

# MCSA NEWS

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## MCSA STATUS REPORT

Hello All,

As you all know, we have been dealing with L&I and DOE regarding our range lead handling procedures. L&I gave us the all-clear, with no violations.

We are still communicating with DOE. Sparing you the details, we are still working through it, and we hope to have an "all-clear" from DOE soon. We thought we were good to go after the first compliance item list was completed and submitted on time in April. But the DOE came back with another list, which was confusing. It is a challenge to comply with contradictory instructions and when we referred to the specific laws our DOE inspector indicated for more details, most were either not for an active shooting range like ours or they were non-existent, i.e. no such law is on record under the number given. Especially with all of the confusion, it turned out to be very good for us that we decided to consult with a specialist at Firing Range Services (FRS), who brought in the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF). They have both been a great support for us, and at this point, they recommended it is time to bring on a legal team from our local area.

We have now hired legal assistance and our lawyer, who specializes in Environmental law has contacted DOE requesting an extension due to the Covid 19 pandemic. DOE has given that extension while we work through our current list.

As for the Covid closure... I submitted a proposal for limited range operations, and it was approved. Details of our reopening have been sent out to members already. You can now schedule a shooting time with Lynn our MCSA secretary. We have strict COVID-related limitations, but WE CAN SHOOT!

I also devised a plan, with help and input from my team to restart our matches. We decided to begin by meeting with the Competitive Shooting match directors, to work out the details of how this could take place and get their input and ideas to fine tune each plan to all our matches. However, none of the Competitive Match Directors came to the meeting, so at this time, no matches will start up until further notice or until an unrestricted range opening plan is in place.

This should bring everyone up to date on our range status and our challenges ahead. Please be patient with your BOD as we are all working very hard on your behalf to bring our range into compliance and put our shooters back in the range for the shooting sports we love so much.

Keep in mind, Governor Inslee changes policy at a moment's notice and we could face more restrictions at ANY time! As the Covid virus ebbs and flows so do the restrictions.

Warmest regards and best wishes for all to stay healthy and safe!

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**BREAKING NEWS: Due to the ongoing crisis with the coronavirus, "Sweet Caroline" is now banned from use.**

**There will be no more: Touching Hands, Reaching out, Touching me, Touching You...**

**Who'd have thought that eight weeks of uncut hair would weigh 12 pounds... but who am I to argue with the bathroom scale!**

**I just got called "hot".**

**Actually, the full statement was "you're one big hot mess", but I'm only focusing on the positive today.**

From The Editor: THANK YOU to those who have faithfully provided material for the newsletter. I love ya for it. I look forward to hearing from the rest of you...

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## An Hour At The Range

A friend and I tried out the new range protocol this past week and were surprised how smooth it was. Upon entering, we discussed our current health and we were reminded that masks must be worn at all times. I swore I had not visited the West Nile Valley in the past 30 days (only kidding), so we were a go. We declared which lanes we wanted to use and off we went into the range. Believe it or not, it has been so long that I was a little disoriented as to which switches to turn on. But, just like riding a bike, it all came back quickly.

We had an enjoyable time and it was not much different than any other trip to the range before the Wuhan Flu hit. After about 30 minutes we were tired and done shooting. I had forgotten how hot it gets in the range in the summer. There were actually three of us, as a mouse joined us for a few seconds. He apparently uses the sand by the backstop to enter and exit the range. He reminded me of the mouse that I photographed eating out of our outside cat food bowl. Entering and exiting the range right at the backstop seems like a risky lifestyle choice.

At the end of our shooting, we had a couple of things, like tables, chairs, mop handles, door handles, etc. to wipe with bleach and a rag. We also wiped off the light/fan switches. We dry mopped the range after picking up our brass, but since we shot from the 10-yard line, it was no big deal. After wiping down the counter and sink and a couple doorknobs in the meeting room, we were done and out of the building, all in less than an hour.

Since I had not used the range but twice in almost 10 months, it was exciting to get back to doing some shooting. The extra cleaning stuff to do was not a big deal and I've decided to schedule to shoot each Monday until the Gov. locks us out again.

