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Board again declines to declare a homeless emergency

Commissioners renew questions about need, impact of a declaration

By **NICOLE MONTESANO**
Of the News-Register

County commissioners again refused to declare a homelessness emergency in the county on Thursday, pushing a decision back another week, to March 9.

Advocates and cities have been urging the commissioners to pass the declaration, to enable cities to seek grant funding to address the burgeoning and critical problem.

Sheridan Mayor Marianne Thomson attended the meeting, along with City Manager Heidi Bell and city Councillor Dennis McElroy, to testify about the need in the West Valley, noting that last week, commissioners had asked whether the declaration would benefit more cities than just McMinnville.

Both Thomson and Bell told commissioners the city is already working with Willamina and local agencies, but that the declaration could make a significant difference to efforts to combat homelessness in the West Valley.

Commissioners Mary Starrett and Lindsay Berschauer said they are angry that Gov. Tina Kotek left the county out of her emergency declaration, requiring it

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Willamina man missing for three weeks

David Rojas last seen going for pizza and beer

By **PAUL DAQUILANTE**
Of the News-Register

David Rojas was at his East Main Street apartment in Willamina having a beer the night of Saturday, Feb. 11, said his brother, Ruben.



David Rojas

A neighbor told Ruben that it was about 10:30 that evening when David, 40, walked a short distance to the Best Stop Market on Main Street to buy some beer and a pizza.

"He (the neighbor) hasn't seen him since," Ruben said during a telephone interview. "He hasn't been home since then."

Ruben said he is extremely "stressed and worried" about what has happened to his brother, who has been reported as a missing person to the Yamhill

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Man arrested in connection with 7 fentanyl overdoses

John Donnahoo of Mac charged in incident that led to one woman's death

By **PAUL DAQUILANTE**
Of the News-Register

A McMinnville resident has been charged with one count of distribution of fentanyl resulting in death and serious bodily injury in connection with the overdoses of seven people in McMinnville on Feb. 10.

One of the victims, a 37-year-old female, died upon arrival at the Willamette Valley Medical Center.

John Kyle Donnahoo, 28, was taken into custody Monday, Feb. 27, in Portland and appeared in U.S. District Court. He is lodged in the Multnomah County Detention Center in Portland without bail. Authorities allege he sold the victims cocaine that was laced with fentanyl.

"If the defendant had walked into that house and shot seven people, killing one of them, no one would contemplate his potential release from custody. The same conclusion should be reached here."

— Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott Kerin

Donnahoo, who faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 20 years in prison and a maximum life term, made his first court appearance via video Tuesday. U.S. Magistrate Judge Stacie F. Beckerman ordered him detained as a danger to the community.

"I know that fentanyl is an extremely powerful synthetic opioid that is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine," Special Drug

Enforcement Administration Agent Jeffrey Thomas wrote in a probable cause affidavit. "I know that extremely small amounts of fentanyl can kill an individual."

Donnahoo should be detained pending trial as both a danger to the community and a risk of nonappearance, Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott Kerin noted in a motion for pretrial detention.

"The defendant is directly responsible for seven drug over-

doses — all seven people required emergency medical care," he said. "Despite the best efforts of law enforcement and medical personnel, one victim died. All of the surviving victims faced a substantial risk of death."

Kerin continued, "If the defendant had walked into that house and shot seven people, killing one of them, no one would contemplate

See **OVERDOSES, A4**

'Build it up'

Tax on new construction will be used to create affordable housing

By **SCOTT UNGER**
Of the News-Register

The McMinnville Affordable Housing committee issued support for the use of new tax revenue for affordable housing at its meeting last week.

Last April, city council approved an Affordable Housing Construction Excise Tax of 1% of value for commercial and industrial development projects and 1% of permit valuations for residential units.

"The intent of the CET is to create a fund for the city to be able to invest in affordable housing projects," Mayor and committee member Remy Drabkin said. "It's a small percentage that gets added on to some new construction and then that goes into a dedicated fund."

An affordable housing subcommittee made several recommendations on the use of the funds, including prioritizing projects that increase housing inventory, using

community input on which projects to fund, building a reserve of \$300,000 before funding any projects and using a five-year plan for project funding.

Because the tax is funded by development, it is difficult to estimate how much the fund will accrue annually, according to Senior Planner Tom Schauer.

"We don't know how quickly those

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Below: Roof lines rise on new homes in the Baker Creek North subdivision in McMinnville. Future projects designed as affordable housing will be supported by construction excise tax revenue, under a plan approved by the planning commission. Rachel Thompson/News-Register



Wine and Food Classic returns to McMinnville next weekend

Benefit for S. James School will run March 10-12 at Evergreen Space Museum

By **STARLA POINTER**
Of the News-Register

The McMinnville Wine and Food Classic will be back in full force Friday through Sunday, March 10-12, in the Evergreen Space Museum.

This year's event, a benefit for St.

James Catholic School, is expected to draw several thousand people to McMinnville from all over Oregon and the Pacific Northwest; many people make attending the Classic a tradition. Organizers have a goal of seeing 5,000 guests over the weekend.

The Classic also will feature more local food booths and other vendors. And many of the participating wineries, cider makers and distillers are new, along with many

popular returnees.

The Classic has been held annually since 1993, except for 2020 and 2021. Last year's event was still affected by pandemic rules for large gatherings; this year marks a return to the full event.

The event was started by St. James Catholic School parents to continue the private school. Proceeds benefit the school.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

SECOND WINDS COMMUNITY BAND of McMinnville is 25 years old! Come help us kick off our Silver Anniversary year by attending our concert on Sunday, March 5th at 3pm at the Community Center. Admission is always free; donations gratefully accepted. For more info, call 503-679-9328.

AMERICAN LEGION HALL (158 E. Main St Carlton) presents St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Fri. March 17th 5-8pm. \$15 Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, Raffles, Bagpipes, and the Legion Bar will be open! Proceeds benefit Carlton American Legion Scholarships.

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WEATHER

McMinnville area

FRIDAY

H 44
L 35

Light rain,
SSW winds 10 to 20 mph

SATURDAY

H 42
L 31

Light rain and snow mix,
S winds 10 to 15 mph

SUNDAY

H 44
L 29

Light rain,
SSW winds 5 to 10 mph

MONDAY

H 47
L 32

Rain and snow mix,
SSW winds 5 to 10 mph

TUESDAY

H 47
L 29

Light rain,
S winds 5 to 10 mph

Local climate, past 7 days

	High	Low	Precip.
Thursday	33	23	.14
Friday	36	21	-
Saturday	43	18	.02
Sunday	43	34	.16
Monday	47	34	.03
Tuesday	40	29	.26
Wednesday	47	24	-
Actual Feb. to date			2.02
Average Feb. 1-28			5.18
Actual year to date			5.66
Average year to date			9.59
Average Jan.1-Dec. 31	31	39.74	

Recorded at McMinnville Airport at 5:30 a.m. daily. M=missing data.

Historical temperatures

Feb.	High	Low	Precip.
Average	51	35	5.18
Extreme	72	-2	13.34

From records 1894 to present

Temperature extremes

Oregon extremes for the 24 hours ending at 5 a.m. Thursday:
High temp: Hermiston.....50
Low temp: Lakeview.....3
High precip: Astoria.....0.12
Source: National Weather Service

Local warnings

No advisories are in effect for Yamhill, Lincoln, Tillamook counties. **Source:** Weatherbug.

The sun

	Sunrise	Sunset
Fri.	6:47 a.m.	6:02 p.m.
Sat.	6:45 a.m.	6:04 p.m.
Sun.	6:43 a.m.	6:05 p.m.
Mon.	6:41 a.m.	6:06 p.m.

GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

Listed are meetings involving city government, county government and school district agencies in Yamhill County. To update information, call the News-Register at 503-687-1291 or email events@newsregister.com.

MONDAY, MARCH 6

Dayton City Council: 6:30 p.m., city hall annex, 408 Ferry St., 503-864-2221.

Newberg City Council: 6 p.m. work session, 7 p.m. business, Public Safety Building, 401 E. Third St., 503-537-1283, newbergoregon.gov/meetings.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

Carlton City Council: 7 p.m., city hall, 191 E. Main St., 503-852-7575.

Dundee City Council: 7 p.m., fire hall, 801 Highway 99W, 503-538-3922.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

Amity City Council: 7 p.m., city hall, 109 Maddox Ave., 503-835-3711.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

Yamhill County Board of Commissioners: 10 a.m., Room 32, county courthouse, 535 N.E. Fifth St., McMinnville, 503-434-7501. Formal session.

Yamhill Fire Protection District: 7 p.m., fire hall, 275 S. Olive St., 503-662-3511.

Yamhill County Planning Commission: 7 p.m., Room 32, county courthouse, 535 N.E. Fifth St., McMinnville, 503-434-7516.

MONDAY, MARCH 13

Dayton Fire Board: 7 p.m., new fire hall, 500 Seventh St., 503-864-3558.

McMinnville School Board: 6:30 p.m., via Zoom / administration building, 800 N.E. Lafayette Avenue, 503-565-4000.

Newberg Traffic Safety Commission: 7 p.m., via Zoom / Public Safety Building, 401 E. Third St., 503-537-1221.

Yamhill-Carlton School Board: 7 p.m., District Office, 120 N. Larch Place, Yamhill, 503-852-6980.

Willamina School Board: 7 p.m., virtual meeting / elementary/high school library, 1100 N.E. Oaken Hills Drive, 503-876-4525.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

Amity Fire Board: 8 p.m., fire hall, 700 S. Trade St., 503-835-2311.

Carlton Fire District: 7 p.m., fire hall, 343 W. Roosevelt St., Carlton, 971-241-7741.

Dayton School Board: 7 p.m., via Zoom / district board room, 780 Ferry St., 503-864-2215.

McMinnville City Council: 6 p.m. work session, in-person at Kent Taylor Civic Center, Second and Northeast Baker Street or by Zoom; visit mcminnville.gov/city-council for access information, or call Zoom 1-253-215-8782, ID: 879 7443 2517 to listen to meeting.

Willamina City Council: 6 p.m., West Valley Fire District Hall, 825 N.E. Main St. Information: 503-876-2242.

Yamhill Fire Protection District: 7:30 p.m., fire hall, 275 S. Olive St., 503-662-4653.

ALONG THE STREET

Gardening workshops to be offered

Yamhill County Master Gardeners and the Oregon State University Extension Service will host a day of gardening classes and workshops on Saturday, March 18.

Registration can be completed now, and early sign-ups are suggested because participation is limited for some activities.

Theme for Spring into Gardening this year is "Our Changing Landscape." It will run from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nazarene Church on the Hill, 700 N.W. Hill Road, McMinnville.

Cost is \$30 for classes and \$20 for workshops, limited to 20 people per workshop. Lunch is available for \$10.

Hands-on workshops include seed starting and sedum topiary.

Classes include soil, what it is and how it works; native plants for your garden; garden and forest pests in Oregon; drought-tolerant shrubs for year-round interest in the Willamette Valley; wildfire in your garden; and pollinators; dry gardening for vegetable crops.

For registration, go to YCMGA.org. For more information, call 503-434-7517.

Branch planning

First Federal is in the planning stages for its new north McMinnville branch, which will be located at Highway 99W and McDaniel Lane.

The bank's north branch, now located at 350 N.E. Baker St., will move there. It will be more visible and offer easier access to customers, bank officials said when they announced plans last year.

First Federal plans to tear down an existing building that once held Bank of America and, prior to that, Umpqua Bank. President Jim Schlotfeldt said the cost of remodeling that building was "excessive compared to starting over."

He hopes the new branch will be open in 2024.

First Federal recently was honored among Oregon Business Magazine's top 100 businesses to work for in Oregon.

The award ceremony, with information about how First Federal placed, was held after the News-Register's deadline. Look for more details in next week's Along the Street business column.

Awards postponed

The McMinnville Downtown Association awards event scheduled for Feb. 23 has been postponed because of the snowy, icy weather on banquet day.

Awards will be given out Thursday, March 23, instead. The business of the year, best marketing/promotions, best building enhancement, best customer service and volunteer individual or group of the year will be honored at the event in The Bindery Event Space.

MDA director Dave Rucklos said pre-purchased tickets will be honored March 23. Refunds will be available next week.

For more information, call the MDA, at 503-472-3605.

Friday Greeters

Michelbook Country Club, 1301 N.W. Michelbook Lane, McMinnville, will host the Friday, March 10, Chamber Greeters program.



Visit McMinnville staff enjoy larger office and reception spaces, and a separate conference room, in their new space on Northeast Fourth Street. From left are president and CEO Jeff Knapp, marketing coordinator and arts liaison Jamie Howe, vice president for strategic communications Kitri McGuire, and marketing manager Lee McCollins. Rachel Thompson/News-Register

Greeters will run from 8 to 9 a.m. For more information, go to the McMinnville Chamber website, mcminnville.org.

Earnest Real Estate, Network will host the Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce's Greeters program from 8 to 9 a.m. Friday, March 10, at 112 N Garfield St, Suite 103, Newberg. For more information, go to chehalemvalley.org.

Down, not out

The Melt Down ended with a crunch Tuesday as February drew to a close. Now it's just down to counting the sandwiches that were sold and the funds raised for the YCAP countywide food bank.

"We've heard from some places that they sold more than last year," said Taylor McLean-Down, who organized the monthlong event.

She's still handing out prizes to people who consumed five or more Melt Down specials, in addition to counting totals in each division, which pits small cafes against each other and has large restaurants compete in a separate category, for instance.

Diners also have until Sunday to fill out a survey on the Melt Down Facebook page or YCAP website for the "People's Choice" award. The special award will be announced next week.

Last year, restaurants sold 10,725 sandwiches and raised more than \$22,000 for the food bank, since they donated \$2 for each sandwich sold. McLean-Down has a feeling that record will be broken this year.

"We put out a lot more guides this year, and our Facebook page grew by 900," she noted. "And we had more businesses participating. So I think it was a good year."

The 2023 participants were 1882 Grille, Barley and Vine, Bellevue Country Store, Bierly Brewing, Bistro Maison, Blind Pig, Blue Moon Lounge, Brooks Winery, The By-Pass Bar & Grill, Chehalem Valley Brewing, the Common Cup, Conservatory Bar, Coyote Joe's, The Diner, Domaine Willamette, Evergreen Museum, Fred's Bistro, Gerald's, Golden Valley Brewery, Grain Station, Great Harvest Bread Company, Harvest Fresh, Hawaii Five-O-Three, Honey Pie Pizza, The Horse Radish, Hunny Beez, Jem 100, J's Family Restaurant and Lounge, Laughing Bean Bistro, Lillie's Sweet Shop, Mac Market, McMenamins Hotel Oregon, Miss Hannah's Gourmet Popcorn, the Newbergundian Bistro, Old Town Bar & Grill, Pirates Den, Social Goods, Taste of the World food truck, Two Dogs Taphouse, Wildwood

Cafe, Willakenzie Estate and Youngberg Hill.

Recycling enclosure

Work started in mid-February, with a brief interruption thanks to the snow storm, on the trash and recycling enclosure being installed in the city's parking lot on Second Street, adjacent to Northeast Baker Street.

John Harris Concrete excavated, then poured the concrete pad and installed rebar. Vargas Fencing will build the enclosure, described as cinderblock with brick-style face, according to Dave Rucklos, director of the McMinnville Downtown Association, which is coordinating the project.

Rucklos noted that the facility is built at a diagonal to match the parking space layout, which will facilitate access by garbage and recycling trucks.

The enclosure will consolidate trash and recycling in a secured and concealed environment for surrounding businesses. It should be completed in early March, Rucklos said.

In a newsletter to MDA

members, Rucklos wrote, "if all goes well, we will be working to expand the initiative to other parking lot areas next year."

Visit McMinnville

Visit McMinnville has relocated offices around the corner from its former space on Northeast Davis Street. Their new offices, located at 424 N.E. Fourth St., occupy the original Huberd Shoe Grease building and most recently 4 Elements Yoga Studio. The new offices feature larger office and reception spaces, and a conference room that executive director Jeff Knapp said can be made available for local organizations.

Knapp said the new space will accommodate the tourism promotion nonprofit's growing team and allow for more efficiency in its mission to "Guide the development of McMinnville as a year-round destination, responsibly promote its assets, and enrich the visitor experience while supporting livability for locals."

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FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Jack McMahon: McMenamins Hotel Oregon, 7:30 p.m.

Stoddard and Hansen Trio: Spirit Mountain Casino, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Mick Overman: McMenamins Hotel Oregon, 7:30 p.m.

Dave Wentz: The Horse Radish, Carlton, 6 p.m.

Stoddard and Hansen Trio: Spirit Mountain Casino, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

Open Mic: Wildwood Hotel, Willamina. 5 p.m. 21+

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

Open Mic with Freddy Lamb: McMenamins Hotel Oregon, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

Brother Blackfoot: McMenamins Hotel Oregon, 7:30 p.m.

