing even California," Wilson said.

She called the Point in Time count a valiant effort to gather the numbers but said, "They're greatly understated from actual numbers."

As an example, Wilson said the 2020 count in Thurston County showed 995 people in the official count. However, there were 242 individuals in jail and another 120 in hospitals who should have been included, she said.

"That's nearly 40 percent of the official count," she said.

Wilson also noted that including these individuals in the official count would help the state better understand which institutions are "bearing the brunt" of the homelessness crisis.

The bill is scheduled to be heard again during executive session before the Senate committee on Tuesday.

## New State House Bill Would Make Oil Owners Financially Liable for Oil Spills

By The Washington State Journal

The financial responsibility for an oil spill will fall on those who own the facilities and vessels that produce and transport oil under proposed House Bill 1691.

"The goal is to minimize the permanent long-standing damage that can happen when a catastrophic spill happens," said Rep. Mia Gregerson, D-Kent, the primary sponsor of this bill.

The bill requires the owners or operators of oil vessels and facilities to demonstrate their financial ability to pay for its oil damages and to obtain a certificate of financial responsibility (COFR) from the Department of Ecology (Ecology). This COFR will be used to determine whether the party responsible for a vessel or facility is liable for damages caused by an oil spill.

Among other things, to demonstrate financial responsibility to Ecology, oil facilities need to show they can compensate federally recognized Indian tribes in a worst-case oil spill situation.

Gregerson likens these new requirements to car insurance. "I know by law we're required to have car insurance if we choose to drive on our roads and streets. So we want the same in this case [for oil owners]," she said.

Gregerson is not alone in her concerns. Laura Feinstein, a fellow at Sightline Institute, an independent think tank that works to advance sustainability in the Pacific Northwest, testified in

strong support of this bill.

"We don't have to look very far to find examples of oil spills, leaks, and explosions resulting in catastrophic damage to our waterways, our lands, and our livelihoods," Feinstein said.

Opposition to the bill came from representatives of interest groups like the Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA), the Columbia River Steamship Operators' Association (CRSOA), and BP America. Each group had unique criticisms of and concerns for bill 1691, and they implored the House Environment and Energy Committee to rethink their bill.

"We request that you return the option of self-insurance as a method for certifying financial responsibility for facilities," said Greg Hanon, the representative for WSPA. Since this option is sufficient enough to be accepted in other states like Oregon and California, WSPA could not understand why it was left out of the bill.

Representatives from CRSOA said the bill is redundant as it adds complexity to an already existing patchwork of laws.

"We are struggling to understand the benefit of creating a state certificate of financial responsibility that creates redundant requirements, adds administrative burdens, and provides no improvement in protection," said CRSOA representative Amber Carter.

According to Carter, the bill's fiscal note reveals Ecology does not have the skills or the staff to develop or manage a state COFR, such as the one this committee is proposing.

Tom Wolf, the representative for BP America, criticized the bill's allowance of unilateral decision-making power for Ecology's director in determining who does and does not get a COFR if a facility or vessel has had a spill.

"Giving the director the ability to revoke a certificate based on a company's assurity; I don't know what the parameters are for the director to make that decision," Wolf said.

House Bill 1691 is scheduled for an executive session hearing Jan. 20 at 1:30 p.m.

## Proposed Washington Law Would Require Student Registration by Age 5

By The Washington State Journal

Early childhood education is so critical to student success that now some educators are pushing for enrollment in school by age 5.

Currently, Washington parents are allowed to delay their child's enrollment with the local school system until age eight. If

Senate Bill 5537 passes, they'll be the last in the nation to do so.

The Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee held a public hearing on the bill Jan. 14.

"By adjusting the compulsory age to five we are aligned with the majority of states and closer to alignment with our Pacific coast neighbors," said Sen. Lisa Wellman, D-Mercer Island, sponsor of the bill and chair of the committee.

Each school district's K-12 program must be accessible to all students older than five and younger than 21-years-old, but attendance or proof of education is not required until age eight.

Parents electing to homeschool their children would be required to provide basic information such as the child's name, their address and the public school district where the family resides.

The course content a parent covers throughout the homeschooling process can be adapted to the family's liking as long as state-outlined requirements are met. Traditional subjects must be incorporated in the planned curriculum and a parent must be deemed qualified to deliver instruction.

Homeschool advocates are opposed to the idea and say requirements would be a potential burden for parents and children alike.

"This is a blanket regulation that fails to recognize that children are individuals and families are unique," Amy Buchmeyer, staff attorney for the Homeschool Legal Defense Association said. "It does rob those students of the chance who do need extra time the chance to take advantage of that."

Public school officials voiced support for the bill. Martha Rice, president of the Yakima school board, said standardization of a compulsory age ensures low- and middle-income students are receiving education as early as possible.

"The Yakima valley is considered an early childhood education desert, meaning that for many of our students, the first exposure they have to education is when they first come to our schools."

Roz Thompson, representing the Association of Washington School Principals, provided additional support, reading testimonies gathered from elementary school principals across the state.

"Early intervention is helpful in developing consistent habits, positive connections and systems of support for students and their families," she said. "Some children we've worked with have been impacted socially, emotionally and academically by the decision to wait too long."

# From Pandemic to Endemic: Can 2022 Succeed Where 2021 Failed?

By Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — After two years of contagion and death, COVID-19 is shifting again. Omicron is spreading faster than any previous variant, but it's also proving less malevolent. There's growing talk that the worst pandemic of the past century may soon be known in another way — as endemic.

Spain threw out the idea last week, when Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said it's time to think about new ways of living with COVID-19 long term, such as the world does with the flu. Other countries jumped in, saying they may be moving toward a new chapter of the disease.

Health experts, however, are preaching caution, saying there's too much uncertainty about how the virus will evolve, how much immunity society has built up and potential damage if people stop being careful.

It's inevitable that governments will eventually need to regard COVID-19 as one of many public health challenges that can be managed — rather than one requiring the urgency and focus devoted since early 2020.

The appetite for economically damaging lockdowns is long gone. Vaccines are protecting swathes of the population, and there's even hope that omicron, with its frenetic spread and less powerful punch, may be hastening the path to the pandemic's exit.

"We probably are starting to see a transition phase toward this becoming an endemic disease, which doesn't mean that we have to stop being very prudent," Spain's deputy prime minister, Nadia Calvino, told Bloomberg Television. "But it does signal that we should take



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People line up outside of a free COVID-19 just-opened vaccination site in the Hubbard Place apartment building on Friday, Dec. 3, 2021, in Washington, D.C. Experts are hoping the pandemic, with its omicron outbreak, will fade and become endemic in 2022.

measures that are very different to the ones we had to take two years ago."

It's not just governments hoping 2022 is the year COVID-19 can finally move to the back burner of public discourse. A weary public is also desperate to escape, and Internet searches for the term "endemic" have jumped in recent weeks.

Endemic would mean the disease is still circulating, but at a lower, more predictable rate — and with fewer people landing in hospitals.

The term sometimes means a disease is limited to a specific region, but that doesn't have to be the case with COVID-19, just as the flu regularly crisscrosses the globe. Seasonal patterns can happen, too, with higher cases in winter, as well as local outbreaks above the expected norm.

At the least, there are reasons to hope that the pandemic's grip is loosening. The world has

more tools than before, from rapid tests to the ability to update and mass produce vaccines, plus rising levels of immunity through inoculation and earlier bouts of COVID-19. While antibodies may dwindle, or even fail to stop infections from new variants, the other major weapon of the immune system — T cells — appears to be robust enough to prevent serious disease.

Multiple studies, meanwhile, point to omicron as being less severe than previous strains. Beyond that, it appears to already be burning out in some places. The rate of new infections in South Africa is falling after December's surge, while hospital admissions in the U.K. are leveling off.

Such evidence is "encouraging in some ways, but we have to stay very vigilant," said Noubar Afeyan, co-founder of Moderna Inc.

The vaccine maker is prepar-

ing an omicron-specific booster that could be ready to enter trials within weeks, he said. Reaching the endemic phase is possible this year, but there's "still uncertainty."

The World Health Organization, for one, is urging caution. Despite the global vaccine push — now approaching 10 billion doses administered — there are massive gaps. More than 85% of the population of Africa hasn't received any dose, while 36 WHO member states haven't even reached 10% coverage.

It's even an issue — albeit to a lesser degree — in some developed countries. Germany still has 3 million people over the age of 60 that haven't been fully vaccinated, in most instances by personal choice.

Uncontrolled spread of COVID-19 would therefore lead to too many otherwise avoidable deaths, Health Minister Karl Lauterbach said Friday. "There is still no reason to sound the all-clear," he said.

In the U.S., it's also too soon to start talking about the next phase. While countries where omicron spiked earlier are seeing some numbers ease, the U.S. isn't there yet, according to Chris Beyrer, a professor at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

It's also possible that people infected with omicron aren't building up much immunity in the face of what's to come. The harder-hitting delta could surge back, or combine with omicron to create a new hybrid.

"We still have a virus that's evolving quite quickly," said Catherine Smallwood, senior emergency officer at WHO Europe. "It may become endemic in due course, but pinning that

down to 2022 is a little bit difficult at this stage."

Even without an official declaration downgrading the health emergency, governments may soon start behaving as if that were the case. While China's zero-COVID-19 policy is an outlier, most countries are keen to step back from intrusive measures, with many citing low fatalities relative to previous waves.

Governments are also coming around to the idea that draconian measures just don't work the way they used to. France closed its borders to the U.K. in mid-December to try to protect it from omicron, to little effect. The country recorded almost 370,000 cases one day this week, and the restrictions are being eased.

As governments pull back, the onus will increasingly fall on individuals, through self-testing, mask-wearing and calls to voluntarily limit social interactions.

The U.K., which has long had a light touch for restrictions, is among the countries pushing in this direction. This week, England joined others by cutting the COVID-19 self-isolation period to five days.

David Heymann, professor of infectious disease epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, this week highlighted the U.K. as a good example of living with the virus, but he noted that there isn't a single time frame for everyone because countries are moving at very different speeds.

"We can't predict where variants will occur, and we can't predict what their virulence or their transmissibility will be," he said. "It could certainly be a bumpy road. We just don't know."

## Biden Faulted on Inflation by Majority in New Poll

By Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — A majority of Americans fault President Joe Biden's handling of inflation and the economy, according to a CBS News poll, which also found that people increasingly find government guidance on COVID-19 confusing.

The poll suggests that inflation, which has reached the highest level in 40 years, is the biggest challenge, with 65% saying the Biden administration isn't focused enough on the burden of accelerating prices. More than half — 58% — said it also isn't focused enough on the economy.

"Few think Biden and fellow Democrats are focused on the right things, overall, either," CBS said in a summary of the poll. "When we ask people what could change their opinion about Biden, the answers center on inflation, not legislation."

While 47% said in October that coronavirus information from health officials is confusing, that number increased to 57% in the poll released Sunday.

Less than a week from Biden's first anniversary in office, his job rating on handling the pandemic is at the lowest point of his presidency, according to the survey. His overall approval rating is stuck at 44% after declining from a peak of 62% in March in the CBS poll.

The Jan. 12-14 poll of 2,094 U.S. adult residents has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points.

## FBI Identifies Hostage-Taker in Synagogue Standoff as 44-Year-Old British Citizen

By Tribune News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas — The FBI on Sunday identified the hostage-taker in the standoff at a Colleyville synagogue as Malik Faisal Akram, a 44-year-old British citizen.

Akram — who could be heard speaking during a livestream that broadcast a portion of the 11-hour stand-

off — died Saturday night after a hostage rescue team breached the building. The four hostages were unharmed.

Authorities said Saturday that Akram was killed in a shooting but did not answer a question about whether he was shot by law enforcement or if the gunshot was self-inflicted. The man claimed to have explosives, according to statements he made on the livestreamed video. Authorities have said he had a gun.

"This was an act of terror," President Joe Biden said Sunday. Biden said there were apparently no explosives, despite the threats, the Associated Press reported.

Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker, who was among those held at Congregation Beth Israel, said Sunday in a statement that he and his congregation had participated in security courses from the Colleyville Police Department, the FBI, the Anti-Defamation League and Secure Community Network.

It is that education that saved their lives, he said.

"I encourage all Jewish congregations, religious groups, schools, and others to participate in active-shooter and security courses," he said. "In the last hour of our hostage crisis, the gunman became increasingly belligerent and threatening. Without the instruction we received, we would not have been prepared to act and flee when the situation presented itself."

Video recorded by a WFAA-TV photographer shows the hostages flee from a door, before a man carrying what appears to be a handgun and wearing a backpack briefly steps out of the door and returns inside. Law enforcement yell, "Come out front!" Within seconds, dozens of agents wearing tactical gear scramble around the building. Four gunshots are heard before a loud explosion, followed by more gunshots and agents shouting commands.

## Drone Strikes on UAE Kill Three; Yemeni Fighters Claim Responsibility

By Tribune News Service

Iran-backed Yemeni fighters said they launched drone strikes on the United Arab Emirates

that caused explosions and a fire on the outskirts of the capital Abu Dhabi and left three people dead, ratcheting up tensions in the critical oil-exporting region.

One of the biggest attacks to date on UAE soil ignited a fire at Abu Dhabi's main international airport and set fuel tanker tanks ablaze in a nearby industrial area. Initial information suggested there was little or no impact on departing or arriving flights, according to a search of the tracking website FlightRadar24.

Iran's longtime support of the Houthis means the incidents could roil diplomatic efforts to ease tensions in the Persian Gulf, and separate talks to restore Tehran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers.

A preliminary investigation indicates small flying objects, likely drones, fell in both areas and may have triggered the blasts, the UAE's state-run WAM news agency said. Three people — two Indians and one Pakistani — were killed and six others injured in the fuel-tank fire close to the storage facilities of state-run oil group ADNOC, Abu Dhabi police said in a statement.

The Persian Gulf has seen a series of attacks on shipping and oil facilities since the U.S. withdrew from the nuclear deal with Iran in 2018. Washington has blamed the attacks on Iranian-backed militias, including Houthi fighters in Yemen, where a Saudi-led military coalition is battling the group.

## Austria to Start Fines for Unvaccinated in March, Nehammer Says

By Tribune News Service

Austria will impose fines on those without COVID-19 vaccinations from mid-March after a transition phase that starts in February, said Chancellor Karl Nehammer.

People unwilling to get inoculated will face penalties of as much as 3,600 euros (\$4,108), the Austrian leader told reporters on Sunday. The mandate will apply to all adults living in the country except when a medical exemption is granted.

