

Three virus deaths reported in north central Idaho

One death apiece recorded in Nez Perce, Idaho and Clearwater counties

TRIBUNE

Three deaths caused by COVID-19 were reported Wednesday by the Public Health – Idaho North Central District, according to statistics posted on the organization’s website.

The deaths included two women and one man; one was in their 50s and two in their 70s; and there was one death apiece in Nez Perce, Idaho and Clearwater counties.

With these three fatalities added in, the overall coronavirus death toll in north central Idaho and southeastern Washington is 381.

North central Idaho also saw 21 new cases reported Wednesday.

No additional cases were reported in southeastern Washington, though health officials in Asotin and Whitman counties did not update their numbers Wednesday.

COVID-19 cases, vaccinations in Northwest, United States

Numbers as of Wednesday (change since Tuesday)

STATE/COUNTY	CASES	DEATHS	PEOPLE VACCINATED	PERCENTAGE VACCINATED
IDAHO	315,270 (+355)	4,097 (+15)	885,738	50.0%
Clearwater	1,694 (+5)	28 (+1)	3,323	37.6%
Idaho	2,381 (+3)	40 (+1)	4,658	28.4%
Latah	4,836 (+4)	41 (+0)	19,511	48.6%
Lewis	843 (+0)	22 (+0)	1,818	45.0%
Nez Perce	6,559 (+9)	110 (+1)	16,744	40.8%
WASHINGTON	809,600 (+1,769)	9,755 (+30)	4,784,355	62.8%
Asotin	3,177 (+0) *	52 (+0) *	8,416	37.2%
Garfield	277 (+0)	6 (+0)	1,024	46.0%
Whitman	6,216 (+0) *	82 (+0) *	20,186	40.0%
OREGON	408,069 (+0) *	5,559 (+0) *	2,752,626	65.3%
MONTANA	195,417 (+246)	2,890 (+1)	536,006	50.2%
U.S.	51,324,667 (+209,363)	807,397 (+2,285)	204,818,717	61.7%

Statistics provided by state and local public health departments and the CDC. Case totals include both confirmed and probable cases since the start of the pandemic in March 2020. “People vaccinated” are number of people fully vaccinated; “percentage vaccinated” is among the entire population, regardless of age.

* Numbers not updated Wednesday.

Happenings

A quick look at what’s going on in our region:

> Nativity set exhibition continues in Lewiston

Nez Perce County Historical Society and Dr. Dennis Ohrtman present a “Nativity Set Exhibition,” running through Jan. 6. There will be more than 200 nativity sets from Ohrtman’s personal collection. Tickets can be purchased at the museum, 0306 Third St., Lewiston or by calling the museum at (208) 743-2535. For additional information, email npcmuseum@gmail.com or visit nezpercecountymuseum.com/nativityexhibit. Members of the society receive free admission to this event. Individual tickets are \$5, family of four is \$15, and group rate of 10 or more people is \$40. Each ticket is redeemable three times.

Events to be considered for Happenings can be emailed to apearson@lmtribune.com.

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> Today’s obituary

■ Charlotte Schacher

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On This Date

Stories published in the Lewiston Tribune on ...

Dec. 23, 2001

When Avista Communications started providing local telephone service for businesses three years ago, it quickly gained about 25 percent of the market in the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley. Now Avista Corp., the parent company, is struggling with an unpredictable electricity market and has decided to sell its telecommunications affiliate.

Justin Adams and his wife, Denise Adams, are the new owners of the Dill Pickle and Zo Zo’s Cafe in Lewiston.

Dec. 23, 1981

ASOTIN — Ray Westberg, a retired merchant, has been named to the Asotin Planning Commission to succeed Harold Higbee, who has retired after serving 12 years.

If things go as expected at the National Collegiate Athletic Association convention in Houston next month, University of Idaho quarterback Ken Hobart may receive an extra year of eligibility with the Vandal football team.

LEWISTON TRIBUNE

GOT A NEWS TIP?

You can call us at (208) 848-2244 or email us at city@lmtribune.com

Online poll

This week’s question: “What do you think was the top story of 2021 in north central Idaho and southeastern Washington?”