Ruckus Band: Spirit Mountain Casino, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Steve Hale: McMenamins Hotel Oregon, 7:30 p.m.

Ruckus Band: Spirit Mountain Casino, 9 p.m.

Dueling Hobbits: Coelho Winery, Amity, 6 p.m. \$50.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

Open Mic: Wildwood Hotel, Willamina. 5 p.m. 21+

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

Open Mic with Freddy Lamb: McMenamins Hotel Oregon, 7:30 p.m.

County reports 24 COVID deaths in recent months

By NICOLE MONTESANO
Of the News-Register

Since the beginning of the year, Yamhill County has reported 24 deaths from COVID-19 among county residents.

Death reports come to the county from the state, often lagging by some days or weeks. Health and Human Services Director Lindsey Manfrin said the nine deaths in the most recent report on Monday, Feb. 27, "all occurred between Jan. 27 and Feb. 21."

Manfrin said that "At this point there is not a known affiliation between any of the individuals. Sadly, when we see a spike in cases then hospitalizations, we often see a lagged increase in the number of deaths. The majority of the individuals were 80 years and older."

COVID-19 kills people of all ages, including infants and children, but people 80 and older are at the highest risk. More than 9,360 Oregonians have died from COVID-19 over the past three years, including 11 children ages 9 and younger, and five children between the ages of 10 and 19, according to the Oregon Health Authority.

Yamhill County saw surges in cases after Thanksgiving and again after the Christmas and New Years' holidays. Its most recent surge in cases

was in February, with test positivity reaching 18.8% in mid-month, before declining to 10.8% last week — still an indicator of significant spread within the community.

Oregon is seeing an average of 305 known new cases per day. However, that number is believed to be a significant undercount, because many people either test at home or do not test at all. Oregon health authorities have estimated at various times that anywhere from 5% to 20% more cases may be occurring than are reported. A new study published in the international journal Preventive Medicine found that last summer between June 16 and July 2, cases were 24 times higher than the 1.8 million COVID-19 cases reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The authors estimated there were actually some 44 million adults with the disease during the two-week span.

"The high exposure to transmissible sub-variants is also likely to contribute to a growing number of individuals currently experiencing long COVID," the authors wrote. "Long COVID ... is likely affecting millions of Americans."

They noted the CDC estimates that long COVID affects at least one in five

adults infected with the virus.

Infection has been shown to cause damage to the brain, heart, lungs and other organs, and to raise the risks of heart attack and stroke for months afterward. Deaths that occur from heart attack or stroke weeks or months after infection are not counted in COVID fatality reports.

But a study by the Smidt Heart Institute at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center showed that heart attacks across all age groups have increased 14% since the beginning of the pandemic. It found that people ages 25 to 44 had an increase of 30%.

"Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, heart attacks were the leading cause of death worldwide but were steadily on the decline. However, the new study—recently published in the peer-reviewed Journal of Medical Virology—shows that heart attack death rates took a sharp turn and increased for all age groups during the pandemic," Cedars-Sinai said in a press release.

It said that "The spikes in heart attack deaths have tracked with surges of COVID-19 infection—even during the presumed less-severe Omicron phase of the pandemic."

The study found that heart attacks increased by 19.6% for adults ages 45-64, and

by 13.7% for adults age 65 and older.

Yee Hui Yeo, MD, first author of the study and a Cedars-Sinai physician-scientist, said there are several possible explanations.

"COVID-19 may trigger or accelerate the presentation of preexisting coronary artery disease, even in younger adults," Yeo said. Other reasons could include psychological and social challenges associated with the pandemic, including job loss and other financial pressures that can cause acute or chronic stress leading to cardiac disease.

Researchers said they have "long known that infections such as the flu can increase risk for heart disease and heart attack, but the sharp rise in heart attack deaths is like nothing seen before," according to the press release.

"There is something very different about how this virus affects the cardiac risks," said Susan Cheng, MD, MPH, director of the Institute for Research on Healthy Aging in the Department of Cardiology at the Smidt Heart Institute and senior and co-corresponding author of the study. "The difference is likely due to a combination of stress and inflammation, arising from predisposing factors and the way this virus biologically interacts with the cardiovascular system."

A year later, Beau-Bo's back

Homeward Bound finds ID chip in feral cat, calls his owner

By STARLA POINTER
Of the News-Register

Beau-Bo had lived with Carmen Lee for only about six months when he went missing on Jan. 29, 2022.

Lee looked and looked for the fluffy orange tabby, which she had adopted from a rescue program. She posted on social media sites and walked through her southwest McMinnville neighborhood with her two Jack Russell terriers, calling "Beau-Bo! Beau-Bo!"

Finally, she accepted the fact that her cat wasn't coming home.

Then, on Feb. 3, just over a year since Beau-Bo disappeared, Lee received a call from Homeward Bound Pets' spay and neuter clinic on Evans Street.

Someone had trapped a seemingly feral cat on Lafayette Avenue in northeast McMinnville. They brought him in to be checked. When the Homeward Bound staff scanned the matted coat, they found an ID chip that identified Lee as the owner.

"We scan all ferals. They might be someone's pet," said Jennifer Choate, DVM, manager at the spay and neuter clinic. "You can't judge them by their appearance."

To be on the safe side, Choate said, two people scan



Submitted photo

Jennifer Choate, DVM, manager at the Homeward Bound Pets spay and neuter clinic, says goodbye to Beau-Bo and his owner, Carmen Lee. Beau-Bo had been missing for a year when he was brought to Homeward Bound, where staff discovered his microchip, which led to his being reunited with Lee.

each cat or dog with two different scanners. While chips are often implanted between a pet's shoulder blades, techs scan their entire bodies looking for chips.

Choate recommends having microchips, which are

a little bigger than a grain of rice, surgically placed in all pets. Collars or tracking devices can fall off; chips are permanent, she said.

Homeward Bound puts chips in all the animals it offers for adoption. Chips

also can be placed by any veterinary clinic.

In the three years the Homeward Bound clinic has been scanning apparent ferals, Choate said, two have been identified and returned to their owners through microchip technology. The first had been missing for a couple days.

The second was Beau-Bo.

When Lee received the call, she reported to the clinic right away.

"Homeward Bound is such a nice organization," said Lee, pleased to have been reunited with her pet.

How did Beau-Bo get three miles from home and survive for a year? The cat's not talking, although he's doing a lot of head-butting and rubbing against Lee's legs these days.

"He's very affectionate," she said of the large orange male who may be a Maine Coon mix. "Someone had cuddled him and fed him. He was healthy, just very dirty."

Beau-Bo seemed happy to see Lee and his canine companions, too. The Jack Russells welcomed him home joyfully.

The cat has gone outside into the yard a couple times since he returned to Lee's house, but not for very long at a time. He mostly sits by the window, looking out, she said.

"He loves the window, and he loves to be held," said Lee, who's happy to oblige.

Housing

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(funds) will come in," Schauer said. "Those construction activities can be quite variable, sometimes one big project will generate a lot of revenue."

A loose estimate based on current building trends indicates the fund could collect as much as \$900,000 by July 2024, according to Community Development Director Heather Richards.

Members of the committee, which include executives at local homeless and housing agencies, generally supported the plan and using the funds on major projects that possibly have partner funding.

"I really think that the reserve idea is fantastic," Encompass Yamhill Valley President Howie Harkema said. "Build it up and then be able to do something with the monies."

Drabkin favored targeting high impact projects

that could work in conjunction with the statewide housing group aiming to build 36,000 units across the state.

"I imagine having kind of a shared goal of major impact will make us a good partner with whatever their recommendations are," Drabkin said. City Council will need to approve individual allocations as projects are identified.

Miriam Vargas Corona, Unidos Bridging Community Executive Director, said some funds should be dedicated to current homeowners that need support or assisting low income residents purchase homes.

"I think investing in homeownership will also ensure that we're making a generational impact," she said.

The committee will check in on the fund balance on a quarterly basis as the reserves build and city staff will continue community and shareholder outreach for potential projects, Schauer said.

CORRECTIONS

Encompass Yamhill Valley was wrongly identified in the Friday edition of the News-Register as Encompass Yamhill County.



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EVENTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Vaudeville shows: Chehalem Valley Vaudeville presents juggling, improv, skits, music, magic and more entertainment at 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, March 3-4, at Chehalem Cultural Center, 140 N. Garfield, Newberg. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; seating is limited. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children; 2023 season passes will be available. Purchase at the cultural center, or at the door. Beer and wine are available for purchase. For more information, email Scott Parker at scott@chehalemvalley.org.

Musical: "Into the Woods," by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine, continues Friday, March 3, at Gallery Theatre, 210 N.E. Ford St., McMinnville, with Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m., through March 12. Suitable for all ages, the story is a humorous take on fairy tales. Tickets are \$20 general, \$18 for seniors, and \$16 for students, available at gallerytheater.org or calling 503-472-2227.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Youth benefit: "Cheers to 50 Years" is set for 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at Water Oasis, 15055 N.E. Dopp Road, Newberg. Tickets are \$50 are proceeds support Chehalem Youth and Family Services, which provides the Youth Opportunity Program, and Chehalem Parenting Coalition. Catering will be by MG Smokehouse and Elegant Catering. There will also be a photo booth and DJ, and mystery box. 100 boxes with chocolates will be available for purchase with a chance on choosing the one with jewelry from Ken & Daughter Jewelers. Reservations may be made at CYFS.net.

Ski and ride: "Ski And Ride For A Cure" is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, March 4, through 9 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at Mt. Hood Ski Bowl, benefiting Seeds of Hope and Willamette Valley Cancer Foundation. Events include a poker run, torchlight run, dinner,

and raffle. Create a team or join a team or participate as an individual. Included are skiing and riding with exclusive runs after hours and a participant-only sunrise run. Entries start at \$35 per individual. Register at give.skiandrideforacure.org.

Food drive: Scouting for Food is set to begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 4, in McMinnville. Scouts and Cub Scouts will be going door-to-door asking for donations of non-perishable food items. For more information, contact Carol Nall at 503-434-9718 or nall.carol@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

Navy breakfast: The American Legion Auxiliary is holding its annual Battle of the Branches fundraiser with the U.S. Navy/Coast Guard breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, March 5, at 126 N.E. Atlantic Ave., McMinnville. Dinner is \$11, \$5 for children younger than 12. The breakfast is open to the public. For more information, call the legion at 503-435-2218.

Concert: Second Winds Community Band will celebrate its 25th year with this season's first concert "Hi Ho, Silver!" at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at the McMinnville Community Center, 600 N.E. Evans St. Admission is free, donations are accepted. For more information, contact Mark Williams at 503-679-9328, mark-fbr@hotmail.com or visit secondwinds.org.

Fellowship speaker: The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of McMinnville will present "For the Love of Abolition" with speaker Kaki Marshall-Bird at 10 a.m. Sunday, March 5, at the McMinnville Grange, 1700 Old Sheridan Road. The speaker will address the Unitarian Universalist Principles of the inherent worth and dignity of every person, and justice, equity, and compassion in human relation and abolition of criminal injustice and prisons. For more information, contact Edie Jessup at 707-616-1596 or ediejessup@gmail.com.

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Newberg man tied to cold case murder

The News-Register staff

A Newberg man was arrested Thursday morning for the 1988 murder of his estranged wife.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office Tactical Negotiations Team facilitated the arrest of Robert Elmer Altrups, 68, at his home around 4 a.m.

A grand jury issued an indictment charging Altrups with second-degree murder Wednesday. Court records contained no information regarding the arrest as of early Thursday afternoon.

He is being held without bail in Hillsboro's Washington County Jail.

Detectives assigned to the District Attorney's Office

Cold Case Multidisciplinary Unit re-opened the case in 2021.

The Cold Case Unit was formed in 2020 in partnership with the sheriff's office and funded by the prosecuting cold cases DNA grant from the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance. The Cold Case Unit is comprised of two detectives, a forensic DNA consultant, a victim advocate and a prosecutor.

"I am proud of the work our Cold Case Unit has done to ensure that victims and cases are not forgotten, despite the passage of time," said Washington County District Attorney Kevin Barton.

Former Dundee manager takes Amity interim post

By PAUL DAQUILANTE

Of the News-Register

The Amity City Council approved hiring former Dundee City Manager Rob Daykin as the interim City Administrator at Wednesday night's meeting.

Michael Thomas has resigned the Amity position, effective today.

Daykin, hired in Dundee in 2007, left in May of last year. He continues to reside in the community.

Executive Director Scott Dadson of Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (COG) secured the services of Daykin for Amity. The part-time contract calls for him to work no more than four months, at which time the expectation is that the city will have hired a permanent replacement for Thomas. Daykin will earn \$82 an hour and his four-month salary is not to exceed \$25,000 as a COG employee.

"I was fortunate to grab Rob as quickly as I did," Dadson told the Amity Council, who approved the hire on a 5-0 vote. Denis Saucier did not attend the meeting. "He's a detailed guy with a wealth of knowledge. He understands how things in Oregon work. He has great patience. Rob is well respected."

Daykin will be working on a part-time basis. City Recorder/Treasurer Natasha Johnson said she believes the city staff can still function effectively.

"Amity's a great place, a great town," Dadson said. "I think you're in good shape."

He said he will miss Thomas' presence as a city administrator and as a part of the COG.

"I think Mike would tell you this, that every manager wants to leave a city in better shape than when they arrived."

In other business, newly appointed Position 4 councilor Alice Thompson was sworn into office, bringing the council up to full strength.

Her term will expire Dec. 31, 2026. The Amity High School teacher replaces Cody Goings.

The council will meet next at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5.

Thomas was a finalist for the city manager position in Helena, Montana, but was not hired. He was hired May 1, 2019 in Amity. He went to work a month later, replacing Justin Hogue, who resigned in November 2018 to become Yamhill County's Business Services Director. Hogue was hired in December 2016.

OBITUARIES

HARRY "BUTCH" MCCULLEY 1944 - 2023



We regret to announce the death of our husband and father, Dr. Harry "Butch" McCulley, of McMinnville, Oregon, who died, surrounded by his family, on February 22, 2023, after a short illness. He dedicated his life to the Yamhill County community where he worked as a general surgeon.

Butch was born September 11, 1944, to Mary Foster and Harry McCulley, and grew up in Abington, Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia. He and his sister Janie spent summers with their family at the New Jersey shore, where he learned to sail and developed a love for the beach and ocean. He spent holidays and vacations with his aunts, uncles and many cousins who are an endless source of fantastic family stories that recall Butch's antics, sense of humor and love for adventure. Butch graduated from Abington High School and Furman University, where he played soccer and majored in Chemistry. During college, Butch joined the Navy and was briefly stationed in Philadelphia, where he attended night school at Temple University. There he met Carol Merriam, his Organic Chemistry classmate and lab partner, who became his wife of more than 50 years. In the Navy, working as an operating room technician, Butch found a love for surgery and graduated in 1976 from the Medical University of South Carolina. Butch and Carol, with their toddler son, David, moved to the Pacific Northwest to pursue their love of the outdoors and raise their family. Butch completed a residency in General Surgery at Emanuel Hospital in Portland, where his daughter Libby was born and where she now works as a pediatric dietitian. In 1981, he and his family moved to McMinnville, where Butch started a General Surgery practice and worked for years alongside his great friends and colleagues in McMinnville and Newberg, eventually retiring in 2006. Through his surgery practice, Butch touched the lives of many Yamhill County residents and is remembered for the compassionate care he provided his patients and their families.

Butch loved his community and was a sports enthusiast who enjoyed coaching soccer and supporting youth athletics. Many McMinnville athletes likely remember Butch's booming voice cheering them on. He was a fierce believer in the power of education and encouraged his family to pursue their academic goals to the fullest. Butch and his family spent their free time adventuring in the outdoors, from backpacking and camping trips to a road trip around the country, often pushing their stubborn VW bus. They enjoyed skiing together and summer trips in the San Juan Islands, where Butch shared his love of sailing with his family. Despite his busy surgical practice, he always made time for his family, especially supporting his children at their sporting events. They ran innumerable races together, including the McMinnville Turkey Trot and the Portland Marathon. More recently, Butch and Carol loved walking on the Linfield wellness trail, particularly with his beloved granddog, Jane. He enjoyed chatting with anyone he met, and his genuine curiosity had a way of making people feel special. After retiring, Butch and Carol enjoyed much of what the Willamette Valley has to offer, including frequent concerts, soccer games, wine tastings and local food. They loved to travel, especially taking trips to cheer on their grandson, Callum, at his soccer games.

Butch is survived by his sister, Janie; wife, Carol; their daughter, Libby; their son, David, a physician who works as a neonatologist in California; daughter-in-law, Jill; and grandson, Callum.

