

Makeover restores Skamania School

By Philip L. Watness
The Pioneer

A \$3.8 million renovation project has updated the 75-year-old Skamania School building with new furniture, heating and cooling system, windows, gutters, doors, and roof.

Keith Bloom, project manager with the Construction Services Group (CSG), reported to the school board on Monday, Feb. 28, that only a few minor issues are yet to be resolved after more than a year of construction.

“We have a fresh coat of

paint on everything and new furnishings,” Bloom said. “We were able to buy more furniture for the project, and basically do a flip of the building.”

The Washington State Office of Public Instruction provided the \$3.8 million Washington State Modernization Grant. The renovation had been expected to cost \$2.8 million.

The school district only received two bids for the project, but the low bid from Par-tech of Oregon City \$2.35

Continued on p. 2



Crocuses bloom in front of the Stevenson Community Library on Monday, March 7. Photo by Philip L. Watness

Canning provides healthy, affordable food for residents

By Mitzi Zilka
For The Pioneer

People around the world have preserved food for the leaner months for centuries.

Native Americans dried meat, fish, berries, and stored grain for survival. During World War I, canned food was instrumental in feeding the troops with foods like “Maconochie” beef and vegetable stew, peaches, and green beans.

Laura Mills of Stevenson and Megan Janik of Cascade Locks are among a number of people in the Columbia River Gorge who continue to can fruits, vegetables and meats to stock their pantries.

“We begin foraging in March and go all the way to the fall,” Mills said. “We start with Stinging nettles, which are excellent for making tea during the flu season.”

She and her husband, Ben Shumaker, also collect and dry mushrooms.

“It wasn’t until this year that I found morels in Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Klickitat. The fires have helped with them, as long as you hike up high where there is still snow. I used to find



The cupboards can always be full for people who can their own food. Photo by Mitzi Zilka

chanterelles but because of the heat last summer, not so much.”

“Most of my foraging is done in parks and off trails on the Washington side until the berry season starts in Oregon. A foraging permit is required and can be obtained through the forest service or any place that sells Sno-Park permits.”

When she was little, Laura began preserving with her mom, a retired school teacher.

“My mom grew up on a dairy farm. She was cooking and canning before she could read.”

These days, Mills preserves elderberries because of their medicinal benefit; strawberries for pies, jams and jel-

lies; apples, pears, and plums for puree; tomatoes, peaches, cherries, Dilly beans and pickles. She also dries and freezes mushrooms.

Mills and Janik share the desire to know where their food comes from.

“I have food allergies and so does my baby (Gwen),” Mills said. “So, all those addi-

tives aren’t in there. I want to feed my baby whole foods.”

Mills said that she preserves meat for the same reasons.

“I am not a hunter. I wear my hunting hat to pick mushrooms. However, I do want to know where my meat comes from, so we purchase beef from a friend who raises cattle and pig and turkey. I am proud to say that my daughter has never had store-bought baby food.”

“I enjoy foraging and harvesting a lot. It feeds my soul. We were out picking when my daughter was five weeks old. It gets me back to myself. I give away what we can’t consume within a two-year cycle to friends and family.”

Megan Janik, on the other hand, says her father’s practice of preserving peaches with his friends, John Sweeney and Cathee Geinert of Carson, got her going.

“The peaches were so good and full of flavor.”

Eight to 10 years ago, Janik took classes through the Oregon State University Extension Program.

“They offer a la carte can-

Continued on p. 2

House committee hears reasons for WRBP conveyance

By Philip L. Watness
The Pioneer

The proposed conveyance of land and buildings at the former Wind River Nursery in Stabler finally had a hearing before a Congressional committee on Friday, Feb. 25, in Washington, D.C.

Skamania County Commissioner Tom Lannen testified by remote to the National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands subcommittee of the House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee. He appealed to the representatives to transfer the property without expecting the county to offer up an equal amount of land elsewhere to offset the transfer. He said the county has already given up enough land to the U.S. Forest Service.

The county had agreed to trade 120 acres of old growth timber on Table Mountain and 30 acres at Wind Mountain for 187.5 acres and 18 buildings. But when the deal was done, the forest service retained 23.4 acres and 21 buildings. That meant the county would have to lease the buildings it had hoped to receive outright from the federal government. The forest service also retained control of the electrical, water and septic utilities. That further complicated efforts by

the county to redevelop the old nursery.

Lannen said the proposed conveyance would finally hand over buildings, land and utilities to the county more than 20 years after the original conveyance. The matter had languished until 2013 when former County Commissioner Chris Brong restarted the county’s efforts to acquire the additional properties at the former nursery.

That led to the forest service and the county approving a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on July 12, 2016, that the former would consult with the latter on potential purchases of county land to be added to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area or the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. The federal agency had just purchased 273 acres around Gillette Lake which the Pacific Crest Trail passes through. The parcel included an easement for the trail but hikers frequently trespassed on the private quarry, camping at the lake.

“That cost us in lost tax dollars,” Lannen said.

Rep. Herrera Beutler began the effort to convey the additional 23.4 acres at the Wind River Business Park to offset the lost revenue (the forest service doesn’t pay property

taxes on its holdings). It already held title to more than 847,000 acres in the county – none of which are taxable by the county.

The 21 buildings and land “are kind of the heart of the southern half of the former nursery,” Lannen said. “That’s where the shops, many of the main buildings, the mess hall and former residences are located.”

The effort languished until Herrera Beutler filed her bill in September 2021. But the forest service published a facilities analysis for the structures and land, and concluded that it couldn’t afford the cost of deferred maintenance and designated as surplus. The agency agreed to lease eight buildings to the county for \$45,808 with the expectation that the conveyance would be approved by Congress. However, investments by the county into the buildings would reduce the annual rent. The most recent lease, signed in 2018, defined what type of work would qualify to offset rent

The proposed legislation has gained support from both sides of the aisle. The forest service and the Bureau of Land Management also supported the conveyance.

Lannen said he told the

subcommittee that the creeping encroachment of the federal government taking taxable land off the county roles led directly to the layoffs of dozens of people in 2012 and since then. He said when he was elected to the county commission, he soon learned the dramatic effect of lost timber revenues and lost property tax revenues. Residents complained to him that the county road department was not plowing all the roads it used to.

“When I checked with Public Works, they said ‘The answer is simple: In 2006, we had 40 people on the road crew; and today, we’ve got 12.’ The number of miles of road haven’t changed, so do the math,” he said.

The county convened the Wind River Advisory Board with representatives from the county, the Stabler neighborhood, and others to discuss potential initiatives for the county to lease commercial buildings and to rent several residences as overnight accommodations. The Wind River Trust formed a year ago to potentially manage the business park on behalf of the county while also restoring some buildings for recreational and educational purposes.

Lannen said he and Port of

Skamania County Executive Director Pat Albaugh hosted a tour of the business park on Tuesday, March 1, with staff members for Rep. Herrera Beutler, and U.S. Sens. Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell. Lannen said the staff members for the senators gained insight into how the former nursery could be a significant economic driver for the county.

“They said, ‘Wow. We had no idea. This is not what I expected,’” he said.

Lannen and Albaugh walked them through the overnight rental houses in addition to the shops, sheds and other buildings proposed for transfer to the county.

“When they went through the rental houses, they were amazed at how good a job the county had done on them,” he said. “They were also amazed at the (low) price that we were charging.”

Next steps forward for the legislation is for the subcommittee to recommend approval by the full Natural Resources Committee. That panel would then vote on the matter. If approved, the full House would have to vote on the proposal, followed by consideration in the Senate. How, when and if those steps proceed is pure conjecture at this time.

Continued on p. 2

News Briefs

SDA seeks input

The Stevenson Downtown Association (SDA) seeks input from the community on the future of downtown Stevenson as it begins to develop a strategic plan.

The local non-profit SDA wants to hear ideas on how to make downtown a more vibrant and welcoming place for locals, visitors, and businesses. Input from this survey will directly influence the association’s priorities in the coming years.

Residents of Stevenson or Skamania County, as well as visitors to downtown Stevenson, are invited to share feedback through a short, seven-question survey, by Friday, March 11, at https://surveymonkey.com/r/SDA_survey2022. At the end of the survey, participants may leave an email address for a chance to win one of three \$50 Stevenson Bucks prizes, redeemable at Stevenson businesses.

Some of Stevenson Downtown Association’s recent projects and programs include: the Stevenson Streatery, a public dining space in the heart of downtown; the Stevenson Farmers Market – as of 2022, the market on the waterfront is now one of the association’s programs; the Bricks & Clicks Grant Program for downtown business and property owners to invest in façade improvements and/or e-commerce; the annual Spruce Up Stevenson, a volunteer downtown cleanup drive; and promotions celebrating downtown merchants, such as Sandwich Smackdown and Plaid Friday.

For more information, go to stevensonmainstreet.org.

Running club hosts pub hop

The Columbia Gorge Running Club hosts a 5-kilometer St. Paddy’s Leprechaun Pub Hop at 11:30 a.m., on Saturday, March 19, in downtown Stevenson. Participants begin and finish at Walking Man Brewing. They will receive discounted food and beverage options at several participating pubs and restaurants.

The club also hosts the annual Turkey Trot at Thanksgiving where runners raise food or cash for the Stevenson food bank.

The club plans a series of inexpensive events that appeal to runners and walkers of all abilities. Its 2022 race calendar has been set and includes the 10-mile Ridge Run from Carson to Stevenson.

For more information, go to columbiagorgerunningclub.com.

Inside:

- News from state legislature, p. 3
- Traffic safety: Lights help safety during daytime, p. 4
- News in brief: Several concerts scheduled, p. 6
- SHS sports schedule, p. 8

Stevenson Eagles Aerie hosts St. Patrick’s Poker Run and Pub Crawl, 1-6 p.m., Saturday, March 12, in Stevenson

This day in history

On March 9, 1842, gold is discovered in California, six years before the California Gold Rush.

In 1862, the USS Monitor and CSS Virginia conduct the first battle between ironclad warships.

In 1959, the Barbie doll debuts at the American International Toy Fair in New York.

In 1961, Sputnik 9 carries a dog into space.

In 1987, Chrysler buys American Motors Corporation.

In 2011, Space Shuttle Discovery makes its final landing after 39 flights.



The renovation of Skamania School included replacing the courtyard roof. Photo provided by Skamania School

Makeover restores...continued from p.1

million so the school was able to add a few items to the construction plan.

"We really had a windfall with the low-bidding contractor in what was a very high bidding season, an extremely volatile construction season," he said. "That gave us the opportunity to do some things in the school that really needed to be done that weren't programmed in the contract. One of those was the removal of the legacy asbestos floor tiles. That was a pretty significant change order that we wrote. But it's out of the building. The floor tile is no longer an issue."

