

## Cops seek info on goat death

Children find mutilated animal at Beacon Hill home; owners upset over brutal act

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Three Longview children at a Father's Day barbecue on Beacon Hill made a grisly discovery when they went to visit their neighbor's pet goats.

At the back of the pasture in the 100 block of Niblett Way in Longview, the children found one of Donna and Dennis

Leinweber's four tame, friendly goats lying dead and mutilated.

Authorities want anyone who heard any noises or knows anything about the incident to contact the Humane Society at 360-577-0151.

The goat, a 6-year-old male named Briggs, had been partially skinned, his belly slashed and zip ties fastened around his front legs.

"I said, that doesn't look like an animal attacked it — it looks like somebody killed it," said Donna Leinweber, 57, who's owned goats and sheep most of the 29 years she's lived on Beacon Hill. "It makes me angry that someone can do ... that to an innocent animal that doesn't hurt anybody."

Because there was no fatal stab wound or gunshot wound, Leinweber speculated the goat died of shock.

Another goat, Briggs' brother, also was found Sunday with zip ties on each of his front legs.

The ties weren't tight enough to cut off the circulation, and the goat, named Stratton, was walking easily. The brothers were probably the tamest goats she and her husband have ever had, and their grandchildren loved to feed them bread, Leinweber said.

The Leinwebers keep the goats and one sheep on their lot to eat the grass where it can't be mowed. The last time Briggs was seen alive was Saturday evening when Dennis Leinweber said.

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## County hires from within for planning director

By Barbara LaBoe  
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Clinging financial constraints, Cowlitz County commissioners are reorganizing the building and planning department rather than hire an outside manager.

Elaine Placido, the department's operations manager, will become the director effective July 1, commissioners announced Tuesday. Her current position will remain vacant to help with the county's looming budget crisis. Commissioners must close a \$4 million budget gap for 2014.

Commissioners said it was a natural fit to promote Placido, who has worked for the county focusing on customer service since 2011.

Interim Building and Planning Director George Ralier recommended that she was more than capable of running the department, Commissioner Dennis Weber said. She recently received a doctorate in urban planning, Commissioner Mike Karnofski said, and Weber praised a soon-to-be launched web-based permitting system she helped develop.

Commissioners interviewed two outside candidates for the job earlier this month. Karnofski said the decision to promote from within was financial and not a reflection on either candidate's qualifications.

Karnofski said similar tough decisions are on the horizon as county leaders work through budget cuts. "We're going to take a hard look at what people are doing and who is doing what," Karnofski said.

In addition, commissioners have reorganized environmental health services currently under building and

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## Feeding Time



Bill Wagner / The Daily News

These four-legged diners picked the right 10-minute break for a meal Tuesday in a field near Winlock. Heavy, isolated rain showers pelted the region Tuesday and more are expected today, according to the Weather Service in Portland. Skies should gradually start to clear by Friday to make way for a pleasant weekend. For more weather, see Page D4 or visit [tdn.com/weather](http://tdn.com/weather).

## Police arrest man for patronizing prostitute — again

Cops say man has history of not paying for solicited services

By Barbara LaBoe  
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A Kalama man who has had several run-ins with the law for patronizing and not paying prostitutes is in trouble again.

Bruce Dwayne Deal, 55, was arrested in the early hours of Tuesday on suspicion of patronizing a prostitute, according to the Kalama Police Department. And once again, he did not have enough money to pay for the services he allegedly solicited.

Deal, according to police, has a long history of hiring and then not paying prostitutes. In January, he was sentenced to 45 days in jail for fourth-degree assault, patronizing a prostitute and methamphetamine possession. He was

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## Motel where Longview couple died installed pool heater without permit

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The North Carolina motel where a Longview couple died in April had installed a pool heater without knowledge of the town's inspection department, Boone city officials said Tuesday.

The heater leaked carbon monoxide and killed Daryl Jenkins, 73, and Shirley Jenkins, 72, both of Longview, on April 16. A South Carolina

boy, 11-year-old Jeffrey Lee Williams of Rock Hill, died in the same room — directly over the pool's maintenance room — from the same cause on June 8.

Todd Miller of the Boone Planning and Inspections Department said the Best Western Plus Blue Ridge Plaza never told the city about the new heater or applied for a required permit for the change.

