

Two Chelan men arrested in burglary at Chelan Fruit

SUBMITTED BY CHELAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CHELAN - Sheriff Mike Morrison reports on February 7 deputies with the Chelan County Sheriff's Office received a report of a burglary at Chelan Fruit located off Howser Rd. in Chelan. Upon arrival, deputies discovered two males had broken into the location and stole an estimated \$6,900 in assorted items.

Security camera footage combined with an extensive investigation, led to the arrest of two Chelan men, 24-year-old Alan Larumbe, and 23-year-old Santiago Alexis Jimenez. Deputies were also able to recover and return most of the items taken. Additional evidence was also recovered possibly linking both males to other burglaries in the area. They were booked into the Chelan County Regional Jail and charged with two counts of Burglary 2nd Degree and Theft 1st Degree.

It's time to start watching for weight restrictions on county roads

Signs will be placed on impacted roadways

By JILL FITZSIMMONS, CHELAN COUNTY PIO

CHELAN COUNTY - It's that time of the year again, when the warming temps may bring temporary weight restrictions on county roads. While we don't have any restrictions yet, freight haulers should be paying attention; notice typically goes out 24 hours in advance of weight restrictions being placed on a roadway.

Seasonal snowmelt and runoff can soften roadways, potentially leading to costly damages. Temporary weight restrictions are put in place annually to protect the roadways from such damage. Only emergency vehicles, school buses or vehicles possessing a special permit issued by the County Engineer are exempt. New this year, vehicles that have a gross weight of 34,000 pounds or less do not need a special permit. We do ask these drivers to try their best to stay off road shoulders.

The seasonal weight restrictions apply to county roads; they do not impact load-rated bridges. Haulers will still need to verify if any of their proposed routes include a load-

restricted bridge and then adhere to the specific restrictions of that structure. Read more about Chelan County's weight-restricted bridges on our County Bridges webpage.

How will you know if weight restrictions have been put in place on a county road? Though we can't tell you exactly when the temporary weight restrictions are coming, we do know they are inevitable. We alert the public in a variety of ways:

- Temporary weight restriction signs will be placed on impacted county roadways.
- We update the public via our Public Works emails. Sign up online.
- We will post the information, with frequent updates, on our Traffic Alerts and Restrictions webpage and our Facebook page.

The free permit must be handed in by 10 a.m. Monday through Thursday prior to the day that haulers will travel. (If you must travel on a Monday, the permit must be received by the Thursday prior.) When restrictions are in place, haulers are encouraged to send the permit application via email (public.works@co.chelan.wa.us) or fax (509-667-6250). Call the office (509-667-6415) if you have questions. And, as a side note, with snow season wrapping up, we will be getting back to our Weekly Road Maintenance Updates very soon.

Lake Chelan Valley Events, Things to do, Meetings

Outdoor Gallery/Murals, sculptures

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.

Lake Chelan EMS/

Care Connect Washington

LAKE CHELAN - Lake Chelan Health Emergency Services is partnering with Care Connect Washington to help provide support for those affected by COVID-19. You qualify is: You tested positive for COVID-19 or you had close contact with someone who tested positive, and you're actively isolating or quarantining at home. They can help with personal care kits, food kits (non-perishable), fresh foods (orders delivered to your door) and financial assistance. Find out if you qualify, 1-800-453-0336. EMS Community Care Program, 509-726-6072.

Chelan Museum: Closed Jan.-Feb.

CHELAN - The Chelan Museum will be closed the months of January and February. They will reopen on March 1. They will be open by appointment. Call 509-682-5644. The museum is located at the corner of Woodin Avenue and Emerson Street.

Free at home Covid-19 Tests: Feb. 15

MANSON - Manson Fire District #5 has free at home Covid-19 tests available at the fire station, located at 250 Manson Blvd. For more information call 509-687-3222. They also have handouts on Covid exposure and what to do if you test positive for Covid-19.

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Knowlton seeks more help for victims, more accountability for offenders

Testifies at legislative hearing

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

OLYMPIA - For the first time in more than six years since she lost her husband, Gary, to a drunk driver, Deana Knowlton testified before lawmakers in support of a bill to provide more counseling to traumatized victims like herself.