Without the additional money, the issues with the tiles could easily have been "kicked down the road."

Bloom said the contractor was easy to work with.

It turned out to be what I consider to be a very successful project in a very difficult COVID-impacted, supply-chain craziness," he said.

He said Skamania School Superintendent Dr. Ralph Pruitt "was kind of a bulldog at times when certain things weren't happening."

The project upgraded the antiquated electrical system to meet current standards, added an emergency generator to the school, and updated the fire suppression system.

The heating/cooling system, last upgraded in 1989, had been on its last legs for a few years. The furnace was so loud, some students couldn't

hear their teachers, and sometimes had to wear their jackets in the winter because it wouldn't properly heat the building. The renovation also improved the airflow throughout the building, particularly helpful during the COVID-19 pandemic when health officials were encouraging good ventilation to reduce the threat of infection.

The building's exterior – or envelope – was in dire need of renovation. The leaky windows and doors, and failing gutters and roof caused moisture to invade the interior.

By replacing the roof, gutters, windows and doors, a leak-proof envelope was created which will minimize heat loss, increase energy efficiency, and reduce maintenance costs.

Bloom said he provided a report about the project's completion to the state departments of Labor and Industries, Revenue, and Enterprise Services.

The building is now rated higher on a national scale due to the many improvements.

Bloom said the rating is now 86, up from about 60 on a scale of 1-100, but that the school should consider renovating the locker rooms and bathrooms to bump the rate higher.

"The septic system does need attention," he said.

The district had applied for an Urgent Repair Need grant from OSPI, so will need to seek funding for the septic

system improvements. He said CSG has issued a Request for Qualifications from civil engineering design firms to design the replacement system. But the school board will need to find money to do that project which could be done this summer.

"It will be up to the board to determine if they want to move forward with the design of the work," he said.

He said a few issues need to be resolved, such as doors that don't latch properly so can be opened by high winds. He recommended that the district install a security system for the front doors which would allow someone in the office to unlock them.

The hardware to accomplish that is available, but Bloom said he's not had any luck finding an electrician to install the wiring.

Pruitt lauded the efforts of Bloom and the CSG team in managing the construction project. The group is affiliated with Educational Service District No. 112, which provides support services to school districts in southwest Washington.

"The ESD construction group is a very professional organization," he said.

Skamania School District Board Chairman Angus Anderson also thanked Bloom and his team for shepherding the project to completion.

"The results have been outstanding," he said. "It looks like a brand-new building."

Pass for day-use visits to a Washington state park or on lands managed by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) or Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) on these dates.

The Discover Pass provides access to state parks. Overnight visitors are charged fees for camping and accommodations. Day access is included in the overnight fee.

For information, visit www.DiscoverPass.wa.gov.

Canning provides...continued from p.1

ning and preserving classes," she said. "I completed the Master Food Preservation course and learned about preserving, canning, dehydrating, and pickling foods. I haven't kept up on my certification, but I still use what I learned all the time. The program was amazing."

Her mother, Marva, said the family calls Megan "the Canning Nazi."

The younger Janik said her passion for canning arises from her passion for healthy foods.

"I don't know how many times during the certification program I heard the words 'food-borne illnesses.' It is a real thing and very dangerous. So many of the old methods are no longer safe," Megan Janik said.

Both she and her mother each year preserve Cayenne powder, tomatoes, tomato

powder, and dog treats from sweet potatoes and carrots. They also preserve all sorts of berries, apple sauce, pears, peaches, dried bananas, and watermelon. Legumes including kidney beans, black beans, and chickpeas are also among their preserves.

"We preserve grape juice from our grape arbor," she said. "We can sweet relish, chilies, peppers, jams, rhubarb, herbs, shrubs, cucumbers, gooseberries, and mushrooms."

Janik recently started fermenting kraut and kombucha. She jars salmon bought from the Native American fishers and tuna from Long Beach directly off the fishing boats.

"We grow a ton of what we eat and have a greenhouse full of starts," she said. "I give much of the food away."

Foraging and preserving is a lot of work, so the question

arises about what motivates her to preserve food.

"It is so fulfilling to see the finished product," she said. "Also, (I preserve food) to reduce food waste, eat locally grown foods, and help local farmers. I enjoy it. It's just what I do."

Both Mills and Janik said they value conservation. They cherish the wisdom of preserving the old ways and possess a kind of heroic desire to fix their corner of the world.

They both said they believed more people had been preserving food over the past few years.

"Canning supplies have been hard to find over the past two years," Mills said.

One way people can help their conservation efforts is to return the canning jars for reuse.

"Please bring back my jars," Janik said.



Skamania County hopes to add several other residential houses to its inventory of overnight accommodations at the Wind River Business Park in Stabler. Pioneer archive photo by Philip L. Watness

House committee...continued from p.1

"It's a zero-cost bill to both parties (county and forest service)," he said. "Typically, the legislators are looking for land exchanges. We don't have any land to give. We're looking for an offset to our losses in property taxes ... because the forest service now owns a third of the land in gorge scenic area. That costs us \$720,000 a year in lost property taxes."

The forest service supports the conveyance without a land exchange stipulation because it would remove 21 structures from its backlog of deferred maintenance.

Of course, that means the county would be responsible for renovating or demolishing the buildings. The county continues discussions with the Wind River Trust on helping the county with that herculean effort.

"The amount of deferred maintenance on the forest is substantial, so they won't have to worry about these buildings, and we can turn them into something useable and preserve them," he said.

The county also has a keen interest in owning the utility infrastructure, Lannen said. The county

"We've already invested in fixing the water system and

changing over the electrical system," he said. "We want the conveyance because it would give us the assurance that our investments won't be lost in the future if they were to choose not to renew the lease."

The county manages the water, waste water and electrical utilities under a Special Use Permit with the forest service.

Visit state parks for free March 19

OLYMPIA –Visitors can visit a state park free of charge on Saturday, March 19, in recognition of Washington State Parks' birthday, and on Friday, April 22 in celebration of Earth Day. Visitors are not required to display the Discover

Pass for day-use visits to a Washington state park or on lands managed by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) or Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) on these dates.

The Discover Pass provides access to state parks. Overnight visitors are charged fees for camping and accommodations. Day access is included in the overnight fee.

Prepare for unexpected power outages with a Generac home standby generator

REQUEST A FREE QUOTE! 888-674-7053


FREE 7-Year Extended Warranty* A \$695 Value!

Limited Time Offer - Call for Details

Special Financing Available Subject to Credit Approval

*To qualify, consumers must request a quote, purchase, install and activate the generator with a participating dealer. Call for a full list of terms and conditions.





Skamania Lodge

COWBOY BRUNCH


Saturday, March 26th

Time Slots: 9am - 10am or 11am-12pm

\$35 for Adults | \$21 for Kids Age 10 and Under

Poetry by Tom Swearingen | Live Music by Barefoot & Bonafide

FOR TICKETS, CALL 866-783-9340



Athletes of the month Stevenson Mat Club

The Stevenson Mat Club participated in tournaments in Portland each weekend over the past few months. The young wrestlers were not able to compete locally due to COVID-19 restrictions, but between 10 and 14 of them were able to compete out of the area.

"We were so excited to see all our youth wrestlers back in the room this season," said Coach Erik Anderson.

Fourth-grade student Sven Anderson and first-grader Elysia Anderson participated in the WSWA Folkstyle state tournament.


Sven Anderson competed in the 10-and-under 63-pound division for among 32 other wrestlers.

"What a showing these two young wrestlers put on," Anderson said. "Sven had a tough challenge and worked super hard, but the competition was fierce and did he not place this year. After talking to Sven, he stated that his goal for next year to place at the state tournament."


Elysia Anderson competed in the 49-pound division for children in grades 1-5. She pinned all of her competitors to win her first state title.

"Elysia is not only strong competitor but a good sportsman, as well," Anderson said. "After taking first place, she cheered on her fellow wrestlers in her division and congratulated them after their matches with a hug and a handshake."

For mat club updates, go to the Stevenson Mat Club Facebook page. Families can register their athletes for the fall season, beginning in October.



Sponsored by Riverview Community Bank



WNPA legislature

Mask mandate ends Saturday, March 12

By Washington St. Journal For The Pioneer

Washingtonians will see the end of the state masking mandate 10 days earlier than expected, following a dramatic decline in COVID-related hospitalizations and deaths.

“We want to move forward as a state at the appropriate time,” Gov. Jay Inslee said on Monday, Feb. 28. Face masks will no longer be required in most settings, including schools, restaurants and businesses at the stroke of midnight on Friday, March 11.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated masking guide-

lines a week earlier than Inslee’s announcement, with a focus on altering restrictions to fit the transmission and hospitalization rates by county. According to the map, all but nine counties within the state fall into the low- and medium-risk categories and may safely stop wearing masks.

Gov. Inslee said health officials are confident the entire state will be out of the high-risk category by the time the mask mandate is lifted.

Monday, March 21, was the original end date for the mandate, with the daily COVID-19 transmissions projected to fall to five per 100,000 residents. Inslee said recent modeling shows the state is

approaching that goal, but may not reach it by the new deadline.

Masks will still be required in certain settings including healthcare facilities, long-term care settings and in correctional institutions. Private businesses and local health jurisdictions will have the ability to implement their own regulations.

Bill addresses cannabis thefts

Cannabis dispensary owners and employees hope to see a decrease in armed robberies with the passage of a bill that would impose stricter penalties for offenders.

The bill calls for increas-

ing the standard sentence range by 12 months for those found guilty of robbing a cannabis dispensary. The legislation is currently awaiting a House floor vote after being approved in the Senate.

Adán Espino, executive director of the Craft Cannabis Coalition, said dispensaries have seen a rise in the number of armed robbery incidents, with some shops reporting multiple instances in a single night.

“These (robberies) are often violent, causing physical and emotional trauma to our employees and customers,” he said.

Rep. Roger Goodman, D-Kirkland, said 169 armed

robberies of cannabis stores had been reported this year through Feb. 22.

“We must prioritize the safety of the 11,330 workers directly employed by the regulated cannabis industry,” said Brooke Davies of the Washington CannaBusiness Association.

Over 1,000 dispensaries have opened for business in Washington since recreational use of cannabis was legalized in 2012. However, since federal law still prohibits marijuana, federally regulated banks and credit card companies are unable to provide their normal services to dispensaries and many operate on a cash-only basis.