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MARY "SUE" VERGARA 1940 - 2023



Mary "Sue" Vergara, 83, from Lafayette, Oregon, passed away February 17, 2023, in Portland, Oregon.

Sue was born in Bay City, Michigan, to parents Estelle Denton and Winfield Scott. She attended school in Brooklyn, Michigan. She graduated from Brooklyn Community Schools in 1959.

Sue married a Navy man, Samuel Rider, in 1962. They lived in California. They divorced in 1980. Sue met Antonio Vergara in 1983, and they married in December of 1990. In 2004, Sue and Tony left California for Lafayette. They enjoyed fishing and crabbing. They spent many years traveling around the United States in their travel trailer. They also enjoyed dancing, attending Elks Club events, and volunteering at the Evergreen Aviation Museum.

Sue began volunteering at Evergreen Aviation Museum in 2004 and continued until her death. She enjoyed her Thursday volunteer day as well as helping at most of the special events at the airport. Sue was a member of the McMinnville Elks Club and a member of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society.

She also enjoyed making crafts and selling them at craft fairs, going to yard sales, and spending time with friends. Sue loved entertaining friends by cooking a meal for them.

Sue is survived by her three stepsons, Michael (Susan), Edward (Sheryl), and David (Debbie); her daughter-in-law, Linda; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Also grieving is her good friend, Bob Dean; his son, Dan; and his daughter, Nancy (Mark) and their son, Nicholas. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tony, and her stepson, Antonio Thomas.

Sue will be interred with her husband, Tony, at the Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Marana, Arizona.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Sue's name to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. (www.stjude.org)

LINDA JANE SAUTER MCKAY 1941 - 2023



Linda McKay died January 18, 2023, in Fairfax, Virginia. She was born September 23, 1941, in McMinnville, Oregon, where she attended school through Linfield College. During her 60 years of marriage to Gordon McKay, her high school sweetheart, she moved cross-country multiple times, settling in Garrett Park, Maryland, through her children's school years.

A mother of four, Linda was devoted to her family, especially to daughter Kristen's special needs during her life. She later enjoyed her grandsons' activities, attending many games and concerts.

Linda was a lifelong lover of language and history, with a thirst for knowledge and a razor-sharp wit. She whipped up Halloween costumes from household items and wrote holiday skits talked about 20 years later. An active member of P.E.O., she supported women's education, and traveled often. She loved touring England and watching British TV.

She is survived by sons, Michael and Steven; daughter, Megan (Jason) Wakeman; grandsons, Henry and Colin (Kelli) Wakeman; and sisters-in-law, Margie and Dixie McKay. She was predeceased by husband, Gordon; daughter, Kristen; parents, Annabel and John; and brothers, Richard and Ronald Sauter.

A gathering to remember Linda and Gordon will be held March 11 in Falls Church, Virginia. Private interment in McMinnville will be held at a later date.

CAROL LARSON 1956 - 2023

Carol Larson passed peacefully on February 24, 2023, after a four-year struggle with multiple system atrophy.

She preferred an uncomplicated life with home, rock-hounding trips, and the great outdoors in general being big on her bucket list.

She had friends from childhood and many more from her 14 years as "fishmonger" in the deli at Winco.

She is survived by her husband, Larry; sons, Chris and Jacob Linder; sisters, Phyllis of Keizer, and Janet of Salem; and six grandkids.

A gathering of remembrance is planned for late March at Restlawn Cemetery west of Salem.

Overdoses

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his potential release from custody. The same conclusion should be reached here."

Kerin noted that Donnahoo profited from selling "death and destruction" in exchange for \$100.

"The defendant has the ability to kill every person he sells fentanyl to — anyone the defendant sells fentanyl to can overdose and die. There is no condition or combination of conditions that can adequately ensure the safety of the community or his future appearances at court.

"If the defendant was released, how does anyone explain that to the next victim's family? The nature of the charges demonstrate that the defendant is a danger to the community and a risk of nonappearance and he should be detained pending trial."

McMinnville Fire and Police Department personnel were dispatched to a ranch-style residence on Northwest Cedar Street shortly after 1 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 10, on a report of multiple unconscious people. The dispatch center received two

calls about a minute apart, believed to have been from inside the residence.

Thomas detailed the case in his affidavit.

Police were first to arrive and found four individuals unconscious at the home. They were not identified by name, but as victims 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Officers used Narcan available to them to revive the four, without success. The Yamhill County Sheriff's Office was requested to respond and deputies administered further doses to each victim.

It was believed the four were near death, and as a result, they were transported to the hospital. Victims No. 1 and No. 2 were unconscious upon arrival. No. 1 was the deceased female.

No. 2 remained hospitalized in the days after being admitted. No. 3 and No. 4 were released on the day of admission.

About the time those four were being transported to the hospital, another three — victims No. 5, 6 and 7 — were brought to the hospital by Donnahoo himself. They were all unconscious and in critical condition when admitted. Each has been discharged.

Only two victims — No. 3 and No. 7 — were cooperative with McMinnville Police, and they identified Donnahoo as the individual who provided the fentanyl that led to the overdoses and subsequent death of the female.

Victim No. 3, a female, said she had known Donnahoo socially for several years and through work in construction.

Victim No. 3 described contacting Donnahoo by Facebook messenger on Feb. 9 and ordered \$100 worth of cocaine, and showed detectives the Facebook account with Donnahoo's profile name that also displayed a photo identified as Donnahoo.

One of them had deleted some messaging between themselves and it could not be further reviewed. Messages in which Victim No. 3 requested cocaine appear to have been deleted.

However, she did tell police that Donnahoo allegedly arrived at the residence early on the morning of Feb. 10 with three other adult males and brought what she thought was cocaine to multiple people who were in the garage.

The substance was on a mirror and was passed

"We're glad to see that he is off the street and not able to deal any longer."

— McMinnville Police Detective Sgt. Cully Desmond

around to several people, including the now deceased female. Donnahoo allegedly stated the cocaine could contain fentanyl and to be careful.

She said she tested the substance twice "with some version of a fentanyl test kit." There was a problem with the first kit, she said, but a second test was negative for fentanyl.

Victim No. 3 said other victims snorted what Donnahoo provided and "immediately knew something was different" about the substance.

She felt dizzy and her body temperature became elevated. She noticed others were showing signs of overdosing. She remembers nothing else other than regaining consciousness in the hospital.

Victim No. 7 reported to have known Donnahoo for several years.

That victim drove No. 5 and 6 to the residence so the trio could use cocaine together with all the others.

No. 7 believed Donnahoo

obtained the cocaine before they all met up. Victims No. 5, 6 and 7 went to the garage to use the substance supplied by Donnahoo, according to No. 7, who said No. 5 and 6 started "turning blue" and showed signs of overdosing soon after using what Donnahoo supplied.

Donnahoo told No. 5, 6 and 7 they needed to go to the hospital, and that's where he took them. No. 7 said No. 5 and No. 6 passed out en route to the medical facility.

The mirror used by the victims, provided by Donnahoo, was seized by law enforcement and tested by Sheriff's Office Capt. Sam Elliott, using a "TruNarc" device.

"I witnessed that the field test returned a presumptive positive test for fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, but did not indicate the presence of cocaine," Thomas said.

Donnahoo is scheduled to be arraigned on the charge by video at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 30, in U.S. Dis-

trict Court in Portland.

In addition to McMinnville Police, the sheriff's office and the Drug Enforcement Administration, the FBI joined in this case investigation.

"We're glad to see that he is off the street and not able to deal any longer," McMinnville Police Detective Sgt. Cully Desmond said of Donnahoo. "Now we're working on trying to determine where it (fentanyl) came from prior to distribution. That is part of the ongoing investigation."

The drug has "grown into a bigger issue" in recent years, according to Desmond.

Blue M30 pills have become increasingly popular. Their popular street names are Mexican blues, blues and M-Boxes, according to the Drug Enforcement Agency website.

"Treatment is the most effective way to get people to overcome their addiction and stay away from drugs," Desmond said. "If we can help people accountable, that's helpful, but it does come down to treatment."

“We are using emergency declarations as a catch-all for ‘it’s cold, it’s hot, it’s rainy,’ and I think we’re losing some of the meaning of what it’s supposed to be used for.” — Commissioner Mary Starrett

Homeless

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to apply to be included, and said they don’t like having to declare an emergency, saying they worried that could empower Kotek to enact the types of measures that Governor Kate Brown enacted to try to control the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. Measures to control transmission of a communicable disease are typically quite different from those used to try to address homelessness.

County Administrator Ken Huffer pointed out that the county has issued several local emergency declarations over various issues, including one for drought in the city of Yamhill last year, which did not result in similar questions from the commissioners.

Measures undertaken by the state to address COVID-19, Huffer pointed out, were not done under the auspices of county emergency declarations.

Starrett said she is also concerned that the county would be required to put too much time and effort into setting up an emergency operations center.

“We are using emergency declarations as a catch-all for ‘it’s cold, it’s hot, it’s rainy,’ and I think we’re losing some of the meaning of what it’s supposed to be used for,” Starrett said.

Temperatures dropped into the teens for several nights in late February, with wind chills reaching the low single digits. At least two people are believed to have died in Multnomah County from the cold, but investigations may not be complete for several more weeks or months, according to Oregon Public Broadcasting. Last summer, according to state officials, at least seven Oregonians died in a July heat wave. During a heat wave in 2021, 72 people in Multnomah County died.

Starrett said she is further concerned that the declaration requires the county to declare it has exhausted all its own resources, and “if there’s still a dime in the general fund, we can’t honestly say we’ve expended all resources to address homelessness.”

Starrett repeatedly referred to signing a contract with the state.

“We don’t sign things aspirationally,” she told the

Sheridan contingent. “When we sign on the dotted line, it isn’t so that we can feel good about fixing a problem.”

McMinnville Mayor Remy Drabkin said the county is not being asked to enter a contract, and cannot reasonably be expected to spend all of its funds on initiatives to address homelessness before seeking help from the state.

“It’s a declaration that then allows us to put together these work groups to inform the state. But I don’t think the emergency declaration in itself is a contract, so I don’t want that to be a barrier,” Drabkin told the board.

Berschauer said she is concerned that, by the time the county turns in its declaration and applications in, all of the money will have been allocated to other counties already, and questioned why an emergency declaration is needed, rather than simply allowing cities and counties to apply directly for the money, instead of going through work groups of representatives from agencies that work with the homeless.

Drabkin said the situation may not be new, but “When you are homeless, it is always an emergency.”

Resolution reached in long short-term rental dispute

City reviews changes in SDC policy, and sends all residents notices on natural hazards zone rules

By SCOTT UNGER
Of the News-Register

A long-term dispute over a Short Term Rental permit in McMinnville has been resolved.

Attorneys for the city of McMinnville and homeowner Emily Lagow reached an agreement to issue a permit, avoiding a battle in circuit court.

City Council unanimously approved an STR permit for Lagow’s property at 790 N.W. 21st St. on Tuesday, nearly eight months after neighbors complained the house was being rented without the proper permits.

Lagow’s application was in the city’s review process when neighbors reported code compliance concerns that guests were occupying the house over the July 4 weekend. Lagow’s property manager said guests were mistakenly moved to the house after their property had an air conditioning issue, and its listing on rental websites was in error.

Although the code violation wasn’t a factor in the issuance of an STR, Lagow’s application was denied by the Planning Commission in October by a 7-1 vote. Commissioners cited discrepancies over the number of bedrooms advertised, a failure to provide ample parking spaces and issues with the property’s emergency contact person.

The case was appealed to city council, but Lagow’s attorney Ross Day filed a Writ of Mandamus with the Yamhill County Circuit Court before council weighed in. The writ was filed because the city failed to make a determination on the application within the 120-day window required by Oregon law.

Oregon land use law states that if a governing body fails to make a determination on an application or permit within 120 days of it being deemed complete, “the applicant may file a petition for a writ of mandamus ... in the circuit court of the county where the application was submitted to compel the governing body or its designee to issue the approval.”

The case will now be dismissed by the court, according to Day.

“From my client’s perspective, we feel like we prevailed,” Day said. “We

got essentially what we’re entitled to.”

Also at the meeting:

■ Council held a work session to discuss potential changes to the System Development Charges associated with city parks. Potential changes to the policy are being considered in conjunction with the development of a new parks and recreation master plan.

SDCs are one-time fees on new development designed to impose an equitable share of the public costs of capital improvements. The city’s Parks SDC is currently \$2,617 per residential dwelling unit.

“We got essentially what we’re entitled to.”

— Attorney Ross Day

Senior Economist Michaela Jellicoe of consultant Community Attributes Inc. presented an update on the work, highlighting potential changes to the current policy and options for the city.

Councilors indicated they would like to explore expanding the parks SDC to include industrial and commercial development and explore equitable options to replace the current policy of a flat fee per development.

“Right now the way it works in essence is that smaller homes are subsidizing the impact of larger homes, if typically larger homes have more people that then have access to your parks system,” Jellicoe said. “I typically would recommend something that breaks out between the size of dwelling unit. Even just breaking out between single family and multi-family would enhance the proportionality of your fee.”

Councilor Sal Peralta favored breaking up the charges by size of dwelling.

“I’d like to do what we can to encourage greater equity in the system so that we’re applying lower SDCs to multi-family dwellings relative to larger, single family on large lot type subdivisions,” Peralta said. “To me that’s just a very important value that I’d like us to consider. That essentially the higher income, higher properties pay their fair share when they have a greater ability to pay.”

Councilor Kellie Menke

said expanding the fees to commercial and industrial developments makes sense because parks are part of the city’s allure.

“Parks are a huge part of why businesses come here, it’s how they recruit other people, it’s the amenities that we have here, so I feel strongly that that should be also assessed,” Menke said.

No official votes were taken during the work session. Jellicoe will now work with city staff and other consultants to calculate SDC methodology with different options to bring back a report with varying rate comparisons.

“We’ll come back to you with a presentation of those maximum allowable fees and the differences that these methodology options result in,” Jellicoe told the council.

■ The city has been receiving calls concerning upcoming hearings on changes to city code regarding Short Term Rentals and potential changes to the natural hazards program, according to Community Development Director Heather Richards.

The city is required to notice impacted properties and because any residence could apply for an STR permit, the city sent out approximately 12,500 postcards to notice every residence in city limits.

The city is updating its natural hazards program to include geological and wildfire hazards (the program currently focuses on floodplain issues).

Residents have been concerned about property impacts following a News-Register article on changes to the program, which is mandated for the Planning Department to protect residents and property from natural disasters, Richards said.

“Essentially when there’s new data relative to hazards we need to plan for protection of people and property and that’s the work that the planning commission is taking on right now and will come to you shortly,” she told the dais. “We encourage people to call us and walk through any of the questions they have or anxieties and fears. It’s important for us all to have that discussion before we move forward with this program.”

A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for the planning commission on April 6 and city staff is working on an interactive map on the city’s website so residents can “go find their parcel and see if it’s impacted by that work,” Richards said.

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County Sheriff’s Office.

“He’s been entered into both state and national law enforcement databases as such,” Sheriff’s Office Capt. Sam Elliott said. “All known leads have been explored. David is not reported to have a vehicle. Local business surveillance and interviews of associates has been done.”

Ruben lives in Redwood Valley, California, located in Mendocino County, nine miles north of Ukiah. He’s a local fire captain.

He has traveled to Willamina to help with the search for his brother, who has not been seen or heard from now for three weeks.

“My brother stays in close contact with his sister, and when he had not called her in awhile, she became concerned,” Ruben said. “She called me. We did some Facebook messaging. Some family and neighbors checked his place and thought something’s not right. We need to figure something out.”

Within a week after Rojas was reported missing, a neighbor went into the apartment, with permission from a sheriff’s office deputy, according to Ruben. The neighbor entered through a window and found no sign of him. Nothing seemed to be disturbed inside the residence. A cat, belonging to his sister, was in the apartment.

IN BRIEF

Breakfast battle benefits veterans

McMinnville American Legion Post 21 will kick off its annual “Battle of the Branches” series of breakfasts Sunday, March 5, with a meal hosted by Navy and Coast Guard veterans.

Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to noon in the Legion hall at 126 N.E. Atlantic St. Cost is \$11 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

Proceeds go toward supporting the Post and helping veterans, as well as youth scholarships and programs such as baseball and other recreational sports.

The Battle of the Branches will continue with breakfasts hosted by the Air Force on March 19, by the Marines on April 2 and the Army on April 16. Times and prices are the same.

For more information, call the Legion hall, at 503-435-2218.

Plastic-free potluck and movie planned

Zero Waste McMinnville/The Plastic Project will host a Plastic-Free Potluck and Movie event, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, at McMinnville Cooperative Ministries, 544 N.E. Second St., McMinnville. A raffle and give-aways are

planned, and a \$5 bookstore.

Seating is limited; make a reservation by calling 503-207-5482 or email theplasticprojectzwm@gmail.com.