Austria's policy is being closely watched as a model for similar ambitions in other European Union countries. Italy

has imposed a vaccine mandate on people age 50 or over, Greece will start fining seniors who don't get their shots, and French President Emmanuel Macron has pledged to make life difficult for the unvaccinated.

In the first phase of Austria's policy, the unvaccinated will get written notification. Starting in mid-March, police and other officials will start checking vaccine status, imposing fines, and ordering vaccine appointments if necessary. Continued dissent will prompt another 600 euro fine after a month.

Fines can be reversed by taking a vaccine within two weeks of being identified.

Nehammer, a former interior minister propelled into the top job after months of political limbo in Austria, has been working on fine-tuning a policy critics say will be difficult to enforce without excessive controls on the public.

More than 20,000 people marched on the streets of Vienna on Saturday in the latest protest against the plan, which has become a key campaign theme for the right-wing Freedom Party. The government also received more than 100,000 comments, many from those opposed to mandates, during a public consultation for the bill on vaccinations.

"I know there was a lot of speculation that this would be a half-hearted quasi-solution," Nehammer said on Sunday.

Instead, he said, "the controls will have consequences," and those who don't comply "will face high fines."

## Voting Rights Take Center Stage at Annual MLK Memorial Service

By Tribune News Service

ATLANTA — Vice President Kamala Harris, Georgia's first Black U.S. senator and the youngest daughter of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. each made passionate calls on Monday for passage of new federal voting rights laws at the annual remembrance for the slain civil rights leader, warning democracy hangs in the balance.

In tributes to King, they also called upon Americans to follow in his footsteps, to push law-

makers through nonviolent organization to pass voting rights legislation currently stalled in the U.S. Senate.

The speeches at Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church are part of a pressure campaign to force Senate Democrats to relax filibuster rules to allow for approval of federal voting rights law to get around unified Republican opposition in the evenly divided chamber. Republicans call the legislation a gross overreach of federal authority and a partisan power grab.

Two Democrats, Sens. Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, have so far refused calls by President Joe Biden, other Democrats and activists to eliminate the Senate's filibuster rule, which requires 60 votes to advance most bills, or to carve out an exception for voting rights.

In a video address, Harris said new laws in Georgia and other states create new burdens on voters in states representing 55 million people — or about one in six Americans.

"The proponents of these laws are not only putting in place obstacles to the ballot box, they are also working to interfere with our elections to get the outcomes they want and to discredit those they do not," Harris said. "That is not how democracies work."

The annual King Beloved Community Commemorative Service celebrates the life and legacy of the late King, the Nobel Peace Prize winner who was co-pastor of historic Ebenezer before his assassination in 1968.

It is always a political as well as spiritual event, with past years emphasizing poverty, health care, presidential politics and other issues. Health care and the rights of the poor played prominently again.

But voting rights at Monday's 54th annual service carried greater urgency following the siege of the U.S. Capitol last January and acts by state legislatures that critics decry as voter suppression.

Last year, Republicans in Georgia passed new voting restrictions in the wake of Biden's narrow victory in the state. The new Georgia law limits the number, locations and days of use of ballot drop boxes and cuts the time period to request an absentee ballot.

## Toledo High School's First-Trimester Principal's List and Honor Roll

By The Chronicle staff

Following are members of the Toledo High School first-trimester president's list and honor roll. Students are listed in alphabetical order.

### Principal's List: 3.75 to 4 GPA

#### 12th Grade

Macy Ball, Marissa Ball, Dylan Blosl, Yulisa Cabrera, Greenlee Clark, Hailey Dickinson, Rose Dillon, Justin Filla, Destiny Gifford, Wesley Horracc, Stevie Johnson, Taylor Langhaim, Wyatt Nef, Jenna Oberndorf, Carson Olmstead, Vanesa Rodriguez, Leith Sarkinen, Marina Smith, Aidan Umbriaco, Brynn Williams, Madelynn Zembas

#### 11th Grade

Aleena Bloomstrom, Jacob Cournyer, Kyle Debo, Paige Hill, Daria Okul, John Rose

#### 10th Grade

Ethen Carver, Irys Deaguero, Shaylie Flanery, Lynzie Filla, Mialeigh Jurica, Jordan McKenzie, Jacob Nef, Quyn Norberg, Trenton Oberndorf, Whitney Olson, Wyatt Peek, Billie Randall, Jessie Ritola, Cali Sharlow, Rogan Stanley, Hailee Turner, Cecilia Velazquez, Kaven Winters, Estelle Wood

#### Ninth Grade

Jaclyn Bruckelmyer, Ericka Caywood, Hope Gould, Molly Hight, Olivia Hill, Calvin Kysar,

Treyton Marty, Zoey Schlecht, Philip Smiley, Barry Tanninen, Sofie Taylor, Emmalia Woodard

### Honor Roll: 3.2 to 3.74 GPA

#### 12th Grade

Jodie Atkinson, Makinley Dahlin, Heather Fenison, Lindy Foley, Conor Gilreath, Carter Sorensen, Damion Soto, Emmarae Troxell, Daniel Velazquez

#### 11th Grade

Shyann Barratt, Reyna Beaver, Bethany Bowen, Candace Clark, Teresa Cothren, Ian Devine, Jessica Dickinson, Jack Ek, Emily Elias, Tyler Harris, Conner Olmstead, Zane Ranney, Kai Sarkinen, Ayden Vodjansky

#### 10th Grade

Stefani Arceo-Hansen, Seth Danforth, Anthony Defranco, Dalton Janisch, Milo Levanen, Abigail Pruet, Bayron Rodriguez, Caiden Schultz, Zachary Smith, Nell Williamson

#### Ninth Grade

Asher Higgenbottom, Kaycee Horracc, Kasey Jorgenson, Nolan Koskiniemi, Cole Langhaim, Makenna Miller, Haylee Pedersen, McKenna Plesko, Ralley St. Jean, Cael Sarkinen, Kate Simonson, Sean Smiley, Ryker Sorensen, Thomas Spahr, Salina Tikka, Bryson Trospen, Zackaree Verhei, Dennis Vernon

### Honorable Mention: 3 to 3.19

#### 12th Grade

Briza Gallegos, Ethan Mcaleny, Christopher Morales, Chase Ryder, Jazalynn Zarate

#### 11th Grade

Geoffrey Glass, Karely Plancarte, Samuel Rinker

#### 10th Grade

Gabriel Cabrera, Matthew Hackett, Jasmine Kemmerer, Christian Malunat

#### Ninth Grade

Jade Bell, Eric Bragg, Alexander Luna-Ortiz, Leland McCree, Luke Porter

## Toledo Middle School First Trimester Principal's List and Honor Roll

By The Chronicle staff

Following are members of the Toledo Middle School first trimester principal's list and honor roll. Students are listed by grade and from highest to lowest GPA.

### Principal's List: 3.75 to 4.0 GPA

#### Sixth Grade

Allen Amundsen, Braelyn Nyberg, Brenna Carver, Conner Hill, Darthianial Neumann-Niles, Ellie Fallon, Calvin Reed, Kamilla Bauter, Karlee Davis, Lyla Christensen, Maleah Miller,

Natasha Kysar, Nyah Higgenbottom, Samuel Foley, Savannah Reddig, William G. Trumbo, Zoey McMahon

#### Seventh Grade

Aidan Deskins, Aurora Grove, Ava Good, Daniel Luna-Sanchez, David Comfort, Haylee Wolfe, Ivana Cabrera, Jackson Woodard, James Veigel, Josie Bell, Kailea Lairson, Kasey N. Landreu, Lila Rieth, Masson Ruiz, Nico Acosta, Parker S. Gifford, Peyton Holter, Rhyder Buswell, Rylee Weimer, Stella Dykstra, Tyler Carter, Zaya Norberg

#### Eighth Grade

Adam Kruger, Ali Koskiniemi, Aubrey A. Williamson, Braylen A. Lawrence, Celestine Schey, Cooper R. Fallon, Dominic Luna-Sanchez, Hallie Cournyer, Hunter Fritz, Jacob White, Joanna Tanninen, Lily Foley, Lily Niles, Linaya E. Simonson, Myra Danforth, Nathan Beaver, Ryah Stanley, Sydney Smith, Trevin Gale

### Honor Roll: 3.2 to 3.75 GPA

#### Sixth Grade

Alexis Young, Bode Buswell,

Brady Weeks, Carter Lairson, David Hill, Evann Gillette, Gabriel Atzin, Kado Hill, Lillian McGeary, Matherin Wood, Olivia Boss, Samantha Jorgenson, Taven Heatherington, Taylor Clark, Zoey Ritola

#### Seventh Grade

Anthony Reed, Arianna Sarkinen, Camilla Simonson, Camryn Hurley, Ethan Bruckelmyer, Isaac Wood, Jacob Meyers, Matthew Martin, Morgann Miller, Peyton Weissenfluh, Ruth Pedersen, Ryan Muir, Way-

lon Hallstrom, Zander Rabbitt, Zaydee Verhei

#### Eighth Grade

Abril Cabrera-Pacheco, Brooklyn Ball, Cameron Jacobson, Camille O. Taylor, Carter Frye, Chloe Hight, Dakota Gibbs, Eli Weeks, Emily Feigenbaum, Gunner Cothren, Holly Jorgenson, Jacob Foley, Jayda C. Kemmerer, Justin Barratt, Kolton Kasner, Levi McGeary, Logan Snow, Mara E. Wood, Naomi Padgett, Paiden Gillette, Zachary Bruckelmyer

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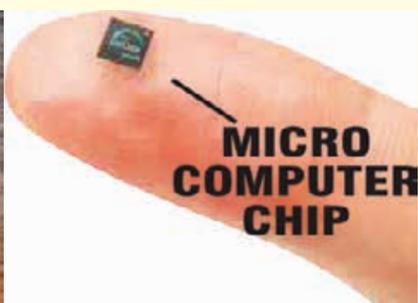
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### Saturday's 2B Boys Basketball

## Riverhawks Overtake Rival Winlock 68-37

By The Chronicle staff

After dropping its first two league games, the Toledo boys basketball team has responded with two straight league wins in two days. Friday night, it was Onalaska, on Saturday, it was Winlock in a 68-37 winning display.

The Riverhawks (11-3, 2-2 C2BL) had two double-figure scorers in Jake Courner (15 points) and Carson Olmstead (16 points), and 10 players got in the scoring column for the home squad.

Olmstead also finished with

nine rebounds and Courner snatched up six steals. Guard Kaven Winters led the team with eight assists.

The Cardinals (0-11, 0-3 C2BL) were led by Nolan Swoford's 12 points, with Caleb Richendollar (11 points) and Payton Sickles (11 points) also scoring in double-digits.

Toledo will look to keep up its winning streak against Rainier on Wednesday, while Winlock heads to Lower Columbia Community College to take on Wilapa Valley for the second time this season.

## Olson, Grose Combine for 50 as Tigers Bounce Back

Following its first league loss of the season, and it's first at full strength, the Napavine boys basketball team rebounded with a narrow, 66-62 win over 1B Wilapa Valley Saturday afternoon.

The Tigers (8-2, 3-1 C2BL) got 27 points from Keith Olson and 23 from James Grose in a dominant scoring effort from

please see C2BL, page B6



Jared Wenzelburger / jared@chronline.com  
Toledo's Kaven Winters (30) looks for room against Winlock on Saturday night.

### Prep Basketball

## Toledo, Napavine Girls Rise in Latest Power Rankings

By Alec Dietz

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Most of these rankings haven't shifted since the last update a week ago — except for the C2BL boys standings, which will surely keep moving until the end of the regular season.

### 2A Evergreen Conference — Boys

**1. TUMWATER** (—) (9-2, 6-0 2A EvCo): The T-Birds are continuing their perfect run through league, containing both Shelton and Centralia by double digits throughout the week before defeating 4A Skyview at home to round out their week.

**2. BLACK HILLS** (+1) (8-5, 4-2 2A EvCo): The Wolves defeated Aberdeen on Thursday after a short layoff before defeating Oregon's Valley Catholic on Saturday.

**3. SHELTON** (+1) (5-5, 3-3 2A EvCo): In their first game since Dec. 22, the Highclimbers fell to Tumwater on Tuesday, before coming back to upset W.F. West on Thursday in their strongest win of the season.

**4. W.F. WEST** (-2) (5-5, 3-2 2A EvCo): Playing in just their second game in a month's span, the Bearcats were shocked by an upstart Shelton squad on Thursday before dropping another match-up to 3A Kelso the next day.

**5. CENTRALIA** (—) (5-7, 2-4 2A EvCo): The Tigers picked up their second league victory of the season, defeating Aberdeen to start the week, but fell to 1A King's Way Christian and Tumwater to end the week on a two-game losing streak.

**6. ROCHESTER** (—) (3-7, 1-3 2A EvCo): The Warriors have been on hiatus since Jan. 3.

**7. ABERDEEN** (—) (1-9, 0-5 2A EvCo): The Bobcats lost both of their matchups this week, to Centralia and Black Hills.

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### Saturday's 2A Girls Basketball



W.F. West forward Carlie Deskins makes a layup against Klahowya on Saturday in Chehalis.

Alec Dietz / alec@chronline.com

## Bearcats Win Third Game in Four Days

**ALL-AROUND: 10 Players Score as W.F. West Improves to 10-2 With Win Over Klahowya**

By Alec Dietz

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Playing its third game in four days, the W.F. West girls basketball team pulled away from 1A Klahowya Saturday afternoon at home for a 66-39 victory.

It was the Bearcats' 10th win

of the season.

The Bearcats (10-2, 5-1 2A EvCo) didn't start in their patented press and zone, due to general fatigue from playing so many games over 96 hours, and came out slow, leading the Eagles 24-21 at the half.

Kyla McCallum's nine first-half points kept the Bearcats ahead, but after the break, W.F. West came out in their press, and started the third quarter on a 9-0 run.

"We seemed a little gassed at the end of the Black Hills game,"

Bearcats coach Kyle Karnofski said. "I tried something different. We started in our normal defense, but then we got back into our bread and butter in the second half, getting into our press and then dropping into our zone."

The Bearcats reaped the benefits of their press, getting into passing lanes and frustrating a much-smaller but scrappy Klahowya squad, before putting the Eagles away in the fourth quarter in dominant fashion.

Drea Brumfield led the

Bearcats with 19 points, but Olivia Remund, Lexi Roberts, Amanda Bennett, Morgan Rogerson and Makayla Mencke led the charge on defense, per Karnofski.

"They were the head of the snake and they did a great job," he said.