An attorney for the motel did not respond to a message.

Meanwhile, the medical examiner for the case referred after investigators found out he knew carbon monoxide killed the Jenkinss a week before the boy died.

Watauga County medical examiner Dr. Brent Hall failed to share those test results with local health officials who could have shut down the motel.

### City to hold open house to get feedback on bridge plans

The city of Longview is holding an open house Thursday to get the community's response to plans for replacing the 78-year-old Washington Way bridge.

The public session will be from 5-8 p.m. at the Cowlitz PUD auditorium at 961 12th Ave., Longview to provide bridge design options and discuss construction.

The preferred design will be developed by taking into account public opinion, traffic volume projections, the needs of pedestrians and cyclists, structural design limitations, aesthetics and permit requirements.

In April, the City Council approved an \$808,000 contract with Portland-based OBEC Consulting Engineers to developing three bridge designs that complement the historic character, function and aesthetics of Lake Sacajawea Park and remain within the project's budget. The preliminary design also will evaluate whether to completely close the existing bridge during construction or keep it partly open for vehicle access.

The design contract is included in the project's total \$5.3 million price tag. The city has been awarded a \$4.25 million Federal Highway Bridge Program grant, which

it must match with \$1.06 million. The new bridge is likely to be made of concrete, including the columns and piers.

### Sturgeon season below

Wauna will close early

The Columbia River sturgeon season below Wauna will close 10 days early.

The season, originally scheduled to run through June 30, closes at the end of the day Thursday, Washington and Oregon fishery managers decided Tuesday.

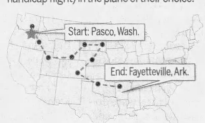
Fishing effort and catch rates have improved in the first part of June, and biologists

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### Suter completes first leg of flight

Former Winlock resident Amanda Suter, 22, and co-pilot Katja Jourdan flew one leg of the Air Race Classic on Tuesday, the first day of the all-women-pilots' race from Pasco, Wash., to Fayetteville, Ark. Their team (No. 6) made it to Mayfield, Idaho, covering a distance of 285 miles at an average speed of 138 mph in a Cirrus SR20, according to the online Air Race Classic tracker. The 45 teams have until Friday to fly all nine legs of the race, in which pilots try to beat their own best speed by the biggest margin (based on a timed handicap flight) in the plane of their choice.

Amanda Suter



### PILOT'S LOG

Pilot	Miles (start)
Pasco, Wash.	226
Mayfield, Idaho	201
Logan, Utah	201
Saratoga, Wyo.	227
Spearfish, S.D.	226
Brookings, S.D.	299
North Platte, Neb.	256
La Junta, Colo.	227
Woodward, Okla.	213
Fayetteville, Ark.	261
Total:	2,136 nautical miles

### Follow the race online

To follow Suter and Jourdan's race progress, click "like" on the Jacksonville University Air Race Classic page on Facebook. For more information about the Air Race Classic, go to [www.airraceclassic.org](http://www.airraceclassic.org) or find the Facebook page, "Air Race Classic, Inc."

June 22 and 23 Support the Community House on Broadway when you buy self-serve frozen yogurt in a dish or milkshake!

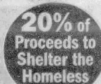
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**AREA SERVICES**

**TODAY**  
Swanson — Hazel F., 12:30 p.m., Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Columbia Funeral Service.

**FRIDAY**  
Valdesio — Rosa Cristina, 11 a.m., St. Rose Catholic Church.

Longview, Steele Chapel at Longview Memorial Park & Crematory.

**SATURDAY**  
Ellis — Denise, 1 p.m., Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Dahl-McVicker Funeral Home.

Oreig — Lois Margaret, 1-4 p.m., 4651 S. 20th Ave., Longview, Turna Mortuary and Crematory.

**Jones** — Lucille Mary, noon, Ocean View Cemetery, Warrenton, Ore. Cascade Northwest Funeral Chapel at Green Hills Memorial Gardens & Crematory.