The potluck begins at 5:30 pm. Bring potluck food to share, plates, utensils, and a beverage, all plastic-free.

In the documentary, The Plastic Problem, shown at 6:30 p.m., PBS News Hour exposes the worldwide crisis of plastic pollution, consumption, and points the way to possible solutions.

Organizer Jeri White said, “join us for an evening of exploring what it means to live in a plastic world and how each of us can begin to slow the flow of toxic plastic waste in Yamhill County.”

Lafayette manager plans open house

Lafayette’s new city administrator, Branden Dross, will host a public coffee and listening session Saturday, March 4, in the Cafeyette, 392 Third St., Lafayette.

Dross said he would like to meet residents and hear their ideas and concerns during the open house.

For more information, call Lafayette City Hall, at 503-864-2451.

— The News-Register staff

David’s disappearance ending tragically, Ruben said.

“He has been suicidal. There’s been severe depression. He is an alcoholic. David has had a bad drug problem, with meth, and he recently started using again. He’s been around some questionable people, to say the least.” Ruben described them as drug users. “David was not a hardcore tweaker, walking around, talking to himself, out of his mind. I think it was more of a recreational thing for him.”

Additionally, he is at high risk physically, with a heart condition that requires daily medications. It’s unknown if he has his meds with him.

Ruben said the sheriff’s office has told him there is no sign of foul play, so they do not believe a crime has been committed. “They feel he has just taken off.”

If that’s the case, then where?

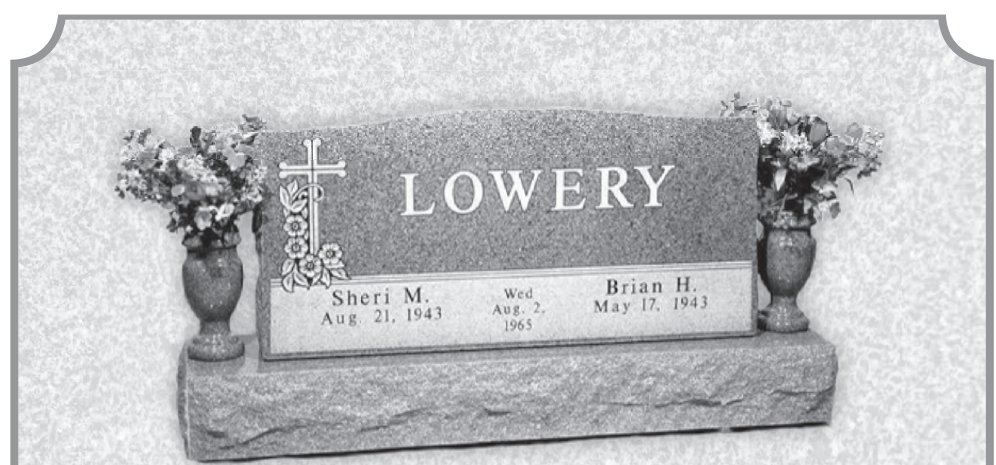
His sister-in-law, Lisa Fetzer, is as concerned about David’s safety as anyone.

“As each day passes, our chances of finding him safe diminishes,” she said in an email to the News-Register.

Her sister, Mandie, is married to Ruben.

David is 5-foot-10 and weighs 180 pounds. Anyone with information regarding his whereabouts should contact Ruben at 707-596-0913 or sheriff’s office deputy Nathan Skaer through the Yamhill Communications Agency non-emergency number, 503-434-6500.

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Sally and Doug New check out the view from one of the renovated offices in their building at 734 N.E. Baker St. Doug inherited the building from his parents, Don and Leah New. His father used a garage in the back for his "man cave."

New family legacy lives on in refurbished building

Health-related offices continue work started by Don and Lea New

By STARLA POINTER
Of the News-Register

The big, old house at 734 N.E. Baker St. is more than just a building that's been converted to office space, at least for Doug and Sally New.

It's a place that holds fond memories — and some souvenirs — of Doug's parents, the late Don and Lea New. That is why they are remodeling it to create health care offices.

"We're trying to keep their legacy alive," said Doug, who came to McMinnville in 1969 with his parents and two brothers, Don and David.

With her sons growing up, Lea became involved in her new community and helped found the Gallery Theater community theater program. She also returned to college to study nursing.

After graduating from Linfield, the new nurse started Health Dynamics, McMinnville's first home health agency, in the 734 N.E. Baker building. Lea, who died in 2013, also started a local hospice program and raised awareness and funds for it through many

efforts, including participating in — and winning — the annual Biggest Turkey contest.

Don was his wife's biggest supporter. In addition to his own career with Evergreen Helicopters, then his own helicopter company, he oversaw the business side of Health Dynamics.

He had a variety of hobbies, including restoring Model T cars and playing poker or cribbage with his buddies — something he did in the generous garage behind the Health Dynamics office.

"This was his man cave," Doug said, recalling that he played cribbage with his father until just a few days before he died of COPD and cancer on Feb. 2, 2021.

The elder New also used the garage as the office for his helicopter business, Aero Planning International. For many years, the company held the contract to supply aircraft for the Life Flight helicopters program.

Don New used the garage to store business records as well as pieces from his decades-long collection from decades in the aviation industry.

Doug described numerous model helicopters and planes, along with cars, plus books about helicopters,

jets and other aviation-related topics. "We've found so many things here," he said.

A 1974 graduate of McMinnville High School, Doug met Sally at the University of Oregon, where both students were active in Young Life. Although they've lived in the Portland area, they visited McMinnville and his parents frequently over the years.

When they inherited the former Health Dynamics headquarters, Sally said, "We weren't ready to let go" of their good memories of the elder New.

They decided to give the building a facelift and offer it as office space for a wide variety of health- and wellness-related professionals: psychologists, doctors, etc. As of mid-February, three of the building's rooms had already been rented to a counselor and two estheticians, one of whom calls their business "The Junke Yard."

The couple had done DIY projects before they started modernizing the building, which was built as a house in 1920 and remodeled for Health Dynamics in the early 1980s.

But this was their biggest undertaking, they said.

They tore the downstairs

bathroom down to the studs, in the process discovering evidence of a fire that believed to have happened before the News owned the place. They installed new walls, ceilings, doors and lights.

They tried to keep the remodeling project true to the home's period appearance. In some cases, though, they compromised, using ADA approved door hardware, for instance, rather than 1920s knobs.

Doug and Sally New completed the first floor spaces in 2022 and started advertising three rooms. This month, they were just finishing the five rooms upstairs.

"Dad was a business person," Doug said. "He would have appreciated this."

For more information about the offices available in the New Building, send email to inquiry@thenewgroup.com.

Classic

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which serves preschool through fifth-grade students.

The Classic will be open from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 10, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 12.

Admission to the 21 and older event is \$28 Friday, \$32 Saturday and \$20 Sunday. A VIP pass, which includes entry into the VIP area with wine and charcuterie all three days, is available for \$100. Ticket details are available at macclassic.org

NW Wine Shuttle will offer free transportation between downtown and the museum. The shuttle will run regularly from Third and Evans streets during Classic hours.

Parking at the museum is included with the ticket price. However, space is limited.

Several musicians will be playing live during the Classic, including Dante Zapato, Steve Hale, and River Twain.

Eighteen food booths will be set up all weekend. Some are from Yamhill County; more than in other years, said Erika Schlotfeldt, one of the organizers, since this year's team is making an effort to highlight local businesses. Other eateries and sellers are from various parts of the Willamette Valley and even as far away as Seattle.

They include Aliza Almond Cookies, Annie's Jammies, Crab & Shrimp Melts, Driving Me Nuts, From Another Udder ice cream, Gather + Give, Ken and June's Hazelnuts, Mania Creations, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Olive Branch, Renegade Catering, Sprinkles of Joy, Suzie's Chocolates, T Bee's Honey, Wooden Heart, OMG Olives, Oils and Vinegars and Oysters, Oysters, Oysters.

Some of the participating food vendors are food trucks, such as Renegade of Carlton or Los Kopitos of Dundee. They will be set up on a food truck patio.

Artisans and crafters will

include CCR Custom Metals, Joan Pechanec, Stone Wood Rustics, painter Erin Hanson, Soco Woodworks, Jensen Woodwork and Sophisticated Beads.

In addition, the Boutique Retreat, NW Wine Shuttle and Tahoe Kitchen Company will have booths.

Wineries that will be pouring and selling at the Classic are:

40:31 Wines, Arabilis Wines, Benedetto Vineyards, Cardwell Hill Cellars, Chris James Cellars, Dennison Cellars, J Wrigley Vineyards, Lafayette and White Cellars, Lundeen Wines, Parrett Mountain Cellars, Pinot Vista Vineyards, Schultz Glory Oaks, The Potter's Vineyard/Vino Vasal, Vintyr, Abbey Road Farm, Awen Winecraft, Bluebird Hill Cellars, Cathedral Ridge Winery, Copper Belt Wines, Dobbles Family Estate, Hudak Family Vineyards, K&M Wines, Landlines Estates, Montinore Estate, Patton Valley Wines, Resolu Cellars, Siltstone Wines, Utopia, Willamette Valley Vineyards, Alt Wines, Bellinger Estates, Bravura Cellars, Cho Wines, Cubanismo Vineyards, Domaine de Broglie, J. Rallison Cellars, Kristin Hill Winery, Lolati Wines, Nobel Estate Winery, Pike Road Wines, Rue Cler, Stoller Family Estate, Varnum Vintners, Zebra Cellars.

In addition, 10 distilleries and cideries will take part. They are 19 Acres Cider Co., Alpenglow Cocktail Company, Hood River Distillers, Wild Roots, 4 Spirits Distillery, Aria Portland Dry Gin, Rogue Distillery, 503 Distilling, Heritage Distilling, Straightaway Cocktails.

Volunteers are always needed, Schlotfeldt said. Help is sought in all areas, such as the beer booth, coat check, crab and shrimp booth, the oyster booth and as door monitors, greeters and hospitality workers.

Volunteers get into the event free on the day of their shift, as well.

For more information, go to the Classic website, mcminnvillewineandfood.com, and follow the link, sip.volunteer.com/mwfc_2023.

Abbey Road Farm brings back the bridal show

By STARLA POINTER
Of the News-Register

A new bridal show, "Hitched," will bring together more than 30 wedding and party-related vendors Saturday, March 4, at Abbey Road Farm event center just east of Carlton.

Two sessions will be offered: from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Abbey Road, 10280 Oak Springs Farm Road. Vendors will offer information and samples throughout each session, and bridal fashion shows will be held about noon and 3:30 p.m.

Admission is \$10 per person to each session. Tickets for "Hitched" will be available at the door as well as in advance through the website, abbeyroadfarm.com.

This is Abbey Road's first bridal show, and the first such show held in Yamhill County in many years. It's also one of a few being offered in the Northwest this year; many shows were canceled during COVID and haven't returned, including the now-defunct Portland Bridal Show.

"We wanted to offer something for people in our area," said Kristen Baxter, director of events at Abbey Road Farm. "We wanted to give them a chance to talk to a lot of vendors at once. This is a great resource."

February is a slower part of the year at the event center, so they had the space and time, she said. Vendors were eager to sign up, and pre-event ticket sales have been good.

During the show, brides-to-be and their families,

along with others who may be planning events, can talk to a variety of service providers.

Caterers, bakers, photographers, deejays, florists, hair and makeup artists and others will be on hand. There's even a company that specializes in teaching couples, or brides and their fathers, how to do the first dance, Baxter said.

Charlotte's Bridal from Beaverton will lead the fashion shows featuring wedding gowns, bridesmaids' dresses and other attire. Nordstrom will show mother-of-the-bride dresses and traveling clothes. Men's Wearhouse will offer the latest in looks for grooms and their attendants.

Baxter said some of the vendors are from the Portland area, but many come from Yamhill County, as well. Serendipity, McMinnville's ice cream shop, will have its mobile serving platform at the show. Doris the Traveling Photo Booth from Dundee will be on hand, as well, along with Pollinate Flowers from Newberg.

Many vendors will offer samples, she said. Abbey Road Farm wine will be available at the show, as well.

Abbey Road Farm's other facilities also will be open during "Hitched," including the newly expanded tasting room.

Opened this month, the facility features more than a dozen wines from the first full harvest in the farm's vineyard. The winemaker is Blair Trathen.

Visitors also will be able to tour the farm's silo-style bed-and-breakfast lodgings, see the animals and walk

around the gardens.

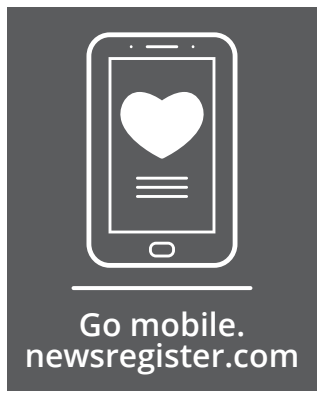
The outdoor spaces, as well as the large room where the bridal show will take place, are available for rentals for weddings and other events, from corporate meetings to birthdays, fundraising dinners and retirement parties, Baxter said.

The farm also hosts its own public events, such as the annual Kentucky Derby party on the first Saturday in May and "Silo-Bration" in August with live music, food trucks and all-age activities.

Abbey Road is a popular wedding venue, with bookings available 12 to 18 months in advance for Saturdays. Shorter notice is needed for Sunday and weekday weddings, however, Baxter said.

She said the farm often hosts mid-week weddings with bridal couples and their families flying in from Chicago, Miami and other far-flung places to stay for several days, she said. Many combine wine tasting and touring with the wedding, as well.

For more information about Abbey Road Farm, go to the website or call 503-687-3100.



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Mechals

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guys that have already been there, done that.”

GCU coaches also had other coaching connections around the country, which helped Mechals earn an invite to the Cape Cod Baseball League in Massachusetts, widely considered the premier collegiate summer league.

With the Orleans Firebirds in 2018, Mechals posted a 3.86 ERA and struck out 24 percent of the batters he faced, a positive sign that he could compete among the nation's best at the Division I level.

Mechals dominated at Grand Canyon in year one, posting an 11-1 record, a 2.16 ERA and 100 strikeouts in 91.2 innings on his way to earning first-team All-WAC (Western Athletic Conference) honors.

Mechals was drafted in the 40th round, 1,191st overall, by the Miami Marlins in the 2019 draft, but he opted to return to school for the 2020 season to continue to develop and improve his draft stock.

After just three starts in 2020, Mechals tore his ulnar collateral ligament in his elbow, ending his season. His season would have ended just a week later,

anyway, as the COVID-19 pandemic forced the NCAA to cancel the remainder of the winter sports season and the remainder of the spring sports season.

Despite the injury, Mechals was drafted in the fourth round of the 2020 draft by the White Sox. He opted to sign with the team, beginning his professional baseball career.

Still living in Glendale, site of the White Sox training facility, Mechals described a unique rehab process, trying to adhere to COVID-19 guidelines while rebuilding strength in his arm.

“All I was able to do was go in, move my arm around, whatever rehab I had that day, and then it was like immediately get out,” Mechals said.

The White Sox could only have so many players in the facility due to MLB's guidelines, so there were times where Mechals would be back at GCU for treatment, and he also spent time at a separate sports performance facility in Phoenix.

“2020 through 2022 was just nothing but ramp up, get up to bullpen speed, pretty close to my max, and then something would happen and I can't straighten my arm out.

“There were just so many moving parts in that rehab.”

He was hoping for a return in the summer of 2021,

but suffered another partial tear. Instead of surgery, he opted to go the route of Platelet-Rich Plasma (PRP) injections.

PRP injections are prepared by drawing blood, putting it through a centrifuge to concentrate the platelets in the blood. They are then injected back into the injured area, where the activated platelets release growth factors and trigger cell reproduction and stimulate tissue regeneration.

Now, despite multiple setbacks, Mechals is finally back on the bump at the facility in Glendale.

As for where he'll start the regular season, Mechals says he tries to shut out some of that noise and focus on what he can control.

“All I'm doing is taking it one day at a time, doing everything I can to make sure I feel good for my next outing. It's just sticking to my routine, keeping my head down, doing what I know I need to do, checking off all the boxes before I leave.

“The only thing we can control, as pitchers, is competing and throwing tons of strikes ... Our job is to compete and play baseball.

“I just try not to think about it and more or less and just be grateful I'm playing again.”

3A heartbreaker



Rusty Rae/News-Register

Amity's Ellie McMullen drives for the first basket against Santiam Christian Thursday in the tournament at North Bend. Amity opened a 17-0 lead and got up 31-24, but Santiam rallied at the end to win, 36-35. The Warriors play a consolation game at 8 a.m. Friday.

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CHARLIE VANDER MEIDE

WRESTLING
Freshman | Coach: Jordan Barich
Parents: James & Carrie

Athlete of the Week for wrestling is Charlie Vander Meide. Charlie, a 9th grader, shows up and works hard every day in practice. He made big improvements throughout the year and wrestled great in the district tournament and finished in 6th place. We are excited for his future as a Grizzly Wrestler! Keep up the good work Charlie!