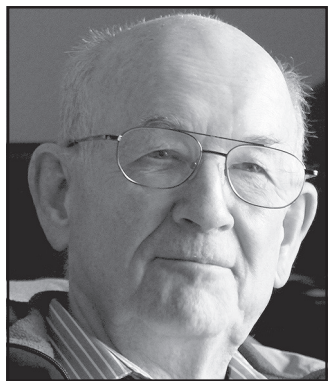
Gun magazine ban moves to governor

Since September 2016, Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson has been working to implement gun reform that would prevent acts like the Mukilteo mass shooting on July 30, 2016.

Now, a ban on high-capacity magazines that hold more than 10 rounds is on its way to Gov. Jay Inslee’s desk for his approval.

If signed by the governor, the bill would go into effect July 1. It makes manufacturing, importing, distributing and selling large-capacity magazines a gross misdemeanor.

Obituaries



Wilbur Easley

June 6, 1930 to Feb. 23, 2022
Wilbur Otis Easley (Woody), 91, passed away peacefully on Feb. 23, 2022, in Federal Way, Wash.

Easley was born in Stevenson, Wash., to Wilbur Frank and Grace Leona (MacKinnon) Easley and was the oldest of three children. He graduated from Cascade Locks High School in 1949.

He held a special place in his heart for Cascade Locks. He loved growing up there and often reminisced about cherished memories. It was an easy decision for him to choose Cascade Locks as his final resting place. Growing up there with grandparents, many aunts and uncles, cousins and neighborhood playmates, there were plenty of wonderful memories he would lovingly share. There were many family gatherings and holiday celebrations, including picnics.

He often would express

his appreciation of the natural beauty of the Columbia River Gorge.

He traveled around the world during his lifetime and considered the gorge to be the most beautiful place to be. Growing up, there was hiking, camping, fishing and hunting. Much of the family’s diet came from the bounty to be found in the area.

Easley was one of six students in his high school class. Because his class was so small, he took part in many activities including choir, school plays, class government, track, six-man football and basketball. He loved attending proms. Later in life, he enjoyed numerous class reunions and also was actively involved in supporting his old school. Attending the Old Timers’ Picnic in Cascade Locks was also an annual treat for him.

He was very patriotic and loved his country. After graduating from high school, he enlisted into the U.S. Air Force. He traveled the country and eventually served duty overseas. He spent time in London and many stops in Europe including Holland, Brussels, Belgium and Paris. He swam in the Mediterranean and went on to Switzerland, Italy and Germany. He witnessed the queen’s coronation parade in London. He had been up the Eiffel Tower and climbed the

Leaning Tower of Pisa. He would eventually sail the Atlantic and travel back across the country to return home.

He spent three years at Portland State University. After family members moved to Cottage Grove, Ore., he moved to Eugene, Ore., where he’d settle down with his wife Karen (Wyers). They added two children to the family, son Martin and daughter Beth. He would also attend the University of Oregon where he’d continue his college education and earn a Master’s degree in Education. He traveled to Washington, D.C., over three summers to help write a national elementary school science program.

He also for a short time had a TV show at a local television station where he was known as “The Science Guy.”

After 33 years of teaching in elementary schools in Eugene, Ore., Wilbur retired in 1992. He loved his career and was very proud to have been a teacher.

In 1980, he became a member of the Willamette Christian Church in Eugene. He was baptized at the age of 50 and accepted the Lord into his life. Joining the church

and the acceptance of Jesus would forever change his life.

Wilbur enjoyed a wonderful 30-year retirement. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He also managed to fulfill his passion for further travel. He went on many cruises to destinations such as South America, Mexico and Alaska. He also loved taking road trips, especially to the Oregon coast.

Wilbur lived a long and wonderful life supported by loving family and friends. He truly appreciated the people in his life and the memories they provided. He loved to say “Life is Good!” He lived it and he truly believed it.

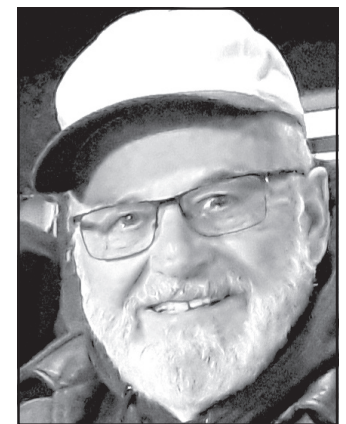
Wilbur is survived by his two children, Martin (Mary) Easley and Beth (Lon) Weis; brother David (Donna) Easley; grandchildren Heidi, Mary, Samantha, Shelby; great-grandchildren Jacob, Kylie and Elliott. He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilbur Frank and Grace Leona (MacKinnon) Easley and brother James (Yoshi) Easley.

Services are planned for Friday, March 11, 2022.

Family and friends can visit Anderson’s Tribute Center, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for view-

ing; at 1 p.m., Anderson’s will conduct a funeral service with military honors, followed at 3 p.m. with a graveside committal at the Cascade Locks Cemetery.

Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.



Kenneth D. Collins

Jan. 2, 1945 to Feb. 11, 2022

Kenneth Dean Collins, 77, of North Bonneville, Wash., passed away Feb. 11, 2022, after a battle with lung cancer.

He was born in Yakima, Wash., on Jan. 2, 1945, to Helen and Ken Collins, Sr.

He married his high school sweetheart, Peggy, on Feb. 8, 1975, in Las Vegas, Nev.

Ken worked in construction as a millwright on most

of the dams on the Columbia River for almost 20 years. In 1980, he moved his family to North Bonneville, Wash., where he worked as a millwright for two years on the third powerhouse before being hired by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He retired after 26 years with the Corps in 2007.

Ken enjoyed his retirement. He loved working in his yard and took pride and having “the greenest yard” around.

Ken and Peggy liked to travel, camp and go to casinos. But most of all, he was a family man. He loved attending the baseball, soccer, basketball, and football games to cheer on his grandchildren. They were his pride and joy.

Ken is survived by his wife Peggy, daughter Trisha Hamilton (Matt), daughter Cindy Collins, son Tony Kirk (Tammy), son Troy Kirk (Lori), son Kenneth Collins (Wendy), 17 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, as well as several in laws, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A private burial and celebration of life was held Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022, in Stevenson, Wash.

Mid-Term Board of Supervisors Position Available at Underwood Conservation District

An unexpired elected position is available for mid-term appointment by the UCD board of supervisors. Applicants must be registered voters residing in the conservation district and, depending on the composition of current board of supervisors, may be required to own land or operate a farm. The term of the appointment ends May 2023 and will be open again for election in 2023. Applications and supporting materials for the mid-term position must be received by UCD no later than 1:00pm on March 31, 2022.

Conservation district board supervisors are public officials who serve without compensation and set policy and direction for the conservation district. For more information or to obtain an application form, please contact UCD at 509.493.1936, or visit the UCD website at www.ucdwa.org.

Mitzi B. Ferrill, D.C.
A. Scott Yerrick, D.C.
509-427-3600
www.skamaniachiroandrehab.com
138 NW 2nd Street, Stevenson
Clinic Hours:
Mon - 9 am to 6 pm
Tues/Thurs - 8 am to 6 pm
Wed - 3 pm to 6 pm
Fri - 8 am to 5 pm
Free Consultations

LAW OFFICE OF PETER S. BANKS
WILLS · PROBATE · CRIMINAL DEFENSE
131 VIEW DR. STEVENSON, WA
360-558-2676

Our Family Caring For Yours
Kind, Personal Service
GARDNER Straub's FUNERAL HOME
Columbia River Crematory
Chapel in White Salmon
1270 N. Main Ave.
White Salmon, WA 98672
509-493-1323
gfhcmc@gmail.com
www.gardnerfh.com
Serving Western Skamania County
325 NE 3rd Avenue.
Camas, WA 98607
360-834-4563
straubsfh@yahoo.com
straubsfuneralhome.com
Your Loved One Never Leaves Our Care

Church Directory

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church
725 SW Rock Creek Dr.; Stevenson - 509-427-8478
Fr. Jim Mylet - Parish Priest, Deacon Bill Townsend, www.stthomascamas.org/74
Sunday Mass at 9 AM.
Wednesdays open for Private Prayer from 6-7 PM. Holy Days of Obligation 7 PM Mass.
Sunday Mass will continue to be live streamed from St. Thomas Aquinas in Camas at 8:30 AM. Go to: <https://vimeo.com/user132779560>. The Mass will be uploaded to YouTube, following the end of Mass, for those not on social media.
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
273 NE Lutheran Church Rd. E. end of Stevenson just off Hwy 14. Phone 509-427-

5972 email: office.shepherdofthehills@gmail.com
www.shepherdofthehillsgorge.org. Pastor Mary Shaima
WE ARE WORSHIPING IN PERSON! Join us for in-person worship this Sunday at 10:30 AM OR on our Facebook Live stream at <https://www.facebook.com/LutheranSoth/>. You no longer need to make a reservation to attend Sunday worship – just sign in when you arrive. Even with updated COVID guidelines, we will continue with masks and capacity of 50 for the time being, given the local infection rates. Please continue to pray for an end to the pandemic. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation - we welcome all because God welcomes all.

Carson Church of the Nazarene
92 Dalen Street, P.O. Box 929, Carson, 509-427-8398
Pastor Todd Futter
Worship Service 11 a.m. in person and Online on Facebook. Wednesday: ARMY Youth Group and Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Find us on Facebook
River Christian Church
252 Roosevelt St., Stevenson
Pastor Dr. Glenn Daman - Phone 427-8342
Morning Service..10:45 a.m.
Friday, Men’s Discipleship...6:30 a.m.
Home Bible Studies available www.riverchristianchurch.org
Carson Bible Church
1121 Wind River Hwy, Carson, 427-8373
Pastor Larry Thayer

Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m. in Church and on Facebook
Sunday School on hold
Wed Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Thurs. Ladies Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Little Church in the Valley
41 Trout Creek Road in Stabler
Church: 427-8344; 427-4372
Sunday Service...9:30 a.m.
Worship Service...10:45 a.m.
Stevenson United Methodist Church
Corner of Jefferson & School Sts.
Pastor Karen Ashley, Phone 427-5354
Zoom Worship Opportunity: The URL is the same each Sunday <https://greaterwv.zoom.us/j/7496224676>. For those people wishing to worship with us, they should use the URL. Those who

have the APP on their tablet and wish to join the meeting can do so using the meeting number 7496224676
North Bonneville Community Church
Wacomac and Pioneer Drive
Phone 427-8142,
Rev. Don Cameron
Sunday School...10 a.m.;
Morning Worship...11 a.m.
• Nursery Available
Website: www.facebook.com/northbonnevillecommunitychurch
Living Faith Open Bible Church
12 NE Vancouver Ave., Stevenson
Pastor Brett Johnson
Phone: 427-5451
Sunday Service...8:30 a.m.
Sunday Service...10:30 a.m.
Nursery Available for all services. For more information visit: www.livingfaith.us

Skamania Community Church
33391 SR 14, Skamania. Located ¼ mile east of Skamania Fire Station.
Informal Fellowship/Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.
Sign language interpretation available upon request.
Vibrant Children’s Ministries including Awana and VBS
Nursery Available
Pastor Bill Akers: 360-513-5737
Pastor Matt Califf: 360-772-1068
Pastor Dutch Lewis: 360-281-9238
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
650 Gropper Road, Stevenson, WA, 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, Bishop Todd Kestner 360-949-2719

Perspective

Letters to the editor

Students also need a bill of rights

Dear editor,
 Recently, Chris Cargill, Eastern Washington director of the right-wing Washington Policy Center, advocated for a parents' bill of rights to improve our educational system. But how would that help?

