



Veterans proudly in procession during Chelan's Veterans Day Parade held Sat. Nov. 11 in Chelan's historic downtown.

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Council wrestles with lodging tax dollars dispersal

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – A discussion over the city's Lodging Tax Funds and the amount of those dollars transferred to the Chamber of Commerce drew the most attention at the regular meeting of the city council on Tuesday, Nov. 14.

City Administrator Wade Ferris explained the original 2018 agreement with the chamber, the previous 2022 extension and the reasoning behind the 2023 one-year extension agreement for \$700,000 with the chamber to make sure, as Ferris said: "We get everything right...in the five-year contract agreement."

Council member John Olson wants to see more emphasis placed on the city's infrastructure maintenance and repair and less on tourist promotion. He termed the failure as "kicking the can down the road."

Olson prefaced his remarks as being in the interest of "the greatest good for the greatest number of the public for the greatest period of time."

"I must once again protest the transfer of lodging tax funds to the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce," said Olson. "This is a use of public funds for the benefit of a private membership organization."

"One year ago, the chamber requested \$700,000 from the city," said Olson. "I protested at that time suggesting it seemed more prudent to spend the funds on tourism infrastructure support than to do more advertising for Chelan."

Olson said the city has fallen behind after decades and decades of "kicking the can down the road" and leaving it to future generations to

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Remembering those who served

By NORM MANLY
Post Service Officer
Manson American Legion

Rain and wind were threatening right up to the start of the American Legion's Veterans Day celebration held on Nov. 11 at 11:00 am in Manson, Washington. Luckily, the weather gods came through and provided, not perfect but decent weather for the annual celebration.

The Lake Chelan Patriotic Singers, led by Steve Davis sang a couple songs prior to Commander Clyde McCullough ordering Craig Pittson and Carole Hanson, "present colors". It was a beautiful sight as the backdrop was a huge American flag hoisted high above Wapato Way by "Tower 51", Manson Fire Department's aerial platform truck. We thank Chief Arnold Baker and his team of firefighters.

American Legion Vice Commander, Brian Strausbaugh took charge of the ceremony and asked Chaplain John Swenson to provide an opening prayer, then the Patriotic Singers led the crowd in God

Bless America followed by several readings from Legion members.

Commander McCullough proudly introduced our guest speaker, Kelly Allen. Kelly is owner of Kelly Allen Agency,

LLC in Chelan and a Chelan County PUD commissioner representing at-large District B. Kelly spoke from the heart and her love for our veterans and their service to our country. Growing up as a military brat she learned discipline, boundaries and hard work. She was grateful for the Veteran's who gave up their optionality and comforts so she and others could remain innocent and naive to the true cost of freedom, recognizing our military as God's Angels on earth.

Kelly proudly recognized her dad, Charles (Chuck) Murrell, First Sergeant, US Army (ret) in attendance at the ceremony, decked out in his military gear. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam, 1966-68 and 1969-70. He went to Vietnam with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade out of Fort Devens, Massachusetts. Retired June 30, 1985.

An all military, arm forces medley was played through the PA system featuring the Swing Dolls, America's premier tribute to The Andrews Sisters. Commander McCullough asked those in attendance to stand or raise their hand when their branch of the service was played. This was a real crowd pleaser and we received many positive comments.

The Lake Chelan Patriotic Singers led the crowd in two verses of the Star Spangled Banner before Commander McCullough asked the Color Guard to "Retire Colors". Coffee and cookies were provided by the American Legion.

We send a special thank you to eight students from Manson High School that helped setup and secure the event and students, and Charlize Lael and Shawn Strouble for taking photos.



COURTESY OF MANSON HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR, CHARLIZE LAEL (L-R) John Swenson, George Rohrich, Marie Cannon, Norm Manly, Kelly Allen, Clyde McCullough, Brian Strausbaugh, Carole Hanson, Clyde McCullough Jr. and Craig Pittson.

Santa Claus is coming to town and lighting up the night

By KATIE LINDERT
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CHELAN – The Lake Chelan Chamber's Small Town Holidays event series welcomes Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus as part of the annual community tree lighting ceremony to take place on Friday Nov. 24 at 5:30 p.m.

Chelan and Manson's own Patriotic Singers will kick off the evening with caroling at 5:30 p.m., followed by a dazzling performance at 5:45 p.m. of "Oh Holy Night" by local recording artist, Loni Rose.

Community caroling of "Here Comes Santa Claus" is to follow as a parade featuring representatives from Chelan Police, Lake Chelan EMS, and Chelan Fire and Rescue deliver Santa and

Mrs. Claus safely to the corner of Woodin and Emerson. Here, they will initiate the tree lighting ceremony at 6:05 p.m.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will then engage in a short meet and greet with area children until roughly 6:20 p.m. before reboarding their designated fire truck and heading back to the North Pole. A festive holiday fireworks display will follow at Don Morse Park at 6:30 p.m.

Reindeer Patrol will be present, making sure Santa and community members stay safe and joyful throughout the evening's events.

Santa encourages community members to begin sending him letters detailing their holiday hopes and dreams!

Mailboxes will be present in both Chelan and Manson where folks may drop their letters to Santa from Nov. 24-Dec. 23. These will be located on the corner by the Chelan Museum at 204 E Woodin Ave, Chelan, and at the Lake Chelan Visitor Center's Manson location, 10 Wapato Point Parkway, Unit D Manson.

The ceremony is just a small part of a full day of holiday festivities, kicked off at 6:30 a.m. with local shops offering their best Plaid Friday deals. Folks are encouraged to wear their best plaid when out and about supporting community vendors by shopping local.

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Chelan Fire and Rescue graciously assembled the community tree this week in anticipation of a magical visit from Santa.

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If you have an exciting event to share, email Reporter Quinn Propst at quinn@ward.media. We'll showcase the five most captivating events of the week, giving your event the recognition it deserves. Even if your event isn't among the top five, it will still be added to our events calendar and featured online. Don't miss this chance to make your event shine!



Small Town Holidays Kick Off

Historic Downtown Chelan will host a Small Town Holidays Kick Off on Friday, Nov. 24. "Enjoy 32 days of shopping, dining, wine, and holiday fun for the whole family," the event page states. "Help us kick off the holiday festivities on Friday November 24th, starting bright and early with "Plaid Friday!" Plaid Friday is an alternative to Black Friday; Plaid Friday encourages people to do their holiday shopping with locally owned and independent businesses. We encourage everyone to wear plaid this day to show your support, and you'll even see many of our businesses wearing branded Small Town Holiday plaid." For more information visit smalltownholidays.com.

Historic Chelan Tree Lighting

As part of Historic Downtown Chelan's Small Town Holidays Kick Off on Friday, Nov. 24. The town's Christmas tree light ceremony will be at 6:30 p.m. downtown.

"Families and friends gather around for the Christmas Tree Lighting at 6pm, singing carols, and welcoming Santa to town," the event page states. "At 6:30 p.m. head over to a viewing area, or Don Morse Park for a celebratory firework show, or catch a ride on the Lady of the Lake for prime viewing." For more information visit smalltownholidays.com.

Manson Village Lights

Manson will kick off the holiday season with their annual Village of Lights celebration on Saturday, Nov. 25 with events running all day until 6:30 p.m. "The day begins at Mountain View Lodge at 10:00 am," the event page states. "The kids will be writing letters to Santa to deliver when he and Mrs. Claus arrive via helicopter at Leffler Field at 12 p.m." "The festivities will continue as we parade down the main street of Manson following Santa and Mrs. Claus in their sleigh to Radiance Winery and Coffee for photo opportunities and visits with Santa," the event page states. "The night will end with fireworks at 6:30 pm at Manson Bay Park. Many of the Manson Businesses will be

participating with fun-filled family events and warm holiday cheer." For more information and a schedule of events visit moretomanson.com.

Lake Chelan Turkey Trot

The annual Lake Chelan Turkey Trot is scheduled for Saturday, November 25, starting at 10 a.m. at the Lookout at Lake Chelan (101 Jackrabbit Lane). "This exciting event brings together participants of all ages and fitness levels for a fun-filled day of running and community engagement," the event page states. "Not only does the Turkey Trot encourage physical activity, but it also emphasizes the importance of giving back to those in need." "At the starting line, there will be a designated area for non-perishable food donations," the event page states. "Participants are encouraged to bring canned goods and other non-perishable items to support local food banks and organizations that assist the less fortunate." For more information visit chelanlookout.com.

Succession Wines Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Succession Wines will host their Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, Nov. 26 with events from noon to 5 p.m. "One of our favorite traditions," the event page states. "We have something for everyone. Enjoy live music with Owen Barnhart from 2-5 while the kids enjoy s'mores by the fire." "Santa will be at the winery from 3pm-5pm," the event page states. "Our decorated tree will be lit up at 2:30pm, just in time for his arrival." For more information visit successionwines.com.

A Time for Gratitude and Reflection

As the crisp autumn air envelops us and the leaves paint a vivid mosaic of reds, oranges, and yellows, our hearts and homes prepare for a cherished tradition: Thanksgiving. This quintessentially American holiday serves as a reminder to pause amidst life's hustle and bustle, embracing gratitude, unity, and the spirit of giving.



Terry Ward
From the Publisher

torical harvest feast shared between the Pilgrims and Native Americans in 1621, Thanksgiving has evolved into a mosaic of traditions. It's a day when families and friends gather around tables laden with a cornucopia of culinary delights, from succulent roasted turkeys to pumpkin pies adorned with dollops of whipped cream.

Beyond the feast lies the heart of Thanksgiving – the expression of gratitude. In a world often bustling with noise and distractions, this day beckons us to reflect on our blessings. It's a moment to appreciate the warmth of loved ones' laughter, the embrace of cherished friendships, and the simple joys that enrich our lives. Yet, Thanksgiving is not merely about counting blessings; it's about sharing them. It's a time to extend a hand to those less fortunate, embodying the true essence of

community. Whether through volunteering at local shelters, donating to food banks, or offering support to a neighbor in need, this holiday calls us to demonstrate compassion and generosity. In recent years, the celebration of Thanksgiving has evolved in response to changing times. Families scattered across the country often reunite through virtual gatherings, utilizing technology to bridge distances and share in the spirit of togetherness.

This year, as we gather once more, let us not only revel in the delectable aromas wafting from the kitchen but also in the conversations that unite us. Let's remember to acknowledge the richness found in our diverse tapestry of cultures, beliefs, and traditions that make this nation so vibrant. As the holiday season commences, Thanksgiving serves as the prelude, fostering a sense of appreciation and setting the stage for the coming festivities. It prompts us to

reflect not only on the abundance of our tables but also on the richness of our lives. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, let us carry the values of gratitude, compassion, and unity beyond this day, making every day an opportunity to express thanks and extend kindness to all. May this Thanksgiving be a tapestry woven with love, gratitude, and cherished moments, creating lasting memories that resonate throughout the year. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Report unveils local journalism's crisis and rays of hope

The Lake Chelan Mirror calls for community aid

In the annals of our nation's media, the year 2023 has unveiled a complex tapestry, woven with threads of promise and threads of despair for local journalism. Recent revelations from the Medill Local News Initiative at Northwestern University delineate a stark reality: while glimmers of hope emerge with philanthropic pledges and innovative models, the fabric of local news outlets continues to fray, imperiling our communities' cohesion and democratic ethos. Amidst the shadows, rays of hope shone through in the form of substantial philanthropic commitments – vital pledges totaling \$500 million. Simultaneously, governmental considerations to bridge digital divides and fortify journalistic integrity provided a beacon of optimism. Notably, select news outlets showcased promising business models, hinting at potential resurgence in beleaguered regions. However, this ray of hope was eclipsed by an unremitting decline in the number of local news sources. The disconcerting projection an-



Amy Yaley



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Our View

anticipates the loss of a third of the country's newspapers since 2005 by the year's end, as the expansion of alternative local news entities trails the vanishing traditional sources. Communities bereft of a local newspaper typically grapple with economic deprivation and a lack of high-speed broadband, further isolating them from reliable information sources. This stark divide exacerbates existing societal fissures, exacerbating political polarization, civic apathy, and the proliferation of online misinformation. The 2023 report on The State of Local News, meticulously curated by the Medill Local News Initiative, outlines the disparities engulfing our nation. Shockingly, more than half of U.S. counties lack or possess limited access to credible local news sources – be it print, digital, or

broadcast. The dire statistics include 204 counties devoid of any local news outlet and 1,562 counties dependent on a solitary remaining source, with 228 on the precipice of losing this lifeline. The decline in newspapers, at a rate surpassing two per week since 2005, has obliterated nearly 2,900 newspapers and two-thirds of newspaper journalists – 43,000 positions – during the same period. This decay, particularly in metropolitan areas, compounds the crisis, leaving large swaths of residents stranded without access to essential community news. Alternative local news entities – comprising digital start-ups, ethnic media, and public broadcasting – while promising, confront their unique business hurdles – the struggle to attain sustainability plagues many, with advertising revenue decline imperiling their survival. The dearth of reliable internet access, especially in non-urban areas, compounds the challenges faced by digital ventures. In this backdrop, the indispensable role of local journalism in fostering informed communities and resilient democracies looms large.