House Bill 1501 introduced by 12th District State Representative Mike Steele would authorize additional counseling services for immediate family members of homicide victims.

HB1501 is among a group of bills legislators have put forward in response to the alarming spike in statewide traffic deaths.

Knowlton wants to see more professional counseling for homicide victims.

"They feel that 12 visits is a magic number that you're going to be cured from any homicide trauma," Knowlton said citing her own experience



Courtesy Deana Knowlton
Deana Knowlton and daughter, Kari, stand on the steps of the Washington State House of Representatives holding a copy of a House Resolution adopted in January 2018 honoring the life of Gary Knowlton.

as an example of what more is needed.

"In my first three years I had 273 counseling sessions," said Knowlton who continues with the therapy.

"This is the first time I have testified," said Knowlton "because all the previous bills were shot down."

What appears to be different now is last year's increase in traffic-related deaths when accidents claimed nearly 750 people, the most in more than 30 years. The legislative response has been a number of bills including HB 1501 that Knowlton supports aimed at addressing traffic fatalities and surviving victims. Some examples:

- SB 1582 bans right turns at red lights within a thousand feet of schools, hospitals, and playgrounds.
- SB 5002 reduces the breath or blood alcohol content (BAC) for drivers from 0.08 to 0.05.
- HB 1513 shifts the emphasis of police traffic stops from low-risk or non-moving stops to those like speeding, reckless or impaired driving.
- SB 5272 authorizes speed limit cameras in highway

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Point in Time Count records decrease in homelessness for one-day event

Count also shows increase in number of people living in shelters, temporary housing

Submitted by JILL FITZSIMMONS, CHELAN COUNTY PIO

NCW - The recent Point in Time Count showed the number of people experiencing homelessness on the one-day event is slightly down from last year, a result the Chelan County Housing Program coordinator is attributing in part to efforts by local partners working with the unhoused.

On January 26, outreach teams surveyed 121 people experiencing homelessness in Chelan and Douglas counties. Of the 121 people interviewed or observed, 105 people were unsheltered, meaning they were living out of doors or in a vehicle or RV, an abandoned building, or a tent or other outdoor area not meant for habitation. This is down from 123 unsheltered people counted last year.

"I am really proud of the work everyone involved in the event and its planning put in," said Sasha Sleiman, Chelan County Housing Program coordinator. "This year's count is truly a reflection of the dedication over the last year shown by the staff at all our local non-profits who work with the unhoused. They have developed relationships with people, they know where those folks spend their time and they have built trust with people experiencing homelessness over time. These relationships and building of trust are what



PHOTO: Photo by Scott Johnson/Wenatchee Rescue Mission.
Outreach teams surveyed Chelan and Douglas counties on January 26, interviewing or observing people living in unsheltered situations, including tents or outdoor areas not meant for habitation. The photo was taken during the Point in Time event of such an area in Malaga.

allow us to get reliable information and data."

While the results of the event show a decrease in the number of people living unsheltered in the area, they also show an increase over last year in the number of people living in shelters or temporary housing.

Also recorded on Jan. 26 were 368 people staying in emergency shelters, including the city of Wenatchee's RV Safe Parks, transitional housing programs or in a hotel through an emergency hotel/motel voucher program. This is an increase of 91 people, or a total of 275 in 2022. Shelter data is obtained through the statewide database programs used to track client information, not from the surveys conducted during the PIT outreach and event.

In addition, the Chelan County Regional Justice Center reported 36 people - 30 men and six women - in jail

at the time of the count who would, if released that day, describe themselves as homeless. Similarly, the Center for Alcohol and Drug Treatment in Wenatchee reported five people who were in its inpatient treatment program the night of the PIT Count but, if exited from treatment, would be unhoused in Chelan or Douglas counties.