To vote, visit the Trib’s website, www.lmtribune.com, and find the poll in the righthand column.

Results will be posted in Sunday’s print edition.

Pullman residents charged in shooting

Incident began with call about aggressive driving

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The Whitman County Sheriff’s Office arrested two Pullman residents Tuesday night for allegedly shooting from their car at another vehicle that was carrying two small children.

Deputies arrested 26-year-old Jamil Fields and 24-year-old Janine Ludwig late that night after Washington State University Police officers located their vehicle on Airport Road, according

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A rainy day out fishing



August Frank/Tribune

Craig Seever casts out onto the pond recently at Kiwanis Park in Lewiston as a steady rain begins to fall. Seever said he could see the fish jumping to the surface every now and then but they weren’t taking the bait.

They are all in, for better or for worse

Couple separated by pandemic and typhoon are soon to be reunited

By KAYLEE BREWSTER OF THE TRIBUNE

When Charles Adkison asked Chyze Montuya to marry him, they didn’t think their relationship had much of a story.

Two years later, after a pandemic, a transcontinental telecommunication wedding and a typhoon, the couple has faced more obstacles in their young relationship than many encounter in their lifetime.

Charles and Chyze, who is from the Philippines, met while she was vacationing in the U.S. Through the church her parents pastor, she has met many Americans who have become like family. When she completed her Doctor of Laws in the Philippines, but before she took the bar exam, she decided to see her friends in the U.S.

It was on that trip she met Charles in Spokane. “We just hit it off really, really well,” he said. The two began texting each other in October 2019. By Dec. 20, they were officially a couple. Then in February 2020, they became engaged.

> ON THE WEB

Charles Adkison started a GoFundMe page to help with the devastation in the typhoon in the Philippines. For more information or to donate: bit.ly/3sub4ui.

During this time, the coronavirus pandemic was just beginning. Chyze traveled back home, almost getting stuck in Taiwan before arriving in the Philippines.

Then the world shut down. Charles was in Lewiston and his fiancée was in La Libertad, Philippines.

However, the distance has made their relationship stronger and perhaps convinced some skeptics of their quick relationship of its longevity.

“It wasn’t just a fly-by-night meeting of hearts in a Spokane park,” Charles said. “It was not just snow and ice skating that made us fall in love.”

It’s a 16-hour time difference between Lewiston and La Libertad, but Charles has it down to a science.

“Count three hours forward and then flip it.”

They would talk to each other most nights, except on Saturday — which was



Contributed photo

Charles Adkison and his wife, Chyze Montuya Adkison, are pictured.

her Sunday — because she was at church.

“I guarantee, if you call me at 8:30, 9:30 at night, I’m talking to her,” he said. Those phone calls helped them grow closer despite the distance. “We definitely know who the other person is.”

Some of their time away was spent working on their own projects. Charles, who works as a contractor at Korban Contracting, grew his business to save up for a wedding. Chyze, unable to take the bar exam and practice law, learned to bake “phenomenal cakes,” according to

Charles. “The craziest thing is how much fun we’ve had together.”

Aside from learning how to navigate a long distance relationship they also spent their time apart trying to get back together.

“We’re focused on finding our way back to each other,” he said.

That’s where Chyze’s law degree came in handy. Through the changing laws because of the pandemic, government shutdowns and immigration rules, they found a way to get married legally.

“Honestly, she is the

one who made it happen,” he said. “I don’t know how I would’ve been able to afford that amount of legal services.”

First they were going to get married in Costa Rica, because its laws are recognized by both the Philippines and the U.S. However, they found another solution when Utah made telecommunication weddings legal. So finally, in October, two years after they first met, they got married in a ceremony that was held in Provo, Utah, but facilitated through telecommunication services.

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RECORDS

Of Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021

Births

St. Joseph Regional Medical Center

Elizabeth Jenks, of Lewiston, a son,
Ezra James Jenks, born Monday.

Marriage Licenses

Nez Perce County

Jesse Andrew Meyer and Kaylee
Parker, both of Lewiston.

MacLaren Luke Jameson and Angelyn
Dawn Cox, both of Lewiston.