It underscores the pressing need for collective action from policymakers, philanthropists, industry leaders, and community members invested in fortifying our local news ecosystem. The Medill Local News Initiative's comprehensive report, complemented by interactive maps revealing the intricate local news landscapes across states, serves as a clarion call. It highlights the pivotal role of local journalism, invoking a sense of responsibility within us all to safeguard this cornerstone of our societal fabric. **Call to Action: Supporting The Lake Chelan Mirror** Amidst this critical juncture, The Lake Chelan Mirror stands as a testament to the importance of community-backed journalism. As the heart of our local news, it relies on the robust support of the community it serves. Local businesses play a pivotal role in bolstering our local news landscape. Their commitment to advertising in our publications not only promotes their services but also sustains the lifeblood of The Lake Chelan Mirror. We urge businesses to consider investing in local advertising,

recognizing the pivotal role it plays in fostering an informed and connected community. Moreover, residents hold the power to fortify our local news outlets. Subscribing to The Lake Chelan Mirror is a tangible means of supporting credible, community-driven journalism. Your subscription directly contributes to the sustenance of reliable local news, ensuring its continuity for years to come. Furthermore, citizens can significantly contribute by

patronizing businesses that advertise in The Lake Chelan Mirror. By consciously choosing to shop locally, you reinforce the symbiotic relationship between our vibrant local businesses and the sustenance of a robust local news ecosystem. Together, through concerted efforts and unwavering support, we can fortify our local news and, in turn, fortify the very essence of our community's vitality and resilience.

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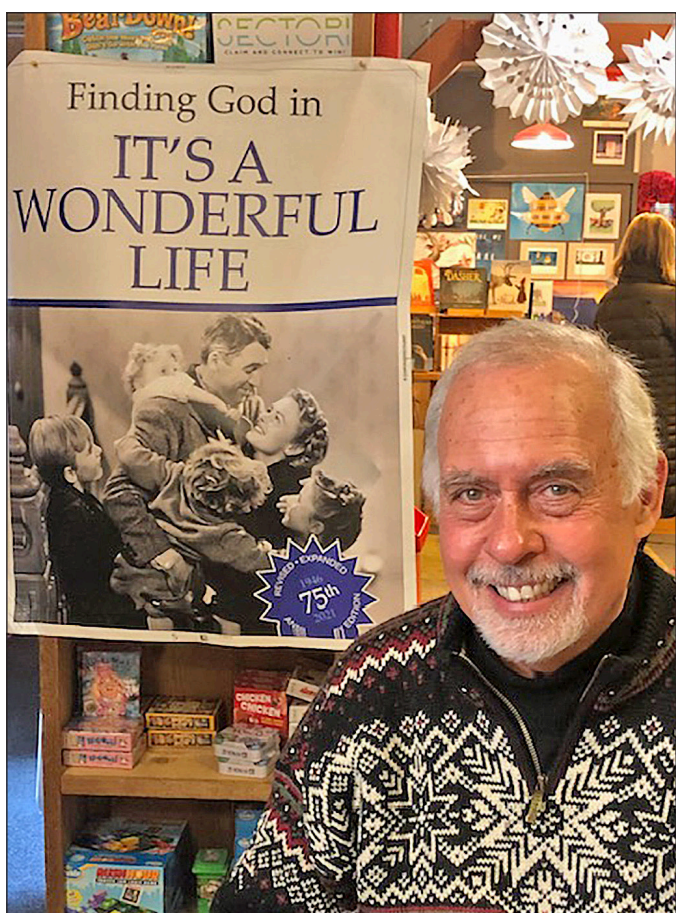
By **KATIE LINDERT**
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CHELAN – Greg Asimakoupoulos, distinguished author and columnist, will be signing copies of his 2012 work, “Finding God in It’s a Wonderful Life,” at Chelan’s historic Ruby Theatre on Saturday, Nov. 25, from noon to 2 p.m.

The signing will be held prior to a 3 p.m. screening of Frank Capra’s revered 1946 classic Christmas film. Chef Andy Co. and Janine Elf Music have generously sponsored this free community holiday event.

Book copy for “Finding God in It’s a Wonderful Life” details, “The film was not made as a religious piece at all, but, as Greg asserts and proves, we can see God at work in every scene... he shows us how, in chapters such as ‘Broken Banister Knobs,’ ‘Learning to Dance with Adversity,’ ‘Reclaiming 320 Sycamore Street,’ ‘When God Sends an Angel instead of Money,’ ‘Saving Harry Bailey,’ ‘Suffering When It’s Not Your Fault,’ and so much more.”

Greg is a Wenatchee native



COURTESY OF GREG ASIMAKOULOPOULOS
Author Greg Asimakoupoulos poses at book signing for his cherished work, “Finding God in It’s a Wonderful Life”.

currently living on Mercer Island. magazine articles and 15 books.

A former pastor of 45 years, he is author of more than 300

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Lake Chelan School District welcomes new student Board Members

By **KATIE LINDERT**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – For the first time prior to the Covid-19 outbreak, the Lake Chelan School District (LCSD) welcomed new student members to the LCSD school board. These students are volunteers in answer to principal application requests and will serve for a 2-year term.

Student representatives are those from both Chelan High School (CHS) and Chelan School of Innovation (CSI). Representing CHS are sophomore Joslyn Bobadilla

and senior Ava Haase, with senior Haley Stocker representing CSI.

Students were formally seated on Oct. 9, and will be in attendance at the first school board meeting of every month. Their responsibilities include connecting with students at least quarterly to gather first-hand information about student experiences, and offering advisory votes to the board prior to actions taken. Students do not engage in executive sessions.

In seating these students to the board, it is the goal of the

LCSD to support their future endeavors by providing each of them first-hand experiences in leadership and governing an organization as it pertains to decision-making.

Regarding this recent and crucial addition to the board, LCSD Superintendent Bradley Wilson shares, “We are excited to have the voice of students at the board level, and look forward to them sharing not only their perspectives, but those of fellow students K-12.”

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The Wenatchee Nutcracker returns to stage Dec. 7-10

By **KATIE LINDERT**
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WENATCHEE – The Wenatchee Valley Symphony Orchestra and Fabulous Feet Wenatchee have teamed up for another production of The Wenatchee Nutcracker, a collaboration that has been in effect since 2013 but is part of a decades old regional tradition.

Ballet Theatre Northwest founder, Joan Shelton-Mason, staged annual productions of “The Nutcracker” for many years before her passing. She taught dance for over 60 years, and is often credited with having brought ballet to the Wenatchee Valley.

The Wenatchee Nutcracker has carried on this treasured tradition since its inception in 2007. This year’s production features student performers ranging in ages 4-18, with 91 dancers overall. There are additionally 12 adult volunteer performers who hold both acting and dancing roles.

There are many iterations of “The Nutcracker” ballets often performing variations to a set choreography. That said, Fabulous Feet Wenatchee’s own instructors and choreographers are credited with the original choreography

found in productions of The Wenatchee Nutcracker.

Fabulous Feet studio Owner and Director, Tracy Trotter, and Co-Director and Instructor, Melissa Miller Port, constructed the original concept for this year’s production.

Annual auditions for The Wenatchee Nutcracker are open to the community, not solely Fabulous Feet students, though most are involved. All who want to participate are welcome, with auditions held typically in July and primarily serving to help in designating roles.

Rehearsals begin in September. Performers meet every week up until opening, with student rehearsals held on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For any large scene work, dancers are broken up into groups and then slowly integrated together until they can cohesively perform through the entire show.

All other additional preparations begin in September. The sets for The Wenatchee Nutcracker are reused annually and maintained by their staff at the studio and the Numerica Performing Arts Center. Costumes are kept on hand, and altered to fit new

students each year with the help of many volunteers.

The Wenatchee Nutcracker has a wardrobe of close to 300 costumes due to the volume of students they have, some of the older students playing 2-5 roles. Their youngest students are angels and the mice, and as they age take on more and more additional roles.

Some of the characters students may play include the Snow Queen, snow princesses, icicles, flurries, snowflakes, and demi-snowflakes (students on the younger end who are not quite old enough to be snowflakes, demi-snowflakes are skilled midway between point and flat). Snowflakes dance on point.

Co-Director Tracy Trotter is Mother Ginger and has been playing this role since The Wenatchee Nutcracker began. This year’s production will see the exciting addition of two new characters, Mother Ginger’s sisters, Ms. Cinnamon and Ms. Nutmeg. Additionally, this version of the Nutcracker will feature a Lead Angel who descends from the Christmas tree.

The addition of characters are not the only new elements audience members may have to look forward to this year.



COURTESY OF PHOTOS BY DRUCILLE
The final scene in Act 1 of The Wenatchee Nutcracker’s 2022 Production, “The Land of Snow”.

Katie Spurbeck-Perez, Office Manager, Instructor, and first ever Clara for The Wenatchee Nutcracker shares, “We’re really excited for another good year, and we’re going to have new enhancements for the tree that grows during the battle scene as well, so we’re really just excited about everything.”

For a sneak preview of what magic The Wenatchee Nutcracker brings us this season, they will be performing an excerpt from the ballet as part of Holiday Spice, a review featuring a variety of regional talents at the Numerica Performing Arts Center on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.

Dates for The Wenatchee Nutcracker are Dec. 7, 8 and 9 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 9 and 10 at 2 p.m., performances held

at the Numerica Performing Arts Center located at 123 N. Wenatchee Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801. Performances are 90 minutes.

All ticket sales are through the Numerica Performing Arts

Center. Tickets can either be purchased in person or by calling the NPAC box office at (509) 663-ARTS.

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Mobile Market free food distribution November 30

MANSON – A Second Harvest Mobile Market with free food will be held on Thursday, Nov. 30, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the North Shore Bible Church, 123 Wapato Point Parkway in Manson. This drive-thru event is for up to 250 while supplies last. Mobile Markets serve people facing hunger and no appointment or documentation is required. For more information visit 2-harvest.org.



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CHELAN – Follow the Lake Chelan Arts Council Outdoor Gallery map, available at the Lake Chelan and Manson Chambers of Commerce to discover and enjoy over 40 murals and sculptures located throughout Chelan and Manson. For information about the Arts Council, local art events and artists, with links to local and international art museums and other resources, go to artinchelan.com.

SAIL Exercise Classes: Nov. 22, 23, 24

CHELAN – SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life) fitness classes are offered at Chelan Senior Center on Monday and Wednesday at 1 p.m. and are taught by Beth Shaw and Jocelyn Rich, Occupational Therapist and Pelvic Floor Health Specialist. Evening SAIL classes are Monday and Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m., also at the Chelan Senior Center and are taught by Ann Cooper. A SAIL class is offered to residents of Heritage Heights Assisted Living in Chelan on Mondays and Fridays at 2 p.m. taught by Gaylen Willett and Steve Davis.

Household hazardous waste drop off: Nov. 22, 24

Latex paint now accepted - Drop off Saturday, Dec. 2
WENATCHEE – Drop-off Saturday is October at the Chelan County Moderate Risk Waste Facility on Highway 97A. The facility is open the first Saturday of the month, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Every week, they are open Tuesday through Friday at the same hours. Drop off your household hazardous wastes and latex paint. This is a free service to Chelan County residents. For a full list of items that the facility does and does not accept, go to the facility's website: <https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/solid-waste-management/pages/household-hazardous-wastes>.

Chelan Senior Meals: Nov. 22, 27-30

CHELAN – The Chelan Senior Center at 534 E. Trow Avenue, hosts Senior Meals Monday-Friday. Suggested donation for seniors over age 60 is \$4. Fee for persons under age 60 is \$10. Please call 509-888-4440 to reserve meals 24 hours in advance. For information about Home Delivered Meals call 509-470-0522. You can visit their website at www.octn.org and follow them on Facebook. Donations can be mailed to: OCTN P.O. Box 471 Okanogan, WA 98840. Menu: Nov. 22: Roast Turkey & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Green Salad, Cranberry Salad, Stuffing, Pumpkin Pie; Nov. 27: Cheese Stuffed Shells with Marinara Sauce, Buttered Peas, Caesar Salad, Waldorf Salad, Breadstick, Dessert; Nov. 28: Beef Tacos, Southwest Salad, Mandarin Oranges, Dessert; Nov. 29: Swedish Meatballs, Egg Noodles, Glazed Carrots, Tossed Salad, Cherries & Pineapple, Dessert; Nov. 30: Bacon & Egg Salad served on a Croissant, Tomato Basil Soup, Spinach Salad, Apple Wedges, Dessert.

