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Weather Prevents Rapid Growth and New Evacuation Orders for Goat Rocks Fire

By Isabel Vander Stoep
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The Goat Rocks Fire in East Lewis County continues to grow just 1.5 miles northeast of Packwood. As of Wednesday morning, the U.S. Forest Service reported the fire had grown to 3,212 acres and was 0% contained.

Fortunately, calmer weather early this week has kept the fire from prompting further evacuation orders for area residents. On Wednesday afternoon, Packwood and nearby neighborhoods remained at a level one, "get ready" evacuation notice while the upper Timberline neighborhood south of U.S. Highway 12 has stayed in a level two, "be set" notice.

Level three notices indicate residents are in immediate danger and need to evacuate. While the upper and lower Timberline, High Valley and Goat Rocks neighborhoods were all in a level three notice over the weekend due to a red flag warning signaling high fire danger, better weather on Sunday evening allowed residents to return home.

La Wis Wis campground remains closed, but campers who left gear behind during evacuation are allowed to collect their belongings.

In total, 261 people were working on the fire in some capacity, including as air support and providing help on the ground to increase buffer space

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Election 2022

Bhagwandin, Brummer Compete for Lewis County Commission Seat

Photos by Jared Wenzelburger / jared@chronline.com

Harry Bhagwandin, left, and Scott Brummer are both Republicans seeking to win the District 3 Lewis County commissioner position in the November general election. They emerged from a crowded field of candidates in the August primary election.

Get to Know Lewis County Commissioner District 3 Candidate Harry Bhagwandin

Harry Bhagwandin smiles for a photo with his wife, Annie, Tuesday morning in Onalaska.

By Isabel Vander Stoep
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After starting his timber farm near Onalaska decades ago, Harry Bhagwandin's hope for the promise of his community is as bright as ever, neatly summarized on his cap that reads, "I love Lewis County."

In that time, his mission has been turning good idea-makers into action-takers, and he has plenty to show for it, including the Onalaska Alliance and Onalaska's salmon rearing program.

Now, he's setting hopeful eyes on a new role: Lewis County District 3 Commissioner.

After the death of Commissioner Gary Stamper last September, the county Republican

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Get to Know Lewis County Commissioner District 3 Candidate Scott Brummer

Scott Brummer smiles for a photo with his wife, Kristine, Tuesday afternoon in Winlock.

By Isabel Vander Stoep
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Campaign materials show Scott Brummer grinning in a cowboy hat, but that's just one of the many hats he wears in a day.

A pastor, father, grandfather, business owner, farmer, consultant and former employee with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), Brummer has spent the last decades balancing a busy life and is confident he can add a new role to the list come November: Lewis County District 3 Commissioner.

After the death of Commissioner Gary Stamper last September, the county Republican Precinct Committee Officers sent three nominees for the

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High School Volleyball

Napavine Blasts Past Onalaska in Return to Court Tuesday

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New Face on Council

Longtime Resident Chosen to Fill Vacant Seat on Napavine City Council

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Deaths

Oldenburg, Oleatha L., 87, Centralia
MacMillian, James B., 80, Rochester
Parsons, Linda H., 74, Bucoda
Jones, Donna Sue, 80, Tacoma

Spectacular Sunset Over the Willapa Hills Monday Evening

Jared Wenzelburger / jared@chronline.com

Rays of light shine through clouds over the Willapa Hills Monday evening as the sun sets.

News in Brief

Winlock Man Injured in Hit-and-Run Rollover Crash on I-5 Tuesday

By The Chronicle staff

A man was injured in a hit-and-run rollover collision on northbound Interstate 5 near Winlock on Tuesday.

An unidentified vehicle struck a silver 2008 Chevy Impala from behind while both vehicles were in the left lane, causing the Impala to strike the left barrier and roll near mile post 66, according to Washington State Patrol (WSP).

The Impala came to rest in the left lane on its top while the unidentified vehicle continued northbound on I-5.

WSP was dispatched to the incident at 9:50 p.m. on Sept. 13.

The driver of the Impala, 48-year-old Winlock resident William D. Meents, was transported to Providence Centralia Hospital for treatment.

The cause of the crash is under investigation and felony hit-and-run charges against the unidentified driver are pending, according to WSP.

Repairs to Salzer Valley Road From 2020 Rainfall Damage Continue

By The Chronicle staff

Lewis County Public Works, along with geotechnical engineers from Landau Associates, is making progress repairing the rain-caused cracking on Salzer Valley Road east of Centralia. The damage occurred during early 2020 storms.

"The most economical alternative for the repair is to excavate and construct shear 'keyways' roughly 28 feet deep on each side of the roadway," said Public Works Senior Engineer Wes Anderson in a news release. "Next is to replace an existing culvert with a new 42-inch diameter concrete culvert for a drainage that runs under Salzer Valley Road and reconstruct the roadway to its pre-disaster condition."

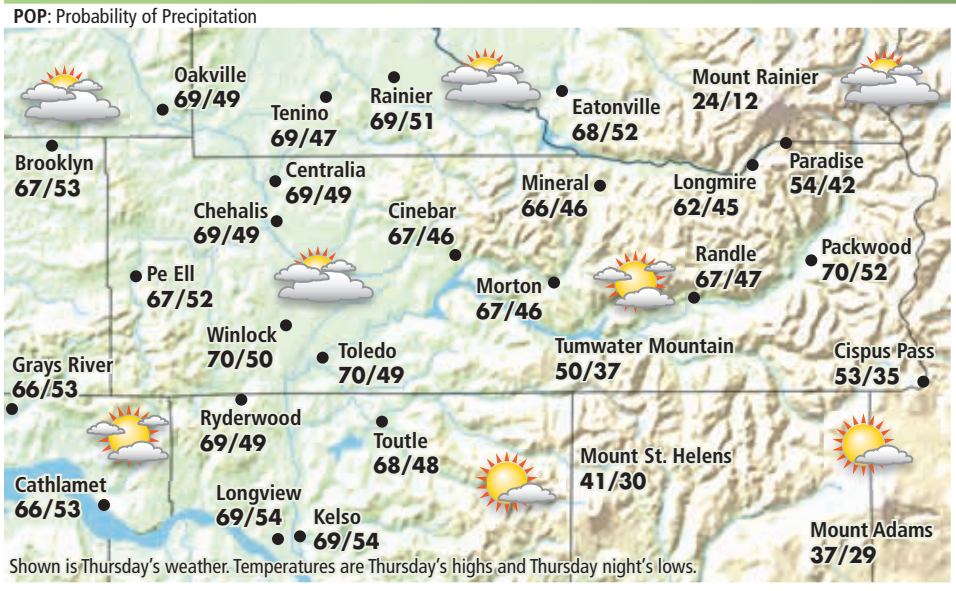
Currently, county road maintenance technicians Charles Caton and Loren Buckman are in the process of removing 10,000 cubic yards of material from the site using excavators.

Commuters can use Grimes Road or Little Hanaford Road as construction continues.

TWIN CITIES WEATHER

THURSDAY	THU. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly cloudy	Rather cloudy	Partly sunny, a stray shower in the p.m.	Clouds to start, then sunshine returns	After a cloudy start, sun returns	After a cloudy start, sun returns	Plenty of sun	Sunny
HIGH: 69	LOW: 49	65 44	63 44	71 46	68 42	74 48	74 46
POP: 5%	POP: 20%	POP: 40%	POP: 5%	POP: 10%	POP: 0%	POP: 0%	POP: 0%

POP: Probability of Precipitation



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

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Centralia statistics through Tuesday

TEMPERATURES

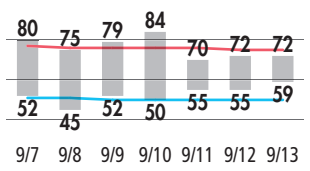
High/low	72/59
Normal high	75
Normal low	50
Last year high	72
Last year low	48
Record high	92 in 1999
Record low	31 in 1970

PRECIPITATION (inches)

Tuesday	0.00
Record for date	0.03 in 1963
Month to date	0.01
Normal month to date	0.57
Year to date	11.39
Normal year to date	26.68
Last year to date	19.72

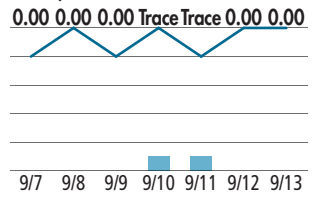
7-DAY TEMPERTURE TREND

Daily range — Normal high — Normal low



7-DAY PRECIPITATION TREND

Daily amount (in inches) — Normal amount



DAILY CONDITIONS

	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™	1	4	3	4
Hiking Index	10	9	9	8
Boating Index	9	8	8	7

The higher the **AccuWeather UV Index** number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. **0-2**: Low, **3-5**: Moderate, **6-7**: High, **8-10**: Very high, **11+**: Extreme. **Hiking and Boating Index**: **0-2**: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

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REGIONAL CITIES

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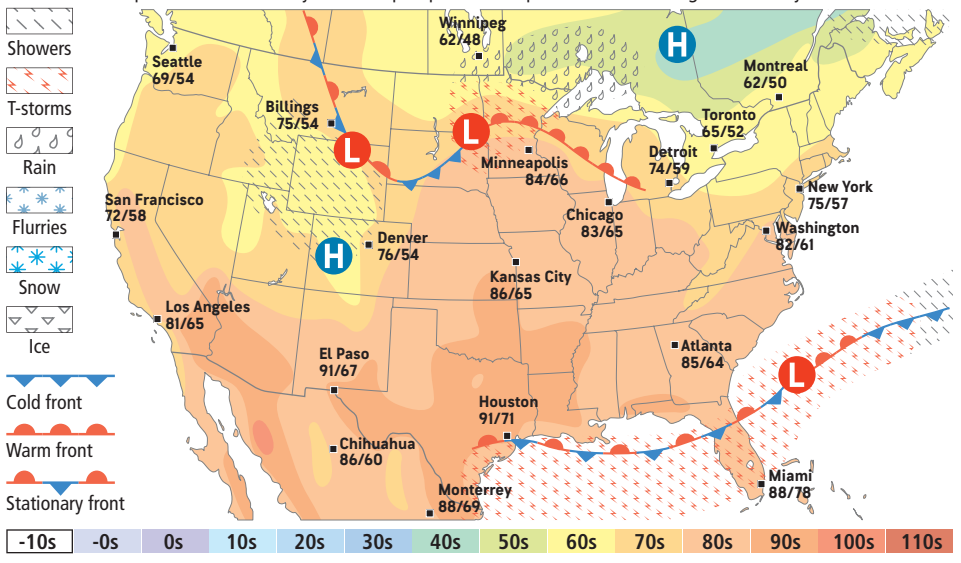
City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Aberdeen	66/54/c	65/51/pc	64/48/pc
Bellingham	66/53/c	64/48/pc	63/46/c
Bremerton	70/51/c	64/49/sh	63/46/pc
Cle Elum	76/51/pc	65/45/pc	63/43/pc
Coulee City	76/52/s	72/47/s	65/49/pc
Eatonville	68/52/c	63/48/c	63/46/c
Ellensburg	76/51/s	67/43/s	66/45/pc
Elmer City	77/51/s	73/45/s	66/49/pc
Enumclaw	69/52/c	64/47/c	62/44/c
Everett	67/56/c	61/51/sh	62/49/pc
Forks	65/50/c	63/49/c	64/45/c
Kelso	69/54/pc	65/50/c	65/48/c
Kennewick	80/55/pc	77/51/pc	68/48/c
Long Beach	64/53/pc	64/53/c	61/51/c
Longview	69/54/pc	65/50/pc	65/48/c
Moses Lake	78/50/s	74/46/pc	69/47/pc
Mount Vernon	69/51/c	61/47/sh	64/44/pc
Olympia	70/50/c	66/48/c	65/45/pc
Omak	76/51/s	74/45/pc	67/48/pc
Pasco	81/55/pc	77/50/pc	69/51/c
Port Angeles	64/51/s	64/47/pc	63/45/pc
Portland	73/58/pc	68/53/pc	65/53/c
Pullman	73/47/pc	68/43/pc	64/45/pc
Richland	81/53/pc	78/49/pc	70/50/c
Seattle	69/54/c	64/51/c	64/50/pc
Spokane	74/50/pc	72/45/pc	65/48/c
Sunnyside	79/47/s	74/44/s	68/47/pc
Tacoma	69/52/c	66/48/c	63/44/pc
Vancouver	72/55/pc	68/51/pc	64/51/c
Walla Walla	76/54/c	73/49/pc	65/50/c
Wenatchee	76/55/s	70/48/s	64/49/pc
Yakima	78/48/s	72/41/pc	67/44/c

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

NATIONAL FORECAST THURSDAY

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



NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	82/60/s	86/61/s	86/61/s
Anchorage	54/49/r	55/52/c	55/51/pc
Atlanta	85/64/s	86/65/s	86/64/s
Billings	75/54/c	69/52/t	72/51/c
Boise	79/55/t	78/54/pc	72/53/pc
Boston	70/53/s	72/56/s	72/63/s
Cheyenne	68/49/t	74/50/t	75/49/s
Chicago	83/65/pc	85/68/s	86/68/pc
Cleveland	71/58/pc	82/62/pc	82/65/pc
Dallas	90/71/s	92/73/s	93/74/s
Denver	76/54/pc	83/56/s	83/53/s
Detroit	74/59/pc	84/63/pc	85/65/pc
Honolulu	88/74/sh	88/76/sh	89/75/pc
Houston	91/71/s	89/72/t	90/73/t
Las Vegas	91/70/s	92/70/s	92/69/s
Los Angeles	81/65/s	82/66/s	81/64/s
Miami	88/78/t	91/78/t	91/79/t
Minneapolis	84/66/t	75/62/t	80/65/t
New York City	75/57/s	77/62/pc	82/64/s
Omaha	86/63/pc	85/64/s	87/69/t
Phoenix	97/79/s	99/77/s	101/76/s
Rapid City	75/51/c	74/50/t	77/51/s
St. Louis	86/65/s	89/67/s	88/69/s
Salt Lake City	77/58/t	75/55/pc	76/60/t
San Francisco	72/58/pc	69/59/pc	71/60/s
Washington, DC	82/61/s	82/64/pc	84/66/pc

RIVER STAGES

In feet as of 7 a.m. Tuesday

River/location	Flood Stage	Stage	24-hr. Chg.
Skookumchuck River			
near Bucoda	211.5	203.30	none
at Centralia	189.0	176.90	+0.01
Chehalis River			
near Doty	318.0	306.18	none
at Centralia	168.5	151.75	none
near Grand Mound	141.0	128.94	+0.01
at Porter	48.0	30.37	none
Newaukum River			
near Chehalis	202.5	192.50	+0.02
Cowlitz River			
at Packwood	10.5	0.58	-0.03
at Randle	18.0	3.87	+0.02

SOLUNAR TABLE

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

	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Major	3:55 a.m.	4:47 a.m.	5:38 a.m.	6:29 a.m.
Minor	10:07 a.m.	10:59 a.m.	11:51 a.m.	12:17 a.m.
Major	4:19 p.m.	5:12 p.m.	6:04 p.m.	6:54 p.m.
Minor	10:31 p.m.	11:24 p.m.	----	12:41 p.m.

SUN AND MOON

	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Sunrise	6:49 a.m.	6:51 a.m.	6:52 a.m.	6:53 a.m.
Sunset	7:24 p.m.	7:22 p.m.	7:20 p.m.	7:18 p.m.
Moonrise	9:54 p.m.	10:27 p.m.	11:08 p.m.	11:58 p.m.
Moonset	1:00 p.m.	2:08 p.m.	3:11 p.m.	4:06 p.m.

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Longtime Resident Appointed to Vacant Napavine City Council Seat

By Emily Fitzgerald

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The Napavine City Council has appointed longtime resident Ivan Wiediger to serve out the last 16 months of former councilor Larry Stafford's term.

Stafford was elected to a four-year term in 2019 and submitted his letter of resignation prior to the city council's Aug. 23 meeting.

Wiediger was one of two applicants vying for the vacant seat.

"I've found the council does a great job as far as helping control the growth and sponsoring the community feeling that we keep here in the City of Napavine. That's why people come here. I would like to assist with that. I would like to help that grow," Wiediger said prior to the councilors' vote on Tuesday.

The second applicant, Napavine resident and Mossyrock sixth grade teacher Scott Marshal, did not arrive at Monday's meeting in time to give testimony before the councilors voted unanimously to appoint Wiediger.

Wiediger grew up in Napavine and graduated from Napavine High School in 1990. He left Napavine to serve in the military but returned at the end of his service.

He currently works in the transportation industry.

"This is where I grew up. I see the change all around us. I would like to be a part of that," he said Tuesday.

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Ivan Wiediger, left, poses for a photo with Napavine Mayor Shawn O'Neill Tuesday night after being sworn in as a city councilor.

Lawsuit Targets State Law Giving Commission Chair, Not Sheriff, Authority on Tear Gas Use in Riot Situations

By Emily Fitzgerald

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A Lewis County Superior Court judge will rule Friday on a lawsuit filed by officials in seven Washington counties against the state last year. The suit disputes provisions of a police reform bill that give the chair of the county board of commissioners, rather than the sheriff, authority to make emergency decisions on tear gas usage in a riot situation.

Specifically, the lawsuit disputes two subsections of Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1054 dealing with the use of tear gas.

ESHB 1054 became law when Gov. Jay Inslee signed the legislation on May 18, 2021, but the plaintiffs specifically refer to the House version of the law.

The state of Washington refers to the provisions under their revised code of Washington (RCW) titles, RCW 10.116 in documents related to the Lewis County Superior Court case.

There are no differences in language between ESHB 1054 and RCW 10.116.

The two provisions under dispute, with both names listed, are:

• Section 4(3) or 10.116.30(3), reading, "In the case of a riot outside of a correctional, jail or detention facility, the officer or employee may use tear gas only after: (a) Receiving authorization from the highest elected official of the jurisdiction in which the tear gas is to be used and (b) meeting the requirements of subsection (2) of this section."

• Section 4(4b) or 10.116.30 (4)(b), reading, "'Highest elected official' means the county executive in those charter counties with an elective office of county executive, however designated, and in the case of other counties, the chair of the county legislative authority. In the case of cities and towns, it means the mayor, regardless of whether the mayor is directly elected, selected by the council or legislative body pursuant to RCW 35.18.190 14 or 35A.13.030, or selected according to a process in an established city charter. In the case of actions by the Washington state patrol (sic), it means the governor."

The law went into effect on July 25, 2021.

Two and a half weeks earlier, on July 6, Lewis County Sheriff Rob Snaza and all three members of the Lewis County Board of Commissioners filed a lawsuit in Lewis County Superior Court asking a judge to issue a judgment declaring the two specified provisions are unlawful.

"Each commissioner has standing as (ESHB) 1054 vests authority in a single commissioner where no such authority exists or is authorized. As a result, the entire board of county commissioners is undermined," according to the complaint. "Making the commissioners substantially unequal, when under the law and constitution each commissioner has equal power, effects a partial forfeiture of each of their offices."

Snaza claims ESHB 1054 "effects a partial forfeiture of his office by improperly depriving the sheriff of the authority that has historically been, and under the current law, is within the sole purview of the sheriff," according to the complaint.

The plaintiffs filed an amended complaint in Lewis County Superior Court on Aug. 26, 2021, with 24 additional names, including the sheriffs and county commissioners of Columbia, Ferry, Garfield, Grant, Skamania and Spokane counties.

There were 28 named plaintiffs in the case as of September 2022.

Earlier this month, the plaintiffs filed a motion for a summary judgment, in which a judge decides a case without a jury trial.

The state of Washington issued a formal objection to that motion on Sept. 7, specifically claiming:

• The use of tear gas is a tool or a tactic, and not itself a core function of the sheriff.

• The constitution does not restrict the Legislature's authority to assign a new function to the chair of the board of county commissioners.

• The constitution expressly authorizes the Legislature to fashion the duties of county officers without interfering with a core office.

• The plaintiffs' analysis would unnecessarily create an irrational distinction between county and municipal law enforcement.

Judge J. Andrew Toynbee is scheduled to hear the case at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 16.

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Sheriff Rob Snaza speaks about safety to a Christian Women's Connection luncheon held at the Church of the Nazarene in Centralia last March.

News in Brief

Cowlitz County Police Arrest Two Men Sunday After Reported Stabbing

By The Daily News

Kelso police arrested two men early Sunday after three people were stabbed in the city.

TM Ruben, 21, first identified as "Ruben Doe," was arrested on suspicion of three counts of first-degree assault. Dickson Ando, 27, was arrested on suspicion of aiding/abetting and three counts of first-degree assault.

The men's residences are unknown. Both told police they couldn't speak English and a Chuukese interpreter was used during their first appearances in Cowlitz County Superior Court on Monday.

At about 2:15 a.m. Sunday, Kelso officers responded to reports of a stabbing near South Third Avenue and Chestnut Street. Police found a group of six people, three with stab wounds, according to the probable cause statement. A witness told police a Pacific Islander man had gotten out of a silver car and stabbed the three victims.

Soon after, officers pulled over a silver vehicle with four men in it in the 900 block of South First Avenue. Police saw blood on the rear driver's side door and several knives. The two men later identified as Ando and Ruben were in the back seat.

The driver and front passenger both told police Ruben had approached the group and didn't realize anyone was stabbed.

One victim told police the man who stabbed him was wearing a striped shirt, which matched what Ruben was wearing, according to the report.

When arrested, Ruben had a "considerable amount of blood on his hands and shorts" and Dickson had blood on the inside of his left hand, according to police. The report states it appears Dickson assisted Ruben in either getting out of the car, switching seats with him after the alleged stabbing or concealing the weapon, causing Dickson to get blood on his hand.

As of Tuesday afternoon, Ruben was being held in the Cowlitz County Jail on a $500,000 bond. Dickson's bail was set at $35,000. Both men's arraignments are set for Sept. 22.

Inslee Heads Delegation Traveling to Nordic Countries for Trade Mission

By The Olympian

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee will be out of state until Sept. 30 to participate in a trade mission in Finland, Sweden and Norway before taking personal vacation abroad.

According to a Governor's Office news release, the trade mission began Tuesday, Sept. 13, and will last until Sept. 23. This week, Inslee and his staff will be in Finland. From there, Inslee will be in Sweden from Sept. 16-20, followed by a three-day trip to Norway.

In an email to reporters Monday, the Governor's Office noted that Inslee and his wife, Trudi, will then be spending personal time abroad in Europe following the trade mission, and are set to return to Washington on Sept. 30.

Lt. Gov. Denny Heck is acting governor until Inslee returns and assumed the role Monday night, according to Inslee's communications director.

According to the news release, the policy agenda for the mission centers on "business partnerships and innovative approaches to energy, technology, sustainability and resilience to climate change in the region." Additionally, "education, improvements to correctional facilities, immigration and attracting more investment in Washington state" will be other policies the governor plans to focus on while visiting the Nordic countries.

Altogether, the delegation consists of 45 individuals from Washington.

In Loving Memory Of

Donnia Sue Jones

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Heaven's trumpets were blown Aug. 28, 2022. The pearly gates slowly opened, as a golden staircase appeared at the Tacoma General Hospital. At the top, stood Marvin Howard "Papa" Jones, wearing a white tuxedo clutching a diamond rose. He had a date with a beautiful angel named Donnia Sue "Nana" Jones, his beloved wife. Nana's gown was white silk adorned in gold irises. She left us at 12:05 a.m. to go cloud dancing with the love of her life. On earth, Nana had intelligence, kindness and a giving heart. Her gentle strength guided us all. The Christian in her believed in helping people and animals. Nana gave to massive charities. She was truly an amazing woman that made a difference and she will be missed. We love you, Nana! - Written by Melissa Kay Jones

Donnia was born Feb. 28, 1942, to R.E. and Virginia Ables. Donnia grew up with five siblings: Kay, Melvin, Caroline, Kevin and Millie.

She graduated from Bald Knob High School in Arkansas in 1958. Donnia married Marvin Howard Jones in 1961 in Arcata, California. Together, they had three children, Marvin Howard Jones II, Lainai Sue Jones and Melissa Kay Jones.

Donnia was the owner and bookkeeper of Rochester Mercantile and Tenino Family Grocery. Her hobbies included reading, writing, sewing, painting, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, restoration of antique furniture and collecting antiques.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Marvin Howard Jones, on July 3, 2008.

Survivors include son Marvin Howard Jones II, daughters Lainai Sue Jones and Melissa Kay Jones, 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, at Sticklin Funeral Chapel in the George Washington Venue. Burial will follow at 11 a.m. at Claquato Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Sticklin Funeral Chapel.

Sticklin Funeral Chapel

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Condolences may be offered at
www.sticklinsfuneralchapel.com

To view the obituary, please
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Mossyrock Action League Gives Run Proceeds for Student, Senior Programs

Courtesy Photo

Mossyrock Mayor Randall Sasser, left, acting in his capacity of Mossyrock Area Action League chairman, presents Teresa Thornton, of Arbor Health's Employee Community Connection Committee, a check for $1,400 in proceeds from the Mossyrock Independence Day Run organized by Edwin Meelhuysen, center. An identical check was presented to Mossyrock High School Athletic Director Randy Torrey. Meelhuysen, Arbor Health's rehab services and community wellness director, organized the run to benefit the Mossyrock High School's athletic concussion management and injury prevention programs as well as provide scholarships for area seniors for the virtual exercise program offered by Arbor Health.

Free Bus Rides for Children Coming to Twin Cities; Some Legislators Cite Unfair Costs to Rural Families

By Matthew Zylstra
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Children throughout the Twin Cities will be able to ride the bus for free starting Oct. 1 under a new program called "Move Ahead Washington" that was passed by the state Legislature at the end of this year's legislative session.

Under the program, local transportation providers are required to adopt policies that will enable children to ride transit services for free, with the state government reimbursing local agencies for the cost.

Move Ahead Washington, a long-term transportation plan for Washington state, was passed by the state House by a vote of 57 to 41. Reps. Joel McEntire and Jim Walsh from the 19th District, Peter Abbarno and Ed Orcutt from the 20th District and Dan Griffey and Drew MacEwen of the 35th District all voted against the legislation.

The state Senate passed the proposal by a vote of 30 to 19, with Sens. Jeff Wilson of the 19th District and John Braun of the 20th District voting against it while Sen. Tim Sheldon of the 35th District voted for the program.

Joe Clark, director of Twin Transit, said the agency was already working to make Twin Transit's services more accessible to children.

"We now go to every school in both the Centralia and Chehalis school districts," Clark said. "So we're kind of ahead of the game in recognizing the need to provide alternative options."

"They had to know offering free transit and ferry rides would benefit primarily kids in populous areas, rather than kids in rural counties, even though rural families help pick up the tab."

Sen. Mark Schoesler
R-Ritzville

Clark said one of Twin Transit's main goals is to provide students, especially middle or high school children, the opportunity to take part in activities in and around schools.

Joe Clark
Twin Transit

The program is designed to make it easy for children to access transit services.

"Geographically, we're going to all schools. … In most cases we were close to the schools anyways so we just expanded those routes," Clark said. "We're at each of those schools once an hour, whereas those yellow buses are only there at specific times."

According to Clark, Twin Transit has been coordinating with school districts to ensure its buses can serve as a complimentary service that doesn't overlap with school bus service.

"We start at 6 in the morning and go to 7 at night, so students that have zero hour classes or students that stay after for additional activities," Clark said.

Clark believes the program won't require significant effort to verify ages, since Twin Transit anticipates most students using the program will get on buses at schools.

"I don't think we'll have to police it. I think it'll take care of itself," Clark told The Chronicle.

Clark said when there are questions as to a person's age due to appearance or location, they may request identification by showing something like a student ID.

One requirement Twin Transit will impose is a rule requiring children 10 years old or younger be accompanied by a parent or older sibling.

To raise awareness of the new program, Twin Transit has been working with schools.

"Our operations center has a direct line of communication to the front office of all those schools," Clark said.

"(I've been going) into classroom settings, talking to students and teachers, going into classrooms and explaining the differences between the yellow bus and city bus," said Maleah Kuzminsky, who has been working with students to help them take advantage of Twin Transit's services. "If it's requested I'll meet with students or parents and ride with them a couple times so they can get comfortable."

Beyond working with students and adding moving bus lines to stop at schools, Twin Transit has also made it possible for Running Start students to get to Centralia College. While Centralia students will be able to take a bus line to the college, it is now also possible for W.F. West students to go to the college by getting on the bus in Chehalis and transferring to a Centralia bus line, which will then take them to the college campus.

"I hope (the program) encourages students within the Twin Cities to ride more frequently," said Clark, who added it will be difficult to fully know the impact of the program as Twin Transit did not previously keep track of the number of children riding buses. Under Move Ahead Washington, transit agencies will now be required to count the number of children using their services.

