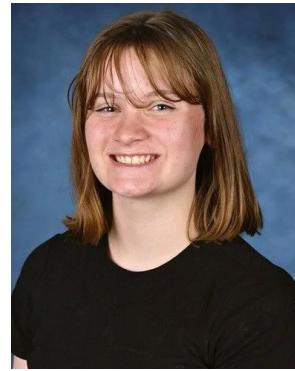




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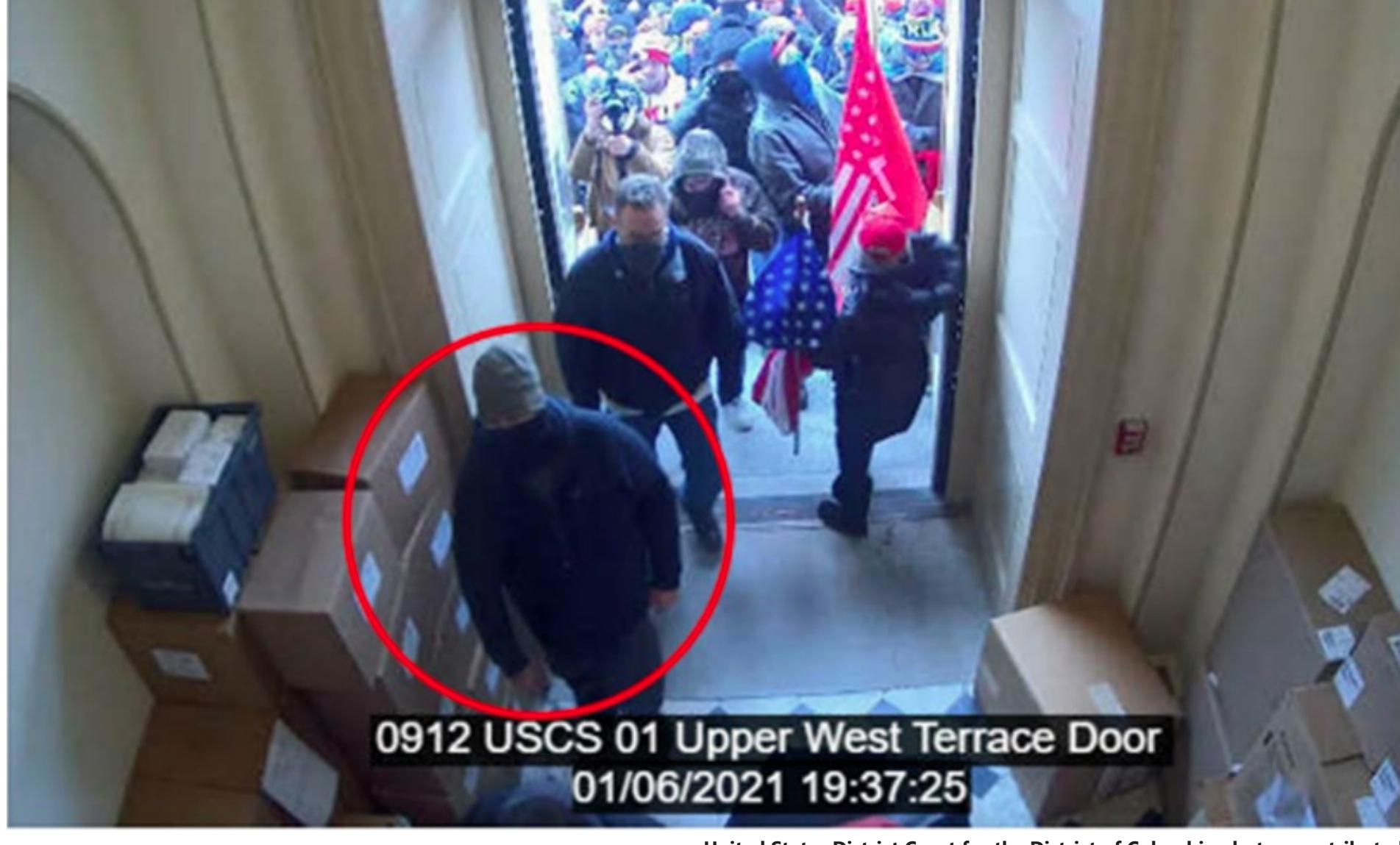
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JANUARY 6 RIOT

ARIEL MAN GETS PARDON



United States District Court for the District of Columbia photos, contributed

Ronald Schultz, of Ariel, is seen marked with a red circle on security camera footage as he enters the U.S. Capitol building on Jan. 6 2021.

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A Cowlitz County man charged in the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection on the U.S. Capitol has been pardoned following President Donald Trump's sweeping clemency for the reported 1,500-plus people charged with crimes after the attack.

Ronald Schultz, 62, of Ariel was charged with four crimes in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, but was not tried before the the Jan. 20 pardon. Like all the Jan. 6 pardons, Schultz's case was dismissed with prejudice, meaning it cannot be brought again.

Schultz told The Daily News he was ecstatic and thankful when he learned of the dismissal of his charges: entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds; disorderly

and disruptive conduct in a restricted building or grounds; disorderly conduct in a capitol building; and parading, demonstrating or picketing in a capitol building.

Schultz declined to comment further by deadline.

On Jan. 31, the Trump administration also fired prosecutors involved in the Jan. 6 criminal cases, according to the Associated Press, and started collecting a list of FBI employees who investigated the cases to review if "any additional personnel actions are necessary."

What footage shows

According to Schultz's affidavit, the FBI identified him using public YouTube videos taken during the riot, witnesses close to him, and his own Facebook page featuring photos of himself at the Capitol building. His Facebook photos showed him wearing a dark



Ronald Schultz is seen wearing a tan Carhartt beanie within the rectangle frame, in one of the multiple images was used to identify him and track his movements on Jan. 6, 2021.

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Castle Rock graduation rate drops below 70%

Most area schools
above state average
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Castle Rock School
District's graduation rate
dropped almost 10 per-
centage points between
2023 and 2024, standing
out in a county where most
districts remain above the
state average, according to
recently released state data.

Longview and Woodland
school districts also saw
slight drops, while Kelso,

Kalama and Toutle Lake's
graduation rates all in-
creased.

The state graduation rate
continues to hold steady
around 83%, with a drop of
just under 1% compared to
the previous year. Howev-
er, Castle Rock's rates are
below the state average.

Castle Rock

Castle Rock's graduation
rate has been declining
since 2021, according to
data from the state Office
of Superintendent of Public

Instruction, but the drop in
2024 was far larger than in
previous years.

The graduation rate
dropped from 78.2% in
2023 to 67.8% in 2024, the
lowest it has been in the
seven years for which data
is available.

However, more students
who did not graduate are
continuing to attend school
rather than dropping out.
In 2024, 14.4% of Castle
Rock seniors were continu-
ing into a fifth year and

17.8% had dropped out. In
2023, less than 3% contin-
ued and 21.8% dropped
out.

Castle Rock High School
staff did not provide a
comment before publica-
tion.

Other area schools

Kalama's graduation rate
saw the largest increase,
going from 84.5% in 2023
to 88.9% in 2024. For male
students specifically, the

graduation rate increased
by about 16%, from 76.2%
to over 92.5%. However,
female students had the
opposite result, going from
over 92.9% to 80.5%.

District officials did not
respond to requests for
comment.

Toutle Lake's graduation
rate increased from 90%,
where it has remained
since 2021, to over 92.7%,
the highest in the county.

Kelso had the second
highest at 91.4%, a slight

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Mexican eateries close in solidarity

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Several Mexican restaurants in Cowlitz County shut their doors on Monday "in solidarity with our Hispanic community" — and in solidarity with businesses across the country.

