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As thousands fired under Inslee decree, Senate Freedom Caucus calls on governor to resign

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Mass-termination event is last straw -- senators cite failure of leadership

- Thousands of state employees get ax under Inslee vaccination mandate
Follows nearly 600 days of autocratic decisions in 'emergency' that never ends
Ferries on reduced schedule due to severe staffing shortage, other impacts expected
Governor has ignored Legislature, shut the people out of decision-making

OLYMPIA - As thousands of state employees get pink slips under Washington Gov. Jay Inslee's "get vaccinated or get fired" mandate, members of the Senate's Freedom Caucus are calling on the governor to resign.

The mass firings last Monday of state employees and others who balked at the governor's COVID-19 vaccination order already are creating a crisis in state government, as state agencies struggle to provide services under an Inslee-created staff shortage. The number of terminations was not available Tuesday morning, but press accounts indicate thousands got the ax at the end of their shifts.

"This mass-termination event is the straw that breaks the camel's back," said Sen. Doug Ericksen, R-Ferndale. "Never have we witnessed a failure of leadership in this state as we have seen under Gov. Jay Inslee. For nearly 600 days, he has used COVID emergency powers to establish autocratic rule, refusing to call the Legislature into special session, and shutting the people out."

"Inslee has done significant damage to the credibility of state government and has eroded the public's trust. Now he is firing thousands of public employees, without regard to the harm it will cause. This effort to punish can only be seen as the willful act of a failed governor. Inslee has failed miserably. We don't take this lightly. But the only thing that can allow our state to heal and move forward is for Jay Inslee to resign."

Inslee has been operating under COVID emergency authority since Feb. 29, 2020, allowing him to suspend state laws and issue sweeping executive orders. His authority was extended indefinitely by the Legislature in January under a controversial measure supported by most Democrats and opposed by all Republicans. Thursday

will mark the 600th day of the longest-running emergency in state history.

The result, Freedom Caucus members say, is a nightmare for the state and a challenge to the democratic principles outlined by the state constitution. They observe:

Ferries are operating on a reduced schedule due to staffing shortages, bus routes are being canceled, and other immediate impacts to state services are expected.

Public safety is threatened by the termination of law enforcement officials and workers at the state Department of Corrections.

The firings follow months of arbitrary decrees based on questionable or non-existent science that have forced thousands of businesses across the state to shutter for good.

Inslee has repeatedly refused to call the Legislature into a special session - and give the people a voice. When the Legislature met earlier this year, Inslee ordered construction of a cyclone fence around the Capitol, and stationed 600 National Guard troops to keep the public out.

Inslee is using his COVID powers to advance his controversial political agenda, and is purging law enforcement officials most likely to object to defunding police agencies and establishing central state government control.

No other state has gone to this extreme, as anyone who has ventured beyond the state's borders can see.

Inslee has yet to identify the criteria under which he will declare an "all-clear" and relinquish his emergency authority - meaning no end is in sight.

"We objected on principle in January when our colleagues voted to give Inslee emergency powers for as long as he wants them," said Sen. Jeff Wilson, R-Longview. "But I don't think any of us realized it would come to this, and I think many in the state Legislature are having second thoughts today. Other states are requiring vaccinations, but none of them have taken it to the level of mass terminations. When one person makes all the decisions, there can be no question who is at fault."

Other comments: "The governor and Democratic legislators have increased health risks and jeopardized public safety, while Inslee pats himself on the back as being the only person who can save us from COVID," said Sen. Phil For-

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American Legion National Commander visits Columbia Post #97

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER - American Legion Columbia Post 97 hosted its National Commander, Paul Dillard, on Nov. 1, as part of Hillard's statewide tour of American Legion posts. Dillard was accompanied by the state legion's Department Commander Rick Sucee, and Department Adjutant Jessie Horton.

Arriving the week prior to Veterans Day Dillard is bringing his message of "No Veteran Left Behind" and sharing his concerns about the rising suicide rates among veterans and how local posts can reach out to vulnerable veterans.

A recent United Service Organization (USO) report (uso.org) said that suicide rates among active-duty military have reached an all-time high since 9/11. The report said that over those past 20 years leading up to 2021, 30,177 active-duty military and veterans who served since 9/11 have died by suicide compared with 7,057



Courtesy Margi Allen/Columbia Post 97

Paul Dillard, left, American Legion National Commander, accepts a gift from Third District Vice Commander Denny Pittman and Columbia Post 97 Commander Gregg Wagg during a visit to the Brewster post as part of a statewide tour of American Legion posts.

killed in combat during that same two-decade period.

Dillard also works closely with the Child Welfare Fund which helps children of disabled veterans.

Last year the American Le-

gion joined forces with U.S. senators to address the suicide epidemic plaguing veterans. The result was Senate Bill 544 last October directing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate one week of the year

as Buddy Check Week. Among its provisions is more tools for the Veterans Crisis Line and more resources to help vets learn how to conduct wellness checks.

The bill still needs to clear the U.S. House before Congress recesses in December.

"We cannot let this legislation linger in Congress," said Dillard. "With a week dedicated to Buddy Checks across America, we will be able to reach even more veterans and save even more lives."

Dillard was elected National Commander of the American Legion last September at its 102nd national convention in Phoenix, Arizona, after serving as National Vice Commander since 2013. He joined the Navy in 1965 after graduating high school in Texas and served through four Vietnam campaigns including the Tet Offensive. He joined the American Legion in 1969.

According to his American

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Trolling for tots at Trunk or Treat

PATEROS - Every successful fisherman will tell you that the elements of a successful catch include choosing an attractive bait, making an effective presentation, and patience... plenty of patience. That's challenging enough on water, but on dry land? Steve Nieuwenhuis of Methow brought his tackle to the Pateros Trunk or Treat on Halloween, settled into a folding camp chair, baited his line, executed a well-placed cast in the path of unsuspecting trick or treaters...and began trolling for toddlers. As these following photos show, in spite of many who ignored the lure his patience paid off in pink when one little lady found the treat too tempting to avoid the trick.



Mike Maltais/QCH

Steve Nieuwenhuis baits his casting rod with a lure appropriate for his purposes.



A patient angler is not discouraged when potential catches just pass on by.



Finally! A pink-costumed, pony-tailed toddler goes for the retreating prize.



The trickster is revealed, and the toddler gets her treat.

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From Trunk or Treat to costume contest

Revelers make the most of Brewster, Pateros Halloween haunts



A Great White shark appears to be approaching its next victim during the afternoon feeding frenzy.

Mike Mauk/Brewster Chamber of Commerce

Costume contest winners from tots to tall people came dressed in some imaginative get-ups.

