

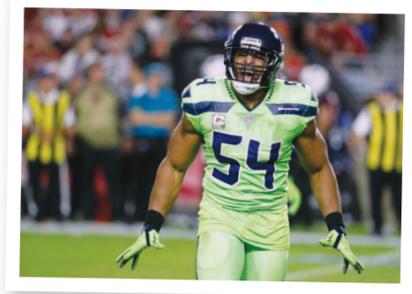


## CLE ELUM ROUNDUP

Winners emerged as the Cle Elum Roundup finished its second year. **SPORTS, PAGE B1**

## SEAHAWKS CAMP

Bobby Wagner was back practicing Sunday after finishing up his \$54 million contract extension. **SPORTS, PAGE B1**



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# Jazz in the Valley about the people



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Trombonist Randy Oxford showcases his talent during the 22nd annual Jazz in the Valley this past weekend in Ellensburg.

## Ellensburg a special place to play for the musicians

By **RODNEY HARWOOD**  
staff writer

Bob Bruya brought that Brooklyn sound home, laying down bass lines so smooth Ludwig van Beethoven had to be smiling from the grave.

Word has it national and international vocalist Patti Allen is going to scale back her schedule to spend more time at home with the grandkids. But not this weekend. The first female inducted into the Washington Blues Society Hall of Fame (1996) blew the lid off the top end with a voice that produced such force audiences were waiting for glass to shatter.

And of course Grammy Award nominee Bruce Babad closed down the 22nd annual Jazz in the Valley festival with the sweet sounds that reminded jazz enthusiasts why he is one of the most in-demand saxophone players in Southern California, bouncing notes off the Cascades on a clear Sunday afternoon.

With 28 performances crossing eight genres of music, this year's Jazz in the Valley committee hit another one out of the park with rock 'n' roll acts like Jr. Cadillac, who once backed Chuck Berry on West Coast gigs and opened for the likes of the Kinks and Beach Boys.

The weekend featured all points in between. The Randy Oxford Reunion

turned loose creative juices of Patti Allen, Rafael Tranquilino, Lissa Ramaglia, Bobby Lindstrom, Angelo Ortiz and Eddie Mendoza.

"This is my favorite festival of the summer because they run it so well, and they treat the musicians so well," said Oxford, who is a Washington Blues Society Hall of Famer with a reputation as a jam host on the Legendary Blues Cruises. "What makes it fun for me, being from the Northwest, is the variety of music they have here. It's not just jazz. It's rock 'n' roll, it's reggae, there's swing and traditional."

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## Paddleboard deaths increase; life jackets required for users

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Drowning by people using stand-up paddleboards has increased and authorities say it's because the victims did not use a life jacket.

The U.S. Coast Guard recorded 11 total paddleboard fatalities in the nation in 2017 but three already this year in western Washington, the Seattle Times reported. All three involved people who drowned while not wearing a life vest.

Jim Emmons, outreach director for the Water Sports Foundation, based in Orlando, Florida, said people buy paddleboards and do not realize the risks.

"People come into the big box stores, the club stores like Costco, in what we call a 'no service environment,'" he said. "They've got a party next weekend, they don't know anything about boating, don't know anything about paddling."

At such stores, there likely will not be signs warning customers that the Coast Guard requires paddleboard users to carry a life jacket. Emmons said he's sending letters to executives of major chain stores asking them to put up some kind of warning.

"It could something as simple as putting on the bottom of the receipt about using a life jacket," he said.

Modern stand-up paddleboarding traces its origins to Hawaii. By 2015, just under 3 million people had tried paddleboards, according to Small Craft Advisory, a website for boating law administrators.

The Coast Guard classified paddleboards as vessels in 2008. The agency required users to wear a life jacket or attach it to the board. Paddleboarders younger than 13 must wear the life jacket.

"People are shocked that it's a requirement," said Sgt. Kevin Haistings of the Seattle Police Department Harbor Patrol. "They think that the paddleboards are toys. We do the education."

Not wearing a life jacket, or believing you can quickly put it on, is taking a chance, he said. Users could die if they hit their head and lose consciousness, experience cold water shock or panic, he said.

A 2014 study by the University of Washington and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center said many adults reject life jackets. They call them uncomfortable, consider themselves expert swimmers or make poor choices because of alcohol.

Not wearing a life jacket on a paddleboard can result in an \$87 fine.

**Not wearing a life jacket on a paddleboard can result in an \$87 fine.**

## Scientists warn Oregon is lagging in disaster preparedness

By **SARAH ZIMMERMAN**  
Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. — Oregon state lawmakers abandoned a multimillion-dollar project to develop early warning systems for earthquakes and wildfires, and scientists warn that the funding shake-up could endanger public safety and put Oregon further behind other West Coast states in preparing for natural disasters.