Taqueria el muñeco in Kelso, Monarca restaurant in Longview, and Los Altos Mexican Restau-

rant in Castle Rock all posted similar messages on Facebook announcing that they would be closed Monday to show support to "their entire Hispanic community." The local businesses state normal hours will on Tuesday. The eateries don't directly list a movement, but national news reports show sim-

ilar closures Monday aligned with "A Day Without Immigrants" demonstrations in areas across the country including Los Angeles, St. Paul, Minnesota among others. President Donald Trump has also promised to begin massive deportations, while critics have noted logistical issues in ramping deportation numbers. Locally, the busi-

ness' bilingual posts maintain a positive tone. For instance Taqueria el muñeco, posting "we strongly believe in equality and respect all people regardless of their color, race, religion or country of origin." When reached for comment, restaurant owner Yadira Wandestrand said many locals don't understand how afraid some people in the Latino

community are to go out on the streets "because of the racism that exists just for being Mexican." "It is very sad what is happening," Wandestrand said. "Not all of us are bad people. There are people who come to work and pay taxes."

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elected officials convened to certify the Electoral College vote count for the 2020 presidential election won by former President Joe Biden.

As stated in the federal complaint, a video posted to YouTube on Jan. 7, 2021, shows Schultz standing next to known members of the Proud Boys, a far-right group who assembled and later marched toward the U.S. Capitol building during the Jan. 6 attack.

Security camera footage from inside

the U.S. Capitol Building also shows Schultz entering through the upper west terrace door at about 2:37 p.m., and heading to the second floor, the report continues. Around 2:45 p.m., Schultz is seen near the Statuary Hall, which features statues of prominent Americans. He is then seen in the Rotunda of the Capitol before exiting through the east doors two minutes later.

An arrest warrant was issued for Schultz in July.

The FBI became

aware of Schultz during an investigation of Marc Anthony Bru, of Vancouver, who the FBI says is a Proud Boys member. Bru was later sentenced to six years in prison for his actions on Jan. 6, but also pardoned last month with all other Jan. 6 convictions.

Bru had a return

flight booked with Alaska Airlines from Chicago to Portland for himself and a companion by the name of "Ronald Scholtz" on

Jan. 10, 2021, Schultz's affidavit states. During

this time, Bru was talking to a person with a phone number and an email address associated with Schultz, the report continues. That same contact info was also used to rent a car in D.C. during the time of the Jan. 6 attack, according to the affidavit.

In August 2023, the

FBI interviewed two

people from an area

where Schultz used

to work, and the pair

said they believed

Schultz was in photos

depicting the inside

and outside of the

Tech issues cause delays at TDN

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Due to companywide technology issues, The Daily News was not able to print this Thursday, Feb. 4 issue on time.

Lee Enterprises, which owns The Daily News, is continuing to work on correcting the issues and apologizes for the inconvenience.

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a modified version of the paper, with changes such as including lifestyle stories in the sports section.

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disrupting communication, the notice continues.

Bru expressed no remorse over his Jan. 6 action, even telling the presiding judge, "You could give me 100 years and I would still do it all over again," the press release states.

Editor's note: The Daily News follows Associated Press style guidelines in referring to the event at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, which includes calling the instance a riot, attack and insurrection.

Car on tracks hit by Amtrak in Kalama

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No one was hurt after an Amtrak train crashed into a rental car Sunday night in Kalama.

Troy Brightbill, chief criminal deputy with the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office, told The Daily News the collision occurred at about 9:09 p.m., at the intersection of Toteff Road and Hendrickson Drive in Kalama, close to the Temco Kalama

Terminal located at 400 Toteff Rd.

Kalama Police Chief Rafael Herrera

said the driver of the 2024 Kia Soul, Jackson Dsouza of Canada, appeared visibly shaken but was uninjured from the crash.

According to Brightbill, Dsouza was driving a rental car, and was on his way to a nearby grain terminal when he took a wrong turn and accidentally drove

onto the tracks while attempting to turn around.

Another driver helped him get out of the car, but the Kia was hit by the train, caught fire and declared a total loss.

The Amtrak train didn't sustain any damage, officials report.

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increase from the 2023 rate of 90.2% and the highest the district has seen in seven years. Increasing the graduation rate to 100% has been a major focus for district officials in recent years.

Longview saw the largest drop after Castle Rock, from 88% to 83.9%. Like Castle Rock, this is the lowest rate out of the available years, but Longview remains above the state average of 82.8%.

Longview Superintendent Karen Clon-

inger said the declining graduation rate may be in part because the state has once again become stricter about graduation requirements that were relaxed during the pandemic. To combat this, she said the district is working on providing more alternative programs for students who might struggle with a traditional high school format.

Woodland's graduation rate dropped from 2020 to 2022, but saw a

slight increase in 2023. However, it dropped again in 2024, going from 84.1% to 82%.

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Trump nominates Joe Kent to lead counterterrorism agency

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President Donald Trump has nominated Yacolt Republican Joe Kent, who lost two bids to represent Washington's 3rd Congressional District, to become director of the National Counterterrorism Center.

The center operates under the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and serves as the primary hub for counterterrorism, where agencies in-

cluding the FBI, CIA and Homeland Security share intelligence. It maintains a national repository of known and suspected terrorists.

"As a Soldier, Green Beret, and CIA Officer, Joe has hunted down terrorists and criminals his entire adult life," Trump wrote on Truth Social on Monday.

Kent enlisted in the U.S. Army at 18 and served for two decades, deploying 11 times before becom-

ing a field operative for the CIA.

Trump mentioned Kent's wife, Shannon Kent, a Navy cryptologic technician who was killed by an Islamic State group suicide

bombed in northeastern Syria in 2019.

Kent, a single father to a baby and toddler after his wife died, began defending Trump's foreign policy in the media.

"Pointless or unwinnable wars are the highest form of dis-



terrorism, from the jihadists around the World, to the cartels in our backyard."

Kent ran for Congress against incumbent Republican Herrera Better in 2022, criticizing her vote to impeach Trump following the Jan. 6 Capitol attack. He defended the unsubstantiated claim that the 2020 election was a fraud, supporting election audits and dissolving mail-in voting. Trump endorsed him.

In 2022 and 2024,

Kent lost to Democrat Marie Gluesenkamp Perez of Skamania County. However, he received support from Trump and U.S. Speaker of the House Mike Johnson on the campaign trail.

On Facebook, Kent thanked Trump for the nomination.

"It's an honor to serve our nation again, time to keep our nation safe & strong!" he wrote.

MM student raising money for workshop

Program grads get priority on merit-based financial aid

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Mark Morris High School junior Paige Wirtz has wanted to be a writer for about as long as she can remember.

To further that goal, she's working two part-time jobs and collecting donations to attend the Fir Acres Writing Workshop at Portland's Lewis and Clark College this summer.

Wirtz hopes to raise \$3,800. She estimates she has raised close to \$1,000 so far, including contributions from her parents. Along with collecting donations, she is working at White Pass Ski School and as a lifeguard.

Wirtz is also the Mark

Morris student representative on the Longview School Board.

About the workshop The Fir Acres Writing Workshop is a two-week event for rising 10th, 11th and 12th graders hosted by Lewis and Clark College. The 60 participants attend daily workshops, explore the Portland area and get time to work on their own writing. Students who attend summer workshops and are later admitted to Lewis and Clark College get preferential consideration for merit-based aid and are guaranteed at least \$20,000 per year in renewable scholarship funding, according to the program website. Wirtz also applied for last year's program but was placed on a waiting list. However, her

application stood out enough that she was granted immediate acceptance to the 2025 workshop, she said. She added that she was excited because the longer wait meant she had more time to raise the money she needed.