ALEX NIEHUS

BOYS BASKETBALL
Junior | Coach: Willie Graham
Parents: Jenny & Chad

Through an amazing amount of hard work and dedication, Junior wing Alex Niehus has developed into one of the best shooters in the McMinnville Basketball Program. He spent countless hours after school and after practice working on and developing a much more consistent outside shot. The majority of his playing time this season was on the JV team, and he made the most of this opportunity by making over 50 3 pointers and developing into a much more efficient and well-rounded basketball player. Great Job Alex!



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McMinnville coach Sean Coste was proud of the “collective effort” from his team and knows it will be paramount against second-seeded South Medford.

Grizzlies

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She finished the night with a game-high 29 points and six three-pointers.

“Obviously a very good shooter, a very good player who got confident in the second half and kind of kept them in it,” Coste said. “Other than her, we kind of locked down other kids.”

Mangan couldn't do it alone, however, and the Grizzlies continued to hold a steady 15-20 point lead.

McManus hit her third three of the night. Peyton Justice and Madison Gerhart countered with threes, and the Grizzlies went 11-12 from the free-throw line in

the second half.

It was more than enough to top the Skyhawks. Arzner finished with 21 points and 13 rebounds. McManus scored 15. Justice tallied 12 and recorded four steals and four assists. Even Gerhart, who struggled from the field, shooting 3-12, scored nine, grabbed six rebounds and got four steals.

“It was a really good collective effort.”

The Grizzlies will now head south to take on the 24-2 South Medford Panthers tonight in the Sweet 16.

Against Southridge, Coste noted that they put an emphasis on pressuring the guards on the perimeter, trying to force the ball inside

where they felt they had an advantage.

Coste said that at first glance, the Grizzlies may take a different approach against South Medford, instead opting to focus on the paint defensively.

“We're gonna have to do a good job of protecting the rim,” Coste said. “I'm going to have to watch them a little more, but I don't know if South Medford you want to force to the basket.”

The winner of the second-round matchup will advance to the state quarterfinals, which will take place on Wednesday at the Chiles Center in Portland.

Tip-off time tonight in Medford was not determined at press time.

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How sweet it is



Above: **Macie Arzner** drives to the rim, scoring two of her 21 points. After missing much of the season with an injury, Arzner is finding her groove at the perfect time. Below left: **Peyton Justice** had a great all-around performance for Mac, hitting two threes and grabbing three steals.

Rusty Rae/News-Register



Arzner's double-double leads Grizzlies to state sweet 16

By **DYLAN WILHELM**
Of the News-Register

A 20-2 run to open the game and a double-double from Macie Arzner was more than enough for McMinnville to top the Southridge Skyhawks, as they advanced to the second round of the state tournament with a 65-48 victory.

It was the Grizzlies' eleventh consecutive win, and the team seems to be playing some of its best ball at the right time.

The Grizzlies set the tempo immediately, forcing a turnover on the first possession of the game before Rylie McManus drilled a three for the game's first points.

Mac's zone defense and persistent pressure on the ball forced the Skyhawks to play faster than they wanted to, as

they forced up low-percentage shots and consistently turned the ball over throughout the first quarter.

McMinnville coach Sean Coste said after the game that the goal of that defense is to speed things up for the opponent, which worked to perfection in the opening stanza.

Offensively, the Grizzlies quickly opened a double-digit lead, with McManus and Arzner both hitting two threes and scoring eight points in the opening frame. At the end of the first quarter, the Grizzlies led 18-2.

"The girls played with a lot of confidence," Coste said. "We were firing shots and attacking the rim ... I thought we did really good things in the first quarter to get a jump."

Southridge was able to play with more control in the second quarter, running the offense through freshman Sara Mangan. Mangan scored 11 of Southridge's 17 points in the second quarter, including two three-pointers.

The Grizzly attack was able to get to the line in the second quarter, going five-for-eight from the stripe and maintaining a 15-point lead at the break.

The third quarter closely resembled the first, with the McMinnville defense quickly closing in on Southridge shooters.

Despite tight shooting windows, Mangan continued to keep the Skyhawks within range throughout the second half, hitting four more threes.

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Kade Mechals returns to action

After two UCL tears, Mac grad is ready for his first full pro season

By **DYLAN WILHELM**
Of the News-Register

The journey to the big leagues is a tough one, even for the most highly-touted prospects.

It takes years in the minor leagues, sometimes bouncing up-and-down between the lower rungs of the ladder before finally breaking through.

Add in Tommy John surgery, two years of setbacks, and a pandemic? That road gets much trickier.

McMinnville alum Kade Mechals is back on the field this spring with the White Sox organization in Glendale, Arizona, after years of rehab from Tommy John surgery.

"I've just had a tough go of it the last couple years," Mechals said. "Just haven't been able to get off the shelf."

"I'm just happy that it's all kind of behind me. My arm

feels great, I feel like myself again and I'm just thankful to have the opportunity to put on the jersey, continue to compete and play baseball."

For Mechals, working up the hypothetical ladder is nothing new. After graduating from McMinnville High School in 2016, Mechals played for the Falcons of Kelowna, British Columbia of the West Coast League.

In 2017, he went to Western Oregon University, where he posted a 1.59 earned run average across 22.2 innings of work.

His first step on the ladder was actually down, as he decided to go to Skagit Valley College in Mount Vernon, Wash. While he moved to the junior college level, Mechals was confident that the move would benefit him in the long run.

"I knew the coach out there and I knew that he would sell me off to a good



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McMinnville alum Kade Mechals, pictured here with the Kelowna Falcons of the West Coast League in 2017, is ready to compete in his first full season in the White Sox organization since being drafted out of Grand Canyon University in 2020.

program," Mechals said.

The move paid off, as Mechals was recruited by Grand Canyon University (GCU) in Phoenix, Arizona after they watched him pitch at a showcase.

Mechals said he fell in love with GCU on a visit,

and knew that working under coaches with big-league experience would only continue to help him grow.

"Every coach has professional baseball experience, even the training staff. Our athletic trainer, he was the

big league trainer for the Angels. Our weights coach was the weights coach for the Athletics."

Former Grand Canyon coach, now the head coach at USC in Los Angeles, played seven years in the big leagues as well.

"My thought process was to go to Grand Canyon because if I want to develop and continue playing after college, what an awesome opportunity that would be to grow and develop under

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Tyrants at the top

Think local to lessen impact of corporate greed on community

Stagnant wages. The opioid crisis. Job insecurity. Climate change. Economic inequality. Who is to blame for the myriad crises of our day? Two new books offer compelling suspects for the lineup — and suggest, at least to this reader, that we might have some of the solutions right here in Yamhill County.

THE MCKINSEY EFFECT

In “When McKinsey Comes to Town,” Walt Bogdanich and Michael Forsythe point their investigative fingers at one of the world’s oldest and largest management consulting firms, McKinsey & Company.

Since 1926, private companies and government agencies have hired McKinsey to improve their effectiveness. The firm sends MBAs and well-connected elites into clients’ offices, armed with Excel and PowerPoint, to recommend ways to reorganize, grow revenue and cut costs.

That sounds benign enough. But the authors argue that McKinsey has been anything but benign: that it has honed a single-minded focus on efficiency and profitability, coming at the expense of human and planetary well-being.

The authors assert that McKinsey’s cost-cutting recommendations caused horrific accidents at Disneyland after maintenance programs were slashed, including the death of a father in front of his son on Christmas Eve of 1998, while they were waiting to board the Columbia riverboat; and fatalities at a U.S. Steel plant in Gary, Indiana, in 2015 and 2016.

But the problem with McKinsey is not that a few of its client engagements went awry. It’s that the firm shaped entire industries by wooing clients’ competitors — which other consulting firms do not, citing conflicts of interest — and even worse, their regulators.

Most notoriously, McKinsey took on a \$2.6 million contract to advise the U.S. Food and Drug Administration division that regulates prescription drugs, including opioids, days after presenting to Purdue Pharma on how it could “turbocharge” sales of the opioid painkiller OxyContin.

The evidence is damning. But was McKinsey a cause of the worst manifestations of capitalism, or a symptom of its effects?

For the most part, McKinsey operated legally. Bogdanich and Forsythe suggest McKinsey was writing the rules of the game. But in many cases, it was simply following them — if stretching them a bit.

‘GENEROUS ELECTRIC’ TO ‘NEUTRON JACK’

In “The Man Who Broke Capitalism,” David Gelles paints a portrait of a man in the right place at the right time: Jack Welch, who ran



Christine Bader

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General Electric from 1981 until 2001.

Welch’s pugnacious, competitive personality was well-suited to business in the 1980s, when the Reagan administration embraced deregulation and free markets. Such policies cleared the field for Welch to engage in a no-holds-barred corporate battle royale, which Gelles argues transformed not only G.E., but the U.S. economy.

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He dismissed the nuisance of civility, treating his staff with language not fit to be printed in this paper. Layoffs became an annual rite instead of an extraordinary measure for tough times.

Welch also kept payrolls slim through aggressive offshoring, putting downward pressure on American manufacturing wages that persists to this day.

At the same time, Welch demanded increasingly extravagant pay packages for himself. Other CEOs were quick to follow suit. Today, the average U.S. CEO makes more than 300 times as much as the average worker — up from about 30 just before Welch took over.

Another tool Welch pioneered was “financialization,” a fancy word for playing dubious accounting games to meet Wall Street expectations. Welch spent G.E.’s revenue on acquisitions and stock buybacks instead of wages, research or capital improvements — moves that allowed the company to hit financial targets, but didn’t create any enduring value for the company.

Welch’s success was praised in the media and emulated by other aspiring captains of industry. The many men Welch trained and the

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BACK, AND FORTH



Kirby Neumann-Rea/News-Register
Laureate lecture attendees lined up to ask Dr. William Phillips questions in his talk at Melrose Hall at Linfield University. First in line was Ellis Miller, 7, of McMinnville, there with his mother, Amber.

Nobel laureate is part scientist, part magician

With atomic aplomb, William Phillips ‘blows things up’ and puts ‘the coolest stuff in the universe’ in perspective

On the coldest night of the year, Dr. William Phillips invoked the coldest temperatures known to science.

With humor, and the coolest props imaginable, Phillips delivered a lively presentation to an audience of 150 in the ironically named Ice Auditorium, located in Melrose Hall on the Linfield University campus. It was the 22-degree evening of Feb. 23, a day when many events had been canceled due to snow and cold.

Ultimately, his message was about time and the most accurate clocks ever devised to measure it — atomic clocks, which power national economies, ensure GPS

satellites give us accurate geographical readings and help redefine our understanding of nature and the universe.

Huge ideas were delivered by a man in goggles and short sleeves with an unbridled and infectious passion for inquiry into matters of the highest order. He illustrated his talk, “The Coolest Stuff in the Universe,” with flattened balloons and shattered water bottles, carnations and racquetballs, as well as gallons of liquid nitrogen intentionally spilled on the



Kirby Neumann-Rea, the N-R’s managing editor, enjoys books, craft beer, Celtic music and basketball.

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“Democracy thrives when honest opinions provoke public debate.”

EDITORIAL

Cutting county out of picture not necessarily a bad thing

Our initial reaction to county termination of its contract with the Salem-based Strategic Economic Development Corporation, known as SEDCOR, was all cloud and no lining — silver or otherwise.

But a story breaking earlier this week had us rethinking that. It even had us entertaining the idea that removing the county’s prickly governing ideologues from their meddling middleman role might prove beneficial in the long run.

According to the story, the county’s 10 cities generally feel their relationship with the consortium — a nonprofit with a 42-year record of success fostering economic development in Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties — has been highly positive. Thus, they generally seem interested in maintaining if not strengthening their own ties.

Accolades quickly came pouring in from Newberg, Yamhill, Willamina, Lafayette and other local outposts.

They told stories of SEDCOR projects that had generally millions of dollars for

them. That dwarfs the \$120,000 cost of its contract with the county, none of which was met out of local tax revenue.

The county aims to replace its dedicated SEDCOR rep — Abisha Stone, whose agriculturally and industrially oriented background includes executive positions with Truitt Bros. and the Oregon Cherry Growers — with a new hire oriented more to small business. It has yet to develop a job description or initiate a hiring process, however, so the position stands to remain vacant for some time to come.

Our feeling is that local chambers of commerce are best equipped to meet local business needs. We feel the void lies in the more demanding realm of attracting national and regional manufacturing and processing firms capable of generating family-wage jobs.

One of the most telling cases is the need in Newberg to replace almost 300 jobs averaging \$80,000 a year, lost when the local paper mill went under. And Stone was playing a key role in that.

Interestingly, our line of thinking is what led the Salem Chamber of Commerce, the largest in the three-county mid-valley, to create SEDCOR is the first place.

The chamber felt perfectly capable of meeting the needs of the community’s small-business sector, but not so much its industrial sector — particularly when changing dynamics led to closure of a series of major processing plants over the years. It felt that replacing jobs lost on that scale required the special expertise and extensive networking only an organization like SEDCOR could provide.

City budgets are always tight, so economic development funds are always hard to come by. However, to the maximum extent possible, we feel local cities would be well-advised to pick up enough slack to continue the relationship.

We cannot live by retailing and tourism alone. We need anchor enterprises with substantial payrolls to sustain us through the generations to come, and they aren’t easy to come by.

READERS FORUM

Taxation without service

I don’t object to paying taxes for government services I and other residents benefit from. I do object to the government collecting our tax money for services it is not providing.

The McMinnville City Council wants to transfer the fire and emergency medical services it has been providing to residents to a new taxing district. This new district will then separately be collecting the taxes from us for doing what the city will no longer be providing.

The city, however, will keep the authority to still charge us the same amount of taxes. The council made it very clear in recent budget discussions that it plans to actually continue collecting the same amount as before.

It is waiting a year before starting to collect it, hoping we forget we are paying for something we aren’t getting. That isn’t right.

No reputable business would get away with charging customers for something they didn’t get. Why is the city any different?

The council says it needs the funds for other things, but maybe the taxpayers do too. If the Council wants to do new things, or needs more tax money, let it come to the voters with a measure to see if the taxpayers feel the same.

If the council gets away with it this time, the next time all it has to do is create a separate district for library, park or police services, thus be relieved of any longer having to pay for them while continuing to bill us the same amount in taxes.

Mark Bierly
McMinnville

The real story

The commentary piece by Josh Osher of the Western Watersheds Project was a mischaracterization of public lands ranching. It bothers me that the News-Register presents this kind of bias in their newspaper without including a balanced view.

My knowledge of the issue is not based on some unnamed study, but on 40-plus years in the livestock industry.

I have never held a public land lease for cattle grazing, but I have held plenty of private leases. Comparing a private ranch lease, which provides not only feed and water, but fencing, cattle-handling facilities and a person to keep an eye on things, to a public grazing allotment, which only provides the right to graze a certain number of animals for a specific amount of time, is comparing apples to oranges.

I don’t know any billionaire ranchers. If they do exist, I’m willing to bet they didn’t get to be billionaires by raising cattle.

The ranchers I know are mostly managing

multi-generational family operations with a common thread — giving the next generation the opportunity to continue ranching, by understanding and protecting the resources and the animals under their care. This makes them the real environmentalists.

The Forest Service and BLM grazing allotments I have been on in Oregon and Montana were properly grazed and well cared for.

Much of the west is not suitable for farming. Ranchers use this land to produce food by grazing livestock.

Grazing removes excess fuel that would burn in a wildfire. Actively managed forests and grazing lands with actively growing plants will sequester more carbon than those with plants that have dried out and matured because of non-use.

Let’s not be too quick to criticize the federal grazing fees because they do provide benefits like producing food. Instead of misleading the public on the social costs of cattle grazing, maybe we should be examining the social costs of litigation and obstruction by so-called environmental groups.

Clarke Ellingson
McMinnville

Spare the donkeys

Last week, Yamhill-Carlton High hosted its annual FFA Donkey Basketball fundraiser as part of Spirit Week.

Commercial farms have been providing donkeys since the 1930s. And for reasons some of us cannot fathom, is still holding on, despite strong criticism.

Problems include inexperienced riders and owners kicking and beating the donkeys in a loud, high-stress environment. Common practice also includes intentional starvation of donkeys a few days before the game to prevent them from urinating or defecating on the basketball court.

What’s worse is the message to kids that promoting and perpetuating the business of exploiting donkeys for entertainment is acceptable.

How about considering a school fundraiser that’s constructive, fun and humane? As a former leadership teacher who led Spirit Days and fundraisers, there are myriad of ways to raise needed money without splitting proceeds with donkey farms.

Kirsten Browne
McMinnville

Oppose the extremists

I read Mr. Wozniak’s letter defending Ron DeSantis and complaining about slanted history.

