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Frustrated Seniors Say Centers Not Reopening Fast Enough

AN UPROAR IN WINLOCK:
Tensions Build as Seniors Yearn For Socialization

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The Lewis County Seniors nonprofit is on its way to re-opening its six centers, finalizing a COVID-19 safety plan that could open the door to in-person activities as soon as this month.

But in Winlock, some seniors say it's not fast enough, and a recent uproar has led to hate mail, a padlock on the senior center and fledgling plans to secede from the umbrella nonprofit. Lewis County Seniors Vice

President Carolyn Brock said seniors from the Twin Cities, Toledo, Morton, Packwood and Pe Ell are also clamoring to resume in-person enrichment activities. "Those seniors want their

buildings open too," Brock told The Chronicle. "They just haven't tried to instigate a coup." Last week at the Rowdy Rooster, a meeting between
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Centralia COVID-19 Isolation Facility Could Be Relocated

LAKEVIEW INN: *Lewis County Officials Grill State Health Official Over Quarantine and Isolation Facility*

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Lewis County officials grilled a state health official Tuesday over the state-run COVID-19 quarantine and isolation facility, situated in a Centralia inn.

News of the facility growing from four to 23 patients did nothing to soothe the situation.

With county commissioners pushing for the state Department of Health (DOH) to relocate, the agency's Nathan Weed said a more permanent location could be identified by the end of July.

"I think the sooner you guys remove it, the better we are," Commissioner Sean Swope said.

Although the Lakeview Inn's owner willingly leased out the facility, its opening sparked outrage among county and city officials, who were later backed up by U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler. The facility was previously housed in a Thurston County summer camp, where DOH officials say they didn't face this

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Scorcher Sends Residents to Water



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Emma Newkirk, 4, smiles and plays in the newly reopened splash park Tuesday afternoon in Centralia. Temperatures shot above 90 in some areas of Lewis County Tuesday as part of a heat wave that began earlier in the week. According to the National Weather Service, cooler weather will arrive Thursday with the forecast calling for highs of around 70 degrees before even cooler weather arrives over the weekend.



Tyrel Newkirk, 5, runs through streams of water to cool off at the Centralia splash park on Tuesday.



Luna Andablo smiles while playing in the Centralia splash park on Tuesday.

Wrestling



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Deaths

Meek, William Jerry, 76, Chehalis
Boldt, Ronald Joseph, 55, Morton
Davis, Michael "Doc," 67, Winlock
Chipman, Lon Allan, 69, Centralia
Rolfe, Merle "Tuff," 65, Chehalis
Zimmerman, Frederick Ordale, 87, Napavine

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