

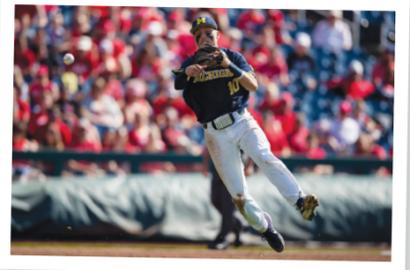


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# A Father-Son Place



COURTESY OF RICKI-LEE TOWNER

Brady and Tyson Hatfield pose for a picture together before they tee off at Black Rock Creek Golf Course on May 12.

### Golf has always been a way for Brady and Tyson Hatfield to connect, but now more than ever

By **LUKE OLSON**  
sports editor

We all go through tribulations in life in some way or form, whether that be personal suffering, crisis or calamity. Unfortunately, it's inevitable. We can only hope to weather these storms.

Sometimes the best way is to just distract yourself from all of it — putting your mind in a different place.

And for Brady and Tyson Hatfield, golf has been this of late.

Brady, 50, was diagnosed with epithelioid malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor (MPNST), a rare form of sarcoma cancer in his lower jaw in January of 2017. It was surgically removed and he finished up radiation that summer and was in a good state, but because of the radiation and its delayed effects, he suffered brain damage in October of 2018. His vision, speech, and coordination were impaired, along with



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Brady Hatfield gives advice to his son Tyson on where to aim during their round at Black Rock Creek Golf Course on May 12.

having difficulty swallowing.

Brady has endured a series of infusions and rehab appointments. It has taken a toll on him especially being away from his family while he lives in Brewster (Brady is the General Manager at Gamble Sands Golf Resort).

But golf has been an escape from it all, the distraction to

ease the pain — especially when he gets the chance to play with his son Tyson, a soon to be senior at Ellensburg High School who's on the golf team.

"It always keeps our minds off of things, because that's all of our life — that's my family's life," Tyson said. "It always distracts from what's going on in the real world."

Brady and Tyson have always been able to connect when it comes to athletics. Whether that be their fervor for Boston sports (Patriots, Celtics, Red Sox, etc.) or attending EHS games together.

If it's watching or playing, that's one of the ways they relish each other's company.

"Whenever we get out here and we play golf, we just connect about life and stuff that's going on in school, his friends," Brady said. "It's kind of how I get a chance to catch up and reconnect with all the stuff I missed on a day to day basis."

### INTEREST IN GOLF GROWS

Tyson has taken more interest in golf this year, as basketball and baseball were always what he put most his attention to. Brady couldn't be more euphoric because not only does he get to spend valuable time with his younger son out on the course, he can help him improve.

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## Trump points finger at Iran in attacks on oil tankers in gulf

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Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Iran was responsible for attacks on oil tankers in the Persian Gulf this week and he vowed that the key shipping lane of the Strait of Hormuz will not be closed.

"Iran did do it and you know they did it," Trump said Friday during a phone interview with Fox News. "You saw the boat at night," he said.

The president's comments follow American officials' release of images they said show that Iran was involved in an attack on an oil tanker near the entrance to the Persian Gulf on Thursday, one of two incidents that have raised tensions between the U.S. and the Islamic Republic. Iranian officials have rejected the accusation.

The prospects of a conflict have heightened since the administration tightened its sanctions on Iranian oil exports in early May, following Trump's decision a year ago to withdraw from the 2015 Iran nuclear accord.

Senior Trump administration officials have said the U.S. is considering a number of responses to the attacks, including the possibility of providing naval escorts to commercial ships traveling through the Strait of Hormuz. An American military response hasn't been ruled out, they said, and all options are on the table.

U.S. Central Command released a time line of the incident along with video and photographs showing a boat alongside the hull of a larger vessel with a hole in its side. The military said the video showed Iranian forces removing an unexploded limpet mine from from the vessel.

The video was the first evidence publicly put forward by the U.S. to support its claim — announced earlier on Thursday by Secretary of State Michael Pompeo — that Iran was behind the attacks.

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## Trump says he'd 'of course' tell FBI if he gets foreign dirt

By **ZEKE MILLER AND JONATHAN LEMIRE**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Friday that "of course" he would go to the FBI or the attorney general if a foreign power offered him dirt about an opponent. It was an apparent walkback from his earlier comments that he might not contact law enforcement in such a situation.