One potential challenge posed to transit agencies such as Twin Transit as they prepare to implement the Move Ahead Washington program is a shortfall of workers.

"The pool of qualified drivers is very small right now, and all transit and all schools are finding challenges finding enough staff," Clark said. "We are constantly looking for well qualified people. We will train you."

According to Clark, the limited number of bus drivers has made it difficult to fully serve the community, though Twin Transit hasn't had difficulties operating the main bus lines yet.

"There's two different systems we run. The fixed routes typically do a geographical loop of some kind, and those are the last type of route we would change. Our DARTT service we've had to drop because of lack of drivers," Clark said.

Clark believes the fixed route bus lines, the lines that stop at schools, will be fine for now, which means the Move Ahead Washington program will be implemented come Oct. 1.

"It's important to recognize these kinds of opportunities to students that provide access to activities (like sports and other extracurriculars) they may not have had access to otherwise," Clark said.

Kuzminsky added that bus services can make a difference in the financial lives of families.

"I've been working with some students. … The difference (in savings from utilizing bus services) is their grocery budget," she said.

While transit workers such as Clark and Kuzminsky are looking forward to what they believe are the benefits of the Move Ahead Washington program, the idea of free transit rides for children has drawn the ire of some rural legislators who view it as unfairly benefitting urban children at the expense of rural families.

State Sen. Mark Schoesler, the top Republican in the Senate for the capital budget, and the former Senate Republican leader, criticized the new program for unfairly discriminating against rural families. In Schoesler's view, the program providing children free transit ridership was a program passed mainly because of support by "Puget Sound-area Democrats."

"Unfortunately, this is another example of how the Democratic majority preaches about 'equity' without truly practicing it," said Schoesler, R-Ritzville. "They had to know offering free transit and ferry rides would benefit primarily kids in populous areas, rather than kids in rural counties, even though rural families help pick up the tab."

Schoesler also criticized the Move Ahead Washington transportation plan for spending money on maintenance projects in the Puget Sound region he believes rural residents won't be able to take advantage of while failing to fund similar projects in rural areas.

"I know the Puget Sound counties have important highway maintenance needs, but so do other parts of our state. I'd like to see the Department of Transportation be as committed to completing highway projects in Eastern Washington as it is for the Puget Sound region. We pay taxes and fees, too," said Schoesler, who soon turned his criticism to Gov. Jay Inslee. "Governor Inslee has been playing up the free transit rides to kids and the Puget Sound-area highway projects. Instead of focusing on programs and projects that mainly help out his supporters, the governor should focus more on the transportation needs of the entire state."

In Remembrance

Sylvia Clark

1924 - 2022

Sylvia Zella (Leischner) Clark passed away the morning after her 98th birthday. She was born Sept. 10, 1924, and passed away Sept. 11, 2022. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Dave and Chris Clark, of Rochester, and daughter-in-law Ruth Clark, of Centralia, as well as seven grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents Emil and Mary Leischner, her 15 siblings, her husband Forrest (Frosty) Clark, her sons Darrel and Jerry Clark, her daughter Mary June (Clark) Lien, and a granddaughter Traci Clark Robbins. At her request there will not be a service.

Arrangements are under the care of Edwards Memorial Funeral and Cremation Service in Lakewood, Washington.

To view the obituary, please go to chronline.com/obituaries.

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Man Arrested for Murder After Allegedly Shooting Brother in Lebam

By The Chronicle staff

A 32-year-old man has been arrested for murder and assault after a fatal shooting Sept. 10 in the state Route 6 community of Lebam west of Pe Ell, according to the Pacific County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's deputies along with officers from the Raymond and South Bend police departments responded to a 911 call in the 2400 block of state Route 6 at 5:33 p.m. Saturday.

The reporting party, later identified as Danielle Messer, reported her husband had been shot in the head by his brother, whom she identified as Gabriel Delgado.

The victim was identified as Andrew Delgado, 36.

Emergency responders located "what appeared to be an adult male lying in the front yard unresponsive as a result of a gunshot wound to the head. Medical aid confirmed that the male was deceased," according to a news release.

Gabriel Delgado remained at the scene and was detained without incident.

"While on scene, investigators learned that both Andrew and Gabriel Delgado had been working on a shed adjacent to the property," according to the sheriff's office. "The reporting party, Messer, had also been present. Both brothers had been drinking alcohol a majority of the day. At some point, the brothers got into an altercation and an argument ensued."

According to the sheriff's office, Gabriel Delgado entered the residence and retrieved a handgun from his mother's purse. His mother was also at the residence.

According to Messer and the mother, Gabriel Delgado walked out the rear door of the residence and started shooting toward the shed where Andrew Delgado and Messer were located.

"At some point, Messer was grazed by a bullet on her leg," according to the sheriff's office. "Both Messer and Andrew Delgado retreated to their vehicle and fled the scene. A suspected bullet hole was also discovered on the vehicle that they fled in. Investigators learned that a short time later, they returned to the residence and parked across the highway. Andrew Delgado exited the vehicle and started to walk into the front yard of the residence allegedly to retrieve his tools that he had left behind. Delgado's mother, identified as Rose Rascon, said that Gabriel fired three shots from inside the residence through the front window at his brother, Andrew Delgado, striking him in the head."

The crime scene was processed and evidence was collected, including the 9MM handgun in question as well as spent shell casings.

Gabriel Delgado was arrested and booked into the Pacific County Jail for charges of first-degree murder, first-degree assault and unlawful possession of a firearm.

Sirens

CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Harassment

• A Centralia man was arrested in the 900 block of West Pear Street just before 8:15 a.m. on Sept. 12 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for felony harassment, threats to kill.

Malicious Mischief

• Damage to vehicle tires in the 500 block of South Tower Avenue was reported at approximately 9:35 a.m. on Sept. 12. No suspects have been identified.

• A Centralia man was arrested in the 1100 block of West First Street at approximately 5:35 a.m. on Sept. 14 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for malicious mischief after he was reportedly seen breaking a residential window.

Burglary

• A burglary to a residence in the 300 block of North Rock Street was reported at approximately 11:15 a.m. on Sept. 12. No suspects have been identified.

Theft

• A purse was reported stolen from a vehicle in the 2000 block of Borst Avenue at approximately 12:55 p.m. on Sept. 12. The case is under investigation.

• A traffic cone was reported stolen from a parking lot in the 1700 block of South Gold Street at 2:15 p.m. on Sept. 12.

• Clothing was reported stolen from a store in the 500 block of Harrison Avenue just after 3:45 p.m. on Sept. 12.

• A white 2003 F250 pickup truck was reported stolen from the 2000 block of Johnson Road just after 10:40 a.m. on Sept. 13.

• A Centralia man was cited for third-degree theft in the 1200 block of Harrison Avenue just before 1:20 a.m. on Sept. 14.

Indecent Exposure

• A Centralia man was arrested in the 1400 block of Mellen Street just before 5:05 p.m. on Sept. 12 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for indecent exposure after two citizens reported "a male masturbating in public near a public transport station." When the officer arrived, "the suspect was still in the act that had been reported," according to the police report.

Trespassing

• Two Centralia residents were cited for trespassing in the 1200 block of Alder Street just after 12:45 p.m. on Sept. 13. One of the subjects was additionally cited for possession of methamphetamine.

CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Theft

• Just after 8:50 a.m. on Sept. 12, a possible mail theft that occurred Saturday night was reported in the 100 block of Southeast Monroe Street. The caller said he "was told by a neighbor his mailbox was open along with others."

• A case of counterfeiting reported in the 1500 block of North National Avenue just after 12:15 p.m. on Sept. 12 is under investigation.

Dispute

• A physical dispute was reported at the intersection of Northwest Louisiana Avenue and Northwest Chamber of Commerce Way at 11:35 a.m. on Sept. 12.

Trespassing

• A man who was reportedly "walking around, yelling, punching the air (and) being really weird" was trespassed from a property in the 1400 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue at approximately 9:25 a.m. on Sept. 13.

• Just after 12:10 p.m. on Sept. 13, a staff member at a store in the 1400 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue asked for a woman who "came into the store and started cussing at (the caller) when (the caller) asked her to leave her backpack at the counter" to be trespassed.

Vehicle Accident

• One driver suffered a panic attack following a two-vehicle collision in the 300 block of Southwest 13th Street just before 12:35 p.m. on Sept. 13.

LEWIS COUNTY JAIL STATISTICS

As of Wednesday morning, the Lewis County Jail had a total system population of 180 inmates, including 163 in the general population and 17 in the Work Ethic and Restitution Center (WERC). Of general population inmates, 138 were reported male and 25 were reported female. Of the WERC inmates, 15 were reported male and two were reported female.

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

News in Brief

Grays Harbor County Judge Issues Warrant for Father of Missing Girl Oakley Carlson

By The Daily World

Andrew Carlson

Andrew Carlson, the biological father of missing 5-year-old girl Oakley Carlson, was labeled a no-show in Grays Harbor County Superior Court on Monday, Sept. 12, in Montesano, for his review hearing for re-arraignment.

Carlson, who was released from jail on Aug. 3 following an eight-month sentence after pleading guilty to two felony charges of child endangerment, was due back in court to confirm he had obtained a chemical dependency evaluation within 45 days of his initial release.

However, when Judge Katherine L. Svoboda called to begin Carlson's hearing, the courtroom remained silent. When Svoboda requested information about his no-show from Carlson's defense attorney, Johnathan Feste, he couldn't confirm the whereabouts of his client.

"I wrote to Mr. Carlson that such a hearing would occur on this date, and I advised him to contact me as soon as possible," said Feste during the hearing.

Feste noted he also attempted multiple times to contact Carlson via phone, but was unable to establish communication.

After being asked to present any information, prosecuting attorney Jason Walker revealed he had potential sources of Carlson's location.

"I've heard second or third hand that he went to a treatment facility in Eastern Washington. I don't have any way to know if he's out or not," Walker said.

Svoboda requested if there was a way that Walker could provide verification that Carlson had been registered in the facility, but was told that there was nothing he could produce at that moment.

Following the brief information from both attorneys, Svoboda issued a bench warrant for Carlson with bail set at $25,000.

"If he's in treatment and that can be verified then you can bring it back to court," Svoboda said.

Although Feste declined to comment to The Daily World on whether he had spoken to Carlson since his Aug. 3 release date, he openly acknowledged that he had "no idea" where Carlson could be other than he didn't come to his court date. He also said if verification can be obtained that Carlson is in treatment, then that should appease the court. Until then, the bench warrant will remain in place.

"When he has a bench warrant the officers will be aware if we see him, we'll take him in and bring him to court," Feste said.

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

Oakley's biological parents have not cooperated with the investigation into Oakley's disappearance or with efforts to find her.

Both were convicted on unrelated child endangerment concerning their other children earlier this year.

Death Notices

• **OLEATHA L. OLDENBURG,** 87, Centralia, died at her residence Sept. 1. She was buried at Napavine Cemetery on Sept. 6. Arrangements are under the care of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary.

• **JAMES B. MACMILLAN,** 80, Rochester died at his residence Sept. 4. Arrangements are under the care of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary.

• **LINDA H. PARSONS,** 74, Bucoda, died Sept. 4 at Providence Centralia Hospital. Arrangements are under the care of Newell Hoerling's Mortuary.

• **DONNIA SUE JONES,** 80, Tacoma, died Aug. 28 at Tacoma General Hospital. A celebration of life will be held at 9 a.m. Sept. 17, 2022, at Sticklin Funeral Chapel in the George Washington Venue. Burial will follow at 11 a.m. at Claquato Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Sticklin Funeral Chapel.

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It's the Blackberries — OK, and the Pies

COMMENTARY: *I Was Just Thinking ...*

By Bill Moeller

This newspaper carried an article a while ago that originated in The Bellingham Herald concerning blackberries grown in the wild. That may be a redundant description because I don't know of a single person who deliberately plants blackberries in their garden.

They're too easy to find along a country road, or as in my case, growing prolifically on the other side of my lattice fence. The article mentioned three varieties: the Himalayan blackberry, the evergreen blackberry and the trailing blackberry.

I know what the first two look like, and I'm sure you probably do too, but I've never heard of the third kind listed. I had to assume that it was what most of us call the "true wild blackberry."

A search on the computer verified that trailing blackberry is indeed a proper name for that variety and it is the kind that can be made into the absolutely best pie this side of the Cascade mountain range.

You might be interested in the fact that, while the newspaper called it trailing blackberry, its official name is rubus ursinus. Ursinus is Latin for bear and the berry bushes are very closely related to bears, as we all know.

This blackberry is not as easily found as it was 80 or 90 years ago, mainly because it is most prolific when it can begin growth in property that has been recently logged, and that isn't as easy to find as it used to be. Once other growth takes over the land, the species just seems to fade away.

A few years ago, I used to be able to find them in a place where Ham Hill Road meets Logan Hill Road, on property that had been logged a few years earlier by a friend.

The growth of competing greenery — combined with a steadily increasing amount of freshly deposited evidence that a bear had recently been there — was enough incentive to tell me that I need to put my small bucket away and concentrate instead on the more easily harvested Himalayan berries. That variety, without too much effort, can be turned into a rather pleasing wine.

When we moved to the house where I grew up in Tacoma, we were two blacks past the end of paved streets and three blocks shy of the end of the streetcar line.

Remember them? So, when I read the piece recently here in this newspaper, I was confused about the nomenclature of "trailing" blackberry.

We kids just called them plain, old blackberries. We recognized them and there were three of us who tried to beat each other to a few local patches. Remember, this was within the city limits of Tacoma.

Thinking back, there was no argumentation amongst us and none of us tried to pick any berries that weren't fully ripe. In a season that was usually complete by the time school started up again, we generally were able to pick enough to provide our families with around three of the most delicious pies this side of heaven.

I remember seeing one ad in a local business paper earlier this year offering just such pies for sale. Sadly, when I thought about following up on them, I had already taken that paper to the local recycle station and the ad never repeated that I could see.

Oh well, maybe it will appear again next year. And if so, hopefully, I'll sure be looking for it and some pie without a smoky flavor.

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Letters to the Editor

Kent Isn't Familiar With Issues That Matter in 3rd District

I am writing to you because I am a 58-year-old lifelong resident of the lower Columbia River — a continental river drainage that happens to be in a temperate rainforest — and concerned for what a Joe Kent in Congress for Washington's 3rd District really means to my community.

I do my own due-diligence in choosing a primary candidate because I am a former veteran, retired from the U.S. Forest Service, and politically, a moderate educated independent. I contacted the Kent campaign in June of 2022 with questions during the primary campaign and am stunned with how little Kent is familiar with the district's timber and fishing economy that he hopes to represent.

Kent thinks:

• All timber mills in the district (Carson, Chehalis, Longview, Redmond, Mossyrock are examples I mentioned) are tooled for cutting 10-inch diameter Douglas fir old growth. (None of them are.)

• Roads currently exist in old growth wilderness areas allowing for easy logging.

• He's never heard of the term NEPA/SEPA and is unfamiliar with the process.

• Yacolt burn area still has old growth timber today and he lives in Yacolt.

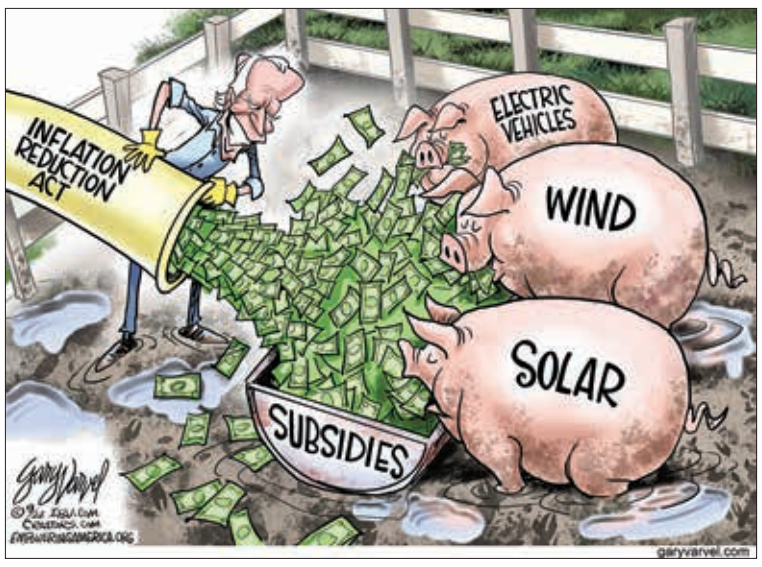
• Wants to compete head-to-head in timber sales with Weyerhaeuser, yet doesn't recognize it as socialistic or communistic to have the federal government try to compete, possibly bankrupting a large local employer.

• Called the Northern Spotted Owl an invasive species, while not being able to list a single actual listed species native to the district.

• Does not know Skamania County is entirely (almost) a National Forest and is unaware that rural Skamania County gets its schools funding from the U.S. Forest Service.

• He has never heard the term FERC or that there is a management and monitoring process for the relicensing of the Pacific-Corps Lewis River and Tacoma Power Cowlitz River dams.

In addition to Kent's lack of understanding of the economic environment of this district, Kent has no respect for public property or the laws to protect it, as evidenced when the Kent campaign vandalized a chain link fence at milepost 5 on Highway 14 in Vancouver to install a Kent for Congress sign.



I am in fear that Kent will get elected without any understanding, awareness and knowledge of what it means to live in a downstream community of a continental river drainage that happens to be in a temperate rainforest. Those words got lost on Kent, or at least his campaign manager/staffer that is the POC on the Kent for Congress webpage where I started my due diligence.

I respect the honor and integrity of real journalism which is why I plead to you. I hope that in upcoming interviews, debates and opportunities you have in speaking with both Marie Gluesenkamp Perez and Kent that you forcefully tease out the specific details about their understanding of problems, ideas and solutions for WA3, and call out any candidate for their lack of respect to public property.

Mary Jean Dowell
Vancouver

Sheriff's Motives at Fire Questioned

I grew up in Fawnskin, California, population 380. It's a small mountain community similar to Packwood. Fire threats and looming evacuations were a common signal of the end of summer. I remember one year when my single father packed us three kids, a dog, a cat and a rabbit into his single cab work truck and we spent an afternoon trying to get out of the smoke and off the mountain to my grandparents a few hours away. One thing I always appreciated was when things got tough, the community really came together. They made sure a poor family like mine had enough gas to leave and food to get there. Religion didn't matter, politics didn't matter — for the time being, we would all just be a community looking out for each other until everyone made it to the other side of the embers. That sense of community was a big driver for returning to my rural roots and ultimately choosing Lewis County to do so back in 2016.

"I want to thank all the first responders, volunteers, USFS, Red Cross, Salvation Army, White Pass School Dist., Lewis County DEM, Health Department, Public Works and so many others for coming together to support the east end community affected by the Goat Rocks fire. I'm grateful to live in Lewis County. It is an amazing community we live in to support each other during these trying times."

This was a quote recently posted to the campaign Facebook page Re-elect Rob Snaza for Sheriff. It captioned a photo of Snaza standing alone, facing down a smoldering mountain. I would like to thank Mr. Snaza as well. From what I am being told, he returned early from vacation to be able to assist in these efforts. I just wish he would not politicize them. It makes the efforts themselves seem disingenuous. Mr. Snaza admits in his own posting there was a litany of people and resources already working diligently. So he returned for what? A few epically staged photos, one standing alone in the road facing down a mountain, another photo texting while driving despite having multiple passengers capable of assisting him, a few shaking hands, etc.

Sheriff Snaza has previously politicized his public service office to the extent there are people within our communities who are simply not comfortable going to him for assistance, least of all during a disaster. To attempt to politicize these events for a few cheap photo opportunities is a disservice to our communities. Politics and campaigning have no place in natural disasters that impact us all.

I want to thank all the first responders, volunteers, USFS, Red Cross, Salvation Army, White Pass School Dist., Lewis County DEM, Health Department, Public Works and so many others for coming together to support the east end community affected by the Goat Rocks fire.

I especially want to thank everyone who was capable of doing that without bringing their politics or campaign efforts into the process.

Kyle Wheeler
Toledo

Kent Just Another Radical Extremist in Republican Party

Highly classified documents were found at Donald Trump's home in Florida.

Despite Trump's multitude of rationalizations, it was illegal for them to be there.

Trump has not stated, and at this point no one knows for certain, why he took some of the most security-sensitive documents in the government's possession to Mar-a-Lago.

Trump is not complicated. He monetizes everything he sees or touches. He recently monetized the dead body of his first wife Ivana, burying it in a lone, nondescript grave on the first hole of his New Jersey golf course, thereby qualifying it as a cemetery and achieving a fully tax exempt status.

Classified documents containing information about our nuclear weapons, information about United States military or intelligence operations around the world, or information that would expose the names of U.S. intelligence sources in Vladimir Putin's Kremlin or elsewhere would be worth billions of dollars to Trump's buddy Putin or on the open black market.

No notes were kept from Trump's five private conversations with Putin. Unprecedented.

In October 2021, the CIA sent a memo to all its stations around the world warning that an unusually high number of informants were being killed.

Just the facts.

Joe Kent says his political alignment, if elected to Congress. will be with Trump/MAGA extremists Marjorie Taylor Greene and Matt Gaetz. QAnon cheerleader Greene is as dumb as a fence post. To be fair, fence posts are useful. The equally emetic Gaetz is likely to face trial for having sex with an underage girl and possibly sex trafficking. Both are pro-Putin and oppose helping Ukraine. Both are election deniers. Both promote deranged conspiracy theories.

The night of his win over Herrera-Beutler, Kent appeared on Trump henchman and pro-Putin criminal Steve Bannon's podcast, agreeing with the host that the FBI employed "jack-booted, Gestapo tactics" when they politely executed a legally obtained search warrant of Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence. "This is war," Kent added. Presumably he meant against law enforcement.

Kent is a radical extremist who says the 2020 election needs to be properly "adjudicated." Trump lost in courtrooms 62-0. His election and other lies are intended to burn down the rule of law and install himself in a Putin-style, gangster dictatorship.

Like yelling "fire!" in a crowded theater, a political candidate yelling "election fraud!" is making a grave accusation with perilous consequences. Doing so without under-oath, courtroom-quality evidence should disqualify any candidate, including Trump or Kent, from holding office.

Trump reportedly referred to American soldiers who died at Belleau Wood, France, during World War I as "losers" and "suckers" and refused to attend a ceremony to honor them in 2018. It is genuinely sad to see Kent's military service honor being flushed down Donald Trump's toilet of deceit and criminality, but over the course of Trump's narcissistic life there is a very long line of foolish people drawn into his vortex of bravado, lies, lawlessness and fake victimhood on the way to their own inevitable destruction.

It is the common pathway to the madness of a cult.

Marty Ansley,
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Ribbon Cutting for New Centralia Barbershop, The Refined Man, Set For Oct. 1

By The Chronicle staff

A ribbon cutting will be held for the opening of The Refined Man in Centralia on Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. The event will mark the opening of the barber shop's second location after its Olympia branch.

Owner Shawna Charboneau will be present at the event, which will include snacks, beverages and a raffle giveaway.

According to the announcement from The Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce, "The Refined Man practices the lost art of men's grooming, featuring full service men's grooming including hot lather, straight razor shave and hot towel service. Complimentary beverages come with every service, even for the kids too. Clients love that The Refined Man is kid-friendly as well."

The Refined Man opened in Nashville, Tennessee in 2015 and moved to Olympia the following year.

According to client Jose Gonzalez, The Refined Man offers continuity of service, a military discount and a laid back atmosphere.

The Refined Man is located at 217 N. Tower Ave., in Centralia. To learn more go to www.therefinedman.club.

The Refined Man owner Shawna Charboneau works with a customer in this courtesy photo.

Chehalis City Council Roundup: September Declared National Preparedness Month; Subdivision Code Changes and Budget Amendments Discussed

By Owen Sexton
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The Chehalis City Council made a proclamation at its regular meeting early Monday evening to declare September National Preparedness Month.

Chehalis Mayor Tony Ketchum said the proclamation was made to help the city better prepare for natural disasters that will allow for quicker and better responses.

"National Preparedness Month creates an opportunity for every resident of the community to prepare their homes, businesses and neighborhoods for any type of emergency. Investing in the preparedness of ourselves, our families, our businesses and communities can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our cities," Ketchum said.

He urges residents to use the month of September to create emergency plans and kits for the various types of natural disasters seen in Lewis County and to sign up for Lewis County emergency alerts. To sign up for the alerts visit https://lewiscountywa.gov/departments/emergency-management/lewis-county-alert/.

FOLLOWING the proclamation, Chehalis Planning and Building Manager Tammy Baraconi talked the council through the first reading of new subdivision code changes.

"The reason we are looking to update the code is because it was missing some code, the language on how to process boundary line adjustments," Baraconi said.

According to Baraconi there were also some redundancies and clarification was needed for how to process short-plats, subdivisions, boundary line adjustments and binding site plans. Multiple public hearings and workshops have been held as well as workshops with the council before getting the code to this point.

"We're at the last step which is to request codification of the subdivision code," Baraconi said.

While some council members did have questions, they agreed to meet later to discuss them and to come back with proper adjustments made for the ordinance's second reading at the next meeting.

The draft subdivision code can be viewed here https://www.ci.chehalis.wa.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/building_and_planning/page/1048/subdivision_code_draft_8-5-2022.pdf.

A SECOND amendment to Chehalis' 2022 fiscal year budget was given a first reading as well by Chehalis Finance Director Chun Saul. The key changes include increases to revenue projections caused by changes in swimming pool admission fees and investments interest earnings.

According to Saul, additional appropriations are being made as well, as both supply and fuel costs have risen given inflation and have gone past original budget projections. Overall, the revenue increase being made is $878,380, with approximately $485,900 estimated to be coming from sales tax increase revenues.

Sales taxes received so far have exceeded the eight-month target amount by 8.7% so the proposed revenue amount change is that percentage.

Saul said the appropriations increase is $337,480, not just from supplies and fuel cost increases but additional various department budget items as well. The Parks Department and other facilities also had some unexpected repairs needed that weren't originally budgeted for.

In the end Saul stated expenditures will increase by $467,960.

Both the budget changes and code changes will receive second readings at the next Chehalis City Council meeting on Sept. 26.

News in Brief

State Insurance Commissioner Approves 12 Health Insurance Providers for Individual Market; Two More Under Review

By The Chronicle staff

The Washington state Insurance Commissioner's office released a statement on Wednesday announcing 12 health insurance providers had been approved to sell insurance in Washington's 2023 Exchange health insurance market.

The market is where people who do not get health insurance coverage from their employer shop for insurance. Two more providers are under review.

The average rate increase is 8.8%. The main factors behind the increase in rates are pent-up demand for elective surgeries and changes to the Affordable Care Act's risk adjustment program, which stabilizes the market by spreading the financial risk across all insurers.

"More than 200,000 people in Washington state get their health coverage through our individual market," said Washington state Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler. "It's critical they have choices for meaningful and affordable coverage, and I'm pleased to see our market doing so well. I know that premiums and cost-sharing are still high for many, especially those who don't qualify for subsidies, and we need to do more to address the underlying costs of health care."

An estimated 219,112 Washington residents are enrolled in health insurance plans through the individual. As of June 2021, the uninsurance rate in Washington state was 5.2%.

The 12 insurance providers approved to sell health insurance on the individual market are: Bridgespan Health Company, Community Health Plan of Washington, Coordinated Care Corporation, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Northwest, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington, LifeWise Health Plan of Washington, Molina Healthcare of Washington, Inc., PacificSource Health Plan, Premera Blue Cross, Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon, Regence BlueShield and UnitedHealthcare of Oregon, Inc.

'Night of Magic' Scheduled for Oct. 22 to Raise Funds For Lewis County Seniors

By The Chronicle staff

A "Night of Magic" will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22, to support the Lewis County Seniors and the nonprofit group's activities.

The event is scheduled to be held at The Loft in downtown Chehalis from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be "a professional magic show by well-known and beloved magician Jeff Evans, a catered dinner, silent auction and the well-known and beloved 'dessert dash.'"

General admission tickets for non-reserved seating with dinner are $80 each, while VIP tickets will be sold for $700 and will come with a table reserved for a group. "Table magic" will be included for VIP tables.

Tickets can be purchased at LewisCountySeniors.org/NightOfMagic.

The Loft is located at 547 NW Pacific Ave. in Chehalis.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Lewis County Seniors organization.

For more information, contact Carol Brock, Lewis County Seniors Board President, at 360-748-0061 or Kate Beckett, event coordinator, at 360-623-6582.

Public Asked to Join Search for Missing 4-Year-Old Boy in Yakima

By The Yakima Herald-Republic

An electronic map in the Yakima County Sheriff's mobile command post shows how thorough a search for a missing 4-year-old boy has been.