**Rachner** — Debra Kim, 5 p.m., Rainier Community Church of God, 6000 Family Mortuary, Rainier.

**Mattson-Moore** — Helen, 1 p.m., Kalama Marina Park, Columbia Funeral Service.

**Meinke** — Otto Erick, 2 p.m., Longview Church of Christ, Columbia Funeral Service.

**SUNDAY**  
Grayne — Jesse M., 2 p.m., Columbia Heights Baptist Church, Longview, Columbia Funeral Service.

**NEWS OF RECORD**

**Lottery**

Mega Millions	6-17-34-40-48	Megaball: 30
WASHINGTON / JUNE 18		
Daily Game	2-4-4	
Keno	3-17-18-19-22-25-26-28-32-36-51-55-59-61-62-78-79-80	
Match 4	2-12-14-18	
OREGON / JUNE 18		
Lucky Lines	4-5-11-17-21-26-32	
Pick 4	1 p.m. 6-5-7-4	
	4 p.m. 2-3-9-7	
	7 p.m. 5-0-8-9	
	10 p.m. 8-3-2-8	

**BIRTHS**

**AT JOHN MEDICAL CENTER**  
Mandy Rae and Walter Wayne Latson of Kelso, a girl, Sierra Rose Latson, June 10, 2013. Sierra is the granddaughter of Gary and Fay Miller, and Floyd Latson, all of Kelso. Theresa Patterson of Kelso.

Courtney E. and Tyler L. Trahanes of Longview, a girl, Harper Elizabeth Trahanes, June 7, 2013. Harper is the granddaughter of Chris and Susan Fritsch of Kelso. Julie Fritsch of Cathlamet, and Shirley Trahanes of Longview.

Emily Mae and Eric Sloan Gilbert of Longview, a boy, Emerson James Richard Gilbert, April 24, 2013. Emerson is the grandson of Summer Bailey, Jim and Helen Gilbert, all of Longview, and the late Richard Bailey.

**MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS**

Donald Eugene Hareke of Longview and Aimee Milevy Piro of Kelso, June 5.

Joseph P. Miller and Mindie Shrull, both of Kelso, June 5.

Mitchell Lee Durham and Marisa Dawn Steates, both of Battle Ground, Wash., June 5.

Justin Brian Lux and Meshela Diane Bradbury, both of Castle Rock, June 5.

Daniel Alan Baillet and Bridgette Sophia Sanchez, both of St. Helens, Ore., June 5.

Ted William Westdale and Sarah Megan Worth, both of Longview, June 4.

Matthew James Hoven and Drew Leigh James, both of Longview, June 4.

Matthew Blaine McNeal of Ariel and Kimberly Ann Hartho of Woodland, June 3.

Richard Martin Beverage Sr. and Georgiana Carla Perez, both of Kalama, June 3.

Dennis Duane Felling Jr. and Jennifer Lynn Stevens, both of Woodland, June 3.

James Vann Glenn Kerr and Rachel Lynn Puffah, both of Kelso, June 3.

Alan Robert Nelson and Tamara Melony Puckett, both of Kelso, June 3.

Jennifer Clare Lee and Jessica Caprio, both of Edgington, Texas, June 1.

Daniel Hughson LaFaro and Keelan Kathryn Purcell, both of Washington, D.C., June 1.

James Roger McDowell III and Tracy Lynn Newt, both of Kelso, May 31.

Duane Edward Housh II and Sherri Ann Russell, both of Longview, May 30.

Philip Andrew Johnson and Amber Marie Wilson, both of Alexandria, Va., May 30.

Jeremy Glen Jones and Monica Adrienne Wytycher, both of Longview, May 29.

Ryan Kelly Eyer and Alicia Marie Price, both of Kelso, May 29.

Michael William Wilcox of Kelso and Cheryl Ann Baumgartner of Kalama, May 29.

Michael Dean Johns and Angela Christine Oberhol, both of Tule, May 29.

Tyler William Baker of Beaver-

ton, Ore., and Rana Deesire Pierce of Vancouver, May 28.

Brandon Dale McCain of Polk, La., and Elizabeth Marie Smith of Yacolt, Wash., May 28.

Christopher Bentzen and Kori Sater, both of LaCrosse, Wis., May 24.

Stevie Ray Shaw and Lindsey Nicole Brill, both of Longview, May 24.

Wess Lee Marks and Mackenzie Rose Piper, both of Longview, May 24.