Daniel Franklin Dickinson and Julianne
Joy Gilbert, both of Clarkston.

Joseph David Colby and Kenni-Michelle
Cecelia Gudrun Nygaard, both of Clarkston.

Robert Zachary Hall and Dena Kaytlynn
Smock, both of Lewiston.

District Court

Nez Perce County

Judge Jeff Brudie

Jeromy S. Adams, 31, of Lewiston, pleaded
guilty to possession of a controlled
substance, a felony. Sentencing suspended
and admitted into mental health court.

Franklin A. Boncz, 29, of Weippe, pleaded
guilty to grand theft, a felony. Sentenced to
2-5 years in prison, suspended, up to three
years probation, restitution and court costs.

James K. Dudley, 29, of Lewiston, pleaded
guilty to introduction of contraband into a
correctional facility and felon in possession
of a firearm, both felonies. Sentenced to one
year in prison, court retained jurisdiction
for up to one year, and court costs.

Tony E. Hazelwood, 43, of Clarkston, pleaded
guilty to burglary, a felony. Sentenced to
1.5-3 years in prison, suspended, up to
two years probation and court costs.

David W. Nichols, 38, of Grangeville, pleaded
guilty to possession of a controlled substance
(methamphetamine), a felony. Granted a
withheld judgment and sentenced to three
years probation, 100 hours community
service, restitution and court costs.

Magistrate Court

Nez Perce County

Judge Michelle Evans

Johnathan M. Hopkins, 36, of Colton, charged
with two counts of possession of a controlled
substance (methamphetamine and
oxycontin), both felonies, and possession
of paraphernalia, a misdemeanor.
Preliminary hearing set for Jan. 5.

Judge Sunil Ramalingam

Lucas A. Moffett, 38, of Kamiah, pleaded
guilty to resisting and battery, both
misdemeanors. Sentenced to 180 days
in jail with 178 suspended, up to two
years probation, fines and court costs.

Katherine E. Martin, 42, of Lewiston, pleaded
guilty to DUI, a misdemeanor. Granted
a withheld judgment and sentenced to
60 days in jail with 55 suspended, 60
hours community service, up to one year
probation, driver's license suspended
90 days, fines and court costs.

Jonathan M. Wilcoxon, 25, of Clarkston,
pleaded guilty to domestic battery, a
misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days
in jail with 150 suspended, up to one
year probation, fines and court costs.

Harlee A. Cassity, 22, of Lewiston, pleaded
guilty to DUI, a misdemeanor. Granted
a withheld judgment and sentenced to
60 days in jail with 50 suspended, 60 hours
community service, up to two years
probation, driver's license suspended 120
days, fines, restitution and court costs.

Cameron J. Shawl, 23, of Lapwai, pleaded
guilty to DUI, a misdemeanor. Granted
a withheld judgment and sentenced to
30 days in jail with 28 suspended, 12
hours community service, up to one year
probation, driver's license suspended
90 days, fines and court costs.

Briefly

Man convicted of killing clerk sentenced to life in prison

EVERETT, Wash. — A 28-year-old man
who was convicted of killing a mini-mart clerk
in Everett has been sentenced to life in prison.

Jae An, of Everett, was working the closing
shift at an Everett mini-mart on April
22, 2019, when prosecutors say he was
stabbed to death during a robbery by
Michael Johnson, The Herald reported.

Snohomish Superior Court Judge Bruce
Weiss sentenced Johnson Tuesday to life
in prison. A jury earlier this year convicted
Johnson on charges of aggravated first-degree
murder and attempted first-degree murder.

Johnson had planned to rob the store
near his residence in order to pay his
rent and walked in with three knives that
night, according to court documents.

Oregon State University 'likely' will require COVID-19 boosters

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Oregon State
University says it will "likely" require
students and employees to receive a
COVID-19 vaccine booster shot.

Oregon Public Broadcasting reports the
school has already mandated the initial
doses of the vaccine. OSU says the booster
requirement isn't official, but urged stu-
dents, faculty and staff to seek out the ad-
ditional shot over the holiday break.