He’s right that over time, just about every faction has committed illegal violent acts.

Mr. Wozniak says that the history of racism, which would include the era of slavery, wasn’t overly racist. He says it’s just that a small percentage of extremists did the things history dwells on too much.

The point this misses is that it’s almost always a minority of any society that engage in terrible acts.

Then, like now, most people weren’t involved first hand and personally. But when the majority doesn’t get involved, for whatever reason, it leaves the extremists calling the shots.

An era can definitely be the nightmare that history says it is, even if only a small number of the people of that era were responsible.

The other thing I disagree with Mr. Wozniak about is his claim that CRT is taught at all levels of the school system. In fact, it was a college level thing that has never been taught in any U.S. grade school, middle school or high school.

I agree with Mr. Wozniak that we want to see with clear eyes, not allowing the hotheads and extremists to gain control just because we’re afraid, apathetic or misinformed. We need to keep an accurate record of any extremist attacks on any American’s rights or freedom.

Fred Fawcett
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GUEST COMMENTARY

Look at what we’re doing to others

By SHEILA HUNTER

Concerned McMinnville resident

Over the years, I have felt the pressure from Blacks to feel guilty about their plight. For a long time, I said, “I didn’t bring them here, and they were sold to slavers by their own people, so why should I feel guilty?”

One day I backpedaled. The responsibility is not with bringing Blacks as slaves to this country, it is the treatment they received up to and including today. And I include Indians in the heinous way people are treated.

Even in Oregon, Blacks could come with pioneers, but had to be escorted out of the territory at the end of a year or whenever their services were no longer needed. In the small town in Washington where I lived for 30 years, Blacks were met on one side of town and escorted through to the other during the Great Depression era. They were not allowed to stay.

A prosperous Black family lived in a

swank and gated Seattle community. One day the father was stopped by a policeman who asked, “What are you doing here?” First-hand story.

The headquarters for Washington’s Snoqualmie Tribe is in Snoqualmie, but it has offices in Carnation as well. Tribal leaders are occasionally stopped and asked, “Where are you going?” First-hand story.

Four women from the reservation were driving into Renton to do some grocery shopping. A cop stopped them and asked, “What are you doing here?”

A woman in the back seat had a newborn baby in her arms. She was not from the area, so deigned to ask the cop why they were stopped.

He immediately ordered them out of the car and then had the car towed. Visualize four women stranded curbside in the winter, including one with a newborn child in her arms. First-hand story.

Portland is the whitest city in the U.S. and Oregon probably follows among states. So white exposure to the Black and Indian plights is not something thrown in the faces of white conservatives like recent letter writer Steve Wozniak.

His recent letter is a good example of “soma” for the masses, allowing people to pretend bad things never happened, like the Holocaust, KKK lynchings and repressive tribal schools.

As human beings we need to look at what we’re doing to other living, breathing, intelligent human beings and stop the harmful and discriminatory practices. Maybe we don’t have to feel guilty, but we need to change what’s happening.

The League of Woman Voters says the official language of the newly formed U.S. would have been German but for one vote.

One vote can change things. So can one action, one kindness.

Tyrants

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many more he inspired (no women are mentioned) went on to do the same elsewhere, often to disastrous effect.

Gelles admits that Welch was riding broader waves in the economy when he took over at G.E. But just as Welch adopted a “Pac-Man model” of growth by gobbling up companies to create an uber-conglomerate, Gelles argues that Welchism subsumed all of these other trends to become the defining tenet of American capitalism.

YES, IT’S TRUE

Having spent 20 years in the corporate world, I’ve seen Welchism and McKinseyism in action.

When I led a team at Amazon, I had to go through a version of G.E.’s “rank and yank” — ranking employees against each other every year and firing the bottom tier — even though my hiring process was so rigorous it made the Olympics look like Open Mic Night.

But as tempting as it is to craft a narrative with one or two villains, it’s not that simple. We are also to blame.

We continue to shop at Amazon and Walmart, even though we know from our neighbors and friends who have worked for those companies that they treat workers as expendable. Yes, they often have the lowest prices — but who is paying the true cost of those goods?

We elect officials who hold standards for wages and labor rights below those of other developed nations, and aim to dismantle the regulatory agencies that hold companies accountable for harm.

ANSWERS HERE AT HOME

Perhaps the solutions live right here in Yamhill County.

For my 2014 book, “The Evolution of a Corporate Idealist: When Girl Meets Oil,” I interviewed dozens of people who, like me, worked deep inside multinational corporations to promote socially and environmentally responsible practices.

One of the themes that emerged from those conversations was the importance of bearing witness — of seeing how budgets and policies shape people’s lives and communities.

As companies grow, executives climbing the corporate ladder lose sight of the humans at the far reaches of the supply chain, making it easier to reduce them to items in a spreadsheet and thus make choices that hurt them.

Some of my peers resorted to bringing photos from the field into their boardrooms. One manager at Disney brought her CFO to supplier factories in China; he didn’t like what he saw, and pledged to commit resources to improving working conditions.

Here in McMinnville, we have big box stores, but we also have a thriving array of small businesses that answer to their customers, neighbors, and communities — not to corporate overlords in distant headquarters or Wall Street analysts.

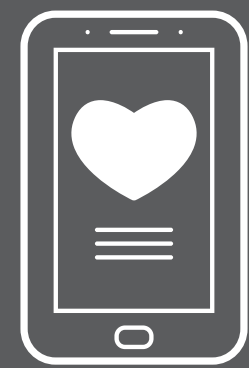
As far as I can tell, none of our local enterprises is entering into ill-advised mergers or cooking its books to meet earnings targets, although private equity firms from outside of the Pacific Northwest are buying into the local wine industry — something to keep an eye on. Our annual traditions are UFO Fest and Turkey Rama, not laying off 10% of our workforce.

Of course, we are not immune to the broader forces of our economy, and I am not Pollyannish about small city life.

But right now, our local business, government and civic leaders look into the eyes of, go to church with, coach the kids of, and wait in the grocery line with the people affected by their decisions. In other words, they bear witness every day.

We have many choices in front of us for development right now, including choices on Third Street and Three Mile Lane. Whatever we decide, let us be intentional about the pace and scale of our development, and proactively consult those whose livelihoods will be impacted.

The onus is on all of us to eschew the McKinseyism and Welchism that have caused so much harm, and instead build a community that reflects the stewardship and accountability we all want to see.



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INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Israel's drift to right eroding its democracy

By MEL GURTOV
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Israel has always been touted as America's most reliable friend in the Middle East, a bastion of democracy in a region dominated by autocracies. But that picture is fraying as the far-right coalition of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu takes power.

Beholden to the bloc called Religious Zionism, Netanyahu is pursuing a far-right agenda on two fronts: further chipping away at the Palestinians' fundamental rights of citizenship and property, and pushing for so-called judicial reform. Let's look more closely at the latter issue, the most dangerous threat today to Israel as a democracy.

JUDICIAL DISMEMBERMENT

Arguing that Israel's Supreme Court is “the most activist court on the planet,” Netanyahu is targeting the judiciary in a way that promises an end to Israel's democratic experiment, not to mention dismissing plausible charges against him of corruption that are before the high court. His agenda would essentially put the Supreme Court at the mercy of the executive branch.

While Netanyahu argues that the reforms would mean more “balance” between the prime minister, the Knesset and the courts, in fact they would remove most checks on Netanyahu's power.

This is because a bare majority of the Knesset — 61 out of 120 seats, which Netanyahu's coalition already commands — would be able to override any Supreme Court decision. The Knesset could thereby legislate whatever the far right wants without fear of judicial oversight.

That essential check on the prime minister's power would be eliminated because Netanyahu would be able to appoint justices and judicial watchdogs — appointments that have traditionally been made by independent bodies.

This descent into authoritarianism has contributed to a new round of violence in the West Bank between Israeli settlers and Palestinians. It's the usual story: a killing by one group is used to justify a killing by the other.

This latest cycle has led to a vigilante-style “pogrom,” as some are calling it, by settlers, who torched a Palestinian town as revenge for the shooting of two Israelis, which was in revenge for . . . and so on.

I have to think that this escalation of violence is linked to the widespread despair among Palestinians and Israelis alike over Netanyahu's embrace of absolutism.

DIRE WARNINGS

Israeli President Isaac Herzog, whose post carries moral weight despite being largely ceremonial in nature — issued a grave warning January 24. He declared:

“The democratic foundations of Israel, including the justice system, and human rights and freedoms, are sacred, and we must protect them and the values expressed in the Declaration of Independence. The dramatic [judicial] reform, when done quickly without negotiation, rouses opposition and deep concerns among the public.”

He added, “The absence of dialogue is tearing us apart from within, and I'm telling you loud and clear: This powder keg is about to explode. This is an emergency.” Herzog is conferring with all sides, desperately seeking a pause in submission of legislation to the Knesset.

In a biting op-ed in *The New York Times*, Thomas Friedman quotes Netanyahu's former attorney general, the man who brought

charges of fraud and bribery against Netanyahu, as saying:

“If there is no independent judiciary, it's over. It's a different system of government.” The ruler will “have prosecutors of his own, legal counsels of his own, judges of his own. And if these people have personal loyalty to him, there is no supremacy of the law. This is a sink-hole. We'll all be swallowed up by this.”

Ehud Barak, a former prime minister and army chief of staff, has warned of a “constitutional crisis.” He urged a response in the tradition of Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. — nonviolent protest, saying it becomes a “duty” when government “breaks the rules of the game and stands contrary to the country's own fundamental norms and value system.”

SURGE OF PROTEST

The far-right's false reform effort amounts to a coup, and about 60 percent of the Israeli public has come to that conclusion. So have former leaders of Mossad, the military, and business.

Massive rallies against the proposed changes have already occurred as the legislation makes its way through the Knesset.

This is a big deal. Israel's position as a democracy in the midst of Middle East autocracies will be gravely undermined, and once again U.S. ties to Israel — already plagued by Israeli repression of the Palestinians over many decades — will be tested.

Friedman asked President Biden for comment on the coming judicial changes in Israel and got this response:

“The genius of American democracy and Israeli democracy is that they are both built on strong institutions, on checks and balances, on an independent judiciary. Building consensus for fundamental changes is really important to ensure that the people buy into them so they can be sustained.”

Very diplomatic intervention, but hardly a stirring cry for resistance. No US administration has ever gone beyond verbal chastisement of Israel for violations of human rights or undemocratic practices.

As of today, the Israeli opposition is fighting an uphill battle, as the ruling coalition is determined to steamroll the judicial legislation through parliament.

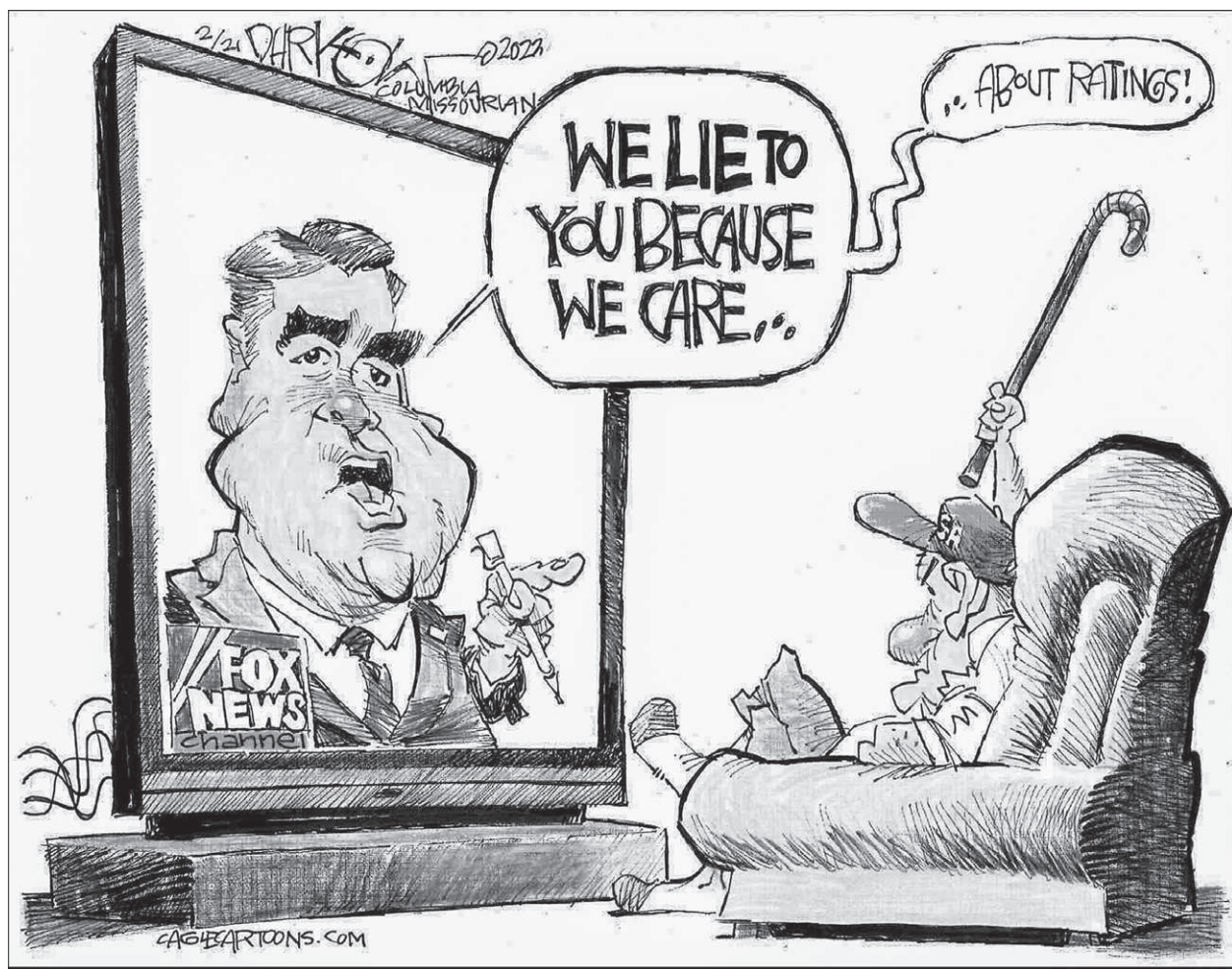
The Labor Party leader expressed the opposition's anger, saying: “Dialogue is only possible with a complete freezing of legislation accepted by all parts of the coalition, and preserving the red lines of an independent legal system in Israel. Hundreds of thousands of Israelis didn't take to the streets to end up as a stamp of kosher certification for [the far right's] principles. This is the time to escalate the protest, until democracy prevails.”

The global context for Netanyahu's Israel is the rise of illiberal democracies elsewhere — in Erdogan's Turkey and Orbán's Hungary, for example, and in Bolsonaro's Brazil and Trump's America.

These regimes, with democratic facades hiding assaults on courts, the press and free elections, reflect aggrandizing political power at the expense of civil liberties, independent institutions and civil society.

That is what Israelis who are taking to the streets are really fighting for. They should have not only our personal support but the support of progressive forces in Congress.

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WHAT CHAMA COLUMN

A better plan for student debt relief

Three years ago, we reported a local woman's campaign seeking debt relief and lending fairness in America's federal student loan system. She had borrowed \$108,000 for college 10 years before, made payments of \$75,000, and still owed \$210,000 due to unforgiving compound interest rates and other factors.

Six months ago, President Joe Biden announced plans to reduce student debt by \$10,000 for people earning under \$125,000 per year (\$250,000 per household), and by another \$10,000 for recipients of Pell Grants to attend college.

This week, debate before the U.S. Supreme Court convinced many observers that student debt reduction will be a casualty of all-or-nothing politics in America — in other words, nothing.

Here is comment from that 2019 column:



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“Government, financial and educational institutions — consciously or not — have conspired to create financial handcuffs for student debt holders. Today, nearly 45 million Americans owe more than \$1.5 trillion for student loans — more than credit cards or automobiles, and second only to home mortgages. America's student loan crisis is an epidemic of debt affecting men, woman and families of all ages and geographic areas. It's a modern-day housing crisis, and many borrowers cannot even afford the interest costs.”

Fairness requires consideration of people who declined or fully repaid student loans. However, even \$10,000 in relief is insufficient for people who were unknowingly strapped with excessive debt by a system that combined high costs of college with sometimes predatory lending practices.

“Banks,” we wrote in 2019, “began loaning too much money to too many people. Meanwhile, competition for students to pay skyrocketing tuition costs caused some education institutions to overstate graduates' earning potential compared to their debt

repayment obligations.”

It was a perfect storm of financial entrapment for millions of people who, admittedly, might have made other choices at the time. Whatever comes of the debt reduction plan, reform proponents were arguing in 2019 that there should be “capped interest rates, eligibility for refinancing and bankruptcy protections, elimination of compound interest, increased tax deductibility for loan interest, and retroactive treatment for all current loans.”