Bill Zeigler, Trustee

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## HISTORICAL TRIVIA

- Did you know the saying "God willing and the Creek don't rise" was in reference to the Creek Indians and not a body of water? It was written by Benjamin Hawkins in the late 18th century. He was a politician and Indian diplomat. The President requested Hawkins to return to Washington. In his response, he was said to write, "God willing and the Creek don't rise." Because he capitalized the word "Creek" it is deduced that he was referring to the Creek Indians.
- In George Washington's days, with no cameras, images were either sculpted or painted. Some paintings showed Washington standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, "Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg."
- As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October). Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term "big wig..." Today we often use the term "here comes the Big Wig" because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.
- In the late 1700's, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The "head of the household" always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the "chair man." Today in business, we use the expression or title "Chairman" or "Chairman of the Board."
- Personal hygiene left much room for improvement. As a result, many women and men had developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began to stare at another woman's face she was told, "mind your own bee's wax." Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term "crack a smile". In addition, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt.... Therefore, the expression "losing face."
- Ladies wore corsets, which would lace up in the front. A proper and dignified woman, as in "straight laced" wore a tightly tied lace.
- Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars. They were told to "go sip some Ale and listen to people's conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times. "You go sip here" and "You go sip there." The two words "go sip" were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and, thus we have the term "gossip."

## Historical Trivia continued...

- At local taverns, pubs, and bars, people drank from pint and quart-sized containers. A bar maid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in "pints" and who was drinking in "quarts," hence the phrase "minding your P's and Q's".

### **One more: bet you didn't know this!**

- In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem.... how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a "Monkey" with 16 round indentations. However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make "Brass Monkeys." Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled.. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey; Thus, it was quite literally, "Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey." (All this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't you.)

**If you don't send this fabulous bit of historic knowledge to all your unsuspecting friends, your hard drive will kill your mouse.**



# **NRA**

The following link leads to the page where you can sign up for alerts regarding proposed 2A legislation in Washington state. This is a source of information on proposed legislation and is for educational purposes only.

<https://www.nraila.org/sign-up/>

**Marijuana is legal. Haircuts are not.  
It took fifty years, but the hippies finally won.**

**Unemployment Application**

**Job title: Burglar**

**Reason for lay-off: Everyone is home**

July 13, 2020

Editor, Mason County Journal

I quote: **“And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.”**

This quote is taken from the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776. Most of the signers of the Declaration of Independence had their homes, businesses or farms and monies taken away from them. Some were imprisoned and some died; killed in the war of independence. Very few signers were not severely harmed by taking a stand against the tyranny of the times. Can we do less in defense of the freedoms and liberty given us by these brave men and granted by the Constitution of the United States. Or do we stand silent and watch it all be taken away.

William Zeigler, Shelton, WA

"We mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor." What did it mean? For these men who signed the Declaration of Independence, it meant...

Braxton, Carter - Plantation Owner - All his ships were destroyed, lost his home and property, and died in rags.

Clymer, George - Merchant - vandals looting his property.

Ellery, William - Lawyer, Merchant - vandals looting his property.

Gwinnett, Button - Merchant, Plantation Owner - vandals looting his property.

Hall, Lyman - Physician, Minister - vandals looting his property.

Hancock, John - Merchant - saw all he owned burned.

Hart, John - Land owner - driven from dying wife's bedside, 13 children fled in all directions, fields and mill laid waste and he lived in the forest for over a year. When he returned home his wife was dead, children were gone, properties gone and he died a few weeks later of exhaustion.

Heyward Jr., Thomas - Lawyer, Plantation Owner - vandals looting his property, he was captured when Charleston fell.

Hopkinson, Francis - Lawyer, Musician - home seized by Hessians.

Lewis, Francis - Merchant - home and property destroyed, wife imprisoned and died there.

Livingston, Philip - Merchant - died within a few months of the end of the war, from hardship.

Lynch Jr., Thomas - Lawyer, Plantation Owner - he and his wife were lost at sea under suspicious circumstances.

## Signers continued...

McKean, Thomas - Lawyer - harassed by the enemy and moved his family 5 times in 5 months, served in congress without pay, while his family lived in poverty and hiding.

Middleton, Arthur - Plantation Owner - vandals looting his property.

Morris, Lewis - Plantation Owner - land was destroyed and his family scattered.

Nelson Jr., Thomas - Merchant, Plantation Owner - borrowed \$2 million on signature loan to provision our allies and after the war he wiped out his estate to pay back the loan. In the final battle of the war, he urged General Washington to fire on his own home which was occupied by Cornwallis.

Rutledge, Edward - Lawyer, Plantation Owner - vandals looting his property.

Stockton, Richard - Lawyer - captured, abused, and subsequently died young, his estate pillaged.

Walton, George - Lawyer - vandals looting his property.