"Please be aware that while presently not
a requirement, it is likely OSU will require
all employees, as well as students engaged
in on-site learning, to obtain the booster, as
an appropriate follow-up to the university's
vaccination requirement," wrote OSU Provost
and Executive Vice President Edward Feser
in a letter to the university community.

On Monday, the University of Or-
egon announced it will require booster
doses for students and staff, but it
did not set a deadline to comply.

FROM WIRE SERVICE REPORTS

A ride with man's best friend



August Frank/Tribune

A cyclist and dog move down the sidewalk Tuesday past Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston.

Antisemitic flyers spread in Boise

Police are investigating Saturday's leafleting in North End neighborhood

By SALLY KRUTZIG
IDAHO STATESMAN

BOISE — Residents of Boise's North End neighborhood woke up Sunday morning to antisemitic messages on doorsteps, fences and sidewalks.

"Never thought I'd see the day when my neighborhood would be peppered with anti-Semitic litter, along with a flyer proclaiming Santa's elves are Satanic, all packaged in a bag full of pellet gun ammo," one resident tweeted.

Plastic bags were filled with paper flyers that included messages saying "the Covid agenda is Jewish" and claiming people who were in favor of government restrictions related to the pandemic were "carrying out the will of the Jews." The flyers also included a list of health care leaders who the distributor believes are Jewish. The bags contained pellet gun ammunition and a second piece of paper with a message misquoting a Bible verse by replacing Jewish-related words with Santa-related words.

"Targeting our Jewish neighbors with such words and symbols should alarm us all," Dan Prinzing, the executive director of the Wassmuth Center for Human Rights, told the Idaho Statesman in an email. "In this moment the community must decide, do we accept these acts and become complicit in the hate — or do we stand together and condemn, denounce and prosecute the perpetrators? When such acts target one among us, they target all of us. It is time for state leaders to stand up, speak out and set a course for Idaho that does not codify extremism, feed conspiracy theories, nor encourage a national perception that Idaho is a haven for hate."

The Boise Police Department says just before midnight on Saturday officers responded to "a report of anti-Jewish literature distributed around property in the North End." Officers say they collected as much of the



Idaho Statesman

As shown in this submitted photo, the flyers were distributed in a plastic bag filled with pellet gun ammunition.

material as they could find in the dark and began an investigation. Police say they believe no one was a target and the papers were distributed randomly.

The flyers contained advertising related to the Goyim Defense League. The Anti-Defamation League, a nonprofit that combats antisemitism and hate groups, describes the Goyim Defense League as "a loose network of individuals connected by their virulent antisemitism" that "includes five or six primary organizers/public figures, dozens of supporters and thousands of online followers." The group espouses antisemitic and "white supremacist themes via the internet, through propaganda distributions and in street actions," according to the ADL website.

The flyer distribution follows other recent acts of antisemitism in Boise. Within the last month, residents have

found swastikas and other antisemitic messages spray-painted on a downtown building and in tunnels along the Boise Greenbelt near the Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial. In September, a sign in front of St. Luke's McColl Medical Center was defaced with a spray-painted swastika, and the Idaho Anne Frank Memorial was vandalized with Nazi stickers last December.

"The frequency and repetition of this filth has become both calculated and deliberate — and requires that the citizenry also become deliberate in response," Prinzing said.

He asked "city and faith leaders, civic and community organizers, and law enforcement to come together in a unified message" against such acts.

According to news reports, similar flyers were distributed in North Carolina and California over the last month.

2nd lawsuit targets large Idaho forest project

By KEITH RIDLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOISE — The U.S. Forest Service violated numerous environmental laws in approving a 105-square-mile logging and restoration project in west-central Idaho, a conservation group alleges in a lawsuit.

The Idaho Conservation League in the lawsuit filed Monday said the Forest Service violated the Endangered Species Act and other laws in approving the 20-year Sage Hen Project in the Boise National Forest in April.

The Idaho Conservation League has a history of working with the Forest Service to shape various projects, but said this one had flaws. One of the group's primary concerns involved requiring a fuller environmental study of the

project's ramifications.