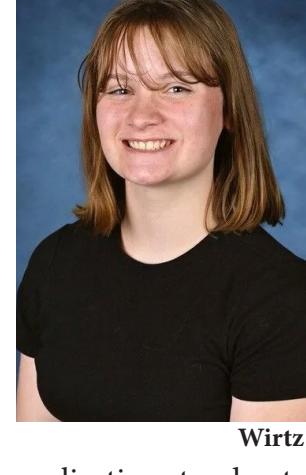
A lifelong goal Wirtz grew up in a family of readers who fostered a love of books in her from an early age. She said she has always enjoyed telling stories, and

would include people in her life as characters before she realized she could make up her own.

"I don't remember consciously deciding I wanted to be a writer," she said.

She writes both poetry and fiction, and tends to focus on romance. Some of her stories are fantasy, while others feature a more contemporary setting. "Pretty much everything I write is going to include romance in some way," she said. Her goal is to publish a book someday, she said. She has several she is working on, along with a poetry collection she created with a friend.

She hopes that attending the workshop will help her improve in all aspects of her writing, from character building to dialogue.



Thomas Popp, left,

sits in Cowlitz County Superior Court of Monday, Jan. 27 in Kelso.

Matthew Esnayra, The Daily News



Suspect in 1983 homicide appears in court

Washington man pleaded not guilty to being a fugitive

Nick Hytrek

Sioux City Journal

KELSO — A Washington man recently charged with the 1983 slaying of a woman in Sioux City pleaded not guilty last week of being a fugitive from justice.

Thomas Popp, 62, is next scheduled to appear in Cowlitz County Superior Court in Washington on Monday.

Popp was arrested Jan. 11 in Longview, a day after a Woodbury County, Iowa grand jury filed an indictment charging him with first-degree

murder for the shooting death of Terri McCauley.

He faces extradition to Iowa to stand trial for McCauley's death. His bail remains set at \$750,000 cash or surety.

McCauley, 18, a mother of two, was last seen alive getting into a white Chevy Nova in a Sioux City parking lot in the early morning of Sept. 26, 1983. Before getting into the car, McCauley told the two friends she was with that she was going on a date.

A man walking his dog found McCauley's partially clothed and decomposed body more than a week

later on Oct. 6 near 33rd and Pavonia streets. Investigators determined McCauley had been shot in the face with a 20-gauge shotgun.

Police connected a Nova to the case and established a suspect, but could not find any proof McCauley had ever been inside the vehicle. Prosecutors decided against proceeding with charges at the time because they wanted more concrete evidence that could help ensure a conviction. That evidence never surfaced.

Years later, police resubmitted DNA evidence to a laboratory in hopes advances

in DNA technology would provide new leads, but it did not.

"We won't ever know what Terri could have been," Josh Taylor, her nephew, said at a Jan. 13 press conference. "Terri could have been a very successful Native American woman in our community. That unfortunately was stolen from her. You kind of go down the what-if today. She would have been a grandmother. You think about all the stuff that you know she's missed."

PORTRLAND (AP) — Providence and dozens of doctors at a hospital in Portland, Oregon, have reached a tentative agreement after 27 days of strike, bringing what has been described as the state's largest health care strike closer to a potential end, depending on union ratification.

The tentative agreement with hospital doctors and palliative care physicians working with patients with serious illness or injury at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center was announced by the Oregon Nurses Association union and Providence in news releases late Wednesday night.

Key provisions of the

tentative agreement include pay raises, more sick time and a commitment to reform staffing models, the union said.

Ratification votes will begin Thursday, the union said. If ratified, it would be the first contract for the hospital physicians, who formed their union in 2023.

This week, Providence also reached a tentative agreement with nurses at its eight Oregon hospitals.

That ratification vote opened Thursday as well.

Meanwhile, doctors, nurses and providers at six women's health clinics ratified their tentative agreement on Tuesday, and they were set to return to work.

Providence, doctors reach deal

Clois "Butch" Murrell Blue Jr.
December 5, 1946 - January 29, 2025



Clois Murrell Blue Jr., better known as Butch Blue 78, passed away on January 29, 2025, in Spirit Lake, Idaho. Born on December 5, 1946, Butch dedicated his life to his family and coaching.

A native of Castle Rock, WA, Butch graduated from Washington State University and Central Washington University. His career as a coach, teacher, and administrator

spanned over three decades at Battle Ground High School. His remarkable contributions to sports and education were recognized in 2011 when he was inducted into the Washington State Coaches Hall of Fame. After his tenure at Battle Ground, he played a pivotal role in developing the athletic program at Kingsway Christian Schools and served as an administrator.

Butch was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend known for his belief that "attitude is everything." Philippians 4:4-9.

He is survived by his three children, Casey (wife Kantra) and their children Kai, Levi, and Sina; his son Travis; and his daughter Maggie Pete (husband Kyle) and their children Luke and Mazie. He also leaves behind his sister Jackie Schwinn and brothers Kenny and Michael Neuschwanger. Butch was preceded in death by his parents, Bonnie Fay Saunders and Clois Murrell Blue Sr., and his beloved wife, Lorna, who passed away in 2020.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 1st at 2:00 p.m. at Reign Church, located at 11608 NE 107th Street, Vancouver, WA 98662.

State GOP sticks

with Walsh as leader

Jerry Cornfield

Washington State Standard

State lawmaker

Jim Walsh, fresh off securing a second term as leader of Washington's Republican Party, said Monday he is focused on strengthening the GOP's campaign mechanics heading into the 2025 election season.

Walsh, who won reelection Saturday, said he wants the party to do a better job turning out Republican voters and ensuring their ballots are tallied. To that end, he's hired a new political director to oversee get-out-the-vote and ballot-harvesting efforts statewide.

"We want to win. I think the state party is unified in running nuts-and-bolts, tactical campaigns that are successful," Walsh said.

Democrats, meanwhile, have reelected Shasti Conrad as leader of their state party. With her at the helm, Democrats swept nine statewide executive posts, gained seats in the Legislature and defeated three conservative-backed ballot measures in 2024.

The state Democratic Party succeeded in part because it outraised its Republican counterpart and outperformed the GOP in the campaign ground game.

Matt Brown, chair of the Yakima County Republican Party, will be counted on

to improve the GOP showing on the latter front.

Walsh cited Brown's role in helping Republicans win control of the Yakima City Council, county-level offices and, in November, three seats in the 14th Legislative District.

In the 14th, the boundaries were redrawn in a manner that favored Democratic candidates in response to a redistricting lawsuit.

"All three were in a gerrymandered district where Democrats were spiking the football before the election," Walsh said. Brown won in the region "by executing an aggressive and disciplined system of contacting voters and harvesting their ballots. Brown will execute that system all around Washington.

And we will be better positioned to help candidates win races."

This year will provide a strong test.

Eight Democratic state lawmakers appointed to their seats this session must stand for election this fall. Most are in safe Democratic districts.

The exception is a Senate seat in the 26th, which is viewed as a swing district. Sen. Deborah Krishnadasan, D-Gig Harbor, will be challenged to keep the seat and already has one high-profile opponent, Rep. Michelle Caldier, R-Gig Harbor, has emerged.



The Flipside photos, contributed

Signs outside The Flipside welcome guests and showcase its pizza in Kalama.

Fuel Company opens Kalama eatery

Pizzas known for using local dough

Ginny McCabe
For The Daily News

A regional fuel and lubricant distributor, which also owns more than a dozen convenience stores and diesel gas stations, has opened a restaurant in Kalama.

Wilcox and Flegel owns The Flipside off Interstate 5, which has been offering coffee, pizza and sandwiches since 2023 and continues to offer new specials like buffalo chicken pizza, introduced in December.

This isn't the company's first dive into restaurants, however. It also owns Indy Way Diner in Longview, according to a Wilcox and Flegel representative.

In Kalama, The Flipside Manager Alicia Dieter, who joined the team in March, said locals and I-5 travelers stop by from morning to night.