Chrylle Kay West and Mary Karen Gundrum, both of Longview, May 24.

Christopher Cody McIntyre and Sarah Reasm Aberle, both of Kelso, May 23.

Kevin James King and Kathy Louise Nein, both of Longview, May 23.

Richard Alan Hassler and Debra Lynn Rose, both of Battle Ground, Wash., May 21.

Barbara Ann Vining and Nis Bue, both of Longview, May 23.

Jose Adam Martinez, Trujillo and Amber Marie Gerritson, both of Longview, May 21.

Steven Clark Jones and Tamara Sue Jensen, both of Longview, May 21.

Matthew Ross Zainfeld and Megan Nichole Redford, both of Issaquah, Wash., May 21.

Shawn Patrick Haskin and Ruttha Shackford Halvorson, both of Longview, May 21.

Terry Joe Rongey and Kimberly Diane Eschbart, both of Longview, May 20.

Jonathan Craig Moody and Jessica Carol Kerby, both of Vancouver, May 17.

Jason Lance Magstadt and Afton Shive Rubottom, both of Woodland, May 17.

Jacob Andrew Rider and Katherine Nicole Matheson, both of Hermiston, Ore., May 17.

Brandon Paul Woodward and Anthony Alan Ramey, both of Longview, May 17.

**POLICE BLOTTER**

**Stolen pickup** — Security at Cadillac: Isacio Casano called Longview police shortly before midnight Monday for a report of a vehicle theft. The security officer advised Casano that a pickup truck and its inside the casino, and then a different man got into the pickup with the keys and drove off. With help from the victim, police went to a Longview motel and arrested Caleb Jeffery, 26, 25, transient, on suspicion of theft of a motor vehicle, possession of motor vehicle theft tools and third-degree driving with a suspended license. Shaved keys, a hammer, a knife and a paper with vehicle descriptions and locations were found on the suspect, police said.

**Stolen boat** — A bass boat, blue and white, 17 to 19 feet long, with 125hp Mercury outboard, on a trailer, was pilfered from a boat rack at 1014 W. 4th Street, 2013, was taken Monday night from the 300 block of Oregon Way, Longview.

**SUPERIOR COURT SENTENCINGS**

Cesar Garcia Moreno, 37, Kelso, 30 days in jail. He pleaded guilty to third-degree assault with criminal negligence and a weapon May 8, arrested from second-degree assault.

Michael Andrew Hale, 31, Longview, one year in prison for two counts of felony harassment and one count of third-degree malicious mischief. He admitted threatening to kill two people on May 4 and damaged tires belonging to a third person, also on May 4.

Justin Cole Martin, 20, transient, one year in prison, with credit for time served. He failed drug court, where he admitted possession of heroin and third-degree theft, both Sept. 8, and possession of Diazepam June 8, 2012.

**OBITUARIES**

**Lucille M. Jones**

Family matriarch Lucille Mary Jones, 84, of Longview passed away June 5, 2013, at the Hospice Care Center.

A graveside service is planned for noon Saturday at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton, Ore. A potluck reception will follow at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 679 South Main Ave., in Warrenton. Lucille loved potlucks.

She was born Sept. 19, 1928, in Douglas, Wyo., to Emmanuel "Manny" and Anastasia "Nancy" (Schloss) Hart. She grew up in Warrenton, Ore., and graduated from high school there.

She married Walter Jones in Warrenton in November 1947. They moved to Longview 51 years ago from Hammond, Ore.

Lucille was a homemaker, and a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was an active member of the United Methodist Church, Sons of Norway and the Moose Lodge. She enjoyed traveling in the family RV, camping, fishing, clam digging, gardening, cooking, sewing and playing with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She kept the family cohesive.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Walter, in 2010. Lucille is survived by a son, Wayne Jones of Longview; two daughters, Betty Norton of DeFur Village, Mich., and Carolyn O'Brien of Longview; a sister, Ruth Edwards of Eugene; a brother, Vernon Hart of Warrenton; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Cowlitz County, P.O. Box 172, Longview, WA 98632.

Arrangements are by Cascade Northwest Funeral Chapel at Green Hills Memorial Gardens & Crematory.

Please sign the guest book at [www.tdn.com/obits](http://www.tdn.com/obits).