The Bearcats had one day off on Sunday before returning to action with back-to-back contests against Mark Morris on Monday and Aberdeen on Tuesday.

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**SELENA NIEMI**

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Sport: Basketball (F)

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**Sounders Sign Real Salt Lake Star Midfielder Albert Rusnak**

By The Seattle Times

After a week of cryptic social media posts and media interviews, the Sounders FC announced they signed midfielder Albert Rusnak (pronounced Roos-nak) on Thursday. The Slovakian international spent the past five seasons starring for Real Salt Lake.

Rusnak, 27, was a highly sought-after free agent once he announced Saturday via his Instagram account that he wasn't re-signing with RSL. A day earlier, Sounders broadcaster Keith Costigan tweeted a handshake emoji with Rusnak and the Sounders' names flanking the image, igniting rumors the club reached an agreement with the playmaker.

Rusnak totaled 11 goals and 11 assists last season with RSL and has amassed 41 goals and 39 assists over five seasons with the club.

Seattle held physicals Wednesday, and once Rusnak was cleared the deal was finalized. The contract is reportedly

through the 2023 season with a team option for 2024.

**Seahawks' Bobby Wagner named an AP second-team All-Pro selection**

By The Seattle Times

Add another notch to Seahawks linebacker Bobby Wagner's Hall of Fame resume.

Wagner was named an Associated Press All-Pro second-team selection Friday, the eighth consecutive year he has been honored.

Wagner was a first-teamer each of the previous six years. He was a second-team selection in 2014.

Wagner received seven votes from a national panel of 50 media members, sixth-most among linebackers. The first-team linebackers are Micah Parsons of Dallas, Darius Leonard of the Colts and De'Vondre Campbell of Green Bay.

Wagner was the only Seahawks player on the first or second team.

Punter Michael Dickson was third at his position with five

votes, and safety Quandre Diggs seventh with three. Linebacker Jordyn Brooks also got a vote as did fullback Nick Bellore as a special-teamer.

It continues an impressive run for Wagner, who finished third in the NFL in tackles this year with 170 despite missing all but one play of the final two games because of a knee injury.

It also continues a string of 12 seasons with Seattle having at least one player voted to the first or second team, or every season of the Pete Carroll era.

Though there are a number of All-Star teams, the AP All-Pro team has long been recognized by the NFL as its official team.

Still, it's also the first year since 2011 that the Seahawks haven't had a player named to the first team, and the first year since then that they haven't had

at least two named.

Seattle had three in 2020 — Wagner, and safety Jamal Adams and receiver DK Metcalf, all named to the second team.

**WSU Hires Nick Whitworth as TE Coach/Special-Teams Coordinator**

PULLMAN (TNS) — Nick Whitworth will fill a long-vacant coaching position at Washington State.

The former Texas State assistant has been hired to mentor the Cougars' tight ends and coordinate the program's special teams, WSU announced Friday.

The Pullman school hasn't employed a TEs coach since Rich Rasmussen held the job in 2011 under head coach Paul Wulff.

But newly hired offensive coordinator Eric Morris is installing a revamped version of the Air Raid offense and reintroducing the position group at WSU. He's also adding H-backs — versatile fullbacks, essentially.

Whitworth will oversee the Cougs' TEs/H-backs room while sharing some special-teams responsibilities with edge coach A.J. Cooper.

"We're going to divide (special teams) up more than we have in the past," first-year coach Jake Dickert said during a news conference Tuesday. "The coach that we bring in (Whitworth) is going to be the face of it, the energy of it and do the bulk of it."

Whitworth spent the past three seasons as special teams coordinator/running backs coach at Texas State.

**Sports Briefs**

**Saturday's 2A Boys Basketball T-birds Clamp Down on 4A Skyview in Win**

By The Chronicle staff

The Tumwater boys basketball team got off to a slow start in a defensive-minded game, but came out of the halftime break on fire, outscoring 4A Skyview by 19 in the second half to defeat the Storm, 58-38, Saturday night.

Luke Brewer led the way with 22 points, seven rebounds and four assists, and Andrew Collins also scored in double figures with 17 points and seven boards. Despite being held off the score sheet, Luke Reid dished out five assists, and Ryan Otton tacked on three blocks to go along with four points.

The Thunderbirds (9-2, 6-0 2A EvCo) played Mark Morris at Lower Columbia Community College on Monday.

**Wolves Run Past Valiants on Road Trip**

Heading across the border

and to his old stomping grounds, Black Hills boys basketball coach Jeff Gallagher led his team to an 83-68 win over his former school Valley Catholic (Ore.) Saturday afternoon.

It was a well-rounded effort for the Wolves, who had four double figure scorers in Keagan Rongen (20 points), Johnnie Stallings (15 points), Andre Byoune (12 points) and Luke Ellison (12 points).

But for Gallagher, who led Valley Catholic to a 3A Oregon state championship in 2007, it was a special night.

"Thank you to all the people at Valley Catholic for making tonight possible," he said in a Twitter post on Saturday. "So great to see everyone again. Nice work (Black Hills) on the win. Still will never get old looking at (the state trophy) in the trophy case."

The Wolves hosted 2B Napavine on Monday.

**Saturday's Prep Wrestling**

**Bearcat Boys Capture Kelso Invite Title**

By The Chronicle staff

Six W.F. West wrestlers claimed individual titles to help the Bearcats take first place as a team at the 2022 Dave Holter Kelso Invite on Saturday.

The Bearcats finished with 276.5 to edge host Kelso (251), while West Linn was third (187), Peninsula fourth (94.5), Tumwater fifth (94), Hood River Valley sixth (84), Mark Morris seventh (67) and Stevenson was eighth (6).

Individual W.F. West champions include Blake Ely at 145, Henry Jordan at 152, Tucker

Land at 170, Tanner Wallin at 182, Andrew Penland at 220 and Daniel Matagi at 285.

Other Bearcat placers include Kayden Ryan at 120 (second), Damian Hernandez at 120 (third), Hunter Arnett at 126 (second), Beau Guyette at 132 (sixth), Brady Davis at 132 (second), Cristo Parriott at 138 (third), Spencer Cole at 152 (fourth) Ty Foister at 152 (fifth) Jacob Fuller at 160 (fifth), Hayden Sciera at 160 (second), Ben LeBoeuf at 170 (second), Waylen Land at 182 (third) and Brock Guyette at 195 (third).

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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, 5:30 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.

**WEDNESDAY, Jan. 19**

**Boys Hoops**

Centralia at Rochester, 7 p.m.  
Aberdeen at W.F. West, 7 p.m.  
Black Hills at Shelton, 7 p.m.  
Adna at Winlock, 7 p.m.  
Morton-White Pass at Toutle Lake, 7 p.m.  
Napavine at Onalaska, 7 p.m.  
Toledo at Rainier, 7 p.m.  
Pe Ell at Willapa Valley, 7 p.m.

**Girls Hoops**

Tenino at Elma, 7 p.m.

**College Hoops**

Grays Harbor men at Centralia College, 7:30 p.m.  
Grays Harbor women at Centralia College, 5:30 p.m.

**Wrestling**

W.F. West at Tumwater, 5 p.m.  
Centralia at Shelton, 5 p.m.

**THURSDAY, Jan. 20**

**Boys Hoops**

Eatonville at Tenino, 7 p.m.  
Washington School for the Deaf, 6 p.m.

**Girls Hoops**

W.F. West at White River, 7 p.m.  
Centralia at Shelton, 7 p.m.  
Black Hills at Rochester, 7 p.m.  
Aberdeen at Tumwater, 7 p.m.  
Adna at Toledo, 7 p.m.  
Morton-White Pass at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Wahkiakum at Napavine, 7 p.m.  
Rainier at Onalaska, 7 p.m.  
Naselle at Mossyrock, 6 p.m.

**Wrestling**

W.F. West at Centralia, 6 p.m.

**Bowling**

Shelton at W.F. West, 3:30 p.m.

**Friday's Results**

**Boys Basketball**

**ACORNS 77, ELKS 29**  
Oakville: Klatush 26, Price 18, Burnett 9, Baker 8  
Lake Quinalt: N/A

**PIRATES 68, MOUNTAINEERS 59**

Rainier 8 13 20 18 —59  
Adna 11 21 15 21 —68  
Rainier: Sprouffske 15, Keller 7, Jo. Meldrum 9, Bowers 4, Cano 3, Ja. Meldrum 20  
Adna: Collins 24, Aselton 9, Meister 3, Johnson 12, Salme 15, Smith 5

**RIVERHAWKS 69, LOGGERS 36**

Onalaska 0 11 13 12 —36  
Toledo 14 21 13 21 —69  
Onalaska: Ibarra 1, Rushton 8, C. McGraw 3, Underhill 12, Russon 2, Lawrence 3, R. McGraw 7  
Toledo: Cournyer 10, Nef 5, Stanley 8, Stemkoski 6, Co. Olmstead 13, Ca. Olmstead 4, Gould 9, Winters 4, Malunat 6, Fallon 4

**HILANDERS 64, BEARCATS 52**

W.F. West 9 12 14 17 —52  
Kelso 17 13 14 18 —64  
W.F. West: Tornow 5, Hoff 3, Priest 1, Plakinger 20, Dalan 19, Brumfield 3,  
Kelso: Foust 30, Mitchell 10

**COMETS 51, TROJANS 44**

Naselle 21 7 4 19 —55  
Pe Ell 8 11 7 18 —44  
Naselle: Hermon 20, Strange 6, Stevens 4, Lindstrom 15, Bergerson 6  
Pe Ell: Krafczyk 2, Zard 15, Phelps 4, Howard 11, Perkins 4, Marrs 8

**THUNDERBIRDS 87, TIGERS 45**

Tumwater 26 21 24 16 —87  
Centralia 12 11 12 10 —45  
Tumwater: L. Brewer 30, Collins 20, Hopkins 12, Otton 8, Reid 5, Overbay 4, Ethan 4, Oram 2, Haroun 2  
Centralia: Kaut 19, Yeung 11

**CHINOOKS 57, TIGERS 50**

Kalama 12 12 16 17 —57  
Napavine 9 12 14 15 —50  
Kalama: Cox 17, Mills 15, Esary 15, Doerty 6, Fisher 4  
Napavine: Grose 20, Olson 17, Prather 13

**Girls Basketball**

**T-BIRDS 79, WARRIORS 21**  
Tumwater 15 19 20 15 —79  
Rochester 8 4 2 7 —21

Tumwater: Amendala 17, Lund 16, Waltermeyer 12, Sumrok 12  
Rochester: Stull 10, Sand 3

**SEAGULLS 55, CARDINALS 44**

Raymond 21 9 10 15 —55  
Winlock 12 13 7 12 —44  
Raymond: Gardner 30, Freeman 12  
Winlock: Hall 21, Vigre 12

**LOGGERS 69, BULLDOGS 32**

Onalaska 22 20 19 8 —69  
Stevenson 11 12 5 4 —32  
Onalaska: Talley 4, D. Hamilton 14, M. Hamilton 16, Lawrence 22, Russ 3, Rhodes 10

**Saturday's Results**

**Boys Basketball**

**RIVERHAWKS 68, CARDINALS 37**

Winlock 5 8 14 10 —37  
Toledo 17 17 17 17 —68  
Winlock: Swofford 12, Richendollar 11, Sickles 11, Fray-Parman-tier 3

Toledo: Cournyer 15, Nef 2, Stanley 5, Stemkoski 6, Co. Olmstead 5, Car. Olmstead 16, Gould 4, Gale 6, Winters 5, Malunat 4

**TIGERS 66, VIKINGS 62**

Napavine 11 19 14 22 —66  
Willapa Vly. 13 17 11 21 —62  
Napavine: Stanley 2, Prather 8, Grose 23, Parker 2, Olson 27, Demarest 4

**T-WOLVES 69, CRUISERS 68**

Morton-WP 11 21 16 21 —69  
Eatonville 13 17 20 18 —68  
Morton-WP: Kelly 3, L. Collette 14, Hazen 6, K. Collette 2, Dotson 16, Dantine 3, Salguero 19, Peters 6

Eatonville: McIlraith 23

**THUNDERBIRDS 58, STORM 38**

Skyview 8 13 9 8 —38  
Tumwater 10 12 19 17 —58  
Skyview: Looney 9, Wakeland 9  
Tumwater: L. Brewer 22, Collins 17, Hopkins 9, Otton 4, T. Brewer 2, Overbay 2, Morgan 2

**WOLVES 83, VALIANTS 68**

Black Hills: Rongen 20, Stallings 15, Byoune 12, Ellison 12

**Girls Basketball**

**BEARCATS 66, EAGLES 39**

Klahowya 10 11 9 9 —39  
W.F. West 13 11 19 23 —66  
W.F. West: Fragner 2, Roberts 6, Mencke 2, Remund 6, Brumfield 19, Bennett 6, Rogerson 2, Deskins 7, McCallum 13, Dalan 3

## Prep Softball

# Tenino Softball Pitcher Signs With Dominican College

By The Chronicle staff

Tenino senior Emily Baxter, the Beaver softball team's ace pitcher, signed her National Letter of Intent with Dominican College softball team on Thursday at Tenino High School.

Baxter tormented opposing batters last season as a junior, leading the state with 208 strikeouts and three no-hitters, according to the MaxPreps. One of the no-hitters was during a district tournament game where she fanned 21 batters.

She finished with a 1.09 ERA across 116 innings and 19 games to earn 1A Evergreen League Defensive MVP honors, as well as a spot on The Chronicle's and The Olympian's all-area teams.

On her travel team, 18U Freedom Gomez, this past summer, Baxter sat down 235 batters and

tossed two no-hitters with a 1.25 ERA in 152 innings of work.

Now she'll take her cannon of a right arm to Division-II Dominican College in Orangeburg, New York, located about 30 miles north of New York City.

The Chargers compete in the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC), where they placed second out of 14 teams with a 20-6 conference record in 2021. They advanced to the conference quarterfinals.

Before Baxter tests her mettle at the collegiate level, she returns with the Beavers this spring as one of the top pitchers in the state. The Beavers were eliminated in the third round of the district tournament last season, going 1-2 at the tourney and finishing the season with a 9-8 overall record.



Tenino senior Emily Baxter, center, poses with her family after signing a National Letter of Intent with Dominican College softball on Thursday.

Courtesy of Tenino Athletics

## Friday's 2B Girls Basketball

## Cardinals Fall in Non-League Tilt With Seagulls

By The Chronicle staff

Playing in its fourth game in five days, Winlock ran out of steam in a 55-44 loss at home to 2B Pacific League's Raymond on Friday.