The map shows the area around Sarg Hubbard Park densely covered with tracks from searchers, and markers indicating volunteers and trained searchers were looking as far north as the Naches River and to Union Gap in the south for Lucian James Munguia, who was reported missing Saturday.

Authorities are scaling back the presence of trained search teams after scouring spots he would most likely be found. But those on the search aren't ready to give up hope that Lucian will be found alive, and are encouraging the public to help.

"There's always a focus on search and rescue," said Deputy Kyle Cameron, who coordinates the sheriff's Search and Rescue Team. The team is leading the search, directing searchers to various areas along the Yakima River and the Greenway.

Statistically, the chances of finding Lucian dropped to 50% after 48 hours, but Cameron said there have been cases of people being found alive after being missing longer than that.

Yakima police Chief Matt Murray and Sheriff Robert Udell, in a joint news release, said members of the public, who were initially discouraged from joining the search in its early stages, should look for Lucian or any clue to his whereabouts.

"We continue to assign personnel to this effort and sincerely pray for a positive outcome," Murray and Udell said in a statement. "We ask that you continue to keep Lucian's family in your thoughts. This is an unimaginably painful situation."

Lucian went missing at the park, near the Yakima River, around 7:15 p.m. Saturday. His family called police after their own 15-minute search proved fruitless, launching a massive search of the park and the surrounding area.

Lucian was last seen heading south and east across the park's parking lot, in the direction of the river and other bodies of water.

Cameron said YPD quickly cordoned off the park and began a search. More than 150 trained searchers from around the state, including the Moses Lake, Yakima and Gleed fire departments, Pierce, King, Spokane, Kittitas and Klickitat counties and personnel with the U.S. Air Force's program at Fairchild Air Force Base that trains air crews how to survive and evade capture if they are shot down, have joined the effort.

About 200 non-search-team members have also helped out, Cameron said, with local businesses providing food and drink. He said Camp Hope and Union Gospel Mission's outreach teams have been involved in the effort.

Searchers have also used aerial and submersible drones to search for Lucian, along with a helicopter equipped with an infrared camera. He said searchers have also used dogs, divers, ATVs, boats and kayaks in the search.

Yakima police detectives have sought video footage from in the park and surrounding areas in hopes of finding any sign of Lucian, according to a police news release. Police have found no sign of foul play in Lucian's disappearance.

While the initial search area concentrated around Sarg Hubbard Park, Cameron said crews have gone as far south as the area near Valley Mall Boulevard in Union Gap, where they run out of land between the river and the freeway, and were moving north to where railroad tracks cross the Naches River.

One potential complication in the search is Lucian's autism, Cameron said. Autistic children sometimes will hide or run away from searchers, he said.

"With our specific missing person today, he was drawn to lights and police lights, his parents said," Cameron said. "It's hard to say if he would approach us, but that is what we brief the team. We search as if he won't approach us."

Another issue is some of the homeless people who camp along the river and the Greenway. Cameron said some of the searchers have had rocks thrown at them and been yelled at by homeless people who told them to leave or gave them false reports of hearing a child crying.

"Homeless (people) has been a big issue for this search alone," Cameron said. "It scares (the searchers.) It makes them hesitant to go into some areas." He said Camp Hope and the gospel mission have tried to encourage those people to come to their shelters, but they have refused.

The search teams have sorted through multiple sighting reports of Lucian that turned up fruitless.

Fire

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between fire fuel and structures. Cloudy, slightly rainy days in East Lewis County have been helpful to crews.

"At the end of the day, the highest priority is always life safety," said Adam Turner, a spokesperson for USFS. "That's both us as responders and members of the public, if life safety is threatened, we will always protect members of the public and ourselves before anything else."

After that, Turner listed homes and community infrastructure as the next priority for crews.

At 7 p.m., a public meeting was scheduled in the Packwood Community Hall with livestreaming to be held on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest's Facebook, with intention of the meeting "to brief the community on the fire efforts and planning," said Ross McDowell, deputy director of Lewis County emergency management.

To receive alerts in the case of a local emergency, sign up for Lewis County alerts at https://lewiscountywa.gov/departments/emergency-management/lewis-county-alert/.

Find more coverage following the meeting at chronline.com.

Campfire bans and other use restrictions are in place across the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and much of the region. Campfires are allowed within certain campgrounds on an approved list at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/giffordpinchot/alerts-notices.

Forest Roads 1260, 1262, 1266, 4600, 4610, 4612, 4830 and all connected spur roads remain closed. Additionally, #65 (Bluff Lake), #69 (Three Peaks), #74 (Pipeline Road), #61 (Clear Fork Trail from the trailhead to the Clear Lost Trail), #76 (Clear Lost Trail from the junction of the Clear Fork Trail to the junction of the Packwood Lake Trail), and #78 (Packwood Lake Trail) are closed. Hikers can continue to access the Clear Lost Trailhead but can only hike south on the Clear Fork Trail.

Centralia College Hires New Dean of Arts and Sciences

By The Chronicle staff

After about eight weeks on the job, Tim Wright, Centralia College's new dean of arts and sciences, says he's just beginning to get his feet wet, in all senses of the expression.

As a new dean, he's been busy on campus meeting staff, faculty and students and getting to know the ins and outs of the college.

As an avid kayaker, he's been exploring local waterways with enthusiasm.

"What I really like about Centralia College is that it feels like the center of the community," he said in a news release from the college. "Almost everyone I encounter says, 'Oh, I went there' or 'My kids go there.' I think that's really important to have at a community college."

Wright came to Centralia College from northern California, where he served at Sierra College as the associate dean in liberal arts, overseeing the visual and performing arts programs.

Before that, he was the acting dean and executive dean of business, communication studies and social sciences at Shoreline Community College since 2018.

At Shoreline, he oversaw a number of programs, including criminal justice, sociology, early childhood education, history, world languages, the library and the Honors College, according to the news release.

After a number of years working as a newspaper reporter and editor, Wright worked in the insurance industry before starting his community college career in 2007 teaching history and multicultural studies.

Over the course of 11 years, he taught a variety of classes, including Pacific Northwest and Native American history.

He has a bachelor's degree in journalism from Humboldt State University, a master's degree in history from California State University, Sacramento, and he has completed doctoral coursework at the University of Washington.

"My biggest goal for my first year is getting to know the campus faculty, staff and students," he said. "I think the most important function of a dean is to work with faculty and staff to make students successful."

Tim Wright, Centralia College's new dean of arts and sciences.

News in Brief

Sheriff's Office Investigating After Hiker Finds Body on Walupt Lake Trail Last Month

By The Chronicle staff

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office is conducting an investigation after a hiker found a body on a trail 3 to 4 miles away from Walupt Lake near Randle last month.

Deputies responded to a report of a deceased male on the 101 trail just after 3:55 p.m. on Aug. 20, according to the sheriff's office.

The man has since been identified by his family as Aron Christensen, 49, of Portland.

"Due to the sensitive nature of the ongoing investigation we are not providing a great deal of details at this time," said Field Operations Bureau Chief Dusty Breen in an email to The Chronicle on Monday, adding, "Our agency is conducting additional investigation and waiting for additional forensic findings."

Christensen's funeral arrangements are under the care of eCare Mortuary in Chehalis, according to a death notice published in The Chronicle.

Twin Transit Meeting Set for Sept. 27

By The Chronicle staff

The next board meeting for the Lewis Public Transportation Benefit Area — better known as Twin Transit — will be at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27.

The meeting will be held in the Port of Chehalis Board Room, which is located at 321 Maurin Road, Chehalis.

Lewis County Veterans Resource Fair Planned for the Centralia National Guard Armory

By The Chronicle staff

Lewis County veterans are invited to learn more about services available to them at an upcoming Lewis County resource fair.

The Veterans Stand Down fair is a resource event that will be held at the Centralia National Guard Armory, 309 Byrd St., in Centralia, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17.

Lewis County Veterans Service Officer Heidi Palmer said in a news release that the event is open to all veterans in need of basic essential items. A complimentary lunch will be served.

Cornhole Tournament and Sausage Fest Supporting Rob Fuller Scholarship Fund Set for Sept. 17

By The Chronicle staff

Dick's Brewing Company and Northwest Sausage and Deli will host a Cornhole Tournament and Sausage Fest on Saturday, Sept. 17.

The doors will open for Dick's Cornhole Tournament and Sausage Fest at 1 p.m. with the tournament beginning at 2 p.m.

Entry into the tournament is $40 per team during pre-registration and $50 per team on the day of the event.

Those seeking to participate can pre-register by picking up a form at either the taproom or the deli. The tournament is for people ages 21 and over.

Proceeds will go to support the Rob Fuller Scholarship Fund. The tournament will be held at Dick's Brewing Company at 3516 Galvin Road, Centralia.

Lawsuit Alleges Tech on Zillow Website Amounts to 'Wiretapping'

By The Seattle Times

A tracking tool used on Zillow's website violates the privacy rights of the tens of thousands of prospective homebuyers and sellers who use the site, a new lawsuit alleges.

The complaint filed Monday in federal court challenges Seattle-based Zillow's use of session-replay code, a common technology that allows websites to record and replay users' interactions with the site to learn how they use it.

The technology amounts to the "electronic equivalent of 'looking over the shoulder' of each visitor to the Zillow website for the entire duration of their website interaction," the complaint stated. Many users are likely unaware the replay exists, according to the suit, which likens the practice to wiretapping.

The suit alleges Zillow uses Microsoft's session-replay technology known as Clarity and names both companies.

Neither company commented on the substance of the allegations Tuesday. Microsoft spokesperson David Cuddy said the company was "looking into this closely."

Zillow is "currently reviewing" the suit, spokesperson Will Lemke said. "Zillow takes the privacy and security of users' information very seriously. We are transparent with our users through our privacy policy, which explains to users the types of information we collect as they use our apps and websites."

The Seattle attorneys who filed the case did not respond to an interview request.

The filing this week is one of a handful of similar cases across the country. Several cases in Pennsylvania challenged the software used by Zillow, Lowe's and Expedia, Bloomberg Law reported. Another recent case in California named Old Navy.

Last year, dozens of similar cases were filed with mixed results, according to Kristin Bryan, an attorney who works in Cleveland and New York and has represented companies defending against similar lawsuits. (Bryan declined to speak specifically about the latest case filed against Zillow and Microsoft.)

"Privacy and cybersecurity [are] a top-of-mind issue right now," Bryan said.

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Environmental Groups File Lawsuit Over Denial of Endangered Species Protection for West Coast Fishers

By The Chronicle staff

The Center for Biological Diversity and two other environmental groups filed a lawsuit on Sept. 13 against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) after its denial of endangered species protection status for West Coast fishers.

The other two agencies involved in filing the suit were the Environmental Protection Information Center and the Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center. The lawsuit was filed to the United States District Court, Northern District of California.

Fishers are mid-sized forest carnivores whose habitat used to stretch throughout most of the West Coast. Logging and fur-trapping led to a drastic decrease in fishers by the 1950s and now face threats from rodenticides used by cannabis farmers and climate change issues including increased forest fires, according to the environmental groups.

The remaining fisher population is now limited to northern California and southern Oregon while additional populations have been translocated to the southern Oregon Cascades and Washington.

The Chronicle / File Photo

A fisher runs over a creek bed after being released in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest near the Cispus Learning Center in December 2015.

"I'm deeply concerned about the survival of the mysterious fisher and the old-growth forests it calls home," said Noah Greenwald, Center for Biological Diversity endangered species director, in a news release. "These tenacious animals can eat porcupines, but they can't survive the damage we're doing to their forests. Fishers needed Endangered Species Act (ESA) protection 20 years ago, and they need it even more today."

This lawsuit is just the latest in a litany of legal actions going all the way back to 2000 when the Center for Biological Diversity filed its first petition to the FWS to get West Coast fishers listed as threatened throughout various Pacific Northwest habitats.

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> *Center for Biological Diversity*

The trigger for this lawsuit was a 2020 decision by the FWS that removed protection for fishers on the entire West Coast except for the southern Sierra Nevada region.

"Fishers have it rough. From rodenticide poisoning, to habitat loss from logging and fires, these tenacious critters face significant threats to their continued existence," said George Sexton, Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center conservation director, in a news release.

The full lawsuit can be viewed online at https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/species/mammals/fisher/pdfs/West-Coast-Fisher-Complaint-2022-09-13.pdf.

News in Brief

Residents Call for Public Forum on Port of Olympia's Weyerhaeuser Lease

By The Olympian

Residents came before the Port of Olympia commission on Monday, demanding that a public forum be held before a lease is extended between the port and timber giant Weyerhaeuser.

But commissioners said after the meeting that the port's public process might provide enough opportunity for feedback without the need for a special meeting.

Weyerhaeuser has used a longtime lease to export logs through the port, mostly to Japan but to other countries in Asia as well. The current lease expires at the end of the year, but the company has the option to extend it another six or 10 years, said Commissioner Amy Evans Harding.

Before that extension happens, residents want to provide some input.

"We have not heard what terms are being negotiated," said Carla Wulfsberg, of Tumwater.

She also questioned whether port staff were up to the task of working with the kind of attorneys Weyerhaeuser can hire and if it's "going to get the best outcomes for the port and the public."

"We feel the public is being kept in the dark," she said. "I ask that you schedule a public work session as soon as possible so the public can have an opportunity to talk to you in person."

Resident Lee Riner expressed similar concerns. Based on her examination of the current lease, Weyerhaeuser pays the port about $1 million a year. But Riner wants to know how that compares with the cost to operate the marine terminal used for those exports.

"Until these documents are discussed with the general public, a lot of us are in the dark and a lot of us have heartburn," Riner said.

"We ask for transparency, we ask for the truth," she said.

Commissioner Joe Downing said after the meeting that the lease pays the port about $100,000 a month and that it represents about two-thirds of marine terminal revenue. Of the port's major business units, the marine terminal generates by far the most revenue.

Downing said the lease is more than a ground lease, but also includes other fees, such as Weyerhaeuser's share of the stormwater treatment plant that serves the marine terminal.

He said the port is looking at every aspect of the lease and making sure it passes muster in areas where the port should be repaid or reimbursed.

"We understand the taxpayer's angst about making sure the marine terminal generates more revenue and pays for itself," he said.

But scheduling a public forum has not come up, Downing said. "People have asked for it, but it has not been suggested at this time," he said.

Both he and Evans Harding pointed out that if the option is exercised or the lease is amended, both would first come before the commission as an agenda advisory item for discussion, followed by action at a following meeting. Residents could comment at either or both meetings.

Commissioner Bob Iyall said he isn't sure the lease warrants a separate public hearing. "We always welcome public comment," he said.

As for when Weyerhaeuser might exercise its lease option, Iyall thinks it might happen this month. Evans Harding said she wasn't aware of anything pending.

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Harry Bhagwandin smiles and looks on from his Kawasaki Mule Tuesday morning in Onalaska.

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Harry

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Precinct Committee Officers sent three nominees for the remaining commissioners to choose from.

Of those, Lee Grose — a Packwood resident who previously held the seat — was chosen to serve the final year of Stamper's term.

In the November general election, voters across Lewis County will choose between Bhagwandin and Scott Brummer. Both candidates are filed as Republicans and neither has held public office before. The top vote-getter will take over for Grose immediately, rather than waiting to be sworn in the following January with most elected officials.

The district largely encompasses South and East Lewis County. Winlock proper is in Commission District 2 while south of state Route 505 mostly falls in district 3. In acreage, the district makes up well over half of the county.

Bhagwandin, 63, ran against Stamper in the primary election of 2014 and has previously said the two had a "pact" promising to support whichever candidate made the general.

"Fortunately it worked out good because we got Gary Stamper, which, I thought (he) was a great guy because of his ability to be with people and listen," Bhagwandin said. "That's the spirit we need in our electeds."

After growing up in Indiana, Bhagwandin and his wife, Annie, came to the area in 1985 for an apprenticeship program with Burnt Ridge Nursery. In 1991, the duo purchased their 65-acre farm, where they raised four children. They now have one granddaughter.

"I wanted to do commercial orcharding organically, and I wanted to grow timber, fruit trees and garden," he said. "I started with nurseries and I went to Corvallis thinking I was going to go to grad school, but they just laughed at me, like 'Organic? Are you crazy? That's so hippy.' That was in '85. And funny that in 1990, Washington state became the first state with an organic certification program and guess who they called to be their first field inspector?"

Bhagwandin spent the next portion of his career with the state Department of Agriculture, traveling to farms across the state to dole out certifications.

While growing chestnuts, black walnuts, butternuts and more on his own property, he spent the rest of his career jumping between various jobs related to sustainable forestry, including teaching programs at Centralia College, working for the Department of Natural Resources and teaching in the Onalaska School District.

Harry Bhagwandin on Tuesday morning points to black walnut trees he grew on his property where his son held his wedding.

Harry Bhagwandin sports a campaign cap while walking through his Onalaska property.

With the FFA teacher at the time, Bhagwandin helped establish the district's award-winning salmon project raising 100,000 coho to be released as smolts.

"Two years later, they came back and they were huge," he said. "It was amazing. I brought old loggers, good old boys that were gruff woodsmen in their 70s and 80s, they were in tears because they had not seen that kind of salmon here. It was just a cool community project that is still run today."

In 2009, he helped establish a community service nonprofit, the Onalaska Alliance, host of the Apple Harvest Festival that can be accredited for various improvement projects in the area, including those at Carlisle Lake.

Bhagwandin said he also had a hand in creating Discover Lewis County, the county's promotional tourism website.

With his sights set on commissioner, Bhagwandin says his campaign trail alongside Brummer has been mostly positive.

"We are friends. I knew Scott briefly with that Onalaska fish project. I'm pretty sure he supported me, he wasn't someone I had to butt heads against," he said, adding later, "He's a good guy to work with."

One major difference between them, he said, is Brummer has a more "antagonistic" approach to how he has said he wants to work with the state Legislature in a way Bhagwandin thinks might discourage important allyship. The other major difference, he said, is experience.

"It would take us too long to talk about all the stuff I've done in so many areas," he said. "I don't know all the answers, I at least have some ideas that start a conversation that we can keep going. The skill I have is in bringing people together."

Bhagwandin's priority issue in public office would be growth. He said the topic has various prongs affecting all parts of the county — such as keeping the county's rural feel, creating more living wage jobs and helping the problem of homelessness — but especially in East Lewis County communities such as Packwood where growth and tourism need the support of infrastructure and affordable housing.

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"We need more Mindys," he said, referring to Lewis County's Senior Long-Range Planner Mindy Brooks, who has spent the last year working with dozens of Packwood residents to create a Packwood subarea plan to guide growth over the next two decades.

"Those are some of the things the county can do, is have the vision, find the people and go after the resources," he said, adding that housing is a "big and deep and complicated problem that is not black and white."

Brummer came out on top during the five-candidate Aug. 2 primary election, with Bhagwandin coming in just over Toledo-area candidate Jodery (Jody) Goble. Since, all the runners besides Goble have endorsed Bhagwandin, which gives him hope of picking up the votes to come out on top in November.

Though Brummer seems to have the edge, Bhagwandin said he knows no matter the result of the election, he will continue working for positive change in his community, saying "I'm gonna work on Onalaska's long-range planning and then keep growing trees, that's my five-year plan."

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Photos by Jared Wenzelburger / jared@chronline.com

Scott Brummer smiles while describing why he is running for the District 3 Commissioner position Tuesday afternoon in Winlock.

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remaining commissioners to choose from.

Of those, Lee Grose — a Packwood resident who previously held the seat — was chosen to serve the final year of Stamper's term.

In the November general election, voters across Lewis County will choose between Brummer and Harry Bhagwandin. Both candidates are filed as Republicans and neither has held public office before. The top vote-getter will take over for Grose immediately, rather than waiting to be sworn in the following January with most elected officials.

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Brummer, 51, of Winlock's Ferrier precinct, lived in district 2 before the county was redistricted late last year. While he said he originally intended to wait for Pollock's seat to be up for the vote, his shift to district 3 seat jump-started his campaign.

He listed Stamper as a strong influence on his decision to enter politics.

Raised on a farm in Southern Oregon, Brummer finished high school in Auburn and stayed in Western Washington thereafter.

A fish biologist, he moved to Lewis County in 1994 to work for the Conservation District. At that time, he met his wife, Kristine. Now, beginning the final year of homeschooling the last of their three children, the couple has been together for 28 years. They've spent the bulk of their marriage involved in ministry in various ways. He has served as the pastor at the nondenominational church, "God's Place" in Ethel for eight years.

After the Conservation District, Brummer moved on to WDFW, where he stayed for almost 21 years working with landowners of Lewis County on habitat solutions, preventing erosion and other projects related to the various fish- and flood-related issues of life on the Chehalis and Cowlitz rivers.

After refusal to be vaccinated against COVID-19 in the wake of Gov. Jay Inslee's vaccine mandate for state workers in 2021, Brummer's career with WDFW ended.

"It was a good job. I appreciate the time I spent at the department. As far as Fish and Wildlife goes, I love helping people and solving problems," he said. "And obviously, with the amount of flooding that we have seen — I've been here in Lewis County, obviously, from the '96 floods on — it's been an opportunity to serve people and help find solutions to difficult problems and situations."

Throughout his time in the department, Brummer also ran a developer consulting firm and tended to his Winlock-area farm and family-run business, Patriot Farm and Feed.

Scott Brummer points to a bison named Rio he raised on his farm before having the head mounted in his living room in Winlock.

Scott Brummer talks about feed bagged at his Winlock property Tuesday afternoon.

There, they have cut out a niche selling locally-grown, nutrient-rich livestock feed to small farms, specializing in non-GMO grains while keeping costs at the same rates as bigger chains. Previously, the family's feed was in stores throughout Western Washington and Northern Oregon, but it's now just based out of their home.

But, years ago, the business was named Patriot Farm and Bison.

Today, a large bull from their herd, an 8- or 9-year-old bison named Rio, is taxidermied and proudly displayed in the Bummers' living room.

"It taught my kids that work ethic and the farming piece was really important. That's the bigger reason why we did it," he said. "We love the meat. It's very lean, it's super good stuff. And so we just decided, 'Hey, we'll raise them here.' … There was always huge demand for it, but they were very difficult animals. They're wild, you just can't domesticate them. There were some close calls."

While he "absolutely" fell in love with the bison, he said, part of Brummer's motivation in taking care of them was his love of a challenge. Perhaps that same drive is what gave him the most votes in a five-candidate primary election in August.

"I've known Harry for a number of years, all the way back to coming into Fish and Wildlife. That would have been the first time I met him, he was working with the kids over in Onalaska doing the fish release stuff. The best thing I can say about him, he and his wife are very nice people. We get along very well and he definitely wants the best for Lewis County," Brummer said. "As far as the biggest difference, I'm definitely, I believe a little more conservative than he is. I think my values and where I stand on things are going to be more conservative values. I'm a less government guy."

Among the challenges facing Lewis County he'd prioritize as a commissioner, Brummer listed safety and security — such as putting more sheriff's deputies on the road — and growth management, namely growing in a way that supports economic development and housing with the goal of keeping Lewis County livable for his grandchildren.

Brummer also believes the county needs a stricter budget with possible recession on the horizon, he said.

"I've heard people say a rumor that I just need a job. I definitely don't need it as a job. I look at it as an opportunity to be involved in and serve the people of this county," he said, adding later, "At this point in my life, I don't have little kids at home. I don't mind the night meetings. That's being able to get out into the community. I've really enjoyed that since we've been campaigning."

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Centralia Downtown Association Selects New Executive Director

By The Chronicle staff

The Centralia Downtown Association (CDA) has selected MacKenzie McGee to serve as its new executive director.

McGee had already been serving as the CDA's interim director following former Executive Director Teri Zambon's departure.

"I am beyond thrilled to step into the executive director position for the CDA. I am passionate about working to help our community flourish. The CDA has so many great plans for the near future and I can't wait to help bring them to fruition. I am truly honored for the opportunity to work in my hometown," said McGee in a news release.

In addition to welcoming McGee on as the new executive director, the CDA also recently elected several new board members and officers. Minister of the Downtown Bethel Church Josh Gering will serve a three-year term on the board while Jan Nontell will be the new CDA vice president, Nina Skol will serve as the new CDA treasurer and secretary while Jennifer Krueger will be the new past-president.

The CDA is a member of Main Street America, a group of member organizations that is dedicated to preserving historic downtown districts.

For more information on the CDA visit its Facebook or Instagram pages, or email the CDA at centraliadowntownassociation@gmail.com.

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MacKenzie McGee, left, talks to a visitor during Kiddin Around Downtown's Back to School event at the Centralia Farmer's Market last month.

Centralia Man Accused of Threatening Relative With Hatchet on Sunday

By Emily Fitzgerald
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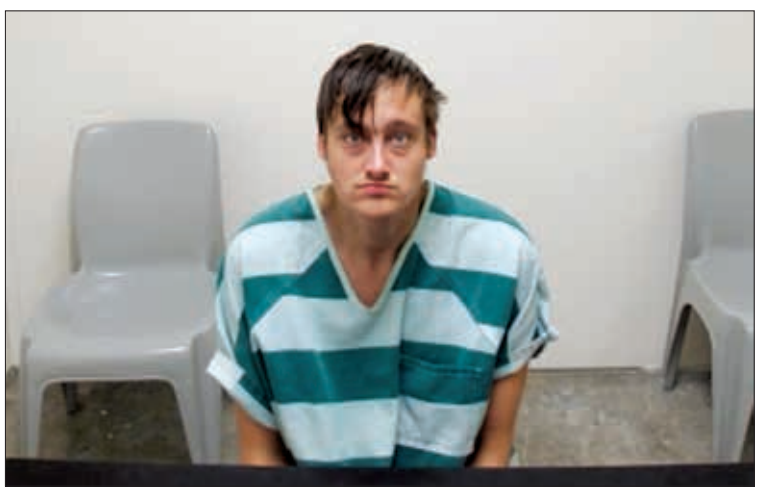
Bail has been set at $10,000 for a Centralia man accused of threatening a relative with a hatchet on Sunday.

Collin Boehm, 27, allegedly "came at (the alleged victim) full force" while swinging a hatchet and saying "I'm going to kill you" while the victim was backing away, according to court documents.

Boehm had reportedly told another relative that the victim "got him hooked on meth" and allegedly said he was going to kill the victim.

Boehm reportedly entered a property in the 300 block of North Gold Street while the victim was there, asked the other relative "if she wanted to say goodbye" and "if she wanted to tell her kids that she loved them" before allegedly going after the victim, according to court documents.


Collin Boehm, 27, of Centralia, appears virtually in Lewis County Superior Court on Monday.

According to the other relative, Boehm "had been having mental health issues" and "made statements about him killing himself and that he wanted police to kill him."

The other relative called 911 shortly before 8:15 p.m. and the victim left the scene.

Officers had not located the victim as of Monday afternoon.

With the victim gone, Boehm reportedly "tossed the hatchet away."

An officer with the Centralia Police Department later located the hatchet outside the property.

When questioned by officers, Boehm allegedly said he "lost his crap" with the victim and, while he initially denied threatening the victim, he later allegedly admitted "that he might have said 'I'll kill you, man'" and admitted to holding a hatchet.

Boehm was arrested and booked into the Lewis County Jail just before 9:20 p.m. on Sept. 11.

He has since been charged with one count each of second-degree assault, a class B felony, and harassment, a gross misdemeanor.

Members of Boehm's family, including the relative who witnessed the assault, were present in Lewis County Superior Court to support Boehm during his preliminary hearing on Monday.

While Deputy Prosecutor Sarah Beigh acknowledged Boehm had no criminal history and so failure to reappear wasn't a concern, she said "the concern is the allegations" and asked for $25,000 bail.

Defense Attorney Rachael Tiller asked Judge James Lawler to set bail no higher than $10,000 given Boehm's lack of criminal history, his family's support in the courtroom and the fact that he and the alleged victim don't live together.

Lawler said that, given the defendant and victim don't reside together, he would grant Tiller's request for $10,000 bail.

His next scheduled court appearance is an arraignment hearing scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 15.

News in Brief

Chehalis Woman Arrested for Allegedly Stealing Nearly $10,000 by Redepositing Ex's Checks

By Emily Fitzgerald
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One year after she was charged with identity theft for allegedly stealing checks made out to an ex-partner, Aniesa L. Stamper has had her preliminary hearing in Lewis County Superior Court.

Stamper, 26, of Chehalis, is accused of taking checks her ex-partner earned as an employee of JJ Berry Furniture Store the year prior, re-depositing the checks into her ex's bank account and immediately withdrawing the check amount in cash, according to court documents.

Stamper allegedly took seven checks that were originally deposited in 2020 and re-deposited them between May 18 and May 25, 2021.

The total amount stolen was $9,956.42, according to court documents.