Researchers were shocked when nearly \$12 million to expand ShakeAlert and AlertWildfire — early warning systems to help detect significant earthquakes and wildfires — unexpectedly went up in smoke last month, just days before the end of the legislative session. Money for the projects was included as part of a larger funding package, but was stripped in a last-minute amendment.

Disaster preparedness has continually been a focal point as Western states are poised to enter



A helicopter heads back to a water source to get more water to dump on a wildfire near the Dorena Grange near Cottage Grove, Ore. on May 10. A last-minute change in legislative funding has scientists worried that Oregon will remain behind other West Coast states in preparing for deadly earthquakes and wildfires.

the hottest and driest months of wildfire season. And two massive earthquakes in remote areas of

Southern California this month reminded the public it's only a matter of time before the next

destructive quake hits.

"We don't know when the next big earthquake or wildfire will strike, but we know it will happen at some point," said Douglas Toomey, a seismologist and earth sciences professor at the University of Oregon who helps run both early warning detection systems. And Oregon is "woefully" unprepared, he said.

Gov. Kate Brown, who included the \$12 million in funding for the projects in her proposed budget last year, has told reporters the decision not to expand the early detection systems was one of the "biggest disappointments" of this year's legislative session.

ShakeAlert and AlertWildfire are designed to detect natural disasters as they start and alert responders and the public before significant damage occurs. They are managed by a consortium of public universities and funded through state, federal and private partnerships.

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## TALKING POINTS

County Commissioner candidates talk about future of Rodeo Bowl site, county employee retention at forum

By **KARL HOLAPPA**  
staff writer

Candidates for Kittitas County Commissioner District 1 convened at Ellensburg City Hall last Tuesday to share their thoughts on subjects that ranged from budgetary issues to land use plans. The forum was sponsored by the Kittitas County League of Women Voters and was moderated by Charli Sorenson. Questions were submitted by the audience, and candidates Nancy Lillquist, Laci Harrison and Cory Wright were limited to 60-second responses. Today's article is part three of a three-part series that will examine issues talked about during the forum.

### ON THE FUTURE OF RODEO BOWL PROPERTY

**HARRISON:** Harrison said the best move for the property would be to conduct a feasibility study to decide whether it would be worth repurposing the building, or if it would be more effective to bulldoze the structure.

"Selling it would be an option too," she said. "I think in the long term, I'd have to look at what the long-term planning is in that area, but most likely it would be to not turn it back into a bowling alley, which I know some people are interested in."

**LILLQUIST:** Lillquist said her opinion is that it was a mistake to purchase the property in the first place.

"The county spent half a million dollars to put a new roof on it, and now it's full of mold," she said. "People who have been in it say it's pretty much a disaster."

Lillquist favors selling the property, and she said even if it comes at a loss and the building has to be bulldozed, that may be what has to happen.

**WRIGHT:** Wright said further examination into the issue is necessary, as the building is currently not a buildable shell.

"This year we budgeted some money to get it to a point where we can actually do something with it," he said. "There's three different grades inside between the old shoe counter, down to the lanes and then down to the pin setting machines. Sorry to those folks that bowl, but it's never going to be a bowling alley again. It just has been picked over and scavenged over the past few years by different entities looking for different parts."

Wright said although it is unfortunate that the building won't be used for bowling again, there is private interest in finding a viable way to utilize the property. He said there is the potential for a



Harrison



Lillquist



Wright

private interest to temporarily use the property until the events center has a purpose for the land.

### ON HIGH COUNTY STAFF TURNOVER RATES

**LILLQUIST:** Lillquist said she has talked to former county employees who said they left for a variety of reasons. One factor she cited was pay and benefits.

"You can do better at other institutions within this county," she said. "Given the chance, many people do. The city has hired many former county employees."

The second issue she saw impacting the turnover rate is workplace culture.

"Staff needs a harassment-free workplace," she said. "They need a common sense of purpose, and they need a sense of being supported and understanding their mission. The county can't solve all these other issues we're talking about unless they have a strong staff to accomplish that."

**WRIGHT:** Wright said the current high turnover rate stems from his belief that the county is currently lacking the foundational structure of a quality management system.

"Recently, I took the time to look at our management principles posted on every wall," he said. "I could not memorize them if I had to. I think every employee needs to know at a base level what a mission, vision and value statement, what it takes for them to be a valued part of that organization. Right now, we're not hitting that mark and we need to improve that and improve it quickly."

**HARRISON:** Harrison said a combination of culture and a lack of workplace training and support is what she believes is behind the high turnover within county staff.