"We sell a lot of pizzas (and) beer, and expressos in

the morning. So, it's The Flipside. In the morning, we start out with our coffee business, then on the flipside, we transition to pizza and beer," Dieter said.

The restaurant, located off North Hendrickson Drive near the Arch Wood Protection and Mountain Log and Timber, makes their signature pizzas with Kalama Sourdough Bakery dough.

The most popular pizza is The Kalama, Dieter said, which is made with alfredo sauce, chicken, crispy bacon, mozzarella and gouda cheeses, topped with a sprinkling of fresh green onions.

"People love our pizzas," she said.

There's a even fan favorite not on the menu: a breakfast pizza, made of sausage gravy, pepper jack cheese, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage and gouda, which was introduced in the summer.

"We've had people drive from around Southwest

Washington just to try

it," Dieter said.

From friends to family

The indoor dining room seats 50 guests, including bar seating.

For starters, the restaurant offers savory, bagel breakfast sandwiches, avocado toast, yogurt parfaits, as well as coffees, teas, expressos and lattes.

For lunch, The Flipside has the chopped Italian sandwich, made of chopped salami, pepperoni, ham, provolone cheese, tomato, banana peppers, red onions and house-made deli sauce served on a toasted hoagie bun with lettuce.

A French dip, Rueben and a ham and cheese melt are also on the menu, plus The Steve, comprised of roasted turkey, bacon, swiss cheese, cream cheese and cranberry sauce.

The restaurant also offers 12 flavors of Tillamook Ice Cream on rotation, mixing classic and seasonal flavors that can be

served in a waffle cone, sugar cone, cake cone, or in a root beer float, or a milkshake.

The Flipside serves beer and wine, and the eatery has a taproom with eight rotating taps, highlighting regional brews from Longview's Ashtown, Battle Ground's Barrel Mountain and Yakima's Bale Breaker. The Flipside also carries Lotus, an energy drink.

"We have one big great room with a nice bar. Our tap is on one side and our coffee bar is on the other end of the room, and there's seating throughout," said Dieter.

The eatery, she said, is for everyone.

"Anytime you come in here in the evening, you're probably going to see groups of friends getting together, and families with kids," Dieter said. "So we serve all of the community."



Left: Pizza and wine sit on a table at The Flipside in Kalama.

Right: A hoagie and a San Juan hard seltzer from The Flipside.

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ANOTHER VIEW | THE COLUMBIAN

Hanford needs more than talk

More than 35 years after a Tri-Party Agreement was forged to promote cleanup at Eastern Washington's Hanford site, the people of our state are still waiting for meaningful action.

Chris Wright, who was confirmed this week as the nation's energy secretary under President Donald Trump, should make attention to the site a centerpiece of his work. For decades, administrations of both political parties have given scant attention to the federal government's duty to clean up the mess it left behind.

The Hanford site was established as part of the Manhattan Project, which resulted in development of the first atomic bomb during World War II. For decades after, plutonium for the U.S. nuclear arsenal was processed at the site. Washington did its part, and for generations it has been rewarded with nothing more than promises followed by inaction.

Today, an estimated 56 million gallons of radioactive waste remains at Hanford, much of it in storage tanks that are known to be leaking. Considering that the site sits near the Columbia River, about 200 miles upstream from Vancouver, urgency is in the best interest of Clark County residents.

Last year, state and federal officials trumpeted a new agreement for progress on cleanup efforts — after four years of mediated negotiations. That followed a 2010 consent decree issued by a federal court in the wake of a lawsuit over previously missed deadlines. And that followed a decision in the early 1990s that waste from Hanford would be turned into a glasslike substance at a proposed \$4 billion vitrification plant.

In other words, Hanford has served as the proverbial can being kicked down the road for decades. Last year's agreement called for beginning treatment of the least-radioactive waste this year and the treatment of

high-level radioactive waste in 2033. The legal target for glassifying all waste sets a 2052 deadline; the Department of Energy has moved those targets back to 2069.

It is unlikely that Wright, a fossil fuel executive, will make Hanford a priority in his new role. Trump has often talked about increasing U.S. oil production — which reached record levels in 2023 and 2024 under President Joe Biden — but rarely has given attention to environmental concerns.

Sen. Maria Cantwell voted against Wright's confirmation, expressing concerns about his answer regarding a 1989 Tri-Party Agreement outlining Hanford's cleanup.

"His commitment to the Tri-Party Agreement and upholding it was unsatisfactory," Cantwell said.

Following a committee hearing, Wright told Cantwell: "As a general matter, it is my belief that legal agreements should be honored. If confirmed, I will familiarize myself with the Hanford settlement agreement and would be happy to discuss the agreement and the critical importance of cleanup at the Hanford site."

We hope he lives up to that promise. But elected officials from Washington must continue to press the issue.

Meanwhile, questions remain about the eventual storage of mitigated nuclear waste. A national repository at Yucca Mountain in Nevada was approved by Congress in the 1980s, but political wrangling has prevented the establishment of such a facility. Early in his first term as president, Trump supported the development of the site; he has since turned against it.

All of that, for decades, has left a stockpile of radioactive waste near the banks of the Columbia River in Washington and has resulted in more talk than action. The people of our state deserve better.

MY VIEW | MICHAEL RAMIREZ

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YOUR VIEWS

Vote YES for Castle Rock School operations levy

I'm a Castle Rock Blooms Team member and I work closely with the students of Castle Rock Schools, mainly in the amazing school gardens and greenhouses we have at each campus, to teach our students about where their food comes from and how to grow it.

The students also come to The Villager Retirement home and help enrich the lives of our seniors with the Blooms Team by gardening with the seniors and decorating their home seasonally.

Without adequate student to staff ratios to allow for students to be off campus safely, these incredible programs would be difficult to maintain and grow.

Keeping close community connections with our youth and seniors has shown to enrich and improve the mental and physical health of both the seniors and the youth. Our youth have greater ownership of their community and return to invest in their hometown when they are involved in building and maintaining it.

thriving communities have deep and rich relationships with their schools, and I am blessed to be a link in that chain in Castle Rock.

Please vote yes so these special people continue getting the full and healthy lives they deserve.

Sherisha Aylesworth

Castle Rock

Trump's energy policy is not rooted in reality

The President's energy policy is summarized in the expression, "Drill, Baby, Drill."

The fact is production is currently at record levels and is the highest in the world, slightly more than 13 million barrels a day of oil and gas equivalents (one barrel of crude oil contains 42 gallons. This contains approximately the same energy as 6,000 cubic feet of natural gas).

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ANOTHER VIEW | THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Big Sugar leaves bitter taste in American mouths

If the Senate confirms Robert F. Kennedy Jr. as HHS secretary, he has his work cut out for him. His quest to make America healthy again won't be easy, but it should include tackling Big Sugar, an industry that has substantially increased Americans' grocery prices — and significantly decreased their health.

In the U.S., sugar costs 40 cents per pound, double the global price of 20 cents. These high prices are the result of Big Sugar's monopoly on the sugar market, a monopoly that receives vital support from government intervention.

Federal government subsidies for domestic sugar production have existed since the 1980s and consistently contribute to these high sugar prices. Annually, sugar companies receive around \$4 billion in increased revenues

from subsidies and tariffs. This allows for noncompetitive practices and contributes to a system of cronyism instead of capitalism.

Recently, these subsidies have only increased. In October 2023, the USDA ramped up assistance for sugar-producing states to roughly \$600 per gross ton of sugar.

While these subsidies were ostensibly created to stabilize prices, since their creation, domestic sugar costs have largely matched international volatility — and have consistently remained more expensive.

But Big Sugar isn't content with the government benefits it receives at the cost of consumers. Instead, it works to further entrench its monopoly through government lobbying.

Sugar crops make up less than

2% of the total value of U.S. crops, but sugar lobbying costs more than a third of all U.S. crop lobbying, and sugar PAC donations are more than all other U.S. crops combined.