A JJ Berry representative contacted law enforcement about the fraud on June 10, 2021, suspecting a former employee was re-depositing the checks. When deputies contacted the former employee, he "indicated he knew what they were referring to" and claimed his ex-girlfriend, Stamper, had been taking his old checks without his permission.

Video surveillance footage from Twin Star Credit Union in Centralia confirmed that Stamper was re-depositing the checks, according to court documents.

Deputies were unable to locate Stamper at the time of that investigation in 2021. She was charged with three counts of identity theft in Lewis County Superior Court in September 2021. She was issued a summons notice for an Oct. 5 hearing, which she was not present for, prompting a judge to issue a $10,000 warrant for Stamper's arrest.

Stamper was arrested on that warrant over the weekend and posted bail ahead of her preliminary appearance on Monday, Sept. 12.

Having paid that $10,000 bail, a judge allowed her to remain out of custody. Her next court appearance is an arraignment hearing scheduled for Sept. 15.

Former Chico's Employee Accused of Falsifying $1,200 in Refunds in Centralia

By Emily Fitzgerald
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A former employee of Chico's Off the Rack in Centralia accused of stealing customer's receipts and using them to get $1,200 in refunds between January and July of this year is now facing theft and identity theft charges in Lewis County Superior Court.

Alicia Sullivan, 39, of Chehalis, is accused of falsifying customer returns in at least 16 separate instances in order to get money from the refund, according to court documents.

The store's loss prevention specialist reported the embezzlement to the Centralia Police Department on July 27.

When questioned by officers, Sullivan allegedly admitted to "keeping receipts from different store customers and using them to get refunds, indicating to the store that the person on the receipt was returning an item," according to court documents.

She reportedly told officers she was using the money "to pay personal expenses like bills or court fines."

Sullivan was charged with seven counts of second-degree identity theft and one count of second-degree theft in Lewis County Superior Court in August.

She was issued a summons notice to appear in court for a preliminary hearing on Sept. 13, which she was not present for.

Given that she missed the hearing, a judge issued a $20,000 warrant for Sullivan's arrest.

Monkeypox Cases Declining in Washington, But Outbreak Trajectory Still Unclear

By The Seattle Times

After weeks of surging cases, monkeypox is on the decline in Washington state though vaccination levels in King County, the state's primary hot spot, are still well below the level estimated to adequately combat the virus.

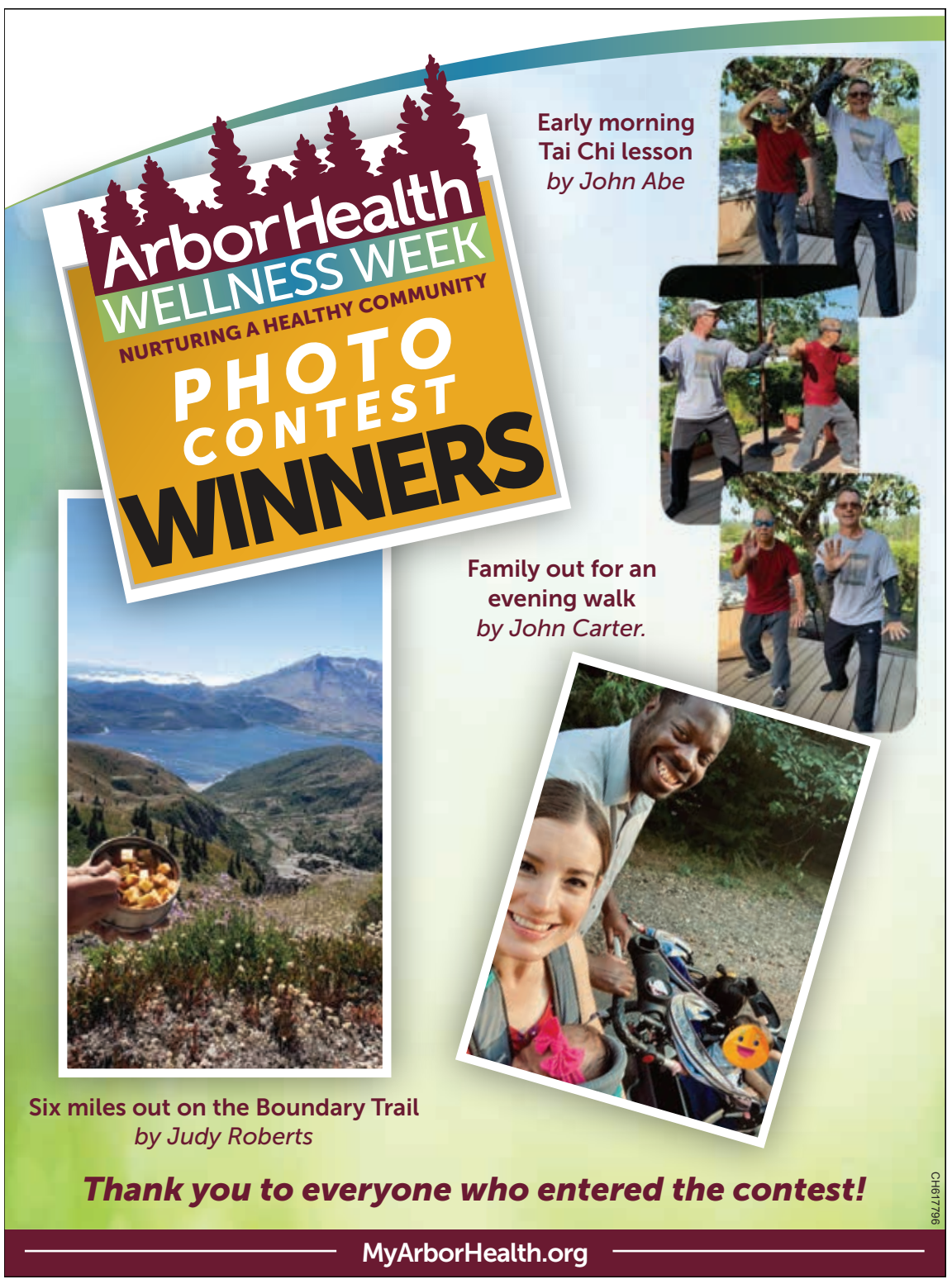
The drop in infections statewide is directly linked to the drop in cases in King County. Since a peak in late July, the weekly case rate in King County fell 66% to 22 cases in the week of Aug. 28. Early counts for the week of Sept. 4 show 10 cases have been detected so far.

King County Health Officer Dr. Jeff Duchin says the decline in cases is likely due to a combination of factors, including behavioral change and the vaccination of high-risk communities.

The health department also said more people may have some immunity from infection as more susceptible people have been exposed to the virus.

Health officials are hesitant to claim the outbreak is under control.

"It can be a painful and difficult illness, so ideally, we wouldn't want to see any cases of the illness. But it will take some time to see what type of trajectory the outbreak takes," said spokesperson Sharon Bogan.



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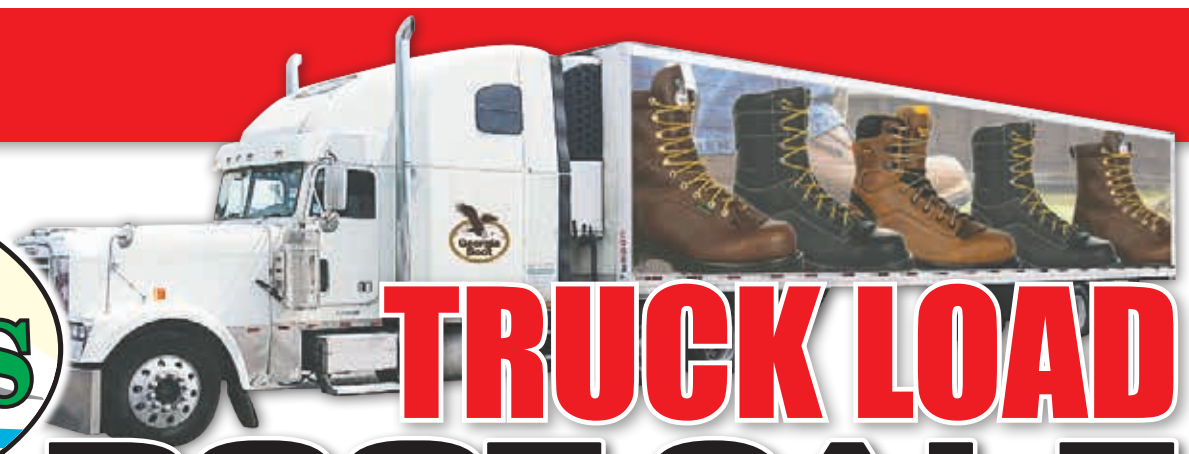

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Washington Among Worst States for Surge in Traffic Deaths

By Gene Balk

The Seattle Times

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Local law enforcement arrive on scene of a fatal vehicle crash in the 3100 block of Jackson Highway in Chehalis near Trevor Lane last March.

Washington's roads have gotten deadlier since the start of the pandemic — and that's also been the case across most of the U.S. But in Washington, traffic fatalities have continued to surge in 2022, even as the numbers have started to flatten or decline in other states.

There were 327 deaths on Washington roads in the first half of 2022, up from 249 for the same period in 2021, according to a new study on traffic fatalities. That's 78 additional deaths, or a 31% increase — the sixth-highest jump among states. These numbers include all traffic fatalities — drivers, passengers, pedestrians, cyclists and so on — but a breakdown isn't available because the data is preliminary.

That increase goes against the national trend. The number of U.S. traffic fatalities dropped by about 1% for the first half of 2022.

The study comes from Seattle-based QuoteWizard, an online insurance policy comparison tool, and is based on data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and National Safety Council.

The number of traffic fatalities in the U.S. started to climb as the pandemic took hold. In fact, the 42,000 deaths on American roads in 2020 was a 13-year high. In Washington, there were 546 traffic fatalities in 2020, up from 516 in 2019 — a fairly modest 5% increase.

It might seem counterintuitive that traffic fatalities went up in 2020 since there were far fewer people driving during the lockdowns. But those wide open roads encouraged some risky behaviors, said Nick VinZant, a senior research analyst at QuoteWizard.

"What we saw nationwide, beginning in 2020, was this spike in fatalities," VinZant said.

Data shows the spike overwhelmingly involved younger drivers going too fast on uncongested roads, he said. Nationally, the number of speeding-related deaths increased by 11% in 2020, even as the total number of miles driven decreased.

VinZant said the expectation was that the spike in fatalities during 2020 would just be a blip, and that the numbers would quickly start to decline in 2021 as traffic volume began to pick up again. But that didn't happen.

"We really thought [it] would then revert to the trend we've [been] seeing since the 1970s where traffic fatalities were declining," he said. "But then we saw the 2021 fatality numbers, and they were up again, and that was a huge surprise."

Washington ranked among the 10 states with the biggest jumps in traffic fatalities last year, climbing from 546 in 2020 to 643 in 2021 — an 18% increase. That's double the national rate of increase of 9%, as fatalities in the U.S. rose from 42,000 in 2020 to 46,000 in 2021. Only eight states experienced a traffic decrease in fatalities last year.

So why did fatalities continue to climb in 2021?

VinZant says that our driving hasn't gotten better, even as the roads became more crowded.

"Those driving habits that we established during the height of the pandemic when we were driving on those open roads have not shifted back to the way that we were driving in 2019 and before," he said.

But the data for the first half of 2022, which shows traffic fatalities are leveling off nationwide, suggests driving behaviors are finally changing in response to the increasingly crowded roads.

So why isn't this happening in Washington, where fatalities are up 31% for the first half of 2022?

It's difficult to say with certainty — as with any short-term trend, it could simply be a fluke. But VinZant thinks it may have to do with Washington taking longer to return to pre-pandemic norms than other states.

"I think that Washington's response has been delayed, because Washington — and especially the Seattle area — has not gone back to work, and the traffic didn't pick up the way it did in other states," he said.

Traffic volumes in this area are only now starting to return to pre-pandemic levels, VinZant said, but he thinks a lot of us are still holding on to those bad driving habits from when there were fewer people on the road.

The study also shows that nationwide, urban roads have had a bigger increase in traffic fatalities than rural ones so far in 2022 — and in particular, smaller urban "collector" roads that typically connect arterials with local streets.

News in Brief

More Than $1.7 Million Worth of Meth Seized Near Washington Border

By The Bellingham Herald

U.S. Border Patrol Agents in Blaine found and seized more than $1.7 million of crystal methamphetamine in a residential area near the U.S.-Canada border last week.

At approximately 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, Border Patrol agents found and searched an abandoned Hummer H3 and discovered multiple large duffle bags inside, according to a U.S. Customs and Border Protection release Wednesday, Sept. 14.

The agents searched the duffle bags and found a white, crystalline substance, which was tested and identified as methamphetamine, according to the release.

Nearly 450 pounds of meth and the Hummer were seized, the release reported.

"Vigilant and steadfast, Blaine Sector Border Patrol agents secure and protect our nation from those who wish to do us harm," Blaine Sector Chief Patrol Agent David S. BeMiller said in the release.

"This seizure is an excellent example of their commitment to this honorable mission by taking nearly 450 pounds of methamphetamine off the streets."

The drug seizure represents the largest by Blaine Sector agents in the past two fiscal years, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection drug seizure statistics, and the largest methamphetamine seizure in at least the past four years.

Between October and July, Blaine Sector agents seized a total of one pound of all drugs, according to the data. But the 450 pounds seized last week, pushes the 2022 fiscal year total past the 363 pounds in total drug seizures in fiscal year 2021, which included a total of 342 pounds of seized methamphetamine, according to the data.

Border Patrol agents seized a total of 908 pounds of all drugs in fiscal year 2020, including 261 pounds of meth, the data shows, while 2019 seizure totals were 274 total pounds, which was almost all meth.

Olympia High School Axes Weekly Military, Workforce Wear Idea After Families Complain

By The Olympian

Families of Olympia High School students raised concerns to administrators after receiving an email saying their students and teachers were being encouraged to wear military and workforce gear on a weekly basis. It wasn't long before the school took that back.

Olympia School District spokesperson Susan Gifford said an email was sent out on Sept. 6 to both students and parents about career "dress up" days for staff and students. Sent from the College and Career Readiness Center, it included "Military Mondays" and "Workforce Wednesdays."

Gifford said the high school received emails from families criticizing the "dress up" days, and they quickly shut the whole thing down.

"While the intention of the first email from the College and Career Readiness Center was to get students excited about college and career pathways, administrators shared that there needed to be more discussion and planning at the administration level about how exactly this would occur this year," she said.

Students and staff won't be encouraged to wear these outfits anymore, but the school will continue its tradition of school spirit wear on Fridays, Gifford said.

Recruiters and representatives from the military, colleges, the workforce and more will continue to meet with students during lunch hours, presentations and other special events.

Gifford said Olympia High Principal Matt Grant included in an email to parents that they also intend to include representatives who can speak about nonprofits, gap years, public agencies and more in the future.

More information about pathway presentations, guest speakers and more can be found online on the College and Career Readiness Calendar.

Study Shows Life Expectancy Among Native Populations Plummeted Between 2019 and 2021

By The Yakima Herald-Republic

Life expectancy for American Indian and Alaska Natives declined over the past two years, and dropped more than other populations in the U.S., according to a recently released national study.

For American Indian and Alaska Native people, life expectancy dropped nearly seven years, from 71.8 to 65.2 years, from 2019 and 2020. That compares to a life expectancy drop of three years during that time period for the overall population.

The last time a similar decrease happened was 1944, a year which saw some of the highest U.S casualty numbers during World War II. The study identified COVID-19 as the main contributing factor in the nationwide decline, with other societal factors also playing into the steep drop in life expectancy among Native Americans.

In 2021, the average life expectancy for non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native women was 69.2. For men, it was 61.5. The overall average life expectancy in the U.S. was 76.1 years.

Abigail Echo-Hawk, director of the Urban Indian Health Institute in Seattle, said the life expectancy numbers were appalling.

"When we look at increases in mortality and decreases in life expectancy, particularly for Native people, we're seeing the results of ongoing historical colonialism and the impact of longstanding policies that have created health disparities within the Native community," Echo-Hawk said.

COVID was the main reason for the decline, according to the study. For Native Americans, factors like unintentional injuries, chronic liver disease, suicide and heart disease contributed to the steeper drop.

"If you look at COVID-19, we were more at risk for underlying health conditions such as cardiovascular disease," Echo-Hawk said. "Those underlying factors put as more at risk for severe complications that would result in hospitalizations and deaths."

She added that while COVID-19 played a big role in bringing down life expectancy across different demographics in the U.S. the underlying factors already prevalent within Native communities brought the deep drop.

"What we're seeing is not the impact necessarily of just COVID-19 but COVID-19 exploiting the factors that created a population that was more likely to be impacted by a virus like COVID-19," Echo-Hawk said. "These increases in mortality can't be tied to just one specific thing, but more looking at the overall of ongoing results of the underfunding of the Indian Health Service that has not given us good access to resources."

The Washington State Department of Health also has been tracking COVID by demographic group. Its reports show mortality rates among Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders and Native Americans are consistently the highest. These groups also saw disproportionately high hospitalization rates as well as case rates per 100,000 people.

The Yakama Nation reported 61 COVID-related deaths as of December 2021. The Yakima Health District reported 613 COVID-related deaths county wide during the same time period.

Aside from a lack of access to health care, Echo-Hawk said other factors like high homicide rates on reservations due to the jurisdictional misunderstandings and lack of access to quality and culturally appropriate foods which can lead to a rise in diabetes rates and cardiovascular disease, all contribute to the spike in life expectancy seen in the Native community.

Echo-Hawk added that more broadly, these contributing factors can all be attributed to centuries worth of systemic racism.

"When we look at this drop in life expectancy, we have to look at it as a result of structural racism that has perpetuated ongoing health disparities ... I see white Americans who are benefitting from structural racism while American Indians and Alaskan Natives are dying from it," Echo-Hawk said.

Echo-Hawk said the mortality rate for Native Americans is likely an undercount, given the study does not take into account the Hispanic Native population.

The report from the National Center for Health Statistics is based on provisional data. Life expectancy estimates can change with more data and further analysis.

SUV vs. Elk in Eastern Washington Leaves 2 Animals Dead, 2 People at Hospital

By The Tri-City Herald

Two elk were killed on Highway 240 near Horn Rapids Dam and the Richland city limits, and two people were taken to Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland.

A 2017 Ford Explorer heading northwest hit the animals a little after 5:30 a.m., said Trooper Chris Thorson of the Washington State Patrol.

Injuries to the driver and passenger of the SUV appeared to be minor, he said.

The meat from the elk will be salvaged and donated to charity.

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Weyerhaeuser Woodworkers Go on Strike

By Hayley Day
The Daily News

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Dylan Cooper, front, Daryn Morris, second to the front, and more Weyerhaeuser woodworkers hold signs and wave Tuesday morning near the intersection of Industrial Way and Washington Way in Longview on the union's first strike day.

Dozens of woodworkers picketed outside the Weyerhaeuser Co. gate at the intersection of Industrial Way and Washington Way in Cowlitz County on the first day of the union's strike Tuesday morning — the first for the group since 1986.

The group was one of several along Industrial Way and local Weyerhaeuser tree farms, and are included in the more the 1,100 workers represented by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Woodworkers District Lodge W24. The union voted to authorize a strike on Sept. 2 due to what they say are low wages and benefits during the company's self-described record-breaking earnings.

Brandon Bryant, the IAMAW district business representative, said the latest contract was voted down because general wage increases were too low; some vacation time was cut; employees were asked to pay for health care premiums for the first time since at least around the 1990s; and retirement benefits weren't improved.

Denise Merle, senior vice president and chief administration officer for Weyerhaeuser, said in a statement Tuesday afternoon negotiations will continue.

"While we are very disappointed in their decision to walk out, we are committed to supporting our employees and negotiating in good faith with union representatives," he said. "We are prepared to continue discussions to produce a contract that is beneficial for employees and sustainable for the company across business cycles."

Bill Jones, 57, said he has worked in the Weyerhaeuser lumber shipping department in Longview for 28 years. Instead of clocking in for his usual 5 a.m. shift Tuesday, Jones stood on a concrete traffic island with roughly 20 fellow workers, holding signs indicating they were on strike. One sign, held by a worker across the street, read "Make Weyerhaeuser great again."

Some workers joined the strike when it started at 12:01 a.m.

Some sat in lawn chairs around 9 a.m., while Cookin' Country blared from a nearby radio and passing drivers intermittently honked in support.

The group has no plans to leave.

"We're going to strike as long as it takes to bring this to a closure that benefits everybody," Jones said.

He has two children in high school, and said Weyerhaeuser wages don't match the rising cost of living or recent inflation.

"In the last 15 to 18 years, the wages just haven't kept up and the medical just gets worse and worse," Jones said. "It's simple math."

About 350 Longview employees are represented locally by the Woodworkers Local 536 union under the umbrella of the IAMAW. Employees in Aberdeen and Raymond in Washington and Coos Bay, Springfield and Cottage Grove in Oregon are also included in the IAMAW.

Weyerhaeuser also said in a press release the company will work with customers and other regional partners to minimize

News in Brief

Skookumchuck Dam Webinar to Be Held Sept. 28

By The Chronicle Staff

The Office of the Chehalis Basin will be holding a webinar on Sept. 28 to share the latest modeling and research being done on the Skookumchuck Dam and the many possible futures currently being explored.

Set to start at 6 p.m., the webinar will feature Nat Kale from the Office of the Chehalis Basin and Merri Martz, senior managing scientist for Anchor QEA as speakers.

To register and receive an invite to the webinar simply sign up at https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_Ljr7atgmRgaYYVcXn6myRA.

For more information on the Skookumchuck Dam, visit https://chehalisbasinstrategy.com/skookumchuck-dam-study/.

The Washington Department of Ecology's 2021 study of the dam can be viewed at https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/documents/2213002.pdf.

No Cash? No Problem: Washington Lottery Ticket Vending Machines Will Soon Take Debit Cards

By The Bellingham Herald

Washington's Lottery will soon accept a second form of payment in lottery vending machines in addition to cash. Players will be able to pay with debit cards at lottery machines, too.

According to a recent press release from Washington's Lottery, lottery vending machines across the state will take debit card payments. Throughout the next few weeks, all vending machines will be updated for the payment method change.

Once the updates are complete, players can only purchase lottery tickets at machines with cash, debit cards or by turning in a winning ticket to the machine to use its value. Credit cards will not be accepted at vending machines.

There is no minimum dollar amount for debit card purchases, and Washington's Lottery will cover any debit card transaction fees, according to the press release.

Players will be able to add multiple lottery tickets from different games into their "shopping cart" on the vending machine and enter their debit card and zip code to purchase tickets.

There is a $700 debit spending limit for lottery purchases over a seven-day period.

To find a nearby lottery location, visit the Washington's Lottery website.

Index Evacuation Order Eased; Residents Allowed Home Amid Bolt Creek Fire

By The Seattle Times

Residents of the small Snohomish County town of Index were allowed to return home Tuesday evening, as officials eased a wildfire evacuation order that had been in place since Saturday.

The Bolt Creek fire, which ignited Saturday and spread rapidly through the foothills of the western Cascades, covers more than 9,000 acres and is 5% contained. A 17-mile stretch of Highway 2 remains closed, and state transportation officials said they had no estimate for when the road would reopen.

Snohomish County emergency officials just before 5 p.m. Tuesday shifted Index from a Level 3 evacuation order, meaning residents should leave immediately, to a Level 2 order, meaning they should be set to leave at a moment's notice.

A stretch of Highway 2 just east of Index, covering the communities of Baring and Grotto, remains under a Level 3 evacuation order.

Power was restored Tuesday afternoon to the town of Skykomish. Puget Sound Energy had preemptively cut off power Saturday out of fear power lines could spark more fires.

Arsonist Strikes Vancouver Mayor's Home

By The Columbian

Vancouver police and the fire marshal were called to the home of Vancouver Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle and her husband, Terry Ogle, on Monday night.

According to the Vancouver Police Department, the homeowner, apparently Terry Ogle, confronted an individual who was setting a fire near the garage. The suspect ran away.

The homeowner was able to extinguish the fire, police said. Police set up containment and conducted a K-9 track, but the suspect was not immediately located.

The first dispatch, for an arson investigation, was made at 9:14 p.m. Two minutes later, police were called to the home, which is in the Shumway neighborhood north of downtown.

The mayor was at the Vancouver City Council meeting as the events unfolded; there was no indication she was aware that police and fire investigators were at her house. Her husband was seen at the home.

A Columbian reporter at the scene saw yellow tape and a deputy fire marshal examining the north side of the two story-garage, which contains an apartment.

There was no indication that any of the activities had to do with McEnerny-Ogle's political office.

'You Are Going to Be My Wife': Bail Set at $500,000 for Man Accused of Trying to Kidnap Woman

By The Columbian

A judge set bail Monday at $500,000 for a Vancouver man accused of attempting to kidnap a woman Friday from her Orchards apartment, while professing his love for her.

Mohamed A. Aboulezz, 38, appeared in Clark County Superior Court on suspicion of first-degree kidnapping, fourth-degree assault, felony harassment and two counts of residential burglary. He is scheduled to be arraigned Sept. 23.

Judge John Fairgrieve also ordered Aboulezz to surrender his passport and placed him under GPS monitoring.

Court records indicate Clark County sheriff's deputies requested Aboulezz be held without bail because of statements he allegedly made during interviews about returning to Egypt. Deputies said Aboulezz told them he would "leave the country tomorrow."

Defense attorney Lisa Toth said Aboulezz has lived in the United States for nine years and has no intention of leaving the country. She said he would comply with a court order to surrender his passport, and he has no criminal history.

Deputies responded at about 11 a.m. to the Prairie View Apartments, 12611 N.E. 99th St. A woman there said she met Aboulezz a week ago, and earlier that day, he texted her asking to come over to her apartment, according to a probable cause affidavit. She said she didn't think anything of it and allowed him to come visit.

When he arrived, the woman said he began repeatedly yelling at her, "You are going to be my wife!" She told deputies she became fearful and told him to leave, court records state.

Aboulezz grew angrier, she said, before he slapped her in the face. She said she ducked when he swung at her again, and he grabbed her by the hair. He pulled her by her hair about 25 feet, out of the apartment and down the exterior hallway, she said. She recalled he was still saying she was going to be his wife and professing his love to her, the affidavit states.

She screamed at him to let her go and swung her arms trying to free herself, she said, which deputies later saw on doorbell surveillance video, according to court records.

The woman eventually freed herself, ran back to her apartment and locked the door. She then saw Aboulezz on her back porch; he began breaking her furniture and throwing things at the glass door in what she thought was an attempt to get inside, the affidavit states.

Aboulezz then came back to the front door and shouted about his sexual desire for the woman, court records state. He eventually left.

On Saturday night, deputies returned to the woman's apartment; she reported that Aboulezz had been threatening her over the phone, according to the affidavit.

She said he'd been calling her all night. He told her he was going to "chop you up into pieces and eat you," she said. He also offered her money in exchange for sex and leaving her alone, court records state.

She reported that she was afraid Aboulezz would come to her apartment and kill her.

With the woman's help, deputies located Aboulezz in downtown Vancouver and arrested him, a sheriff's office news release states.

Deputies said when Aboulezz was arrested, he got one hand out of the handcuffs and put his foot in the door of the patrol car to prevent it from closing. He continued to resist arrest.

Deputies pulled him from the patrol car and used a stun gun on him to get him back into the handcuffs, the affidavit states.

The sheriff's office noted this was the third case in the last two weeks in which a female was allegedly abducted.

Last week, deputies arrested a 31-year-old man who is accused of kidnapping a woman and driving her SUV around Clark County until she jumped from the moving vehicle. Detectives also issued an Amber Alert on Friday for a 15-year-old girl, who was allegedly abducted by her mother's boyfriend. She was found later that day in Portland.

Lewis County Man Among State Troopers Suing Over Lack of Compensation for Commuting in Marked Cars

By Jared Brown
The News Tribune

A Washington State Patrol vehicle is pictured in this photograph from the agency's Facebook page.

Three state troopers from Lewis, Thurston and Pierce counties claim the Washington State Patrol's (WSP) policy of not paying them for commute time in marked patrol cars violates wage laws, according to a class action filed in Pierce County Superior Court last week.

The practice is unlawful, the troopers say, because they are essentially "on duty" at a "prescribed place of work": their marked cars. Commuting troopers must follow WSP policies — such as wearing seat belts and refraining from personal errands — pick up emergency dispatch calls and respond to any disabled vehicles, collisions or traffic violations they witness en route to work.

Even if troopers aren't actively working during their commutes, the lawsuit contends research shows "that even the mere presence of a law enforcement officer in a marked patrol vehicle can greatly improve the safety of motorists, particularly on high speed roadways."