Lucille M. Jones

**Jesse M. Grayne**

Jesse M. Grayne, 64, of Kelso passed away June 14, 2013, at home surrounded by his family. He was born Sept. 19, 1948, in Longview, to Joseph and Edith Merle (Morgan) Grayne. His family's roots were in Wyoming and they moved back and forth from Washington to Wyoming. Jesse spent his teen years in Wyoming, graduating from Sheridan High School, in Sheridan, Wyo., in 1966. He then attended a trade school to become a certified welder.

Jesse worked in the welding industry for a number of years and was a member of the Bolleymakers Union. He was a project manager for SAFE, Inc., before serving as an operations manager for a local manufacturing company.

Jesse was an avid hunter and enjoyed four-wheel drive racing, truck and tractor-pulling and motorcycles. He was past chair of the Pacific Northwest Motorcycle Riders and a past member of Cowlitz County ABATE. In his younger years he coached girls' fastpitch. He was also a member of the Columbia Heights Baptist Church.

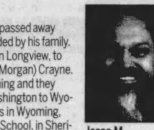
Jesse was outgoing and enjoyed life. His family meant the world to him. As a foster parent, Jesse was a father figure to many girls. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Carol; two daughters, Sarah Miryand and Becky Schaefer (Garrett), both of Kelso; two sisters, Tina Cummins (Charles) of Portland and Nola Wilks (Bob) of Longview; four foster daughters, Morgan Todd and Kara Quaschnick, both of Kelso, Courtney Debs in Florida and Kasia Groff in Virginia; a granddaughter, Kenzie Miryand of Kelso; three grandsons, Ethan Schaefer, Larz Schaefer and Jamison Todd, all of Kelso and Nihal Hollingsworth in Virginia; a niece, Sasha Shady of Portland; a nephew, Jesse Shady of Portland; and a great-nephew, Tyler Shady of Portland.

Jesse was preceded in death by two brothers, Neale and Frank Grayne; a sister, Dorothy Baker; and a daughter, Rachel Grayne.

A celebration of Jesse's life is planned for 2 p.m. Sunday at Columbia Heights Baptist Church, 3136 Columbia Heights Road, in Longview.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Columbia Funeral Service.

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Jesse M. Grayne

**Margaret VanFleet**

Margaret Sullivan VanFleet, 60, of Longview passed away May 10, 2013, in Bullhead City, Ariz.

She was born April 26, 1952, in Longview, and graduated from Kelso High School in 1970.

Margaret worked as a waitress and enjoyed painting with watercolors and scrapbooking.

She married Clinton VanFleet in Las Vegas in 1991. He survives her at home. Also surviving are two stepchildren, Danette Brannin of Lacey, Wash., and Dr. Clint VanFleet Jr., of Longview; two nephews, Zach Sullivan and Phil Sullivan; and numerous cousins.

Margaret was preceded in death by two brothers, Mike Sullivan and Pat Sullivan.

A service will be announced at a later date.

Arrangements are by Diamond and Sons Valley View Funeral Home, Bullhead City.

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**Deaths**

**Anderson** — Allene, 89, Longview, died Monday at the Hospice Care Center, Columbia Funeral Service.

**Berndt** — Robert E., 71, Kalama, died Tuesday at St. John Medical Center, Steele Chapel at Longview Memorial Park & Crematory.

**Strittmatter** — Warren, 94, Longview, died Monday at a local adult care facility, Columbia Funeral Service.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Columbia Funeral Service.

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**Grays Harbor County settles with judges**

MONTESANO, Wash. — Grays Harbor County commissioners agreed Monday to settle an 18-month dispute and litigation with superior court judges over funding and security issues.

KRWV reports the agreement resolves funding cut from the court budget earlier this year, splits security costs with the judges and sets a timetable for construction of a third courtroom.

The lawsuit over the court funding issues cost taxpayers \$628,000.

Earlier this year, Cowlitz County superior court judges threatened a similar lawsuit when commissioners announced an across the board 5 percent budget reduction. Neither side wanted to spend the time and money that Grays Harbor County did, though, and negotiated a settlement by March. The agreement used new mental health sales tax dollars to bridge most of the budget gap and also didn't replace an employee who had left. Cowlitz County's legal fees were roughly \$5,000 for the negotiations.