More details of the information gathered at the event include:

- Of the 105 people counted as unsheltered, they reported living:

- 44 adults and 2 minors live out of doors (street, tent, abandoned building, park, etc.)
- 39 adults and 1 minor live in a vehicle (not in a city Safe Park)
- 19 adults refused to say where they slept
- The locations where the 105 unsheltered people indicated they were sleeping on the night of the PIT count

were:

- Wenatchee: 46 (44 adults and 2 minors)
- East Wenatchee: 15
- Chelan: 15 (14 adults and 1 minor)
- Leavenworth: 4
- Cashmere: 1
- Unincorporated Chelan County: 15
- Unincorporated Douglas County: 8
- Refused to answer: 1

- Surveyors also asked where a person's last permanent residence was. Ninety-four of the 105 unsheltered people answered the question:
- 6 people said their last known permanent home was from out of state.
- 23 people said their last known permanent home was from out of the two-county area (but from other locations in Washington).
- 65 people said their last known permanent home was from a city/town in Chelan or Douglas counties: Wenatchee (20), Chelan: (15),
- East Wenatchee (14), Leavenworth (5), Cashmere, Entiat, Dryden (2 each), and Peshastin, Waterville, Bridgeport, Malaga: (1 each).

Sleiman emphasized that it is important to remember the information collected during the Point in Time Count is truly a snapshot in time. "It is capturing people who are unsheltered or staying in an emergency or temporary housing situations on this day, at this point in time," she said. "There are others who are hard to find because they are staying with friends and family or housed for the time being, even if that housing isn't stable. This means we have far

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Washington Legislature continues its focus on housing

By Sen. Brad Hawkins,
12th District

OLYMPIA - Access to affordable housing continues to be a challenge in the 12th District and throughout Washington state, impacting families and employers. The needs for housing are different in different regions. Some areas of our state struggle with major homelessness issues. This is most apparent in the metropolitan region in western Washington, including the Seattle area, although all communities struggle with homelessness at some level. In the 12th District, our challenges vary based on the vast geographic size. We're the only legislative district that crosses over the Cascade Mountains. Some of the needs in the western portion of the 12th District differ from the needs of the east. However, one of the commonalities across the district involves workforce housing.

Some areas of our district have seen home prices triple over the past several years, including communities like

Leavenworth and Chelan. Rapidly increasing housing prices are a significant challenge, creating ripple effects in many regions as stable housing is fundamental to successful careers, communities, and families. When it comes to state policies, Washington has a number of programs focused on homelessness and low-income housing, some of which have been only marginally successful. Fewer programs exist for improving access to housing for low-to-middle range income earners.

"Workforce" struggling to find affordable homes

Due to the service nature of much of the economy in Central Washington - including many health care, agricultural, education, and hospitality workers - people who earn 60 percent to 120 percent of the area's average income struggle to live in the communities where they work. This leads to a variety of other issues, including longer com-



Sen. Brad Hawkins

mutes, traffic congestion, and quality-of-life impacts. To compound matters, we live in a beautiful district with year-round recreation. The frequent purchases of second homes - especially in Leavenworth and Chelan - along with the COVID trend of converting second homes to primary homes across the district has greatly increased housing prices, pushing out essential workers. With every passing month, some of our tourism-based communities are gradually losing their sense of community due to high-cost housing.

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Thanks for supporting my Senate Bill 5868 last session

I'm grateful to local leaders who stepped up alongside me last legislative session to enact a bipartisan solution to improve workforce housing options. With their help, we successfully passed my Senate Bill 5868 to provide counties with more flexibility to utilize an existing tax stream (known

as the ".09 dollars") for housing infrastructure. This bill didn't authorize a new tax but broadened the permissible uses of an existing revenue source, providing county commissioners more options. Just weeks after the bill was signed by the governor and enacted into law, Chelan County commissioners awarded over \$823,000 in local grants, through their Cascade Public Infrastructure Fund, to housing authorities throughout Chelan County. This action is perhaps the first step among many of the commissioners will advance under this new authority.

Passing any bill through the Legislature is a difficult process. Less than 10 percent of the bills introduced each session become law, and housing proposals have struggled more than most, but we successfully passed ours on the first attempt. I'd like to thank Chelan County Commissioner Kevin Overbay, Leavenworth Mayor Carl Florea, and all Senate Bill 5868 stakeholders for their active participation throughout an intense legisla-

tive process. It is gratifying to see the combination of everyone's hard work results in tangible benefits distributed to worthy organizations that will leverage these funds for greater good. We can be proud of what we accomplished together.