BY MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER/PATEROS – Trick or treaters turned out in force at both Brewster and Pateros for Halloween fun on Sunday, Oct. 31. In Brewster

it began with the costume contest in Legion Park where more than 100 participants competed for best costume awards in designated age divisions from 0-2 years and up. “I handed out 120 ribbons,” said Avis Christensen, one of

the costume judges.

Though Halloween fell on a Sunday, businesses up and down Main Street had their doors open and treats for all comers. The Brewster Fire Department was among the Main Street sweets dispen-

saries. The Brewster Police Department and Real Life set up tables in Legion Park where volunteers handed out candy, treats, and information. Trunk or Treat in front of the Legion building was a fixture

again this year.

Pateros Trunk or Treat in the horseshoe parking lot bordering the city’s new multi-purpose center provided a lively and intimate setting for Pateros trick or treaters this year. More than a dozen decorat-

ed vehicles played host to the parade of participants who sampled the variety of treats, chatted with friends, or gathered on the landscaped grounds. Several volunteers from the Pateros Fire Station were on hand doling out candy and good vibes.



Mike Maltais/QCH

Fire volunteers were in the thick of the giving at the Pateros Trunk or Treat.

Cong. Newhouse to host Veterans Listening Session with Congressman Mike Bost on Nov. 19

RICHLAND - Congressman Dan Newhouse will be hosting a Veterans Listening Session with Congressman Mike Bost, Ranking Member of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, and representatives from the VA to hear from Central Washing-

ton veterans.

This event is free and open to all Central Washington veterans and their families. Constituents are encouraged to pre-register for the event to secure their place: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/veterans-listening-session-](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/veterans-listening-session-tickets-180332498357)

[tickets-180332498357](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/veterans-listening-session-tickets-180332498357) Please note, due to COVID-19, there are capacity restrictions in place, subject to change at any time.

It will be held at the Richland Federal Building, 825 Jadwin Avenue, Richland on Friday, November 19, 5-7 p.m.

GOVERNOR

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tunato, R-Auburn. “He has been a boon to other states seeking to reduce their staffing shortages. Nebraska is actively recruiting our nurses, reducing our available staffed hospital beds. Orange County in Florida is targeting King County and Seattle police who are ‘looking to relocate due to the vaccine mandate’. While other states have issued guidance and are dealing with the problems COVID has created, it seems COVID is a crisis only in Washington, much of it created by Inslee’s heavy-handed actions.”

“Inslee isn’t responding to a crisis,” said Sen. Jim McCune, R-Graham. “He’s creating one. He sees this as a golden opportunity to sweep out public employees and others who object to his high-handed rule. And he doesn’t

care what a mess he makes in the process. There are many who have serious and well-founded objections to vaccination, and they could have been accommodated as they have been in other states. This is a disgrace. State employees don’t deserve pink slips. The governor does.”

“It’s heartbreaking,” said Sen. Mike Padden, R-Spokane Valley. “These callous decisions by the governor are having a devastating impact on working families. There are dedicated public servants who have worked for state government who will lose their ability to pay their mortgage or provide food for their family. Others are just a few years or months away from vesting in their retirement plans. Some have received medical advice from their personal doctors that they must now ignore in order to keep a job they love. This is wrong.”

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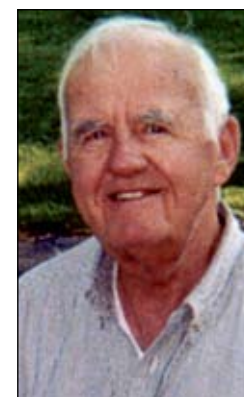
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Ciofas Abbott, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Years of Service: 18 Months.
Location: Philippines.
Medals/Commendations: Two Purple Hearts, Bronze Star, Marksman Badge.



Dan Bailliff, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Air Force.
Years of Service: Four Years.
Location: Tripoli, North Africa



Gordon Black, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Marine Corps.
Years of Service: Two and one half years.
Location: Pacific Theater. Medals/Commendations: Sharpshooter

Veterans will be honored on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at area schools:
American Legion Post #97 will be at the Bridgeport School on Wednesday, Nov 10 at 8 a.m.; and are scheduled to be at the Pateros School Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 1 p.m.

American Legion Post #108 Veterans Day Ceremony: Nov. 11
MANSON - American Legion Post #108 will hold a Veterans Day Ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m. at the American Legion Park. Guest speaker: Barry DePaoli, Superintendent of Lake Chelan School District.

Veterans Day Parade & Luncheon: Nov. 11
CHELAN - The **Veterans Day Parade**, put on by VFW Post #6853, and sponsored by the Lake Chelan Lions Club, will be held on Thursday, Nov.11, at 11 a.m. (11th hour/11th Day/11th Month). Bring your flag, be proud, and show your patriotism. Come celebrate with the Veterans of our community at Chelan's annual Veteran's Day Parade along Woodin Avenue. The parade will line up on Woodin Avenue by the U.S. Forest Service headquarters, come across the old bridge, go up Woodin Avenue, turn right onto Sanders Street and end at the Chelan Fire Station (corner of Sanders and Wapato). Parade lineup will begin at 10:30 a.m. Interested in being a participant in the parade? Contact Brian Thompson at bltznw@yahoo.com. **Luncheon:** Chelan District 7 Firefighters Association and Chelan Firefighters Local 4816 will prepare and serve free hamburgers and hotdogs to all veterans, currently serving military personnel and their immediate families, and first responders, at 11:30 a.m., immediately following the parade at the Chelan Fire Station, 232 E. Wapato Avenue. The public is also invited. A \$5 donation is suggested, but not required. Proceeds will be donated to Chelan VFW Post #6853. Masks are required indoors unless seated.



Hartley Swede Blankenship, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Marine Corps.
Years of Service: Five Years, eight months, 13 Days.
Location: Eltoro, Barbers Point, Guam, Ijima, Seoul. Medals/Commendations: Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Commendation Medal, etc.



Sgt. Daniel Brian Christenson, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Years of Service: 1967-68.
Location: Vietnam. Medals/Commendations: Bronze Star, Purple Heart. KIA: May 18, 1968.



Doug Clearwaters, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Years of Service: Two years.
Location: Stansted, England. Medals/Commendations: National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal.



Larry Eldred, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Years of Service: Four years.
Location: Pacific Island of Okinawa, part of the Ryukyu Islands chain south of Japan.



David Field, Retired
Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Years of Service: Three Years.
Location: Germany. Medals/Commendations: Good Conduct



David T. Firman, Deceased,
Branch of Service: Army Air Corps.
Years of Service: World War II (radar instructor). Location: Japan



Robert C. (Bob) Firman, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Army Air Corps.
Years of Service: 1942-end of war. Location: Flight officer for his squadron that flew transport planes (C-47s) from Burma to China



Vernon Firman, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Army.
Years of Service: World War I
Location: Did Basic Training at Fort Lewis, Wash.