"Unlike other forest projects ICL has supported, the Forest Service rushed the Sage Hen Project to approval, cut out the public, failed to consider alternatives, refused to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, and deferred analyzing important effects to fish, plants and wildlife until after the Project is underway," the lawsuit states.

The project includes 83 miles of road construction, as much as 70 square miles of prescribed burning, 17.5 square miles of fuels reduction and 31 square miles of logging. The project is located southwest of Cascade.

The Alliance for the Wild Rockies and other groups filed a similar lawsuit last month. That lawsuit also requests the more in-depth environmental impact statement before

the project goes forward.

The Idaho Conservation League lawsuit also questions a study by Fish and Wildlife, called a biological opinion, that the Forest Service used in creating the project that the group said will harm bull trout, a federally protected species.

The Forest Service has said the project will make the forest more resistant to insect outbreaks, reduce wildfire fuel hazards and remove dead trees, making it safe for firefighters and the public. The agency also said the project will create jobs and improve recreation opportunities for the area that draws visitors from rapidly growing southwestern Idaho.

Idaho in recent years has seen massive wildfires, and officials have said large projects that include multiple facets

such as logging and restoration to make forests more resilient are needed.

Boise National Forest Supervisor Tawnya Brummett, in approving the project last year, said it was designed to be flexible, allowing the agency to "respond to changing conditions on the ground."

But the Idaho Conservation League said that approach is illegal.

"The law requires the Forest Service to look before it leaps when it comes to major projects like this one," said Bryan Hurlbutt of Advocates for the West, which is representing the Idaho Conservation League.

The U.S. Justice Department, which defends federal agencies in lawsuits, didn't immediately supply a substantive response to an inquiry sent through its online portal.

Charlotte Anne Kernan Schacher

Charlotte Anne Kernan Schacher, 87, of Lewiston, passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021.

Charlotte was born in Lewiston to Earl and Irene Kernan on July 16, 1934. She served in the U.S. Army in 1953 to 1954 and was honorably discharged as a Private First Class. She married Edward "Bud" Schacher on Aug. 18, 1956, in Keuterville. They raised their nine kids in Cottonwood for 28 years. They loved hunting, fishing and camping in the wilds of Idaho. Many of the wildlife pictures she painted were photographed by herself or her family. They later moved to Lewiston, then to Sweetwater and bought a ranch and some cattle. After the loss of her husband, she moved back to Lewiston and became a full-time artist. "From my earliest years I have always loved to paint. Whether it was painting house or painting pictures, it didn't matter. I loved to paint!"

She served on the board of directors of The Valley Art Center, as a member of the Idaho Watercolor Society, as a board member of the Snake River Showcase, as a member of Bridging the Arts and as a volunteer at the Dahmen Barn in Uniontown. She also enjoyed her job as a Deputy Clerk working at the Nez Perce County Courthouse. She attended Lewis-Clark State College later in life and

graduated with an Associate of Arts in clerical work.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her brothers, John and Fred; her sister, Mary; grandson Samuel Schacher; as well as too many other loved ones to mention.

Charlotte is survived by her sister, Kathleen Dorgan, of Boone, N.C.; sisters-in-law Bev Ferguson, of Cottonwood, Kathy Gibbs, of Lewiston, Josephine Schoo, of Grangeville; daughter Jody Braun, of Lewiston; son John (Jenni) Schacher, of Lewiston; daughter Julie Grove, of Lewiston; son Joe (Bonnie) Schacher, of Lewiston; Jerry Schacher (Wanda), of Lewiston; Jesse (Barb) Schacher, of Newport; Janie (Terry) Andrews, of Lewiston; Janet (Dave) Branson, of Nez Perce; and Jason (Heather) Schacher, of Lewiston. She is also survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren who were all loved and cherished — including her canine companion, Teddy.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, Gary Sinise Foundation, or your favorite charity in Charlotte's name.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Jan. 8, 2022, at CrossPoint Alliance Church in Lewiston. A military graveside will be held during her favorite time of year in the spring of 2022 in Keuterville.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CrossPoint Alliance Church is planning Christmas Eve services tonight at 6:30 and Friday at 3, 4:30 and 6 p.m. Each service will feature music, candle lighting, and a message about the hope of Jesus. Child care is available for newborns through 5-year-olds, with activity packets offered for older children. The church is at 1330 Powers Ave., Lewiston. CrossPoint also will broadcast an online Christmas gathering during each of the four service times, available through the church website at crosspointlew.org.