Governor Inslee's housing proposal

Governor Jay Inslee has proposed issuing \$4 billion in housing bonds to be invested over the next six years. Much of his proposal increases programs aimed at improving housing options, including expansion of the Housing Trust Fund. Since the Washington State Constitution limits special indebtedness (Article VIII, Section 3) and the governor's proposal would exceed the state's debt limit, any law eventually approved by the Legislature would need to advance to the people for a state-wide vote. While I want to stay open-minded about all issues before me, my initial reaction on this proposal is quite mixed. I certainly acknowledge the need to increase housing supplies throughout our state but

believe the programs already implemented for homelessness have largely been expensive and unsuccessful.

It is disappointing to me that our state has allowed housing and homelessness challenges to continue to progress all the while having revenue surpluses for the past decade. Even this session - when additional revenue is still anticipated - the proposal suggests that we need to greatly expand state debt to produce meaningful housing results. Further, discussions about the proposal have not focused on other regulatory policies - many approved in recent years - that are contributing to the increased costs of homebuilding and home ownership. If lawmakers are going to ask voters to make a huge investment in housing, the state must ensure that revenues are shared in all regions with plenty of local flexibility for housing investments. We must also make sure to reform the burdensome regulations and land use policies driving up our housing costs.

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more people in our community who can experience homelessness at any moment after the count is complete who won't be captured, including people in jail, hospitals, an inpatient facility or living in other pro-

grams that are not considered long-term or stable."

The number of people surveyed on Jan. 26 was a combination of people who came to the planned outreach events at the YWCA in Wenatchee, Chelan Valley HOPE in Chelan and the Community Cupboard in Leavenworth as well as people who were approached

by outreach teams in Chelan and Douglas counties. Surveys conducted by outreach teams aimed to not only connect people with resources and services but also to collect a variety of demographic information, including how long someone has been without a permanent home, where they reside, where they are from,

and whether or not they had been denied access to a shelter or would go to a shelter if available. Demographic questions included age, race, gender, veteran status, children under 18 in the household and disability status.

Community Partners included Action Health Partners, Aging & Adult Care,

Café, Catholic Charities, Chelan County Regional Justice Center, Chelan County Veteran's Service Office, Chelan Douglas Community Action Council, Chelan Douglas Volunteer Attorney Services, Chelan Valley HOPE, City of East Wenatchee, City of Wenatchee, Columbia Legal Services, Community Action

Council, Douglas County, HopeSource, Lighthouse Ministries, Molina Healthcare, People's Foundation, SAGE, Salvation Army, The Center for Alcohol & Drug Treatment, Upper Valley MEND, Veteran's Affairs, Wenatchee Rescue Mission, Women's Resource Center, and YWCA.

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work zones. • SB 5560 reduces older driver safety by increasing their license renewal frequency. • SB 5032 extends the felony timeframe for fourth DUI from 10 to 15 years. • SB 5430 creates a scholarship fund for low-income driver education.

• HB 1319 requires license re-examination for a driver who causes substantial bodily harm in a collision.

Knowlton has been diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

"I thought PTSD was only associated with the military," said Knowlton. "I never thought I would experience what I have."

The trauma caused her to suppress some memories like many of those associated with the court trial. Others she imagines like her husband's accident scene that she was unable to visit the day it happened because police blocked access. The sight of bicyclists wearing yellow shirts are trigger flashbacks.

"Gary always wore yellow coming home on his bike," Knowlton said.

Working through the trauma has been a challenging journey.

"I'm not where I was six years ago," said Knowlton of her recovery curve. "I'm bet-

ter, but I'm not quite there."

Knowlton's nightmare began on July 16, 2016, when Gary, a schoolteacher and lifeguard, was struck and killed outside Chelan while bicycling home to Brewster from Manson Bay where he served as a lifeguard every summer since 2008.

The driver of the Nissan pickup that struck 50-year-old Gary Knowlton was 22-year-old Bridgeport resident Jovany Lopez-Maciel. He threw the broken bicycle into his pickup and fled the scene. After hiding out with help from his father, Maciel was arrested the following September and charged with vehicular homicide and felony hit and run.