Donald L. Forbush, Retired
Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Years of Service: 23 Years.
Location: 1969-1970 - Various assignments. Medals/Commendations: Three Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, various other awards.



William Forhan 1st Lt., Retired
Branch of Service: U.S. Army.
Years of Service: 1969 - 1972
Location of Service: Pershing Missile Platoon leader, Schwabebisch Gmuend, FRG. Service Battery Commander, Colorado National Guard 1972 - 1976.



Michael S. Forhan, E5, Retired
Branch of Service: US Navy. Years of Service: Six years. Location of Service: Naval Base Kitsap Bangor, USS Kentucky (Submarine). Medals or commendations: 2 Navy Marine Corp Achievement Medals, 3 Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, Meritorious Unit Commendation, and Navy "E" Ribbon



George Freeman, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Navy. Years of Service: 1944-46. Location of Service: U.S.S. Colorado, occupation of Japan, American Theater. Medals or commendations: Asiatic-Pacific Philippine Liberation



Robert Goedde, Retired
Branch of Service: U.S. Army.
Years of Service: 1969-1972.
Location: Vietnam 1970-1972. Medals/Commendations: NDSM, Bronze Star, RVN/CM/60, 10/5 Bar, VSM ARCOM



Jack Goehry, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Air Force. Years of Service: 20. Location: U.S., Libya, Sicily. Medals/Commendations: Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star, Six Air Medals.



Clyde W. Green, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Navy
Years of Service: Feb. 1944 to May 1946. Location: U.S.S. John Land, troop transport in the Philippines; Invasions of Sipan, Tinian, Pelelia, Leyte, Luzon, Iwo Jima. Medals/Commendations: Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal-5 stars, Philippine Liberation Medal-2 stars, WWII Victory Medal



Wally Hahn, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Years of Service: Two years. Location: Korea. Medals/Commendations: Good Conduct Medal.



Michael Harris, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Navy.
Years of Service: 20. Location: Pacific - West Coast



Freddie J. Hayter, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Air Force.
Years of Service: 24, 1953-1977.
Location: Mostly Radar Sites - U.S., Canada, Germany. Medals/Commendations: U.S. Defense Medal, Expedition-Ary, USAF Flight Crew Wings, AF Commendation Medal with 3 Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal, Marksman, and Good Conduct Medal.



Paul H. Kenck, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Army, Tec 4. Years of Service: May 27, 1944 - July 5, 1946. Location: 3195th Signal Service Co.-Italy. Medals/Commendations: European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, Good Conduct Medal. At 19 years of age he was the only one at his camp who knew how to keep the two generators running.



Nile E. Lambert, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Army Air Corps. 2nd Lt. Years of Service: 1941-1945. Location: Airplane Mechanic-Panama, Fighter Pilot-South Pacific Theater. Medals/Commendations: Air Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, 1 Bronze Star for New Guinea Campaign.



LeRoy Longbons, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Army.
Years of Service: 1941-1945.
Location: Arizona and overseas. Medals/Commendations: Service Stripe, Overseas Service Bar, American Campaign Medal, American Defense Ribbon, European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal with clasp, World War II Victory Medal.



Mary Longbons, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Army.
Years of Service: 1944-1945.
Location: Texas. Medals/Commendations: American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal.



Ervin G. 'Erv' McAivey, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Army Air Forces. Years of Service: 1941-1945. Location: U.S., England, North Africa, Algeria, Tunisia Sicily, Italy. Medals/Commendations: Good Conduct Medal with clasp, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Medal with 6 Battle Stars, WW II Victory Medal, 6 Overseas Service Bars with Army Air Force Technician Badge.



Jean (Firman) McClure, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Army Women's Air Corps. Years of Service: World War II. Location: Egypt



Richard McKinnon, Deceased.
Branch of Service: U.S. Army. Member of the 9494 TSU, stationed on island PYDO in Sea of Japan in Korea from 1954-1955.



C. Merle Morehouse, Retired
100 years young. Branch of Service: United States Navy. Years of Service: World War II Veteran



Raymond "Toad" O'Neal, Deceased
Branch of Service: Marine Corps. Years of Service: Two Years. Location: USS Indiana, Pacific Theater, World War II.



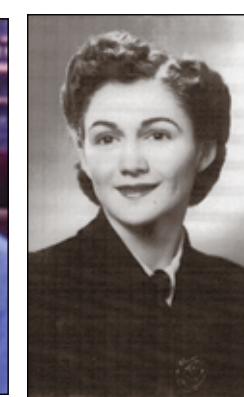
Charles A. Rist, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Navy. Years of Service: Three Years. Location: Viet Nam. Medals/Commendations: Viet Nam Service Medal



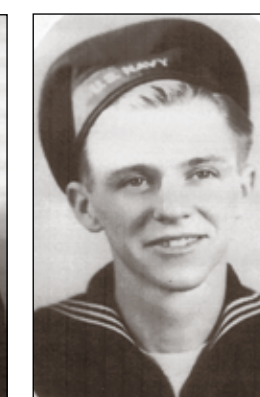
Brian Strausbaugh, Retired
Branch of Service: U.S. Navy. Years of Service: Twenty Years. Location: Pacific. Medals/Commendations: National Defense Service Medal, Viet Nam Service Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Good Conduct Medal (4), Air Crew Qualified



Brian Thompson, Retired
Branch of Service: U.S. Navy. Years of Service: Six years. Location: Various. Medals/Commendations: National Defense, Vietnam Service Medal, Expeditionary Medal



Lois (Monroe) Westerdaahl, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Navy. Years of Service: 1943-1945. Location: San Francisco, Calif.



Roy Westerdaahl, Deceased
Branch of Service: U.S. Navy. Years of Service: 1941-1945. Location: Pacific

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OBITUARIES

Shirlee Jeanice Long

March 22, 1931 ~ Oct. 28, 2021
 Shirlee Jeanice Long passed away peacefully on October 28, 2021 with her daughters at her side.
 Shirlee was born to Charles Harvey and Lavina Jane (Hanford) Jenkins on March 22, 1931. Shirlee attended Bridgeport schools where she would go home during lunch breaks to prepare lunch for her dad and brothers who worked the farm on Pearl Hill.
 Shirlee married a handsome red head, Roger Dale Long, on September 14, 1947 in Mansfield, Washington. Roger worked as a lineman and they moved several times before settling in Bridgeport.