Chelan Valley Hope: Nov. 22, 27-30

Serving Bridgeport, Mansfield, Waterville, Orondo, Chelan, Manson, Chelan Falls, Entiat

CHELAN – As Thanksgiving approaches we at Chelan Valley Hope have a lot to be thankful for. Hope is proud to be part of such a kind, generous, community. Thank you to the folks who continue to donate to the Little Essentials Pantry so families can access food and other basic necessities when our office is closed. Thank you to all the donors who support Hope, your donations help families and individuals in emergency situations. Lastly, a big thank you to all the volunteers who work hard to create a safe, inviting space for every person who walks into Hope. This is not an exhaustive list of our gratitude but just a quick overview. As we gather around the tables this Thanksgiving, let us reflect on the power of community and the importance of coming together to uplift, empower, and inspire. In the spirit of the season, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our volunteers, donors, and partners who have played an integral role in making a positive impact on the lives of those in need. For information call us at 509-888-2114.

Zumba Fitness: Nov. 22, 23, 24

MANSON – Zumba Fitness Class, every Tuesday and Thursday morning (excluding holidays), through October, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Join Zumba instructor, Brenda, for some Zumba fitness fun. Donation is \$5 per class. All ages welcome. It's for everyone and is so much fun. This event is a partnership between the Manson Grange and the Manson Parks and Recreation Department. Donation is \$5 per class. All donations help fund the Manson Grange building maintenance program.

Chelan Museum: Nov. 24-25 Fall/Winter Hours

CHELAN – The Chelan Museum is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The museum is located at the corner of Woodin Avenue and Emerson Street. For more information: 509-682-5644.

VFW #6853 Post Coffee/Donuts: Nov. 24

CHELAN – Every Friday VFW Post #6853, located at 427 S. Bradley Street is open 9-11 a.m. for donuts and coffee and conversation. Veterans are invited to join them every Friday.

Holiday Extravaganza: Nov. 25

MANSON – Hosted by the Manson Apple Blossom Festival the Holiday Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, Nov. 25, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Manson Grange Hall. Shop for unique handcrafted items for everyone on your holiday shopping list. For more information: mansappleblossom.com

Thrive Teen Center: Nov. 27, 30

CHELAN – The Thrive Teen Center will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from October-May. The hours are 3:30-6:30 p.m. and dinner is served each night. The Teen Center is located in the basement of the Lake Chelan United Methodist Church and is available to all middle and high school students in the valley. There are volunteers to help with homework, pool tables, board games, air hockey, craft supplies, foosball, free clothing and hygiene closets, and more. If you have any questions, email stefani@thrivichelanvalley.com.

Food Bank food distribution: Nov. 25, 28, Dec. 2

CHELAN – The Lake Chelan Food Bank food giveaway takes place each Saturday and Tuesday, 9 - 10 a.m. Distribution is drive-thru at 417 S. Bradley Street. Families are limited to one box per week. In September an average of 127 families with 458 individuals were served each week. A total of 23,200 pounds of food was distributed. As the weather turns cold the need increases. If you are able to help please donate online at lakechelanfoodbank.org or send to PO Box 2684, Chelan, 98816. Non perishable food donations may be dropped off at the Lake Chelan Mirror office, 131 Apple Blossom Drive, Suite 109 (Chelan Business Center).

Glass recycle: Nov. 25

CHELAN – Rotary of Lake Chelan 911 Glass Rescue is open on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon, at 23235 Highway 97A across from Walmart. They are charging a small fee per pound for glass drop-off. Buckets of the materials produced, sand and aggregate, will be available for purchase at \$5 per 5-gallon bucket. City of Chelan residents are asked not to put glass into their blue recycle bins, but to bring it out on Saturday mornings. Their all-volunteer team relies on support from members of the community to make the operation run smoothly every week. They have tasks suitable for all ages and

abilities. To volunteer go to www.911glassrescue.org, and click on the volunteer tab on the home page.

Lake Chelan Health board meeting: Nov. 28

CHELAN – The board of commissioners of Lake Chelan Health Hospital will meet in person on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 1:30 p.m., in the board room at Lake Chelan Health, 110 S. Apple Blossom Drive. Those interested in attending may do so in person or via the internet. For agenda and login information to lakechelanhealth.org.

Lions Club: Dec. 7

MANSON – The Lake Chelan Lions Club holds bi-monthly meetings at the Manson Parks Building at 142 Pedoi St. in Manson. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 9 a.m.

Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group: Dec. 12

WENATCHEE – Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 7-8:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. For information, call 509-860-3620 or visit their website at: tcfwenatcheevalley.org.

Cancer Support Group: Dec. 14

CHELAN – The women surviving/thriving cancer support group will meet Thursday, Dec. 14, 1 p.m., at the Chelan Library on Emerson Street. Whether you are newly diagnosed, going through treatments, a support to someone who is, or been thriving for years, please join them for this casual gathering. They will be meeting the second Thursday of each month. For more information call Anne Brooks, 509-682-8718.

Christmas Cantata: Dec. 15-16

MANSON – The annual Christmas Cantata will be held at North Shore Bible Church, Friday evening at 7 p.m., Dec. 15 and Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m., Dec. 16. They truly make a joyful noise and our performances are the unofficial start to the Christmas season.

Manson Grange: Dec. 16

MANSON – The Manson Grange #796 will meet hold its November meeting on Saturday, Dec. 16, 5 p.m., at the grange hall located at 157 E. Wapato Way. For more information: Norm Manly, 509-293-0225.

Family and friends Support Group: Dec. 18

WENATCHEE – Family and friends Support Group meets the 3rd Monday of every month, 7-8:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. For information, call 509-860-3620 or visit their website at: tcfwenatcheevalley.org

Red Cross Blood Drives: Dec. 20, Jan. 17

MANSON/CHELAN – Upcoming American Red Cross Blood Drives: Dec. 20, 1-6 p.m. at Lake Chelan United Methodist Church and Jan. 17, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Chelan High School. To schedule an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Grange Youth Fairs Program: Jan. 16

MANSON – The Manson Grange "Youth Fairs" program provides an opportunity for young Grange members to participate in an educational setting, designed to increase confidence, strengthen character, learn invaluable life skills and teach the importance of self-discipline. They normally meet the third Monday of every month at 6 p.m. The next meeting is Jan. 16 at the Manson Grange Hall. The program encourages learning opportunities for the members. The Grange "Youth Fairs" program offers young members, age 5-19 the opportunity to exhibit at county fairs and exhibitions. This program works alongside other nationally recognized programs such as 4-H and FFA. For more information: Norm Manly, 509-293-0225.

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Death Notices

Geraldine Dowell

Geraldine Dowell, 73, of Chelan, Washington passed away on November 16, 2023.

Precht Rose Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family. Please leave your thoughts and memories at www.prechtrose.com

Brian Varrelman

Brian Varrelman, 71, of Omak, and formerly of Pateros, Washington passed away on November 10, 2023.

Barnes Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family. Please leave your thoughts and memories at ww.barneschapel.com.

Jerry Kuhlemeier

Jerry Kuhlemeier, 85, of Manson, Washington passed away on November 11, 2023.

Precht Rose Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family. Please leave your thoughts and memories at www.prechtrose.com.

Radd Hastings

Radd Hastings, 71, of Chelan, Washington passed away on November 8, 2023.

Precht Rose Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family. Please leave your thoughts and memories at www.prechtrose.com.

Julio Cesar Alatorre

Julio Cesar Alatorre, 40, of Tonasket, and formerly of Chelan, Washington passed away on November 11, 2023.

Precht Rose Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family. Please leave your thoughts and memories at www.prechtrose.com.

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Obituaries

Lanny Siegfried Blessin

Lanny Blessin, 89, passed away in Chelan on Friday Nov. 3. He was born in Olympia WA on July 23, 1934, the first child of Walter August and Hannah Helena Blessin. Sisters Marlene and Linda soon joined the family. The family relocated to the Lake Chelan Valley in 1944 to a house and orchard purchased on the north shore of the lake on Mill Bay. Lanny attended grade school in Manson, junior high in Chelan, graduating from Chelan High School in 1952.

Lanny and Joyce Wayerski of Wenatchee were married in 1953. Daughter Pamela and son Lanny Junior soon rounded out the family. Lanny commuted to his full-time job at Alcoa in Malaga for close to twenty years, while also helping to manage the Blessin orchards. During these years, the family, were active members of the Little Stone Church in Lakeside where Lanny taught Sunday School and sang in the church choir.

Lanny and Linda Cameron were married in 1991. The couple managed a women's wear shop in Chelan and developed two subdivisions from orchard land-Summerset on the North Shore and Summer Breeze located on Swartout Road, both near Manson. They also purchased and managed Lake Chelan Marina for ten years, enjoying winters in Palm Desert CA and summers in the Lake Chelan.

The Blessins eventually relocated permanently to Palm Desert, which is when traveling on ocean cruises became a new hobby. They loved cruising to every continent except Antarctica.

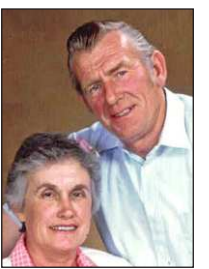
Lanny is remembered by his family for his gentleness, kindness, problem solving abilities, musical talent and entrepreneurial skills. Sometimes called the Gentle German, he showered family, friends and employees with care and kindness. Recently Lanny's heart started turning to Heaven, his final home, where he is now-with Jesus.

Lanny was preceded in death by wife Joyce; parents Walter and Hannah; and many family members in Canada who also immigrated from north Germany. He is survived by wife Linda of Palm Desert; sisters Marlene Payne and Linda Blessin of Manson; daughter Pamela Shadle and son Lanny Junior; stepchildren Eric Cameron, Shelli Cameron and Kevin Cameron; 15 stepgrandchildren and grandchildren including Dayatra Jordan, Linc Lippincott, Jessica Bragg, Camisha Lorikas, Caleb Blessin and Desiré Smith; eleven great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

No memorial service is planned at this time. Remembrances may be directed to the family at 39613 Ryans Way; Palm Desert CA 92211.

Louis Leroy Sorensen

Louis Leroy Sorensen was a loving a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. He passed away November 4, 2023, after a short illness. He was born October 7, 1931, in Brewster, Washington, to Louis Peter Sorensen and Ruth Bertram Sorensen.



Louis Leroy Sorensen

He attended Okanogan and Manson grade schools, before graduating from Manson High School, in 1949. He went to the Commercial Trade Institute in 1950. Leroy and Vera were married on Christmas Eve, in 1952. They traveled across the United States with the U.S. Air Force, spending time in Colorado, Texas, and Maine. During his time in the service, he logged 2,000 hours of flying. After a four-year enlistment, they made their journey home and purchased family property on Stayman Flats in Chelan, Washington. There, they raised their five children: Mike (Marilyn) of East Wenatchee, Washington, Terry (Jesse) of Mexico, Gerry of Chelan, Washington, Lori of Entiat, Washington, and Kelly (Carrie) of Entiat, Washington. They continued to grow apples until their retirement, in 2006, when they moved to Entiat, Washington. Leroy and Vera's home was always a safe and welcome place to anyone who visited. It was often filed with family, friends, and neighbors. LeRoy was mechanically inclined. It was well known that he was able to reassemble anything he had taken apart. Leroy and Vera enjoyed many years square dancing with the Columbia River Twirlers, and were active with the Entiat Grange and Senior Center. LeRoy's greatest joys were his children and grandchildren.

Leroy is survived by his five children; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and siblings: Roger, Karen, and Mary.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife, Vera; siblings: Saunder, Doris, and Carolyn; and grandson, James.

Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at www.prechtrose.com. Services are entrusted to Precht Rose Chapel of Chelan.

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Ribbon cutting held for Chelan Housing Trust's new homes

K&L Construction receives special acknowledgement

By **SCOTT MYERS**
Chelan Valley Housing Trust

CHELAN – On November 8, State Representative Mike Steele cut the ribbon to celebrate the completion of Chelan Valley Housing Trust's two new homes, located on Iowa Street in south Chelan.

Scheduled for occupancy this December, the three-bedroom homes were sold to two local families for \$330,000 each. The new homeowners are school teachers and retail workers in the Chelan and Manson area.