It was not the first time Maciel was in trouble with the law. The Felony Judgment and Sentence document issued by the Chelan County Superior Court disclosed juvenile convictions for third degree rape in September 2011 and residential burglary

in December 2011.

Maciel's convictions for second degree manslaughter and second degree malicious mischief resulted in a three-year, five-month (41-month) prison sentence imposed in June 2017 and served at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center in Connell. That would make his release date around November 2020. An additional 18 months of supervision was mandated following his release.

In January 2018 the state House of Representatives approved a resolution sponsored by Mike Steele (R-Chelan) and Cary Condotta (R-Wenatchee) honoring the life of Gary Knowlton. Steele had a personal as well as professional connection to the issue.

"I worked with Gary as a lifeguard at Manson," said Steele. "That was during my high school years and all through college."

The Chelan County Prosecutor's Office contacted Knowlton in December 2018 to advise her that Maciel was scheduled for early release in mid-January 2019. Counting the nine months of time served prior to his sentencing, Maciel spent about 28 of the 41 months behind bars. The 18-month supervision was waived because Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was deporting Maciel back to Mexico after his release.

During the intervening years since the tragedy Knowlton has waged a dedicated campaign for stiffer penalties for offenders and more support for victims of crime. Yet, last month was the first opportunity she had to actually testify for a piece of legislation that actually made it this far in the legislative process.

Fast forward to the present day and Maciel is back in



Mike Maltais/QCH

A mural of Gary Knowlton at the Manson Bay Park Pool was unveiled at a public memorial in his honor on July 28, 2016.

Washington state. Knowlton even knows his address in the Tri-Cities area. He was cited by the Washington State Patrol for a moving violation on Sept. 16, 2020 and went to court. That's how Knowlton learned of his return. She passed the information to her contact at ICE but state RCW 10.93.160 regarding law enforcement restrictions relative to immigration and citizenship status bars any further action from those quarters. Knowlton said she feels powerless in the face of legalities that stand in the way of further accountability by the man who killed her husband.

"I understand that criminals have the upper hand, and that everybody is for criminals," said Knowlton. "I

get that."

She said she gets frustrated with the system and the feeling that nobody is listening.

"I can understand why victims don't step up, through my own experience," said Knowlton, "because I am one."

Knowlton's two daughters, Kari, now 32 and married, and Krysta, 29, have endured their share of victim trauma but move forward in appreciation of their father's memory. Kari is a schoolteacher in Mossyrock, and Krysta works for a health company in Spokane.

"I'm going to keep fighting," said Knowlton. "I tell my girls that if the roles were reversed Gary would do the same thing. If I can help one family to cope and get through with some tools, that is my goal."

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Tsillan Cellars wines win Best of Class honors in California

By DR. BOB JANKELSON,
TSILLAN CELLARS

CHELAN - Tsillan Cellars again established the ability of Lake Chelan Southshore vineyards to produce world-class wines that compete with the best in the world. With 1,000 wineries and 5,500 wines entered in the recent San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, Tsillan Cellars 2020 Estate Malbec and the 2020 Estate Dolcetto both won Best of Class honors.

Owner, Bob Jankelson, credits his former winemaker Ray Sandidge for convincing him that Dolcetto, an Italian grape varietal from the Northwestern area of Italy, had great promise if planted

on his south shore vineyards. The first Dolcetto vineyard planted in the Lake Chelan AVA only six years later produced the 2020 Tsillan Cellars' Estate Dolcetto honored as the Best Dolcetto in the prestigious 2023 San Francisco Competition.

Dolcetto means "little sweet one" in Italian. It is known as a soft, fruity wine that can be enjoyed shortly after bottling.

Mike Dunne, noted wine critic commenting upon the Tsillan Cellars Best of Class Dolcetto: "...this is an exceptionally charming interpretation of the variety—sweet, light hearted fruit suggestive of plums and cherries, a thread of caramel, electricity enough

to light up a small town, and surprisingly perky acidity for a grape not exactly known to possess alot."

Bob acknowledges that Ray must have been convinced of the success of Dolcetto on this site since he talked Bob into planting an additional Dolcetto vineyard after seeing the promise of the initial planting. Lots of "little sweet ones" in the future for Tsillan Cellars and those enjoying Tsillan Cellars wines.