Much of this can be attributed to the Fanjul sugar oligarchs, who grow cane sugar in the U.S. and the Dominican Republic and line the coffers of both Democrat and Republican politicians in an effort to maintain this destructive system to the benefit of their multibillion-dollar empire. Their vast empire includes Dominos Sugar, Florida Crystals, American Sugar Refining, Tate & Lyle, etc.

And while Big Sugar claims to protect jobs, the artificial price hike caused by the subsidies causes the loss of 17,000 to 20,000 U.S. jobs annually, primarily in the food processing

industries. High American sugar costs have led confectionary companies to lay off workers and move their factories offshore.

The food and confectionary manufacturers that stay in the U.S. increasingly opt to use high fructose corn syrup (HFCS), a sweetener derived from corn starch, instead of the more expensive cane sugar. Many countries ban HFCS, citing its possible association with obesity, liver disease, pancreatic cancer, diabetes, and heart disease. But because of government-instituted implicit corn subsidies, totaling \$116 billion since 1995, HFCS can compete with the similarly-subsidized sugar industry.

For decades, sugar and corn lobbyists have been locked in a subsidy war. Yet while these two industries battle over profit,

American health suffers. While the government is more than willing to subsidize corn and sugar, it provides very little subsidy for fruits and vegetables, a fact that contributes to poor American diet and elevated obesity rates.

President Donald Trump has consistently promised to take on special interests and drain the swamp. Perhaps he should start with the sugar and corn lobbies.

RFK Jr. has already identified HFCS as a contributing factor for the epidemic of child obesity in the U.S. and called for the end of corn subsidies. But the government should go a step further and tear down the sugar quota. There are a myriad of alternative producers that could step up, creating jobs, reducing grocery prices, and making American food more competitive.



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Zero-waste approach is winning over doubters at Phoenix Open **PAGE B5**

STEPPING UP



Clatskanie's Joey Sizemore puts up a scoop layup in a game against Nestucca on Friday, Jan. 31 at Clatskanie High School. She finished with 8 points, six rebounds and eight assists.

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An ongoing illness has made Clatskanie girls basketball junior Joey Sizemore less aggressive as in past years, like in 2024 when she was a TDN all-area first-team selection..

But her increased trust in her teammates has allowed other girls to step up. Now, the Tigers sit in a tie for first place in the 2A Northwest League.

With their revenge win against Nestucca on Friday, the Tigers have won seven games in a row and 13 of their last 14.

"Now we're kind of peeking when we need to peek," Clatskanie coach Dawn Warren said.

Their only loss in that span came by 1 point on the road against Nestucca while missing most of their free throws.

"It feels really good to get it back here, even though it still stings a little bit because we shouldn't have lost when we went there," Sizemore said.

What could have been

Sizemore may not be scoring like she did last season, but she has been effective elsewhere on the court.

On Friday, she tallied six rebounds and eight assists to go along with 8 points while hitting the two biggest buckets of the night.

Sizemore said she's had regular fevers, and despite many tests, hasn't been formally diagnosed. Doctors suspect she's had a bad reaction to a viral illness.

However, she isn't one to let something like that stop her, especially from playing in a big game.

"She is a fierce competitor," said her mom and former Clatskanie coach Mary Sizemore. "Quit' is not in her vocabulary and she doesn't

like to let anybody down ... There was no way in her mind that she was going to miss (Nestucca) short of tying her down."

Still, the question of how her scoring would be if fully healthy remains.

"I've been wondering all season, like how I would be playing if I wasn't sick ...," Joey Sizemore said.

Illness, said Warren, has been going around the whole team, leading to different girls stepping up on various nights.

One of those girls is sophomore Olivia George, who finished with a double-double of 19 points and 11 rebounds to go along with two steals in Friday's win. She showed off her soft touch around the rim all night and also hit many mid-range jumpers.

"... Olivia George absolutely

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Civil War Preview: League crown in the balance

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For the second time in three years, the 2A Greater St. Helens League championship will be decided during the Civil War.

With R.A. Long's win over Ridgefield Wednesday night, the Lumberjacks have automatically secured the league title. Had the Lumberjacks lost to the Spudders, the sole rights to the conference championships would have been up for grabs.

Friday night.

But Mark Morris isn't completely out of the running.

There are two scenarios for Friday's grudge match in the Lumberdome:

R.A. Long (18-1, 12-1) completes the season sweep over Mark Morris (19-2, 11-2) and wins the league title outright, or Mark Morris steals the season finale on the road and are co-champions.

Despite R.A. Long's near perfect season, its 1-point

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Andrew Lwowski, The Daily News file

R.A. Long students cheer on the Lumberjacks boys basketball team during the Civil Wars. The rivals are set to play again on Friday.

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dominated and got the points that we needed to help keep us up," Warren said.

Fellow sophomore Lacey Willis also had a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds to go along with four steals. She was critical late in the game, making a couple of free throws and getting timely takeaways and offensive rebounds. Junior Mya Jenson also got into the passing lane with four steals.

"Having other girls to rely on is nice and I just wanna really emphasize the fact that they are all improving and doing great things for the team this season," Sizemore said.

Building trust

Warren is back as the head coach after stepping down following five years at the helm to watch her daughter play softball in college.

She said the beginning of the season was all about building trust and adjusting to the new coach and fresh schemes on



Dan Rosenfield photos, The Daily News

Clatskanie's Joey Sizemore shoots a floater in a game against Nestucca on Friday, Jan. 31 at Clatskanie High School.

offense and defense. That trust extended to the coaching staff as well.

"You're as good as your assistants, and they're off the chart(s)," she said.

A big part of building that cohesion also comes from the fact that many of the girls on the team are multi-sport athletes.

"They know how to win and they're

coming off a winning volleyball (season), so now they go into the basketball season and they're winning and that's going to help the softball and track program," Warren said.

The Tigers have three games left in the regular season, including a big matchup against Knappa on the road on Tuesday which will have huge league championship

implications.

"We're super excited to go play in Knappa," Warren said. "The energy in that gym is always off the chain."



Clatskanie's Olivia George shoots a jumper in a game against Nestucca on Friday, Jan. 31 at Clatskanie High School. She finished with 19 points and 11 rebounds.



Clatskanie's Lacey Willis in a game against Nestucca on Friday, Jan. 31 at Clatskanie High School. Willis finished with 12 points, 11 rebounds and four steals.

SCORES**TUESDAY**
Boys Basketball

Evergreen def. Kelso, 61-47

- Anthony Robinson — 12 points

- Reece White — 3 steals

- A.J. Fabian — 3 blocks

Wahkiakum def. Pe Ell, 48-39

Girls Basketball

Mark Morris def. Washougal, 51-38

- Reese Johnston — 17 points, 4 steals, 2 blocks

- Kadence Gorans — 13 points, 11 rebounds

Mark Morris coach Sean Atkins: "Solid all around defense and we started

the game on a 16-1 run to get us off to a strong start on the road."

Ridgefield def. R.A. Long, 46-35

- Bri Garwood — 15 points, 10 rebounds, 3 steals

- Alauna Brown — 10 points, 11 rebounds

R.A. Long coach J.D. Ott: "Slow start and back and forth in the first

quarter for both teams.

Ridgefield added a little

more pressure in the

second quarter and we

had some key turnovers

that they took advantage

of. The third quarter was

even for both teams.

Fourth quarter, we had

three turnovers on oppor-

tunities to score that we

lost.

We did get it down to (a) 5-point difference in the third, but let them get it back to nine. We just couldn't cut into

their lead that they took

into halftime. Overall I

was pleased with our

rebounding and move-

ment of the ball and how

hard the girls played and

competed. I was really

pleased with how well

and tough Bri Garwood

played tonight."