The Episcopal Church of the Nativity's Christmas Eve services will be at 3 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday. The Christmas Day service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. The regular Sunday service is set for 10:30 a.m. Dec. 26 and will include lessons and carols befitting the Christmas story. The church is at 731 Eighth St., Lewiston. Additional information is available from the church office, with hours 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday through Friday.

All Saints Catholic Church's Christmas Masses include 4 p.m. Friday Christmas Eve Mass and Christmas Day Masses at midnight and 9 a.m. Saturday. The church is at 3330 14th St., Lewiston.

PULLMAN — A Christmas Eve service is set for 6 p.m. Friday at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1300 SE Sunny-mead Way, Pullman.

St. Paul's and Good Hope Lutheran Churches will celebrate Christmas with a traditional carol and candlelight service on Christmas Eve Friday. A 6 p.m. service will be at St. Paul's, at the corner of Sixth and Villard in Craigmont, and a 7:30 p.m. service will be at Good Hope, 28157 Settlement Road, near Gifford. On Christmas Day there will be a joint worship service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Good Hope.

LAPWAI — Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lapwai at 205 Birch Ave E. will have a 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass Friday.

Christmas Masses for Holy Family Catholic Church at 1109 Chestnut St., Clarkston, include 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Friday and 10 a.m. Christmas Day Saturday.

Trinity Lutheran Church's Traditional Candlelight and Christmas Carol Worship Service with Holy Communion will be held at 7 p.m. Friday. The church is at 920 Eighth Ave., Lewiston.

Lewiston First Church of the Nazarene,

located at 1700 Eighth St., will hold a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m. Friday. There will be a Christmas Carol Sing beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. More information can be found at firstnaz.com and at the FirstNaz Lewiston Facebook page.

Gateway Church,

at 707 Seventh Ave., Lewiston, is planning at Christmas Eve communion service at 8 p.m. Friday. The church is also planning a special New Year's Eve service at 7 p.m. Dec. 31. Coffee and refreshments will be served after the service. More information is available at gatewaychurchlewis.com.



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Search for missing Colville man called off

Allan Sloan was last seen Dec. 7 on Craig Mountain

TRIBUNE

The Nez Perce County Sheriff's Office is no longer actively searching for a Colville man who has been missing in the Wapshilla Ridge area south of Waha since Dec. 7.

That was the last day anyone was known to have seen Allan Sloan, 29. Searchers located Sloan's pickup stuck in the snow Dec. 13, but have not located any sign of him in the area. Chief Deputy Mike Rigney said searchers were out with dogs as recently as Saturday, but were unable to find a trail.



Sloan

Searchers have also checked all the shelters and cabins in the area toward Eagle Creek, and the Snake River by boat, he said. Deep snow has hampered the search, however, and continued poor conditions led to the decision

to stop searching. Members of Sloan's family came to the search area Saturday and were able to retrieve his pickup. Weather permitting, Rigney said law enforcement will continue to check the area periodically if staff members are available.

Sloan is 5 feet, 10 inches tall, 180 pounds with a medium build, dark, medium-length hair and a short beard. Anyone who may have seen him is asked to call the sheriff's office at (208) 799-3131.

Merry Christmas

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FUNERAL/SERVICE DIRECTORY

Wednesday

Richard L. Morgan, 92, of Lewiston — 11 a.m. funeral Mass, All Saints Catholic Church, 3330 14th St., Lewiston. Celebration of life to follow at Lindsay Creek Vineyards, 3107 Powers Ave., Lewiston.

Wayne Paul Hibbeln, 74, formerly of Lewiston — 2 p.m. celebration of life, Rockwood Retirement South Hill, 2903 E. 25th Ave., Spokane, WA 99223 in the Event Center North.

DEATH

Linda J. Gullikson

OROFINO — Linda J. Gullikson, 72, of Stites, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, at Clearwater Valley Hospital in Orofino. Blackmer Funeral Home of Grangeville is in charge of arrangements.