Shouldn't students themselves, especially at the high school level, have at least equal voice to their parents since their education most strongly affects their own lives? Maybe Cargill thinks students and their parents agree on what would improve their education, but is there evidence of that?

Polls show considerable disagreement between high school-age students and those of their parents' age on Trumpism, for example. Whereas disagreement be-

tween Democrats and Republicans 30 years ago was less severe and emotional, that is definitely not true today.

Parents disrupt school board meetings by protesting vaccine and mask mandates for students and teachers, whereas recently Seattle students joined nationwide protests to call for stronger COVID-19 protocols. Angry parents demand the ban of books and the teaching of U.S. racial history against students' wishes. Few parents insist on more instruction on global warming which is uppermost in many students' minds.

And most tragically, white parents opposing the accurate teaching of U.S. racial history apparently don't care at all about their negative impact on the social-emotional growth and academic achievements of students of color. Students

of color undoubtedly agree with their parents on full coverage of such history.

Should we instead have a students' bill of rights, at least at the high school level, promoting their measured input into final educational decisions made by their teachers and schools?

*Norm Luther
Spokane*

Ukraine invasion stirs sad memories

Dear editor,
 Russian President Vladimir Putin's unprovoked brutal invasion of Ukraine has brought back memories of my childhood in Latvia in the 1940s when World War II broke out. We became refugees in the fall of 1944. The Baltic states were a battleground for the advancing Communist Red Army and Hitler's retreating forces. Riga, the capital of

Latvia, was in flames. Many families imagined they would escape the worst of the violence and then return to their homes and their farms, but this was not to be.

Scenes from the current refugee exodus from Ukraine recalled to memory my father driving us to the port of Ventpils in Latvia. We left the car on the beach and boarded a freighter bound for Pilau in Poland (now part of Kaliningrad), taking with us just a few things we could carry.

I was 5 years old. My brother was 9. Our lives changed overnight. We spent about a month in a refugee camp there, but as the war loomed closer, we fled south again.

In April 1946, an army truck transported us to a United Nations camp in In-golstadt. The UN camps were

divided into sectors administered by different nations. We happened to end up with the Americans – one of the many factors that contributed to me eventually becoming the librarian at Stevenson Community Library.

My family spent five years in camps and on the run. We survived with the help of the United Nations, but never could return to our homeland because the Iron Curtain came down, dividing Europe.

Putin's unprovoked attack on the people of democratic Ukraine threatens the whole world. When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, a multitude of captive nations regained their freedom. Now power-hungry Putin wants to retake those territories.

The free world must stand up to oppression. Ukraine's president Zelensky is doing

that, and the Ukrainian people are fighting bravely. They are like David confronting Goliath. I hope with a similar outcome.

President Biden is coordinating support for Ukraine and sanctions worldwide, isolating Russia economically. The hope is that economic collapse in Russia will stop Putin's ruthless aggression. The free world is united in support of Ukraine as we can see in the news. Many Russians also have friends and family in Ukraine; there are protests in more than 50 cities with protestors risking arrest to dispel disinformation about the war. I would like to believe no one wants a third world war.

We can all join in the prayers for peace.

*Mara Reynolds
Stevenson*

Perspective: Washington state needs inclusive healthy forest policy

**By Don C. Brunell
For The Pioneer**

Washington's Board of Natural Resources is considering banning timber harvesting on state lands. That is extremely unwise. Instead, the board must ensure its healthy forest policies incorporate all management tools including planting, thinning and logging.

The board, established in 1957, sets policies to manage Washington's 5.6 million acres granted by Congress in 1889. More than 3 million acres were designated as trust lands to support various public institutions of which 2.1 million acres are forests.

Banning timber harvesting robs critical funds from K-12 public schools, timber dependent communities, the universities of Washington and

Washington State, the state legislative building, and public agencies such as law enforcement and social services.

Rather than generating much-needed timber sales revenues, fighting wildfires cost our state millions of dollars and drains our state's emergency reserves. Those wildfires are fueled by the build-up of dead, downed and diseased trees and ground debris in unhealthy forests.

Healthy forests are important in capturing CO2.

"Our forests are our friends in terms of limiting atmospheric carbon dioxide," says Matthew Ayres, a professor of biological science at Dartmouth. His research shows that forests can provide sustainable products such as lumber, pulp and fuel while still serving as reservoirs for

lots of carbon, depending on how forests are managed. His research was based on timber harvests in northeastern states.

Hotter, drier summers and longer fire seasons, combined with unhealthy forests, have led to increases in fire starts and areas burned, according to state's Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Fires in 2014 and 2015 burned nearly 1.5 million acres of public and private forestlands and cost more than \$500 million to suppress.

At the federal level, costs of fighting fires jumped from 16 percent of the U.S. Forest Service budget in 1995 to 55 percent last year. Federal wildfire suppression expenses were \$2.35 billion in 2021.

Forest fires are part of nature, but they are getting more dangerous and expensive to

fight. As fires increase in size and intensity, suppression, environmental restoration and mitigation costs soar. However, special funding requests for natural disasters will become more difficult to obtain as our federal debt soars above \$30 trillion.

So, it is time to revisit the way we are overseeing our forests.

John Bailey, a professor of forest management at Oregon State University, calculates "megafires" (those consuming 156 square miles or more) are increasing. He believes "part of the solution is thinning forests through logging, prescribed burns and allowing naturally occurring fires to be managed instead of extinguished."

Cutting diseased, dead and fire-damaged trees is not

new. In intermountain forests, loggers once salvaged beetle-killed trees and sent them to rural sawmills to be cut into 2-by-4s. That practice was severely curtailed 30 years ago.

Knowing that mature trees are most susceptible to insects and disease, public forest managers once designed timber sales on small tracts as fire breaks. The logging and subsequent cleanup removed forest fuels which, in recent years, had been allowed to accumulate.

Harvesting helped fund replanting and road construction for fire access. Environmental mitigation techniques have dramatically improved, resulting in clean water, healthier air quality, and unencumbered access for fish returning to spawning grounds.

As we look forward to

more austere times, we must revise management practices in state and federal forests. We can no longer allow nature to just take its course. There needs to be a more balanced approach which reduces the risk of wildfire. Megafires are polluting our air, endangering our health and safety, and burning a bigger hole in our pocketbooks. By thinning, salvaging and logging, we could not only save expenses, but create jobs, bring in needed revenue to government.

Don C. Brunell is a business analyst, writer and columnist. He recently retired as president of the Association of Washington Business, the state's oldest and largest business organization, and now lives in Vancouver. He can be contacted at theBrunells@msn.com.

Sheriff's incident log, February 24-March 2

At 12:04 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 24, the county road department reported theft of two chainsaws in separate incidents.

At 3:07 p.m., a motorist in the City of North Bonneville reportedly left a gas station but forgot to remove the fuel hose. The driver then struck another vehicle. The male driver was issued a criminal citation for causing the collision.

At 3:18 p.m., a resident of the Carson call area alleged that the driver of a truck tried to strike him as he rode a 4-wheeler. The caller said he returned to the address to confront the driver, but said the subject brandished a weapon.

At 6:31 p.m., a boulder gave up and fell onto the westbound lane of State Route 14 in the Carson call area.

At 7:28 p.m., a resident of the City of Stevenson asked that a deputy "remove her

husband from their house." At 7:45 p.m., deputies took one person into custody.

At 8:04 p.m., an individual wanted on two misdemeanor warrants was located and arrested in the City of Stevenson.

At 9:49 p.m., a person in the City of North Bonneville reported someone was using her son's identity to illegally purchase medication at a hospital. The son told a deputy the same individual had been posting harassing messages on social media. The man was also wanted on a charge of sexual assault in Hood River County but had been reported missing.

At 1:01 a.m., Friday, Feb. 25, a two-vehicle collision was reported in the Stevenson call area on SR 14. One vehicle was reported to be on its top in the westbound lane and the male driver was trapped in the vehicle. At 1:47 a.m., one

person was on the way to a hospital.

At 1:10 p.m., a resident of the Washougal River Road call area reported a missing package from Amazon.

At 8:09 p.m., a caller in the Washougal River Road call area alleges that an older man in his late 60s had been photographing middle school girls without their permission at a sports event. A deputy found no probable cause for any crime or allegation of voyeurism.

At 1:31 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 26, a resident in the Carson call area reported a man had assaulted her and her father. The caller said she had been punched by the alleged assailant who had since left the residence. At 4:52 a.m., a deputy determined the man could be arrested on suspicion of fourth-degree assault.

At 7:33 a.m., a caller in the City of Stevenson reported the driver of a black truck had driven off the road but appeared OK.

At 5 p.m., a person in the Stevenson call area made an online request for additional patrols of their street after alleging that people had been partying and racing their cars.

At 7:35 p.m., a caller in the Mount Pleasant call area

reported the driver of a white truck with a canopy had run into a ditch at mp 22 SR 14.

At 1:33 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 27, a deputy reported the female driver of a vehicle had tried to strike his vehicle during a traffic stop, and then tried to flee. The deputy caught up to the driver just east of Stevenson. He was compelled to draw his firearm when the person refused to follow his commands, but was taken into custody without incident at 1:50 a.m. At 3:10 a.m., a deputy found suspected methamphetamine in the vehicle.

At 2:54 p.m., a female inmate in the county jail reported having difficulty breathing. At 4:10 p.m., the woman was on the way to a hospital.

At 4:05 p.m., a caller in the City of Stevenson alleged the driver of a white Toyota truck had tried to ram his vehicle while yelling at him, and threatening to shoot him. WSP was notified.

At 4:26 p.m., rocks had rolled onto SR 14 in the Mount Pleasant call area.