K&L Construction, the general contractor for the project, received special acknowledgement during the ceremony for their extraordinary donations to the project, professionalism, and dedication to our area's affordable housing.

The project was also made possible by support from Rep. Mike Steele, the City of Chelan, Chelan County, North Cascades Bank, Karen Feek, Guy Evans, Coldwell Banker and Campbell's Resort.



COURTESY CHELAN VALLEY HOUSING TRUST

Pictured left to right: Tim Hollingsworth and Steve Clark (CVHT Board), Scott Meyers (CVHT Ex. Dir.), Rep. Mike Steele, Diane Leigh (CVHT Board), Karen Feek (Donor), Jolene Baker (CVHT Board), Arlene Abbott (CVHT Board), Elaine Cooper (CVHT Staff), Clint Campbell (CVHT Board), Rachael Goldie and Jeanne Giddings (CVHT Staff).

26th Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner

By **RYAN PETERSON**
Apple Cup Café

We are proud to present our 26th annual Thanksgiving Day dinner. This event was the brainchild of Larry Peterson and Dian Prentice in the first year of buying the Apple Cup.

It was always a dream of Larry's to offer a dinner that was meant to be for the community to come together and break bread. Not because you needed a meal or couldn't afford it, he wanted to create an event that was more of a gratitude dinner where you could reflect on the past year and look forward to the year to come and give thanks.

This event has been such a delight to carry on, now passing along the tradition to our kids.

There are so many people in the community who have served over the years and make this a part of their own family's traditions, it's such a pleasure to be able to create that space.

There are so many vendors we must thank that make

this possible including Sysco Spokane, Franz, Weinstein Beverage, Cintas and last but not least the Eagles Chelan who without fail let us use their kitchens each year to cook all the turkeys.

The last couple of years we've had the pleasure of having the Chelan High School Todos United Club join us in helping on the day of as well as our slew of other volunteers, helmed by the lovely Joan Nolan who has been serving for as long as any of us can remember.

This event wouldn't be possible without the support of our community, we are so grateful to everyone who has supported this vision for all these years.

Ryan Peterson : 206-617-9768
or ryan@applecupcafe.com

Thanksgiving Day Dinner
When: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 23
Where: Apple Cup Cafe,
804 E. Woodin Ave.

October fire district calls ahead of 10-year average

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – In his report to regular meeting of Chelan fire commissioners last Wednesday, Nov. 15, District 7 Chief Brandon Asher said the district's emergency calls for October exceeded the 10-year average for that month.

October's 97 emergency calls exceeded the 10-year October average of 71 responses and 2023 has been the second busiest October in the past decade. The high volume of calls has continued into November, said Asher.

"We're a little bit ahead of last November's pace so we could have another record month coming up," Asher said.

Emergency calls

Major October calls included:

- 9th - Structure fire on Wapato.
- 11th - Hazmat chemical spill at Union Valley.
- 22nd - Fully involved boat fire at Union Valley.
- 31st - RV/brush fire at Chelan Falls.

Of the 97 emergency responses for October, 68 percent were EMS, said Asher.

- EMS calls breakdown:
- 45 percent were advanced life support (ALS).
 - 43 percent were basic life support (BLS).
 - 31 percent had no transport.

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 - Basic life support (BLS)
 - No transport

Administration

"We are getting our integration through RiverCom to work correctly so our guys can practice entering and completing calls as if we were live," said Asher.

"Our goal is to be dialed in on this and fully functioning by Jan. 1."

Asher said both the city and the district's attorney have presented their TIF (Tax Increment Financing) mitigation plans and now it's just a

matter of waiting. The county will hold a TIF workshop on Dec. 7.

The Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC) website defines tax increment financing (TIF) as a financing tool that local governments in Washington State – defined as cities, towns, counties, port districts, or any combination thereof – can use to fund public infrastructure in targeted areas to encourage private development and investment (chapter 39.114 RCW).

A local government wishing to utilize TIF will designate an "increment area" surrounding the site of the public improvements.

The property tax portion of increases in assessed value of properties within the increment area is allocated towards paying for the public

improvement costs, the MRSC states.

Asher said TIF was the "hot button" at the recent fire commissioners' conference that he, commissioners Karyl Oules, and Russ Jones attended on Oct. 1, at Tulalip.

"There is still so much that is just not clear," said Asher.

"It's going to be really interesting to see how the assessors and the Dept. of Revenue deal with this. Everybody in the state of Washington that's a fire district or a junior taxing district is paying attention to this."

Station 244 in Orondo is officially open and has been added to the WSRB (Washington Survey and Ratings Bureau) website, said Asher. It joins the other five stations in the district:

- City Station 71 – 232 East Wapato.
- Chelan Falls Station 72 – 21 Chestnut Street.
- Union Valley Station 73 – 345 Idyl Spurs Lane.
- Airport Station 74 – 56 Apple Acres Road.
- South Shore Station 75 – 12041 South Lake Shore.

"The areas outside the five-mile range of this station are now going to get some assistance," said Asher, "because they will be within five miles of the Orondo station."

Operations

Was the department's annual community Halloween event a success? After 3,000 pieces of candy and 875 cups

of hot chocolate, you be the judge.

"It's crazy how many people show up," said Asher. "We handed out a ton of fire presentation stuff and ran out really quick."

Apparatus

Asher said the district made no major purchases for October but did put in a request for a surplus command vehicle on the DNR surplus command website.

"I said we would take anything that's crew cab, 4-wheel drive, one-ton or three-quarter ton," said Chief Brandon Asher. "If we get it that would be great, then we would have another staff vehicle we could use for larger fires in the area or use it for carrying equipment that we currently don't have room for."

The fire boat is a work in progress. The ladder truck is fixed. The Type 3 brush truck undergoing rehab in Las Vegas is just waiting for a pump. It should be delivered in the first week of December. The two Spartan engines are a work in progress at the Spartan factory in Brandon, South Dakota.

The Chelan Fire and Rescue Board of Commissioners meets at 3 p.m. every third Wednesday of the month at Station 71, 232 E. Wapato, and is accessible virtually via ZOOM.

Mike Maltais: 360-333-8483 or michael@ward.media

SAIL gets in the spirit of Halloween



COURTESY OF LINDA HUNT

Heritage Heights Assisted Living offers SAIL exercise classes every Monday and Friday, 2 p.m. to residents. They "pre-celebrated" Halloween on Oct. 30. From left to right are Steve Davis (alternate teacher), Marvin Hughley, Ann Zion, Teresa Hoback, Rick Farrell. Sitting are SAIL instructor Gaylen Willett and Heritage Heights caregiver Rachel Kiesecker. Not pictured, but also participating are Angie Estes, Alex Peabody, Zadie Stockman and Madeleine Logan.

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Employment

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Legals

Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF CHELAN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the 2024 Proposed Budget for the City of Chelan, Washington, has been filed with the City Council. Copies of the Proposed Budget will be available to the public by November 13, 2023 at City Hall, 135 East Johnson Avenue in Chelan and on the City of Chelan website at <https://cityofchelan.us/162/Finance-Department>. A public hearing to consider the proposed final budget will be held on November 28, 2023 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The public is encouraged to attend and provide testimony. The final budget will be adopted during the City Council meeting on December 12, 2023. Dated this 8th day of November 2023. Peri S. Gallucci City Clerk Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on November 15, 22, 2023. #6681



Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE CHELAN RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT
OFFICE: 144 E. WOODIN AVENUE P.O. BOX 1837 CHELAN, WASHINGTON 98816
All property owners and legal qualified voters of the Chelan River Irrigation District are legally notified as follows:
ITEM ONE
The Budget and Assessment Rolls for the District for the year 2024 are open for inspection at any time by any qualified person at the office of the District.
ITEM TWO
The BOARD OF DIRECTORS will set as a board of EQUALIZATION BUDGET HEARING and review of the ASSESSMENT ROLLS on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 starting at 3:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at 601 W. Woodin Ave., Chelan, WA 98816.
ITEM THREE
The annual election for one Director of the District will be on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. The polls will be open at the office of the District from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that CERTIFICATION OF QUALIFICATION will be furnished to any qualified elector who makes a written request prior to November 30, 2023 on application forms, which will be supplied by the District's secretary. Any candidate who wishes to declare their candidacy as a director shall do so by November 30, 2023. Certification for an ABSENTEE ballot can be secured at the office of the District. For any additional information regarding any of the items above, please contact the secretary of the District at their office. **CHELAN RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT** Ruth Van Wechel, Secretary Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on November 22, 29, December 6, 2023. #6720

Public Notices

CITY OF CHELAN NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
In accordance with Chelan Municipal Code (CMC) 19.40, the City of Chelan City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, commencing at 6:00 pm. The purpose of this hearing is to consider the Planning Commission's recommendation on the City-Initiated Zoning Code Text Amendment, designated as TA2023-02. Description of Proposal: Amendments to the Municipal Code, specifically Zoning Code Title 17, are proposed to facilitate the adaptive reuse of buildings formerly used for and owned for public purposes, enabling their transformation for private use. This aims to ensure a balance of preservation and innovation. The adaptive reuse is proposed by Conditional Use Permit in the following zoning districts:
1. Public Lands and Facilities (PLF): Designed for properties that were originally developed for public use.
2. Downtown Public: Encompassing public structures located in the downtown area. All members of the public are encouraged to participate and are welcome to submit written comments to jajax@cityofchelan.us before the public hearing, or alternatively, provide testimony during the scheduled hearing. Your engagement is highly valued as it contributes to the comprehensive decision-making process. For further information or inquiries regarding these proceedings, please contact John Ajax at jajax@cityofchelan.us or (509) 682-8017. Lead Agency: City of Chelan Agency File Number: TA2023-02 / SEPA2023-11 Location of Proposal: Within the city limits of Chelan Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on November 22, 2023. #6743

Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LAKE CHELAN AIRPORT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the 2024 Proposed Budget for the Lake Chelan Airport has been filed with the City Council. Copies of the Proposed Budget will be available to the public by November 13, 2023 at City Hall, 135 East Johnson Avenue in Chelan and on the City of Chelan website at <https://cityofchelan.us/162/Finance-Department>. A public hearing to consider the proposed final budget will be held on November 28, 2023 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The public is encouraged to attend and provide testimony. The final budget will be adopted during the Lake Chelan Airport Board meeting on December 12, 2023. Dated this 8th day of November 2023. Peri S. Gallucci City Clerk Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on November 15, 22, 2023. #6679

Public Notices

Bear Mountain Water District Monthly Board of Directors Meeting Rescheduled.
The Bear Mountain Water District monthly Board of Directors meeting has been rescheduled. The meeting, originally scheduled for Nov. 22, 2023 (Fourth Wednesday of each month) has been rescheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 20th, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Chelan Fire Station. Additional information is available at - Our website at <https://bmwd-chelan.com/> Office phone (509) 981-3471 Office email tim.bmwd@gmail.com Published on-line at the Lake Chelan Mirror November 17 - 22, and in print on November 22, 2023. #6746

Public Notices

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF SPOKANE In Re the Estate of: Aris Martin Frederick, Deceased. No. 23-4-02300-32 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030
The people named below have been appointed as Personal Representatives of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representatives or the Personal Representatives' attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: November 22, 2023 Personal Representatives: Douglas Mark Frederick and Kerill Arlene Woodward Attorney for the Personal Representative: Katharine Elizabeth Tate, WSBA 55310 Address for Mailing or Service: Tate Law Offices, PLLC 23403 E Mission Ave, Ste 103 Liberty Lake, WA 99019 Court of Probate Proceedings: Spokane County Courthouse 1116 W Broadway Spokane, WA 99260 Case Number: 23-4-02300-32 DATED this 14 day of November, 2023. Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on November 22, 29, December 6, 2023. #6716

Public Notices

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the assessment roll of the ISENHART IRRIGATION DISTRICT is now in the hands of its directors, and that said Board of Directors will meet at 601 W. Woodin Avenue, Chelan, WA 98816 at 4:00 PM on December 13, 2023 and sit as a Board of Equalization to hear and determine objections to said assessment roll as may come before it. Isenhart Irrigation District Ruth Van Wechel Secretary Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on November 22, 29, December 6, 2023. #6721

Public Notices

The Entiat School District School Board has re-scheduled its regular monthly meeting for Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the Entiat School Library. Please call the District Office at (509) 784-1800 if there are additional questions. Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on November 15, 22, 2023. #6658

Public Notices

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON ESTATE OF PHILIP H. CAPPS Deceased. No. 22-4-03358-1 KNT NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTION FOR ORDER APPROVING FINAL ACCOUNTING AND DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO RCW 11.68.100(1)(b)
NOTICE IS HEREBY given, pursuant to RCW 11.68.100(1)(b) and RCW 11.76.040 that a Motion approval of the Final Accounting and the Final Accounting itself was filed in the above-named Court on November 16, 2023, and the Court has been asked to settle the Final Accounting and issue an Order decreeing the final distribution from the estate. The date of this hearing is December 19, at 10:30 am, in Room 1J of the Maleng Regional Justice Center, and appearance is to be made by Zoom at the following hyperlink: <https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/95589486575> DATED this 16th day of November. ___/s/ Mary C. Dodson, Administratrix Submitted By: ___/s/ Clinton H. Wilcox, WSBA #32440 Attorney for Administratrix Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on November 22, 2023. #6738

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How candy can kill your pet



Yet, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's fall holidays also find us buying and eating chocolate.