Susan A. Terrell

Susan A. Terrell, 61, of Lewiston, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, at St. Joseph Regional Medical

Center in Lewiston. Malcom's Brower-Wann Funeral Home of Lewiston is in charge of arrangements.

Katharine L. "Kathy" McPherson

Katharine L. "Kathy" McPherson, 65, of Lewiston, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, at her home. Malcom's Brower-Wann Funeral Home of Lewiston is in charge of arrangements.

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Commissioners: Property tax relief should be priority

Local legislators meet with Latah County commissioners to discuss coming session

By ANTHONY KUIPERS FOR THE TRIBUNE

The Latah County commissioners on Wednesday urged local state legislators to continue efforts to lower property taxes for residents during the coming legislative session.

State Sen. David Nelson, D-Moscow, joined Reps. Caroline Nilsson Troy, R-Genesee, and Brandon Mitchell, R-Moscow, to chat with Commissioners Tom Lamar, Kathie LaFortune and Dave McGraw at the county courthouse.

One way to provide property tax relief is by funding education. Nelson said he is working on legislation to provide incremental school funding that comes with a requirement to use some of that money to reduce the property



Nelson Troy Mitchell Lamar McGraw LaFortune

tax burden on residents.

He also supports Idaho implementing a better model of funding school facilities improvements, which are typically paid by voter-approved bonds.

"I think that has some traction this year," he said.

Troy said she drafted legislation a couple years ago that would provide funding for public school facilities based in part on the age of the school. She is unsure how much support there is for this effort in Boise.

"I really appreciate how important it is to get those schools back up to some sort of level that teachers would be proud

to be working in," she said.

Troy said one of the challenges of the Legislative session is figuring out how to spend the \$1.6 billion in surplus money it has available. She said there is a strong push to pay out much of that money in one-time expenditures. She hopes it can be used to fund Idaho's infrastructure needs.

"I believe we kicked the can down the road on infrastructure a long, long time," she said.

Lamar said the state can lower local property taxes if it focuses on fulfilling its obligations to fund transportation infrastructure and education.

"Anything the state can do to reestablish a strong com-

mitment to transportation funding I think is critical," he said. "Reestablishing a strong commitment to education funding is critical. I mean, that's in the constitution of the state."

He also said properly funding the public defense system — another constitutional obligation — should be added to that list. Lamar said Idaho needs to tackle these issues before it focuses on income tax relief.

Latah County, Lamar said, has enough issues on its plate, such as retaining staff for the Sheriff's Office. Lamar said the commissioners can't spend their time worrying about the state funding education.

"We just need it to

happen," he said.

Troy said she understands the unique challenges Latah County faces as it tries to compete with the wages offered across the border in Washington.

"Those of us who live in border communities really understand how difficult it is to keep quality employees who can drive a few miles down the road and multiply their salary," she said.

Mitchell said the issues he is working on include fixing Idaho's voter ID law that allows people to use any identification that has their picture and address to vote. He wants to make that law more stringent because, right now, he said he could use his scuba card and an Amazon box with an address as a form of ID.

Mitchell also said he's focused on helping military members keep their residency in Idaho even when they are stationed in other states.

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Even that ceremony had its challenges.

When Chyze went to call in, her internet was barely working. She kept trying different devices like tablets, phones and computers to get it working right. Meanwhile in Lewiston, Charles was on a call with his parents, brothers and sisters and their families. The clock was ticking down on their 45 minute time slot.

Charles asked the facilitator how long the ceremony would take, and he said he could do it in 15 minutes.

But after continued delays, they had only 16 minutes left, with the clock still ticking. The facilitator said he could do all the legal necessities in a three minute ceremony.

"That's exactly what ended up happening," Charles said. "It worked perfectly."

They hopped on another Zoom call to have a reception — and the couple added one more story to tell about their unique union.

Their marriage made it easier for them to be reunited. Charles finally got a ticket to meet Chyze in the Philippines and had all of his paperwork done. He was about to fly in — he had only 43 days left (not that he's counting) — when a class 5 typhoon struck the country.