Trump, in an interview Friday with "Fox & Friends," said he would look at the information in order to determine whether or not it was "incorrect." But he added that, "of course you give it to the FBI or report it to the attorney general or somebody like that."

Earlier in the week, Trump had told ABC that he would consider accepting information from an outside nation and might not con-



EVAN VUCCI

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds and President Donald Trump listen as Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf speaks during a meeting with governors on "workforce freedom and mobility" in the Cabinet Room of the White House Thursday in Washington.

tact law enforcement.

His assertion that he would be open to accepting a foreign pow-

er's help in his 2020 campaign had ricocheted through Washington, with Democrats condemning it as

a call for further election interference and Republicans struggling to defend his comments.

Asked by ABC News what he would do if Russia or another country offered him dirt on his election opponent, Trump said: "I think I'd want to hear it." He added that he'd have no obligation to call the FBI. "There's nothing wrong with listening."

Special counsel Robert Mueller painstakingly documented Russian efforts to boost Trump's campaign and undermine that of his Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton.

In segment released Friday from the president's interview earlier this week, Trump told ABC that "it doesn't matter" what former White House counsel Don McGahn told investigators and that McGahn may have been confused when he told prosecutors he had been instructed to seek Mueller's removal.

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## REGIONAL DIGEST

LACEY

## Lacey approves ban on homeless camping

A ban on homeless

camping in Lacey has been approved.

KOMO reports the new law will keep people from sleeping in tents and RVs on

public property. However, until the city has somewhere safe to send the homeless, the ban can't actually be enforced. It was passed unanimously by

the City Council.

Several people spoke out against the camping ban saying it criminalizes homelessness. They vowed to mount a legal challenge although several counties and cities in the area already have similar ordinances.

Violating the camping ban would be a misdemeanor and could carry a fine of up to \$1,000 and jail time. However, before a person can be cited the officer would have to offer shelter space.

The new law does not apply to camping on private property.

## OBITUARY

## REDGE W. DESOER

A graveside service for Redge W. DeSoer, 74, lifetime Ellensburg resident, will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at the IOOF Cemetery in Ellensburg. Mr. DeSoer passed away at his home on May 28, 2019 from an apparent heart attack.

Redge was a one of a kind guy -- unique. God only built one of him! And all that knew him thank the Lord for the time we had with him.

Redge had a love for his family and particularly his mother. He enjoyed his arts and crafts, music of all kinds, collecting toys, his CB radios and police scanners -- and subsequently knew more information before most of the general public ever did. He certainly had his opinion on politics and anything he heard or saw on the news and didn't hesitate to share with anyone who had an ear. He was also never one to turn down a Rossow's Ellensburger, fries and a vanilla shake with his little brother.

He loved living at 114 West Ninth Avenue and would always remind his little brother that "it was Mom who had bought the house." He was emphatic about THAT address as it was where he was born, raised and died.

He loved working for Elmview, having been involved with the organization for 40 plus years. He loved working so

much that Billie had to force him to take vacation time because there was, of course, never any sick pay used, per se. He always thought he was the boss on his work crews, including being the boss



of his supervisors. Many individuals he encountered through Elmview became long-lasting friends. Redge worked hard and was a good example for other clients on work ethic. He liked showing clients the right way to do things and was a good teacher for them.

Redge spoke as an activist for Elmview several times in Olympia to advocate for people with disabilities who felt they just needed a chance to show what they could do to be an important and involved part of society in their own way. In 2003 on a DVD entitled "A Community of Voices -- Living Free", he specified that alternative living and independence should be encouraged for special needs individuals.

In a nutshell he stated, "Elmview is a family that cares about each other. You first have to have people who care. In society today, some people don't care about their handicapped people. They don't help them." In talking about living independently himself, he said "I've lived here all of my life. I had to prove to my parents that I could take care of the house and live in it." And in conclusion, he added "We've got

to get people to understand. Alternative living is the best way to go. If someone is putting you down, fight back and get what you need. This is America, you can do it, by God."

Although he had a love of all animals, his Maw Kitty was his constant companion for over 18 years.