In January, the U.S. Department of Education announced this reform proposal: protection for more of borrowers' income before payments are required; a 50 percent reduction in the share of discretionary income borrowers would be required to pay; elimination of interest not covered in resulting monthly payments.

The current Biden plan lacks that kind of sophisticated debt relief — ultimately cheaper and more fair, and far preferable to the “nothing” that otherwise appears to be looming.

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GLOBAL ECONOMY

Corporations evading taxes on almost a trillion in profit

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About a decade ago, the world's biggest economies agreed to crack down on multinational corporations' tax haven abuse. This resulted in a 15-point action plan that aimed to curb practices serving to shield a large chunk of corporate profit from tax authorities.

But according to our estimates, it hasn't worked. Instead of reining in use of tax havens — countries such as the Bahamas and Cayman Islands with little if any effective taxation — the problem has only gotten worse. And American corporations account for about half the resulting loss.

By our reckoning, corporations shifted nearly \$1 trillion in profit earned outside their home countries into tax havens in 2019. That's up from \$616 billion in 2015, the year before the global tax haven plan was implemented by the group of 20 leading economies, known as the G-20.

We counted profit that cannot be explained by ordinary economic activity, via employees, factories and other operations, in the country where it is logged.

Our findings — which you can explore in more

detail along with the data and an interactive map in our public database — show a striking pattern of artificial shifting of corporate profit to tax havens. In fact, it has been relentless since the 1980s.

The current effort to curb the legal corporate practice of using tax havens to avoid paying taxes began in June 2012, when G-20 leaders met in Los Cabos, Mexico.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, a group of 37 democracies with market-based economies, developed a plan detailing 15 tangible actions it believed would significantly limit abusive corporate tax practices. These included creating a single set of international tax rules and cracking down on harmful tax practices.

In 2015, the G-20 officially adopted the plan, and implementation began across the world the following year.

In addition, following leaks like the Panama Papers and Paradise Papers — which shed light on dodgy corporate tax practices — public outrage led governments in the U.S. and Europe to initiate their own efforts to lower the incentive to shift profits to tax havens.

But these efforts appear to have had little impact.

We found that the world's

biggest multinational businesses shifted 37% of the profit they earned in countries outside their home country — some \$969 billion — to tax havens in 2019. That's up from about 20% when G-20 leaders met in Los Cabos and agreed to crack down.

Diversion was less than 2% back in the 1970s. The main reasons for the large increase were the growth of the tax avoidance industry in the 1980s and U.S. policies that made it easier to shift profit from high-tax countries to tax havens.

We estimate the amount lost as a result reached 10% of total corporate revenue in 2019, up from less than 0.1% in the 1970s.

In 2019, the total government tax loss globally was \$250 billion. U.S. multinationals accounted for about half of that, followed by the U.K. and Germany.

How do policymakers fix this?

So far, the world as a whole has been trying to solve this problem by cutting or scrapping corporate taxes, albeit in a very gradual way. In the past 40 years, the global effective corporate tax rate has fallen from 23% to 17%. At the same time, governments have relied more heavily on consumption taxes, which

are regressive and tend to increase income inequality.

But the root cause of profit-shifting is the incentives involved, such as generous or lenient corporate tax rates in other countries. If countries could agree on a global minimum corporate tax rate of, say, 20%, the problem of profit-shifting would largely disappear, as tax havens would simply cease to exist.

This type of mechanism is exactly what more than 130 countries signed on to in 2021, with implementation of a 15% minimum tax set to begin in 2024 in the EU, U.K., Japan, Indonesia and many other countries. While the Biden administration has helped spearhead the global effort to implement the tax, the U.S. has not been able to get legislation through Congress.

Our research suggests implementing this type of tax reform is necessary to reverse the shift of ever-greater amounts of corporate profit going to tax havens — instead of being taxed by the governments where they operate and create value.

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Laureate

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floor. (“I get to blow things up for science,” Phillips joked.)
 Phillips, a 1997 Nobel Prize winner for development of methods to super-cool and trap atoms with laser light — “a totally crazy idea,” he called it — was one of two guests of honor for the two-day Oregon Nobel Laureate Symposium. His talk, introduced by Linfield President Dr. Miles K. Davis, was flanked both days by seminars with Linfield students.

Phillips, a university professor and fellow at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, known as NIST, has a jocular absent-minded professor manner and his messages are edifying yet comical.

He quipped: When it comes to honing atomic clocks to better than one second in the age of the universe — 14 billion years, approximately: “at NIST — an agency of your U.S. government — we say, ‘This is what you call close enough for government work.’”

With an avuncular magician’s friendly flair, Phillips has the knack of making approachable the complex or abstract.

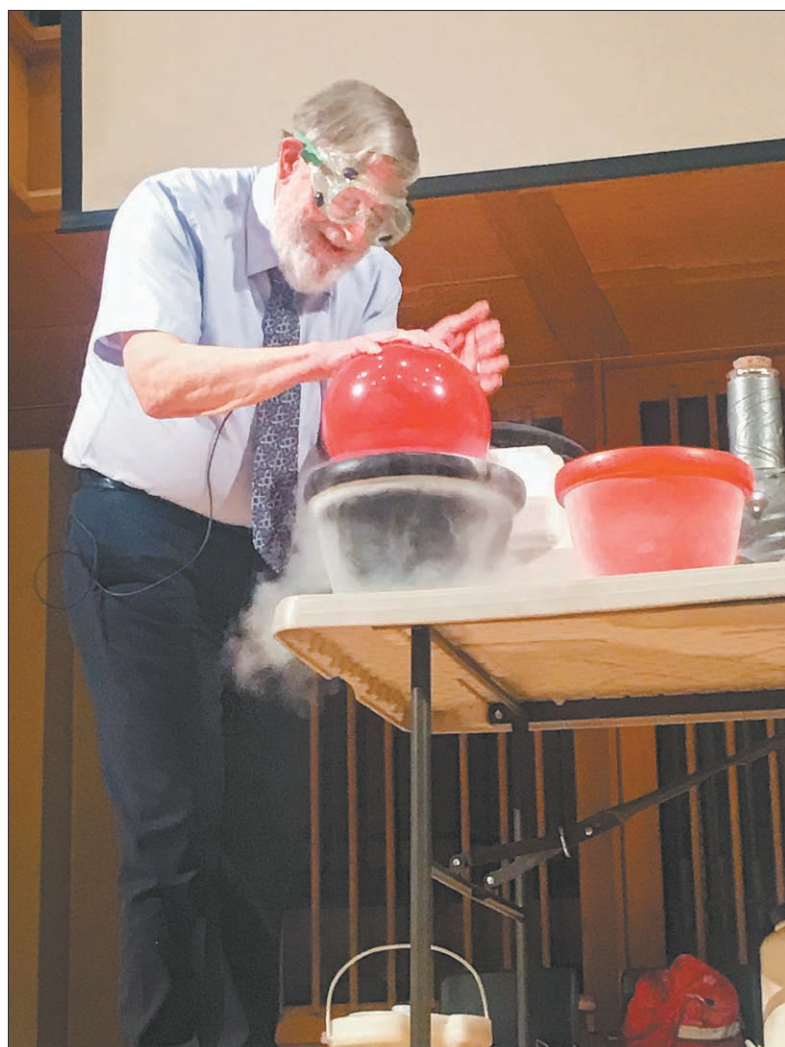
After his talk, the first question from the audience came from Ellis Miller, 7, of McMinnville: “When do you think we’re going to get any colder?”

Phillips said it can be done in space. He explained:

“The experiments we do in the space station will get us even colder than the ones we do on the ground. It’s important because ... if we can expand the box, the gas inside gets colder. ... On earth, expand the box and the atoms drop out. Thanks to the microgravity environment (in space), they won’t. I can do a better job of expanding my box and getting down to really low temperatures ... We hope to do that in the next decade.”

In my late-70s college days, events in the Melrose auditorium, since named for benefactors Richard and Lucinda Ice, were always restrained, chemical-free affairs — lectures, choral concerts, convocations and the occasional film.

For a time in the late 1970s, student use of the facility was restricted after a raucous, nearly-disastrous screening of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” in which props, both liquid and solid, were flung about in keeping with “Rocky Horror” tradition. It left



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Dr. William Phillips blew up a dozen or more balloons and immersed them in a bowl of vapor-emitting liquid nitrogen on stage in the Ice Auditorium at Linfield. He did this to demonstrate the critical point of how hyper-cold environments compress and slow down gases to make them controllable, a key to the “crazy” practice of laser-cooling atoms.

pieces of toast stuck between the pipes of the iconic Melrose organ.

So, there last week, a begoggled professor of international acclaim paced the stage and walked the aisles intentionally spilling liquid nitrogen — which loudly fizzled as it fell and created a brief, dramatic fog that quickly dissipated, with no impact at all to the floorboards, seats or carpeting.

Phillips packed dozens of inflated balloons into a five-gallon container of liquid nitrogen, and later flung those balloons, now flattened latex discs, into the audience. All to make the point that by putting gases in a super-cold environment they can be condensed, and thus controlled.

He said everything he teaches starts from the ideas and works of Albert Einstein, “who changed the way we think about our universe in so many ways.

“He is most known for his theories of special and general

relativity. Before Einstein, people thought space and time were a fixed stage and events of the universe played out on that stage. Einstein taught us the stage is part of the action. The nature of time depended on who was looking at it and what they were doing. And that changed everything, especially the way we think about time.

“Einstein came to his insights by asking, ‘What is this thing that is always the present and soon will become the past? What is this thing we call time?’”

“Ancient people did not know the earth was rotating, but they saw the sun rising and falling every day,” Phillips said. “People have used this rotating year as a timekeeper in marvelous and creative ways.

“There are many different kinds of clocks, one familiar is the grandfather’s clock ... Here’s another that is familiar to many of you,” he said, showing an image

“The most exciting thing is the thing we haven’t discovered.”

of the sundial on the south roof of Linfield’s Murdock Hall. Phillips got a big laugh joking about his “ancient” wristwatch with a crystal and “calculator buttons.”

“The best of the atomic clocks were just a few years ago at one part in 100 million-million,” Phillips said. “But at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, we are not satisfied; we want to do better.

“Because atoms are moving so fast, more than 100 meters per second, it’s like trying to tell time from a clock whizzing past you at speed of sound and crashing into the wall. Not easy. And the fact that the atom is moving causes all kinds of problems.”

Based on the Johannes Kepler’s 17th-century observations of how gas and dust emanating from comets is affected by changes in the direction of sunlight, 21st century scientists have learned how to use laser beams to force atoms to slow down.

“The better clocks are already happening, they are guiding GPS satellites from the ground,” he said. “Almost every country uses laser-cooled clocks to keep time for their country as do we. I am very proud that at the U.S. Naval Observatory, people who are making those clocks used to be post-doctorates in my laboratory.

“But that’s only the beginning,” Phillips said in closing. “We are using these clocks to test our fundamental understanding of nature, the theories Einstein told us, the fundamental understanding of the symmetry of nature, to study cold chemistry, using them in quantum simulations to try to understand quantum materials in ways we can’t using conventional calculations ... quantum computers.

“The most exciting thing is the thing we haven’t discovered yet, and maybe young ones in audience will be the ones to join an international group and find out the new mysteries, the things that are just over the horizon to teach us the way the universe works. This is not really the end, because there is always something new to learn.”

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- Colt's sister _ _ I _ _ _ _ _ Fulton's _ _ _ _ _ O _ _ _ _
- Ringo, for one _ _ _ A _ _ _ _ VW car _ _ _ _ E _ _ _
- Agree to take _ _ _ _ _ P _ _ Twang _ _ _ _ _ N _ _
- Cowboy's garb _ _ _ _ P _ _ Disorder _ _ _ _ O _ _
- Proficiency _ _ _ I _ _ _ Noggin _ _ _ U _ _ _
- Inconsistent F _ _ _ _ _ Former cucumber P _ _ _ _ _
- ___ Pyle _ _ _ _ _ R Singer Selena _ _ _ _ _ Z
- Hotel guest _ _ O _ _ _ _ Accountant's book E _ _ _ _
- Push _ _ _ O _ _ _ Remove whiskers _ _ _ A _ _ _
- Goliath's opponent _ _ _ _ _ D Actress Bette _ _ _ _ _ S

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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	x		-		5
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★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

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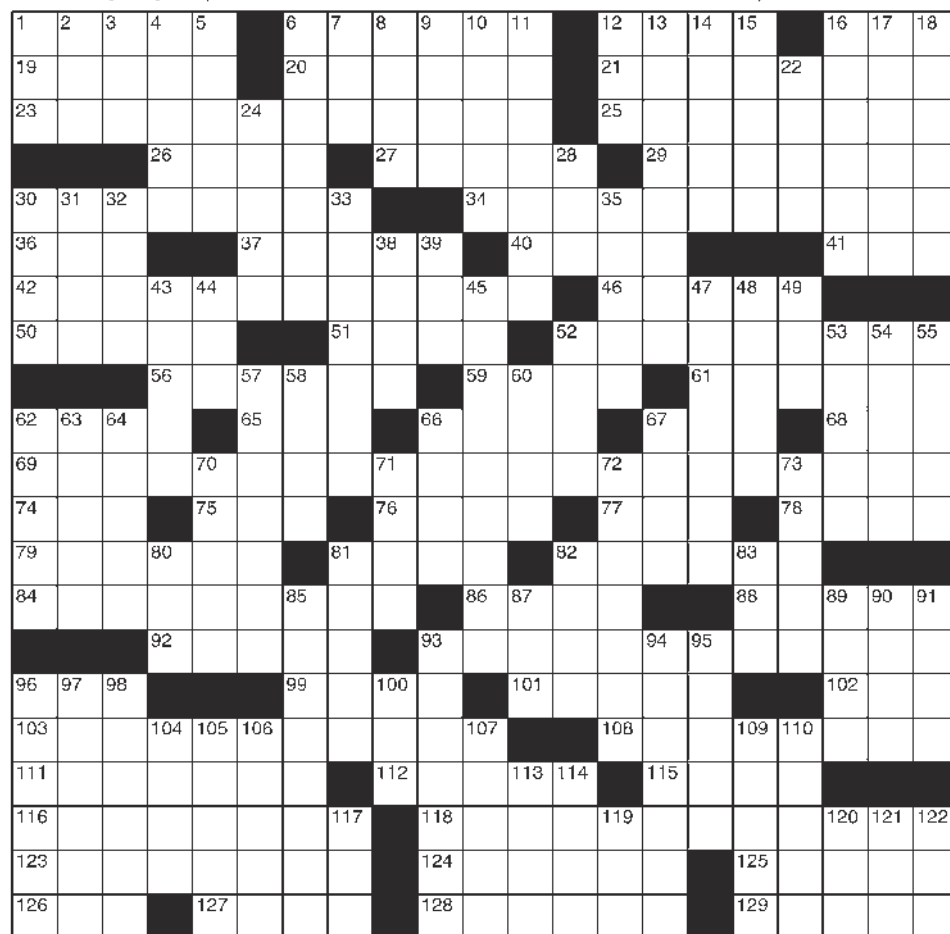
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- ACROSS**
- Bell sounds
 - Headwear for the slopes
 - Dinner, e.g.
 - Truckload
 - Politeo Palin
 - 14th-century sculptor
 - Impala, e.g.
 - Pairs figure skater who won 10 consecutive world titles [2014]
 - Frozen cube producer
 - Figure skater Michelle
 - "Hack My Life" channel
 - Pooh creator
 - Stimulus for a reaction
 - "The Greatest" boxer [1996]
 - Spanish gold
 - Alley Cop's girlfriend
 - "Please reply" abbr.
 - Barrett of Pink Floyd
 - Australian sprinter who specialized in the 400 meters [2000]
 - Fabled man?
 - Confounded
 - Tiny division of a min.
 - First female figure skater to land a triple axel in competition [1998]
 - Sportscaster Bob
 - Nearly dried-up sea
 - Shot glass
 - Uninteresting
 - Prefix with athlete
 - Imitator
 - Opponent
 - Peace activist
 - Yoko
 - What this puzzle's featured athletes did in the years indicated
 - "As I see it," to texters
 - O'er and o'er
 - Stared at
 - NHLer Bobby
 - "It comes — surprise ..."
 - It's hit in a fiesta
 - Lavish dance
 - "Up in Smoke" persona
 - Phoenix Suns point guard who was the 2005 and 2006 NBA MVP [2010]
 - Not on time
 - Pope's crown
 - Trial excuse [1998]
 - 1950s-'60s champion decathlete [1984]
 - Here, in Paris
 - Islandic literary saga
 - Some jazz combos
 - Solder metal
 - Alpine skier voted Canada's female athlete of the 20th century [2010]
 - Salad endive
 - Go places
 - Monte —
 - Physically fit
 - All by oneself
 - Hockey player voted Canada's male athlete of the 20th century [2010]
 - Windshield condensation clearer
 - Major South Korean airline
 - Twinkle filling
 - Suffix with Japan
 - Award for Mel Brooks
 - Hankered
 - Braga of film
 - DOWN
 - Sorority letter
 - Musical gift
 - Meyers of TV
 - Sri —
 - Wrap over the shoulders
 - Financial backer
 - Joke around
 - Lacks entity
 - What fur is
 - Per — (by the year)
 - Flawlessly
 - tai
 - Slept in tents
 - Top players
 - Helping theorem
 - Writer Alice B. —
 - Not in private
 - Water nymph
 - Placed
 - Like a sunshine
 - VCR format
 - Cola
 - "I smell —!"
 - Little children
 - Thing at the end of a foot
 - To no — (in vain)
 - Reduced by
 - "Botch- —" (1952 hit)
 - "Notorious" screenwriter
 - Ben
 - Ex-Rocket Ming
 - Without instrumental backup
 - Stay a while
 - Large bay window
 - Porker
 - Artist Chagall
 - Some horror film helpers
 - Mortise insert
 - Maine city
 - Singer Gwen
 - Jogging gait
 - Actress Tara
 - Radar spots
 - Ceiling
 - Make up for
 - nitrite (vasodilator)
 - Game similar to baccarat
 - Ritz or Hilton
 - "You bet!"
 - Social circle
 - Singer Bobby
 - Director DuVernay
 - Back of a 45
 - Suffix with prank or mob
 - Ordinal suffix
 - Scottish port on the North Sea
 - Sternward
 - Concerning
 - Muddy up
 - Diarist Frank
 - Skedaddled
 - Voicer of Olaf in "Frozen"
 - Award for Mel Brooks
 - Not outdoors
 - Brings about
 - Wages
 - Nov. follower
 - 104 251, to Ovid
 - Matzo's lack
 - Arrive at
 - Wipe clean
 - Baldwin and Waugh
 - Back in style
 - "You ain't!" ("Amen!")
 - Put — act
 - Uninteresting
 - Arizona-to-Kansas dir.
 - Buddhist sect
 - Chiang — shek
 - Singing Sumac