Evergreen def. Kelso, 52-47

Woodland def. Hud-

son's Bay, 71-10

- Kennedy Bockert — 15 points, 8 rebounds

- Haley Strickland — 14 points

- Lainey Haden — 13 points

Kalama def. La Center, 57-22

- Hannah Johnson — 20 points, 12 rebounds, 5 steals

- Aubrey Doerty — 12 points, 8 rebounds, 3 as-

sists, 2 steals, 4 blocks

- Rylie Cadigan — 12 points

- Delaney Rinard — 6 assists, 2 steals

- Bridgette Hollifield — 4 assists, 5 steals

Castle Rock def. Co-

lumbia (White Salmon), 51-49

- Sophia Buchanan — 24 points,

- Dakota Davis — 12 points, 8 rebounds

- Haley Strickland — 14 points

- Ashlyn Meyers — 10

rebounds

- Valerie Shetler — 7 assists

Toutle Lake def. Toledo, 37-27

- Lainey Dean — 14 points (surpassed 1,000 career points)

Toutle Lake coach Dar-

en Dean: "Lainey Dean hit 1,000 points for her

career tonight. She had

6 points go to reach that

milestone and scored

14. It was a pretty cool

night for her. The team

was really behind her

and excited for her when

she got her 6th point. I'm

definitely proud of her."

Pe Ell def. Wahkiakum, 50-17

Editor's note: No local teams

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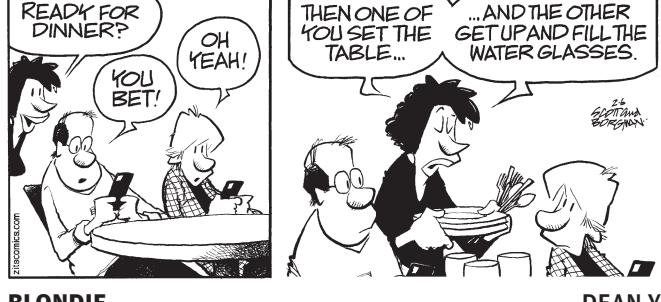
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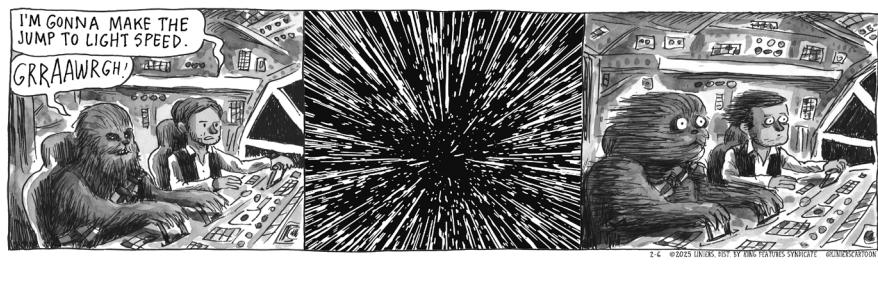
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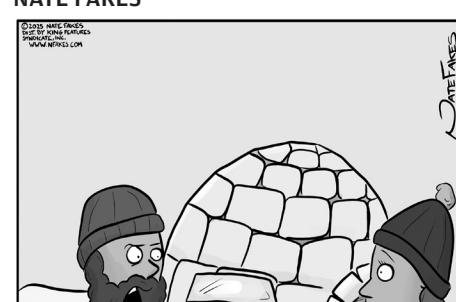


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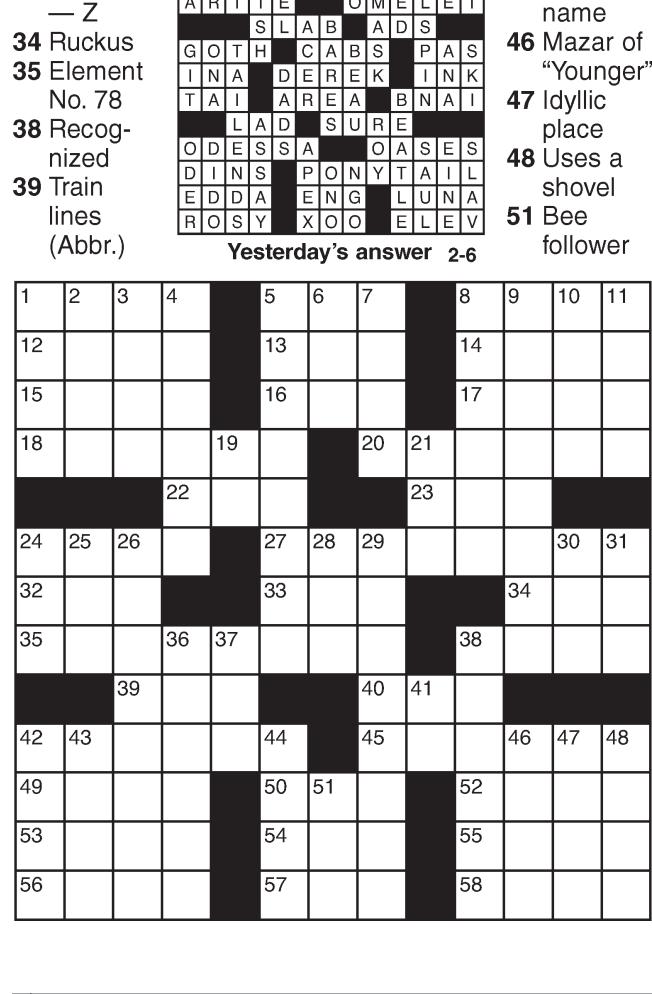


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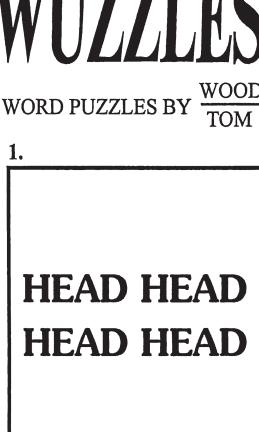
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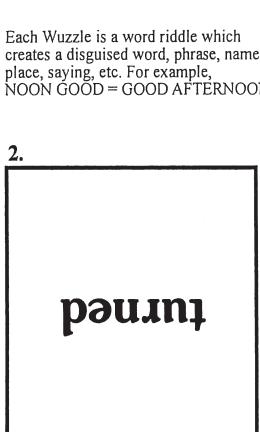
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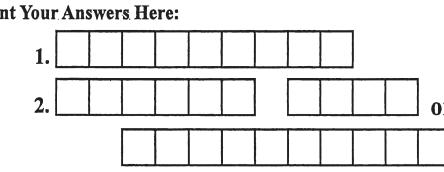
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Zero-waste approach at Phoenix Open catching on

DAVID BRANDT
Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The Phoenix Open's famously booze-soaked 16th hole is one of the unique spectacles in golf, where the normally gentle sport lets loose with stadium-style seating, deafening music and an enthusiastic announcer introducing players in a scene that's more WWE than PGA Tour.

It's safe to say that being environmentally conscience isn't the first thing on fans' minds.

After all, there's usually a lot of waste when thousands of people are getting a little wasted.

But the tournament — which has been sponsored by Waste Management for the past 16 years — is an unlikely incubator for ideas on how to

make major sporting events easier on Mother Nature. It's been certified as a zero-waste event by UL Solutions for the past 12 years.

"It's very much our lab," said Lee Spivak, who is director of WM's Advisory Services team. "We'll try an idea, try an approach to a customer. Then we'll scale it up here and take it to other customers."

WM's success at making the Phoenix Open a zero-waste event has turned the company into a hot commodity in the sports world. Spivak said WM now has a partnership with the PGA Tour, Major League Baseball and roughly 15 ballparks, giving practical advice on how to reduce trash, even if certain locations aren't completely ready to go zero-waste.

They also work with various teams in the NFL, NBA and NHL.