They had three red haired daughters, Jane Dale (Steve) Jenkins of Loomis, Joyce Jean (Dennis) Hardie of Bridgeport, and Janet Yvonne McGregor of Electric City.
 Shirlee was preceded in death by her parents, five siblings, her husband Roger Long, and one daughter.
 She is survived by two daughters, 8 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and several great-great grandchildren.
 Shirlee loved to crochet and go fishing.
 Services for Shirlee Jeanice Long will be held next year around her birthday, March 22, 2022 at the Bridgeport Cemetery. Please check back on the Barnes Chapel website



for the exact date and time as we get closer to the service
 Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at www.barneschapel.com. Services are under the direction of Barnes Chapel of Brewster.

DEATH NOTICES

Jonathan Browning Horner

Jonathan Browning Horner, 74, of Brewster, Washington, passed away on Oct. 29, 2021. Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at www.barneschapel.com. Services are under the direction of Barnes Chapel of Brewster.

Robert Sloan

Robert Sloan, 77, of Bridgeport, Washington, passed away on Oct. 28, 2021. Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at www.barneschapel.com. Services are under the direction of Barnes Chapel of Brewster.

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Brewster Grange Holiday Bazaar canceled
 BREWSTER - The Brewster Grange will not be holding their annual Christmas Bazaar this year. Look for them in 2022.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Okanogan County Transportation & Nutrition meal delivery
 BREWSTER - Brewster Senior Center on Bridge Street is serving hot meals via Home Delivery on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please reserve your meal by calling 509-689-2815. Suggested donation for those over age 60 is \$8.50. For those 60 and under the cost is \$10. For more information about senior meal programs: Okanogan County

Transportation & Nutrition at 509-826-7979 or Aging & Adult Care of Central Washington at 800-572-4459.

Nov. 10-13 Senior Center Thrift Store
 BREWSTER - The Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center Thrift Store is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. They have a great selection of children's and adult clothing. Donations accepted when they are open. Check out their Christmas section.

Nov. 10 Brewster Chamber to meet
 BREWSTER - The next general meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, Nov. 10, 6 p.m. at Brewster Middle School. Everyone is welcome

and encouraged to attend. For more information brewsterwachamber@gmail.com or Mike Mauk at 509-449-0605

Nov. 12, 19 Brewster bus trips
 BREWSTER - OCTN takes Brewster area residents to Wenatchee, second Friday of the month. Next trip is Nov. 12. The bus starts picking folks up at their homes at 7:30 a.m. Riders may request destination(s); medical appointments etc. On the third Friday of each month, Nov. 19, riders will be taken to Omak for the day. Riders request their destination(s). Wenatchee: \$12/boarding for General Public, \$6 suggested donation/day for Seniors (60 plus). Omak: \$5.50/General Public, \$2.75 suggested donation Seniors (60 plus). (509) 826-4391 to reserve your seat.

Nov. 22 Okanogan County PUD meeting
 OKANOGAN - The next meeting of the Okanogan County PUD Board of Commissioners will be held Monday, Nov. 22, at 3 p.m. For more information okanoganpud.org

Nov. 22 Douglas County PUD meeting
 EAST WENATCHEE - The next meeting of the Douglas County PUD Commission is Nov. 22, 1:30 p.m. at the District's East Wenatchee office.

Dec. 13 Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee
 OKANOGAN - The Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee meets the second Monday of the month and is always looking for volunteers. The meetings are open to the public and begin at 6 p.m. in the Okanogan County Commissioners' hearing room, 123 N. Fifth Ave., Okanogan.

Lonnie C. Sloan

July 19, 1942 ~ September 30, 2021
 On September 30, 2021 Lonnie Sloan, loving husband, father and grandfather passed away at his home in Fresno, California from bone cancer at the age of 79.
 Lonnie was born on July 19, 1942 in Camas, Washington. He was the first born of 4 children to Ben and Jean Sloan. Shortly after he was born, they moved to Bridgeport, Washington where the Columbia River, wheat farming and fishing were central to life.
 He married his wife Sandy Driessen in 1959 in Brewster, Washington. Lonnie and Sandy moved to Pullman, Washington in 1962 to attend Washington State University. They raised 3 children, Scott, Shannon and Ryan.
 Lonnie received his B.S. in Agronomy in 1964 from Washington State University. He then started in sales for DuPont Ag Products. Lonnie retired from DuPont in 2004 after 40 years. He was a hardworking man and a great provider for his family.
 Lonnie truly enjoyed life. He enjoyed fishing, playing pickle ball, traveling with his wife in their motorhome and spending time with family and friends.
 Lonnie is survived by his wife Sandy of 62 years, his 3 children, Scott (Sara), Shan-

non (Karl) and Ryan (Amanda) and his six grandchildren, Emma (Nate), Eli (Maddie), Kaylee (Brett), Olivia, Logan and Evelyn. Lonnie is also survived by his brothers, Gary Sloan (Diane) and Bob Sloan; sister, Judy Sloan; brother-in-laws Gary Driessen (Glendal) and Elmo Cook. He also has many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.
 Lonnie will be greatly missed by all. For the full obituary of Lonnie Sloan and



to share memories or messages with the family or to upload pictures of Lonnie to share, please do so at <https://www.yostandwebb.com/obituary/lonnie-sloan>

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The greater good, for our children

DR. MICHELLE PRICE, SUPERINTENDENT, NORTH CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICT

If you haven't seen the 2000 movie, Pay It Forward, I encourage you to carve out an hour and a half of family time and watch it. It's the story of a middle school social studies teacher who gives his class an assignment to think of an idea that would change the world for the better and to put it into action. One young boy sets in motion an unprecedented wave of human kindness that makes a profound impact.

I bring this movie to your attention as an example of the impact being kind can have. It's time for us to put an end to this incivility that is happening as we continue to navigate the global pandemic and political landscape. There have been unprecedented impacts on our children, families, schools, businesses, community, and nation. Let's use grace and kindness for the greater good of our children and community.

School board members, superintendents, principals, teachers, and support staff are working incredibly hard to follow the federal and state

regulations as well as to meet the community expectations. They have regularly been under attack and treated as if they are the enemy. They are not. They are your friends, neighbors, and even relatives who care deeply for the children in our community. They are working tirelessly to provide a safe, high-quality learning environment for students and staff.

I challenge all of us to do a better job of modeling kindness and engaging in respectful civil discourse. Let's encourage open conversations, develop a culture of curiosity and openness, respect differences, and ensure that we seek to understand those who have perspectives and experiences vastly different than our own... with kindness.

Martin Linskey wisely states in his book Leadership on the Line: Staying Alive Through the Dangers of Leading, "No one learns only by staring in the mirror. We all learn—and are sometimes transformed—by encountering differences that challenge our own experience and assumptions." There is no question; we are in some extraordinary times in public education and as a country. We will be

challenged and pressed to the limits of our ability, skills and energy; however, I am confident that these challenges bring us new opportunities to re-invent ourselves as a system and work collectively to meet the needs of our most precious asset, our children.