At 6:46 p.m., a caller in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest reported a 50 year old man had struck a tree while on his snowmobile. The man had injured his leg and his party took him to their overnight

rental cabin to await medical attention but he was unconscious by the time they arrived there. Skamania County requested Klickitat County EMS to respond. At 7:42 p.m. they were performing CPR on the victim. At 8:20 p.m., a funeral home was notified that the man was dead.

At 4:32 a.m., Monday, Feb. 28, rocks were reported frolicking on SR 14 in the Cooks call area.

At 5:23 a.m., a house in the Washougal River Road call area was reported on fire. Volunteers from Skamania County Fire Districts Nos. 4 and 5 responded and requested mutual aide from North Bonneville Fire and Rescue and the East Washougal Fire Department. At 5:54 a.m., SCFD No. 4 arrived to find a fully engulfed single story wood structure. One person was transported to a hospital. At 12:30 p.m., a caller reported the fire had rekindled, so SCFD No. 4 returned to douse the embers.

At 7:13 a.m., rocks and a boulder were reported on the pavement near Cape Horn on SR 14.

At 8:10 a.m., a small rockslide was reported blocking the westbound lane of SR 14 in the Cooks call area.

At 9:32 a.m., a motorist reported a boulder had struck his vehicle at mp 54.5 on SR 14 in the Cooks call area.

At 12:30 p.m., another motorist reported her vehicle had been struck by a rock in the same area.

At 1:49 p.m., another session of the Bovines Anonymous group convened on Belle Center Road but the meeting broke up by 2:34 p.m. because a deputy didn't find any cows on the road at that time.

At 3:15 p.m., trees were reported down on powerlines in the Stabler call area.

At 4:15 a.m., Tuesday, March 1, a deputy was removing a large rock from a road in the Underwood call area.

At 10:37 a.m., a caller in the City of Stevenson reported someone vandalized a truck by breaking into it.

At 5:37 p.m., several cows moseyed onto a road in the Washougal River Road call area but had returned to their pasture within a short time.

At 12:03 a.m., Wednesday, March 2, a caller in the Underwood call area reported a small slide.

At 8:21 a.m., a caller in the Underwood call area reported rocks on the highway.

Total reported: 186

Use headlights during daytime for safety

**By Doug Dahl
For The Pioneer**

Question: I have noticed a high number of cars and trucks without their lights on in bad weather. But here's the thing – about 75 percent of them are black, dark blue, dark gray – the color of wet asphalt. I'm clueless about why people with dark-to-black cars see no need to turn their headlights on, especially close to sunset on rainy days. I often don't see them coming from behind. Any ideas?

Answer: I just stepped out

of my office and took a look at the cars parked along my street. Of the 25 cars I can see, 16 are black, gray or silver. That's higher than national studies that show these colors make up around 52-55 percent of vehicles on the road. If our choice of car color is correlated with the clothing color choices for the typical Washingtonian, that makes sense.

As a traffic safety advocate, I was about to propose that we only allow lemon yellow and lime green cars on the road, but then I realized that

I'd feel like I'm perpetually in a Sprite commercial. There's a simpler solution: Turn on your headlights whenever you drive, if your car doesn't already do it for you. Yes, gray cars are harder to see on a rainy day than yellow cars, but good lighting has a much greater impact on visibility than the color of your car.

In Canada and most of Europe, Daytime Running Lights (DRLs) have been required on new vehicles for years. (They're lights that come on automatically when-

ever the car is driving). Here in the U.S., it's permitted but not required. While DRLs aren't exactly headlights, during the day, they achieve the same function as turning on your headlights – making you more visible to others.

I suspect that the reason more of us don't use our headlights during the day is because we have an incomplete understanding of their purpose. The law requires drivers to turn on their headlights from a half hour after sunset

Continued on p. 8

The Skamania County Pioneer

Frank and Judy DeVaul Publishers
 Philip L. Watness News Editor
 Adrian Catron-Ziegler .Customer Service Representative
 Allen Diens Production

Skamania County's Official Newspaper
 Periodical class postage paid at Stevenson,
 Washington 98648

The Skamania County Pioneer is published at
 74 S.W. Russell Ave., Stevenson, Washington, by
 DeVaul Publishing, Inc.

Copyright 2015, Publication No. 497720
 Phone: (509) 427-8444 • Fax: (509) 427-4229
 email: scpioneer@gorge.net
 Published every Wednesday

Publication Deadlines

- Classifieds – Friday by Noon
- Display Ads – Thursdays, by 4 p.m.
- News Releases & Events – Friday by 4 p.m.
- Legal Notices – Friday by Noon

Subscription Rates: \$25 per year, \$43 for two years
 in-county; \$35 per year outside Skamania County;
 \$47 per year out of state.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: Skamania
 County Pioneer, Box 219, Stevenson, WA 98648

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY

REAL ESTATE



Carol Bradley

Lives, works and plays in the Gorge. This local Realtor knows the local market! Give her a call or email.

971-533-3646

carolbradley@windermere.com



Windermere
REAL ESTATE

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE

Come home to the Gorge and enjoy its magnificent beauty. Wake up to the sounds of silence and wind that will wrap around you and hold you close. Let me help you experience the Gorge.

Jim Joseph • 509-427-2773

Windermere
REAL ESTATE

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE

Scott Mansur
971-235-4266
Scottmansur@windermere.com

I was born and raised in the Columbia River Gorge and I'm here to help make the Gorge your forever home too. Feel free to contact me anytime, for all of your Real Estate needs.

Windermere
REAL ESTATE

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE

Kristy McCaskell
Cell: (702) 480-4302
Office: (509) 427-2777
kmccaskell@windermere.com
gorgelife.withwre.com

Let me help you make the glorious Columbia River Gorge your home! Feel free to call me with any of your real estate questions.

FIREPLACE SHOP

"A" Your Town Chimney

FIREPLACE & STOVE SHOP
(360) 835-1366
Gas, Wood & Pellet Units Sales
Service & Installation
2126 E. St., Washougal

REGENCY
FIREPLACE PRODUCTS
License #: AYOURTC0210T

COMPUTER SERVICE

Gemini Computing
Locally owned

- Computer Repair
- Technical Support
- Training
- Remote support available

503-459-7252
support@geminicomputing.com
www.geminicomputing.com

INSURANCE

Personalized Service for 25 years

Judith's menu of insurances:
*Home *Auto *Business *Life
*ATV, Snowmobile, Boat & 4Wheeler

In person, face to face local help.

25 SW Russell Ave
Stevenson, WA 98648-9198
509-427-5517
jmorrison@farmersagent.com

ENGINEERING

Civil Engineer
Water - Wastewater
Drainage - Septic Systems
Mark A. Peterson, P.E.
541-905-1219

RETIREMENT PLANS

Rachel Year Fahrenkrug

Rachel Year Fahrenkrug
Financial Advisor
Office: 509.493.0447
Cell: 509.774.8516
www.edwardjones.com/rachel-yearfahrenkrug

Proudly serving Skamania County and surrounding area!

Shop Local

CONTRACTORS

Brian McKenzie
CELL PHONE 360.609.2212
OFFICE PHONE 509.427.0126
LICENCE NUMBER GORGEIC085RT

GORGE
CONSTRUCTION INC

Constructing Confidence

New Construction | Decks | Excavations
Remodeling | Roofing | Concrete | Land Clearing

McCaskell Construction, LLC
Building in the Gorge since 1999.

General Contracting
Roofing, Remodels,
Repairs, specialty Concrete,
New Construction.

Office (509)774-0241

Fully licensed and bonded
Lic# mccasc1873nm

BASSE CONSTRUCTION

REMODELING • ADDITIONS
DECKS • ROOFING • PAINTING • DRYWALL
NO JOBS TOO SMALL • LOCAL REFERENCES

Billy Basse
Owner (30 Years Experience)
Licensed • Bonded • Insured

P.O. Box 562
North Bonneville, WA 98639
509-637-4739

J&J Quality Concrete And Construction

Custom Quality concrete
Excavation and gravel delivery
Quality roofing

(360)607-3485

Licence and bonded
Lic#jjquaqc843pq

Subscribe to the Pioneer

- \$25 per year in county
- \$35 per year out of county
- (509) 427-8444

FISH COUNTRY CONSTRUCTION
Curt Stump

- New Home Construction • Custom Homes to Log Houses
- Kitchen & Bath Remodeling
- Tile Work • Flooring • General Updating • Excellent References

509-281-0078 WA # FISHCCC956KF

LaZelle & Sons Inc. Construction
Over 30 Years

Custom Home Specialists
509/427-4504
Lic#LAZELLS109MC

- New Construction • Remodeling • Concrete • Garages
- Roofing • Foundations • Decks • Home Maintenance

McCRACKEN CONSTRUCTION, LLC

General Contractor
Residential Remodel
New Construction
Excavation

Ray McCracken
503-803-9910

OR CCB#: 221658
WA L&I: MCCCRACL803ND

HEATING AND COOLING

DAN'S TOP NOTCH HEATING & COOLING

CALL (360)835-9364 or Toll Free (800)580-2550

- Furnaces • Heat Pumps
- Air Conditioners • Ductless

SALES • SERVICE • INSTALLATION
Our goal is lifelong customers through honesty, quality & reliability

VOCAL LESSONS

Vocal Lessons

from
Renowned Vocal Coach Mitzi Zilka via
Zoom
Jazz and Contemporary Music
References upon request
Discounts for students and retired seniors
503-866-9492

DESIGN SERVICES

CEDAR DESIGNS

Conventional, Post & Beam, Log, Timber Frame, & Hybrids. Over 500+ plans and designs on website. Free drafting and no charge for modifications or custom plans. Panelized exterior walls. Price guarantees. Model home by appointment.

800-728-4474 • cedardesigns.com
info@cedardesigns.com • Carson

Looking for a better way to get your news?