"Proud of the girls," Winlock coach Dracy McCoy said. "We ran out of gas, but we hung in and got better tonight."

The Cardinals fell behind early as the Seagulls ripped off a 21-12 run to start the game. The Cardinals came firing back in

the second quarter and forced Raymond star Kyra Gardner into foul trouble to cut the deficit to five at the half.

But Gardner steadied herself and helped the Seagulls outscore the Cardinals 25-19 in the second half to preserve the win. Gardner finished with a game-high 30 points to go with 10 rebounds and four assists.

Winlock was led by Addison Hall and Madison Vigre, who each finished with a double-

double. Hall scored a team-high 21 points to go with 14 rebounds and six assists, while Vigre scored 12 points and hauled in 11 rebounds with five assists.

"Madison played great inside and Addison came to play tonight," McCoy said.

The Cardinals shot 16 of 38 from the field, but hit just 2 of 8 3-pointers, while the Seagulls were 17 of 53 shooting and 4 of 10 from deep.

Winlock (7-6 overall) travels

to Adna on Tuesday in a Central 2B League matchup.

### Loggers Run Over Bulldogs

The Onalaska girls basketball team's long trek out to Stevenson was successful, with the Loggers pulling out a 69-32 Friday night.

Four players scored in double figures, with Callie Lawrence leading the way with 22 points.

The Hamilton sisters, Morgan and Dakota, had 16 and 14 points, respectively, and Hope Rhodes finished with 10.

Lawrence also hauled in eight rebounds, dished out five assists, and snatched up seven steals in a complete effort.

As a team, the Loggers (9-3, 3-1 C2BL) only turned the ball over nine times. They'll look to continue their winning ways against Napavine on Tuesday.

## Friday's 2A Girls Basketball

## Thunderbirds Use Balanced Attack to Top Warriors 79-21

By The Chronicle staff

Four Tumwater players scored in double digits and the Thunderbirds romped to a 79-21 road victory over Rochester in a 2A Evergreen Conference.

Our girls played against one of the best teams of the state and

they battled with them despite the score," Rochester coach Davina Serdahl said. "They were not afraid and did not back down, and for that I am proud of them."

Aubrey Amendala led all scorers with 17 points, while Isabella Lund added 16 and Kylie

Waltermeter and Natalie Sumrok each finished with 12.

Tumwater jumped out to a 15-8 run to start the game and held the Warriors to single-digit points in all four quarters to claim their third-straight win.

The Warriors were led by

junior Roisin Stull's 10 points and five rebounds, while Sofie Sand added three points and six boards.

"Roisin Stull was fearless and a force tonight, and had her best game of the season," Serdahl said. "Sofie Sand and Delany Winter

also played strong in the paint."

Rochester (1-7, 1-5 EvCo) heads to Centralia on Tuesday for another league matchup.

Tumwater (11-1, 5-0 EvCo) hosts Burlington-Edison in a non-league matchup at 12:30 p.m. on Monday.

## NFL

## 'We Are More Than Just Athletes': Seahawks' Wagner Showed Deeper Side in Media Sessions

By Larry Stone

The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — At his first weekly news conference of 2021 in early September, Seahawks linebacker Bobby Wagner preempted the first question with an announcement.

"I thought about doing something different this year," Wagner said.

And thus began one of the most unusual and thought-provoking player-media interactions I've experienced in a four-decade career.

By way of background, Wagner and quarterback Russell Wilson are the only Seahawks made available to reporters each and every week, Wagner usually on Wednesdays and Wilson on Thursdays. Wagner decided he would use that forum to discuss some topic apart from football that was on his mind — a book, a business, a person, a concept. And then he would address football matters.

"I know sometimes you guys ask me some very thoughtful questions, but I decided to help push you in the right direction," he said that day.

Frankly, it sounded like it had the potential to be preachy, or pedantic. But it was neither, because Wagner didn't allow it to be. Instead, it was an illuminating exploration of eclectic topics that succeeded in opening my mind and steering it in new directions. And in the process, Wagner presented far deeper and more genuine insights into who he is as a person than any dissection about, say, the linebacker blitz or the mechanics of defending the screen pass could ever yield. (Though we eventually got those, too.)

I think about that four-month interactive project now as Wagner's future with the Seahawks, after a golden decade, is in question. The contract Wagner negotiated himself in 2019

carries a \$20.3 million salary-cap hit in 2022. The Seahawks could save \$16.6 million in cap space by releasing him, or they could ask Wagner to renegotiate a more team-friendly deal. He could be back, or he could move on, like his great friend K.J. Wright after last season.

In his last media session, before the season-ending game with Arizona — which Wagner missed because of a knee injury — Wagner promised to have provocative new topics for us to explore next season. If there is a next season. But even if there isn't for Wagner in Seattle, he succeeded in what he set out to do with his briefings, just as much as he succeeded as an All-Pro linebacker who was an integral part of a Super Bowl-winning team.

"I just want to let everybody know that we are more than just athletes," he said. "We have more capacity in our brains than just going out there and tackling or catching passes or anything like that."

That very first week, the topic Wagner tossed out was a company called pLang, founded by Kendrick Lamar and Dave Free to foster content creation and youth development. It gives a window into what emerged as ongoing themes of Wagner's: his championing of Black entrepreneurs, his desire to prepare for a life in business after football and his belief in the importance of developing his mind beyond football.

"I'm constantly looking at different companies, constantly reading and constantly trying to grow as a person," he said. "It's important that we start to open a conversation up that you can do more than just your sport."

"I feel like that's the reason why a lot of guys get really confused or have trouble when they leave their sport that they're playing, because they focus so much

of their time and energy on their sport that they don't realize this game can be taken away from you at any moment. You have to have something else. This game doesn't last forever. You have to have a different path."

In discussing his decision to negotiate his contract — which evolved, he said, out of defensive coordinator Ken Norton Jr. urging all Seahawks players to read more, which for Wagner led to poring over the league's collective-bargaining agreement — Wagner said, "It opened a lot of doors for me. It opened doors that I didn't know existed. When you constantly have your head down in football, there's a whole world out there that you can be passionate about."

Over the ensuing weeks, Wagner broached topics that he was not only passionate about, but well-versed. Here's a sampling:

— **Public, an investment app focused on educating people on how to build financial literacy.**

Wagner: "It's important for me, because it was something that I wasn't taught growing up in school. I was always taught on working hard to make money versus figuring out ways to make money work for yourself. ... I want to change this narrative, that you have to have a certain amount of money or look a certain type of way in order to learn how to invest."

— **Meditation and yoga.**

Wagner: "I personally find a lot of peace in meditation and yoga. When I heard about it I didn't think it was something for me. I thought it was something that was a lot different than really what it was. I find, especially in this game being so mental as it is, having something to find peace in why I like to do it. I think it's important for me to talk about it, because kids watch us play and they watch us perform, and they think this game is all physical."

— A book called "The Seat of the Soul," by Gary Zuvak.

Wagner: "I read it, and it really changed my life in a positive way. ... This book was really inspirational because it kind of moves beyond the limitations of just the five senses and opens your mind to your spiritual life and your spiritual world. It made me more mindful about my thinking, more mindful about my intent in all my relationships, not just football but family. I think it was really about moving toward your authentic self and authentic power."

— **(During Thanksgiving week) The power and brilliance of women.**

Wagner: "There are a lot of ways that we can help, whether it's investing in a woman founder, whether it's understanding the obstacles they go through, whether it's in medicine or media. I want to say A, I'm grateful; and B, I challenge men to have an open mind and perspective and do your part in whatever it looks like to move that needle forward."

"I do feel like the role that women play now and in the future is extremely powerful and important, so I'm open to conversation. I understand that I'm still learning a lot of things that I don't understand, but I want to understand. I challenge men to challenge themselves in that world. That's what I'm thankful for."

— **Mental wellness.**

Wagner: "It doesn't matter what color you are, doesn't matter what profession you're in, doesn't matter how much money you have or how little money you have. Everybody has something going on in their lives that sometimes is overwhelming."

"If you always just keep it compressed, at some point it's going to come out, and come out in ways that you may not want it to come out. I just want to stress

it's OK to not be OK, and it's OK to look for somebody to help you out through that process."

It was amusing (and telling) to Wagner that after discussing such weighty topics — and many others — the one that went viral was an off-handed comment about hating mayonnaise during a talk on supporting black-owned business. Wagner tried to turn that around the next week by offering a chance for nine students to join him after the season in a tour of the Silicon Valley.

"We'll see if we can blow that up," he said. "We're going to turn something funny into something positive and help kids."

In his final weekly session, Wagner reflected on the success of his venture.

"I wanted to kind of peel back some layers for myself, but also peel back some layers with you guys and allow you in my world a little bit," he said. "I think through this process we had a lot of amazing conversations about books, about things that could change the world, about things maybe we weren't aware of."

"Hopefully we can do something more impressive next year. I'm going to follow through with everything that I've said in these press conferences. ... I would like to encourage athletes as they're embarking on their journey, whatever sport they're in, regardless of your craft that you're trying to perfect, understand and keep an open mind that there's other things to be mastered. We are not a one-shot pony. We can be more than just athletes."

And Wagner finished with a message to the media that I suspect he was leading to all along: "I challenge you guys to find unique ways to peel back the layers of each player, because every player in this building, every player in this league, has something special about them. I think that's the stories you want to write about."

## Friday's 2B Boys Basketball

## Tigers Drop First League Matchup to Chinooks

## ELECTRIC ATMOSPHERE:

*Esary's All-Around Performance Paces Kalama in 57-50 Win*

By Alec Dietz

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NAPAVINE — The game between two powerhouses, the two squads that met last spring for a district championship in Napavine was everything it was cracked up to be.

Every blow answered with another uppercut, punch after punch, but in a physical matchup between Kalama and Napavine Friday night, experience prospered.

The Chinooks, led by Jackson Esary's 15 points, 11 rebounds, eight steals and three blocks, triumphed once again over the upstart Tigers, 57-50.

"This is like a district tournament game," Tigers coach Rex Stanley said. "They are won or lost in the last four minutes, the competition is that tight. This was like that."

Napavine hung around with a hotter-shooting Chinooks squad, pulling a small deficit to just three with under three minutes to play, but an 8-1 run for the Chinooks, mostly caused by Napavine turnovers, ultimately did the Tigers in.

The Tigers (7-2, 3-1 C2BL) had 16 turnovers, and the Chinooks scored 21 points off those miscues.

"They're a quality team, shots are hard to come by and we didn't get many second ones," Stanley said. "It's just one of those games. It seemed like every time we were about there, we'd miss a shot or turnover it over. That was the game."

James Grose led the way for the Tigers with a game-high 20 points on 8 of 22 shooting with three shots from deep, while Keith Olson dropped 17 points and 15 rebounds and Jarin Prather hit three treys and scored 13. They were the only players to score for Napavine.

On the other side, Esary stuffed the statsheet, but Max Cox scored a team-high 17 points with three makes from distance, and Dylan Mills scored 15 to go along with Esary's 15. Esary shot 7 of 20 from the field, with his primary defender being the much-shorter Cael Stanley.



Napavine guard James Grose tries to drive on Kalama's Jackson Esary on Friday night in Napavine.

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"He did a great job, when you guard Esary it isn't just one on one, it was a collective effort," Rex Stanley said. "For the most part I thought we did a good job, he's just a tough cover."

But in the final moments, with the game on the line, Kalama's six seniors came up big, and the Chinooks turned it over half as many times as the Tigers throughout the game.

The Tigers didn't have long to think about it, as they went out to Willapa Valley Saturday to take on the Vikings in a non-league matchup.

"The good thing about this group is we have guys that play multiple sports, they get it," Stanley said. "They get where we're headed and where it's really going to count. We're back at it tomorrow, which I like. We head out to Willapa Valley tomorrow and we try to get better tomorrow."



Napavine guard Cael Stanley drives for a layup against Kalama on Friday.

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## Friday's 1B Boys Basketball

## Trojans Edged in Columbia Valley Matchup With Comets

By The Chronicle staff

Pe Ell trailed Naselle by 13 after one quarter and cut the deficit to four with three minutes to go but couldn't overcome foul trouble down the stretch in a 51-44 loss at home to the Comets Friday in a 1B Columbia Valley League game.

The Trojans found themselves down early, trailing 21-8 at the end of 1Q due to turnovers and fouls. But they came charging back, outsourcing the Comets 11-7 in the second quar-

ter and 7-4 in the third to climb back in it before falling down the stretch.

"We put three good quarters together, we just gotta put a full game together," Pe Ell coach Chris Phelps said.

The Trojans were hampered by late foul trouble, allowing the Comets to hit 14 of 18 shots from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter alone. Naselle finished 18 of 29 at the free-throw line.

"We had opportunities but got ourselves in foul trouble late,"

Phelps said. "That really hurt us."

Jesse Zard led the Trojans with team-highs of 15 points and nine rebounds, while Blake Howard added 11 points and Carter Phelps contributed eight boards and four points.

"Extremely proud of this group and their resiliency," Chris Phelps said. "They don't give up, and it's a testament to their character. Looking forward to what we can do the rest of the season."

"Everyone found a way to

contribute and we played so well together. I just applaud the performances of everyone out there tonight."

Pe Ell (4-7, 1-5 1BCVL) heads to rival Willapa Valley on Wednesday.

## Klatush Drops 26 as Acorns Smash Elks

Oakville sophomore Eddie Klatush nearly outscored Lake Quinault himself, scoring a game-high 26 points as the

Acorns hammered the Elks 77-29 for a 1B Coastal League road win on Friday.

Klatush had plenty of help as Courtney Price added a double-double of 18 points and 10 rebounds, Koner Burnett tallied nine points and Shayden Baker finished with eight points.

The Acorns (8-5, 3-0 1BCL) have now won three-straight league games and are set to face North River at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, at home, for first-place in the league standings.

## Sports Briefs

After a six-year playing career in the NFL with the last three for the Cowboys, Moore was hired by Dallas as quarterbacks coach in 2018 with Dak Prescott in his third season. A year later, owner Jerry Jones promoted him to offensive coordinator and the unit's production skyrocketed, ranking sixth in the NFL in scoring after managing just 22nd the season before.

This season, Moore's third as OC, the Cowboys lead all NFL offenses in average yards (407.0) and scoring (31.2). Players describe the former record-setting quarterback from Boise State as diligent, unflappable and ahead of the curve in offensive approach.