Unfortunately, while dark chocolate may be healthy for humans, it can be harmful, even deadly, for our pets. Chocolate smells wonderful to dogs. Like us, they seek it out and eat it with enthusiasm.

Although cats rarely eat enough chocolate to cause them harm, most dogs will eat any chocolate they can smell and find, even entire bags of candy. For small dogs, this can be enough to cause poisoning and death.

Why is chocolate so dangerous to our pets?

One of the compounds found naturally in chocolate is theobromine. Theobromine is closely related to caffeine and has a similar stimulant effect on your brain. This is one reason why chocolate helps increase your energy and mental focus.

Theobromine is found in all parts of the cacao bean. The hard outer cacao shells are

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The Washington Outdoors Report

Black Friday Fishing

The day after Thanksgiving, commonly known as Black Friday, has been associated for decades with shopping for great deals at retail stores for the holidays.

In recent years though, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has promoted a different Black Friday activity, trout fishing!

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife stocks a number of lowland lakes in November, open on a year-round basis, with big trout weighing one to two pounds and measuring at least 14-inches long.

Many of these lakes are located in Western Washington. Here is a list of the 23 lakes stocked with these jumbo-sized trout:

- Clark County – Battle Ground and Kline Line
- Cowlitz County – Kress
- Island County – Cranberry
- King County – Beaver and Green
- Klickitat County – Rowland
- Lewis County – Fort Borst Park Pond and South Lewis County Park Pond



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- Pierce County – American and Tanwax
- Snohomish County – Ballinger, Blackmans, Gissburg Ponds South, Silver and Tye
- Thurston County – Black, Lawrence, Long, Munn, Offutt and Ward
- Yakima County – Elton Pond North

In addition to these lakes stocked with big trout, several lakes in Eastern Washington were stocked with fry

in recent years that should offer good fishing on Black Friday. These lakes include Hatch Lake in Stevens County; Fourth of July Lake in Lincoln/Adams counties; and Hog Canyon in Spokane County.

But wait, there's more! Several other lakes have received plants of catchable sized trout in the last few weeks. These stocked lakes are:

- Putters Pond in Rock Island (5,750 trout)
- Big Bow Lake in Rock Island (3,750 rainbow trout)
- Pit Lake in Rock Island (2,000 trout)
- Roses Lake near Manson (20,253 rainbow trout)
- Davis Lake in Ferry County (250 jumbo-sized trout)
- Rotary Lake in Yakima County (135 jumbo trout)

If you are wondering how to catch these stocked trout there are several tried and true methods.

If you are in a boat, you can troll a streamer, steering the boat in an S-pattern. You can also troll a Mack's Lure Wedding Ring spinner, tipped with a worm, behind a dodger.

Fishing from shore many anglers will fish Berkley Powerbait off the bottom while others will cast spinners.

The bottom line? Get away from the crowds at the big box stores and go fishing instead. It promises to be a fun outing and perhaps the beginning of a new holiday tradition.

John Kruse – www.northwesternoutdoors.com and www.americaoutdoorsradio.com

Sheriff/Fire/EMS

The sheriff's report is compiled from public records as provided by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office. The publisher cannot certify the complete accuracy of the information provided.



Chelan County Sheriff

November 10

- 09:45 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 100 block N. Harris Ave., Manson
- 09:46 Suspicious Circumstance, 223 E. Johnson Ave., Chelan
- 10:14 Public Assist, 428 E. Woodin Ave., Chelan
- 11:49 Agency Assist, 315 E. Wapato Ave., Chelan
- 13:51 Domestic Disturbance, 274 Quatas St., Manson
- 13:57 Harassment/ Threat, 425 E. Chelan Ave., Chelan
- 14:57 Prowler, 240 Deepwater View Ln., Chelan
- 19:28 Public Assist, 270 Upper Joe Creek Rd., Tildio Winery, Manson
- 21:29 Traffic Offense, 610 SR 150, Manson Bay Market, Manson
- 22:51 Juvenile Problem, 135 Chandler Rd., Manson
- 23:21 Harassment/ Threat, Chelan area

November 11

- 08:20 Alarm, 93 Lord Acres Rd., Chelan
- 10:27 Suspicious Circumstance, 100 block E. Johnson Ave., Chelan
- 14:06 Welfare Check, 202 S. Madeline Rd., Manson
- 15:48 911-hangup call, 309 E. Gibson Ave., Chelan
- 16:35 911-hangup call, 309 E. Gibson Ave., Chelan
- 18:12 Non-injury Accident, 3875 US Hwy. 97A, Tsillan Cellars, Chelan
- 18:53 Traffic Offense, 3875 US Hwy. 97A, Tsillan Cellars, Chelan
- 19:17 911-hangup call, 269

- Chestnut St., Chelan Falls 19:21 Traffic Offense, W. Manson Rd. and W. Highland Ave., Chelan
- 21:50 Agency Assist, 14910 Golden Delicious St., Entiat
- 22:05 911-hangup call, 7500 Icicle Rd.
- 23:16 Harassment/ Threat, 221 8th St., Ducks and Drakes
- 23:22 Public Assist, 505 US Hwy. 2, Icicle Village Resort

November 12

- 10:41 Property, 106 W. Manson Rd., Safeway, Chelan
- 11:51 Diversion, 10 Dietrich Rd., Chelan
- 15:54 Suspicious Circumstance, 100 block Golden Ave., Chelan
- 15:56 Alarm, 1000 Totem Pole Rd., Manson
- 18:13 Agency Assist, 214 W. Campbell Ave., Chelan
- 20:18 Agency Assist, 2003 McCord Pl., Entiat
- 21:56 Suspicious Circumstance, 14468 Olin St., Entiat
- 22:08 911-hangup call, 309 E. Gibson Ave., Chelan
- 22:21 Alarm, 123 E. Johnson Ave., KOZI, Chelan
- 22:25 Suspicious Circumstance, 14519 US Hwy. 97A, Entiat

November 13

- 02:23 Disturbance, 240 E. Johnson Ave., Chelan
- 04:07 Suspicious Circumstance, 155 SR 150, Lake Chelan Butte, Chelan
- 08:21 Runaway, 275 Boyd Loop Rd., Chelan
- 09:51 Agency Assist, 216 W. Manson Rd., Starbuck's,

- Chelan 10:02 Non-injury Accident, Green Ave. and Lloyd Rd., Manson
- 20:39 Burglary, 14527 Vradenburg St., Entiat
- 21:21 DUI, US Hwy. 97A MP 224, Chelan
- 21:43 Vehicle Theft, 232 E. Wapato Ave., Chelan
- 21:55 Diversion, 419 E. Okanogan Ave., Chelan

November 14

- 12:40 Traffic Offense, SR 150 and Wall St., Manson
- 13:21 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, Entiat River Rd. and Entiat Way, Entiat
- 14:39 Property, 215 N. Wilson St., Chelan
- 16:41 Weapons Violation, US Hwy. 97A MP 223, Chelan
- 17:14 Hazard, SR 150 MP 4, Manson
- 17:26 Court Order Violation, 250 2nd St., Chelan Falls
- 21:30 Suspicious Circumstance, 707 N. Golf Course Dr., Chelan
- 22:29 Disturbance, 366 Dinkelmann Ln., Entiat

November 15

- 01:04 Alarm, 15249 N. Lakeshore Dr., Entiat
- 05:19 Alarm, 15249 N. Lakeshore Dr., Entiat
- 11:39 911-call, 175 Purteman Gulch Rd., Chelan
- 11:42 Trespassing, 10679 Entiat River Rd., Entiat
- 15:31 Property, 100 block E. Woodin Ave., Chelan
- 15:39 Welfare Check, 235 W. Allen Ave., Chelan
- 20:51 Non-injury Accident, W. Webster Ave. and Vineyard Ln., Chelan

November 16

- 05:58 Alarm, 12 Washout Ln., Manson
- 08:31 Vehicle Theft, 275 Boyd Loop Rd., Chelan
- 11:26 Diversion, 240 E. Johnson Ave., Chelan
- 14:30 Trespassing, 108 N. Apple Blossom Dr., Walmart, Chelan
- 15:40 Suspicious Circumstance, 10740 S. Lakeshore Rd., Chelan
- 17:04 Public Assist, 504 N. Sanders St., Chelan
- 18:00 Theft, 106 W. Manson Rd., Safeway, Chelan
- 19:07 Court Order Violation, 250 2nd St., Chelan Falls
- 20:37 Public Assist, 142 Walnut St., Chelan Falls
- 22:18 Theft, 40 Alice Orchard Ln., Manson
- 22:23 Malicious Mischief, 260 Blueberry Ln., Manson

Fire/ EMS

November 10

- 07:21 Traumatic Injury-1, 123 E. Johnson Ave., Chelan
- 14:43 Commercial Alarm, 2220 W Woodin Ave., Chelan
- 17:16 Convulsions, 740 Washington Creek Rd., Chelan
- 22:51 Breathing Problem, 91 Grade Creek Rd., Manson

November 11

- 08:23 Fall-2, 103 N. Park St., Chelan
- 14:38 Commercial Alarm, 635 S. Lakeshore Rd., Siren Song Winery, Chelan

- 15:32 Back Pain, 1953 S. Lakeshore Rd., Chelan
- 04:49 Stroke, 1015 Crest Loop, Entiat
- 21:50 Cardiac, 14910 Golden Delicious St., Entiat

November 12

- 00:21 Unconscious Person-1, 455 Wapato Lake Rd., 12 Tribes Casino, Manson
- 01:00 Unknown-injury Accident, US Hwy. 97 MP 232, Orondo
- 09:51 Sick Person, 726 N. Markeson St., Chelan
- 11:51 Breathing Problem, 12 Dietrich Rd., Chelan
- 13:09 Smoke Investigation, 23285 US Hwy. 97A, Chelan
- 16:47 Convulsions, 726 N. Markeson St., Chelan
- 18:13 Cardiac, 214 W. Campbell Ave., Chelan
- 21:47 Fall-1, 55 McLallen Ln., Manson
- 20:18 Breathing Problem, 2003 McCord Pl., Entiat

November 13

- 09:51 Sick Person, 216 W. Manson Rd., Starbuck's, Chelan
- 11:39 Sick Person, 106 W. Manson Rd., Safeway, Chelan
- 12:20 Residential Alarm, 985 Guffy Rd., Chelan
- 14:09 Chest Pain, 219 E. John-

- son Ave., Chelan 15:44 Breathing Problem, 227 W. Allen Ave., Chelan
- 17:34 Fall-1, 21300 US Hwy. 97A, Chelan
- 21:21 Unknown-injury Accident, US Hwy. 97A MP 224, Chelan

Entiat Fire District

- 10:31 Breathing Problem, 2003 McCord Pl., Entiat
- 21:21 Unknown-injury Accident, US Hwy. 97A MP 224, Chelan

November 14

- 16:29 Sick Person, 121 E. Gibson Ave., Chelan
- 18:24 Stroke, 703 E. Wapato Ave., Chelan

November 15

- 20:40 Hemorrhage-2, 418 E. Woodin Ave., Chelan
- 20:49 Fall-1, 2008 Macs Pl., Entiat

November 16

- 07:32 Fall-1, 3985 Green Ave., Manson
- 11:10 Sick Person, 979 Cloudless Dr., Manson
- 13:50 Commercial Alarm, 192 Spader Bay Rd., Chelan
- 18:09 Traumatic Injury-2, 215 W. Webster Ave., Chelan
- 23:31 Chest Pain, 2008 Macs Pl., Entiat

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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ACROSS

1. "" Wars" toys from Kenner in the '70s
5. "Certain toy G.I.
8. Miss America's accessory
12. Pot inhale
13. Morsel of Little Miss Muffet's meal
14. Private
15. Larger-than-life
16. Children's author ___ Blyton
17. Post-Its
18. "Sticks and spools toy set
20. One of the Olsens
21. Gibson garnish
22. Middle-earth creature
23. Bias 26. Neat in appearance
30. Chasing game
31. Chancellor, in Europe
34. Not happening
35. Anomie, alt. sp.
37. Local area network 38. Re-attempt
39. Wyatt Earp's card game
40. Common parakeet, colloquially speaking
42. Snakelike fish
43. Not yet a wife
45. "Like certain toy Cathy
47. Mine deposit
48. Water nymph
50. Cassette contents
52. "Illuminated picture maker
56. Wainscots
57. Play parts
58. The Fonx: "Sit _____!"
59. Face-to-face exams
60. Not this
61. Brainchild
62. Homey, alt. sp.
63. "Fight for You" singer
64. High rocky hills

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5. Political club, in the olden days
6. Celestial hunter
7. Whirlpool
8. "Sno-Cone, actually (2 words)
9. Opposed to
10. "As ___ on TV"
11. Retail posting acronym
13. Blood-red
14. Beginning of essay
19. "Dear Diary" bit
22. Hockey legend
23. "The Office" people, e.g.
24. Veranda on Oahu
25. Ancient Greece marketplace
26. "The ___ Show" (1976-1980)
27. Sacred song
28. White heron
29. "Raggedy Ann or Strawberry Shortcake, tenderly
32. *Professor Plum and Colonel Mustard game
33. Little bit
36. "Avenues and rail roads game
38. Betty Ford Center, e.g.
40. Spelling contest
41. Superlative of icy
44. Edible herb
46. Quick and skillful
48. Specialty
49. Rose oil
50. Tropical edible root
51. Dwayne Johnson's 2022 role Black

52. Wooden slat
53. ___China
54. Part of a traditional wedding cake
55. Greek Hs
56. "Play-___

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removed during processing, and the delicious inner beans used to make Hershey® kisses, Dove® bars, and chocolate bunnies all contain theobromine.