Look no further than
The Skamania County Pioneer
198 SW 2nd St., Stevenson • (509) 427-8444

FORESTRY SERVICES

WKO - High Cascade Mills
Buying Logs & Timber
White Fir - Douglas Fir

2022 Wind River Hwy PO Box 8
Carson WA 98610

Mill (509) 427-8413
Jon Paul Anderson (360) 921-1541

PACIFIC GHOST Forestry Services

(509) 222-0707
PO Box 1484 Stevenson, WA 98648
pacificghostforestry@gmail.com
www.pacificghostforestry.com

- Harvest Operation Management
- Timber Cruising & Valuation
- Management Plan Preparation
- Log Marketing
- Digital Mapping
- Land Management

LANDSCAPING

Columbia Gorge Landscape & Nursery
Jim Borup, Owner

Trees • Ground Covers • Native Plants and more
Design & Construction • Complete Horticulture Services
Automatic Irrigation • Licensed Pesticide Applicator
Organic Alternatives • Mole Proof Lawns • 30 years Experience

Licensed • Bonded • Insured
www.columbiagorgelandscape.com
Cell: (360) 909-3773
Lic. #COLUMGL960KR

Boni's Landscaping and Construction

- Land Clearing for Fire Prevention
- Complete Landscaping Services
- Design and Installation • Water Drain Installation
- Patios, Retaining Walls, Fence Installation
- Sprinkler System Installation • Dirt Works Excavation
- Top Soil, Bark Dust, Compost, River Rock

FREE ESTIMATES
Licensed, Insured and Bonded
509-281-0821 • bonislandscaping@gmail.com

General Landscaping

4 Season Cleanups and Maintenance,
We Lay Bark Dusts and Decorative Rocks,
Orchard, Flowers and Hedge Trimming,
Lawn Dethatching and Aerating,
Lawn Removal and Replacement,
Blackberry Removal, Tree Pruning and Removing, Retaining walls, Deck Repair/ Painting, Pressurewashing, and Roof and Gutter Cleaning.

Please call Lopez 360-998-7326 or email lopezrosalio35@gmail.com

Regional news in brief

Get teaching degree at CGCC

THE DALLES – The Columbia Gorge Community College and Oregon State University have partnered to offer the Elementary Education Pathway which allows students to complete their first two years at CGCC and then obtain their Bachelor's degree online in Elementary Education from OSU – all without leaving the gorge.

Scholarships are available now for awards up to \$3,000. The application deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, March 18. Prospective students need to declare an Elementary Education Pathway with an academic adviser, submit a scholarship application, and register for spring term classes at CGCC.

The program began in 2019, funded with a \$175,000 grant from Meyer Memorial Trust.

Students from under-represented communities are encouraged to apply, as CGCC and OSU work to diversify the region's teaching workforce while also addressing the continuing shortage of teachers.

For more information, contact Ryan Brusco, academic adviser, rbrusco@cgcc.edu or (541) 506-6066.

Contact Wendy Patton, executive director of Columbia

Gorge Community College Foundation, for questions about the application: wpatton@cgcc.edu or (541) 506-6104.

Agency provides education grants

VANCOUVER – The Community Foundation for Southwest Washington awarded its final 2021 discretionary grants, which provided a total of \$1,517,147 through 69 awards to 59 non-profits operating in southwest Washington.

The grantmaking organization recently began accepting applications for its first Focus Grant cycle of 2022, due March 31.

Applicants can find eligibility information and criteria online at www.cfsww.org/grants.

Grants offer support to organizations serving residents in Clark, Cowlitz or Skamania counties. Funding is available for a variety of issues, but most awards are distributed through the Community Foundation's Focus Grant program, which aims to disrupt the cycle of intergenerational poverty.

The organization's approach to addressing intergenerational poverty encompasses three impact areas: Educational Attainment, Basic Human Needs and Asset

Building. Last year, grants in these areas provided a total of \$807,611 for Basic Human Needs. Asset Building, a category that promotes wealth creation and workforce development, accounted for \$177,350. Another \$396,275 supported Educational Attainment. The remaining \$57,528 went to other innovative efforts addressing intergenerational poverty.

In Skamania County, three grants (\$67,000) are assisting organization's like CultureSeed, which is expanding its Skamania Cohort and Young Women's Peer Circle. This organization provides year-round, immersive outdoor programming for historically underserved youth living in Columbia River Gorge communities. Another grant supporting Play Frontier is helping expand access to quality early learning and childcare for low-income children and families living in Skamania County and beyond.

Thespians perform at Clark College

VANCOUVER – The Clark College Theatre Program presents "All in the timing" by David Ives, at 7:30 p.m., March 10-12, in the Decker Theater, Clark College Campus. Dr. Gene Biby directs the actors.

Tickets can be purchased at https://www.clarkbookstore.com/site_theatre.asp. Seats will be assigned upon arrival. Social distancing and mask requirements are in effect for these performances.

This show contains adult themes, language, and content and is recommended for a mature audience.

"We are elated to return to live theatre," Dr. Biby said. "After nearly a two-year hiatus, our students are thrilled to be rehearsing and performing once again. This production is six sketches that include a cast and crew comprised of current and former Clark College students."

Concert to be held in person

"St. Pat's at St. Pete's" St. Patrick's Day concert returns to live format after 2020's COVID cancellation and 2021's online concert. The concert will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 17, at St. Peter's Landmark.

The Cascade Singers community choir, soloists, ensembles, and the "Almost-All-Irish-Almost-All-Brass Band" will present Irish art songs, Tin Pan Alley Irish tunes, traditional favorites and sing-alongs. Admission is a free-will offering to benefit St. Peter's Landmark, located

at 3rd and Lincoln streets in The Dalles.

The singers have performed a St. Patrick's concert for the past 24 years, which began in 1998 at the Landmark's centennial in 1998.

Project seeks to offset carbon cost

The Steigerwald Reconnection Project is the largest restoration project to ever occur in the lower Columbia River estuary. To restore nearly 1,000 acres of floodplain habitat, over 1.7 million cubic yards of earth was moved, over 1,000 cubic yards of concrete was poured, and over 200,000 pounds of steel was installed as reinforcing bar in concrete and for pedestrian bridges spanning two channels of Gibbons Creek.

These impressive earthworks, necessary to achieve the floodplain restoration at Steigerwald, came with a carbon cost. The large, diesel-burning construction equipment utilized to move earth and the energy cost to manufacture concrete, and steel resulted in the release of approximately 13,713,459 pounds of carbon dioxide.

Offsetting the carbon footprint can be achieved through reforestation and replanting efforts. More than 52,000 trees and 296,000 shrubs will

be planted throughout Steigerwald's newly restored landscape.

Estuary Partnership staff calculate that the carbon sequestration "rate of return" for planting efforts using two methods: the U.S. Forest Service's "I-Tree Design" application; and the "Carbon in Riparian Ecosystems Estimator for California" developed by Matzek, Stella and Ropion (2018).

Estuary Partnership seeks volunteers

Help usher in the spring season by planting native plants at restoration sites stewarded by the Estuary Partnership and partners. Volunteers are an essential component of the Estuary Partnership's restoration efforts throughout the lower Columbia River. Volunteer planting events are a great opportunity for people of all ages to get outside and make a difference.

Events are scheduled 9 a.m. to noon, on Saturday, March 12, at the Sandy River Delta, Troutdale; and Saturday, March 19, at the Hidden Glen Park, Battle Ground.

Those interested in signing up their business or community group to volunteer should contact Samantha Dumont at sdumont@estuarypartnership.org.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Notice of Mosquito Control Activities
The Skamania County Mosquito Control District will begin seasonal activities around March 21, 2022. Only when mosquito larva is found will they use one of the following larvicides.

1. VectoMax WSP (Bacillus Sphaericus, Bacillus Thuringiensis Israelensis): specific for mosquito larva
 2. Altosid (S-Methoprene) a growth inhibitor active on early stages of mosquito larva
 3. Agnique (poly-alpha -w hydroxy): a monomolecular surface film used for later stages of larva and pupa
- Later in the season and only in those areas where adult mosquitoes reach thresholds as specified in District IMM plan or if mosquito transmitted disease is detected, will the district additicide using:
- Aqua Pursuit ULV-Permethrin/Piperonyl Butozide -fogged at a rate between 0.0015 and 0.007 ounces per acre.

Mosquito control activities will continue throughout the season until mid to late October depending on weather conditions

Phone or email the Mosquito Control District for further information or to report mosquito problems within District boundaries – (360) 904-4345 or SCmosquitocontrol@gmail.com. Additional information and schedule changes will be posted and updated on our website <http://mosquitoboard.wordpress.com> or <http://www.skamaniacounty.org/government/boards-and-commissions>.

You may also contact the Dept. of Ecology, Water Quality Program, Attn: Aquatic Pesticide Permit Manager, P.O. Box 47696, Olympia, WA 98504
Published in the Skamania County Pioneer
March 9 & 16, 2022

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR SKAMANIA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD WAYNE BROWNING, Deceased.

Case No. 22-4-00005-30
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed

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: March 2, 2022
PERSONAL REPRESENTA-

TIVE: LUCIA MERCADO ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Carolyn A. Simms, WSBA #18258 Of Carolyn A. Simms, Attorney at Law ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: Carolyn A. Simms, Attorney at Law 2035 NE 3rd Loop Camas, WA 98607 (360) 833-2174 COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS Superior Court of Skamania County AND CAUSE NUMBER: No. 22-4-00005-30
Published in the Skamania County Pioneer
March 2, 9 & 16, 2022

Notice: Skamania County Fire District No. 1 will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm to discuss Supplemental Budget No. 1, for FY2022; the regular business meeting will start immediately after. The meeting will be held at Skamania County Fire District No. 1 Station 1-1, 992 Wind River Hwy, Carson, WA 98610. Further information is available by emailing: info@skamaniafire1.com

Published in the Skamania County Pioneer
March 9 & 16, 2022

Skamania Co. Fire Dist #4 Commissioner's meeting will be on March 10th at 7:30pm. The public is welcome to attend via Zoom: ID 825 1182 2180 and passcode 488 912. Published in the Skamania County Pioneer
March 9, 2022

Skamania PUD, Melanie Sharp, 1492 Wind River Hwy Carson, WA 98610-3257, is seeking coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's Construction Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit.

The proposed project, Skamania PUD N. Bonneville Substation & Feeder Upgrade, is located at 649 E Cascade Dr in North Bonneville in Skamania County. This project involves 1.7 acres of soil disturbance for utility construction activities. The receiving waterbodies are Wetland O, Wetland J, Wetland K, Wetland L, Wetland M, Wet-

land A, Wetland C, Wetland N, Wetland B, Wetland E, Greenleaf Creek, Wetland D, Moffet Creek, Wetland F, Wetland G, Wetland H, Wetland I.

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 anti-degradation 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
Published in the Skamania County Pioneer
March 9 & 16, 2022

SAY HELLO TO GOOD BUYS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

SERVICES

HOUSE CLEANING

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR HOME CLEANED?

Call **CCQ Cleaning** to get the job done. One time only jobs also accepted.

22 years of experience

Call Cindi – Cell: (541) 308-6397. ccqcleaning.com

House Cleaning - Experienced
Carson - Stevenson
Call Joni 509-427-4579

LOOKING FOR ASSISTED LIVING, memory care, or independent living? A Place for Mom simplifies the process of finding senior living at no cost to your family. Call 1-855-913-2628 today!