The other possibility circulating is that Jones, who covets Moore and his seven-year history with the franchise, might do everything in his power to retain him, including dismiss-

ing Mike McCarthy and elevating his OC to head coach.

## No. 5 USC Loses to Visiting Oregon

LOS ANGELES (TNS) — Another sluggish showing was slipping away, as Max Agbonkpolo burst into the lane in search of a spark. USC had struggled all night to stay with Oregon, which was flying high off its recent upset of UCLA. But there still was time to climb back when the USC forward came bounding through the paint with less than 10 minutes remaining Saturday, spotted Isaiah Moberly under the basket and let loose a lob toward the Trojans' top scorer ... who let it float untouched out of bounds.

On a night when everything felt out of sorts, it was a fittingly confusing scene. Little went right for fifth-ranked USC in a

disorienting 79-69 loss to Oregon, its second in four games since returning from its 18-day COVID-19 pause.

Nothing has been easy since that layoff. Even victories over California and Oregon State were slogs until USC finally clamped down, letting its periodically dominant defense have the last word.

But there would be no such breakthrough Saturday, as Oregon (11-6, 4-2 Pac-12) soared throughout, refusing to bend whenever USC (14-2, 4-2) finally decided to get forceful with its defensive effort. Where USC shut down Oregon State late on Thursday, giving its offense enough time to push past the Beavers, Oregon just kept firing.

Will Richardson finished with 28 points, including five three-pointers, as USC's backcourt had no answer for Oregon's lead scorer.

## Kellen Moore a Popular Candidate in the NFL's Wave of Head-Coaching Vacancies

By The Yakima Herald-Republic

With every step along his fast-track NFL coaching career, Kellen Moore has been highly sought after by the next level.

Now, even at the young age of 33, the Prosser graduate seems very likely to reach the summit.

And soon.

With eight head coaching vacancies, opportunities abound while Moore tries to remain focused on his task as offensive coordinator for the Dallas Cowboys, who won the NFC East at 12-5, earned the conference's No. 3 seed and lost to San Francisco in the first round on Sunday.

While there's no telling how

deep the Cowboys will go — many feel the weapons are there for a Super Bowl run — Moore appears to be on nearly everyone's list. With a new rule instituted this season that allows assistant coaches to interview for head coaching positions before the end of the season, Moore has already had a virtual interview with Jacksonville and Denver and Miami have requested interviews. There are also reports that he is interested in the Minnesota job.

Other vacancies include the New York Giants, Chicago, Las Vegas and Houston.

Moore, who graduated from Prosser in 2007 after rewriting many of the state's passing records, is certainly young with his only coaching experience coming within the Dallas organization. But his ascension has been swift and filled with elite results.

## Friday's 2B Boys Basketball

## Pirates Take Down Mountaineers in Pivotal League Battle

By Eric Trent

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Adna senior sharpshooter Chase Collins drained five 3-pointers and scored a game-high 24 points as the Pirates fended off Rainier, 68-59, for a crucial Central 2B League victory at home on Friday.

"It was a great Friday-night atmosphere, with two good teams who fought hard all night long," Adna coach Luke Salme said. "Fun high school basketball."

The Pirates used a 21-point second quarter to build a 32-21 lead at the half. The Mountaineers charged back with a 20-15 advantage in the third quarter, but the Pirates outscored Rainier 21-18 in the final frame to secure the win.

Braeden Salme added 15 points and eight rebounds, Lane Johnson tallied 12 points and Aaron Aselton chipped in nine points and drew five charges.

The Pirates used red-hot shooting, 22 of 45 from the field (49%) and 9 of 23 (39%) from deep to keep the Mountaineers at bay.

Rainier, meanwhile, was led by Jake Meldrum's 20 points, while Ian Sprouffske added 15 and Josh Meldrum finished with nine.

The Mountaineers shot 14 of 31 (45%) from the field, including 8 of 25 (32%) from long range. Rainier hit seven 3-pointers in the second half.

Adna (9-3, 3-1 C2BL) faced 2B Pacific League power Ilwaco at the Martin Luther King Jr. Tournament at Lower Columbia College at 1:30 p.m. on Monday.

Rainier (7-3, 1-2 C2BL) hosted Morton-White Pass on Mon-



Adna's Chase Collins (11) goes up with the ball during a game against Rainier Friday night.

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### Riverhawks Romp Past Loggers

Ten Toledo players got on the scoreboard and the Riverhawks ran past visiting Onalaska for a 69-36, Central 2B League victory on Friday.

Conner Olmstead led the Riverhawks' offense with a

game-high 13 points to go with four rebounds and three steals. Jake Cournyer added 10 points, six rebounds and three assists.

"(Connor) came out and really played," Toledo coach Grady Fallon said. "It was good to see out of him. Carson (Olmstead) is so strong and worked hard on the boards."

Toledo won the rebounding

battle, 48-24.

Onalaska was led by Blaze Underhill's 12 points, all coming from four 3-pointers, while Nick Rushton tallied eight points and Rylan McGraw scored seven points. The Loggers hit eight 3-pointers on the night.

Onalaska (1-8, 0-4 C2BL) hosts Napavine on Wednesday. Toledo (10-3, 1-2 C2BL) hosted

Winlock on Saturday.

### Cards Fall to Stevenson

Winlock's woes this keep coming as the Cardinals suffered a 55-45 loss to Stevenson on the road in a Central 2B League game on Friday.

The Cardinals (0-11, 0-3 C2BL) played rival Toledo on Saturday.

## Friday's 2A Boys Basketball

## Bearcats Drop Non-League Skirmish With 3A Kelso

By The Chronicle staff

W.F. West pulled within five of Kelso in the fourth quarter but was unable to complete its comeback bid in a 64-52 non-league road loss to Class 3A Kelso on Friday.

Senior Dirk Plakinger scored a team-high 20 points that puts him squarely at 500 career points. Junior post Soren Dalan put up another big double-double of 19 points and 18 rebounds.

But the Bearcats couldn't keep up with the high-powered Hilanders, who went on a 17-9 run on the Bearcats to start the game. The Hilanders were led by Michael Foust's game-high 30 points.

The Bearcats (5-5 overall) host Aberdeen on Wednesday in a 2A Evergreen Conference matchup.

### Brewer Drops 30 as T-Birds Top Tigers

Tumwater junior exploded for a game-high 30 points and the Thunderbirds blasted Cen-

tralia for an 87-45 road victory in 2A Evergreen Conference action Friday.

The Thunderbirds scorched the nets, hitting 21 of 34 shots (67%), as Andrew Collins added 20 points, six rebounds and four blocks and Connor Hopkins finished with 12 points.

Tumwater was also on fire from long range, draining 13 of 22 (59%) from deep. Brewer was 6 of 7 from beyond the arc and added a game-high seven assists to go with five steals and four rebounds.

Centralia was led by Landon Kaut's 19 points, while Brandon Yeung added 11 points and Rex Akins hauled in a team-high seven rebounds.

The Tigers got off just 18 shots, hitting seven (39%), and were 5 of 13 from 3-point range. Centralia lost the rebounding battle 30-17.

Centralia (4-7, 2-4 EvCo) heads to Rochester on Wednesday. Tumwater (8-2, 5-0 EvCo) hosts Skyview in a non-league match on Saturday.



W.F. West freshman Gage Brumfield (34) blocks a shot by a Kelso player during a non-league road game on Friday in Kelso.

Josh Kirshenbaum / The Daily News

## NFL

## Analysis: What the Latest Russell Wilson Report Means for the Seahawks

SEATTLE (TNS) — The headline on a story Sunday morning on NFL.com — the league's sanctioned website — was catchy.

"Seahawks QB Russell Wilson wants to explore options this offseason," was the headline emblazoned across the top of a story written by one of the network's main information reporters, Ian Rapoport.

And as expected, the story generated lots of immediate social media attention.

But that headline and discussion may have obscured some facts detailed in the story and known to be true — Wilson has not requested a trade. And in Rapoport's on-air version of the report, he noted that Wilson wants to explore his options "in case the Seahawks would like to trade him or would trade him."

There is zero evidence that the Seahawks would like to trade Wilson or "would trade him."

So what is the story saying? Well, possibly, simply that if some-

thing were to happen, Wilson would want to use his no-trade clause, which the team agreed to as part of his most recent contract signed in April 2019.

The story cited as its source "those close to Wilson" — but did not specify who while also noting that his agent, Mark Rodgers, did not return calls for comment — and cited those sources as saying that Wilson "wants to investigate other destinations to see if those would put him in a better position to win another championship and create the legacy he sees for himself."

But with two years left on his contract and no indication that Seattle wants to trade him or is even thinking about it, it's hard to know what "exploring options" means.

But if there appeared to be little — if any — news to the story, it indicated that discussion and rumors of Wilson's future may not go away as easily as some in the organization would hope.

Coach Pete Carroll, general

manager John Schneider and team chair Jody Allen met Thursday.

And as became clear as the next few days passed, those meetings ended without any change in the status of Schneider and Carroll — several national reports Sunday reiterated that point. An ESPN report Sunday stated that despite speculation that grew about the future of Carroll and Schneider as the team fell out of playoff contention, their meeting with Allen "was usual end of season review, a look ahead and no job security talk."

Some structural and other personnel change other than at the top, though, could still occur.

But what appeared to emerge from the week following the end of the Seahawks season is the organization planning to take one more shot at it in 2022 with its three main figures — Carroll, Wilson and Schneider — intact.

All are under contract — Schneider through the draft of 2027, Carroll 2025 and Wilson through 2023.

Wilson's deal pays him an average of \$35 million. And given Seattle's usual precedent of not redoing contracts that have more than a year left, he would not be due for a new one until after the 2022 season.

Wilson also is coming off his roughest campaign with the Seahawks, missing three games at midseason due to a dislocation and ruptured tendon in his right middle finger, and then enduring a three-game losing streak once he returned.

But a 4-2 finish to the season that included three games in which the Seahawks scored 30 or more points — and 89 in the last two — seemed to reignite enthusiasm in the organization about the current direction of the team.

Wilson was asked several times about his future in the last few weeks of the season and repeated each time that his hope is to stay with Seattle.

Those questions were asked in part because of the events of last offseason, when Wilson went

public with frustration over how often he has been sacked in his career and an ESPN report later stated his agent, Mark Rodgers, had given the Seahawks a list of four teams to which Wilson would approve a trade. Seattle was reported to have had serious trade talks with the Bears before Carroll said he didn't want to trade Wilson.

"You guys keep asking me the same question, but I think maybe you guys know something that I don't know," Wilson said last Sunday following Seattle's 38-30 win at Arizona. "I think the biggest thing is that I love playing here. I love being here and everything else. I also love winning. We also have to do whatever it takes to make sure that we're doing that, and that's the standard, and that's what I believe in. So I have to do my part. It starts with me first, and the rest of the guys and all of us together, collectively what we can do better. Obviously, I love this city, and that's my hope and prayer."

## C2BL

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the pair, as they feasted off a late press to put the Vikings away.

"It was one or two possessions and we threw it over their press to get ahead late," Tigers coach Rex Stanley said. "The boys executed well tonight."

The Vikings gave the Tigers everything they could handle, though, knocking down 11 shots from 3-point land and battling wire-to-wire with the 2B squad.

"We couldn't get consecutive stops and they hurt us on the glass," Stanley said. "They hit us with threes all night, they've got some shooters."

The Tigers played at Black Hills on Monday.

## Collette's Last Second Shot Pushes T-Wolves Past Cruisers

Down by one with seconds remaining, Morton-White Pass found its magic late in a huge non-league contest with Eatonville.

Pushing the ball in transition, the rock ended up in senior Ley-

tan Collette's hands, and with 4.8 seconds left on the clock, he put a lefty layup through the net to give the Timberwolves a 69-68 road win.

The Timberwolves (7-4, 2-1 C2BL) had three players in double figures, with post Josh Salguero leading the way with 19 points, Gary Dotson adding 16, and Collette scoring 14. But it all started in the post for MWP.

"They're big and physical, but we pounded it inside anyways," MWP coach Chad Cramer said. "We pounded it in there and our guards did enough scoring to get the win. It was a good coming out party for Josh (Salguero), we fed off that and guys scored off him."

The T-Wolves played at Rainier on Monday.

## NFL

## Patriots' Season Comes to Bitter End in Buffalo as Allen Tosses 5 TD Passes in Blowout

By Mark Daniels

Providence Journal

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Saturday night's AFC wild-card game at Highmark Stadium was never in doubt.

As soon as the Buffalo Bills touched the ball following the opening kickoff, you knew it. The Patriots never stood a chance. For the Pats' defense, it was a nightmare in Orchard Park, and very similar to the group's effort, or lack thereof, in the team's Week 16 loss to the Bills.

Bills quarterback Josh Allen and his group embarrassed Bill Belichick's defense on Saturday night en route to a 47-17 blowout. Buffalo scored seven touchdowns on their first seven drives. Allen finished 21 for 25 for 308 yards with five touchdowns. He had more touchdowns than incomplete passes. He was never sacked.

This butt-whooping served as another reminder that the Bills own the AFC East in these post-Tom Brady years. Buffalo has now won four of the last five games against the Patriots.

This one, however, officially ended the Patriots' season and it marked the most lopsided playoff loss in the Belichick era, ahead of the team's 33-14 wild-card loss to the Baltimore Ravens during the 2009 season.

This game was never close, and for the Patriots defense, the first half was an utter embarrassment. The Bills scored touchdowns on all four drives, of 70, 80, 81 and 89 yards. Buffalo traveled 300 total yards in the first two quarters and went into halftime up, 27-3.

Allen made the Patriots defense pay using both his arm and legs en route to an early Buffalo lead. The quarterback rushed two times for 41 yards, picking up a 26-yard and then a 15-yard gain. Each attempt pushed the



Timothy Ludwig/Getty Images

Buffalo Bills quarterback Josh Allen (17) throws a pass against the New England Patriots during the second quarter in the AFC Wild Card playoff game at Highmark Stadium on Saturday in Buffalo.

Bills downfield in the game's opening drive. Allen capped the series off with an 8-yard touchdown to Dawson Knox at 9:45 of the first quarter.

The Patriots had trouble getting to and containing Allen. According to Next Gen stats, Allen had nine seconds to throw the ball on the touchdown throw.

The defense looked exactly the same on the second Bills drive en route to a 14-0 Buffalo lead. Allen hit Knox for a gain of 24 and then Isaiah McKenzie for 19 yards. It wasn't long before the Bills were in the red zone and the quarterback connected with Knox again, for a 11-yard touchdown with 40 seconds left in the first quarter.