The danger to animals wasn't realized until someone started recycling the discarded cacao beans' shells by adding them to animal feed. Suddenly, baby ducks, chicks, baby goats, and young calves were dying, all with similar symptoms: vomiting, diarrhea, confusion, and seizures, followed by collapse and death. These tragic deaths were eventually traced to animal feeds that contained recycled cacao shells.

How much chocolate is dangerous to your pet? The smaller your dog is, the less it takes to

poison them. The "darker" the chocolate, the higher its cacao content is and the more theobromine it contains. The higher the theobromine content, the more dangerous it is to pets.

The darker the chocolate, the more poisonous it is to a pet. A standard 12-ounce bag of semi-sweet chocolate chips has enough theobromine to kill a 20-pound dog. Baking chocolate squares are particularly dark and potent, with 2 squares enough to make a 50-lb dog sick or kill a 20-lb dog.

Puppies and elderly dogs seem more affected by theobromine, so it takes less chocolate to poison them.

If chocolate is so dangerous to our pets, could toddlers and small children be at risk, too? Thankfully, NO. Humans are



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very good at detoxifying theobromine. Both humans and animals have particular proteins called enzymes, designed to break down and detoxify compounds like theobromine. In humans, these special enzymes work twice as fast as the ones in dogs, cats, and other animals.

Luckily, despite referring

to chocolate-rich cake and dessert recipes as "Death by Chocolate", it's nearly impossible for humans to die from eating chocolate.

5 Tips on How to Protect Your Pet from Poisoning from Chocolate

1. The darker the chocolate, the more dangerous it is. Be especially vigilant about

keeping dark and semi-sweet chocolate chips and chocolate bars out of reach. One standard 12-ounce bag of Toll-House chocolate chips is a FATAL dose for a 20-lb dog.

2. Size matters.

How much chocolate it takes to poison a dog depends on their size, with small dogs especially at risk. What a black lab can get away with ingesting can be fatal to a Yorkie or Shih Tzu.

3. Avoid repeat ingestions.

Multiple incidents of eating chocolate close together are dangerous even to big dogs because dogs detoxify chocolate a little at a time. Another ingestion within 24 hours can turn a harmless incident into a painful death.

4. Guard against white chocolate, too.

White chocolate is also a danger because of its high fat content. Dogs seek it out because it smells like chocolate. Fats from white chocolate can trigger a painful and fatal condition in dogs called pancreatitis.

5. Find out more.

You can find more information about other foods that can be dangerous to your pets online at www.petpoisonhelpline.com.

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy, is a 44-year veteran of pharmacology and author of Why Dogs Can't Eat Chocolate: How Medicines Work and How YOU Can Take Them Safely. Get clear answers to your medication questions at her website and blog, TheMedicationInsider.com. ©2023 Louise Achey

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address. He also cited several examples of the aggressive ways current city staff and council have been addressing infrastructure issues.

- A \$20 million Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) in 2022.

- A \$60 million CIP in 2023.

- A preliminary 2024-2029 estimate of at least \$99 million excluding parks, facilities and administration.

"The following public infrastructure projects used by visitors and residents alike can be found in the current CIP under consideration," said Olson.

- \$25 million in street upgrades.

- \$14 million in sewer system upgrades.

- \$11 million in water system upgrades.

In addition, the council is considering:

- \$27 million in the GIF water system project.

- \$11 million for a future new sewer plant.

- \$11 million for a future new water treatment plant.

"A year ago, the council agreed enough with my concerns that a five-year renewal request from the chamber was tabled, and a one-year extension was instituted with an agreement to renegotiate a new contract and a negotiating committee was formed," Olson said.

Olson noted that since then the committee held only two meetings absent any consensus or follow up and that the chamber has not complied with its reporting requirements.

"Now the council has offered another one-year extension," Olson said.

In his closing remarks Olson said what the city needs is:

1. A deferment of bringing more tourists here.
2. Financial help in providing adequate infrastructure in support of the tourist industry.

"I am looking for clarity and education on this topic. Without this I will have to vote 'no'

on the current request," Olson concluded.

Attending virtually by Zoom, council member Peter Jamtgaard said he agreed with Olson regarding the need to invest more in city infrastructure.

Chamber Executive Director Mike Steele explained the chamber's earlier role in creating the lodging tax opportunity for city and state mandates for using that money.

"The state prescribes how a city can and cannot use lodging tax dollars," reminded Steele. "They are not used on infrastructure, road construction, or utilities. It's very specific related to tourism and promotion... or capital construction for tourist facilities. You cannot use lodging tax dollars for anything related to infrastructure construction."

Steele said the chamber has been under contract with the city for several years on a percentage basis and fixed dollar amount and the extension is a reflection of the last three

years of that contract.

"The chamber has a very clear responsibility as outlined in this contract we hope to renew to promote and market tourism," said Steele.

Steele said the Chamber submits a monthly itemized report to the council. Tupling concurred that the report is comprehensive in scope.

"It's line-by-line accounting of every dollar spent," added Tupling. "It's literally 10 pages long of line items of every single expense."

Mayor Robert Goedde said that while he was in full agreement with the need to address infrastructure issues, his understanding of the use of the heads-in-beds tax was for the promotion of the visitor industry.

"I am a big proponent of fixing our infrastructure, we have to do that," said Goedde, "but I disagree that this is the right source for that."

The extension agreement was carried by majority vote. In other council business:

2024 property tax levy

A public hearing drew no public input regarding the 2024 property tax levy and other revenue sources for the city.

Finance Director Jackie Tupling reported that with the additional one percent property tax increase, new construction revenue, and refund the total preliminary 2024 maximum regular property tax levy amount equals \$1,866,471.14. The total property increase will be \$89,945.52, allocated 75 percent to streets and maintenance and 25 percent to general operations and capital improvements.

The motion to approve the 2024 levy ordinance was unanimously approved.

TIA extended

Of three options available in the Tax Increment Financing Mitigation Agreement with the Chelan County Fire District 7, the council chose the third, to allow additional

time through 2024 to evaluate the potential impacts on service levels within the Tax Increment Area (TIA). The TIA discussed includes Walmart and Apple Blossom Center development.

Chelan Social

The council authorized the 2024 extension agreement for Social Media Management Services with Chelan Social. City clerk Peri Gallucci said SMMS has been managing the Facebook site since 2020. The only change in the extension is increasing the hourly rate from \$40 to \$45 per hour not to exceed 20 hours per month without approval.

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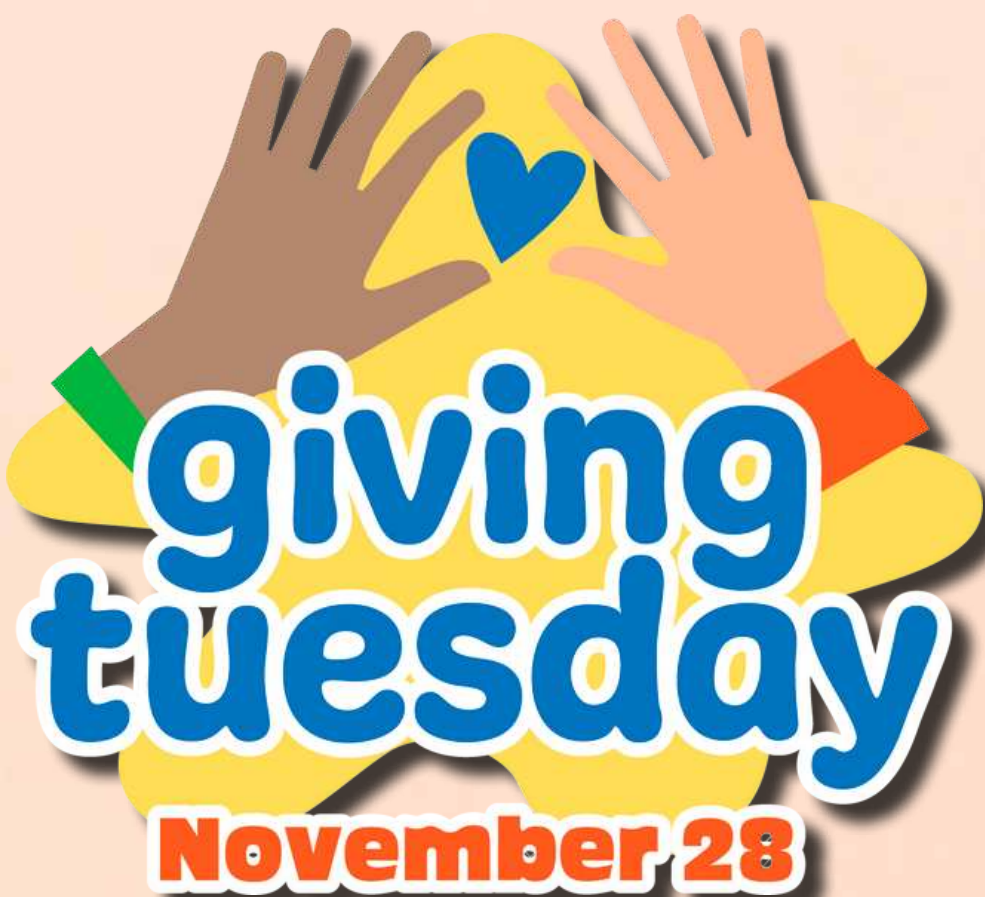
Council authorized RH2 Engineering, Inc. to design a pedestrian improvement for the intersection of West Woodin Avenue and East Center Street at Lakeside.

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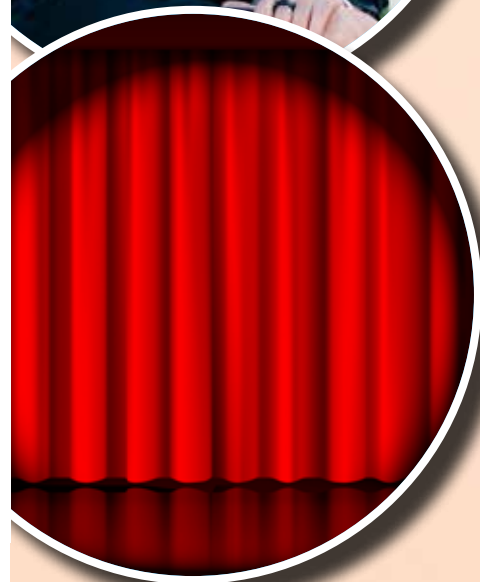
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As we enter the season of gratitude and goodwill, it's with great pleasure that we unveil this special section dedicated to Giving Tuesday—an opportunity for us all to make a meaningful impact in our community.

At Ward Media, we firmly believe in the power of collective generosity and the profound difference it can make. As the Publisher of community newspapers across the region, our commitment to our readership goes beyond delivering news; it extends to fostering a thriving, supportive environment for all.

Today, we unite in celebration of Giving Tuesday—a day dedicated to giving back, supporting local causes, and uplifting the organizations that form the bedrock of our community. It's a day that transcends mere donations; it's a testament to our shared values, a symbol of our unity, and a catalyst for positive change.