A 2005 report from the Maryland State Highway Administration identified research that shows stationary patrol cars with lights activated were more effective at reducing average speeds than patrolling police vehicles, which are seen by fewer motorists. On the other hand, the report found patrol cars circulating through traffic might have a greater impact on individual drivers because motorists tend to accelerate after passing a stationary police vehicle.

The troopers' lawsuit was preceded by a $400 million tort claim filed with the Department of Enterprise Services in April. The lawsuit asks for an unspecified award of back pay, damages and attorney fees.

A WSP spokesperson declined to comment about the allegations or describe department policy, citing the pending litigation.

The named plaintiffs representing a class of current and former WSP employees are Linda Allen, a Pierce County resident and trooper since 1988; Joseph McClain, a Thurston County resident and trooper since 2000; and Jacob Payne, a Lewis County resident and trooper since 2014.

The lawsuit claims WSP policy allows troopers to request payment for emergency responses during their commutes, but the department often underpays or declines to pay them in response.

WSP received multiple complaints from troopers about the policy, according to the lawsuit.

Darrell Cochran, an attorney from PCVA Law representing the troopers, told The News Tribune that WSP expects troopers to be constantly on guard without compensating them fairly.

"Now is not the time for the state to be shortchanging our first responders, taking a nickles and dimes approach to compensating the men and women who serve as Washington State Patrol troopers," Cochran wrote in an emailed statement.

"We want the best of the best serving as troopers. And you can only get that by being fair. It is time to do right by paying them for all the time they put in on the job," Cochran's statement continued.

The state has not filed an answer to the lawsuit, which alleges wage theft and unjust enrichment.

News in Brief

Car Rally at ilani to Raise Money for Veteran Equine Therapy Program

By The Columbian

A car rally to raise money for a veteran equine therapy program is planned for Saturday at ilani, 1 Cowlitz Way, Ridgefield.

Windhaven Ride for Veterans will feature motorcycles, trikes and classic cars beginning at 7 a.m. There will be an opening ceremony at 9 a.m., followed by a collective ride at 10 a.m. to Territorial Park, 21400 NE 399th St., where there will be vendors, food and live music.

There will also be a demonstration to show attendees how horses can help veterans cope with post-traumatic stress disorder and face trauma-related symptoms. Lifeline Connections and the American Legion Riders Tum Tum Post 168 are hosting the event.

Drivers are encouraged to donate $25 to ride in the event and $7 for each passenger in the registered vehicle. All money collected from event registration and donations will go toward the Windhaven Veterans Program, a 12-week-long program that helps veterans heal through establishing an emotional connection with horses.

The first 500 registrants will receive a free patch with the Windhaven Ride for Veterans logo, which features a horse with an American flag backdrop.

For more information, visit www.wrfv.org/home/register or call 360-397-8246.

Mason County Man Injured After Garbage Truck Tips Over

By The Olympian

A 56-year-old Shelton man was injured and taken to an area hospital Monday afternoon after the garbage truck he was driving tipped over, according to Washington State Patrol.

How did the truck tip over? A blowout to the right front tire.

About 1:30 p.m., the Shelton man was headed south on state Route 3 near the town of Gorst when the blowout caused the vehicle to lose control.

Troopers say the truck swerved into one lane, then back into another before the garbage hauler tipped over on to its left side.

The road was completely blocked for about 90 minutes so the truck could be removed.

The Shelton man was hurt and taken to St. Anthony Hospital in Gig Harbor, according to state patrol.

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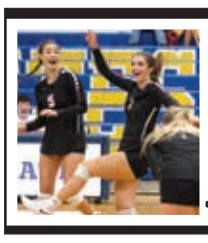

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Tuesday's Prep Football

Morton-White Pass Beats White Swan in Return to Field

By Josh Kirshenbaum
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After the sort of week that puts sports in perspective and a long slate of reschedules and postponements, the Morton-White Pass football team got to take the field again, and came away with a 55-20 win over White Swan.

"They really stayed focused and came out in the first half and just punched them in the mouth," head coach Lee Metcalf said. "I was really happy to see that. They weren't distracted. They were just super excited to be playing football, and they turned in a really good effort."

The matchup was originally scheduled for Saturday at White Swan, but the Goat Rocks Fire — and the smoke it's caused — forced it down the calendar, first to Monday, then to Tuesday. And after the brief bit of rain over the weekend made the air quality west of the mountains better, the location was flipped to, early Tuesday morning.

Metcalf said he has multiple players on his team who live in Packwood, and despite the fire growing to over 3,000 acres Tuesday, the game was a chance to focus on something else for an afternoon.

"I think football is kind of an escape for them," he said. "With all the things that are going on, we have kids that could possibly lose their homes, I'm happy that they had an outlet to just be kids and play together and have fun."

Once the game kicked off, the T-Wolves got off and running in a hurry. Quarterback Brecken Pelletier found the end zone twice early on his only two carries of the game. From there, tailback Carter Dantinne took over, announcing himself with a 95-yard touchdown run and adding two more scores — one on offense and one on defense — in the first half.

The senior finished with 166 yards on six carries, almost all of

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Tuesday's 2B/1B Volleyball

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Napavine's Morgan Hamilton (11) celebrates after a kill against Onalaska Sept. 13 in Napavine.

Tigers Blast Past Ony in Return to Court

By Alec Dietz
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NAPAVINE — In its return to the court this fall, the Napavine volleyball team announced itself to the new season with a dominant sweep over Onalaska Tuesday night (25-6, 25-9, 25-18).

The Tigers (1-0) had a rounded out offensive effort, with four players recording at least five aces Tuesday night. Avery Schutz had a team-high eight aces, Grace Gall and Emily Kang added six apiece, and Keira O'Neill had five.

O'Neill also finished tied for the team-high in kills with six, along with Morgan Hamilton, who also had five digs.

Hamilton, the lone senior for the Tigers this season, has provided a much-needed aggressive force at the net on a team with renewed confidence this season.

"They're a year older," Tigers coach Monica Dailey said. "Last year I only had eighth graders, freshmen, and sophomores, and now we're very junior-heavy. They felt like they'd have a lot of opportunities, so they want to take advantage of them the best they can this year."

Kang and O'Neill added perfect serving nights for the Tigers, and Jessie McCoy hit her spots on serves and dished out nine assists.

Napavine will play Kalama next on Tuesday night week, while the Loggers look to get a win at Wahkiakum.

Pirates Fight Back to Down Bulldogs on the Road

After a slow start, the Adna volleyball team fought back from an early deficit, and some fatigue after a five-set loss to Mossyrock Tuesday, to defeat 1A Montesano on the road Wednesday in five more sets (26-28, 25-11, 21-25, 25-19, 15-10).

After 10 sets over the last two days combined, it's safe to say the Pirates were feeling the effects of fatigue, before digging deep and gutting out a big non-league win on the road.

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The Chronicle's Prep Grid Picks of the Week

Each week during the prep football season, The Chronicle's sports staff and a few friends will make their picks for the week's prep football games. Here's what's on tap for Week 3 as the 2022 season kicks off.

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Tenino vs. Klahowya	Tenino	Tenino	Tenino	Tenino	Tenino	Tenino
Winlock at Evergreen Luth.	Winlock	Winlock	Winlock	Evergreen Lutheran	Winlock	Winlock

Tuesday's 2A Boys Tennis

Bearcats Battle Back to Defeat Spudders

By The Chronicle staff

Bouncing back from its first loss, the W.F. West boys tennis team defeated Ridgefield on the road Tuesday, 4-2.

Singles

• First Singles: Aaron Boggess (WFW) defeated Harris (RID) 6-2, 6-2

• Second Singles: Javyn Han (WFW) defeated Tomillo (RID) 6-2, 6-2

• Third Singles: Justin Chung (WFW) defeated Blehm (RID) 6-4, 6-3

Doubles

• First Doubles: Winter and Tullis (RID) defeated Will Cummings and Bryce Kuykendall (WFW) 2-6, 6-4, 10-5

• Second Doubles: Neal and Lopez (RID) defeated Christian Patana and Sam Mittge 6-4, 1-6, 10-5

• Third Doubles: Gabe Priest and Brenden Newman (WFW) defeated Wolski and Reed 7-5, 6-4

"We're still healing up," Bearcats coach Jack State said. "We've got to get our doubles teams playing better, but Gabe Priest did a great job in his first match."

The Bearcats (2-1) took on Black Hills in their first league matchup Wednesday on the road.

Tigers Drop Tight Match with Monarchs

In a non-league match with Mark Morris, the Centralia boys tennis team dropped a close match, tying both the singles and doubles points, but losing the other games won battle, 45-43, to lose the match.

Singles

• First Singles: Marco St. Martin-Shook (MM) defeated Jordan Yeung (C) 6-2, 6-2

• Second Singles: Kenji Lomay (MM) defeated Kyren Donahue (C) 6-2, 6-0

• Third Singles: Austin Lomay (MM) defeated John Kuykendall (C) 6-0, 6-0

Doubles

• First Doubles: Connor O'Dell and Jacoby Corwin (C) defeated Prewitt and Larochelle (MM) 6-1, 6-0

• Second Doubles: Isaac Parkin and Justin Kuykendall (C) defeated Roseman and Weiss (MM) 6-3, 6-3

• Third Doubles: Jonah Lowe and Kadin Yeung (C) defeated Cacnouer and Earhart (MM) 6-2, 6-0

The Tigers faced Tumwater on Wednesday.

Monday's Prep Boys Golf

Beavers Win First Ever Match Against La Center

By The Chronicle staff

After two losses to open its season against Kalama and Seton Catholic, the Tenino boys golf team won its first ever match Monday at Tri Mountain Golf Course, 216-218.

David Dallaire shot a 49 to lead the Beavers Monday, just ahead of Jaxson Gore (57), Carson Hart (58), Ethan Baxter (59), Preston Snider (52) and Easton Snider (59).

After starting up a golf program a year ago, the win singles the first team victory in Tenino's two-year history.

"The players have really improved this year and are fun to coach," Beavers coach Del Sandberg said.

In their first match against Kalama last week, the Beavers lost, and were led by Gore and Hart, who shot a 57. Then against Seton Catholic, Dallaire's 42 set a new school record, but wasn't enough to beat the Cougars at Tahoma Valley Golf Course in Yelm.

Rochester Falls in Season's First Match at Alderbrook

Playing at one of the tougher courses that it will see all year, the Rochester golf team fell to Shelton at Alderbrook Golf Course Monday by a score of 247-314.

A young Warriors team was led by Cooper Rodeheaver, who shot a 52, 11 strokes back of the match medalist. Riley Tostantini shot a 64, Rowdy Edminster shot a 65, Daniel Dugas shot a 66, and Cash Edminster, a freshman, shot a 67.

The Warriors will take to the golf course next at Riverside against Black Hills Thursday.

MWP

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which came in the first quarter.

"He was kind of everywhere," Metcalf said. "He ran through a lot of tackles, had a lot of (yards after contact) yardage."

Pelletier and Judah Kelly both went for 47 rushing yards; the former also went 3-for-5 through the air for 18 yards, 14 of which came on two completions to the latter, while he also hit Hunter Hazen for a 4-yard touchdown in the second quarter.

On the other side of things, the MWP defense held its guests to just six points in the first half, which came on a skip-pass trick play, where the Cougars intentionally threw a lateralled fumble to a receiver, who caught it off the bounce and came up firing downfield for a 72-yard touchdown.

Morton-White Pass (2-0) now has a short week to get ready for its league opener, with Forks making the trip east Saturday.

The Timberwolves fell to the Spartans a year ago, 69-0, after coming in to the week shorthanded.

NFL

Prescott's Type of Thumb Fracture Means Cowboys QB Should Return Sooner Than Expected

DALLAS (TNS) — A Cowboys team that had braced itself for life without Dak Prescott until the second half of the season is now operating on the premise he'll be able to return in October.

This accelerated time frame is based on the type of fracture he suffered.

Surgery revealed that Prescott suffered an extra-articular fracture to his right thumb in the team's season-opening loss to Tampa Bay, a person with knowledge of the procedure said. This is a fracture that occurs above the wrist joint and doesn't extend into the joint itself.

This injury typically carries a four-to-six-week time frame for recovery. That's why owner Jerry Jones declared on 105.3 The Fan [KRLD-FM] Tuesday morning that the club won't place Prescott on injured reserve, a move that would force the quarterback to miss at least four games before returning.

"If we thought he wasn't going to be ready to go for four games, after four games, we would be putting him on injured reserve," Jones said. "We're not doing that. We think he can come in and play."

Keeping Prescott on the active roster means there's an element of hope in the organization that he could return for the team's game against the LA Rams on Oct. 9. A more likely target would seem to be the Cowboys' division showdown in Philadelphia that next week.

"We feel very good after surgery, after listening to the medical people that Dak has a real chance to be back out there throwing the ball pretty quick," Jones said.

It's a much more palatable timetable than the one the club faced before the surgery.

Club officials initially feared that Prescott suffered an intra-articular fracture, one that affects the wrist joint and means the distal radius is fractured. The return from this injury is six to eight weeks, which is why there was concern he would be out through the bye and not return until the team's game against Green Bay on Nov. 13.

Now, he'll be back well before the bye.

Lewis County Sports Scoreboard

Local Schedules

Thursday, Sept. 15

Soccer
Centralia at Rochester, 7 p.m.
Aberdeen at W.F. West, 7 p.m.
Black Hills at Tumwater, 7 p.m.
Adna at Hoquiam, 6 p.m.
Toledo at Tenino, 7 p.m.

Volleyball
Tumwater at Capital, 7:15 p.m.
Elma at Centralia, 7 p.m.
W.F. West at Mossyrock, 7 p.m.
La Center at Rochester, 7 p.m.
Willapa Valley at Pe Ell, 7 p.m.

Cross Country
Central 2B League preview at Rainier, 3:30 pm.

College Volleyball
Olympic at Centralia, 6:30 p.m.

Football
Toutle Lake at Toledo, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 16

Football
Centralia at Aberdeen, 7 p.m.
Shelton at W.F. West, 7 p.m.
Black Hills at Rochester, 7 p.m.
Tumwater at Kelso, 7 p.m.
Onalaska at North Beach, 7 p.m.
Napavine at Rainier, 7 p.m.
White Swan at Adna, 5 p.m.
Wahkiakum at PWV, 7 p.m.
Muckleshoot Tribal at Mossyrock, 7 p.m.
Oakville at Taholah, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17

Football
Tenino v. Klahowya in Seattle, 12:15 p.m.
Winlock at Evergreen Lutheran, 7 p.m.
Forks at MWP, 2 p.m.

Soccer
Onalaska at Hoquiam, 1 p.m.
Toledo at Elma, 2 p.m.

Volleyball
Stevenson at Tenino, 1:30 p.m.

Cross Country
Fort Steilacoom Invitational
Jack n Jill Invitational (R.A. Long)

College Soccer
Centralia at Clark, noon

College Volleyball
Centralia at Columbia Basin tourney

Tuesday's 2B Girls Soccer

Pirates Start Fast in Win Over Riverhawks

By The Chronicle staff

Thanks to three goals in the first half, the Adna girls soccer team put away Toledo early in a non-league contest, 3-1, Tuesday in Cheese Town.

Gabby Solem got the action started for the Pirates, scoring in the 20th minute unassisted. Ava Humphrey added another in the 31st minute off an assist from Solem, and Rocio Ruiz de Velasco Guillen scored Adna's final goal in the 40th off a dime from Humphrey.

The Riverhawks managed a goal in the 69th minute by eighth grader Peyton Holter, but couldn't come back from the deficit. Keeper Daphnie Bybee had 11 saves for Toledo.

"We came out pretty solid," Pirates coach Patrick Richardson said. "We had to make some adjustments to the field compared to the one we played on in Stevenson yesterday. But as we did, things continued improving on our end."

The Pirates will look to keep it rolling against Winlock in Adna on Monday at 6 p.m.

The Riverhawks play Tenino on Thursday on the road.

Sarah Burdick / For The Chronicle

Toledo's Zaya Norberg (left) and Adna's Abby McAuley (right) fight for possession of the ball during a 2B soccer game Tuesday night in Toledo.

Monday's 2B Girls Soccer

One Goal Enough for Napavine to Beat Evergreen Lutheran

By The Chronicle staff

It took more than a half of pressure for the Napavine girls soccer team to break through, but the Tigers did just that, cashing in once to beat 1B Evergreen Lutheran 1-0.

"They're athletic, that Evergreen team is," assistant coach Chris Tarabochia said. "It was a good non-league pick-up game for us, because if we're fortunate enough to make it to regionals or State, they're a possible opponent."

The decisive strike came from sophomore Grace Pancake at the end of a long scrum in front of the Evergreen Lutheran net in the 58th minute. Starting with a saved shot from the center of the penalty area, the Tigers got multiple whacks at it before it finally fell to Pancake, who slotted it into an open net.

Despite that being the only goal of the evening, it wasn't for lack of trying by Napavine, which controlled possession for most of the match.

"We did a good job of attacking on their half of the field for most of the game," Tarabochia said. "And then when they had some counterattacking opportunities our defense was great about saving the day just in time."

Freshman goalkeeper Taylen Evander was equal to all six shots the Eagles put on frame. For its part, Napavine snapped off six shots on target of its own, though Pancake's that went in ended up being the difference.

Napavine (2-0) will head to Onalaska on Wednesday.

Pirates Edge Bulldogs in PKs

Making the long drive south, the Adna girls soccer team picked up its first win in dramatic fashion Monday, defeating Stevenson in penalty kicks, 4-3, after a scoreless regulation and extra time.

The Pirates (1-1) and Bulldogs agreed to a penalty shootout to get practice in for both squads, rather than settling for the tie, and the road team came out on top after goals from Karlee Von-Moos, Margarite Humphrey, Lydia Tobin, and Natalie Loose.

Pirates coach Patrick Richardson also credited Destiny Roller and Abby McAuley for strong play on the front line.

"Group is starting to click more offensively," he said. "We had all quality looks at goal, we just need work on placement or power. We controlled time of possessions and were in their half of the field all but for a few moments. The building blocks are there and starting to fit together."

The Pirates will have a short turnaround, playing against Toledo on the road Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Cardinals Pick Up First Win Against RSB

After falling behind at the half, the Winlock girls soccer team upended Raymond-South Bend at home, Monday, 2-1, thanks to second half goals from Victoria Sancho.

After a goal at the very end of the first half by RSB, the Cardinals (1-1-1) came out more aggressive in the second half, and Sancho netted two goals to tie and eventually take the lead in the 75th and 77th minutes. The goals were assisted by Angie Gil and Josalynn Shepardson.

The Cardinals play next against Ocosta Wednesday at 6 p.m.

MLB

Darvish Goes 8 Innings and Hader Finishes Padres' Shutout of Mariners

By Kevin Acee

The San Diego Union-Tribune

Yu Darvish did all he could to make the pittance the Padres' hitters managed stand up.

Josh Hader did what he needed to finish off Darvish's gem.

With that, the Padres beat the Mariners 2-0 Tuesday night at T-Mobile Park.

The Padres scored a run in the fourth inning and another in the ninth. They were hitless in seven at-bats with runners in scoring position.

But the Mariners could do virtually nothing against Darvish.

Eugenio Suarez lined a single to left field with two outs in the first inning before Darvish retired 16 straight batters. Ty France's single leading off the seventh halted that streak, but a strikeout of Suarez and a double play grounder by Carlos Santana ended the inning.

It was the 14th time Darvish has gone at least seven innings this season, tied for second most in the majors.

He was at 83 pitches when he began the eighth and 94 when the inning (and his night) was over, finishing with seven strikeouts while allowing the two singles and walking none.

Hader struck out the first two batters he faced before Julio Rodriguez singled. Hader ended the game when France swung through the 10th pitch of his at-bat.

Darvish took six pitches to get through the fourth inning and threw 11 more in the fifth. His 59 pitches to that point were three fewer than he had taken to complete five innings on Aug. 18 against the Nationals. That night, he allowed three runs on five hits in a season-high 8 1/3 innings.

Steph Chambers / Getty Images

Yu Darvish of the San Diego Padres pitches during the second inning against the Seattle Mariners at T-Mobile Park on Tuesday in Seattle.

Darvish has gone at least six innings all but two of his 27 starts this season. The 25 starts that long are tied for the major league lead with the Astros' Framber Valdez and the Yankees' Gerritt Cole.

The Padres, who had lost two straight entering Tuesday's game, needed a victory to maintain their two-game lead over the Brewers in the race for the final National League wild-card spot.

The Brewers on Tuesday won the first of their nine straight games against division leaders.

The opposite of what Darvish did was how Mariners starter Logan Gilbert got through his five innings.

The Padres had at least one base-runner every inning and Gilbert threw at least 21 pitches in all but one inning, finishing with 107 in all.

Wil Myers' double, which scored Jake Cronenworth from first base in the fourth inning, drove in the Padres' only run against him. But that Gilbert was allowed to get as far as he did was somewhat shocking.

He was at 103 pitches after issuing a two-out walk to Juan Soto, yet Mariners manager Scott Servais did not move from the home dugout as Manny Machado walked to the plate. Servias also stayed put after Machado grounded a single through the left side on the first pitch he saw.

That brought up Josh Bell, who hit a ball into the dirt in front of the plate and was thrown out to end the inning.

Reliever Erik Swanson struck out all three batters he faced in the sixth.

The Padres got their third runner in scoring position with one out in the seventh. That flamed out when Trent Grisham, who had reached on a single and advanced to second base on a sacrifice bunt by Austin Nola, was thrown out in a rundown on Jurickson Profar's hard grounder to Suarez at third base. With Grisham having taken a sizable lead off the bag, the 100.9 mph grounder right at Suarez left him vulnerable. Former Padres minor leaguer Matt Brash came in and got Juan Soto on a fielder's choice grounder to end the inning.

The Padres again were unable to capitalize on a runner at second with one out in the eighth. With help from a mishandled grounder, they actually had runners at the corners with one out. But Ha-Seong Kim's bunt went almost directly back to Brash, freezing pinch-runner Luis Liberato at third base while Kim was thrown out, and Myers struck out.

Singles by Nola and Profar, plus an error by center fielder Rodriguez that allowed Nola to take an extra 90 feet, again gave the Padres runners at the corners with one out in the ninth. This time, they got a run, as Soto's slow grounder to pitcher Paul Sewald (USD) got Nola home.

Judge Inching Closer to Breaking Maris' Record, Hits Homers 56 and 57 vs. Red Sox

By The New York Daily News

Opposing teams still choose to pitch to Aaron Judge and he keeps hitting bombs.

The Yankees' All Star slugger moved closer to breaking Roger Maris' team record for home runs in a single season, smashing a pair of homers in the Yankees' 7-6 win over the Red Sox in Boston on Tuesday night. Judge hit homers 56 and 57 after five consecutive games without one, putting him four home runs away from tying Maris' Yankee and American League home run record of 61. Judge has 20 games left, and if he can hit five more, he'll set the new mark.

The home run chase is all the craze in the major leagues this season, but Judge is hitting his way into the Triple Crown conversation also. Judge leads the majors in RBI with 123, 14 more than Cardinals' All Star Paul Goldschmidt. Judge is second in the batting average race with a .302 average, which trails Twins' Luis Arraez .319.

Judge's two-homer night marks his 10th multi-homer game of the season. He may be on the verge of making more history, as Hank Greenberg holds the American League record multi-game home runs with 11.The feat was set in 1938 and two more multi-homer games from the Yankees slugger will shatter the record.

Maris' 1961 record changed his life. He was abused by the press and fans for overtaking Babe Ruth's sixty home run record, which was set in 1927.

Shattering the record also led to Maris' family being subject to abuse.

"They acted as though I was doing something wrong, poisoning the record books or something," Maris said in 1980. "Do you know what I have to show for 61 home runs? Nothing. Exactly nothing."

Yankees manager Aaron Boone sent out Aaron Hicks to pinch hit for Jose Trevino in the tenth inning. Hicks worked an eight-pitch walk in his first appearance since getting benched on Sept. 9 in a game against the Tampa Bay Rays.

Gleyber Torres broke the 4-4 tie with a double to center, scoring three runs.

Boston fought to tie the score in their half of the inning. A wild pitch and a Connor Wong single allowed two runs to score, but that's all the damage reliever Wandy Peralta allowed before securing the victory.

The Yankees win gives them a six-game AL East lead against the Rays, who split a doubleheader against the Toronto Blue Jays.

Tuesday's 2A Volleyball

Josh Kirshenbaum / josh@chronline.com

Tumwater senior Isabella Burney jumps up in celebration following a point in the T-Birds' home win over Timberline on Sept. 13.

Tumwater Turns It On to Beat Timberline at Home

By Josh Kirshenbaum
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TUMWATER — The Tumwater volleyball team got into the win column in an energetic way, coming out four-set winners in front of a raucous home crowd 25-10, 25-20, 23-25, 25-11 over Timberline.

"They love the energy, they definitely feed off of it," head coach Molly Cichosz said. "When it's not there it does affect them, but we're working on creating our own energy so we're not relying on anyone else going forward."

As the competing student sections got louder and louder, the Blazers fed off it as well, forcing a close second set before leading throughout the third. After being denied the sweep, the T-Birds had a couple minutes to right the ship and get back on the front foot, and Cichosz said it all started with their communication.

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Tumwater libero Brooklynn Hayes digs the ball during the T-Birds' win over Timberline on Sept. 13.

"Literally, when we communicate, everything tightens up," she said. "It's like we're passing better, serving better, hitting better. Everything gets exponentially better."

The team talk worked; come the fourth set, the Thunderbirds boomed out to an early 12-3 lead, and things never got any closer than that. After reaching match point at 24-9, Timberline staved off the inevitable for two points before Tumwater finally ended it.

Isabella Burney led Tumwater with 15 kills, while Zoe Giuntoli had 10 on .304 hitting; both of them also finished with three blocks. Emily Robello dished out 44 assists over the course of the four sets and added 13 digs, while Brooklyn Hayes led the defensive effort with 17 digs.

Tumwater (1-2) will face Capital — its fourth straight matchup against a higher-classification team Thursday, as the T-Birds run an early-season gauntlet ahead of 2A Evergreen Conference play.

"We have a lot of potential, and we're working on how to put it all together and make it work as one," Cichosz said. "We're excited to see what the season holds."

Tuesday's 2A/1A Girls Soccer

W.F. West's Fragner Notches Brace in Win Over Highclimbers

By The Chronicle staff

Led by Lena Fragner's brace, the W.F. West girls soccer team opened up league play with a 2-1 victory over Shelton on the road Tuesday night.

The Bearcats (2-2, 1-0 2A EvCo) opened scoring thanks to a nice connection from senior forward Cameron Sheets to Fragner, who netted her first goal in the 18th minute. After the Highclimbers tied the game in the 32nd minute thanks to a 25-yard free kick, the teams headed into the half dead even.

In the 68th, Sheets connected with Fragner again to take the lead for good after the Bearcats held on to win.

Bearcats coach Allen Anderson moved Fragner from the midfield to the front line Tuesday, and immediately saw good things after Sheets and Fragner connected for goals twice.

"Her and Cam have a great dynamic together," he said. "It's fun to watch them connecting on passes. Cam feeds some excellent balls.

We started off a little tight. It's a young team. For me, these girls are just going to get better every time we step onto the field. They have the right mindset, you can see they're improving. It's going to take some time, but they're coming along."

Anderson also praised Emily Mallonee for playing her best game on the wing yet, beating her mark one-on-one throughout the night and serving up good balls from the outside.

The Bearcats next take the pitch Thursday at home against Aberdeen.

Beavers Fall to Cougars

Falling behind in an early hole, the Tenino girls soccer team couldn't produce enough offense, or luck, and fell to Seton Catholic Tuesday, 4-1.

It was just one of those games for the Beavers.

"We really settled down after that second goal," Beavs coach Dave Montgomery said. "It really stunk to give up two goals but they played really hard. Our defense didn't look that bad, but the soccer gods didn't seem to be smiling on us today."

A couple of balls got through where normally we'd be standing. When we wanted to get balls to our forwards, there was a Seton Catholic toe to knock it one way or the other. Sometimes that's how soccer goes."

Kami Oliveira knocked in the Beavers lone goal in the 62nd minute on a gorgeous free kick from 25 yards away that curled just into the corner away from the keeper after Cheyenne Rossow drew a foul 10 yards outside of the 18.

The Beavers will look to rebound against Toledo on the road Thursday.

NFL

49ers, Seahawks Enter Week 2 on Opposite Sides of Upset Fun-House Mirror

By Michael Nowels
The Mercury News

The NFC West may have been the toughest division in football last year.

Now, one week into the 2022 season, the Seahawks are on top of the division as the only Week 1 winners. Yes, those same Seahawks who finished in last place in 2021 and then traded away their superstar quarterback.