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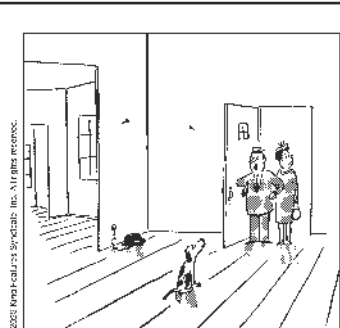
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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Laugh
STORN
- Bog
WEALS
- Avoid
GEDDO
- Pillar
CHAPO

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Probate Department
In the Matter of the Estate of DARWIN ELDON GRIMM, Deceased.
No. 23PB01704

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on March 23, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. in room 32 of the Yamhill County Courthouse, located at 535 East Fifth Street, McMinnville to consider an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of: **DOCKET C-26-22/SDR-35-22**, a request by Daniel Diephouse for Corollary Farm LLC for conditional use and site design review for a commercial activity in conjunction with farm use for the operation of a by appointment only wine tasting room. The parcel is identified as Tax Lots 5434-2100, 2200 and 2800 and is located directly west of the parcel addressed as 6930 SE Sartore Rd, Amity. This application is being reviewed based criteria in Sections 403.04(G), 403.07(A), 1101.02 and 1202.02 of the Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance. Comprehensive Plan policies may be applicable. Interested parties are invited to send written comment to lundeen@co.yamhill.or.us or may appear and testify at the hearing. Comments submitted the day of the hearing will not be accepted via e-mail or fax but must be submitted in writing (12 copies) at the hearing. Failure to raise an issue, either in person or in writing, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to allow the Board of Commissioners an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes an affected party's appeal of the decision to the Land Use Board of Appeals on that issue. Additional information is available from the County Planning Department at 503-434-7516. Dated March 3, 2023, Ken Friday, Planning Director. To participate in the hearing using Zoom please use the link below to join the webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/92847709143> Webinar ID: 928 4770 9143 NR Published March 3, 2023

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A mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2023, at the Yamhill County Correctional Facility, 535 E 5th St., McMinnville, Oregon 97128. Additional information, including a scope of work, instructions for bidders, and required bid forms, may be obtained by accessing the solicitation document, available on the Yamhill County Website: <https://www.co.yamhill.or.us/content/request-proposals> or by contacting Captain David Lux at 535 E 5th St., McMinnville, Oregon 97128, by phone at (503) 434-7540, or by email at luxd@co.yamhill.or.us. Any questions, objections, or comments regarding the RFP must be submitted to Capt. Lux no later than 5 p.m. Local Time on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. Clarifications, whether verbal or in writing, do not change the contractual terms or procurement requirements of the RFP unless a formal amendment is issued by the County. Yamhill County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive formalities, and to postpone the award of the contract indefinitely. NR Published March 3, 7, 10, 2023

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Purchasing Contact (will receive the bids):

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NR Published March 3, 2023

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Belinda Wildung has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of TOMMY LEE CHILDERS, deceased, Yamhill County Circuit Court Case No. 23PB01338. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months from the date of the first publication of this Notice to the Personal Representative at Danielle M. Myers, Esq., Attorney at Law, LLC, PO Box 173, Brownsville, OR 97327, or they may be barred. Any person whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or from the Personal Representative's attorney. DATED and first published: February 17, 2023. /s/ Belinda Wildung, Personal Representative. NR Published February 17, 24, March 3, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF CARLTON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Carlton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm via Zoom and at 945 West Grant street to consider a proposed subdivision plan. City File# SUB 2023-01 JR Meadows Preliminary Subdivision Plan for Phase III - located southeast of the terminus of 3rd street and west of South 7th street, or Assessor Map 3422 Tax Lot 1200. The applicant is requesting to subdivide existing parcel into 63 detached family home lots, and 38 attached single family homes with the intent of future construction. The subject property is currently zoned R-2 with final Council approval on November 2, 2021. The relevant subdivision standards and approval criteria in the Carlton Municipal Code are as follows:

- Public notice and hearing procedures: 17.192 - 196
- R-2 Zone Standards: 17.22
- General Development Standards: 17.60 - 17.140
- Subdivisions: 17.176 - 17.176.050
- Type II Application type: 17.144.030

Please note- architectural plans are not subject to review at this time.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Any person desiring to speak either for or against the proposal may do so in person or by an authorized representative at the public hearing. In addition, written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing with the City Recorder at City Hall at 945 West Grant Street, Carlton. Comments can also be mailed to 191 East Main Street, Carlton OR, 97111. The documents, evidence or staff report relied upon will be available for inspection at City Hall seven days prior to the hearing at no cost and will be provided at reasonable cost. Public comments shall address the relevant criteria. Failure of an issue to be raised in the hearing, in person or in writing, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the Planning Commission an opportunity to respond to an issue means that an appeal on that issue cannot be filed with the State Land Use Board of Appeals. If you need more information, please feel free to email Kiel Jenkins at kjenkins@mwvcog.org or contact City Hall at 503-852-7575.

The meeting is accessible to the disabled. If you have the need for special accommodation to attend or participate in the hearing, notify the City Recorder 48 hours before the hearing. For further information, contact City Hall at (503) 852-7575. Zoom meeting Access link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83402554308?pwd=Vks5LVdhqSmZ3d1VJbG93K0F5a2p-SQT09> NR Published March 3, 2023

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTING

STICKLEY FURNITURE



As an early example of Gustav Stickley's work, this oak fall front desk is an Arts and Crafts design. It sold for \$3,900 at Cottone Auctions.

Gustav Stickley has created icons of American design. Inspired by John Ruskin and William Morris of the English Arts and Crafts movement, Stickley started the Craftsman workshop in 1900. He originated what was later called mission furniture, with its simple, sturdy shapes, iron and hammered copper hardware, and emphasis on skilled craftsmanship and practicality instead of decoration. He favored oak because it is strong and heavy. Like the movement in England, Stickley's style went beyond a furniture brand; it was an entire philosophy. He published a magazine called "The Craftsman."

This early Stickley desk, made around 1900, sold for \$3,900 at Cottone Auctions in Geneseo, New York. It has a fall front that could be folded up when the writing surface wasn't in use, taking up less space in the room. Other adjustable or multifunction Stickley designs include an adjustable recliner and a bookshelf that could also be used as a table.

Q: I recently bought a cut-glass decanter at an auction. It has a white residue on the very bottom. How can I remove this without damaging the crystal?

A: The white residue is caused by calcium, lime and other minerals found in hard water. It can be removed by filling the decanter with warm water and adding white vinegar, vinegar and baking soda, or a denture tablet. Let it sit for several hours or overnight. Rinse out the solution and wash the decanter in a plastic tub or in a sink lined with a towel or rubber mat to prevent chipping. Turn the faucet to one side or put a rubber collar on the spout to avoid hitting the metal. Wash in warm (not hot) water and detergent, rinse and put upside down on a dish rack to dry. The inside of the decanter can be dried by inserting pieces of an old cotton sheet and using the handle of a wooden spoon or a wooden dowel to wipe it.

TIP: Never wear rubber gloves when cleaning or handling silver. The sulfur from the gloves tarnishes silver.

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Candy container, turkey, molded papier-mache, realistically painted, two metal feet, head pulls off to reveal opening, Germany, 5 x 3 inches, \$200.

Coin, Pilgrim half-dollar, side view of a pilgrim man holding prayer book, "In God We Trust," Mayflower ship on reverse with Pilgrim Tercentenary Celebration 1620-1920, \$300.

Lamp, chandelier, pendant, Sputnik, 24 arms with lights radiating from bronze ball center, white enamel perforated shades, Italy, midcentury modern, 58 x 62 inches, \$1,250.

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MARKETPLACE



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Seeing the silly side of some really ridiculous situations helps give the Lamb a new perspective on how to handle them. Some important contacts can be made this weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Try to complete your outstanding tasks by midweek. This leaves you free to take advantage of new possibilities — both professional and personal — opening up by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) With both your creative side and energy levels rising this week, you should be able to tackle that too-long-neglected project again. A family member might have important news.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An explanation you requested seems to be more confusing than enlightening. You should insist on clarifications now, rather than dealing with problems that might arise later.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your energy levels might be ebbing a bit. But that's no excuse for taking catnaps when you could be working on those unfinished tasks. There'll be time to curl up and relax by week's end.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good time to get those ideas out of your head and into a readable format if you hope to turn them into something doable. In other news, a good friend is ready with worthwhile advice.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Careful — you might be stepping into dangerous territory if you decide to exaggerate the facts too much. Remember: The truth speaks for itself and needs no embellishment.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Although your workplace successes have earned you many admirers, there are some colleagues who are not among them. Be careful how you proceed with your new project.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might have to go into great detail to explain why you're currently reluctant to make changes to an already prepared plan. Be sure you have all the facts to back yourself up.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Travel plans might still be uncertain. But instead of getting upset about the delay, open yourself up to other possibilities and begin checking out some alternative destinations.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Changing conditions might require you to alter some of your plans. While you might be agreeable to this, be prepared with explanations for those who do not want changes made.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Although you might have to deal with some detractors who aren't too kind in their critiques, you gain points in your favor when you're willing to stand up and defend your work.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for creating a warm and loving environment between yourself and others.

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SCRAMBLERS
solution

1. Snort 2. Swale;
3. Dodge; 4. Poach

Today's Word
WATCHDOG

Go Figure!

answers

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Even Exchange
answers

1. Filly, Folly 6. Fickle, Pickle
2. Beetle, Beetle 7. Gomer, Gomez
3. Accept, Accent 8. Lodger, Ledger
4. Chaps, Chaos 9. Shove, Shave
5. Skill, Skull 10. David, Davis

Super Crossword

Answers

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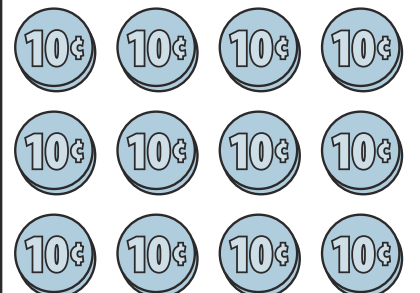
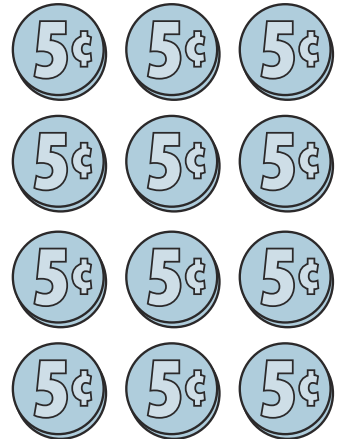
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Kid Scoop Together Change Maker

With a BLUE crayon, circle the coins that add up to the amount shown on the top coin purse. Then, use a RED crayon to circle the coins that add up to the amount shown on the bottom coin purse. Have a family member check your work. You should have 5¢ left over if you circled the correct coins.



Standards Link: Math: Add money amounts.

The Cost of a Decision

These kids are facing a decision about spending money. What would you do?

These ZING sneakers are super popular with the kids at my school. But they cost \$69 a pair!

These generic sneakers cost \$29. They're not nearly as fancy as the ZING sneakers, though.

A lot of young movie stars wear the jeans at left. They are \$80. The generic ones in the middle are \$30. And the used pair at right is \$8 at the thrift store.

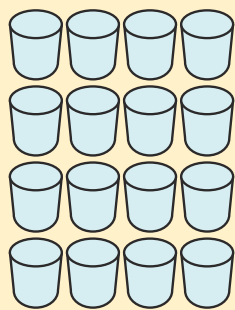
Which pair of sneakers should Kevin choose? Give at least two reasons to explain your choice.

Which pair of jeans should Emma choose? Give at least two reasons for your choice.

Which is the best deal? The small can of fruit juice or the 64 ounce size?



BOTTLE: \$3.50



The 64 ounce bottle contains 16 4 ounce cups of juice. The 12 ounce can contains three 4 ounce cups of juice.



CAN: \$1.25

Can you add up all the coins you see on this page?

Game Night!

Can you come up with a family fun game night that costs \$0?

Extra! Extra!

It All Adds Up

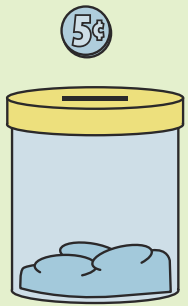
Find four 4-digit numbers in the newspaper. Copy the numbers onto a piece of paper and add them together. Repeat with 5-digit and 6-digit numbers.

Standards Link: Math: Addition.

MONEY PUZZLES

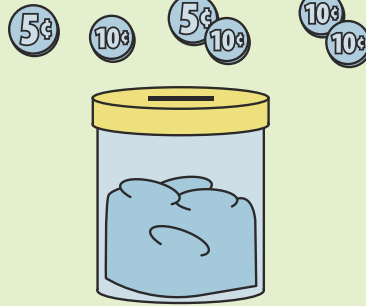
PUZZLE 1

How much money would you save if you put a nickel in a jar every day for a year?



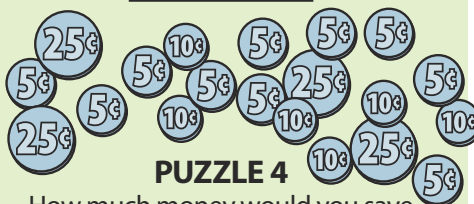
PUZZLE 2

How much money would you save in four weeks if you saved 5¢ a day the first week, 10¢ a day the second week, 15¢ a day the third week and 20¢ a day the fourth week?



PUZZLE 3

How much money would you save using the plan in Puzzle 2 and kept increasing the savings amount by 5¢ each week for 12 weeks?



PUZZLE 4

How much money would you save using the plan in Puzzle 3 and kept increasing the savings amount by 5¢ each week for 26 weeks?

Kid Scoop Puzzler

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BUY ONE GET ONE FREE!

DOGGIE TREAT

\$1.50 OFF

Price: \$1.75

SUDSY SOAP

50¢ OFF

SUDSY SOAP

SAVE 50%

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences.

Double Double Word Search

- DECISION
- GENERIC
- THRIFT
- CHOICE
- NICKEL
- MONEY
- STORE
- JEANS
- FRUIT
- MONTH
- SAVE
- DEAL
- ZING
- PAIR
- COST

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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Y G E N E R I C L O
J E A N S S T F S E
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N T S O C I V O O N
I M N A M T T E R E
Z R L E K C I N E S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Best Food Deal

Use the grocery store ads to compare the cost of different food items. Find two or more of the same food items sold in different quantities. Figure out which is the best deal.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate info.



What did the bird say when she found a sweater for just one dollar?

ANSWER: "Cheap! Cheap!"

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