The significance of giving back cannot be overstated. It is a tangible expression of our

solidarity, an embodiment of our empathy, and a testament to our commitment to building a stronger, more vibrant community. As we showcase some of the nonprofits in our area, their remarkable initiatives, and the incredible people behind them, we hope to inspire each and every one of you to join us in this noble endeavor.

Whether it's a small gesture of kindness, a donation of time, resources, or support for a cause close to your heart, remember that every contribution—no matter the size—matters. Together, our actions ripple outward, creating waves of positivity and empowerment that reverberate across our neighborhoods and beyond.

In the spirit of Giving Tuesday, let us come together, united in purpose, and extend a helping hand to those in

need. Let us embrace the joy of giving and share in the fulfillment that comes from making a difference in the lives of others.

We invite you to immerse yourself in the stories within these pages, to be inspired, and to embark on your own journey of giving. Let us stand as a beacon of compassion and solidarity, nurturing a community where generosity knows no bounds.

Thank you for joining us on this extraordinary day of giving and for being an integral part of the fabric that makes our community truly exceptional.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Terry Ward,
Publisher



The link between volunteering and academic performance

There are many reasons for parents to encourage children who express an interest in volunteering. Volunteering is a social activity that can help children develop their social and networking skills, and many parents credit volunteering with instilling a sense of perspective in their children that they might not have gained had they not been exposed to people from different backgrounds.

Volunteering also has been linked to stronger academic performance. The Corporation for National and Community Service reports that students

who indicate they're doing better in school are more likely to be volunteers than students who report doing less well. The broadened exposure to people and places that students may otherwise not encounter without volunteering also can benefit them in the classroom, helping them more readily identify with cultures and societies they're studying.

College applicants with volunteering experience also may set themselves apart in the increasingly competitive application process. Though a 2019 Pew Research study reported that most schools

admit more than two-thirds of their applicants, that figure is significantly lower at many of the more highly rated institutions in the United States. For example, Stanford University (4.3 percent) and Harvard University (4.9 percent) recently reported acceptance rates below 5 percent.

Though volunteering alone won't help applicants gain acceptance to such competitive institutions, it can serve as a strong résumé builder and be even more effective if it also produces the previously noted improvements in academic performance.

How to start an employee volunteer program

Passion for volunteering is commendable. Some individuals are so excited about the prospects of giving back that they may want to recruit more people to help. Such individuals may find that their place of employment is a great place to spearhead volunteer recruitment efforts.

Companies are diverse, but they also tend to attract like-minded individuals, which can make it easier to recruit potential volunteers. Business owners or human resources personnel looking to strengthen relationships among employees and give back to their communities can consider beginning volunteer programs at work. Here are some tips to begin this journey.

Choose a cause to support

While national nonprofits are worthy of support, employees may be more excited about partnering with local initiatives. Human

resource departments or the employees who are starting volunteer programs at work can poll workers on which causes to stand behind. For example, a company that produces outdoor recreation clothing and equipment might

want to support local efforts that focus on conservation in nearby parks. If a company has a strong stance on education, gear volunteerism around providing supplies for students or improving technological resources in schools.

Involve leadership

It's important to get the backing and approval of company leaders before starting a volunteer group. Since you may be using company resources and infringing on some company time, make sure that higher-ups are supportive. They also may be able to let organizers know whether a certain cause is complementary to the company mission or if it infringes on their mission. For example, a company that

produces plastic products may not mesh with volunteer groups that have negative things to say about plastic products.

Start recruiting volunteers

Reach out to employees and spell out the program's mission during your recruitment efforts. This may be a task that the human resources department can help with. If the company has a department that organizes employee engagement activities, then that group would be a valuable resource as well.

It is also important to think about where volunteers may fit in. Assigning jobs and figuring out how many volunteers and man-hours will be required to complete tasks can provide a

greater sense of the scope of the venture.

Establish when volunteerism will take place

It's best to have ground rules about how much of the employer-supported volunteer work will occur after hours. Some companies may be amenable to having a certain pocket of time taken from the work day, such as establishing Early Dismissal Fridays for volunteers. Employees can base their participation on how it will affect their schedules.

Establishing a volunteer program at work can be a great way to get involved and build strong relationships within the community.



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Join the Fun!

The Brewster-Bridgeport-Pateros Community & Senior Center is a non-profit organization with focus on our senior community. We are starting our membership drive for 2024 and our dues are only \$12.00 per person. Donations are always appreciated.

We are also looking for volunteers for our thrift shop. This



could be an opportunity for kids from the schools to earn credit for community service.

As a non-profit organization, we offer many services to the community, some of which is loaning out medical equipment. We also run a monthly commodity program for Community Action. Hot meals are served three days a week serviced by OCTN. The OCTN bus runs 3 days a week locally and to Wenatchee on Thursday.

Come join us – it's a great way to serve our communities!
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Leavenworth Summer Theater is kicking off its 30th Anniversary Season of Theater Under the Stars

Be a part of the magic with your donation!

Leavenworth Summer Theater began as the vision of John and Susan Wagner and Bill Weis in 1994. Today, LST welcomes dozens of local and traveling actors and musicians each summer.

Great talent and a terrific outdoor location come together to create something truly magical. Today, Leavenworth Summer Theater is the largest theater between Seattle and Spokane, with more than 20,000 people expected each summer.

Local families have made it a memorable tradition. Join in the fun!

Celebrating 30 Years of Theater Magic

Leavenworth Summer Theater on Giving Tuesday

As the holiday season approaches, our hearts are filled with gratitude, and what better way to channel that spirit than by supporting the arts? This Giving Tuesday, we are thrilled to share the story of Leavenworth Summer Theater, a nonprofit organization embarking on its 30th-anniversary season of enchanting theater under the stars.

Founded in 1994 by John and Susan Wagner and Bill Weis, Leavenworth Summer Theater has grown to become the largest theater between Seattle and Spokane. Our commitment to providing family-friendly outdoor musical experiences

in the picturesque foothills surrounding Leavenworth has garnered the love and support of more than 20,000 patrons each summer.

This upcoming season promises to be extra special as we showcase Disney's Beauty and the Beast and continue the beloved Leavenworth family tradition of The Sound of Music, both performed at the breathtaking Ski Hill Amphitheater. With show dates in July and August, we invite you to join us for an unforgettable evening filled with laughter, music, and the magic of live theater.

What sets us apart is not just our captivating productions but also the sense

of community we foster. Each summer, we welcome 50-70 actors and musicians, some of whom hail from local areas, while others travel from across the nation to be part of our theatrical family.

As we prepare for this milestone season, your support on Giving Tuesday can help us continue our mission of bringing the arts to the heart of our community. Join us in celebrating 30 years of Leavenworth Summer Theater, where every ticket purchased and every donation made contributes to the magic that is live outdoor theater. Together, let's ensure that the lights on our stage continue to shine brightly for years to come.

The Impact of Your Contribution

Small Donations, Big Change

As Giving Tuesday approaches, it's a time to reflect on the power of generosity and the remarkable impact that even small donations can have on creating significant change in our communities. While the idea of making a difference often seems synonymous with large sums of money, the reality is that every contribution, regardless of size, plays a vital role in shaping a brighter future.

In the realm of charitable giving, it's essential to recognize that small donations collectively contribute to a substantial force for positive change. These contributions, when combined, form a mosaic of support that can address various needs and challenges faced by local organizations and initiatives.

One of the remarkable aspects of small donations is their ability to provide immediate assistance where it's needed most. Local charities and nonprofits often rely on a steady influx of modest contributions to sustain their day-to-day operations and fund essential programs. These funds may go towards providing meals for the hungry, educational resources for underserved communities, or support for those facing unexpected crises.

Moreover, small donations

have a cascading effect on community engagement. When individuals contribute, they not only provide financial support but also signal to others the importance of giving back. This ripple effect creates a culture of philanthropy, inspiring more people to join the cause and amplifying the overall impact.

Consider the example of a local literacy program that aims to improve educational outcomes for children. A modest donation may provide the necessary materials for a child to participate in reading programs, setting them on a path towards academic success. Multiply that by numerous small donations, and suddenly, the program has the resources to expand its reach, benefiting even more children in the community.

In the digital age, the ease of making small donations has never been greater. Online

platforms and crowdfunding initiatives allow individuals to contribute to causes they care about with just a few clicks. This accessibility empowers people to support a variety of initiatives, breaking down barriers and enabling anyone, regardless of financial means, to make a positive impact.

As we approach Giving Tuesday, let's celebrate the incredible potential of small donations. Whether it's contributing to one of the many North Cascade local food banks, supporting a community project, or aiding a cause close to your heart, know that your generosity, no matter the amount, is part of a collective force that can bring about meaningful change. Together, let's embrace the spirit of giving and recognize the profound impact we can achieve when we all contribute, no matter how small the gesture.



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Women make up the greatest percentage of volunteers.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics says women currently volunteer roughly 6 percent more than men. What types of jobs might volunteers be doing? Fundraising for an event is the most common type of volunteer job in the United States. This is followed by tutoring or teaching; collecting, preparing, distributing or serving food; general labor; professional or management assistance; and coaching, refereeing or supervising sports teams.

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Facts About UVCares Behavioral Health

- A registered 501c3 non-profit charitable organization - donations are tax deductible.
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- Provides drug & alcohol addiction assessments and treatment.
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Cyber scams come in many different forms

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In a relatively short period of time, the internet has changed the way people live. Things that might have been unimaginable as recently as a quarter century ago are now ingrained in daily life. For instance, few people in the late 1990s might have imagined a day when billions of people across the globe would be walking around with mini-computers capable of taking hi-resolution photos in their pockets. But smartphones have long since become an accepted and vital part of life in the 21st century.

The internet has opened doors to new possibilities, but it's also left other doors open for cybercriminals. Any home with an internet connection is potentially vulnerable to internet scams. Recognition of that fact and awareness of the following scams can reduce the likelihood of being victimized by opportunistic cybercriminals.

- **Disaster relief scams:** Human beings' innate sense of compassion is on full display in the aftermath of natural disasters when people across the globe typically donate hundreds of millions of dollars in an effort to help people whose lives have been turned upside down by hurricanes, wildfires, and other devastating events.

But skilled cybercriminals prey on that compassion by setting up bogus relief efforts. Such efforts may involve fake charities with names that are similar but slightly different than well-known, legitimate nonprofit organizations. Operations such as Charity Navigator make it easy to verify if a charitable organization is legitimate, and would-be donors should utilize such resources prior to making any donations.

- **Phishing scams:** Phishing scams are among the oldest cyber scams, but they still nab victims every day. The Federal Trade Commission warns that many phishing scams are conducted via email or text messages and inform potential victims that there is an issue with their finances. Some may say there are issues with a bank account, credit card or even a tax return. Skeptics may wonder how anyone could fall for a phishing scam in the age of two-factor authentication and other security measures. However, the Federal Bureau of Investigation reports that phishing scams cost victims nearly \$60 million in 2019, indicating they're still a lucrative source of

income for cybercriminals.

- **Formjacking:** Formjacking is a retail-based scam in which online shoppers' personal and financial information is stolen. In such instances, a retail website could be hacked without users' knowledge. When it comes time to purchase items they've placed in their carts, users are redirected to a fraudulent payment page, where they enter personal information, such as their credit card number, that cybercriminals then steal. When buying items online, shoppers should confirm that the URL on the payment page aligns with the retailer they're buying from. If the URL is missing even a single letter (think Amzon.com instead of Amazon.com), then chances are a formjacking scam is being operated.

Tech support scams, in which users are asked to download applications to fix an infected computer, and similar download-based fake antivirus software scams are some additional examples of cyber scams. Users are urged to be on the lookout for each of these types of scams and exercise caution whenever something doesn't seem right or authentic.



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UVCares is a nonprofit organization that delivers mental health and substance use drug and alcohol addiction healthcare while addressing barriers that include access, affordability, and community outreach.

How Your Donation Helps a Person in Need

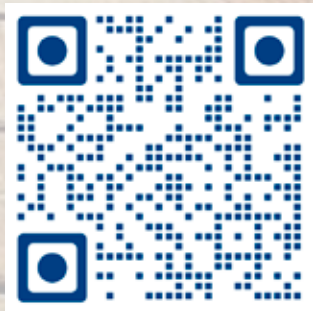
- **\$100.00** provides an evaluation and a treatment plan.
- **\$500.00** provides treatment services.
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This program is funded solely by grants and community donations.

To ensure children continue to receive these books every month, please donate to OCCDA today through Give NCW.