"Management and supporting management and additional training," she said. "There is need for further training, especially to retain employees. Supporting employees in their personal lives and their personal interests, as well as their career goals. Not everybody wants to stay in the same position throughout their lives, and

it would be a great thing to be able to promote from within like we have so that staff is growing in their positions."

### ON A COUNTY PARTNERSHIP WITH CWU TO FOSTER ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**WRIGHT:** "I think it's important to recognize how blessed we are to have a university in this town," Wright said. "Without it, we'd just be another dusty basin whistle stop."

Wright said the county has benefited greatly from the presence of CWU, pointing out that the university is the county's largest employer.

"I commend them for the work they have done," he said. "I think the best thing we can do is bring together all of the various parties in place."

Wright said the county needs to collaborate not only with the university but also with local school districts to enrich educational offerings within the county in ways like workforce development training and vocational education.

"How do we use existing county facilities, public facilities," he said. "How do we bring in that outside funding from a lobbying standpoint, which I think the multiple entities here can do very well together in a collaborative manner. It opens up a lot of exciting opportunities."

**HARRISON:** "I would say the best thing the county can do to partner with Central Washington University is supporting the organizations that work in between those," Harrison said. "The ones that are helping and supporting entrepreneurs in getting them facilities they need or finding resources that they need."

Harrison said organizations that help support local businesses like the Chamber of Commerce and the Ellensburg Downtown Association would be a good example of groups that could fall within the partnership.

"The county has a part in that, but I would say it's mostly an indirect part," she said.

**LILLQUIST:** Lillquist pointed out that the university already has a center for entrepreneurship and that the center has helped launch local businesses.

"There is some integration," she said. "The Ellensburg Business Development Authority's board membership includes a couple of Central folks."

Lillquist said another way to partner with the university would be through the city's business incubator buildings.

"Perhaps spinning off some of those good ideas that Central students come up with, and helping them start up that way," she said.

Washington Blues Hall of Famer Patti Allen reaches for the sky during her performance at the Iron Horse Brewery where the Randy Oxford Allstars did a meet-and-greet Friday. Allen was wearing a shirt with her image from a previous JIV program.



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### Jazz/ from A1

"They really support music here at Jazz in the Valley and the committee does a great job, putting it all together. They really tap into the youth talent in this town. Central Washington has a great music department and it's nice to see they have a chance to play and I just love to see that," Oxford said.

Patti Allen is a star in her own right, having performed with the likes as B.B. King, Lou Rawls, and Hubert Sumlin, Howlin' Wolf's guitar player. She was the 2000 and 2002 Vocalist of the Year. In 2001, she became the first female to receive The Joe Johansen Memorial Award for Excellence.

She's done her own thing, run her own band, but to be able to jump back in the fold with the Randy Oxford Reunion Band at

the Jazz in the Valley was pretty special.

"I've always loved to play here. The people are very supportive, very knowledgeable with their music," said Allen, who along with Tranquilino, Ramaglia, Lindstrom, Ortiz and Mendoza blew the lid of Iron Horse Brewery during a meet-and-greet Friday night before things even got started.

"I'm not just a singer, I'm an entertainer and I feed off the audience. That's what makes it special to me and that's what makes this place special is the audience interaction."

With Bob Bruya, he grew up here. He's been running around Jazz in the Valley ever since he can remember. He studied at the University of Miami and is now living in New York City, where he is carving out a professional career with the Bob Bruya Project.

This weekend was a chance to play live some of the stuff he's been working on, so Jazz in the Valley fans were privy to never-before-heard before music.

"I was super comfortable. We played a few jazz standards, but we did three originals of mine. Two of them I wrote about a year ago and one I just wrote last month," said Bruya, who majored in Instrumental Performance at the Frost School of Music in Miami where he was a Stamps Distinguished Ensemble Scholar and a member of the Stamps Jazz Quintet, Class of 2017, coached by faculty mentor Chuck Bergeron.

"I've been exploring Brazilian music and how the sound is formulated. Music is as much about the spirit as it is the sound. I've been working bringing out the spirit of the song through my music."

### Oregon/ from A1

In Oregon, the programs are in the initial phases and need significant state investments to expand to a point that they'll be useful to the public, Toomey said.

AlertWildfire is a system of cameras stationed in some of the most remote and fire-prone parts of Oregon, Nevada and California. It has provided critical information to first responders in over 600 fires during the past three fire seasons, allowing firefighters in some cases to contain blazes before they spiral out of control.

ShakeAlert, meanwhile, is a sensor system being built out across California, Oregon and Washington. The sensors pick up on faster-moving but less-damaging energy waves that emerge during the start of an earthquake. They can then sound the alarm before the stronger, more destructive secondary wave, giving people seconds or minutes to prepare depending on

the size of the earthquake and their distance from the epicenter.