GENERAC Standby Generators provide backup power during utility power outages, so your home and family stay safe and comfortable. Prepare now. Free 7-year extended warranty (\$695 value!). Request a free quote today! Call for additional terms and conditions. 1-888-674-7053.

ELIMINATE GUTTER CLEANING FOREVER! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 15% off Entire Purchase. 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-888-360-1582.

DO YOU OWE OVER \$10,000 to the IRS in back taxes? Our firm works to reduce the tax bill or zero it out completely FAST. Let us help! Call 888-994-1405. (Hours: Mon-Fri 7am-5pm PDT).

EMPLOYMENT

SKAMANIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS IS SEEKING AN Accounting Tech II
Salary Range \$3,572 to \$4,260 per month, depending on qualifications, with benefits
Full job description and County application can be found at: <https://www.skamaniacounty.org/departments-offices/human-resources>
Signed applications may be submitted as follows:
Via Email: humanresources@co.skamania.wa.us
or
In Person or Via Postal:

Skamania County Courthouse
240 NW Vancouver Avenue
PO Box 790
Stevenson, WA 98648
Candidates who wish to deliver their applications may do so Monday through Thursday from 7:30am-5:30pm.
Skamania County is an equal opportunity employer.

Stevenson-Carson School District has 2 immediate classified openings! Full benefits for both positions!
Position: Special Education ParaEducator
Location: Carson Elementary School (position #1) / Stevenson High School (position #2)
Hours: 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM (Carson ES) / 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM (Stevenson HS), school year schedule
Start Date: asap
Requirements: 72 college credits/AA degree/passing score of ParaPro exam (only one required) + ability to pass background check
Visit www.scsd303.org to read the full job description and to apply.
**Washington State Governor Jay Inslee's Proclamation 21-14.2 requires all employees of Washington public school districts to be fully vaccinated as a condition of employment unless a documented medical

or religious exemption is approved. Being fully vaccinated means that an individual is at least two weeks past their final dose of an authorized COVID-19 vaccine regimen.

Fish Tech 2 position works in the Smolt Monitoring Program (SMP) in the juvenile monitoring facility at John Day Dam. Works directly with the lead SMP Biologist at John Day to capture a subsample of all juvenile migrants diverted away from turbine passage by the bypass system. See full job description on our career site https://www.psmfc.org/psmf-info/careers_2018

Store Clerk/Pharmacy Assistant
Wind River Pharmacy is looking for an additional team member. The ideal candidate is good with details and enjoys customer service. 20 hours per week to start with potential to become full time after company provided training. To apply please send resume to: KellyG@hi-schoolpharmacy.com
Or drop off at: Wind River Pharmacy
280 SW 2nd St.
Stevenson, WA

Fish tech 1 positions monitors the fish passage and holding

conditions between the switch gates at Bonneville's juvenile monitoring facility from March through October, swing and grave yard shift. See full job description on our career site https://www.psmfc.org/psmf-info/careers_2018

FOR RENT

Seeking cabin or property to rent or buy. Deep Stevenson roots returning home. Call D'Ann Davis: 206-856-0062

MISC. FOR SALE

USE ItchNoMore® shampoo on dogs & cats to relieve secondary dermatitis, treat yeast infections & eliminate doggy odor. At Tractor Supply (www.feabeacon.com).

FIREWOOD FOR SALE

Firewood U-Haul, seasoned Fir: \$200.00/Cord
Mixed Hardwoods \$250.00/Cord
Oak \$325/Cord
16" +/- length, split. Stevenson
Call Chuck Miller: 509-427-4898
Cell: 503-449-2068

NOTICES

DONATE YOUR CAR TO CHARITY. Receive maximum value of write off for your taxes. Running or not! All conditions accepted. Free pickup. Call for details, 855-635-4229.

ADVERTISE STATEWIDE with a \$325 classified listing or \$1600 for a display ad. Call this newspaper or 360-344-2938 for details.

Pro-Active Pest Control
General Pest Control, Noxious Weeds
Window Washing, Stump Grinding
Tractor Work, Field Mowing
Handyman Services
Licensed, Bonded, Insured



Chris Malone
503-407-2371 • 509-427-3441
PPCGorge1@gmail.com



CONGRATULATIONS BULLDOGS!



We are proud of you!



This page is brought to you by these community-minded businesses:

A & J Market
509-427-5491

High Cascade/WKO
509-427-8413

Skyline Medical Clinic
509-637-2602

Riverview Community Bank
509-427-5603

Skamania County Chamber of Commerce
509-427-8911

Port of Skamania County
509-427-5484

Skamania County EDC
509-427-5110

Big River Grill
409-427-4888

Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center
509-427-8211

Stevenson Dental Care
509-427-8605

Gardner Funeral Home
509-493-1323

Washington Gorge Action Programs
509-427-8229

Cascade Locks Ale House
541-374-9310

Main Street Convenience Store
509-427-5653

Bits & Spurs
509-427-0165

Rock Creek Tavern
509-310-8149

Skamania County Pioneer
509-427-8444

DeVaul Publishing
360-748-6848

SHS spring sports schedule

By SCSD
For The Pioneer

Baseball
3 p.m., Friday, March 11, at Seton Catholic, Harmony Park, Vancouver
4 p.m., Monday, March 14, vs. Lyle at Carson
4 p.m., Thursday, March 17, vs. Rainier at Carson
4 p.m., Monday, March 21, at Napavine
4 p.m., Tuesday, March 22, at White Salmon
4 p.m., Thursday, March 24, vs. Kalama at Carson
3 p.m., Monday, March 28, at Winlock (doubleheader)
4 p.m., Thursday, March 31, vs. Toutle Lake at Carson
1 p.m., Tuesday, April 5, at King's Way, Luke Jensen Park, Vancouver
4 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, at Corbett
Noon, Saturday, April 9, at Raymond
3 p.m., Monday, April 11, vs. Adna at Carson (doubleheader)
4 p.m., Friday, April 15, at Onalaska
3 p.m., Monday, April 18, vs. Morton/White Pass at Carson
3 p.m., Tuesday, April 26, vs. Wahkiakum at Carson
4 p.m., Friday, April 29, at Toledo
TBD, Saturday, May 7, district playoffs

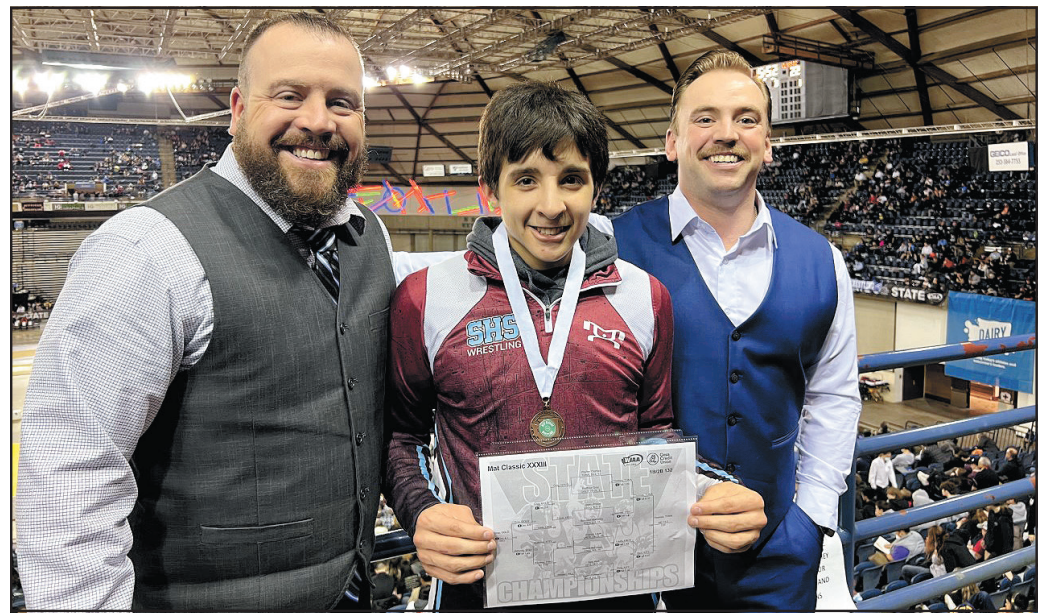
Boys soccer

5 p.m., Friday, March 18, vs. Skyview JV at SHS
1 p.m., Saturday, March 19, vs. Montesano at SHS
5 p.m., Tuesday, March 22, vs. White Salmon at SHS
1 p.m., Saturday, March 26, at Toledo
6 p.m., Tuesday, March 29, at King's Way
6 p.m., Thursday, March 31, at Castle Rock
6 p.m., Tuesday, April 12, at Seton Catholic
6 p.m., Thursday, April 14, at La Center
1 p.m., Saturday, April 16, at White Salmon
5 p.m., Thursday, April 21, vs. Toledo at SHS
5 p.m., Tuesday, April 26, vs. King's Way at SHS
5 p.m., Thursday, April 28, vs. Castle Rock at SHS
5 p.m., Tuesday, May 3, vs. Seton Catholic at SHS
5 p.m., Thursday, May 5, vs. La Center at SHS
TBD, Monday, May 9, district playoff

Girls fastpitch softball
9 a.m., Saturday, March 12, jamboree at Salmon Creek Sports Complex, Vancouver
4 p.m., Tuesday, March 22, at White Salmon
3 p.m., Thursday, March 24, vs. Seton Catholic at Carson
4 p.m., Friday, April 1, at Rainier, RAC in Olympia

4 p.m., Tuesday, April 6, vs. Corbett at Carson (doubleheader)
3 p.m., Monday, April 11, vs. Napavine at Carson (doubleheader)
3 p.m., Thursday, April 14, at Kalama, Haydu Park, (doubleheader)
3 4 p.m., Monday, April 18, vs. Winlock at Carson (doubleheader)
3 p.m., Thursday, April 21, at Toutle Lake
4 p.m., Monday, April 25, at Adna
4 p.m., Thursday, April 28, at Onalaska
3 p.m., Monday, May 2, at Morton/White Pass
3 p.m., Monday, May 9, at Wahkiakum at Cathlamet
4 p.m., Thursday, May 12, vs. Toledo at Carson

Girls tennis
3:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, at Centralia
11 a.m., Saturday, March 19, vs. Three Rivers at SHS
3:30 p.m., Thursday, March 24, at Montesano
3:30 p.m., Monday, March 28, vs. White Salmon at SHS
3:30 p.m., Thursday, March 31, vs. Castle Rock at SHS
11 a.m., Saturday, April 2, at Hood River
3:45 p.m., Tuesday, April 5, at The Dalles
3:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 12, at Three Rivers, Longview
3:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 20,