The idea is if environmentally friendly ideas can work during this week's rowdy atmosphere of TPC Scottsdale, they can work just about anywhere.

This is a tournament that draws 200,000 fans to the course on a good day, far more than even an NFL stadium. The zero-waste setup is massive: There

are 4,800 recycling and compost bins, 29 large compactors and 30 tanks to collect melting ice for reuse in portable toilets at this week's tournament, and the process is managed by 85 WM full-time employees and 600 temporary workers.

WM says that more than 750 tons of recycled materials were collected at last

Jeray Key is also looking for more consistency, especially in the game's opening frame. Dalton Stevens, the Monarchs' leading scorer, scored 10 of his 13 total points in the first quarter.

"(Stevens) made his shots right away and we did a better job on him later on," Key said. "He's a kid that's still going to get his, we just got to do a good job on him."

Drew Ibaretta led the Monarchs with 14 points, but neither team found consistency throughout. The Lumberjacks held the Monarchs to just 58 points, but Key is looking for four even quarters of play.

Each team possesses formidable scorers, though.

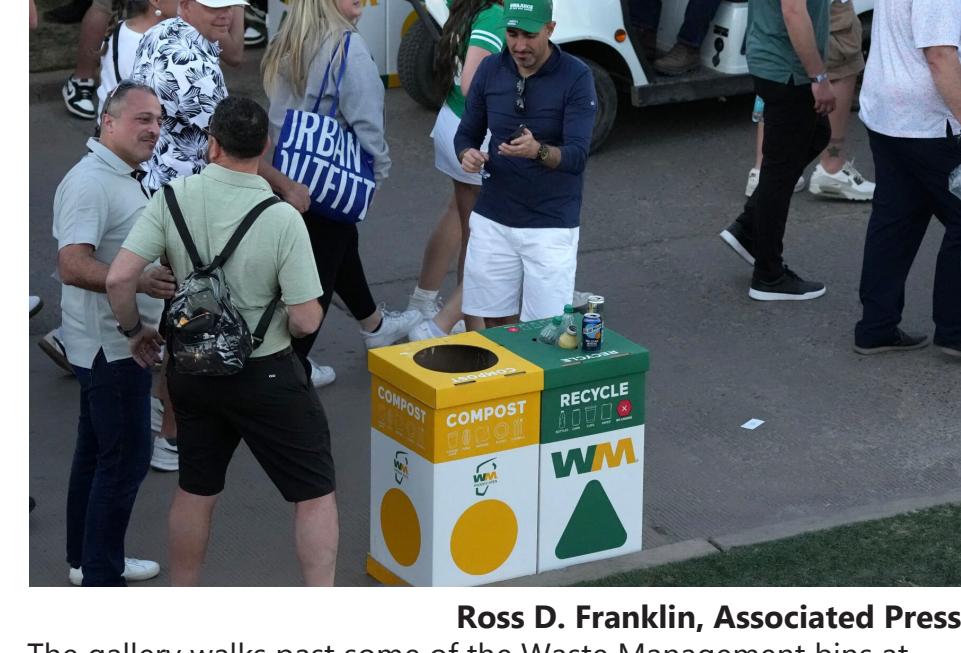
Finding answers for R.A. Long's Rhet Young, who's 6-foot-9, in the paint, is a tall task. Plus, Joshua Crane excels in the midrange and shooters like Landon Irwin and Payton Thill

splash 3s.

Preventing the game from snowballing will be key for the Monarchs, who will have an even harder time crawling out of a hole in the hostile Lumberdome.

Despite R.A. Long's gym holding far fewer people than Mark Morris' the home crowd may be more impactful.

Kelly says his players



Ross D. Franklin, Associated Press

The gallery walks past some of the Waste Management bins at the 18th hole during Thursday's first round of the Phoenix Open.

year's event. Even the temporary building materials — things like turf and scaffolding — are reused with 238 tons being donated to local organizations.

"Everything has to be brought onto the course and then everything has to be taken off the course," said WM's Ashley Haight, who oversees several golf tour-

nments. "Where stadiums might make little incremental changes over the years, we get a new shot (at golf courses) every single year."

At the Phoenix Open's 16th hole, concessions are served in paper cups and eaten with bamboo forks while the liquor and wine bottles are recycled and turned into reusable

glassware through a local vendor. Over the years, some ideas have worked better than others.

Some menu ideas have fallen by the wayside because of the zero-waste approach — milkshakes are hard to drink with paper straws — but other items like soft serve ice cream have been a fine replacement.

CIVIL WAR from B1

loss to Columbia River in December — and its only loss of the season — proved to be weighty. The Monarchs swept the Rapids (who are the third-place team), but lost at home in January to the Lumberjacks, creating the tie-breaker scenario.

Keys to victory

Both the Lumberjacks and Monarchs had their share of momentum throughout the first match with scoring runs plentiful, but whoever can maintain the pressure will likely come out victorious.

"It was a game of runs," Mark Morris coach Ken Kelly said.

After grabbing a 21-8 lead to open the game, the Monarchs lead eventually shriveled to 26-17.

The Lumberjacks closed the first half with a 14-0 run and 5-point halftime lead, which they never relinquished.

"You have to be able to withstand those runs and make sure that they're 6-0 runs and not 15-0 runs, and I think he (Key) would say the same thing," Kelly said. "Both of our teams have the ability to put on spurts and when that happens, it can be an avalanche pretty quickly."

R.A. Long coach

embrace the chaos and are excited for the opportunity.

"It's like everybody's right on top of each other," he said. "You have to be able to withstand the noise. It's hard to get out calls sometimes for offense and defense because you just can't hear anything."

With the Monarchs seeking revenge on the enemy court and clawing for their share of the conference championship, Key and his boys may need the extra oomph.

"I know it's going to be a dog fight," Key said.

While R.A. Long has locked up its rights to the conference championship, the rights for the No. 1 seed in the District 4 2A tournament is up for grabs. However, the consensus is the No. 2 is the more desirable seed as that team would avoid both

Columbia River and whoever takes the top seed (for now).

"Kelly and other people have talked about it, the number

No. 2 seed is probably the best spot out of our league that you would want,"

Key said. "But I can promise you this, Ken

Notice of Trustee's Sale

Grantor:
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Current Beneficiary of the deed of trust:
Current Trustee of the deed of trust:
RANDAL D GILLIAM AND MARILEE T GILLIAM, HUSBAND AND WIFE
UMPQUA BANK
CASCADE TITLE COMPANY
Current mortgage servicer of the deed of UMPQUA BANK
trust:
Reference number of the deed of trust:
Parcel number(s):

I. 3449801 WJ04-11-006
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Successor Trustee, NANCY K. CARY, will on February 28, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. at the front of the Hall of Justice, 312 SW First Avenue, Kelso, Washington, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Cowlitz, State of Washington, to-wit:

THAT PORTION OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THE NORTH ONE HALF OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT:

BEGINNING SOUTH 547.89 FEET AND EAST 154.69 FEET FROM THE QUARTER COMMON TO SECTIONS 4 AND 5, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, SAID POINT BEING

THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THAT TRACT SOLD TO HARRY C. MOODY BY INSTRUMENT RECORDED UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 675041; THENCE SOUTH 0° 48' EAST 260 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89° 12' EAST 874.36 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF PH #10; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE

NORTH 15° 47' WEST 269.15 FEET ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID MOODY TRACT; THENCE SOUTH 89° 12' WEST 798.58 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF COWLITZ, STATE OF WASHINGTON
which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust described as follows:

II. Dated: January 12, 2012
Recorded: January 19, 2012
Recording No.: 3449801

Records of: Cowlitz County, Washington
Trustee: CASCADE TITLE COMPANY NANCY K. CARY
Successor Trustee: UMPQUA BANK
Beneficiary: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.
Assigned From: Assignment Recorded as Recording
Assigned No.: 3757183

No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust 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.