The third series was just as sloppy. Daniel Ekuale was called for a 15-yard facemask penalty. The Pats also gave up a 22-yard catch to Gabriel Davis. Devin Singletary capped this 81-yard drive with a 3-yard touchdown run at 7:20 of the second quarter. Lawrence Guy blocked Tyler Bass' extra point attempt and the Bills led, 20-0.

Just when you thought it couldn't get any worse, the Bills

traveled 89 yards on four plays in their fourth series. Singletary scored a 16-yard touchdown and Buffalo led 27-0 with 1:53 left in the half.

## 49ers Beat Cowboys, 23-17, in a Wild Finish

By Tribune News Services

The 49ers advanced with a 23-17, wild-card win over the Cowboys to next face the No. 1 seed Green Bay Packers

ARLINGTON, Texas — Advancing with a playoff win over the Dallas Cowboys never gets old nor boring for the 49ers.

Sunday's 23-17, wild-card victory came with a hold-your-breath, heart-stopping fourth quarter.

Next up is a trip to Lambeau Field to face the No. 1-seeded Green Bay Packers, who had the NFC's lone bye this wild-card weekend.

The 49ers, who made it into the playoffs by virtue of an overtime win at the Los Angeles Rams a week ago, survived Sunday despite nearly blowing a 16-point, fourth-quarter lead.

It wasn't over until, well, until referee Alex Kemp announced: "That's the end of the game," when Dak Prescott ate up the final 14 seconds by scrambling to the 24-yard line and then taking one last chance to spike the ball with no time left.

And, so, the 49ers (11-7) emerged with their third playoff win all-time against the Cowboys. Their 1981 and '94 teams won the NFC Championship against Dallas en route to Super Bowl championships.

Missing from the 49ers defense's final, straining drives were its premier defenders: Nick Bosa, who left with a concussion just before halftime, and Fred Warner, who staggered off with a fourth-quarter ankle injury.

Warner's injury came shortly after a Cowboys' interception, on a Jimmy Garoppolo overthrow, spoiling what had been a necessary, turnover-free outing.

Other contributing factors to the Cowboys' comeback bid: special-teams mistakes, a major flaw this season for the 49ers. They surfaced twice in the second half (roughing the punter; fake-punt conversion), though that led directly to only a Cowboys' field goal that pulled them within 23-10 with 11:53 left.

## Bucs' Stars Return on Defense, Handle Eagles in Playoff Opener

By Tribune News Services

TAMPA BAY, Fla. — Shaquil Barrett (knee) was among the many players missing from the Bucs' starting lineup for the final two games of the regular season.

Well, Shaq is back and so is the Bucs defense.

The Pro Bowl linebacker made a leaping interception of a pass from Philadelphia quarterback Jalen Hurts and Tom Brady

threw a 36-yard touchdown pass to Mike Evans on the next play in the Bucs' 31-15 win over the Eagles in Sunday's NFC wild-card game.

It was one three turnovers forced by the Bucs. Safety Mike Edwards had an interception and Ross Cockrell recovered a muffed punt by Jalen Reagor.

The Bucs (14-4), who won their first home playoff game in 14 years, will host again next week (opponent pending).

Leading up to Sunday, the Bucs were asked about how their suddenly leaky run defense would fare against the league's best rushing offense.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers defeat the Philadelphia Eagles with a 31-15 victory during Sunday's NFC wild-card game as they continue their pursuit of a second consecutive Super Bowl title.

But they were pitching a 31-0 shutout until Boston Scott broke loose for a 34-yard touchdown run with 12:08 remaining in the game. Until that score, the Bucs had allowed only 44 rushing yards.

The difference was getting back starters on defense such as Barrett, Lavonte David and Jason Pierre-Paul. They bottled up Hurts while Brady and Co. built a big enough lead to make the Eagles have to put the football in the air more than they would have preferred.

Brady was patient and efficient against the Eagles zone defense. He went 20-of-25 for 159 yards in the first half. Meanwhile, Philadelphia gained a total of only 118 total yards in the first half, including 35 on the ground.

He threw touchdown passes to Rob Gronkowski and Evans, and spread the ball to nine different receivers. Brady finished 29-of-37 for 271 yards and two touchdowns.

## Rankings

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## 2A Evergreen Conference — Girls

**1. TUMWATER** (—) (12-1, 6-0 2A EvCo): The Thunderbirds beat yet another 4A contender in Camas to start their week before dispatching Shelton and Rochester in dominant fashion to round out the week.

**2. W.F. WEST** (—) (10-2, 5-1 2A EvCo): The Bearcats went 3-0 last week, with two league wins and a dub over 1A Klahowya to round out a strong seven days.

**3. BLACK HILLS** (+2) (4-7, 3-4 2A EvCo): The Wolves went 2-1, defeating River Ridge by two points in a non-league victory before dropping a make-up game to W.F. West and then defeating Aberdeen to round out their week.

**4. ABERDEEN** (—) (5-4, 2-3 2A EvCo): The Bobcats beat Centralia in their first game since Dec. 17 before falling at the hands of Black Hills two days later.

**5. CENTRALIA** (-2) (5-4, 3-2 2A EvCo): The Tigers went 0-2 last week, with losses to North Thurston on the road and to league rival Aberdeen at home.

**6. ROCHESTER** (—) (2-7, 1-5 2A EvCo): Rochester won its first league game of the season against Shelton, before dropping matchups to W.F. West and Tumwater to close out the week.

## 1A Evergreen Conference — Boys

**1. EATONVILLE** (—) (6-2, 2-0 1A Evergreen): The Cruisers domi-

nated Montesano to stay unbeaten in league, before falling to Morton-White Pass in a non-league matchup to start the week.

**2. ELMA** (+3) (3-4, 2-1 1A Evergreen): The Eagles beat both Montesano and Hoquiam to go above .500 in league play last week.

**3. HOQUIAM** (—) (4-6, 1-1 1A Evergreen): The Grizzlies defeated Tenino to open league play with a win, beat North Beach later in the week, but fell to Elma to open the first week of league play at .500.

**4. TENINO** (-2) (5-5, 1-1 1A Evergreen): The Beavers were forced to postpone their matchup with Columbia Adventist, and fell in their only matchup last week to Hoquiam.

**5. MONTESANO** (-1) (1-10, 0-3 1A Evergreen): The Bulldogs continue to struggle, with back-to-back losses last week to Elma and Eatonville.

## 1A Evergreen Conference — Girls

**1. MONTESANO** (—) (10-1, 3-0 1A Evergreen): The Bulldogs picked up three wins last week, to Elma, Eatonville, and Hoquiam to move to 3-0 in league.

**2. TENINO** (—) (9-3, 1-0 1A Evergreen): The Beavers beat Hoquiam by nearly 40 to open league play with a win.

**3. ELMA** (+1) (2-4, 1-1 1A Evergreen): The Eagles lost their first game of the week against Montesano before bouncing back to defeat Hoquiam on the road.

**4. HOQUIAM** (-1) (5-5, 0-3 1A Evergreen): The Grizzlies went 0-3 to open league play last week, losing to Tenino, Elma, and Montesano.

**5. EATONVILLE** (—) (0-5): The Cruisers dropped their only matchup last week to White River at home.

## Central 2B — Boys

**1. KALAMA** (+1) (8-1, 4-0 C2BL): The Chinooks had about as impressive of a week as you could have this time of year, defeated Morton-White Pass, Toledo, and Napavine all on the road in a five day span before finishing the week with a win over Muckle-shoot Tribal.

**2. NAPAVINE** (-1) (8-2, 3-1 C2BL): The Tigers dropped a close contest with Kalama at home, but defeated Toutle Lake and Willapa Valley.

**3. ADNA** (—) (9-3, 3-1 C2BL): The Pirates went 2-0 last week with wins over Onalaska and Rainier, both at home.

**4. RAINIER** (—) (7-3, 1-2 C2BL): The Mountaineers dropped their only game last week, an 8-point defeat to Adna on the road.

**5. WAHIAKUM** (+3) (7-4, 2-1 C2BL): The Mules defeated Forks and then Toutle Lake last week.

**6. TOUTLE LAKE** (-1) (8-4, 2-3 C2BL): The Ducks lost to Napavine and Wahkiakum in back-to-back contests before finishing the week with a dominant win over Stevenson.

**7. MORTON-WHITE PASS** (—) (7-4, 2-1 C2BL): The Timberwolves lost to Kalama at home before defeating Winlock in their league matchups, and then beat 1A Eatonville on the road in a huge, non-league road game.

**8. TOLEDO** (-2) (11-3, 2-2 C2BL): The Riverhawks fell to Kalama to start their week, but finished with two wins over Onalaska and Winlock.

**9. STEVENSON** (+1) (2-5, 1-1 C2BL): The Bulldogs went 1-1 last week with a win over Winlock and a loss to Toutle Lake.

**10. ONALASKA** (-1) (1-7, 0-3 C2BL): The Loggers went 0-2 last week with losses to Adna and Toledo.

**11. WINLOCK** (—) (0-11, 0-3 C2BL): The Cardinals are still searching for their first win after

losses to Morton-White Pass and Stevenson last week.

## Central 2B — Girls

**1. WAHIAKUM** (—) (10-3, 4-0 C2BL): The Mules were perfect last week with dominant wins over Winlock and Toutle Lake.

**2. RAINIER** (—) (9-3, 4-1 C2BL): The Mountaineers are one of the hottest teams in the league with back-to-back wins over Stevenson and Adna and are tied with the most wins in the C2BL.

**3. ONALASKA** (—) (9-3, 3-1 C2BL): The Loggers went 2-0 last week with wins over Adna and Stevenson.

**4. TOLEDO** (+1) (7-2, 2-0 C2BL): The Riverhawks defeated Kalama in their only game last week.

**5. NAPAVINE** (+1) (6-5, 2-1 C2BL): The Tigers bounced back after a short losing streak with two wins last week against Kalama and Toutle Lake.

**6. WINLOCK** (+1) (7-6, 2-3 C2BL): The Cardinals went 2-2 last week with wins over Morton-White Pass and Stevenson, and losses to Raymond and Wahkiakum.

**7. ADNA** (-3) (7-6, 2-2 2B C2BL): The Pirates went 0-2 last week with losses to Onalaska and Rainier, both on the road.

**8. TOUTLE LAKE** (—) (6-6, 1-3 2B C2BL): The Ducks lost to Napavine and Wahkiakum, before dispatching Stevenson at home.

**9. MORTON-WHITE PASS** (—) (3-5, 0-2 C2BL): The Timberwolves dropped their lone game last week to Winlock.

**10. STEVENSON** (—) (2-7, 1-4 C2BL): The Bulldogs went 0-4 last week with losses to Rainier, Winlock, Onalaska, and Toutle Lake.

**11. KALAMA** (—) (2-7, 0-3 C2BL): The Chinooks won their second game of the year against Columbia Adventist, but fell in two league contests to Toledo

and Napavine.

## 1B Columbia Valley — Boys

**1. WILLAPA VALLEY** (—) (10-3, 5-0 1B CVL): The Vikings dispatched league foe Columbia Adventist easily before falling to 2B Napavine in a close shootout on Saturday.

**2. NASELLE** (—) (7-6, 5-1 1B CVL): The Comets defeated Three Rivers Christian and Pe Ell, but fell to Raymond to close out their week.

**3. MOSSYROCK** (—) (3-4, 1-1 1B CVL): The Vikings haven't played since Jan. 8.

**4. FIRM FOUNDATION** (—) (2-2, 2-2 1B CVL): Firm Foundation has not played since its win over Pe Ell Dec. 16.

**5. COLUMBIA ADVENTIST** (—) (2-4, 2-3 1B CVL): Columbia Adventist fell to Willapa Valley and defeated Pe Ell last week.

**6. PE ELL** (—) (4-7, 1-5 1B CVL): The Trojans beat Three Rivers Christian but fell to Columbia Adventist and Naselle.

**7. THREE RIVERS CHRISTIAN** (—) (3-6, 0-5 1B CVL): The Eagles are still looking for their first league win.

## 1B Columbia Valley — Girls

**1. MOSSYROCK** (—) (6-2, 2-0 1B CVL): The Vikings haven't played since Jan. 8.

**2. NASELLE** (—) (7-4, 3-1 1B CVL): The Comets picked up one win last week against Three Rivers Christian.

**3. WILLAPA VALLEY** (—) (5-6, 2-1 1B CVL): The Vikings haven't played since Jan. 8.

**4. COLUMBIA ADVENTIST** (—) (3-3, 1-2 1B CVL): Columbia Adventist has not played since Jan. 3.

**6. THREE RIVERS CHRISTIAN** (—) (2-7, 0-4 1B CVL): The Eagles are still looking for their first league win.

# Life

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Keith Pardue points out how high the flood water reached inside his daughter's room Sunday along Ceres Hill Road in Chehalis.

## Team Rubicon Flood Assistance Proves its Value to Adna Family Hit Hard by Flooding

By Isabel Vander Stoep

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The Pardue family was searching for a better life.

In 2016, they found one in their Adna-area home next to Bunker Creek in the beautiful Chehalis River valley.

Beginning around Jan. 7, flood waters crept over the banks of the Chehalis River and its tributaries, inundating farmlands and roads, and entering the Pardues' home. Between 6 to 12 inches of water flooded rooms in the lowest parts of the house, causing damage to the walls, insulation and floors.

The Pardue household is in the 100-year floodplain map. With Bunker Creek to the home's side and the Chehalis main stem behind it in the east, the previous homeowners installed a berm (a raised wall) behind the house.

Before the flooding this month, the Pardues were under the impression the berm was enough to keep water out of the building; their mortgage company never required it, so the family never purchased flood insurance.

Keith Pardue has been back in the home since the water receded. For her safety and convenience, his wife, who uses a wheelchair, has been staying elsewhere while he works on the house.

"My wife has reached out to Red Cross, to (Team Rubicon), plus whatever resources we can find to get us some help. I mean, we're not asking for everybody to do everything for us, but, you know, help is help," Pardue said.

Team Rubicon is a disaster relief organization that deploys veterans and former first responders to crises across the U.S. that has been in the Lewis and South Thurston county areas since recent flooding.



Team Rubicon volunteers help the Pardue family by removing drywall damaged by flood waters inside their pantry Sunday morning.

The team will be serving the area through the end of the month, helping businesses and residents that are "uninsured" and "socially vulnerable," according to Michael Chiu, a volunteer incident commander with Team Rubicon and a retired Bellevue Police Department officer.