SHS Junior Solomon Mahoney, center, celebrates with his coaches after finishing fourth in the 132-pound division at the WIAA Mat Classic XXXIII, Feb. 18-19, in Tacoma. Junior Gavin Gantner also competed in the 182-pound division. Provided photo

at Eatonville, Castle Rock
11 a.m., Saturday, April 23, vs. Tenino at SHS
3 p.m., Saturday, April 23, vs. Montesano at SHS
3:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 26, at White Salmon
3:30 p.m., Thursday, April 28, at Castle Rock
3:30 p.m., Thursday, May 5, at Tenino
10 a.m., Saturday, May 15, Bulldog Invitational at SHS
TBD, Thursday, May 19, districts at Castle Rock

Track and field
3:45 p.m., Thursday, March 17, at Kalama
3:45 p.m., Thursday, March 24, home
3:45 p.m., Thursday, March 31, at Napavine
3:45 p.m., Friday, April 15, Al McKee Invitational, SHS
3:45 p.m., Friday, April 22, at Bruin Invitational, White Salmon
3:45 p.m., Thursday, April 28, at Winlock
TBD, Wednesday, May 11, sub-

districts
WRMS track and field
3:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 13, league meet at SHS
3:30 p.m., Thursday, April 21, league meet at White Salmon
3:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 27, non-league meet TBD
3:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 4, league meet at SHS
3:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, league championship, SHS

Camas galleries go small to raise funds for public art in a big way

By DCA
For The Pioneer

CAMAS – The ceremonial ringing of the cowbell will kick off the art buying excitement at the Little Art Camas event this month in Downtown Camas. Little Art Camas is a two-day community exhibition and sale of original small-scale artworks created by local artists. All artists will have created three “little” works of art and these will be showcased at the exhibit on March 18-19. Each art piece can be purchased for \$20. The Downtown Camas Association (DCA) hosts the fundraiser for downtown public art efforts.



Patrons look through art during the 2020 Little Art Camas fundraiser. Photo provided by DCA

Tickets to the event are \$5 at the door and good for both Friday and Saturday. Children under 12 are free. Art sizes include 5x5, 5x7 and 8x8. The event will be hosted in the beautifully remodeled Fuel Medical Building lobby in downtown Camas, 314 NE Birch.
“Little Art Camas is all

about making original art accessible to everyone,” said Carrie Schulstad, DCA executive director. “Whether you are one of the artists or starting an art collection, this event is a fun and engaging way to share art with each other. It will be really fun to see

the excitement when the cowbell rings and you can start buying. The art is impressive and is a genuinely diverse showcase and it helps support more public art in downtown Camas.”
The event will run 5-9 p.m., Friday, March 18, with

live music, appetizers and wine to add to the fun. The event continues noon to p.m., Saturday, March 19, with an “Art Refresh” of many new art pieces added to the exhibition. Purchased art will be picked up after the exhibit on Saturday or also on Sunday so

that all art can be enjoyed both days. See details in the Event Schedule below.
Friday, March 18
5-6 p.m.: Art Preview: Preview art and register a Buyer Number and buy up to five “Buyer’s Buttons.” The Buyer’s Buttons are stickers with the Buyer Number on them.
6 p.m.: The “Cowbell” Rings: The bell rings and buying starts.
6-9 p.m.: Exhibit browsing and buying: Mark artwork to purchase by replacing the Artwork Number sticker with the Buyer Button. That signals other browsers that this work is taken. The Buyer’s Buttons can be placed as soon as the “cowbell” rings at 6 p.m. Return the Buyer’s Card with the artwork numbers on it to the registration desk before leaving for the evening.
Saturday, March 19: Art Refresh
Noon to 4 p.m., Exhibit Browsing and Buying: Many new art works will be added to the exhibit that were not dis-

played on Friday.
4-5 p.m.: Art pickup (continues on Sunday): Both buyers and artists of unsold works can pick up their artwork during this time.
Sunday, March 20
Noon to 2 p.m.: Art Pick up continues: Retrieve purchases and/or unsold works by 2 p.m. If unable to make these times, please send a friend.
The DCA is a 501c3 non-profit that works year round to strengthen and promote Downtown Camas through partnerships, events, beautification and historic preservation projects, public art engagement, economic development, advocacy, and tourism functions. For information on the DCA and other downtown events, visit www.downtowncamas.com.
For all the information on Little Art Camas, visit <https://downtowncamas.com/event/littleartcamas> or <https://www.facebook.com/events/2190050211142246/>.

Use headlights...continued from p.4

to a half hour before sunrise and whenever visibility is poor. That language kind of implies that headlights exist to illuminate the road for drivers. That’s true, but it leaves out an important function of vehicle lighting – allowing other road users to see you.
There have been numerous

studies evaluating the safety of using headlights during the day. The most quoted one, from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, found a 5 percent reduction in crashes.
More importantly, daytime headlight use had a bigger positive impact for vulnerable

road users. Crashes involving pedestrians and cyclists dropped by 12 percent, and head-on crashes involving motorcycles decreased by 23 percent.
One of the problems with turning on your headlights once it’s dark is that there’s a period during dusk when

you feel like you can still see OK, but you actually have a reduced level of perception and you’re not very visible to others.
If you don’t think to turn on your headlights until you need them to see where you’re going, you’ll have been driving during a time when it’s

hard for others to see you and harder for you to see them.
Waiting until it’s dark to turn on your headlights is like the kid in school that only does just enough work to get a C-plus.
I’ll admit that I’m still working on this. I’m getting more consistent at turning on

my headlights when I start my car, but sometimes I’m still a C-plus driver. We can help each other out here; seeing your headlights on is a great reminder to turn mine on too.
Doug Dahl is the Target Zero manager for the Washington Traffic Safety Commission

Mental health: Art therapy comes in all types and styles, like people

By Tyla Smith
For The Pioneer

There are many different types of therapy and many different methods, tools, and techniques that can be used when helping people heal. Some people prefer talk therapy, where a therapist uses their training and specific techniques to guide them through the healing process verbally. Then there are techniques that use physical activities/sports, hypnosis, playing games, meditation, nature, animals, and art/creativity, to name a few. Each method requires specialized training and education so they are done the correct way in order to promote healing within the client. The beauty of having such a variety of therapy options is that you can explore different modalities and choose what works the best for you. One of the modalities I am trained in specifically is art therapy.
I’m often asked, “What is art therapy?” and “How can I do art therapy when I am not an artist?” First, art therapy is a form of psychology using various art techniques and

materials to facilitate mental and emotional healing. Art therapy as a recognized psychological modality has existed since the 1940s, but art has been used for healing since prehistoric times. Two examples of this include Navajo sand paintings and African sculpture. Carl Jung, the famous psychologist, advocated for the use of art to explore our minds as well as learn to acknowledge and integrate our “shadow selves.” Many clients have stated that it is much easier to go through the healing process when they are in the act of creating.
How can you do art therapy if you don’t think you can do art? The beauty of using art and creativity for healing is, you don’t have to be good at art, or an artist at all. Neurologically, the creative act alone works to build new, more positive pathways in the brain.
As an art therapist, I guide the client toward an artistic modality they enjoy and which can benefit them as an individual.
One advantage of using

art as therapy is being in a judgement free space where you can explore your thoughts and emotions freely without necessarily having to talk. Art therapy is also a wonderful way to tap into and heal your inner child, be playful, and let yourself simply enjoy the moment.
Many types of art materials can be used, depending on the age of the client, their skillset, and what they want to accomplish. Clay can be excellent for children and adults alike, while some might prefer drawing, sketching, painting, collage, working with glass, sculpting, carving, or fiber arts like crocheting. Utilizing elements from nature as well as photography, journaling, creative writing, and various other modalities can all provide experiential healing as unique and specialized as the client themselves.
Here is an easy art therapy directive called “Scribble Art” to help relieve stress and in-

crease mindfulness for you to try at home:
Supplies: A blank piece of paper, any size you feel comfortable with, and a hard surface to put it on; a black pen or pencil; and a set of colored pencils or markers.
Once you have everything gathered, take your pen or pencil and quickly scribble all over the sheet, leaving plenty of spaces between the curves and loops you create. Try and get into all the corners and up to the edges. Now, setting your pencil down, look at the paper for a moment. What shapes or images do you see? Is there a face, an animal, a tree?
With your colored pencils or markers, begin to elaborate on the shapes and images you see within the scribbles. Maybe you only see one thing, maybe you find a lot, it’s up to you.
This directive works on multiple levels. One, it creates a mindful space where you can breathe and be singularly

focused. Two, the scribbling and chaotic, fast movements give you the chance to get some frustration out. Three, searching for images within the scribbles stimulates your imagination and lets your mind relax. If you want to add another level to this exercise, do it with a friend, a partner, or a child. Scribble and then find images together. This works to increase bonding, playfulness, and quality time as well as providing an opportunity to have conversations while part of the mind is focused on creating. And don’t forget to have fun with it.

If you are interested in learning more about art therapy and the ways it might be able to help you or someone you know, you can research online, at the library, or reach out to me for more information.
Tyla Smith has a Masters in Art Therapy and Counseling from Edinboro University. She is currently practicing as an Art Therapist and Nature Therapist at Waterfall Sanctuary in Carson, Washington, where she is the co-owner. She can be reached at tyla@waterfallsanctuary.com or www.waterfallsanctuary.com.

Subscribe to the Pioneer
• \$25 per year in county • (509) 427-8444

Prepare for Power Outages & Save Money
REQUEST A FREE QUOTE!
ACT NOW TO RECEIVE A \$300 SPECIAL OFFER!
(866) 954-2961
*Offer value when purchased at retail. Solar panels sold separately.

Join us for our
FIRST ANNUAL POKER RUN/PUB CRAWL
on Saturday, 3/12!

Prizes for the BEST and WORST hand. Open to the public! DRESS IN YOUR IRISH ATTIRE!

Registration and FIRST STOP/CARD DRAW:
Eagles/Stevenson 1-2:00pm (drink and/or food specials)

Walking Man: SECOND STOP/CARD DRAW:
2-3:00pm (drink and/or food specials)

Big River Grill: THIRD STOP/CARD DRAW:
3-4:00pm (drink and/or food specials)

Rock Creek Tavern: FOURTH STOP/CARD DRAW:
4-5:00pm (drink and/or food specials)

Final Stop and after party:
FIFTH STOP/CARD DRAW:
5-6:00pm Eagles/Stevenson (drink and/or food specials)
KARAOKE and lots of fun to be had for all!