While the Best of Class honor for the Dolcetto was a first for Tsillan Cellars and the Lake Chelan AVA, the Best of Class honor for Tsillan Cellars 2020 Estate Malbec was no surprise. In the past 15 years, Tsillan Cellars Estate grown



Malbec is almost expected to win Best of Class honors in the most prestigious national and international wine competitions. Winning the Best Malbec Award in the 2013 San Francisco International Wine Competition was followed by eight more Best of Class awards in international competitions.

The Lake Chelan AVA and Tsillan Cellars continue to shower honors on Lake Chelan wine.

Courtesy Tsillan Cellars
Tsillan Cellars 2020 Estate Malbec and the 2020 Estate Dolcetto both won Best of Class honors at the recent San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition.

Chelan PUD, Puget Sound Energy announce long-term Clean Energy Contract

Agreement provides valuable carbon-free energy to Northwest electric customers

SUBMITTED BY RACHEL HANSEN,
CHELAN COUNTY PUD PIO

BELLEVUE/WENATCHEE, - Puget Sound Energy (PSE) and Chelan County Public Utility District (PUD) today executed a contract for renewable hydropower from the PUD's two projects on the Columbia River. The 20-year contract increases Puget's carbon-free resources toward its future renewable energy goals, as well as contributes flexible capacity to identified needs in Washington.

The competitively priced contract provides Puget Sound Energy with 25% of the output from the PUD's Rock Island and Rocky Reach hydropower projects from 2031 to 2051. PSE's current contracts with Chelan PUD, expiring in 2026 and 2031, provide a portion of the output from the two

Columbia River projects.

"We have 70 years of partnership selling a share of our hydropower output to Puget Sound Energy," said PUD General Manager Kirk Hudson. "Along the way, these energy contracts become even better for our customer-owners by recognizing the increasing value of hydropower, while providing financial stability and predictability."

Chelan PUD offers a mix of short-term market-based and long-term cost-based products. Both types of contracts are based on selling a "slice" of Chelan's hydropower output. The value of hydropower has increased as a carbon-free renewable source of energy. Those environmental attributes are in demand as companies look to satisfy new regulatory requirements through the Climate Commitment Act and Clean Energy Transformation Act.

"We are pleased to continue our partnership with Chelan PUD to provide clean, reliable and affordable hydropower to our customers," said Ron Roberts, PSE's vice president of energy supply. "It's another



Courtesy Chelan County PUD

Rock Island Hydro Project on the Columbia River in Central Washington. The competitively priced contract provides Puget Sound Energy with 25% of the output from the PUD's Rock Island and Rocky Reach hydropower projects from 2031 to 2051.

important step on our way to serving customers with 100% carbon neutral resources by 2030 and 100% clean electricity by 2045. In addition to clean energy and capacity, PSE's 25% share will continue to provide a reliable source of resource adequacy and the ability to integrate renewable resources

for our customers."

The contract was negotiated over the past 18 months and includes both carbon-free energy attributes provided by hydropower as well as flexible capacity to help PSE meet peak energy needs during high customer usage times.

"We build a diverse portfolio

by offering a mix of different contracts in order to reduce risk, create value, and provide financial stability for decades to come," said Chief Financial Officer Kelly Boyd. "That balance allows Chelan PUD to support stable and predictable rates for customer-owners, as well as support for parks and

broadband services."

About Chelan PUD

Chelan Public Utility District was created by a vote of the people in 1936 and delivered its first power in 1947. The PUD is governed by a locally elected five-member Board of Commissioners. The general manager uses the policies and guiding principles set by the commission to generate and deliver electricity from our three dams to utilities that serve customers across the Pacific Northwest as well as to more than 51,000 retail customers in the county. The PUD also provides water, sewer and wholesale telecommunications services.

About Puget Sound Energy

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NAMI Chelan/ Douglas seeks to expand into Okanogan, Grant counties

SUBMITTED BY SUMMER STARR,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR NAMI
WASHINGTON

NCW- Local NAMI affiliate NAMI Chelan/Douglas is seeking to expand their service area to Okanogan and Grant counties to become NAMI North Central Washington. The expansion effort is being supported by Beacon Health Options. "Beacon Health Options is thrilled to partner with NAMI Washington to support the expansion of the North Central NAMI Affiliate to include Grant and Okanogan

counties," says Brian Rebar, NCWA Community Engagement Coordinator for Beacon Health Options. "This work is laying the foundation to establish a stronger presence and leadership structure in the North Central region as well as bringing much needed peer programming and resources to our communities."

