



Man draws new charges in dog case

Latah County resident allegedly intimidated a witness after a probe

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A Latah County man already facing animal cruelty charges is now charged with intimidating a witness.

Princeton resident James Schraufnagel pleaded not guilty to 12 counts of animal cruelty in January after two dogs allegedly belonging to him and Jeannine Schraufnagel were found dead and multiple dogs were found malnourished. One of those rescued dogs later died from pneumonia.

Animal cruelty is a misdemeanor crime, according to Idaho law.

On Thursday, he was charged with intimidating a witness following a Latah County Sheriff's investigation.

According to court documents, Schraufnagel was reported to police by his mother Bethany Davis, who was also charged with four counts of animal cruelty stemming from the same case.

Davis alleged that Schraufnagel sent her threatening Facebook messages and threatened her life through phone calls.

She said Schraufnagel's anger stems from the animal cruelty case and another criminal case he is involved in.

Intimidating a witness is a felony. Schraufnagel made his first appearance in Latah County Magistrate Court on Monday.

A jury trial for his animal cruelty case is set for October 22.

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Little shows his primary colors at last

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Gov. Brad Little closed the books on the 2026 legislative session Friday — turning his attention straight to re-election.

When he signed a last-minute bill to restrict teachers' unions, Little catered to his Republican Party base, the voters most likely to show up in the May 19 GOP primary. He also may have looked at how the wind was blowing; he received 1,592 e-mails and calls urging him to sign the bill, and 1,007 emails and calls urging a veto, spokeswoman Joan Varsek said Tuesday.

So, all about playing politics, and all about playing it safe?

It's at least as plausible as the tortured explanation Little offered up Friday, in a two-page letter on House Bill 516.

The bill prohibits taxpayer support of teachers' unions, and Little said he wanted to correct that "imbalance." But Little spent a full paragraph outlining some good

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PHYSICAL ACTIVITY CLUB

A vent for young energy



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ABOVE: Pam Rogers and Arielle Bennet help students Sula Minor and Sarah Peden move an injured "person" Wednesday at Whitmore Elementary in Moscow. **BELOW:** Debby Carscallen, left, and Shelby Hobbs instruct students on proper CPR technique.

Grade school's Physical Activity Club helps kids put vim to use

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Moscow Fire Department volunteers watched closely as Lena Whitmore Elementary students completed a series of physical challenges Wednesday afternoon.

On one end of the school's blacktop, some students practiced CPR on training mannequins. At the other end, students were taking turns carrying water hoses across the playground.

At the end of the session, P.E. teacher Colin Briggs offered them snacks and chocolate milk.

Briggs admitted this delicious beverage could be the sole motivation behind why



dozens of students take part in this after-school activity every week, but he doesn't care.

"Whatever reason gets you

to come and be physically active, I love," he said.

Each Wednesday, approximately 50 students partic-

ipate in Lena Whitmore's Physical Activity Club. Briggs started the club in October as a way for students to use their boundless energy outside of regular P.E. class.

"The original goal was to give kids an opportunity to be physically active after school and not be on a device," he said.

What makes this club different from a typical P.E. class is the inclusion of community members.

Briggs invites University of Idaho athletes, Palouse Ice Rink employees, and local first responders to play with the students and

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Flood-damaged boutique going out of business

Bridal shop holding closing pop-up sale Friday and Saturday near Grocery Outlet

By **EMILY PEARCE**
 MOSCOW-PULLMAN DAILY NEWS

PULLMAN — Lily Bee's Boutique was taken under by flooding that surged through downtown Pullman last month.

"We're wiped out," co-owner Melanie Hodges said. "There's no way we could come back from this."

The bridal store will be holding a going-out-of-business sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday next to Grocery Outlet on South Grand Avenue in Pullman.

Hodges said they will sell designer dresses, gowns and other formal wear they could salvage at a "very reasonable price."



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A shrine sits inside Lily Bee's Boutique's front display window.

"We've done nothing but work nonstop," she said. "I am trying to save my merchandise. I haven't had a break."

In March, the South Fork

of the Palouse River had a higher water event than what was communicated to officials. Within a three-hour period, water levels rose 2

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— **Melanie Hodges**, after last month's flood

feet beyond what was expected, inches under a major flooding stage of 9 feet.

The water had nowhere to go but onto streets, into parks and the downtown businesses like Lily Bee's that line the river.

Hodges said the majority of their inventory had been soiled by stagnant water that seeped into the store. The reason why it was so devastating, she said, was because the garments are so delicate they need to be hand washed and can now only be sold as secondhand.

"We put our livelihood into that shop," Hodges said. "And

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