The division's three other teams — including the two NFC Championship Game participants in the Rams and 49ers — all lost their opening games.

The reigning Super Bowl champion Rams were blown out, but had an excuse in the form of Josh Allen and the visiting Bills, this year's Super Bowl favorites. Arizona, the last undefeated team standing in 2021, lost to Patrick Mahomes and a Chiefs team that reached the AFC title game last season.

The 49ers, on the other hand, lost 19-10 as 6.5-point favorites to a Bears team expected by many to finish last in its division, and perhaps the conference.

San Francisco staked itself to a 10-0 lead in sloppy conditions, then totally came apart on defense, allowing three straight touchdown drives — the last aided by a Trey Lance interception. After driving 68 yards for a field goal to open the second half and make it a two-score game, the 49ers combined for just 74 yards on their next four drives in deteriorating conditions.

It was a deflating loss for a team with Super Bowl aspirations, even setting aside any sort of hair-trigger reaction to Lance's tough day in the rain.

The next night in Seattle, the Seahawks had a feel-great win, beating their former quarterback and seeing their new starter perform surprisingly well, especially in the game's first half. Seattle, a six-point underdog, led Denver every step of the way after scoring on its opening drive. Geno Smith outplayed former Seahawks star Russell Wilson for large portions of the game, completing his first 13 passes and finishing 23-of-28 for 195 yards and two touchdowns. A strange final minute-plus of Broncos clock management and a missed 64-yard field goal attempt sealed the game.

So, what does all this mean for the 49ers' game on Sunday against the Seahawks?

Kyle Shanahan and the 49ers are surely hoping it doesn't mean much. By virtue of the 17-game schedule, NFL games mean more to the season than games in any other pro sport, but we're still a single game into the season. There's a lot left to learn.

Shanahan, like many coaches, holds his cards close to the vest in the preseason, running a watered-down version of his offense. With one rough, wet game under his belt, perhaps Lance will feel a bit more comfortable running the 49ers' offense in Week 2, playing at home in expected sunny conditions against a team on short rest.

The Seahawks would prefer for Week 1 to be a harbinger of a surprise season. After all, Smith was pretty effective in relief of Wilson last season, with a career-high passer rating of 103.0. Seattle probably can't count on repeating its two fumbles forced at the goal line in addition to 100-plus yards (and seven first downs) in opponent penalties, though the 49ers were just one penalty yard shy of the century mark themselves in the Chicago opener.

For what it's worth, Vegas doesn't seem to believe in Seattle's ability to stay alone atop the division or continue a four-game winning streak against San Francisco, as the 49ers have opened as 8.5-point favorites to bounce back.

Monday's Prep Volleyball

Vikings Come Back From Down Two Sets to Stun Pirates

By Alec Dietz

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ADNA — Monday night in Adna, the Mossyrock volleyball team was in a very unfamiliar position.

Sporting a team loaded with seniors and all-league picks a year ago, the 1B state runner-ups from a year ago, though playing up a classification against the 2B Pirates, trailed 2-0 after a lackluster first two sets.

But the Vikings (2-0) overcame some opening sluggishness to defeat the Pirates (1-1) in five sets Friday (21-25, 13-25, 25-23, 25-20, 15-8), picking up a huge non-league victory on the road.

When Mossy looked down and out, they turned to a senior duo, Payton Torrey and Hailey Brooks, and its scrappy libero Abbie Lovan to turn things around.

"It all changed on the court," Mossy coach Alex Nelson said. "You could see that they were talking, they wanted the ball to come to them, they were encouraging their teammates. Those three played really hard. Always, when your team isn't playing well, if you play hard, it'll eventually come together for you."

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Mossyrock's Payton Torrey celebrates after recording a kill against Adna on the road Sept. 12.

Torrey was dominant in all phases after a slow start, Monday, picking up a game-high 24 kills to go along with 11 digs and three aces. Brooks tacked on 12 more kills with three solo blocks and 12 assisted blocks, and Lovan dug up 13 balls and was solid in serve-receive after a tough start.

It was a complete flip, after the Pirates dominated the Vikings in Set 2, 25-13.

"When we weren't playing well, they started hustling and making plays, and the rest of the team came along," Nelson said. "I attribute that win to those girls doing that. It's really hard to do that. They didn't let tough serves and hitting from Adna get to them. They kept their heads up and expected the ball to come to them and made great plays."

For the Pirates, it felt like a squandered opportunity for a big non-league victory against a former 2B and now 1B powerhouse. Breaking in plenty of new faces in new roles, Adna served it up about as well as you could in the first two sets before losing their legs in a third set loss.

Brooklyn Loose stuffed the statsheet with 15 assists, four aces, and seven kills, and Kendall Humphrey added 10 kills, 15 digs, and three more aces.

Adna outside hitter Danika Hallom smacks the ball across the net Sept. 12 against Mossyrock.

In two strong sets to start it out, everything was going to plan for the Pirates.

"We were being very aggressive, that's what our goal has been this year, to be aggressive behind the service line," Pirates coach Wendie Dotson said. "That's what we've done. During that third set when we fell behind, they worked us and made us move a lot. We got a little tired, we weren't as quick as we could've been."

The Pirates hosted a tournament last Saturday, and being forced into a fifth set by the Vikings was just too much for a team still adjusting to replacing key seniors from a year ago.

Once Mossyrock made the adjustment on serve-receive, the Pirates had a hard time giving the Vikings strong enough attacks.

"Mossyrock did a really good job of digging up our balls and attacking us, making us move so that we weren't as aggressive of attackers," Dotson said. "We had a lot of tips, which they in turn, smacked really hard at us."

The Pirates will look to get the loss out of their heads quickly when they head to Montesano Tuesday for another non-league tuneup, while the Vikings take on Firm Foundation on the road Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Warriors Swept by Grizzlies

The Rochester volleyball team could never get its feet under it Monday night at home in a three-set loss to Hoquiam.

The Warriors (1-1) played in three back-and-forth sets, but couldn't come out on top in any of them in their first defeat of the season.

"The girls played really hard," Warriors coach Bridget Morris said. "Lots of back and forth rallies that we just couldn't win."

The Warriors were led by Kassidy Byrd's nine digs, Kylee Wild's 2 blocks, and Roisin Stull's four kills and eight digs. They'll play La Center next on Thursday at home.

Bearcats Fall to Kelso in Straight Sets

Playing against a 3A state-placer from a year ago, the W.F. West volleyball team fell in straight sets to Kelso (25-17, 25-10, 25-17) Monday night.

The Bearcats (1-2) kept up with the Hilanders when they kept the ball in play, but shot themselves in the foot one too many times, serving just 84% as a team.

Savannah Hawkins was the lone player who served a perfect 100% with two aces. The senior also added 11 assists, with fellow setter Saige Brindle adding eight more dishes for kills. Morgan Rogerson led the Bearcats with six kills on 13 attempts.

"The score isn't indicative of how the match was played," Bearcats coach Robert Lucas said. "There were quite a few long rallies which went back and forth. We played hard and didn't give up."

The Bearcats will look to rebound on the road against Mossyrock on Thursday.

NFL

With Win vs. Wilson and Broncos, Are Seahawks Better Than Expected?

By Larry Stone

The Seattle Times

The Seahawks got almost everything they could have dreamed of on a Monday night that will be long remembered and savored in franchise annals.

They saw much-doubted quarterback Geno Smith play a game of poise and precision — nothing too fancy, but a textbook embodiment of the Pete Carroll formula. Smith did just enough to win it and, especially, nothing to lose it.

They got the sweet schadenfreude of watching Russell Wilson, who agitated his way out of Seattle because he didn't feel the offense let him shine to the full extent, relegated to the bench with the game on the line. Furthermore, Wilson got battered all night by the Seahawks defense, and the Seattle offensive line that Wilson obliquely criticized kept Smith mostly clean.

They watched that aforementioned Seahawks defense, under new coordinator Clint Hurtt, elicit echoes of the vaunted Legion of Boom with a series of valiant goal-line stands that cemented the 17-16 victory at Lumen Field.

But here's the biggest takeaway of all from a night in which Smith significantly had no takeaways: The Seahawks, written off by many as facing a hopeless season, might be a lot better and more competitive than people expected.

That's not to say you should reserve Super Bowl tickets, or even pencil in a winning season. But it is to say that it's a distinct possibility the Seahawks were underestimated in the wake of Wilson's departure. They certainly were hammering home the "no respect" storyline in the raucous postgame locker room.

Dean Rutz / The Seattle Times

The Seahawks watch the Brandon McManus 64-yard field goal miss, sealing the 17-16 win Monday night.

Carroll: "Nobody gave us a chance to win this football game."

Safety Josh Jones: "Obviously, nobody believed in us coming into this except for the guys in the locker room. We've been working all camp, and we've been fighting all camp and it showed out there."

Wide receiver Tyler Lockett: "The biggest thing, man, we've got nothing to lose. Everybody already counted us out. We've got everything to gain."

Linebacker Jordyn Brooks: "We knew what we had, and we knew the guys that we have in this locker room and what we're capable of. So it's no surprise for us. I don't know how the outside world is reacting to it. But we're ready for anybody, anytime."

Mind you, this was a glorious win that could easily have been an agonizing loss if first-year Broncos coach Nathaniel Hackett, in his debut game as the man in charge, hadn't made one of the most inexplicable decisions in a highly scrutinized game since, well, his counterpart Carroll in Super Bowl XLIX.

After the Broncos acquired Wilson at considerable cost in players and draft picks, paid him a quarter of a billion dollars, and then essentially handed the franchise over to him, Hackett decided he didn't trust Wilson to execute a fourth-and-five in the final minute — one of his trademarks. Instead, Hackett trotted out kicker Brandon McManus for a dubious, and doomed to fail, 64-yard field-goal attempt.

"It was kind of a relief," Brooks said. "Everybody knows Russ is a special guy."

"Russell is a dangerous person, especially in short yardage; he can make a lot of things happen," added Seattle linebacker Uchenna Nwosu, a particular stalwart Monday. "When they took him out of the game and brought the field-goal unit out, I was like, 'OK, maybe they don't trust him in that situation.' I'm grateful for the way it ended."

The specter of an aggrieved Wilson is now someone else's problem. For the Seahawks, their new challenge was expressed by Brooks: "Now we have to rinse and repeat."

Is what the Seahawks accomplished Monday sustainable, or as Quandre Diggs anticipated, will it just be written off as a team rising up in an emotional game but ultimately perceived as a one-off?

"It's just one of those things that we've got to keep proving it," Diggs said. "We are serious, and we have an opportunity to do something special around here."

In the giddiness of improbable victory, tempered a bit by a serious injury to safety Jamal Adams and an offense that bogged down in the second half, the Seahawks were dreaming of special things that now seem more plausible.

On offense Smith showed, particularly in the first half when the Seahawks scored all their points, why he won the quarterback competition, and why he might hang on to it longer than some anticipated.

"[Smith] is the best he has ever been," Carroll said. "He is ready. He is ready for this moment. The experience that he had … he was so poised and calm in this game. It was just fun playing with him. We were talking as the game is going on, and he is having fun and laughing and enjoying it. The moment came to him, and he was ready for it."

And on defense the Seahawks showed the distinct outline of a unit that can be tough, physical and clutch.

"We gave up a lot of yards, but it's the power of believing that you can stop somebody no matter how much there is left there," Carroll said. "It's so enriching as we go down the rest of the season here that we can do stuff like that because you believe. It just helps you believe."

On a Monday night that initially was all about Russell Wilson but in the end was all about the Seahawks, that was the ultimate victory for Seattle: the growth of belief.

Now all they need to do is rinse and repeat.

Volleyball

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pass to the setter to kickstart our offense," Pirates coach Wendie Dotson said. "We were able to get back in the groove in the second set to play a solid set. Made some unforced errors that we usually don't do on a few occasions tonight. After the slow start the girls settled down and played a better game."

Gaby Guard went for 29 assists, three aces, two kills, and eight digs in an all-around good performance at setter, and Danika Hallom added a double-double of 15 kills and 12 digs.

Kendall Humphrey went for a team-high 18 kills with 16 digs and an ace, and Brooklyn Loose dished out 11 assists with seven digs and seven kills for the Pirates.

Adna (2-1) will host Toutle Lake Tuesday for its next contest.

Timberwolves Sweep Cruisers

Playing Eatonville for the second time this season, the Morton-White Pass volleyball team upended the Cruisers in three sets Tuesday, 25-12, 26-24, 25-19.

The Timberwolves were led by Maddie Clevenger's five kills and four blocks at the net, with Kelly Pakar adding five kills and Emarey Hampton contributing a team-high eight kills. Chloe Kelly had 34 assists in the sweep.

"The girls are working hard and we are starting to see a lot of good stuff," T-Wolves coach Tammy Kelly said. "It will be nice to get a tournament in and play a lot of volleyball this Saturday."

MWP will next play at North Beach on Saturday in a tournament.

Sarah Burdick / For The Chronicle

The Tenino volleyball team celebrates after a point against Toledo Sept. 13.

Trojans Swept by Eagles

Plagued by some inexperienced moments, the Pe Ell volleyball team was swept at the hands of Three Rivers Christian on the road Tuesday, 25-17, 25-8, 25-21.

The Trojans (2-1) had just three players serve 100% in Charlie Carper, Sophia Milanowski, and Brooklynn King, and Carper added three kills for the Trojans.

"Three Rivers had amazing crowd support, we couldn't hear each other which led to mistakes," Trojans coach Eddi Peterson said.

The Trojans will look to bounce back against rival Willapa Valley Thursday at home.

Vikings Blow Past Eagles

The Mossyrock volleyball team kept rolling in its first matchup against a fellow 1B side, sweeping Firm Foundation 25-12, 25-10, 25-18.

Payton Torrey had a team-high nine kills on .563 hitting, while Hailey Brooks had five kills and Paige Houghtelling added four. Erin Cournyer set up six assists, Caelyn Marshall had five, and Autumn Imes put up four.

On the back row, Abbie Lovan led the way with eight digs; nine Vikings racked up multiple digs on the night.

At the service line, Mossyrock combined for 12 aces, led by Brooks' four.

The Vikings (3-0) will jump up three runs on the classification ladder Thursday when they host 2A W.F. West.

Beavers Sweep Riverhawks on Road

The Tenino volleyball team earned its first win of the season in sweeping fashion Tuesday, taking down Toledo 25-20, 25-17, 25-15.

"The girls are starting to come together and realize their true potential," coach Shauna Carpenter said. "The setters moved the ball well tonight, making sure to spread out our attacks."

Sophomore Brianna Asay posted three kills and earned 10 service points to lead the Beavers, who found their groove as the night went on, with each set being less close than the set before.

"We decided to play to win tonight and it showed," Carpenter said. "Confidence and mental strength was big tonight."

Shyann Barratt dished out 10 assists for the Riverhawks who were down four starters, while Karely Plancarte had five digs at the right pin.

"I was very happy with them," Toledo head coach Kelli Larson said. "They weren't all young, but definitely lacked experience."

Toledo (0-3) will face Eatonville on Wednesday, while Tenino (1-1) will play at Centralia.

MLB

Trout's Home Run Streak Ends One Game Shy of Record in Angels' Loss

CLEVELAND — Mike Trout's streak came up just short of history.

Trout failed to hit a home run in the Angels' 3-1 loss to the Cleveland Guardians on Tuesday night, ending his streak at seven games.

The major league record is eight, achieved by Pittsburgh Pirates first baseman Don Long in 1956 and matched by New York Yankee first baseman Don Mattingly in 1987 and Seattle Mariners outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. in 1993.

Trout is the sixth player to have his streak end at seven games since Griffey last reached eight.

Trout drew a walk and he hit three routine fly balls.

The Guardians, who are fighting for their lives in a tight American League Central race, did not give Trout much to hit.

Pitchers Cody Morris and Kirk McCarty — a pair of rookies who had pitched nine career big league games combined — pitched Trout even more carefully than opponents normally do.

Morris, a right-hander, did not throw Trout a pitch in the strike zone in either of his first two trips. Trout swung at a 2-and-0 pitch that was slightly outside in the first inning, hitting a fly ball to center field. In the third, he walked on four pitches when first base was open.

Trout came to the plate in the fifth inning with one out, a runner at first and the Angels up by a run, so the left-handed McCarty had to give him something. After falling behind 3-and-0, McCarty threw three pitches at the top of the strike zone. Trout took one, fouled one off, and then hit a fly ball to center.

Right-hander James Karinchak was on the mound in the eighth, and the best he gave Trout was a first-pitch fastball on the outside corner. Trout fouled it off. After that, he took a couple of pitches outside, then he swung at a pitch above the zone, hitting a routine fly to right field.

The Angels' only run was on a Matt Thaiss homer in the third inning. Thaiss' second homer of the season gave them a 1-0 lead that left-hander José Suarez held until the fifth inning.

NBA

Suns Owner Robert Sarver Hit With $10M Fine, 1-Year Ban by NBA Over 'Workplace Misconduct'

By Kristian Winfield
New York Daily News

The NBA has punished Phoenix Suns and Mercury owner Robert Sarver to the tune of a $10 million fine and a one-year suspension from all basketball-related activity as a result of its investigation into Sarver's workplace conduct.

According to the probe — spurred by a November 2021 ESPN report alleging racism and misogyny within the Suns organization — Sarver used the N-word "on at least five occasions" when recounting the statements of others, and engaged in "inequitable conduct toward female employees."

More specifically, Sarver "made many sex-related comments in the workplace, made inappropriate comments about the physical appearance of female employees and other women," and "on several occasions engaged in inappropriate physical conduct toward male employees."

Sarver, who bought the Suns in 2004, cooperated fully with the investigation, the league said.

"The statements and conduct described in the finding of the independent investigation are troubling and disappointing," NBA commissioner Adam Silver said in the statement on Tuesday. "We believe the outcome is the right one, taking into account all the facts, circumstances and context brought to light by the comprehensive investigation of this 18-year period and our commitment to upholding proper standards in NBA workplaces."

But the NBA's statement regarding its independent investigation also contradicts the findings and appears to take the long-time real estate mogul off the hook for the bad behavior that was uncovered from a probe that included interviews with 320 current or former employees.

"The investigation made no finding that Mr. Sarver's workplace misconduct was motivated by racial or gender-based animus," the NBA's statement reads after an independent investigation by an outside law firm.

Instead, the report tries to portray the 60-year-old owner as something of an entitled frat boy.

"While it is difficult to identify with precision what motivated Sarver's workplace behavior described in this report, certain patterns emerged from witness accounts: Sarver often acted aggressively in an apparent effort to provoke a reaction from his targets; Sarver's sense of humor was sophomoric and inappropriate for the workplace; and Sarver behaved as though workplace norms and policies did not apply to him," read the report from the New York-based investigating firm of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz.

During his suspension, Sarver will have to complete a training program focused on workplace conduct. The NBA will donate the funds from Sarver's $10 million fine to organizations that address race and gender-based issues in the workplace.

Silver's suspension of Sarver is his biggest punishment levied on an NBA owner since his first year as NBA commissioner in 2014 when he banned Donald Sterling for life from the NBA and fined the former Los Angeles Clippers owner $2.5 million after investigating racist comments he made on a phone call to an ex-girlfriend. Sterling told the woman, of mixed ethnicity, not to be seen with or bring Black people to Clippers games.

"It bothers me a lot that you want to broadcast that you're associating with Black people," Sterling said on the recording.

Sarver's punishment was less severe than Sterling's given his mere one-year ban to the lifetime ban Sterling faced, but both owners were hit by the maximum allowed fine at the time under NBA bylaws.

Many, however, remain confused by the length of Sarver's punishment. For reference, former Sacramento Kings guard Tyreke Evans was levied a three-year suspension for violating the NBA/NBPA Anti-Drug Policy.

"As tough as it was to do, Robert Sarver's racism, misogyny and more is as worse as Donald Sterling's and very well may surpass it," ESPN's Marc Spears tweeted after the Sarver news broke. "How does the Suns owner get a pass to return to his throne after a year suspension and not pushed out the NBA like Sterling? Confused by this result."

Silver, in his statement, recognized the league still has room for growth.

"I am hopeful that the NBA community will use this opportunity to reflect on what this great game means to people everywhere and the values of equality, respect and inclusion that it strives to represent," he wrote. "Regardless of position, power or intent, we all need to recognize the corrosive and hurtful impact of racially insensitive and demeaning language and behavior. On behalf of the entire NBA, I apologize to all of those impacted by the misconduct outlined in the investigators' report. We must do better."

The Suns released a statement that stated that the organization had "for the most part ... addressed in recent years" the workplace issues highlighted in the investigation.

"We are proud of the progress we've already made," the Suns said.

"Robert Sarver is also taking responsibility for his actions," the statement continued. "He recognizes that at times during his eighteen years of ownership, his conduct did not reflect his, or the Suns' values, and was inconsistent with the advancements the management team has taken with Robert's full support."

Life

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Courtesy Photo

Staff and farmers are pictured the Southwest Washington Food Hub .

Pe Ell Among Washington School Districts Awarded Grants to Purchase Locally Grown Food for Students

By The Chronicle staff

Students in the Pe Ell, Hoquiam, Aberdeen and Raymond school districts will be eating locally grown food this school year, thanks to grants from the Washington Department of Agriculture (WSDA).

The grants, called the WSDA Farm to School Grants, fund school districts to "buy local food, educate students about agriculture and more," according to the program's website.

"Our goal is to support expanding economic opportunities for farmers while educating students about the connections between food, farming, health and the environment."

According to the announcement from the WSDA, school districts located away from the Interstate 5 corridor struggle with supply chain issues. WSDA Farm to School Grants assist those districts with their food offerings.

The 2022-2023 school year marks the first time the Pe Ell School District will receive a Farm to School Grant, though in the past the district has sought to provide students with access to local food.

"We've always tried our best to feed our students foods from local farms whenever possible and are excited to ramp that up for the 2022-2023 school year," said Melissa Holmes, food service director at Pe Ell School District. "The WSDA Farm to School grant award helps put extra money in our food budget to make it possible, and our partnership with Southwest Washington Food Hub makes it easier to do."

The Southwest Washington Food Hub (SWWFH), a farmer-owned distributor, will deliver food to the districts and plans to expand its service to rural students in the Southwest Washington region. Other districts interested in ordering from the SWWFH are encouraged to reach out to the distributor.

SWWFH can be contacted by emailing Emily Manke at emily@agbizcenter.org.

Community Calendar

To add upcoming events to the Community Calendar, email reporter Matthew Zylstra at matthew@chronline.com.

Business After Hours

Sept. 15 at ToledoTel, 183 Plomondon Road, Toledo; 5 to 7 p.m.

Bonanza BBQ will be providing food and drinks will be available. Raffles will be held at this networking opportunity.

Economic Alliance Skills Competition

Sept. 15 at Riverside Golf Course, 1451 NW Airport Road, Chehalis; 5:30 p.m.

The event will be open to the public and include thousands of dollars in prizes. There will be three competitions for longest drive, a chipping contest and a putting course. The cost is $100 to enter all three competitions or $50 per category. Entry includes two raffle tickets and a drink ticket. There will be music, appetizers and two "no host" bars. The raffle prizes are a stay at the Ilani Casino's "new" hotel and dinner for two at Michael Jordan's steakhouse. Call 360-748-0114 to preregister.

Alliance Open Golf Tournament

Sept. 16 at Riverside Golf Course, 1451 NW Airport Road, Chehalis; 8:30 a.m.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the shotgun starting at 10 a.m. There will be four sponsorship options ranging in price from $500 to $5,000. There will be a four-man scramble that includes lunch, prizes and raffle tickets.

ARTrails Opening Gala Reception

Sept. 16 at the Historic Train Station, 210 Railroad Ave., Centralia; 5 to 7:30 p.m.

ARTrails will be hosting its 20th Annual Studio Tour at its opening gala reception. The public is invited to come see the exhibition gallery, meet artists and enjoy food. The event is free and open to the public.

Tenino Railroad Day

Sept. 17 at the Tenino Depot Museum, 399 West Park Ave., Tenino; 10 a.m.

Festivities will include a ribbon cutting for the reopening of the Tenino Depot Museum's caboose, historical exhibits and activities revolving around the railroad, local vendors, food and live entertainment, including a performance by the local Seattle band Seastar.

Mexican Independence Celebration

Sept. 17 at Klickitat Prairie Park, 125 W. State St., Mossyrock; 8 a.m.

The celebration will begin with a pancake breakfast at the Mossyrock Assembly of God Church from 8 to 10 a.m. There will be bike races at 10 a.m., a parade at 12 p.m., tug of war games at about 1:30 and a greased pole climb at 2:30 p.m. DJ music will be played in the afternoon and evening by Rafaga Cosena. Fireworks will be shown at dusk.

Mussel and Lamprey Workshop

Sept. 17 at Stan Hedwall Park in Chehalis; 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Members of the public are welcome to join fish and wildlife biologists to learn about freshwater mussels and lamprey in the Chehalis Basin. Look for the Stream Team booth. This event is free and open to all. For more information, email Kenna.Fosnacht@lewiscdwa.com.

Jimmie's Espresso 11-Year Anniversary Pop-Up Market

Sept. 17 at Jimmie's Espresso, 200 S. King St., Centralia; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free admission event with drink specials served all day. A pop-up vendor market will be present.

ARTrails Exhibition Gallery

Sept. 17 through 25 at Historic Train Station, 210 Railroad Ave., Centralia; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The exhibition gallery will be open daily with studio tours on the weekends of Sept. 17 and 18 and Sept. 24 and 25. The exhibition gallery and tours are free and open to the public.

Chehalis Flying Saucer Party

Sept. 17 at Lewis County Historical Museum, 599 NW Front Way, Chehalis; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

VIP tickets are available for $65.59 (including fees) and will include access to speakers Vince Ynzunza, Shanelle Schanz, Bob Antone, Joanne and James Clarkson, Maurene Morgan, Liminal Earth and Greg Long. Also included in the VIP ticket are a pass to a classic flying saucer film at McFiler's Theater; 20% off food at McFiler's; an event T-shirt, goodie bag and event poster; access to an exhibit on the influence of flying saucers at the Lewis County Historical Museum; and a one year membership with the Lewis County Museum.

Historic Borst Home Museum Open House

Sept. 17 at Borst Park in Centralia; 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

An open house will be held at the Historic Borst Home Museum. Jean Bluhm will speak at 2 p.m. in the Pioneer Church. Bluhm has met several members of the Borst family and has written multiple books on the family.

Dia De La Independencia

Sept. 17 at the Transalta Common at Centralia College; 2 to 6 p.m.

A free latino cultural event featuring traditional dances, mariachi and free food. There will be various activities for children, such as balloons, face painting, a movie and more.

Cornhole and Sausage Fest

Sept. 17 at Dick's Brewing, 3516 Galvin Road, Centralia; 1 to 8 p.m.

Only individuals ages 21 and over may attend. Early registration is $30 per team while day-of-event registration will be $40 per team. Doors open at 1 p.m. and the cornhole tournament will begin at 2 p.m. Proceeds will go to benefit the Rob Fuller Scholarship Fund.

50th Class Reunion

Sept. 17 at Riverside Golf Course, Chehalis

The W.F. West High School class of 1972 is having their 50th class reunion. Send RSVP, address changes, etc., to Debbie Elder Kelley at debbie-kelley@comcast.net.

Senior Fall Prevention Week

Sept. 20, 21 and 22 at the Twin Cities Senior Center, 2545 N National Ave, Chehalis; 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Information will be available from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 20; Wednesday, Sept. 21; and Thursday, Sept. 22. Speakers will give talks at 11:30 a.m. on each of those days. Dr. J. Dolezal will speak on Tuesday, Donna Feddern of the Lewis Mason Thurston Area Assistance on Aging on Wednesday and Dr. J. Wiley on Thursday. Fall prevention materials will be provided.

PAWchella

Sept. 24 at the United Methodist Church, 16 S. Market Blvd., Chehalis; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A free pet fair will be held in the parking lot of the Chehalis United Methodist Church. The event will feature free professional pet photography by Beast Friends, Blessings of the Animals Booth, local vendors and free fun activities. All well behaved pets are welcome. Pets are not required to attend, come and celebrate the animals in the community.

Adna Grange Potato Bake

Sept. 24 at the Adna Grange #417, 123 Dieckman Road, Adna; 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The fee is $7 and includes the potato, a multitude of toppings, salad, beverage and dessert.

Olympic Club Oktoberfest

Sept. 24 at the Olympic Club, 112 N. Tower Ave., Centralia; 1 to 10 p.m.

Olympic Club will be having a party to celebrate Oktoberfest with live music featuring Cavort Celtic from 1 to 3:30 p.m., The Pine Hearts from 4 to 6:30 p.m. and Waking Bear from 7 to 10 p.m. Doors open at noon and all ages are welcome.