NAMI (or the National Alliance on Mental Illness) is a national non-profit organization with state and local affiliates in Washington State. NAMI Chelan/Douglas provides mental health support,



education, and advocacy for the greater Wenatchee Valley area through online and in-person support group meetings as well as multi-session educational courses on mental illness.

Locals can attest to the positive impact that NAMI Chelan/Douglas has had on the area so far. "NAMI helped me navigate the horrible mental healthcare system in the state of Washington. Without the support of NAMICD, I'd have many

doubts and guilt on how things turned out for my son. NAMI was the only organization that helped me through my tragedy," writes Janice Daines of Wenatchee.

Nancy Bartholomew of Leavenworth found help through NAMI as well, writing "I had been in health care in Washington as a RN and Nurse Practitioner about 40 years before I heard about NAMI. Our family was having difficulty dealing

with a relative with a new onset of mental illness, and we had no idea where to turn. My husband and I took [a] series of classes, and found them to be very informative, reassuring and enlightening. We did not feel alone any longer."

In order to expand to new counties, NAMI Chelan/Douglas is actively looking to recruit regional representatives for their Board of Directors. Board Members play an important role in the growth and support of the organization. "We are looking for leaders in the region who want to see commu-

nity-driven mental health support grow strategically," said Summer Starr of NAMI Washington, the state organization supporting affiliate growth. Regional board members are expected to serve an average of 4-16 hours per month. Individuals from Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan, and Grant Counties are all welcome to apply. If you're interested in learning more about board positions, volunteer opportunities, resources, programs, or about NAMI in general, please contact Summer Starr at ststarr@namiwa.org or visit namidc.org.

NCW Hispanic Empowerment Fund partners with WVC Foundation to award scholarships

SUBMITTED BY LIBBY SIEBENS,
WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE

WENATCHEE/OMAK - North Central Washington Hispanic Empowerment Fund has partnered with the Wenatchee Valley College Foundation to award Empowerment Fund scholarships. The fund has established the NCW Hispanic Empowerment Fund Scholarship with an initial investment of \$8,000 to the WVC Foundation.

The NCW Hispanic Empowerment Fund Scholarship will provide financial assistance to WVC students enrolled in WVC support service programs, including Area Health Education Center (AHEC), College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP), Math Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) program and TRIO

Student Support Services (TRIO SSS). Each of these programs works to improve the diversity and achievement of historically underrepresented populations.

From 2017-2019, the fund awarded 43 students a total of \$33,000. Major donors to the fund included Columbia Valley Community Health (CVCH), Moss Adams, Dr. Jim Richardson, Numerica Credit Union, Weinstein Beverage, and the NCW Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

"The North Central Washington Empowerment Fund is excited to partner with the WVC Foundation to support local students," said Jessi Mendoza, Empowerment Fund president. "The Empowerment Fund is committed to supporting students in North

Central Washington pursuing their higher education. When the board of directors began exploring how to continue awarding scholarships, we found that the WVC Foundation aligned with our values

and goals."

Donations to the NCW Hispanic Empowerment Fund Scholarship from the community are welcome and can be made online at wvc.edu/Give.

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Chelan Fire & Rescue: Feb. 15

CHELAN - The Chelan Fire & Rescue Board of Commissioners will conduct the meeting in person at the fire station, 232 E. Wapato Avenue on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 3 p.m. The public is welcome to join them by following this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87284665516 Meeting ID: 872 8466 5516 or dial +1 253-215-8782.