"There's a healing process, and for each person, it's different in terms of how long they stay in each stage, but we all go through the same process. So these are all veterans, police officers, firefighters, we've got lots of scars. I mean, emotional scars. And we can empathize (with disaster victims)," he said.

Chiu told The Chronicle the community has been very welcoming to his team and many folks have offered to help. It was clear to him how locals had banded together to assist flooded neighbors in the past.

"There's a lot of people in Lewis County that, for decades, the economy has been bad since the '80s. They're resilient. They're hard-fighting, scrappy," Chiu said.

On Sunday, Team Rubicon was focused on the Pardue

home. Considering their situation, Chiu said, the family was a high priority.

The team's goal is to come in and make the place "contractor-ready." Though Pardue is handy enough to clean and repair his own floors, he couldn't remove walls and pull out flooded insulation alone.

"I'm afraid to cut my own power lines, to be honest with you. I'm a welder not a carpenter," he said. "They're doing good work."

Pardue, a diehard Eagles fan, said he gets a lot of flack from local Seahawks fans. Otherwise, Pardue and his wife Amber, daughter Talya, 16, and son Danté, 15, love their home and community.

Talya Pardue, the family's homeschooled daughter, has had health issues including recurring kidney infections and a tethered spinal cord. Before 2016, while the family lived in California, getting Talya long-term, consistently available health care was a challenge.

Hearing of the high quality children's care in Portland and Seattle, the family eventually settled on their home between



Michael Chiu, incident commander for Team Rubicon, talks about helping families with the demolition process so they are contractor ready after homes were inundated with flood water along Ceres Hill Road in Centralia.

the two cities.

"She's had two surgeries in her young age, but now she's thriving. So this was a great move for us. And then we just fell in love with being out here," Pardue said, adding later: "Two of our neighbors came over with bags of groceries. They went to the grocery outlet and bought peanut butter and jelly, bread and dropped it off and said, 'I hope this helps.'"

But between now and the house being back to its lovable state, let alone a safe place to live without potential for dangerous mold or rotten walls, is a long and arduous process.

Among the things destroyed in the flood were carpets, furniture and a mattress.

"We want to get him where we stop the mold and mildew and make it livable, warm and dry and safe. It's up to him to find the contractor to come in with the drywall, insulation, the flooring," Chiu said. "We're trying to get him moved up at least a third of

the way through to recovery."

While FEMA-funding for Lewis County remains uncertain, Team Rubicon's help in the area is invaluable.

Pardue said he thought people who had been flooded may be under-reporting damages.

"The community is so strong that everybody reaches out and helps, that they're not reporting a lot of the damage. They're just taking care of it with their own resources. So it gets harder for people that don't have it. I mean, we have a great community. We know a lot of people out here. But at the same time, the less people that report, the less people that get help," he said.

Team Rubicon plays another role there, if that is the case, according to Chiu, by "working with the emergency manager's office to verify, basically, ground truth. Boots on the ground, 'What's actually happening?'"

For more information on Team Rubicon, visit the website at <https://teamrubiconusa.org/>.

### Community Calendar

#### Cat Show

Jan. 22 and 23 at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A cat show will be held at Blue Pavilion. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$6 for groups or families of four and \$2 for seniors, vets and students. Over 75 "exotic feline beauties will be posing for judges" and competing for awards, according to a press release from And a Mouse Cat Club, the event host. Parking is free and there will be animal toys, beds and other supplies for sale.

#### Riverside Fire Authority Meeting

Jan. 26 at Station 2 headquarters, 1818 Harrison Ave., Centralia; 5 p.m.

These meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednes-

day of the month.

#### Polar Plunge

Jan. 29 at Mayfield Lake; 9 a.m.

The Lewis County Icicle Brigade's Polar Plunge is a jump in Mayfield Lake to raise money and awareness for the Special Olympics Washington. To get involved, visit [impact.sowa.org/team/390895](http://impact.sowa.org/team/390895).

#### Virtual Golf Tournament

Feb. 6 at Par 4 Sports, 201 Allen Ave., Centralia; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

This virtual golf tournament will benefit the Centralia Community Foundation. To sign up or find more information, visit <https://www.par4sports.com/>.

#### Riverside Fire Authority

#### SUBMIT EVENTS

To have an event added to the calendar, email reporter Isabel Vander Stoep at [isabel@chronline.com](mailto:isabel@chronline.com).

Feb. 9 at Station 2 headquarters, 1818 Harrison Ave., Centralia; 5 p.m.

These meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

#### Workgroup for Parents of Children With Disabilities

Feb. 9 at the Jensen Memorial Event Center, Veterans Memorial Museum at 100 SW Veterans Way; 5:30 to 7 p.m.

This class is hosted on the second Wednesday of every month until May by Reliable Enterprises and Lewis County Public Health and Social Ser-

vices. Topics include preparing for graduation and other transitions, social security, employment supports and more. Register by calling organizer Shawna Haller at 360-520-9299 or email [shaller@reliableenterprises.org](mailto:shaller@reliableenterprises.org).

#### Lewis County Cemetery District #1 Monthly Meeting

Feb. 9 at the cemetery office, 407 Cowlitz Road, Winlock; 7 p.m.

These meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month.

#### Ladies Luncheon

Feb. 14 at the Church of the Nazarene meeting room, 1119 W. First St., Centralia; 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Cost is \$15. All women are invited to this presentation by staff from Kaija's on rose gardening. Invite friends and make reservations. Email [kaymills13@hotmail.com](mailto:kaymills13@hotmail.com), call Kay at 360-269-2449 or call Val at 360-748-4722.

The program is sponsored by the Centralia-Chehalis Christian Women's Connection.

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# Puzzles

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## Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Be in debt
  - 4 Gear
  - 7 Talking bird
  - 11 Wire gauge
  - 12 Name in cheesecake
  - 13 Debtors' notes
  - 14 Collection of tales
  - 15 Wheel parts
  - 16 Ginsburg or Buzzi
  - 17 Landlord's income
  - 19 Flower or weed
  - 21 Exasperate
  - 22 Like some waffles
  - 23 TV teaser
  - 26 Flyleaf
  - 28 In what way
  - 29 Yardstick
  - 31 Kitchen fixture
  - 35 Smoke detector output

- 37 Alliance acronym
  - 39 "Mamma —!"
  - 40 Flower
  - 42 Email option
  - 44 Tobacco wad
  - 46 Typewriter key
  - 47 Hypnotized
  - 49 LPs
  - 53 Diamond corner
  - 54 More than bad
  - 56 Piniella of the diamond
  - 57 Net surfer
  - 58 Emaciated
  - 59 — de guerre
  - 60 Business salutation
  - 61 Formic acid producer
  - 62 Past
- DOWN**
- 1 Sharif of the movies
  - 2 Napa Valley product
  - 3 Gusto
  - 4 Fill the seams

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 5 Scepter's go-with
- 6 Breathe hard
- 7 Desert "lakes"
- 8 Juvenile
- 9 Flaky
- 10 Blond shade
- 12 Actress — Stone
- 18 Bob Cratchit's son
- 20 Easel part
- 23 Sweater letter
- 24 Tigger's friend
- 25 Hold the deed to
- 26 Beseech
- 27 Oz. or lb.
- 30 Add- — (extras)
- 32 Urchin
- 33 Aught or naught
- 34 Boastful Round Table knight
- 36 Tarantulas
- 38 By mouth
- 41 Sonnet cousin
- 43 Subside
- 44 Seeming
- 45 Bobby of Indy fame
- 46 Contaminate
- 48 McEntire of music
- 50 Arm bone
- 51 Type of synthesizer
- 52 Heavyweight sport
- 53 Shuttle, maybe
- 55 German name part

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## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to plants.

**DAHYR**

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Answer: Hardy

## Sudoku

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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**PREVIOUS SOLUTION**

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**HOW TO PLAY:**  
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

## Italian Menu Word Search

A	R	D	C	B	S	A	D	R	U	I	T	O	O	B	L	N	B	E	D
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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| ANTIPASTI  | CACCIATORE | FARFALLE   | ORZO     | PIZZAIOLA  | SARDE      |
| ARANCINI   | CALAMARI   | GNOCCHI    | PANCETTA | PROSCIUTTO | SCAMPI     |
| ARRABBIATA | CALZONE    | LINGUINE   | PANE     | RAGU       | TORTELLONI |
| BRACIOLE   | CANNELLONI | MARINARA   | PASTA    | RAVIOLI    | VITELLO    |
| BRANZINO   | CAPONATA   | MINISTRONE | PESCE    | RISOTTO    | ZITI       |
| BRUSCHETTA | CARBONARA  | MOZZARELLA | PESTO    | SALAMI     | ZUPPE      |

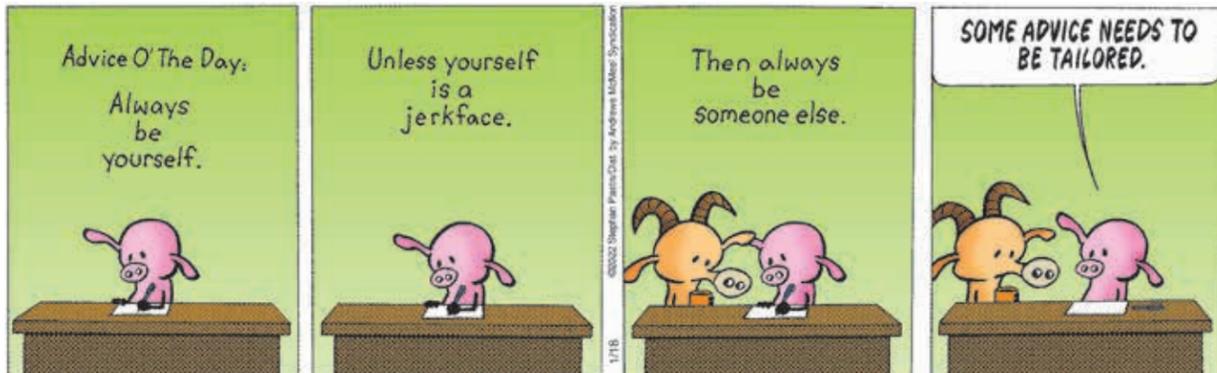
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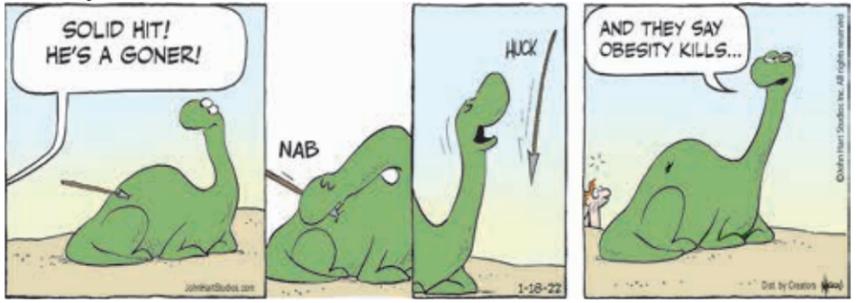
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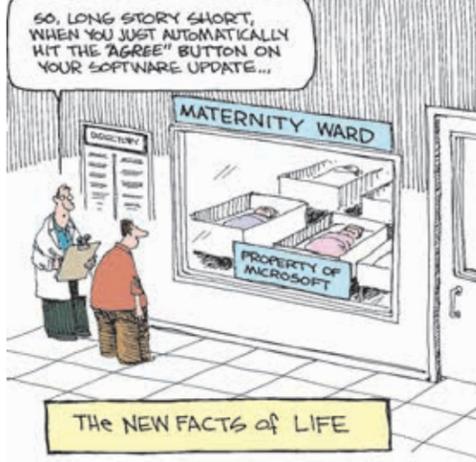
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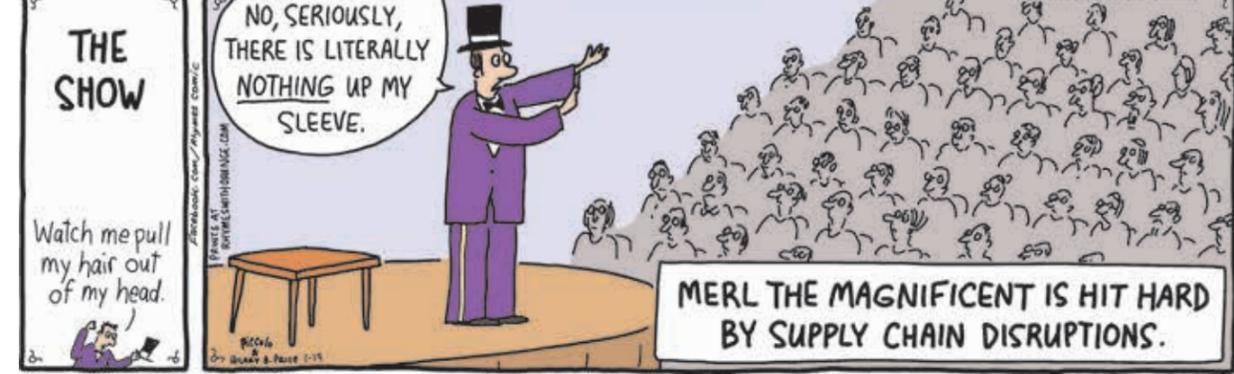
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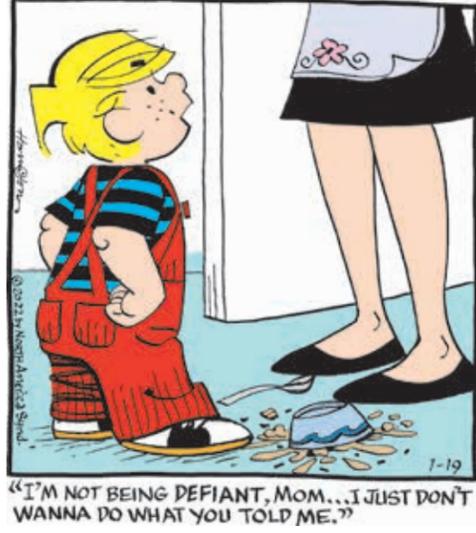
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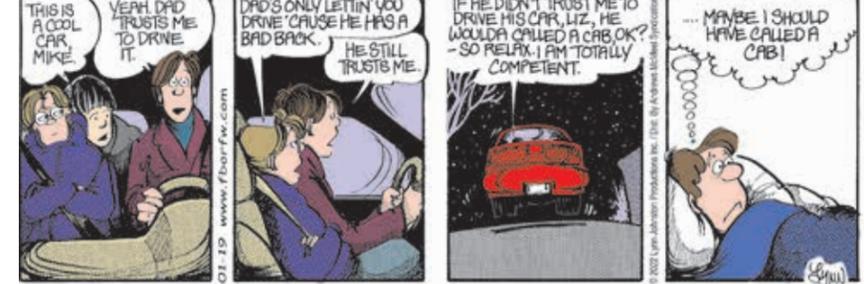
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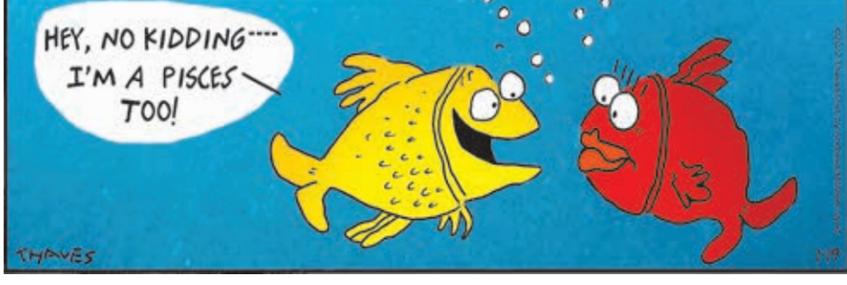
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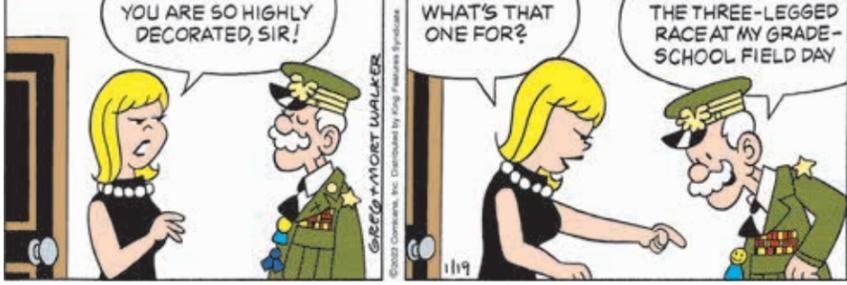
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## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Speak from the heart, and you can resolve issues. Trust in your ability to get things done and offer your services to those you know will be grateful and who will return the favor.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)**  
Stretch your imagination, and you'll come up with splendid ideas that will benefit you as well as others. Refuse to let anyone interfere with your plans or mess with your emotions.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)**  
Go over small details and make adjustments that will address any problems. Expect someone to undermine you if given a chance. Call on people you trust to carry out your plans explicitly.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
A social event or online meeting will offer insight into something you want to pursue. An energetic attitude will help you convince others to lend their support you. Plunge ahead with optimism.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
Changing your mind too much will send the wrong message. If you act decisively, people will trust and respect you. Follow your heart and do your own thing; doors will open.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
Take time to make positive domestic changes. Steer clear of people who try to talk you into extravagant behavior or ask you to take on something you cannot handle. Let your experience lead the way.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
Distance yourself from extreme or unhelpful situations. Focus on learning and honing your skills. Applying something you have recently learned will pay off. Romance is on the rise.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Gather information that helps you push forward with your plans. Refuse to let anyone talk you into something you don't comprehend or can't afford. If you lose control, it will cost you. Avoid aggressive people.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Pursue things that put a smile on your face. Mix business with pleasure or make a notable change to how you do things. Look for new ways to use your skills, talents and knowledge to get ahead.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**  
You'll accomplish your goal if you stick to basics and remain on course. Jumping from one thing to another will be your downfall. Refuse to let anyone talk you into doing things differently.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**  
An emotional situation will result in uncertainty. Don't argue with a friend, relative or colleague. Listen attentively, then go about your business. Do what works for you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**  
Don't make snap decisions regarding your finances. Joint ventures or shared expenses will be fraught with uncertainty. Taking control of money matters is in your best interest.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)**  
Dig in and do your part. What you bring to the table will put you in a position of leadership. Lend a helping hand, and you'll gain perspective regarding life, love and happiness.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)**  
Put your energy where it counts; if you take on too much, you'll find it challenging to get things done. Reach out to people you can count on for help. A change you make will elicit compliments.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
Don't waste time. Have a conversation with someone who can help you reach your goals. A change to how you earn or handle your money will require attention. Don't put your trust in someone else.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
Uncertainty will test your patience. Separate yourself from situations that are beyond your control. Make personal improvements and spend time with someone who lifts your spirits. Romance is in the stars.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
Keep life simple. Don't overdo it or let your emotions take charge. Stick to the truth and make only necessary changes. How you conduct yourself around others will determine your success.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
Reach out to friends and relatives. A demonstrative approach will grab attention and encourage others to support you. Share your feelings and intentions, and it will enhance a meaningful relationship.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Listen to suggestions, make adjustments and finish what you start. Leave nothing to chance or in someone else's hands. You can make a difference if you step up and work hard.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Channel your energy and anger into something physical. Use your pent-up emotions to accomplish something positive instead of letting them bring you down. Choose peace, love and happiness over discord.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**  
Keep your money, possessions and personal papers in a safe place. Sharing information can backfire and cost you financially if you are too trusting. Pay attention to what others do and say.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**  
Look at what others do and listen to what they are saying. An emotional situation will reopen old wounds if left to fester. Be open to suggestions, but don't make changes to appease others.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**  
Refuse to step outside your comfort zone, regardless of the temptation. Keep your life simple, meaningful and cost-efficient. Don't be distracted by pie-in-the-sky conversations.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Improve your surroundings to suit your lifestyle. Move things around and get rid of clutter. You'll feel relieved when you have free space to pursue an enjoyable activity.