Other Western states have thrown significant cash behind the two systems, allowing them to build out hundreds of earthquake sensors and wildfire cameras.

Cities and states need at least 75% of their earthquake sensors in place before officials can begin alerting the public through the ShakeAlert app.

Los Angeles became the first U.S. city to make the app available in January. The system could be sending alerts to the rest of California by the end of the

year thanks to a \$16.3 million investment from state lawmakers.

Additional emergency management funds also have allowed California to expand its use of AlertWildfire, and the state is expected to install 200 to 300 new wildfire cameras by October.

Washington's ShakeAlert system could be ready by October 2020, and the state contributed \$1 million this year to enhance the network.

Meanwhile, only three wildfire cameras have been installed in Oregon, and the state still has to build over 100 more earthquake sensors before alerts can be sent

through ShakeAlert.

Without any additional money from the state, ShakeAlert will remain dependent on federal funds. That could mean the system won't be online until 2021 at the earliest — far later than Oregon's neighboring states.

State lawmakers didn't specify why funding for ShakeAlert and AlertWildfire was abandoned, but it's common for last-minute funding shake-ups to happen based on available resources, according to the office of Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, who chairs the legislative committee in charge of funding decisions.

Lizzy Atwood Wills, chief of staff to Steiner Hayward, said ShakeAlert and AlertWildfire were some of the many projects not to receive funding this year. Investments are prioritized "within the limited resources available," she said.

Toomey said he still doesn't understand why it wasn't considered a priority, saying the money would have created jobs and attracted additional federal matching funds besides possibly saving lives.

"It feels like the state is demoting public safety," he said. "There are lives at stake here."

### CALENDAR

Submit events to the Daily Record at [www.dailyrecord-news.com](http://www.dailyrecord-news.com). Events in this column are listed on a space-available basis. Times, dates and locations are subject to change.

#### TODAY, JULY 29

- Morning Exercise, 8 a.m., Adult Activity Center, 506 S. Pine St., Ellensburg
- Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL), 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Adult Activity Center, 506 S. Pine St., Ellensburg
- Silver Sneakers, 12:15 p.m., Adult Activity Center, 506 S. Pine St., Ellensburg
- Al Anon — Serenity Seekers, 7 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, 1201 N. B St., Ellensburg
- Alcoholics Anonymous — Kittitas Group, 8 p.m., Kittitas Community Hall, Second Avenue and Pierce Street, Kittitas

#### TUESDAY, JULY 30

- Duplicate Bridge, 8:30 a.m., Adult Activity Center, 506 S. Pine St., Ellensburg
- Master Gardener Diagnostic Clinic, 11:30 a.m., Kittitas County Armory, 901 E. Seventh Ave., Suite 2, Ellensburg
- Needle Crafts, 1 p.m., Adult Activity Center, 506 S. Pine St., Ellensburg
- WW (Formerly Weight Watchers), 5 p.m., Ellensburg Adult Activity Center, Ellensburg
- Overeaters Anonymous, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 210 N. Ruby St., Classroom No. 3, Ellensburg
- Kiwanis Bingo, 6:30 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Ellensburg
- Boy Scout Troop 493, 7 p.m., St. Andrews, 401 S. Willow St., Ellensburg
- Alcoholics Anonymous — Serenity Seekers, 7 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, 1201 N. B St., Ellensburg

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

- Morning Exercise, 8 a.m., Adult Activity Center, 506 S. Pine St., Ellensburg
- Olmstead Place State Park Weeding Wednesdays, 9 a.m., Olmstead Place State Park, 71 N. Ferguson Road, Ellensburg
- Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL), 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Adult Activity Center, 506 S. Pine St., Ellensburg
- Al Anon — Discovering Choices, noon, First United Methodist Church, 210 N. Ruby St. Room No. 3, Ellensburg
- Silver Sneakers, 12:15 p.m., Adult Activity Center, 506 S. Pine St., Ellensburg
- Chess and Science ages: 10 and up, 3 p.m., Roslyn
- Alcoholics Anonymous — Thorp Meeting, 7 p.m., Thorp Community Church, 150 First St., Thorp
- Friends of the Roslyn Library meets, 7 p.m., Roslyn Public Library, 201 S. First St., Roslyn

#### THURSDAY, AUG. 1

- Pine Needle Basketry, 9 a.m., Adult Activity Center, 506 S. Pine St., Ellensburg
- Take off pounds sensibly, 9:30 a.m., Mercer Creek Church Room 15, Ellensburg
- Alcoholics Anonymous — There is a Solution, 6 p.m., Adult Activity Center, 506 S. Pine St., Ellensburg
- Celebrate recovery, 6:30 p.m., Mercer Creek Church Fellowship Hall, Ellensburg

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