The greatest strength of public education in the North Central Washington region is our people. We have teams of dedicated administrators, talented teachers, and committed support staff who will work in partnership with parents and the greater community to strengthen our educational excellence. Thank you for your support of our region's public schools; and thank you for modeling kindness. Our children are watching and listening!

About Dr. Michelle Price and the North Central Educational Service District

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THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

Are we losing a trophy fishery?

By JOHN KRUSE, THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

The Columbia River from the Tri-Cities to Portland and the Snake River below Lower Goose Dam offer a world-class, trophy walleye fishery that draws anglers from all over the United States and Canada. These anglers are all hoping to catch a winter walleye that can weigh up to 20 pounds. Unfortunately, this fishery appears to be in decline.

The walleye is a toothy fish prized for its delicious white meat. However, until the middle of the 1970's nobody was fishing for them on the Columbia or Snake Rivers. That's when pioneering Northwest walleye guides like Ed Iman and Gordon Steinmetz began targeting these fish and created widespread interest among anglers for them.

Today, there are a number of catch and release walleye tournaments that occur on both rivers. Recreational anglers routinely target them for dinner and many full-time guides have turned their attention to walleye to satisfy the increased demand from clients for them.

The walleye is not native to the Pacific Northwest and is also a predator fish. In the Columbia River walleye feed on perch, suckers, sculpins and shad as well as salmon and steelhead smolt that are migrating downstream. This last fact is critical in a time of low adult salmon and steelhead returns with several of these runs threatened or endangered.

Steve Caromile, the Inland Fish Program Manager for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, says their agency is, "Prioritizing the protection and restoration of endangered species over managing fisheries for non-native species".

That is why Washington changed the regulations for walleye, smallmouth bass and channel catfish in 2016. You can now keep as many of these fish as you want if they are caught out of a river, stream or beaver pond, with no minimum size restrictions. This rule, meant to increase the number of salmon smolt migrating to the ocean, could also benefit the endangered Southern Resident Orcas which eat Chinook salmon as their main diet.

This rule change is definitely having impacts on the number and size of walleye being caught out of the Columbia and Snake Rivers. Walleye guide Willie Ross, who fishes The Dalles and



Courtesy Ted Beach

Ted Beach caught this ten-pound walleye on the Lower Snake River near Lyons Ferry.

John Day pools of the Columbia, says he is definitely catching fewer fish now than he did 10 years ago. Walleye tournament angler Ted Beach fishes the Lower Snake River and the Columbia near the Tri-Cities. He states, "We've seen a decline in the walleye population and the size of the walleye we are catching."

Walleye experts like Ross, Beach and Ed Iman also question how much of an impact walleye actually have on salmon smolt. None of them see big numbers of salmon or steelhead smolt in the stomachs of the walleye they clean. Existing studies are not clear as to how much of a walleye's diet is made up of salmon or steelhead smolt but a 2004 study showed walleye had less of an impact on salmon smolt than northern pikeminnow and smallmouth bass did and that salmonoids made up 13.8 percent of a walleye's diet in the Lower Columbia.

Meanwhile, a 2019 study by the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission shows the main culprit when it comes to smolt predation are not walleye or bass, but instead birds like the Caspian tern, gulls, mergansers, cormorants and pelicans which together account for 50 percent of the total mortality of outgoing steelhead smolt. Efforts to control huge colonies of these birds along the Columbia River have been largely unsuccessful.

Other factors are also impacting the Columbia River trophy walleye fishery. There is a small tribal commercial fishery for walleye using gill-nets. Reduced salmon and steelhead returns has also resulted in more full-time fishing guides turning to the trophy walleye fishery in the winter months and early spring. This is when the female fish are full of eggs and heavier than any other time of year. The guides are adept at getting walleye

into the boat and a number of them will keep the big fish instead of releasing them. The take of larger walleye, whether it be by guides, recreational anglers or commercial netting, further drives down the number of these slow growing fish which can take well over a decade to reach a size of ten pounds or better.

Put all of this together and the future is not bright for our world-class trophy walleye fishery. However, even if the glory days of walleye fishing are behind us on the Columbia and Snake Rivers, there are still lots of walleye to be found, and some of them are still trophies.

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Mike Maltais/QCH

It's not difficult to spot the National Commander's wheels used on his statewide tour.

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Legion biography, Dillard held many post positions before being elected Department of Texas Commander in 2007. On the national level he served on more than a half dozen committees, commissions, or councils

during his rise through the ranks to National Commander.

His Columbia Post 97 hosts treated Dillard to a dinner of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy with side dishes and desserts provided by the Unit 97 Auxiliary. Honorary guests included Brewster Police Chief Marcos Ruiz, and Okanogan County Undersheriff.



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Supreme Court Takes Aim at Restrictive New York Concealed-Carry Gun Law

Aalayah Eastmond speaks as gun violence survivors gather in front of the Supreme Court ahead of oral arguments in NYSRPA v. Bruen in Washington on Nov. 3, 2021.

MATTHEW VADUM

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The Supreme Court seemed receptive to arguments that New York state's tough concealed-carry gun permitting system violates the Second Amendment during a court hearing on Nov. 3.

The legal challenge is important because it could result in a nationwide recognition of the right of Americans to possess guns outside the home and carry guns in public places such as parks, schools, shopping malls, and churches.

The Supreme Court has been strengthening Second Amendment protections in recent years and observers say the court's 6-3 conservative supermajority could help expand gun ownership protections.

In *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008), the Supreme Court held that the Second Amendment protects "the individual right to possess and carry weapons in case of confrontation," and in *McDonald v. City of Chicago* (2010), it held that this right "is fully applicable to the States."

This case is *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*, court file 20-843, on appeal from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit.

It comes amid rising crime rates, activist demands to defund police departments, and a Biden administration push to strengthen gun control policies.

New York state's gun permit law, like laws in seven other states, generally requires an applicant to prove "proper cause" in order to obtain a license to carry a concealed handgun in public.

The specific issue before the court is whether the state's denial of the petitioning individuals' applications for concealed-carry licenses for self-defense violates the Second Amendment.

Respondent Kevin Bruen heads the New York State Police. Founded in 1871, the lead petitioner, the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, describes itself as "the state's largest and nation's oldest firearms advocacy organization," and as the official National Rifle Association (NRA) affiliated state association in New York.

Arguments ran 48 minutes overtime, perhaps reflecting the importance of the constitutional rights under discussion. Sick at home, Justice Neil Gorsuch participated by telephone.

Representing petitioners at the hearing Nov. 3 was Paul Clement, U.S. solicitor general in the second term of

then-President George W. Bush.