**And just like that: having a mask, rubber gloves, duct tape, plastic sheeting and rope in your trunk is okay...**

**"You don't need 30 rounds to hunt deer."**

**True.  
But the founding fathers didn't write the second amendment because the deer were coming.**

**Growing your own tomatoes is the best way to devote 3 months of your life to saving \$2.17**



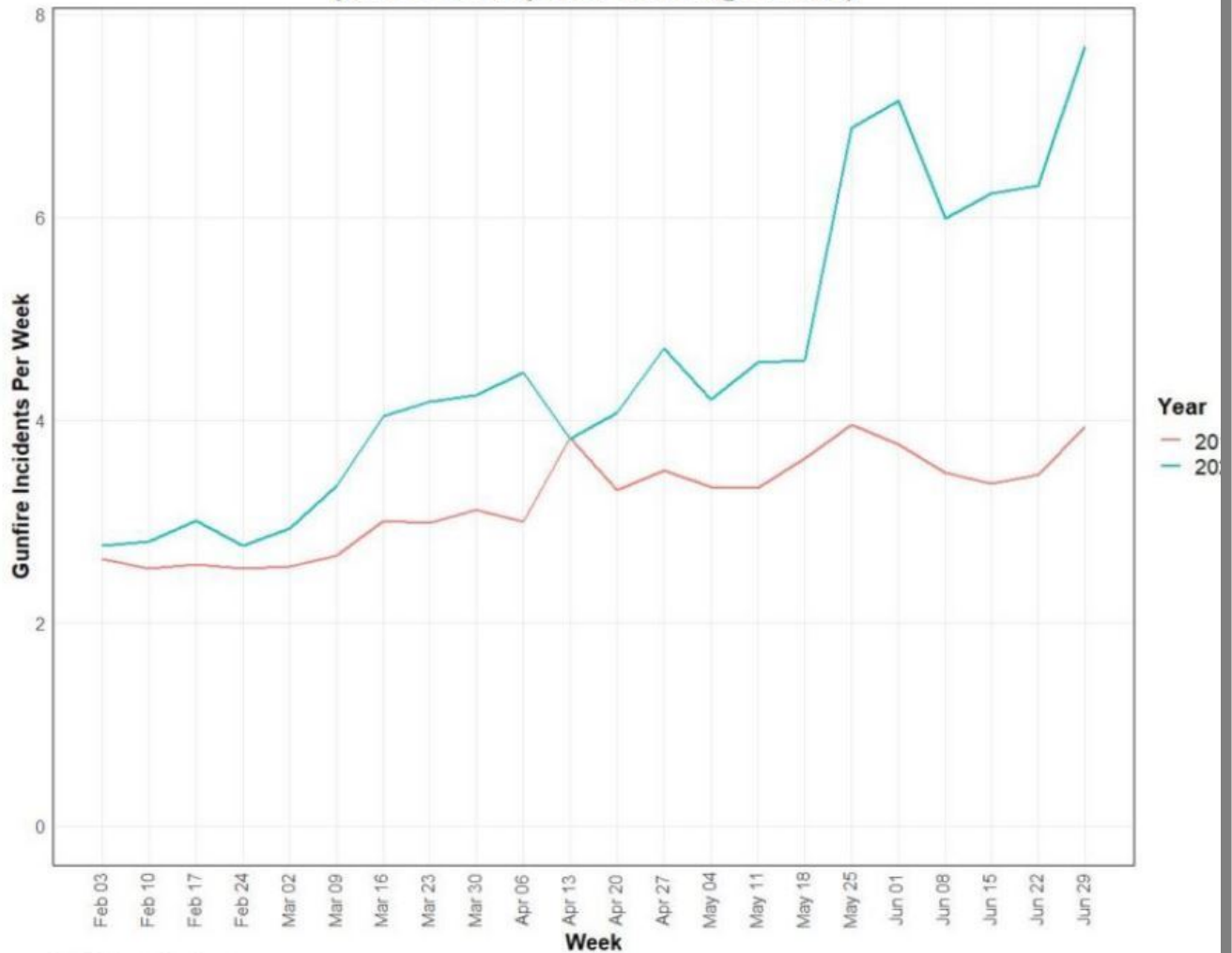
**I'm gonna work on being less condescending.  
(Condescending means to talk down to people)**

Might be a good time to up-fund the police...

# National Gunfire Trends

February 2020 – July 2020 Compared to Same Period 2019

Nationwide Average Gunfire Incidents Per Square Mile Per Week, 2019 vs. 2020  
(All US ShotSpotter Coverage Areas)



If the government says, "You don't need a gun."

**YOU NEED A GUN!**



## **Good Guys, Guns and Vigilance**

### **Jul 1 - Nashville, TN**

#### **Homeowner shoots intruder, ruled a "justifiable homicide"**

A 72yo homeowner told police he returned home from eating breakfast and found the screen from his kitchen window on the ground. Police say he drew a pistol and began checking rooms in the house. When he found the intruder in the bathroom. When the intruder "lunged at him grabbing for the gun", he shot him. The intruder, 27yo Taylor Lowery, died from his injuries at the hospital.