Adna Grange Bingo

Sept. 24 at the Adna Grange #417, 123 Dieckman Road, Adna; 3 to 6 p.m.

The doors will open at 3 p.m. with games held from 4 to 6 p.m. Raffles and concessions will be held. $5 for three cards.

Keepers of the Faith Gospel Music Concert

Sept. 25 at Mt. View Baptist Church, 1201 Belmont Ave., Centralia; 3 p.m.

The Keepers of the Faith, a gospel music group from Puyallup that has been active for over 20 years, will be playing at a concert at Mt. View Baptist Church in Centralia. The group, which consists of five vocalists, has a unique style that brings together "deep south island flavor, a taste of oldie but goody and the soul of saved men and women in the genre of Southern Gospel Quartet Music."

Work Party

Sept. 27 at the Chehalis River Discovery Trail, 1545 Goodrich Road, Centralia; 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Chehalis River Basin Land Trust will hold a work party to remove invasive plants from areas near the trail. Water, snacks and other cold drinks will be provided. Volunteers are asked to bring their own bottle for water, dress for the weather and bring sturdy work gloves and footwear. Gardening tools will be available but volunteers are welcome to bring their own hand tools. Prospective volunteers are asked to RSVP by emailing office@chehalislandtrust.org or by calling the Land Trust office at 360-807-0764. When RSVPing, volunteers are asked to specify their name, contact information and number of people in their party.

Lewis County Hiring Fair

Sept. 27 at the Centralia Outlet Mall, 2000 Haviland St., Centralia; 12 to 4 p.m.

Job seekers may attend for free. The employer application fee is $50 for members and $100 for non-members.

Puzzles

Find Answers to the Puzzles in the Next Edition

Crossword

ACROSS

1 Diagram
4 Ship's wheel
8 Pear throwaway
12 Suppositions
13 Shampoo additive
14 Imitated
15 Almost-grads
16 Yarn spinner
17 Real estate
18 — voce (softly)
20 Barrage
22 GI entertainers
24 Crafty move
25 Presently
28 Ice cream holders
31 Chop finely
32 Geologic divisions
33 Rug rat
36 Cast a vote
37 Hawaiian cliff
38 Remedy
39 Upholstery choice
40 Woodwind instrument
41 Boleyn or Bancroft
43 Weaken
45 They have jaws
47 Making bows
51 Guinness or Baldwin
52 Medea sailed on her
55 Get a load of
56 Diamond, slangily
57 Impend
58 Shoe-wiping place
59 Flock members
60 Hobby shop buys
61 Sauna site

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1 Fail to catch
2 Natural hairdo
3 "Hey, you!"
4 Nimbuses
5 Yalie
6 Mauna —
7 Mr. Griffin of TV
8 Thickened skin
9 Aussie minerals
10 "Walk Away —"
11 Counter-current
19 Ballad
21 Natural resources
23 Coral reef locale
25 Hubbub
26 Puppy bite
27 Harvest moon mo.
29 Monsieur's airport
30 Manicurist's concerns
33 Place for a bubble bath
34 Gold, in Peru
35 Informal wear
37 Square pillar
38 Duplicate
39 Some sweaters (hyph.)
41 Let have
42 Female relative
44 Molecule components
45 Cut an apple
46 Polio vaccine inventor
48 Doctrines
49 Tide type
50 Japanese clog
53 "Vive le —!"
54 Acquired

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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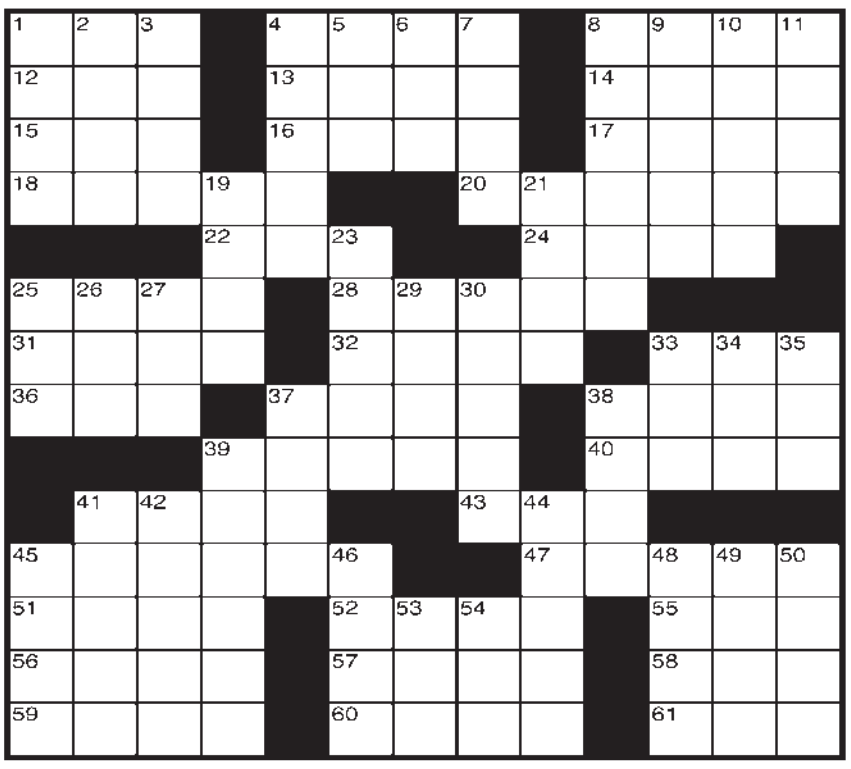

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the body.

N J I O T

Answer: joint

Sudoku

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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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.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

8	2	3	5	7	1	9	6	4
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Wedding Day Word Search

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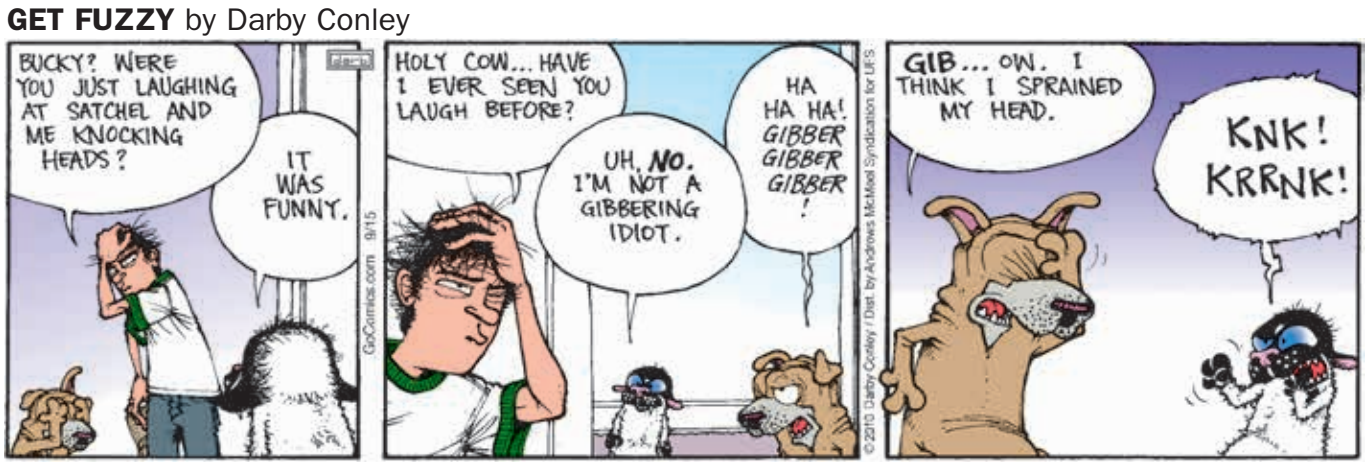

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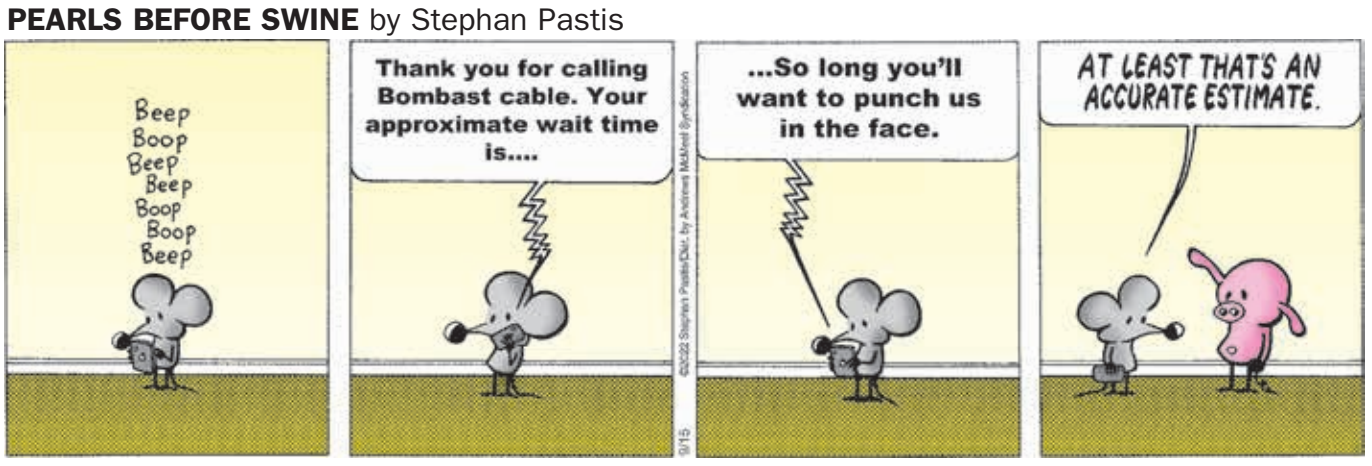

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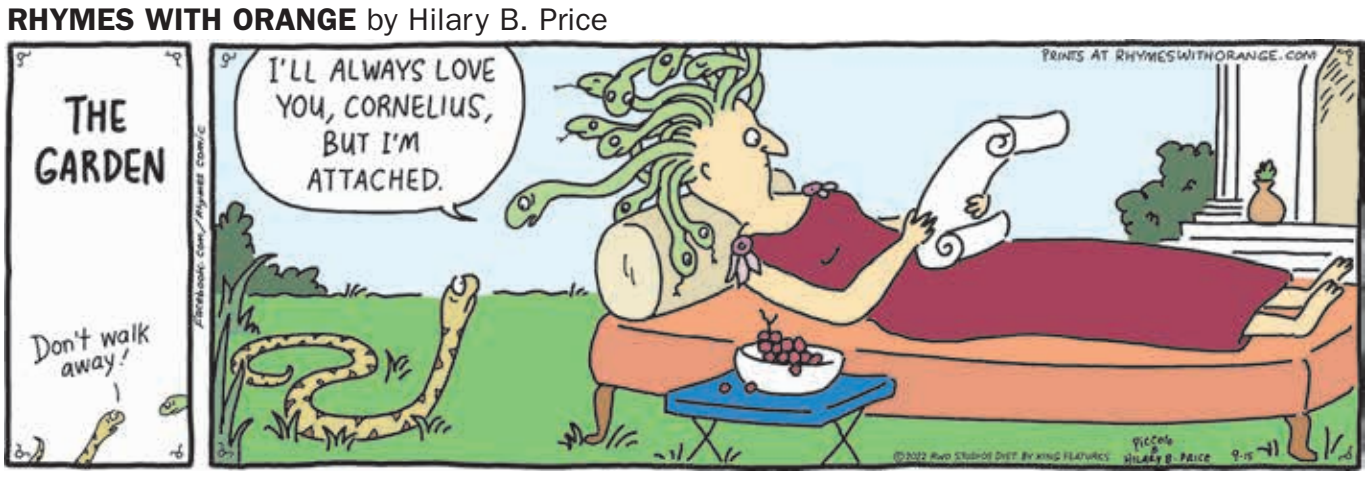

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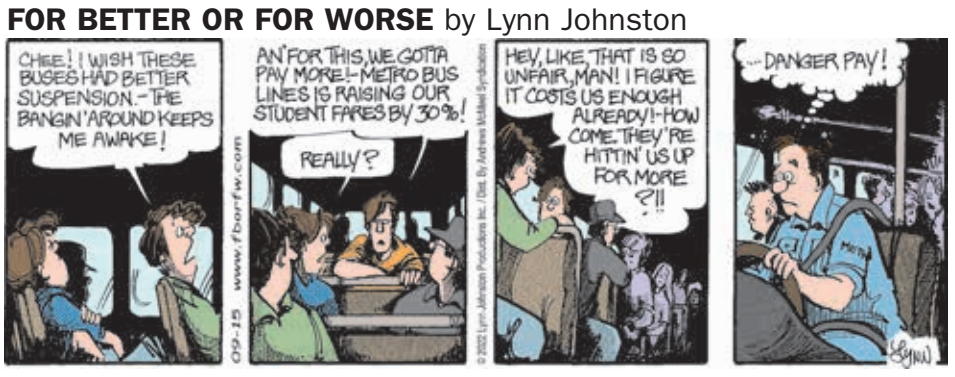

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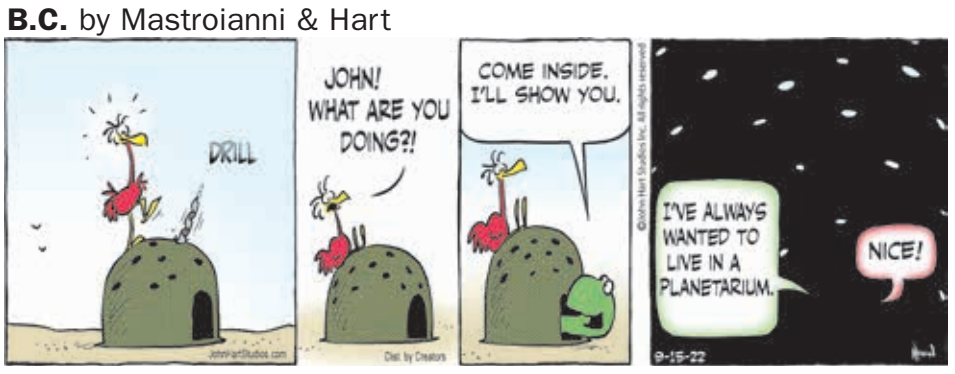

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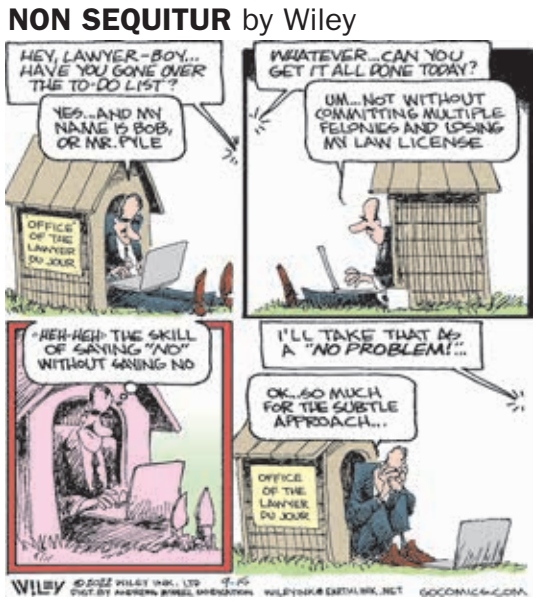

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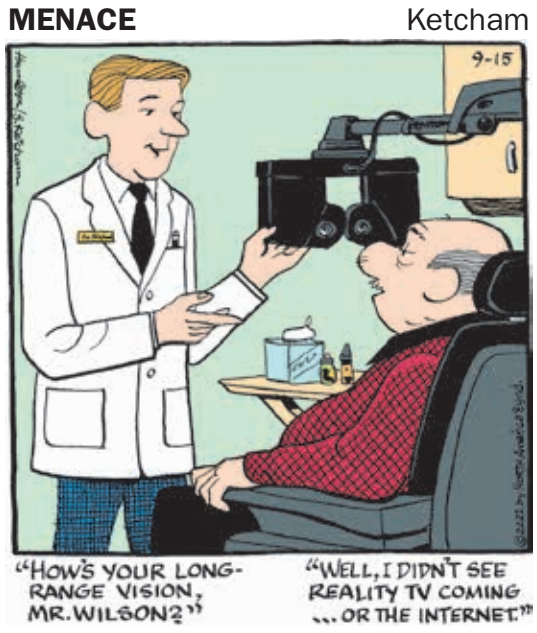

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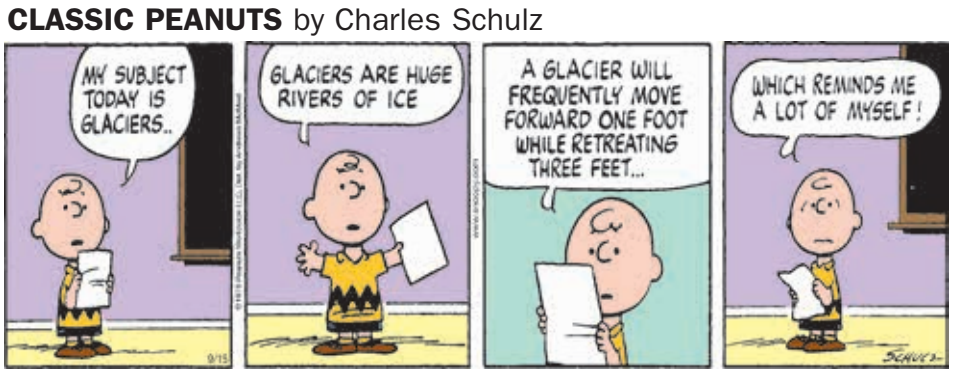

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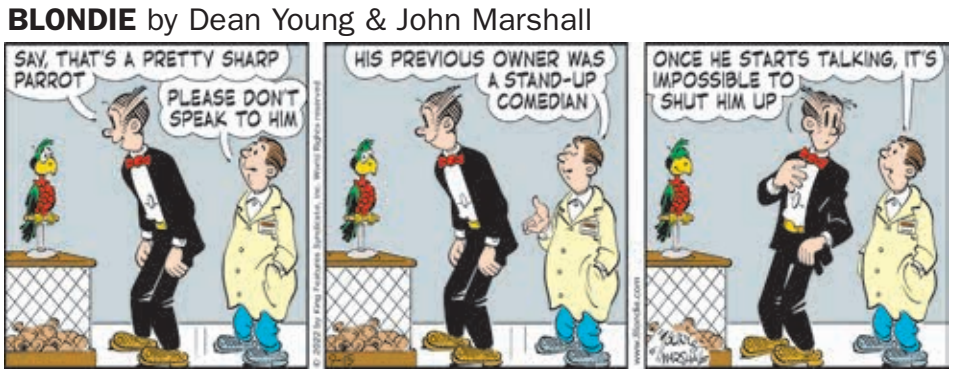

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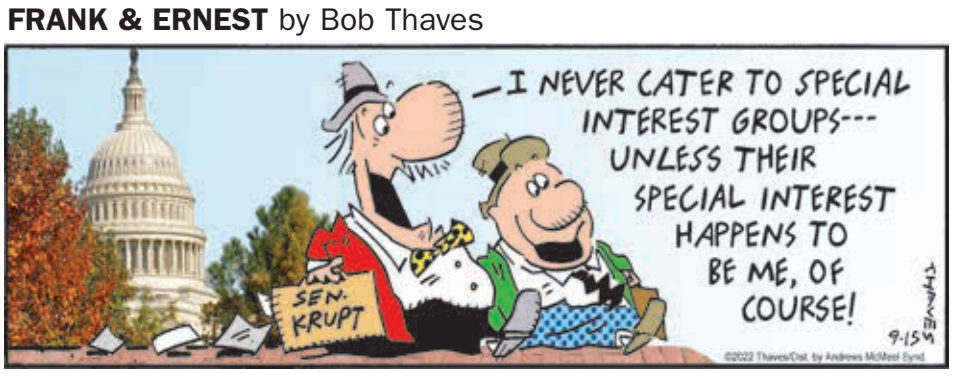

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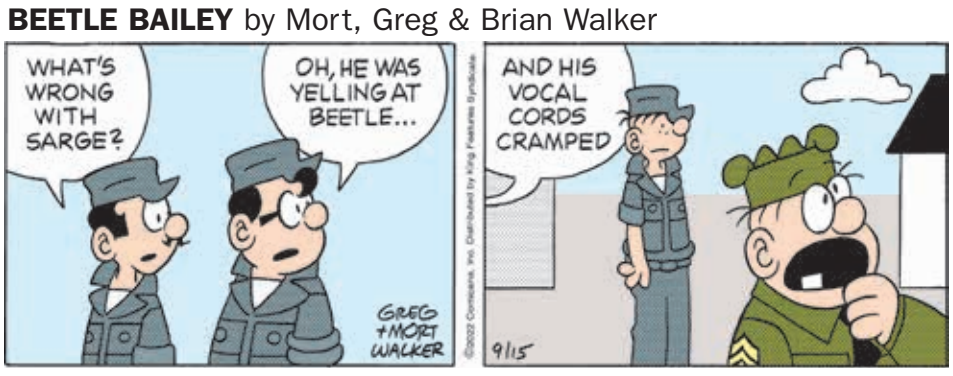

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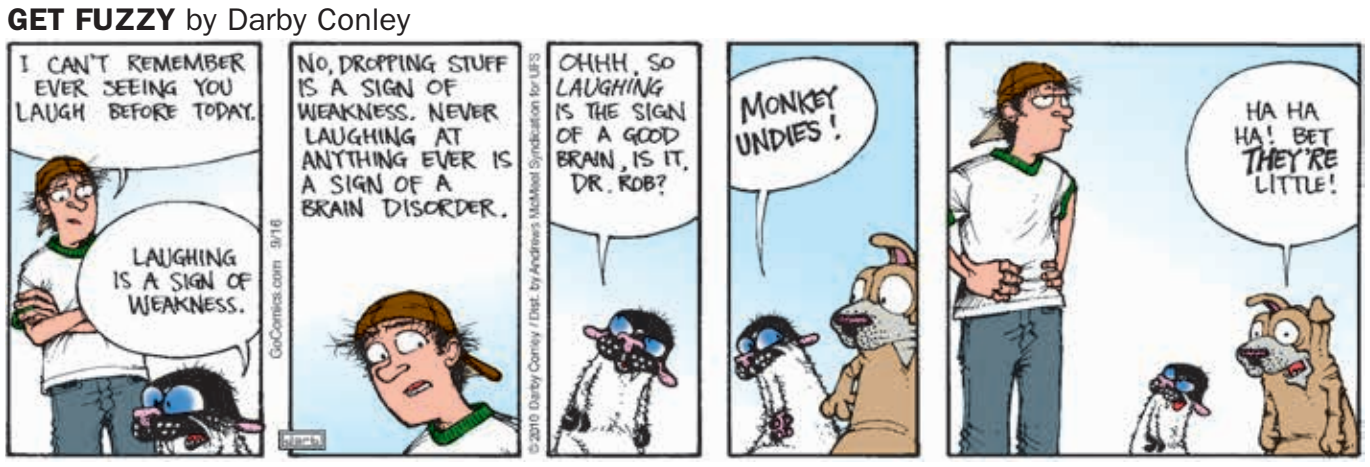

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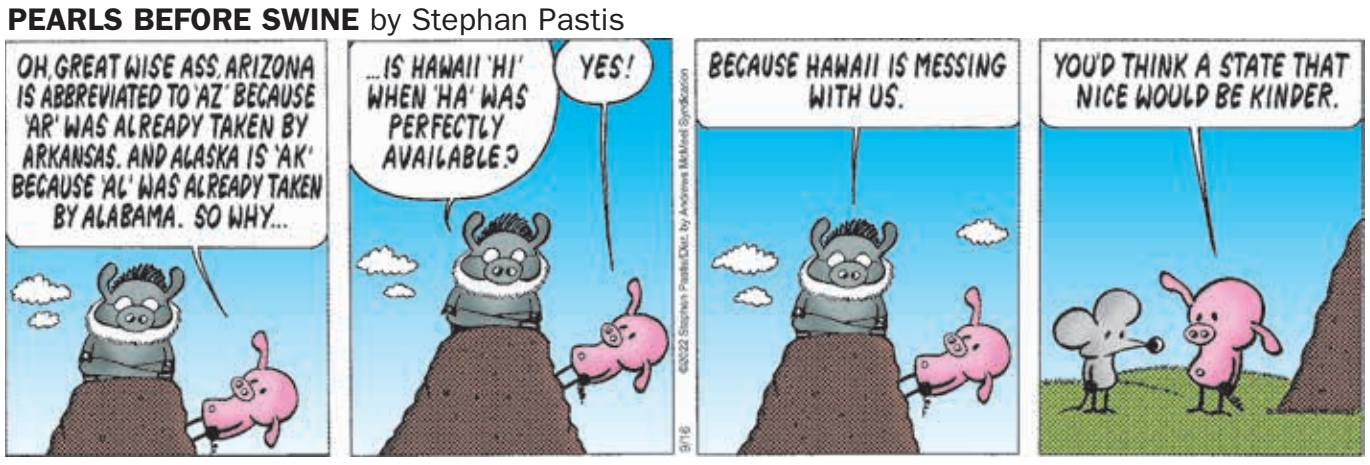

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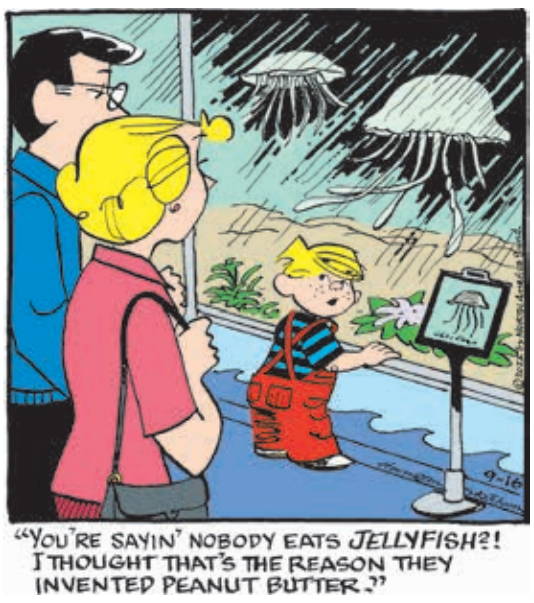

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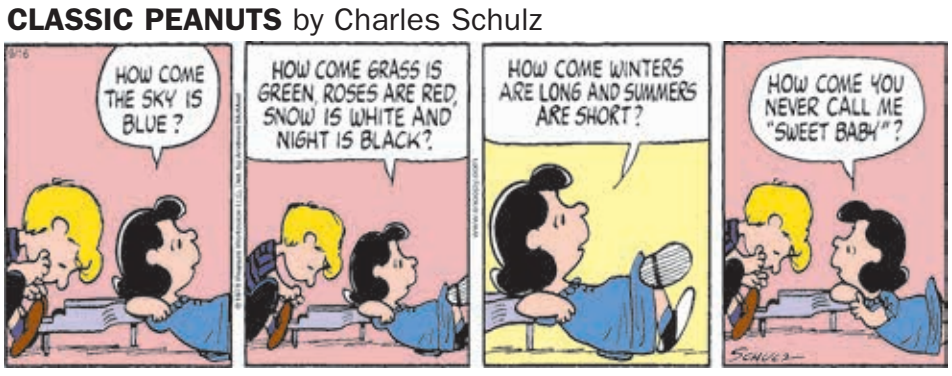

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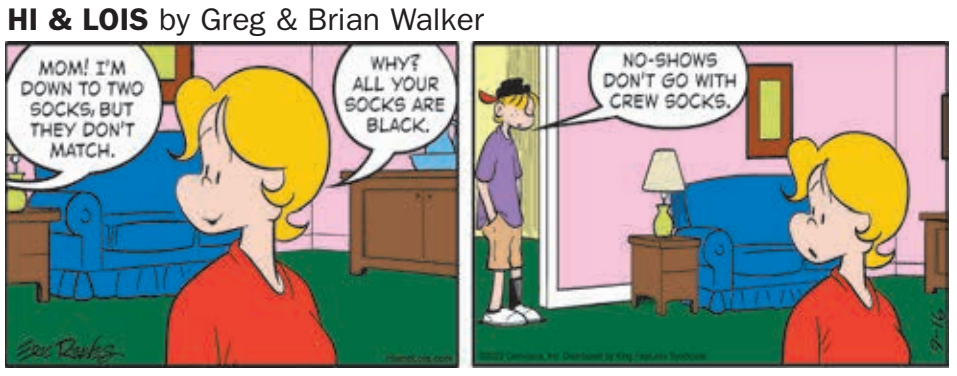

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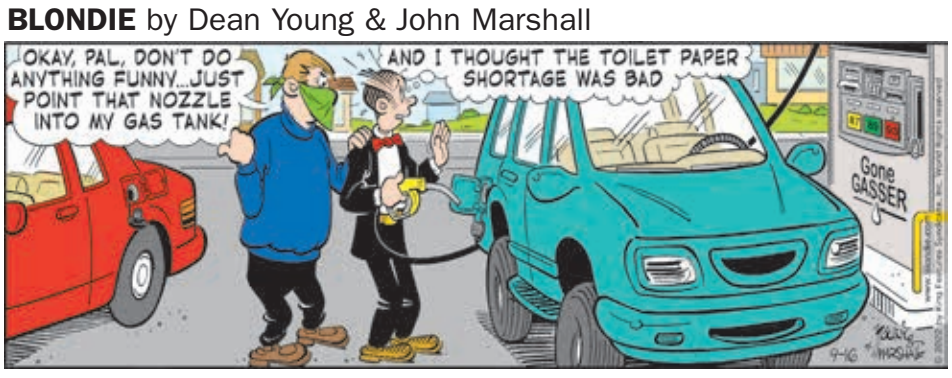

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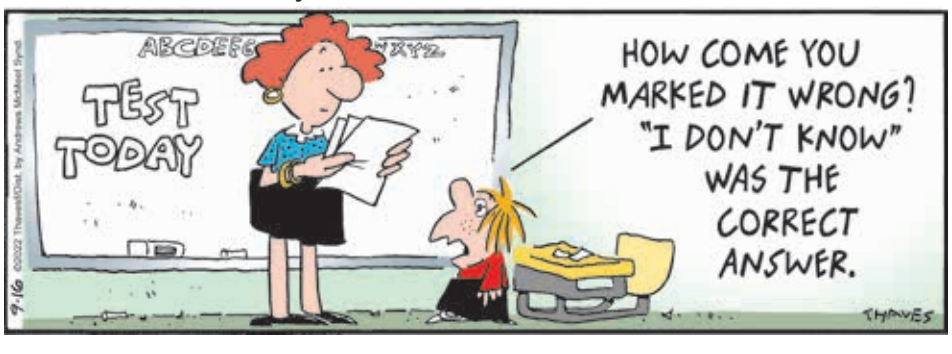

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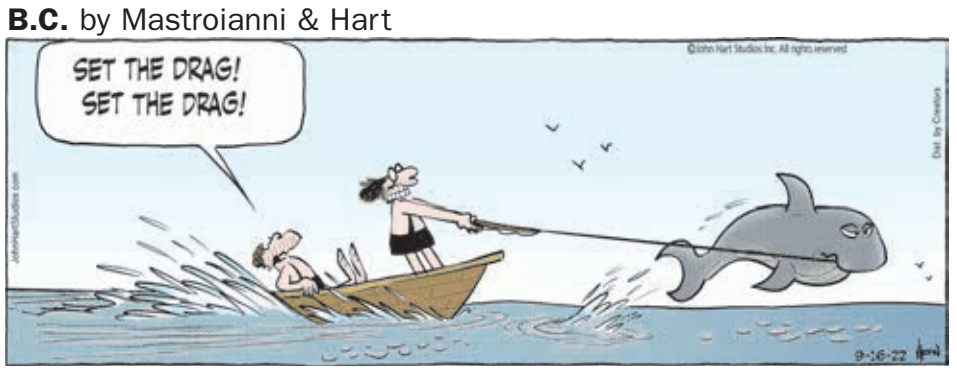

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARD OF THANKS

REMEMBER...
An ad under Card of Thanks is only $20 a day for 100 words or less! Call Customer Service at 360-736-3311 to place your ad today!

