Weather Warming: lows in the mid-30s, rain expected through weekend



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Shooting

nets man

six years

in prison

THE DALLES

- Amos Tee,

received a 75

month prison

sentence after

pleading guilty

according to a Feb. 10 press release

resulted from a judicial settlement

conference on Jan. 27. By pleading

guilty, Tee admitted to attempting

to cause serious physical injury to

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Klickitat

levies

passing

Every ballot proposal to lift levy lids in school districts across the county, four in total, are winning

by solid margins, according to the

The slimmest margin to date

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COVID-19

restrictions

loosened

Hood River County moves from 'extreme'

to 'high;' Wasco **County unchanged**

latest unofficial election results

posted by the Klickitat County

Auditor's office this week.

comes from the Lyle School

from Wasco County District

The resolution of the case

Attorney Matthew Ellis.

four separate victims.

■ By Jacob Bertram

to four counts of

attempted assault

in the first degree,

23, of The Dalles

■ Staff report Columbia Gorge News

Amos Tee

Snow blankets Gorge

Hundreds of truckers wait out storm in **Hood River**

■ By Kirby Neumann-Rea Columbia Gorge News

With Interstate 84 closed between Hood River and Troutdale, Oregon State Police and Oregon Department of Transportation dealt with a glut of trucks hoping to get onto the freeway at exit 63 in Hood River over the weekend.

"They heard it might open so everyone tries to get in line at the jumping-on point," said Pat Cimmiyotti, ODOT district manager as he and his team diverted trucks into the Lot 1 area of the Port of Hood River on Saturday.

The freeway was reopened on Sunday morning.

On Monday, law enforcement responded to multiple road issues throughout the Gorge from The Dalles west, with vehicles stuck at exits 82 and 85, and white-out conditions at milepost 55 causing more than one driver to go the wrong direction. Officers dispatched each other repeatedly about drivers traveling at unsafe speeds given the icy or slushy conditions.

Medical responders answered calls ranging from a man suffering Remmie Rousseau, in white cap, and her friend Kiera Kalaher, laugh with Kayden Goss, in checked cap and Kael McKinney after the two pairs collided on the Jackson Park hill Saturday morning in Hood River.

Kirby Neumann-Rea photo

At right, Joshua Sandoz shuffles snow off a Third Street sidewalk downtown The Dalles Friday.

Mark B. Gibson photo





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Google seeks expansion in The Dalles

Former aluminum plant, rodeo grounds site of proposed projects

■ By Mark Gibson

THE DALLES — The City of The Dalles council and the Wasco County board of commissioners will publicly review a proposed Strategic Investment Program (SIP) agreement with Google for the development of property Google has purchased in The Dalles primarily consisting of the former aluminum plant site and the rodeo

grounds — at two joint public meetings scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Feb. 17 and 5:20 p.m. Feb. 22, according to a Feb. 10 press release from Wasco

"This will have a lot of repercussions; citizens should know what is going on," said The Dalles Mayor Rich Mays, who was part of the six member negotiating committee made up of city and county representatives. "I think this is a good deal for the city, all six of us believe it is a good deal for the community."

Mays said the committee is "open minded about any input" received. "Nothing is set in stone until the city and the county sign

the agreement," he said. A decision on the agreement will be sought March 3 at the Wasco County Commission meeting and March 8 at the City of The Dalles

council meeting. The Strategic Investment

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Property overview provided by City of The Dalles, at right. The blue border denotes the Google-owned property, excluding Hydro (yellow) and Lockheed Martin (red).

City of The Dalles Graphic



GORGE LOCAL - IN BUSINESS

Baldwin Saloon has new owners

email: ORCOVID@211info.org

• Call 211

■ By Walker Sacon olumbia Gorge News

James and Molli Martin, owners of Sunshine Mill, Copa di Vino and Quenett Winery in The Dalles, have officially completed their purchase of the Baldwin Saloon downtown.

The Martins have assembled a management team for the saloon including three recent graduates of Oregon State University's College of Business, who Molli calls "The Baldwin Boys," and Executive Chef Joe Kosarek.

"The Boys" are James and Molli's son Griffin Martin, Liam Macleod

and Andrew Scardina. All three Delta Chi fraternity brothers had plans to travel or pursue further education after they received degrees last year. They were recruited by James after the Martins made a somewhat spur-of-the-moment decision to buy the building and business, Molli said.

The Martins, born and raised in The Dalles, heard last year

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Griffin Martin, Liam Macleod, Andrew Scardina and Joe Kosarek in front of Baldwin Saloon. Walker Sacon photo





Oregon Čapital Bureau

■ By Gary A. Warner

Twelve counties, including Hood River County, will see fewer COVID-19 restrictions on businesses and activities beginning Friday as the state dropped risk level ratings for counties due to a decline in new infections.

Hood River to the high risk category from extreme risk. Wasco County remains in the extreme

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COVID-19 VACCINE INFO: How to get vaccinated

Oregon WHEN WHERE HOW ONLINE **Older Adults** 80+ FEB. 8 Public vaccination clinics Local public health & tribes covidvaccine.oregon.gov 75+ FEB. 15 · Local events/links Long term care facilities 70+ FEB. 22 • Get Vaccinated Oregon Participating retail pharmacies registration/notification tool 65+ MAR. 1 Chat box 211 • text ORCOVID to 898211

Washington

WHO/WHEN Winter

· All people 65 yearsor older • All people 50 years or older in multigenerational households (home where individuals from 2 or more generations

reside such as an elder and a grandchild) Spring/Summer

· High-risk critical workers 50 years or older who work in certain congregate settings: Agriculture; food processing; grocery stores: K-12 (educators & staff): childcare: corrections; prisons, jails or detention centers public transit; fire; law enforcement

WHERE

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Local public health & tribes

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