Clement said the Constitution is on his clients' side.

"The text of the Second Amendment enshrines a right not just to keep arms but to bear them, and the relevant history and tradition, exhaustively surveyed by this court in the *Heller* decision, confirmed that the text protects an individual right to carry firearms outside the home for purposes of self-defense," he said.

That history "is so clear that New York no longer contests that carrying a handgun outside of the home for purposes of self-defense is constitutionally protected activity," Clement said. "But that concession dooms New York's law which makes it a crime for a typical law-abiding New Yorker to exercise that constitutional right."

New York Solicitor General Barbara Underwood confirmed to Justice Amy Coney Barrett that she was "quite content" to say the *Heller* case "was rightly decided."

Clement said New York likens its law to laws restricting weapons in sensitive places, "but the difference between a sensitive-place law and New York's regime is fundamental."

"It is the difference between regu-

lating constitutionally protected activity and attempting to convert a fundamental constitutional right to a privilege that can only be enjoyed by those who can demonstrate to the satisfaction of a government official that they have an atypical need for the exercise of that right.

"That is not how constitutional rights work. Carrying a firearm outside of the home is a fundamental constitutional right. It is not some extraordinary action that requires an extraordinary demonstration of need. Petitioners here seek nothing more than [what] their fellow citizens in 43 other states already enjoy."

Justice Sonia Sotomayor suggested Clement oversimplified the history of concealed-carry restrictions.

Most of those 43 states "didn't give unrestricted rights to carry in one form or another until recent times. ... I don't know how I get past all that history you are, sort of, making it up."

Later in the hearing, Underwood said limits on carrying firearms in public go back 700 years, to "the 14th-century statute of Northampton, which prohibited carrying arms in fairs and markets and other public gathering places, to similar laws adopted

by half of the American colonies and states in the founding period, to later state laws that relaxed restrictions for people who had a concrete need for armed self-defense."

Justices Samuel Alito and Brett Kavanaugh zeroed in on the seeming bureaucratic arbitrariness in New York's granting of concealed-carry licenses.

If someone works late at night in high-crime Manhattan, why shouldn't that person be able to get a concealed-carry permit, Alito asked Underwood.

Being in a crime-ridden area doesn't justify the issuance of a permit, Underwood replied.

"The core right to self-defense ... doesn't allow for all ... to be armed for all possible confrontations in all places."

Alito agreed, but asked, "Does it mean that there is the right to self-defense for celebrities and state judges and retired police officers, but pretty much not for the kind of ordinary people who have a real, felt need to carry a gun to protect themselves?"

"Proliferating guns in a populated area where there is law enforcement jeopardizes law enforcement," she added.

"Why isn't it good enough to say, 'I live in a violent area and want to be able to defend myself?'" Kavanaugh asked.

Having plenty of concealed guns increases the chance of problems such as fights breaking out, Underwood said.

"With any constitutional right, if it's [left to] the discretion of an individual officer, that seems inconsistent with an objective constitutional right," Kavanaugh said.

Alito pointed out that in Underwood's brief, it states that in founding-era America, legal reference guides told local officials to "arrest all such persons as in your sight shall ride or go armed."

Alito said he looked up the cited guide from 1814, "A Manual of the Laws of North Carolina," by John Haywood, "and what it actually says is 'you shall arrest all such persons as in your sight shall ride or go armed offensively.'"

"Somehow, that word 'offensively' got dropped from your brief," he said.

"If any possession of weapons outside the home was illegal, then there would be no need to put in the term 'offensively,'" Alito said.

Report of Problems With Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Trial Being Investigated: Contract Company

ZACHARY STIEBER

Alleged problems with a major clinical trial examining Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine are being probed, a contract company involved in the research has confirmed.

Ventavia Research Group operated several of the trial sites in the fall of 2020. Brook Jackson, who worked for the company during this time, told the *British Medical Journal* that the trial was riddled with issues, including the falsification of data.

Jackson said she alerted the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to the problems she witnessed and was fired within hours.

Ventavia confirmed to The Epoch Times that it employed Jackson for two weeks last year. Lauren Foreman, director of business development and communications, said in an email that Ventavia is investigating Jackson's allegations.

"Ventavia takes research compliance, data integrity, and participant safety very seriously and stands behind its important work supporting

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A health care worker prepares a dose of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine in Los Angeles on Jan. 7, 2021.

the development of lifesaving vaccines and is conducting its investigation accordingly," she said.

The FDA appeared to confirm it was aware of the matter.

"Although the agency cannot com-

ment further at this time in this ongoing matter, FDA has full confidence in the data that were used to support the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine authorization and the Comirnaty approval," a spokeswoman told The

Epoch Times in an email.

Ventavia worked on the trial that led to emergency use authorization (EUA) for Pfizer's jab. The FDA later approved the shot, though many or all of the doses being administered in the United States continue to be the EUA-version.

Pfizer didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Jackson, who had worked with clinical trials for over 15 years, told the *British Medical Journal* she repeatedly raised concerns with her superiors about what she was witnessing, including patient safety concerns. She began to feel her reports were being ignored and began taking photographs using her phone. One photograph apparently showed that needles were discarded in a plastic bag instead of a box, while another was said to have showed packaging materials that revealed trial participants' identification numbers, signaling they may have been unblinded.

Jackson listed 12 concerns she had in a Sept. 25 message to the FDA,

including participants not being monitored after receiving an injection and vaccines not being stored at proper temperatures. She also alleged that Ventavia staff members were targeted by higher-ups for reporting problems.

Jackson said the FDA sent her an email acknowledging receipt of the list and she received a call from an FDA inspector, but she has heard nothing from the agency since then.

The Epoch Times has submitted a Freedom of Information Act request concerning Jackson's email to the FDA and internal communications from the agency regarding the message.

The FDA said in August it inspected nine of the trial's 153 sites. None of Ventavia's sites were inspected.

The inspections were limited "because the study was ongoing, and the data required for verification and comparison were not yet available to the IND [investigational new drug]," an FDA officer wrote in a summary of the inspections.

Some pharmaceutical companies have seen inspections waived or FDA officials deciding to conduct an inspection remotely. Philip Crooker, technical vice president of Paraxel, told a forum in December 2020. Inspections of domestic sites plunged to 6,574 in 2020 from 13,001 in 2019, according to FDA data.

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Durham Grand Jury Indicts ‘Steele Dossier’ Source Igor Danchenko

JACK PHILLIPS

An analyst who was a source for the infamous 2016 “Steele dossier” that contained allegations against then-presidential candidate Donald Trump has been arrested on charges stemming from special counsel John Durham’s investigation.