### **July 3 - Oklahoma City, OK**

#### **Pregnant woman shoots intruder in N.W. Oklahoma City - OK**

It started as a possible burglary. She heard a knock at the door, didn't know who it was, so she didn't answer. About 20 minutes later her dog was barking, she went to let it outside and that's when the suspect forced his way in. She was armed and shot him in the shoulder. The suspect was able to wrestle the gun away, then took off. Police found him sitting on the corner when they arrived. He was taken into custody and transported to the hospital. During the scuffle the pregnant woman was kned in the stomach; she was also transported to the hospital.

### **July 4 - Scottsdale, AZ**

#### **Suspect arrested in Circle K triple shooting in Scottsdale**

38yo Robert Blackwater was armed with a gun when he walked into the store around 2:40 a.m. and tried to rob it. He fired several shots at the clerk, who was able to escape through a back door uninjured. At that moment 35yo Joseph Toki walked into the store and was fatally shot. A friend to Toki was waiting outside in his car. Blackwater exited the store, noticed the friend and started shooting at him. The friend was shot as he got out of the car and returned fire, Blackwater was struck and died at the scene. 32yo Bryan Washington has been arrested in connection to the investigation (he was Blackwater's driver and waiting in the car).

### **July 4 - Northeast El Paso, TX**

#### **Woman asking crowd to quiet down leads to shooting and stabbing**

44yo Patricia Molina approached a group and asked them to quiet down. She was then punched in the face by 24yo Samuel Ozuna. 27yo Walter Villareal went to Molina's aid and was stabbed multiple times by another man in the crowd. Villareal is a concealed gun carrier and pulled out his handgun from his pocket and shot his attacker.

### **July 4 - Webberville, TX**

#### **'You need to leave before I open fire': Texas man catches burglar**

19yo Michael Fagan, 21yo Anthony Johnson Jr., and 19yo Dreshawn Johnson, pulled up to the victim's residence in while he was putting down his three children for a nap. He says he saw suspects' vehicle outside the window and saw one man get out and walk around to the back of his house. He caught Anthony Johnson Jr. halfway through his kitchen window.

## Good Guys, Guns and Vigilance continued...

"You need to leave before I open fire," he said, and the burglar jumped back out of the window and around the house. The vehicle did not immediately drive off from in front of his property, so the homeowner went outside and fired shots into the ground and then it left. Deputies located the men nearby, they fit the description and are being charged.

### **July 6th - St. Louis County, MO**

#### **Ride-share driver attacked, shot while looking for customer**

A ride-share driver was looking to pick up a customer when a group of people approached him and harassed him. A verbal argument led several people from the group to pull out their guns and shoot at the man. The driver was shot in the hand. He pulled out his own gun and shot back but no one was injured.

### **July 6 - Letcher County, KY**

#### **Shooting in Jenkins leaves one dead**

Justin and Kimberly Robinson were inside their home when James Duncan broke in. 39yo Duncan was shot during a confrontation with the Robinsons and pronounced dead at the scene.

### **July 8 - Jefferson City, TN**

#### **Legally armed good Samaritan stops assault**

A male and female were arguing outside of a restaurant around 2 p.m. The female attempted to escape from the male, but then 25yo Michael Shelton slammed her to the ground and began to strangle her and drag her around. A bystander in the drive-thru exited his vehicle and pointed his pistol toward Shelton and ordered him to stop. Shelton stopped and was eventually arrested and was charged with aggravated domestic assault and aggravated kidnapping. The female victim was then transported to a local hospital for treatment.

"May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity do what is right."

~ Peter Marshall  
Senate Chaplin

## To Brighten Your Day...

Jellyfish have survived 650 million years, despite not having a brain. This gives so many people hope.

Our town is so small we don't have a town drunk, so we all take turns.

Some people only write "lockdown" because they can't spell "kwarinteen".

Now would be the perfect time for Walmart to take all its carts and get a wheel alignment done on them.

Yesterday my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen. He sprayed everything down and cleaned thoroughly. Today I'm putting the cockroach in the bathroom.

Sometimes I wonder if all of this is happening because I didn't forward that message to 10 other people..

I trained my dog to fetch beer. It may not sound too impressive, but he gets them from the neighbor's fridge.

2020 is a unique Leap Year.

It has 29 days in February, 300 days in March and 5 years in April.

Wearing a mask inside your home is now highly recommended. Not so much to prevent China virus, but to stop eating.

When this virus is over, I'll still want some of you to stay away from me.

I can tell people are judgmental just by looking at them.