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III. The defaults for which this foreclosure is made are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: Monthly payments in the amount of \$1,756.39 each, due the first of each month, for the months of November 2022 through July 2023; plus monthly payments at the new payment amount of \$1,936.50 each, due the first of each month, for the months of August 2023 through October 2024; plus late charges in the amount of \$68.51 each, assessed the sixteenth of each month, for the months of November 2022 through September 2024; plus advances; plus any unpaid real property taxes, plus interest.

IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal balance of \$62,392.30, together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured from October 1, 2022, and such other costs and fees as are due under the note or other instrument secured, and 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. The sale will be made without warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances on February 28, 2025. The Default(s) referred to in paragraph III must be cured by February 17, 2025, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time on or before February 17, 2025, the defaults as set forth in paragraph III are cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. The sale may be terminated any time after February 17, 2025, and before the sale by the Borrower, Grantor, any Guarantor, or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance paying the entire 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 addresses:

Randal D. Gilliam
Marilee T. Gilliam
741 PH 10 Hwy
Castle Rock WA 98611
Marilee T. Gilliam
741 PH 10 Hwy Castle Rock WA 98611
2913 Rose Valley Road
Kelso WA 98626

by both first class and certified mail on August 30, 2024, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and Borrower and Grantor were personally served on September 2, 2024, 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 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 objection to the 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.

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HOME
THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR

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.

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: 1-877-894-4663, Web site:

http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_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/cf/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://www.njjustice.org/what-clear>

DATE: October 3, 2024.

/s/Nancy K. Cary
ADDRESS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS:

NANCY K. CARY, Trustee
Law Offices
1223 Commercial Street
Bellingham WA 98225
Telephone: (360) 715-1218
0344.

NANCY K. CARY, Successor Trustee
Hershner Hunter, LLP
PO Box 1475
Eugene OR 97440

Telephone: (541) 686-0345
TS # 30057.31700

Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to Lisa M. Summers, Paralegal, at (541) 686-

FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT NOTICE

This communication is from a debt collector.

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1/28, 2/4 COL-WA-100650

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Safety Towers, LLC proposes to construct a 36.6 meter AGL overall height monopole tower at 1701 Industrial Way, Longview, WA 98632 (Cowlitz County), near latitude: 46° 06' 55.63" N, longitude: 122° 57' 23.16" W (NAD83). The tower is anticipated to be an unlit structure. The FCC Form 854 File Number is A1307282. Interested persons may review the application by going to www.fcc.gov/asr/applications-and-entries. The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file RER online; instructions can be found at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmental-request. However, if an online request is not possible, interested parties may mail their request to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington DC 20554. Additionally, Public Safety Towers, LLC invites comments on the impact the proposed tower may have on Historic Properties. Written comments may be sent to Public Safety Towers, LLC to compliance@pstowers.com or 701 Palomar Airport Road, Suite 160, Carlsbad, CA 92011. 2/6 COL-WA-100679

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COWLITZ TRANSIT AUTHORITY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, that the Cowlitz Transit Authority will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday February 12, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.** in at the Council Chamber, City Hall, 1525 Broadway St, Longview, Washington and by Zoom Webinar.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments concerning the proposed service changes to Route 411 to Lexington. The proposed change will be published on RiverCities Transit's website for public comment at www.rctransit.org, on Facebook, and in paper copy at the Longview Transit Center, and in the City Info Weekly.

Zoom meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8984443333>

Telephone options (dial any of the following numbers):

1 253 215 8782
 1 408 638 0968

1 669 900 6833
 1 346 248 7799

1 312 626 6799
 1 646 876 9923

1 301 715 8592
 Webinar ID: 898 4444 3333

The City Hall is accessible for persons with disabilities. Any person interested may attend and be heard on the said matter via a moderator. Special equipment to assist the hearing impaired is also available. Please contact the Clerk's Office at (360) 442-5664 forty-eight (48) hours in advance if you require special accommodations to attend the meeting and for information about Zoom accessibility.

Written comments may be submitted up to forty-eight (48) hours in advance via email at customerservice@rctransit.org.
 1/30, 2/6 COL-WA-100621

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR COWLITZ COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST ESTATE OF BETTY LUE HENDERON, Deceased.
 Case No. 24-4-00476-08
NONPROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 RCW 11.42.030

The notice agent named below has elected to give notice to creditors of the above-named decedent. As of the date of the filing of a copy of this notice with the court, the notice agent has no knowledge of any other person acting as notice agent or of the appointment of a personal representative of the decedent's estate in the state of Washington. According to the records of the court as are available on the date of the filing of this notice with the court, a cause number regarding the decedent has not been issued to any other notice agent and a personal representative of the decedent's estate has not been appointed.

Any persons having a claim against the decedent must, before the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.42.070 by serving on or mailing to the notice agent or the notice agent'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 notice agent's declaration and oath was filed. The claim must be presented within the later of (1) 30 days after the notice agent served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.42.020(2) (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 provided in RCW 11.42.050 and 11.42.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

First Publication Date: 1/23/25

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR COWLITZ COUNTY
 NO. 25-4-00010-08

In re the Matter of the ESTATE OF BEVERLY A. SMITH, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned has been appointed as the Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedents 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: (1) thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice; or (3) twenty-four months from the date of the decedent's death. If the claim is not presented within the applicable timeframe, 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 FILING OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cowlitz County: 21st day of January, 2025.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: January 23rd, 2025 published with the Longview Daily News.

SANDRA L. ST. ONGE
 Personal Representative
 c/o Amanda G. Proujan, WSB #48091
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 Longview WA 98632
 (360) 998-3029
 amanda.apglaw@gmail.com
 1/30, 1/30, 2/6 COL-WA-100658

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 (RCW 11.40.020 & .030) Case No. 25-4-00054-06 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK In the Matter of the Estate of ALICE J. SNYDER, Deceased. The persons named below have been appointed as co-personal representatives 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 co-personal representatives' 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 co-personal representatives 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, 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.

First Publication Date: 1/23/25

Co-Personal Reps:
 Terry Snyder & Greg Snyder
 Jodine Dixon, Attorney
 Dixon Law PLLC
 PO Box 1777 or 1706 W. Main St, #103,
 Battle Ground, WA 98604
 1/23, 1/30, 2/6 COL-WA-100641

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR COWLITZ COUNTY

In re the Matter of the ESTATE OF MARSHA E. HOLBORN, Deceased.

NO. 24-4-00278-08

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned has been appointed as the Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedents 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: (1) thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice; or (3) twenty-four months from the date of the decedent's death.

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DATE OF FILING OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cowlitz County: 22 day of January, 2025.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: January 28, 2025 published with the Longview Daily News.

JACK L. HOLBORN

Personal Representative

Address: c/o Amanda G. Proujan, WSB #48091

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1/28, 2/4, 2/11 COL-WA-100649

Request For Proposal

Community Integrated Health Services, LLC. (CIHS), is a quasi-governmental, behavioral health agency (BHA) headquartered in Chehalis, Washington and serves clients within Lewis, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Pacific, and Wahkiakum Counties. CIHS is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide an AI Provider Documentation Solution and the professional services required for implementation, maintenance, support, and further development or enhancements.

RFP listed at:

www.cihealthservices.com/rfp

To submit application:

Submit electronically to Brad Stewart at BSewart@cihealthservices.com

Proposal Due Date: February 11, 2025 by 5:00 pm

2/1, 2/4, 2/11 COL-WA-100664

LEGALS

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR COWLITZ COUNTY
 In re the Matter of the ESTATE OF JENNIFER JUNE WEST, Deceased.
 NO. 24-4-00459-08
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The undersigned has been appointed as the Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedents 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: (1) thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice; or (3) twenty-four months from the date of the decedent's death.

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