A grand jury indictment issued in a federal court in Virginia charges Igor Danchenko, a Russian analyst, with five counts of false statements. The case was brought as part of Durham’s investigation into the origins of the FBI’s probe into alleged ties between Russia and Trump’s 2016 presidential campaign.

Specifically, Danchenko was charged with misleading FBI officials about the sources of the information he provided to former UK spy Christopher Steele. He was interviewed multiple times by FBI officials in 2017 as they attempted to corroborate the allegations in Steele’s dossier.

According to the indictment, Danchenko’s alleged lies “were material to the FBI because ... the FBI’s investigation of the Trump Campaign relied” on the dossier to obtain warrants to surveil former Trump aide Carter Page.

“The FBI ultimately devoted substantial resources attempting to investigate and corroborate the allegations contained in” the dossier, including whether Danchenko’s sub-

sources were reliable, the indictment states. The dossier and information provided by Danchenko “played a role in the FBI’s investigative decisions and in sworn representations that the FBI made to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court throughout the relevant time period.”

The Epoch Times has contacted the Department of Justice and Danchenko lawyer Mark Schamel for comment.

Danchenko provided information to Steele, who was hired by Fusion GPS to conduct opposition research on members of the Trump campaign during the 2016 election. Fusion GPS was, in turn, retained by law firm Perkins Coie on behalf of the Democratic National Committee.

Steele’s memos, collectively known as the Steele dossier, alleged that Trump had colluded with Russian intelligence officials to help him defeat then-candidate Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election. However, Trump has long panned the allegations in the dossier as a long-running “witch hunt” designed to discredit his presidency and suppress his reelection chances.

Numerous claims in the dossier turned out to be false, triggering criminal, congressional, and inspector general investigations into how the reports were used for the basis of a surveillance campaign targeting Trump campaign officials.



John H. Durham, then U.S. attorney for the District of Connecticut, in this file photo.

Steele gave the dossier to the FBI, which then used it as the basis for a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act court order to surveil former Trump campaign aide Carter Page. In 2019, the Department of Justice’s Inspector General’s Office released a lengthy report that criticized the FBI’s processes in handling the surveillance of Page.

Danchenko previously told the FBI that he had acquired the infor-

mation that was used in the dossier by “word of mouth and hearsay” from his sources in Russia, according to the inspector general’s report. But affidavits filed earlier this year said that sources for Danchenko denied having provided any information that was used in the dossier.

All of Danchenko’s sub-sources have now denied—under penalty of perjury—that they provided

Danchenko with any information that was attributed to them in Steele’s dossier, according to court documents filed earlier in 2021. Before, Steele claimed in testimony that Danchenko’s sources were “Russians with ‘personal knowledge of and/or direct access to the relevant information’ and that they included ‘top-level’ Russian government officials ‘at the peak of the vertical of power.’”

Danchenko is now the third person who has been charged in connection to Durham’s probe. In September, Durham’s office charged former Perkins Coie attorney Michael Sussmann, alleging that he gave false information when he spoke with then-FBI General Counsel James Baker in 2016. Sussmann has pleaded not guilty to a charge of lying to the FBI.

Prosecutors involved in Durham’s probe said during a court hearing last month that they’re planning to call Baker, who now works for Twitter’s legal department, to testify in the Sussmann case. The indictment against Sussmann alleges that he lied to Baker when he provided data that linked the Trump Organization to a Russian bank.

In 2020, former FBI lawyer Kevin Clinesmith was found guilty of altering an email related to the Trump-Russia investigation, known as Crossfire Hurricane, although he was spared prison during sentencing earlier this year.

Lawsuits Pile Up After White House Sets COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate Deadline

JACK PHILLIPS

Numerous lawsuits have been filed against the Biden administration over vaccine mandates for private employers and federal contractors that are set to be published in the federal register on Nov. 5.

The attorneys general of Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee announced they would take legal action against the White House over the rule and filed a lawsuit in a bid to challenge President Joe Biden’s rule affecting federal contractors.

The Biden administration unveiled details of its federal COVID-19 mandate on Nov. 4, providing a Jan. 4, 2022, deadline for federal contractors and health care employees who work at Medicare- and Medicaid-funded facilities. At the same time, the Occupational

Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued a rule requiring businesses with 100 or more employees to make sure all workers are vaccinated or submit to weekly testing, affecting tens of millions of workers.

“Unless we intervene, federal contractors in Tennessee will be forced to make sense of the mandate’s many inconsistencies that require their entire workforce be vaccinated or face potential blacklisting and loss of future federal contracts,” Tennessee Attorney General Herbert H. Slatery III said in a statement.

Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron said that he takes “the issue of federal overreach seriously,” while Ohio AG Dave Yost joined the lawsuit, saying that “the Biden administration may not do what-

ever it wants, however it wants.”

“The Constitution lays out critical rules by which the executive branch must operate,” Yost said. “Congress and the states have their own powers, which the administration can’t just take over because it wants to.”

Congress and the states have their own powers, which the administration can’t just take over because it wants to.

Ohio AG Dave Yost

Despite the widespread pushback, Biden framed the issue as a choice between getting more people vaccinated or prolonging the COVID-19

pandemic, although numerous studies—including some published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—have shown that vaccines don’t prevent transmission of the virus.

“While I would have much preferred that requirements not become necessary, too many people remain unvaccinated for us to get out of this pandemic for good,” Biden said in a statement.

In addition to the three attorneys general, Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt said he would sue the administration over its mandate on private employers.

“The federal government does not have the authority to unilaterally force private employers to mandate their employees get vaccinated or foot the bill for weekly testing,” Schmitt wrote in his statement, adding that a number

of businesses in Missouri have voiced concerns about the rule.

“We will be on file first thing tomorrow morning to halt this illegal, unconstitutional attempt by the Biden Administration and the federal government to impose their will on thousands of Missouri businesses and millions of Missourians,” Schmitt added on Nov. 4. “Missouri will not roll over, we will not back down—we will file suit imminently.”

Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich, who filed a lawsuit against Biden’s mandates after he announced them in early September, said he would sue the administration on Nov. 5, according to a statement.

South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem, a Republican, announced via a Twitter video that her administration would join a lawsuit against the mandate, which she described as unconstitutional.

The Republican National Committee also said it would sue the administration and characterized the rule as an “attack on front-line workers, first responders, small businesses, and the rights of the American people.”

DHS Sees No Rise in Violence Against Educators, but Federal Probe Continues

KEN SILVA

Department of Homeland Security Counterterrorism Coordinator John Cohen said on Nov. 3 that the DHS hasn’t found evidence of rising violence against educators—refuting the ostensible reason that Attorney General Merrick Garland launched an ongoing investigation into the matter.