### LEGAL NOTICES

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(Signed) **AMIE SMITH**  
**DISTRICT MANAGER**

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS**  
In the Matter of the Estate of **STEVEN HENRY CLAYCAMP, Deceased.**  
**NO. 22-4-00014-21 NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**RCW 11.40.030**

The Co-Personal Representatives named below has been appointed as Co-Personal Representatives of the estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Co-Personal Representatives or the Co-Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Co-Personal Representatives served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.  
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**SUPERIOR COURT FOR LEWIS COUNTY**  
ESTATE OF **ROBERT G. ORLEY, NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**No 21-4-00517-21**

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/s/ Linda Claycamp  
**LINDA CLAYCAMP**  
Personal Representative  
Dated: JANUARY 13, 2022.  
**THE TILLER LAW FIRM**  
/s/ Laurel L. Tiller  
**LAUREL L. TILLER**  
WSBA #3341  
Attorney for the Estate

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120935 NTC: Howard

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS**  
In the Matter of the Estate of **EUNICE L. HOWARD, Deceased.**  
**NO. 22-4-00012-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**(RCW 11.40.030)**

The personal representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative, or the personal representative's attorney, at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets of the decedent.  
**DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:**  
**JANUARY 18, 2022**  
**JUDITH B. HOWARD**  
Personal Representative  
**ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:**  
**LARRY W. FAGERNESS**  
**ADDRESS FOR MAILING AND SERVICE OF CLAIMS:**  
Fagnerness Law Office  
P. O. Box 88  
3508 Galvin Road  
Centralia, WA 98531  
(360) 736-7400  
**COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSE NUMBER:**  
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11.40.060 apply, if the claim is not made in time, it will be forever barred against estate probate and non-probate assets.  
Debra Temple,  
c/o John Panesko

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120928 Special Election & Voter Registration Deadline

### NOTICE BY COUNTY AUDITOR OF SPECIAL ELECTION AND VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a Special Election and Voter Registration Deadlines. The measures listed below will be submitted to the qualified electors in their district in Lewis County, State of Washington, on February 8, 2022.

### SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITIONS

**Adna School District No. 226**  
Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy  
**Boisfort School District No. 234**  
Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy  
**Castle Rock School District No. 401**  
Replacement Educational Program and Operations Levy  
**Morton School District No. 214**  
Bonds to Expand and Renovate Morton Junior/Senior High School  
**Mossyrock School District No. 206**  
Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy  
**Napavine School District No. 14**  
Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy  
**Onalaska School District No. 300**  
Educational Programs and Operation Replacement Levy  
**Pe Ell School District No. 301**  
Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy  
**Winlock School District No. 232**  
Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy

### REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

The registration deadlines for all precincts within the districts voting in the February 8, 2022 Special will be as follows:  
January 31, 2022 - Last day to register, transfer between counties or update existing voter registration by mail, online or at a drivers' licensing location. Your application must be received no later than 8 days before Election Day.  
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ELECTION DAY. Visit your local voting center (Auditor's Office) to register or update your address in person no later than 8:00 p.m.  
Individuals may register, update their address or obtain registration forms at the Auditor's Office in the Historic Courthouse, 351 NW North Street, Chehalis, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Registration may also be completed at all drivers' licensing locations, along with mail-in forms being available at all Post Office locations, city halls, libraries, school district offices, as well as online at [www.votewa.gov](http://www.votewa.gov). Registration applications and updates received by mail or online after the deadline will take effect for the next election. The in-person deadline applies only to a local voting center (Auditor's Office).

### REPLACEMENT BALLOT INFORMATION:

Go to [www.votewa.gov](http://www.votewa.gov) Log in with name and date of birth;  
Select My Ballot;  
Select Online Ballot;  
Select either Mark Online or Print and Mark;  
Complete all forms printed and mail to this office prior to Election Day.  
Or come in person to the Auditor's Office to pick up a replacement ballot. A replacement ballot can also be mailed to the voter if time allows.

### ACCESSIBLE VOTING AND VOTER REGISTRATION FOR THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED:

The Auditor's Office assists with registration and has voting aids available for individuals with disabilities and the elderly. These units are available eighteen days prior to the election and located in the Auditor's Office during normal business hours. The Historic Courthouse has an accessibility ramp located at the East end of the building and elevators for accessibility into the office.

### PROVISIONAL BALLOT INFORMATION:

Provisional ballots may be obtained at the Lewis County Auditor's Office in the Historic Courthouse, 351 NW North St in Chehalis. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Election Day between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

### OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:

Meetings of the Lewis County Canvassing Board are open public meetings. They will be held at the Lewis County Auditor's Office and will continue until the following activities are completed:  
• Thurs. February 17 at 9:00 a.m.:  
Swearing in of the Canvassing Board/determine status of provisional/challenge ballots, if any.  
• Fri. February 18 at 9:00 a.m.:  
Certify the election.

All elections will be conducted by mail. All ballots will be mailed 18-20 days prior to every election. For additional information regarding the election, go to: <https://elections.lewiscountywa.gov>.  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on this 13th day of January 2022.  
(SEAL)  
Lewis County Auditor and Ex Officio County Supervisor of Elections

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120902 SUP21-0003 Rescheduled Notice

### RESCHEDULED - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE LEWIS COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the LEWIS COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER will hold a virtual land use public hearing on Friday, March 11, 2022, starting at 9:00 a.m., or immediately following the conclusion of the first hearing for the purpose of taking public testimony and rendering a decision concerning a special use permit application (SUP21-0003) from JH Kelly LLC and Kellogg Garden. This hearing will be by remote virtual hearing access only and there will be no in-person public access to the hearing room. This is the second hearing on the agenda docket.  
Project: The conversion of a cedar shake manufacturing facility into a soil composting operation for the manufacturing and dis-

tribution of wholesale agricultural soil amendments. This facility will process recycled & composted raw materials; and prepared and package said materials for distribution to garden centers throughout the United States. The proposed project consists of:  
1) Demolish one existing 57,000 square foot building in two phases: first phase 35,500 square foot sawmill overhang and second phase the remaining 21,500 square foot of sawmill multi-building  
2) Erect one new 20,000 square foot Pre-Engineered Metal Building  
3) Utilize three existing building for offices, machinery, warehousing, and a maintenance shop. The project will also include new fire watermain, fire hydrant and above ground fire water storage tank; underground power lines; overhead power lines and new transformer; a 120 square foot mechanical room; and the removal of two manufactured homes.

The project is located at 207 Kangas Road, Toledo on parcel numbers 011591007000 & 011591001000 in Lewis County, WA - Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 01 West, WM.

The Lewis County Hearing Examiner is providing public access to the land use hearing through alternative means only (online and by phone). The hearing room will not be open for in-person public access. To participate via Zoom (online), go to:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83891581905?pwd=S1BjQzE9qcEQOMU9CUJZNFBCzElyZz09>  
The Meeting ID is 83891581905 and the Passcode is 601776. To participate by phone, call 888.475.4499.

**Please note: Zoom (online and by phone) access for this land use hearing will open at 8:45 a.m. and the Hearing Examiner will join (and the Hearing will begin) at 9:00 a.m.**  
For an accurate land use record, the public is requested to sign up at the following link if they will be attending the hearing, providing verbal public testimony at the hearing, are requesting to be a party of record or for those who would like to receive a copy of the decision on this project: <https://lewiscountywa.gov/departments/community-development/land-use-hearing-registration/>

All interested persons are invited to present testimony relevant to the above-related requested action(s). If unable to attend via Zoom access, written statements may be submitted by e-mail at [karen.witherspoon@lewiscountywa.gov](mailto:karen.witherspoon@lewiscountywa.gov) or by mail to Lewis County Community Development Department, Attn: Hearing Examiner, 2025 NE Kresky Avenue, Chehalis, WA 98532. Statements must be received by 4:00 p.m. on the business day preceding the hearing. Verbal and written testimony will be accepted at the virtual hearing. Phone calls to staff are not considered part of the hearing record.

The complete application, including supplemental materials of the proposal and additional guidance for the virtual hearing are available for review at the Lewis County Community Development Department located at 2025 Kresky Avenue, Chehalis, WA 98532 or available electronically on the county website at <https://lewiscountywa.gov/departments/community-development/current-planning-applications/sup21-0003-kellogg-garden-project-type-iii-special-use-permit-application/>

For questions concerning the above project, please contact **Karen Witherspoon, AICP at 360-740-2637 or by email [karen.witherspoon@lewiscountywa.gov](mailto:karen.witherspoon@lewiscountywa.gov)**

This meeting site is barrier free. People needing special assistance or accommodations should contact the Clerk of the Board 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Phone (360) 740-1419

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-Package Materials for shipment  
-Maintain identifying tags and labels on materials  
-Read and follow work orders  
-Band Materials together using steel banding  
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Requirements:  
- No experience needed  
- ability to follow instructions and work independently  
- Ability to pass basic math test (tape measure use, concerting fractions to decimals)  
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