As the storm hit, Charles got phone calls from Chyze giving him updates on the situation until she ran out of battery. She couldn't charge her phone because there was no power. Charles didn't hear from her for three days.

Those three days of not knowing where Chyze was or how she was doing were the hardest for Charles since their time apart began.



Chyze Montuya Adkison stands outside her home in the Philippines after a storm passed over her family for eight hours.

"I realized how hard it was to do everything I had been doing without having her in my life."

CHARLES ADKISON

"I realized how hard it was to do everything I had been doing without having her in my life," he said.

Typhoon Rai, which formed Dec. 12 and known in the Philippines as Typhoon Odette, has killed at least 375 people, with 56 missing and 500 injured. The storm sustained winds at 121 mph and gusts as high as 168 mph, according to The Associated Press.

"Basically what happened in New Orleans is what happened to her village," Charles said.

Chyze's family and their church was hit hard by the typhoon. It will be four months before power can

be restored to the area. The church is hoping to purchase a generator to supply families with power so people can charge phones and flashlights. Charles started a GoFundMe page to help raise money for the generator.

Now Charles' trip to the Philippines to meet in-laws and have a wedding ceremony has evolved into bringing disaster aid and using his skills as a contractor to help repair some of the damage brought by the storm. Money the couple saved up for their wedding will be used for emergency services to help with the devastation. But they are still having a ceremony.

"Even if the wedding hall is collapsed and we have to use candlelight, I'm going to make it romantic no matter what," Charles said.

Having a large ceremony is a big part of the family-oriented culture in the Philippines.

"It's such a big part of her culture and part of her heart," he said. "Her having a big wedding is a huge gift I can give her."

After they meet together in the Philippines, for the first time since they've been married, it won't be the end of the story.

The U.S. requires proof that a couple has been physically together to file a green card. The process for marriage visas through the immigration system is so backed up because of the pandemic it will be another 2 year wait.

"Unless something changes, a total of four years is what we're expecting before we can live together as husband and wife," Charles said.

Through it all, Charles and Chyze's love and religious faith have helped them remain hopeful despite the struggles.

"There's an internal thing that happens when you have peace about something you shouldn't have peace about," he said.

One thing is for sure — they'll have plenty of stories to tell now.

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SHOOTING

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to a news release from Sheriff Brett Myers. Both made initial appearances Wednesday in Whitman County Superior Court, where Fields was charged with second-degree assault and drive-by shooting. Ludwig was charged with drive-by shooting and reckless driving.

According to the news release, law enforcement received a call around 11 p.m. Tuesday about an aggressive driving incident near the intersection of U.S. Highway 195 and Davis Way near Pullman. Shortly after that call, a second person called

911 to report being shot at by a passenger in the suspect's vehicle.

Authorities were able to quickly make contact with the alleged victim, who was driving with his family. They obtained a description of the vehicle and its occupants, which led WSU police to the suspects. Deputies then obtained a search warrant for the vehicle, in which they allegedly located two firearms, one of which was consistent with the type and caliber of firearm believed to be used in the shooting. No injuries were reported.

Mayor to veto repeal of grocery virus hazard pay

SEATTLE — The outgoing mayor of Seattle says she will veto City Council legislation that would have repealed the \$4 an hour hazard pay boost for grocery workers that has been in place for nearly a year.

The Seattle Times reported the City Council voted 8-0 last January to approve the mandatory hazard pay during the COVID-19 pandemic. Last week, Councilmembers voted to repeal that bump.

Durkan, in announcing on Wednesday her veto, cited the rise of the omicron variant and rising infection case numbers.

"Now is not the time to roll back the pay for these critical front-

line workers," Durkan said in a statement.

Other cities, mostly along the West Coast, including Los Angeles, Berkeley and Long Beach, Calif., had also approved similar hazard pay boosts for grocery workers.

Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda, who sponsored both the initial hazard pay ordinance and the repeal, said it was always intended to be temporary, "before vaccinations would be widely available."

On Wednesday, Mosqueda said she supports Durkan's veto, given the rapid spread of the omicron variant and new warnings and guidance from health officials. — AP

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