Cohen’s remarks came during a House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence hearing on domestic terrorism in response to questions from Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.), who asked about Garland’s decision last month to open an investigation into violence against educators. The probe comes at a time when parents groups have increased pressure on school boards over the teaching of critical race theory and the imposition of

mask mandates, among other issues.

Garland cited a “disturbing spike” in harassment and threats of violence as his reason for opening the probe, but Cohen said at the hearing that his department has found no evidence of widespread violence.

Cohen said: “We did reach out to state and local law enforcement. There have been some sporadic instances of violence at school board meetings and in educational facilities. However, the information that we received is that state and local law enforcement were not seeing widespread action.”

Responding to questions from Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.), Cohen said the DHS hasn’t seen any quantifiable evidence of a rise in death threats.

Cohen’s statements mark the latest development undermining Garland’s reason for launching an investiga-

tion—an action critics accuse of being politically motivated and chilling free speech.

Last month, Garland admitted that the evidence underpinning his claims of rising threats of violence was a letter from the National School Boards Association (NSBA) sent to the Biden administration—a letter characterizing protesting parents as domestic terrorism threats and calling for the FBI to use statutes such as the Patriot Act.

Since then, the NSBA has retracted and apologized for the letter. A group of 17 state attorneys general has also called for Garland to rescind his memo, saying it “chills lawful dissent.” Nevertheless, the federal probe continues. Garland defended his actions at an Oct. 27 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, saying that the NSBA’s follow-up apology letter “does

not change the association’s concern about violence and threats of violence.”

Republican lawmakers demanded answers in a Nov. 1 letter to the DOJ, requesting internal emails and other records related to the probe.

Lawmakers also questioned FBI Assistant Director of Counterterrorism Timothy Langan about the matter at the Nov. 3 hearing.

Stefanik asked why the Department of Justice hadn’t closed the investigation, given that the NSBA has retracted its letter, but Langan said that question would have to be referred to the DOJ. Stefanik then asked Langan whether he thinks the investigation should be closed, to which Langan replied that he “doesn’t want to speak for the AG.”

Langan also said he didn’t know

whether any state or local governments had reached out to federal authorities for assistance dealing with threats of violence against educators.

When Stefanik raised questions about the status of a series of meetings Garland directed federal law enforcers to hold across more than 94 state, local, and other jurisdictions, Langan said he didn’t know how many had taken place.

The FBI official said the district U.S. Attorneys’ Offices were to coordinate those meetings, which is why he didn’t have much information.

Later in the hearing, Stefanik pointed out that Garland’s memo directed the FBI to work “with” the U.S. Attorneys’ Offices to hold the meetings. “So the FBI is directing this,” she said.

Langan maintained that the U.S. attorneys are the ones handling the meetings.

“The FBI’s not directing this. It’s the U.S. Attorney’s Office that, in my understanding, was going to direct and format the meetings—and we would react,” he said.

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How to get rid of pesky warts

Over a year ago, I noticed a small round, raised spot on the pad of my right index finger. Hard, flat, and a light gray, it wasn't a blister or part of a rash. It didn't itch or burn but felt rougher than the skin around it. A month later, it was still there.

Two months later, it was still there. It stayed just like it was: a small, round, raised, flat, and light gray spot on the pad of my finger.

Hmm... Could it be a wart? When I showed it to my doctor, he confirmed it. That spot on my finger was a wart.

I'm not alone. After acne, warts are the most common and annoying skin condition that people want to get rid of.

Warts are a viral infection of the outer layer of your skin. Human papillomavirus or HPV is responsible for creating a wart. Skin infected by HPV grows into a thickened mass that eventually juts out from the normal skin surrounding it.

Warts can be different colors, like light gray, yellow, brown, even gray-black. More often found on your hands and feet, children are more likely to have warts than adults.

There are several main types of warts found in humans. These include common warts, flat warts, palmar (on the palm of your hand) warts, plantar (on the sole of your foot) warts, and genital warts. Although most warts are relatively flat, some grow outward, creating a "bushy," cauliflower-like appearance.

Even though they are considered unsightly, most warts are harmless. Although they aren't dangerous, warts can be pretty inconvenient if they appear on your face or grow on a weight-bearing surface, like the bottom of your foot. When a wart creates pressure or pain when you walk on it, it should be removed as soon as reasonably possible.

How do you remove a wart? Most treatments work by damaging or destroying the infected skin. This is believed to trigger your immune system to address the wounded area, attacking the HPV virus helping to eliminate it.

If you do nothing, nearly half of all warts will eventually go away by themselves, without any treatment, within about 2 years for children and within 2-5 years for adults.

Most wart treatments involve applying a topical product to the wart for several weeks to around 3 months. The most common method is to attack the wart with a caustic liquid or gel containing salicylic acid. Some products contain either 17% or 40% salicylic acid as a concentrated liquid or patch, like Compound W® and Dr. Scholl's Clear Away®.

When using salicylic acid, always cover the treated area with a close-fitting bandage. You can even use duct tape.

Another approach is to apply an icy liquid to the wart first, such as Dr. Scholl's Freeze Away® or Compound W's Nitrofreeze®. You can follow that with applying a salicylic acid product.



This will work for most people, but some warts stubbornly refuse to die. Contact your doctor for the removal of painful or persistent warts. A physician uses liquid nitrogen to freeze the wart, called cryotherapy.

Here are 7 Tips to Help Treat Warts Effectively:

1.Remove the Top Layer First.

To enhance the penetration of your remedy into the wart, ALWAYS soak it in warm water for at least 5-10 minutes, and then remove the upper layers of the wart with sandpaper or an emery board.

2.Never Reuse Emery Board or Sandpaper.

I prefer to use sandpaper so I can throw it away. DON'T reuse the sandpaper or emery board you just used on your wart! It is now contaminated with the HPV virus and could re-infect you.

3.Protect Your Skin.

Avoid using abrasives like sandpaper or emery boards on the normal skin around your wart. Apply your treatment ONLY to the wart itself; injur-

ing nearby healthy skin makes it easier for a wart to spread.

4.Be Patient.

It takes weeks to respond to wart removal treatments and up to 3 months for warts to completely go away, and no treatment works on everyone. If you don't notice improvement after 2 months, try something else or contact your doctor.

5.Try Salicylic Acid First.

Concentrated salicylic acid products have the best track record for removing warts. Apply 40% salicylic acid gel, then cover with a bandage. For sensitive skin, use a product containing 17% salicylic acid.

6.Combine Your Approach.

For stubborn warts, freezing it first, then applying a topical agent will give better results than using either approach alone.

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy, is a 42-year veteran of pharmacology and author of Why Dogs Can't Eat Chocolate: How Medicines Work and How YOU Can Take Them Safely. Get clear answers to your medication questions at her website and blog TheMedicationInsider.com. ©2021 Louise Achey

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