PERSONALS

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Hello, my name is Scott, I'm 5'10, 250 lbs. 51 years old, I have black hair, baby blue eyes, a muscular build, marine/chef, christian, knows how to spoil and treat a lady right, seeking long term relationship, Please call or text 832-805-8088.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Dandy Duds by Rita is opening a shop at 1570 N.National Ave., Suite 101-B, Chehalis, WA. Every item is hand made by Rita. Quality kids' clothing for unheard of prices! Tuesday, Sept 14, 2022 is opening day - 9:30-2:00.

MAKE YOUR AD STAND OUT!
ASK CUSTOMER SERVICE ABOUT ADDING **COLOR!**
360 ✻ 736 ✻ 3311

EMPLOYMENT

HELP WANTED

Federal law prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin or age. The law states that publishing or printing discriminatory advertisements or causing the printing or publishing of such advertisements constitutes an unlawful employment practice. Employment advertisements must not indicate preferences, limitations, or discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin or age, except when religion, sex or national origin is a bona fide occupational qualification for employment.

We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that positions advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

***Note: The Chronicle suggests you describe the position you are hiring for, not the person you wish to hire.*

HAVE YOU HEARD?
You can get your ad into The Reflector & The Nisqually Valley News.
Call us at 360-736-3311 to ask how!

Centralia School District is looking for Substitute Custodians. This position will be used to fill open custodial shifts as needed throughout the school year. Starting pay varies from $18-20/hour. Must be able to pass a background check. Please contact the School District at 360-330-7644 or apply online at EdJobsNW.org.

WORK WANTED

PRESSURE WASHING
It's that time of year again! Slippery decks & dirty concrete. Our services include houses, out buildings, fences. Cascade Pressure Washing. Check out our website. Shauna, 360- 623-9620 or Glen, 503-899-9055 (local).

FOR RENT RENTALS

RENTAL APT. GENERAL

24 WORDS FOR THE PRICE OF 12! RENTAL AD CALL TODAY! The Chronicle Customer Service 360-736-3311

RENTAL APT. CHEHALIS

Studio apartment with private bath, $650 month, $650 deposit & credit check. 360-748-4926 leave a message.

FARM & AGRICULTURE

FEED, SEED & HAY

65-75 pound mini round bales, $15. 360-905-7464

LIVESTOCK & PETS

CATTLE FOR SALE

★★★★★★★★★
DO you have cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or rabbits for sale? We have a deal for you! 10 lines, 3 print days for $20! Call customer service today @ 360-736-3311
★★★★★★★★★

PET & PET SUPPLIES

PLACE YOUR PET AD HERE!
Email or call your ad in today!
classifieds@chronline.com
360-736-3311

Purebred Lab Puppies!

Silver & Chocolate, first shots & wormed, $500 each. Call Tammy, 360-520-5010

MERCHANDISE

FREE MERCHANDISE

Do you have a ***FREE*** ITEM?
Call Customer Service today to place your ✻ FREE AD! ✻
The Chronicle 360-736-3311
Ads run 3 days, 4 lines for FREE!

Ads with no abbreviations get better results!

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

BUYERS BEWARE!
If a deal seems too good to be true, ***it probably is***!
If someone asks you to send money without a transaction, or asks for your credit card - **DON'T** send money or give your credit card out, ***especially*** if you do not know them!

$100 OR LESS

Selling an item for **$100 or less???** Call customer service today to place your Ad! The Chronicle 360-736-3311 Ads run 3 days, 10 lines for $20

Turn last season's stuff into this season's spending money.
Do you have an item for $100 or less?? Call customer service today to place your AD! The Chronicle, 360-736-3311. Ads run 3 days, 10 lines 4 $20!

MISCELLANEOUS WANTED

➪ CLASSIFIED ➪ DEADLINES

✻ **Monday, 11:00 a.m. for Tuesday's paper.**
✻ Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. **for Thursday's paper.**
✻ Friday, 11:00 a.m. for **Saturday's paper.**

To place your ad, call 360-736-3311! classifieds@chronline.com

ATTENTION!! LAND OWNERS
WE BUY CEDAR & NOBLE BRANCHES. The season is on! We do all the work. Minimum 10 trees. Call now for appointment, **Jaime 360-751-0120 or 360-430-8510 Free estimates & references.**

ATTENTION LAND OWNERS!
Wanted cedar boughs & noble fir, branches only. Do not damage trees. Buying from Sept to Dec. Call Caesar, 360-241-6889 or 360-425-0738. Kelso.

NEEDED: Auto electrician to rewire a 1976 C10 with a painless harness, with Holly LS controller. Call James at 360-264-9025 or 209-552-9125.

AUCTIONS SALES

D & D Towing & Transport Inc. Abandoned Vehicle Auction to be held at 724 Teitzel Rd., Centralia, WA 98531, Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 3:30pm. Viewing 1 hour prior. 360-736-2338

NEW TODAY!

LC SHERIFF's Auction OnLine only 09/14 thru 09/21 2 motorcycles, 2 weapons, Grow lights Chehalis Livestock Auction, 328 Hamilton Rd.

AUCTIONS SALES

NEW
Grant's Towing & Automotive/Grant's Centralia/Grant's South Abandoned Vehicle Auction Every Friday 11:30 am at 915 Koontz Rd, Chehalis. Viewing every Friday beginning @ 8:30am. Call 360-330-2442 for current list.

GARAGE SALES GENERAL

☐VISIT ☐VISITED
WINLOCK ESTATE SALE!
Sat & Sun, Sept. 17 & 18, 8-3. 116 Fries Rd. Winlock, WA 98596. NO EARLY BIRDS, PLEASE.
Some collectible & vintage items, fabric & quilting items, household goods, dining table, lamps, sets of dishes & goblets, kitchenware & books.

GARAGE SALES CENTRALIA

☐VISIT ☐VISITED
OAKVIEW GRANGE GARAGE SALE!
Fri & Sat, Sept. 16 & 17, 9-4. 2715 N Pearl St., Centralia, WA 98531. LUNCH IS AVAILABLE! MULTI-VENDORS.
Clothes, seasonal decorations, toys, housewares, some furniture & much much more!

GARAGE SALES CHEHALIS

☐VISIT ☐VISITED
ESTATE SALE!
BY APPT ONLY! CALL 360-880-1977.
This sale will be ongoing for many weeks with new things unboxed when room is made. Our shop & garage are full of housewares, kitchen, decor, art, furniture, mattress's, dozens of lamps, many things vintage to current, boat, Joyner ATV, vintage 1950's TV & much much more!

BAZAARS

Ryderwood's Fall 2022 Arts 'N Craft Fair
Oct 21 & 22, 10-4 - Both Days!
Call for Vendors
An annual event since 2004, Ryderwood's Craft Fairs are intended for producers of fine handcrafted items. Vendors applications are available at **RyderwoodEvents@yahoo.com** or Bridgette at 541-290-2591 (Text) Email: ryderwoodevents@ymail.com. Community Hall (305 Morse St.) holds up to 30 vendors so it is first come, first served! The cost is $40 for each 6ft space for the 2 days and includes 1 table. Located 9 scenic miles west of I-5 exit #59, at the end of SR 506.

WE NOW HAVE BAZAAR & GARAGE SALE PACKAGES AVAILABLE!
✻✻✻✻✻✻✻✻✻✻✻
Packages include 2 laminated signs, 4 sheets of pricing stickers, 3 sale sheets, a sharpie and balloons! packages are only $5 with the purchase of a classified ad.

AUTOMOTIVE

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

2016 26' Cherokee travel trailer, excellent condition, gas/electric hot water, solar ready, leather sleeper sofa, leather electric double recliner with heat & massage, queen bed, led indoor/outdoor lights, $26,500. Call for appointment, 360-532-9046.

MOTOR HOMES

WANTED: Motorhome or truck & travel trailer, any type, size, condition considered, cash buyer. Call Paul or Maryann 360-434-3993.

TRUCKS

WANTED: Diesel or gas pickup trucks, nice & clean, top dollar paid. CASH! Easy as 1-2-3! Call Paul 360-434-3993

DOMESTIC AUTOS

2001 Convertible Corvette: Looks & runs great, $12,000. 360-880-9318

LEGAL NOTICES

123542 2022 Budget Amendment

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Before the CHEHALIS RIVER BASIN FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT SUPERVISORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Supervisors in the Historical Courthouse, 351 NW North Street, Chehalis, Washington, on the 28th day of September, 2022. The hearing will be held on or after 2:30 p.m. to consider an amendment to Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Fund No. 65N1.
All those wishing to speak for or against the amendment shall be afforded the opportunity to be heard. This amendment proposes increasing expenditures for a total in the amount of $2,891,601 and increasing revenue in the amount of $2,891,601.
Said amendment can be obtained from the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District, 351 NW North St. Chehalis, WA. Phone: (360)740-2660, Email: Lara.McRea@lewiscountywa.gov. Written comments may be submitted to the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District prior to or during said hearing.
This meeting site is barrier free. People needing special assistance or accommodations should contact the Interim Clerk of the Board 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Phone: (360) 740-2660

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123594 NOA

BEFORE THE LEWIS COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY BOARD LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Notice of Applications to Change Place of Use, Purpose of Use, and Point of Diversion under Superseding Certificate of Water Right S2-SWC1862(A) and Superseding Certificate of Water Right S2-SWC9995(A).

TAKE NOTICE: That on July 21, 2022, the City of Chehalis, Washington filed under Application for Change Numbers LEW-22-01 and LEW-22-02 with the Lewis County Water Conservancy Board to change the place of use, purpose of use, and point of diversion under Superseding Water Right S2-SWC1862(A) and Superseding Water Right S2-SWC9995(A).

That said Superseding Water Right S2-SWC1862(A), under priority date of December 31, 1941, authorizes the diversion of 0.21 cfs continuous, non-specified annual use acre-ft. per year from a point of diversion on the Chehalis River located within the NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 24, Township 13 N, Range 4 WWM. That said Water Right authorizes water to be used for irrigation from April 15 to October 1 for irrigation within the NE1/4 of NE1/4 of Section 23 and the NW 1/4 of Section 24, Township 13 N, Range 4 WWM.

That said Superseding Water Right S2-SWC9995(A), under priority date of March 17, 1966, authorizes the diversion of 0.7938 cfs continuous, 167.58 acre-ft. per year from points of diversion located on the Chehalis River located within the SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 24, Township 13 N, Range 4 WWM, and the South Fork of the Chehalis River within the NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 24, Township 13 N, Range 4 WWM. That said Water Right authorizes water to be used for irrigation from April 15 to October 1 for irrigation within the S 1/2 of Section 13, Township 13 N, Range 4 WWM, and the N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 24, Township 13 N, Range 4 WWM.

That the applicant proposes to change the points of diversion to a point of diversion on the Chehalis River downstream of the current points of diversion located in the NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 31, Township 14 N, Range 2 WWM; and the applicant proposes to change the place of use to the City of Chehalis Water System service area; and the applicant proposes to change the purpose of use to municipal water supply for the City of Chehalis.

Any protests or objections to approval of this application may be filed with the Department of Ecology and must include a detailed statement of the basis for objections; protests must be accompanied by a fifty dollar ($50) recording fee and filed with Department of Ecology, Cashiering Unit, PO Box 47611, Olympia WA 98504-7611 within thirty (30) days from September 15, 2022.

Any interested party may submit comments, objections, and other information to the board regarding this application. The comments and information may be submitted in writing or verbally at any public meeting of the board held to discuss or decide on the application. This application will be on the board agenda during its regular meetings to be held on September 15, October 20, and November 18, 2022.

Additionally, the Water Conservancy Board may receive written comments or information through October 20, 2022 at PO Box 1345 Chehalis, WA 98532-0318.

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123643 Bids

The Chehalis Centralia Railroad & Museum, a 501 c 3 non-profit organization invites bids for a project manager to oversee the restoration of the railroad track in Chehalis, Washington. The project entails replacing sub-ballast, ballast, culverts, ties, and OTM on a 1/2-mile washout from the January 2022 flood event. The project manager must obtain equipment for project needs. Contact info @steamtrainride.com for project details. The deadline for bid submission is September 19, 2022. The project must be completed by October 15, 2022.

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LEGAL NOTICES

123682 Kennicott Villas

Dan Hawes, 140 Saley Ln Centralia, WA 98531-9038, is seeking coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's Construction Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit.

The proposed project, Kennicott Villas, is located at Kennicott Rd in Chehalis in Lewis County.

This project involves 4.27 acres if soil disturbance for Residential, Utilities construction activities.

Any persons desiring to present their views to the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding this Application, or interested in Ecology's action on this Application, may notify Ecology in writing no later than 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice. Ecology reviews public comments and considers whether discharges from this project would cause a measurable change in receiving water quality, and if so, whether the project is necessary and in the overriding public interest according to Tier II antidegradation requirements under WAC 173-201A-320.

Comments can be submitted to:
ecyrewqianoi@ecy.wa.gov, or
ATTN: Water Quality Program, Construction Stormwater
Washington State Department of Ecology
P.O. Box 47696
Olympia, WA 98504-7696

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123687 Notice to Bidders

Notice to Bidders Lewis Conservation District Chehalis, Washington
MacBryer Erosion Project 2022
SEALED BIDS will be received for MacBryer Erosion Project 2022, (Engineer's Estimate $105,600) at the office of Lewis Conservation District, located at 2057 SW Salsbury Avenue, Chehalis, WA 98532, **until September 23, 2022 at 10 A. M.**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. A **mandatory job show** will be held at the site on September 20 at 10 A. M., Site address is 1452 State Route 508, Onalaska, WA 98570. Coordinates: Latitude 46.573669, Longitude -122.753291 Attendance at the job show is required for bid submission.
***MAJOR BID ITEMS** will include: Mobilization LS, Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control LS, Water Isolation/Fish Exclusion, Toe Logs 7 EA, Key Logs 14 EA, Filler Logs 7 EA, Crest Logs 7 EA, Cribwall Unit Installed 7 EA, Bank Grading, Excavation and Offsite Removal 105 CY, Stabilization, Coir Fabric Installation 180 SY, Site Restoration, Seeding 0.2 AC Minor Change $1000 T&M and other items in conformance with the 2022 WSDOT Standard Specifications incl. the APWA Supplement, and the Special Provisions for this project.
This project is funded by grants administered by the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office. Washington State prevailing wage provisions apply to this project and contractor will be required to file a Statement of Intent to Pay Prevailing Wages to Department of Labor and Industries, as well as Affidavit of Wages Paid. The District will not make final payment until they receive evidence that the Affidavit form has been certified by L&I.
PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, ADDENDA, PROPOSAL FORMS, BIDDERS LIST, AND PLAN HOLDERS LIST for this project will be available at

HOROSCOPE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Pay attention to what unfolds, and you'll offset a costly mistake. Sit tight, regardless of the changes others make. Before making a change, take time to discover what's best for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Avoid sensitive talks if they could disrupt your plans or start a feud. Pay more attention to how you can make a difference and benefit yourself and others. Personal growth is favored.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Put your energy where it counts. Inspiration and excitement will follow if you use your wisdom and experience to get others to commit to your plans. Think big and make things happen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You may thrive on change, but don't do anything that isn't necessary. Save your time, energy and cash. Socializing will lead to questions and thoughts about how to proceed. Be a good listener.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Forge ahead with determination. Make your point, and don't hesitate to branch off on your own if it will get you closer to achieving your goal. Don't take on the impossible.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Pay attention to new information or technical changes that could influence how you do things. Your ability to adjust will determine the outcome. Keep busy and avoid controversy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Call on those you trust to help you, then discuss your plans. Listen to suggestions and adjust only what's necessary to get the best results. A partnership will stabilize your situation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Refuse to let anger seep into conversations or affect how you do your job. Focus on making positive changes that will encourage you to do the best job possible. The way you do things will affect the kind of support you receive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Explore the possibilities and enjoy what life offers. Get involved in events and activities that spark your imagination and promote discipline. Don't let uncertainty take control.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Question information you receive. Refuse to unleash your emotions on others. Give others the benefit of the doubt and go about your business without letting what others say or do impact your progress.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Keep moving forward, regardless of what others do today. Think outside the box, and you'll devise a plan that surpasses your expectations. Trust your knowledge and ability to get things done.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Question shared expenses and joint ventures. Not everyone will share your standards. A loss will catch you off guard if you let others handle your financial affairs. Don't overreact.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Not everyone will agree with you. Don't hesitate to head in a direction that suits your needs. You can't please everyone, but you can offer your blessing and get the same in return.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Don't take anything or anyone for granted. Look at what you are up against, and take steps to deal with any obstacles. A reserved attitude is favored. Positive change begins with you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Travel about, ask questions and wrap your head around your objective. You can make a difference if you draw on people who can deliver the goods and complement what you offer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

A joint venture will lead to emotional mayhem. Pay attention to how you present yourself to others, and you will receive compliments and interest in your work. Carry out your plan yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Be realistic and promise only what's feasible. Taking on too much will leave you in a compromising position. Put your heart and soul into something that matters to you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You'll come up with unique solutions that result in unexpected opportunities. Dig deep, gather information and prepare to dazzle onlookers. Heed the lessons of your personal experience.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Stay focused on what's important. Don't let anyone sidetrack you or coerce you into something that benefits them instead of you. Gather information and pick up skills that will boost your income.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Leave nothing undone or in someone else's hands. Look at the price tag before you part with your cash, and consider the stress that comes with debt before you embark on a big commitment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Socializing will be informative. Ask questions and be a part of the conversation, and you'll meet people who encourage you to add to your knowledge, skills and experience.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Take a physical approach to whatever you pursue. Be the one to enforce change if that's what you want. Refuse to let anyone stand in your way. Discuss opportunities with a like-minded colleague.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Rely on intelligence to get you through your day. Refuse to let emotional matters take precedence over what's important to you. Walk away from negativity and lies. Finish what you start.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Think before you spend. Pay attention to detail and gather information before deciding what to do next. Be prepared to retrace your steps. A change at home will benefit you.

LEGAL NOTICES

Lewis Conservation District, 2057 SW Salbury Ave., Chehalis, WA, 98532. The information can also be obtained electronically by emailing bob.amrine@lewiscdwa.com

ALL BID PROPOSALS shall be accompanied by a bid proposal deposit in the form of a Surety Bond, Cash, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of such bid proposal. **The Proposal Bond can be on DOT Form 272-001 revised 08/2001 for Local Agency Use**. Should the successful bidder fail to enter into such contract and furnish satisfactory performance bond within the time stated in the Specifications, the bid proposal deposit shall be forfeited to Lewis Conservation District.

ALL BID PROPOSALS shall be on forms furnished from Lewis Conservation District. Sealed bids will be due by September 23rd at 10 am.

LEWIS CONSERVATION DISTRICT reserves the right to accept or reject bids on each item separately or as a whole, to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and to contract as to the best interest of the Lewis Conservation District.

DATED this 15th day of September, 2022. Bob Amrine, District Manager, Lewis Conservation District Chehalis, WA (360) 996-4560

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123584 NTC: Hadaller

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD A. HADALLER, Deceased. No. 22-4-00383-21 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 in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:
September 8, 2022.
/s/
John Hadaller,
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WSBA #50057
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123473 NTC: McDonald

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY IN MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRUCE MCDONALD, Deceased. Case No.: 22-4-00361-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator 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 Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:
September 1, 2022.
/s/ Mike McDonald
Mike McDonald,,
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123541 NTC: Spriggs

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS In the Matter of the Estate Of ARDIS MARIE SPRIGGS, Deceased. NO. 22-4-0035021 NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative 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 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 days after 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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/s/ Roxanne Carol Masters
ROXANNE CAROL MASTERS
Personal Representative

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Trustee Sale # 095572-WA Title # 191223854-WA-MSW Notice of Trustee's Sale Grantor(s): ROBERT HENRY, A SINGLE MAN Grantee(s): LANDSAFE TITLE OF WASHINGTON, as Trustee Original beneficiary of the deed of trust: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS Current beneficiary of the deed of trust: THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-85CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-85CB Current trustee of the deed of trust: CLEAR RECON CORP Current mortgage servicer of the deed of trust: NewRez LLC, F/K/A New Penn Financial, LLC, D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Reference number of the deed of trust: 3239238 Parcel number(s): 001619000000 LOT 7 & 8, BLOCK 31, RAILROAD ADDITION I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, CLEAR RECON CORP, 601 West 1st Avenue, Suite 1400, Spokane, WA 99201, Trustee will on 9/23/2022 at 9:00 AM AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE LEWIS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 351 N.W. NORTH STREET, CHEHALIS, WA 98532 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable, in the form of cash, or cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Lewis, State of Washington, to-wit: LOTS 7 AND 8, BLOCK 31, RAILROAD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 73, RECORDS OF LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON Commonly known as: 919 E ST CENTRALIA, WA 98531 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 11/29/2005, recorded 12/7/2005, as Auditor's File No. 3239238, records of Lewis County, Washington, from ROBERT HENRY, A SINGLE MAN, as Grantor(s), to LANDSAFE TITLE OF WASHINGTON, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned to THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-85CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-85CB , under an Assignment recorded under Auditor's File No 3478459. II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust or the Beneficiary's successor is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: $46,012.39 IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $105,170.83, together with interest as provided in the Note from 7/1/2019, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 9/23/2022. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 9/12/2022, (11 days before the sale date) to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 9/12/2022 (11 days before the sale) the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 9/12/2022 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the or the Grantor's successor interest or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following address(es): SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "1" by both first class and certified mail on 4/11/2022, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS - The purchaser at the trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the grantor under the Deed of Trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the Deed of Trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. If you are a servicemember or a dependent of a servicemember, you may be entitled to certain protections under the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and any comparable state laws regarding the risk of foreclosure. If you believe you may be entitled to these protections, please contact our office immediately. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date on this notice to pursue mediation. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission Telephone: 1-877-894-HOME(1-877-894-4663). Web site: http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_counselors_foreclosure.htm The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Telephone: 1-800-569-4287 Web site: http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dfc The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 Web site: http://nwjustice.org/what-clear THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Dated: May 13, 2022 CLEAR RECON CORP, as Successor Trustee Monica Chavez, Authorized Signor For additional information or service you may contact: Clear Recon Corp 601 West 1st Avenue, Suite 1400 Spokane, WA 99201 Phone: (206) 707-9599
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123539 Summons/
J&M Properties, LLC

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CAMAS J&M PROPERTIES, LLC, an Alaska entity, dba JOHN AND MARY PROPERTIES, LLC,

**Plaintiff,
vs.**

**SILVER STAR MINES, INC.; BUTTE SILICA, INC.; WASSER & WINTERS COMPANY, a Washington corporation; SILVER BAR MINES, INC., an Idaho corporation; BAY-HORSE RESOURCES, INC., an Idaho corporation; HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF THE ESTATES OF FRED H. WOLSKE (aka WOLSKI) and PHYLLIS E. WOLSKE, husband and wife; HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF THE ESTATES OF CARL E. FORSBERG and JESSIE L. FORSBERG, husband and wife; HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF THE ESTATE OF JACK L. ORTOLF (aka ORTAFF); DOROTHY M. ORTOLF, (aka ORTAFF); HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF THE ESTATES OF RAYMOND B. FLETCHER and JENET A. FLETCHER; and HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS GIBBONS;
Defendants.**

**Case No. CV13-22-00024
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

TO: ALL DEFENDANTS
You have been sued by J&M Properties, LLC, an Alaska entity, dba John and Mary Properties, LLC, the Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for the County of Camas, Idaho, Case No. CV13-22-00024.
The nature of the claim again you in this action is to quiet title.
Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No., and paid any required filing fee to the Camas County Clerk of Court is: 501 Soldier Road, Fairfield, ID 83327; telephone number (208) 764-2238, and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's attorney, Jed W. Manwaring, at Evans Keane LLP, P. O. Box 959, Boise, Idaho 83701-0959, telephone: (208) 384-1800.
A copy of the Summons and Verified Complaint to Quiet Title can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.
DATED: 8/26/2022
CLERK OF THE COURT
By Brianna Walter
Deputy Clerk

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123593 Surplus Sale

Rochester School District is confirming the availability of surplus equipment and materials for sale through silent and live auction. Items will be sold as is, with no warranty, with priority given to governmental agencies. All sales are final. For a list of items available go to www.rochester.wednet.edu.

To preview sale items, contact Shawna Kiliz at (360) 273-9242.

Sale Date:
September 17, 2022
Location:
Rochester High School,
19800 Carper Rd. SW,
Rochester, WA 98579
Hours: Silent Auction 5:00 p.m. during the Hall of Fame Dinner (there is a $30 fee for dinner)
Live Auction 6:45 p.m.

Government agencies or other qualifying persons (identification required) - 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Open to the public --5:00 p.m.

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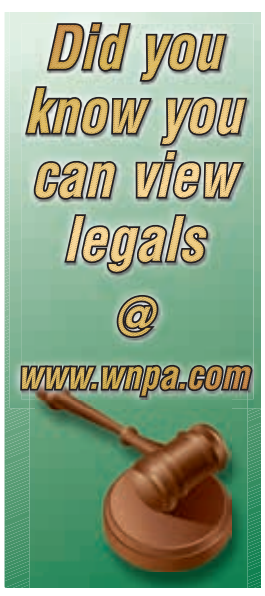

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