His family wishes to thank Billie Thornton for all she did for Redge through these past twelve years, both through DSHS and Elmview. He said more than once, "She was always there for me." The partnership that Billie and Redge had was one of a kind and couldn't be recreated unless he had a guardian angel.

An appropriate Bible verse to apply to Redge's life would be Hebrews 13:16. "And do not forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God."

Memorial contributions in Redge's honor are suggested to The Elmview Trust Fund, 204 E. 6th Avenue, Ellensburg. Steward & Williams Funeral Home and Crematory of Ellensburg has been entrusted with caring for Redge's family. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.steward-williams.com



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Brady and Tyson Hatfield pose for a picture together during their round at Black Rock Creek Golf Course on May 12.

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## GOLF FROM THE BEGINNING

Brady became the Director of Golf at Suncadia in 2004 and was there until he took the General Manager Position at Gamble Sands in December of 2017.

Suncadia is where it all began for the Hatfield family. Golf outings were a way for Brady's wife Sarah, his older son Jackson and Tyson to engage as a family for a few hours.

Brady's first date with Sarah was actually playing golf -- but it would also be the last. She still comes out and rides along on the cart to watch her boys.

"It's the one thing growing up that we always did as a family," Brady said. "She just drove the cart and that's kind of how we spent our days. When I was off (work), we would just come out and play golf and spend the day together."

Sarah was a stay-at-home-mom for most the boys' school years, so she says that's how she got her 1-on-1 time with them. She knows how special those golf outings can be between just Brady and Tyson.

"It was something that he can bond with him over that was so different than anything I could relate to Tyson with," she said.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Brady's diagnosis has given the Ellensburg community an impetus to rally behind him and his family with fundraising to defray the medical expenses.

A tournament was held at Suncadia without his knowledge until a week in advance in May of 2017. And then just last January during an EHS basketball game, Brady and his family were honored on "Coaches vs. Cancer" night and shirts were sold that read "Brady Strong."

"I can't speak highly enough about this town and the people in it. I can't do it, I'll never be able to repay them," Brady said. "... All the reasons you would want to live in a small town."

## CURRENT STATUS

Brady is in the third series of infusions and has a little over a month remaining until he's reevaluated.

The infusions last 30 minutes and occur every two weeks along with his rehab appointments. He was making 4-6 trips to Seattle each month but recently switched locations for his infusions so now they are administered here in Ellensburg.

Brady most likely won't ever get back to where he was physically, he just wants to be able to work and support his family.

"As hard as I've got it, I still have it a lot better than a lot of people," he said. "So, if I keep in perspective like that, I mean, my mind is still sharp so I can still work, obviously, I got a great family, great job, I live in great communities -- I got it pretty good."

## BELLINGHAM

## Gay teen fired from Christian camp

A Christian organization has fired a Bellingham teenager from his job as a camp counselor because he is gay.

The Bellingham Herald reports Jace Taylor says he was terminated Tuesday after being hired last month by THE FIRS to be a Fir Creek camp counselor.

The non-denominational Christian organization confirmed that Taylor's sexual orientation was the reason for his firing.

Executive Director Tom Beaumont says when it became evident that Taylor didn't personally align with their statements of faith they determined they could not use him in the role.

Under state law, an employer cannot discriminate against anyone based on sexual orientation.

QLaw Foundation executive director Denise Diskin says religious nonprofit employers are not defined as employers under the law.

Taylor says he intends to picket on the first day of camp to inform people there of the situation.

## MEDFORD, ORE.

## Wash. man killed in Oregon; man arrested

A Washington man is dead and another Washington man was arrested outside a southern Oregon Fred Meyer store.

The Mail Tribune reports 22-year-old Rolando Rivas Jr. was arrested Thursday afternoon in Grants Pass.

The Grants Pass Department of Public Safety says police found a man dead in the store parking lot following 911 reports of an assault at 12:18 p.m.

Authorities described the victim as a 26-year-old man from Washington state.

Police did not release details of what led up to the killing, how the man died or the cities of residence for the men.

Rivas was lodged in the Josephine County Jail.

## SPOKANE

## Sheriff's sgt. fired for racial slur, harassment

A Spokane County sheriff's sergeant has been fired after an internal investigation found he talked of killing black people and sexually harassed female coworkers.

The Spokesman-Review reports Sgt. Jeff Thurman was fired Thursday after 18 years with the sheriff's office.

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