**Transient illegally enters woods, police say**

Despite there being "no trespassing" signs posted around the vacant Amadon Foundry, a burglary suspect insisted there were none "where I went in," according to Longview police.

Police said they found a Nathan Lee Wheatley, 28, a transient, Monday inside the condemned metal foundry at 1345 Beech St., in Longview with a partially dismantled machine and a bag of tools.

Officers investigated after a city employee reported hearing noises of banging and hammering inside the building, according to a police report. The property's caretaker has said he wants to prosecute anyone who breaks in, according to the report.

Police said Wheatley said the building was "abandoned" and "everyone" comes in.

He was booked on suspicion of second-degree burglary and possession of burglary tools. A judge ordered him held without bail.

—Daily News and wire services

**Goat**

**FROM BI**

Leinweber visited the pasture, his wife said Tuesday.

Around 4:30 p.m. Sunday, a neighbor's grandson knocked on the Leinwebers' door with the news of Briggs' demise. Three children, ages 8, 12 and 14, had gone out to pet the goats when they stumbled upon Briggs' body along the back fence.

It appears that whoever began mutilating the goats got spooked halfway through the attack, Humane Society animal control supervisor Mike Nicholson said Tuesday.

The culprit wrapped zip ties around each of Briggs' front legs, cut the hide above the leg with a knife, sliced the underbelly and began peeling the skin while the animal was still alive, he said.

"It's apparent they knew what they were doing," Nicholson said, adding that he was shocked and sickened when he saw

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—Mike Nicholson, Humane Society animal control supervisor

the goat.

"I want to find who did this and bring them to justice for putting an animal through such pain," he said. "I'm disturbed over it."

The Leinwebers' neighborhood, although outside Longview city limits, isn't in a rural area. There are many houses on the hill, but some of the properties in the neighborhood have deep lots.

"I have no idea why somebody would do that," Donna Leinweber said. "What was the point? I don't know. Cruelty?"

**Prostitute**

**FROM BI**

arrested again in May.

According to police reports, a Kalama officer saw Deal going to a bank ATM at 1:55 a.m. and thought the timing was suspicious. Deal got into a car and when Officer Justin Taylor ran

the plates he learned the car's owner was wanted on an non-extraditable warrant for prostitution in Seattle.

Taylor pulled the car over and spoke with the 24-year-old driver. She said Deal contacted her through an Internet escort service ad and they had agreed upon a price for sexual acts.

Deal was placed into

custody and read his rights. Deal said \$30 in his wallet after going to the ATM. The woman told police he'd agreed to pay her \$200. She was released at the scene.

Deal, who said he had chest pains, was given a citation and court summons did, though, and booked into the county jail, and was transported to the hospital.

**State of the County luncheon will be Thursday**

The Kelso-Longview Chamber of Commerce's quarterly State of the County luncheon is scheduled for Thursday at the Cowlitz Regional Conference Center.

County commissioners Jim Misner, Dennis Weber and Mike Karnofski will speak on current projects, progress and challenges.

The event runs from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 in advance or \$35 at the door. Register online at <http://tryrul.com/rmlrpe>.

—The Daily News

**Planning**

**FROM BI**

planning and also will move some offices around in the Administration Building in Kelso.

An environmental services, including the solid waste division under building and planning, will be overseen by the county health department. Some health department environmental workers, such as those who handle food handling permits, also will move from Longview offices to the Administration Building in Kelso. That way, all environmental and building permits are issued from the same place.

"We really want one-stop shopping for permits," Weber said.

It's also a homecoming of sorts.

Roughly half of the environmental health employees were moved from the health department to building and planning in the late

1990s, according to Daily News archives.

Placido replaces Raiter, but the former county commissioner isn't going too far. He's expected to stay on handling special projects on a reduced work schedule, including Millennium Bulk Terminals' proposed \$45-million coal terminal near Longview, Karnofski said.

Raiter stepped in after for-

mer director Mike Wojtowicz left the county in April.

The department has been plagued with complaints about service and timeliness, but commissioners also note it has made great strides in recent years. Placido's position, for example, was designed to focus on customer service and the reorganization will still keep that as a focus, they said.

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