Enrolled children from birth to age five receive a **free, high-quality, developmentally appropriate book every month.** The book is addressed directly to the child to help spark excitement in building a foundation in early literacy.

Research shows that having access to books helps

children gain early literacy skills and prepares them for kindergarten. When parents read to their children, it also provides opportunities for the parent and child to bond. We have delivered nearly 50,000 books to over 2,600 local children.

The Give NCW campaign is open on Thanksgiving Day until Dec. 31, 2023.

To donate, please visit <https://cfnw.org/givencw2023/>



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Giving Tuesday:

A global movement spreading hope and generosity

Rooted in the spirit of generosity, this global phenomenon, celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, encourages individuals and communities worldwide to embrace the act of giving back.

Origin and History:

Emerging in 2012 as a response to the commercialism of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, the concept of Giving Tuesday was born from a collaboration between the 92nd Street Y, a

cultural and community center in New York City, and the United Nations Foundation. Fueled by the power of social media and the collective desire to make a positive impact, this initiative swiftly gained traction, transcending borders and cultures.

The Purpose and Impact:

Giving Tuesday serves as a beacon of hope, uniting people across the globe to support causes close to their hearts. Whether contributing funds

to charitable organizations, volunteering time and expertise, or simply spreading awareness, this day empowers individuals to effect change in their communities and beyond.

Unwavering Support and Growth:

Over the years, the ethos of Giving Tuesday has reverberated across continents, igniting a spirit of philanthropy that knows no bounds. Organizations, corporations, and individuals join forces, amplifying the impact of their contributions to address diverse issues, from education and healthcare to environmental conservation and social justice.

Local Initiatives and Participation:

Communities around the world, including our own in North Central Washington, embrace Giving Tuesday with enthusiasm and passion. From charitable drives and fundraising events to volunteer-led initiatives, the spirit of giving resonates deeply within our neighborhoods, enriching lives and fostering a culture of compassion.

Looking Ahead:

As the world faces various challenges, the significance of Giving Tuesday continues to grow, reminding us of the profound impact of altruism. With each passing year, this day serves as a powerful reminder that generosity knows no bounds and that collective action can pave the way for a brighter, more compassionate world.



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TO DONATE: Send a check to: **Chelan Valley Hope, P.O. Box 635, Chelan, WA. 98816** or go online: chelanvalleyhope.org/donate



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How to make a charity a beneficiary

Giving to charity can be a rewarding endeavor that makes a difference in the lives of people in need. Many people donate throughout their lives, and some people may want to impart a more lasting legacy by continuing to support a charity even after they have passed away.

Incorporating a charity into an estate plan is a great way to continue giving after you pass away. Individuals may not know how to make charities beneficiaries in their wills. A financial planner, attorney or accountant can answer the more complex questions individuals have about naming charities as beneficiaries in a will. In the meantime, this general guide can serve as a solid foundation for individuals

who want to give back in their wills.

Most people think of beneficiaries as loved ones, but a beneficiary can be any person or entity one chooses to leave money to, including nonprofit organizations. It's relatively the same process to name a charity as a beneficiary as it is an individual. According to the resource Trust & Will, first identify the charity that will be supported, including getting its Employer Identification Number or Taxpayer Identification Number. Next, determine which type of gift to make, which may be a predetermined financial contribution, a gift of property, or other assets like stocks. For large donations like real estate or cars, it may be best to contact the charity in advance

to ensure they are able to accept such gifts. Finally, be sure to include your wishes in an estate plan. A qualified attorney can help clients draft a will that spells out their wishes in detail.

Keep in mind that charities also can be named as beneficiaries on life insurance policies or individual retirement accounts. They also can be listed on bank accounts. Again, people are urged to discuss all options with estate planners to ensure their plans fully reflect their wishes.

When naming a charity as a beneficiary, it can be wise to inform family members and other beneficiaries so no one is caught off guard upon your death. This way the charitable gift is not held up by delays in executing the will.

Signs of charitable fraud

Giving to charity is a selfless endeavor that's vital to the survival of countless nonprofit organizations across the globe. Without the generosity of donors, many charitable organizations would cease to exist, leaving the people they help vulnerable to illness and financial hardship.

Fraud may be the furthest thing from donors' minds, but it's something charitable individuals must be aware of as they consider donating to charity. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, charity fraud increases during the holiday season, when many people embrace the spirit of giving and seek to make end-of-year tax deductible gifts to their favorite charities.

The FBI also warns that charity scams are common after disasters or tragedies, including pandemics. The Federal Trade Commission noted in September 2020 that Americans had lost more than \$145 million to charity fraud

related to the coronavirus in the first six months of the pandemic.

One measure all prospective donors should take is to learn the signs of charitable fraud. Many charity scams target seniors, but no one is entirely safe from charity fraud. AARP notes that the following are some warning signs of charity fraud.

Pressure to give: Reputable charities do not pressure prospective donors into giving. A strong, trustworthy charity will accept donations whenever donors choose to make them. Legitimate operations like the American Red Cross may heighten their solicitations after natural disasters, but such groups still will not try to pressure people into donating.

Thanking donors for donations they don't recall making: AARP notes that some charitable fraud perpetrators will try to convince potential victims they have already given to a cause. This is done in an effort

to lower potential victims' resistance, giving them a false sense of security and the impression that a fraudulent operation is legitimate. If donors don't recall donating to a specific charity, chances are strong they didn't make such a donation and that the message of gratitude is merely a fishing expedition intended to reel in new victims.

Requests for cash, gift cards, or wire transfers: Cash, gifts, and wire transfers are difficult to trace, which makes it easier for perpetrators of fraud to escape the authorities. Reputable charities will welcome donations made by personal check or credit card.

Perpetrators of charitable fraud prey on the vulnerability of well-meaning donors who simply want to support a good cause. Learning to spot signs of charitable fraud can provide an added measure of protection against the criminals behind such operations.



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Thinking Outside the Box in Giving: Unconventional Ways to Contribute to Causes Beyond Traditional Donations

As Giving Tuesday approaches, a day dedicated to charitable acts and giving back to the community, it's an opportune time to explore unconventional ways of making a difference beyond the traditional avenues of monetary donations. While financial contributions are undoubtedly valuable, there are myriad creative and unexpected ways to support causes close to your heart. This year, let's think outside the box and discover innovative ways to contribute to meaningful change.

Time and Skills Donation:

Instead of reaching for your

wallet, consider giving the gift of your time and skills. Many non-profit organizations are in constant need of volunteers to support their missions. Whether you have expertise in graphic design, marketing, event planning, or simply a willingness to lend a hand, your skills can make a tangible impact. Offer to help with social media campaigns, create promotional materials, or organize fundraising events. Your time and talents can be just as valuable as a monetary donation.

Micro-Volunteering:

For those with hectic schedules, micro-volunteering offers a convenient way

to contribute in bite-sized increments. Websites like Sparked and Catchafire connect volunteers with short-term, online projects that can be completed in as little as 15 minutes. This allows individuals to make a meaningful impact, even during a coffee break or while waiting for a bus.

Donation of Goods:

Clean out your closet or declutter your home with a purpose. Many charities accept donations of gently used clothing, household items, and even technology. Your old laptop or smartphone, for instance, could provide educational opportunities for

those in need. Check with local organizations to see what specific items they are currently seeking.

Educational Initiatives:

Share your knowledge and passion by engaging in educational initiatives. Offer to host a workshop or mentorship program for individuals interested in your field of expertise. Education is a powerful tool for empowerment, and your guidance can help open doors for others.

Social Media Advocacy:

Leverage the power of social media to raise awareness about causes that matter

to you. Share informative content, inspiring stories, and calls to action on platforms like Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. Your online presence can help amplify the reach of organizations, sparking conversations and encouraging others to get involved.

Random Acts of Kindness:

Sometimes, the simplest acts can have the most profound impact. Embrace the philosophy of random acts of kindness by surprising strangers with small gestures of goodwill. Whether it's paying for someone's coffee

or leaving uplifting notes in public spaces, spreading positivity can create a ripple effect that extends far beyond the initial act.

This Giving Tuesday, let's redefine the meaning of giving by exploring unconventional ways to make a positive impact. Whether it's through volunteering your time, sharing your skills, or embracing small acts of kindness, there are countless ways to contribute to causes that matter. By thinking outside the box, we can create a culture of giving that extends beyond traditional donations and fosters a spirit of generosity that lasts throughout the year.

Charities that help children

Whitney Houston famously sang "the children are our future." Each generation has the potential to change the world. Even the most determined children need some helping hands in order to reach their full potential, especially if they must confront financial, medical, or other obstacles.

Charitable organizations assist individuals in various ways. Children's charities help kids in need, whether they are facing poverty, need critical medical care, come from abusive homes, or require learning assistance. The following are some of the many critical children's charities working to help youngsters reach their full potential.

Wheels for Wishes: This organization helps children of the Make-A-

Wish Foundation. Wheels for Wishes facilitates car donations that can help fund experiences for critically ill children. (www.wheelsforwishes.org)

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer: This organization was started by the parents of Alexandra "Alex" Scott, a young girl who had cancer and succumbed to the disease in 2004. The group helps raise funds for pediatric cancer research. (www.AlexsLemonade.org)

WorldVision: This group was founded in 1950 by Robert Pierce to support Christian mission services for families experiencing crises in East Asia. It is now the largest international non-governmental organization helping impoverished children in Asia and elsewhere. (www.worldvision.org)

Save the Children: This charity works internationally and in the United States to sponsor children experiencing abuse, physical abuse, neglect, and sexual exploitation. (www.savethechildren.org)

Imagination Library: This organization, started by country star Dolly Parton, provides free books to children from birth through age 5. While it began for kids in rural Tennessee in 1995, the charity now distributes one million books to children across the U.S. to help foster a love of reading. (<https://imaginationlibrary.com/>)

St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital: The work at St. Jude's helps to fund research to find cures and new treatments for childhood cancers. St. Jude's also provides safe and free medical services to children with cancer. (www.stjude.org)

Locks of Love: This charity provides wigs made of real hair for children suffering from long-term medical hair loss. The wigs are made from donated ponytails to provide the highest quality hair prosthetics to financially disadvantaged children. (<https://locksoflove.org>)



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Making wishes: one furry friend at a time

By MAKE-A-WISH ALASKA AND WASHINGTON

When Make-A-Wish alumna Krystin Intrchoodech was in the hospital, the only people outside of her family she got to see were her nurses and doctors.

"It was very lonely," said Krystin reflecting on the seven months she spent in the hospital undergoing five rounds of life-saving treatment for leukemia.

But while there, she found comfort from an unexpected source: a fluffy, pink, Build-A-Bear teddy gifted to her by her dad and brother. It was just the companion Krystin needed to lift her spirits.

She affectionately named her furry friend Krystin Jr., and the two were inseparable. "She slept with it every night," said her mom, Ladda.

During that time, she was introduced to Make-A-Wish Alaska and Washington -- the non-profit that grants wishes to local children with critical illnesses -- and was told she qualified for a wish.

"I thought about all the things I could wish for and decided that I wanted to give back," she said. "I wanted every child to have a friend - something to be there for them in their time of need to comfort them."

And so, that became her wish -- to give back.

For a day, the pediatric cancer units at the hospital were transformed into Build-A-Bear workshops. Large stuffing machines were set up in the family rooms of the outpatient cancer clinics. Adorable outfits and various furry friends were laid out so patients at the hospital could create a one-of-a-kind stuffed animal just for them.

Bear Builders from Build-A-Bear worked with each patient individually to stuff the bears, perform Heart Ceremonies, and stitch them up with love and care.

As children brought their furry friends to life, it was almost as if more wishes were coming true, the power of a wish touching each person involved.

"Krystin embodies the spirit of generosity that fills the air this time of year and is vital for Make-A-Wish to continue its work," said Angela Miller, vice president, regional and volunteer programs for Make-A-Wish Alaska and Washington. "We rely on volunteer support and donations to make life-changing wishes like Krystin's possible."

In fact, the local chapter is in dire need of volunteers who speak both English and Spanish in Chelan and Douglas counties. "Right now, we have a handful of volunteers who are single-handedly granting all the wishes in Central and Eastern Washington."

Volunteers meet with families -- helping them through the wish-granting process, including planning their wishes.

"For anyone looking for a fun and joyful hands-on experience working directly with kids and families, this is a volunteer opportunity unlike anything else," Miller said. "When people hear the name Make-A-Wish, there is a common misconception that we have all the funding and resources we need because we are so well-known. But that's not true."

If Krystin's wish has inspired you, please visit wish.org/akwa/Krystin to learn about how you can help grant life-changing wishes like hers by donating your time as a volunteer or making a gift of cash or frequent flyer miles.