SAIL Exercise Classes: Feb. 15-16, 20-21

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 Linda Hollier. 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: Feb. 15-17

Latex paint now accepted - Drop off Saturday, March 4 WENATCHEE - Drop-off Saturday is March 4 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 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: Feb. 15-22

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: Feb. 15: Hot Turkey Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Cranberry Salad, Dessert; Feb. 16: Beef Taco Pie, Baja Veggie Blend, Mexi Style Slaw, Spiced Applesauce, Dessert; Feb. 17: Lemon Baked Fish, Pesto Pasta, Steamed Broccoli, Pea Salad, Orange Quarters, Dessert; Feb. 20: CLOSED/President's Day; Feb. 21: Beef Stew, Spinach Salad, Banana, Biscuit, Cereal Bars; Feb. 22: Honey Dijon Chicken, Garden Rice, Cauliflower & Chives, Mixed Greens Salad, Pineapple, WW Roll, Dessert.

Chelan Valley Hope: Feb. 15-16, 20-23 Coat drives continues until Feb. 28

CHELAN - February is Black History Month. We at Chelan Valley Hope want to wish you a meaningful Black History Month as we celebrate Black lives and also grieve continued inequities and violence against people of Color. We invite you to celebrate with us, visit CVH Monday thru Thursday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (closed Noon to 1 p.m.) and browse our Black author book collection. At CVH we have books for all ages and these books are available as a short term loan. A few of our staff & volunteers favorites include; So, You Want to Talk About Race, The Color of Law, and Charlie Makes a Splash. Call 509-888-2114 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Or visit our website and follow us on Facebook and Instagram to get the latest CVH news and updates chelanvalleyhope.org, @ChelanValleyHope.

Thrive Teen Center: Feb. 16, 21, 23

CHELAN - The Thrive Teen Center is open at the Lake Chelan United Methodist Church, corner of Johnson Avenue and Emerson Street, every Tuesday and Thursday from 3-5:30 p.m. Email stefani@thrivechelanvalley.com if you have any questions.

Lions Club: Feb. 16

MANSON - The Lake Chelan Lions Club have moved their bi-monthly meetings to the Manson Parks Building at 142 Pedoi St. in Manson. Meetings will be held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 9 a.m.

Chronic Disease Support Group: Feb. 16

CHELAN - With the support of Aging and Adults and Tender Loving Care for Seniors, an Alzheimer's Support Group for Chelan/Manson area has restarted. They have opened this meeting to family caregivers of people who have any serious chronic conditions: cardiac, pulmonary, neurologic (post stroke, Parkinson's Disease, MS) and others. Meetings will be the third Thursday of the month, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Chelan Valley Hope, 417 S. Bradley Street. Aging and Adults is providing the facilitator, Bob Poindexter, who has great experience in leading support groups. Please join them to be encouraged by spending time sharing with others who are on this journey. For more details please call Claudia Swenson, Manager, TLC for Seniors, 360-561-6090.

VFW #6853 Post Coffee/Donuts: Feb. 10

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.

OBITUARIES

David A. Koenig



David A. Koenig died February 1, 2023, at his home in Wenatchee, Washington. He was born on October 12, 1939 in Brooten, Minnesota, the son of Walter and Ann Koenig.

David moved with his family from Minnesota to Washington in 1955 and graduated in 1957 from Moses Lake High School. He then entered the U.S. Navy and was trained as an electronic specialist. After leaving the Navy, he married Janet Minatani in 1962. They moved to Chelan, Washington where he worked for Douglas County PUD at the Wells Dam project and retired in 1997. He was known for walking the streets of Chelan with his coffee.

He is survived by his son

Douglas and grandson Zachary, brothers James, Richard and Robert. He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, parents and older brother, Walter Jr.

Interment will be at Pioneer Memorial Gardens in Moses Lake, Washington on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 1 p.m.

DEATH NOTICES

Ellener Van Epps

Ellener Van Epps, 88, of Chelan, Washington, passed away on February 4, 2023.

Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at Prechtrose.com. Services are under the direction of Precht Rose Chapel of Chelan.

David A. Eichhorn

David A. Eichhorn, 80, of Chelan, Washington, passed away on February 7, 2023.

Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at Prechtrose.com. Services are under the direction of Precht Rose Chapel of Chelan.

Consuelo Galvan

Consuelo Galvan, 60, of Chelan, Washington, passed away on February 2, 2023.

Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at Prechtrose.com. Services are under the direction of Precht Rose Chapel of Chelan.

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CHELAN ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Worship 10 am Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Feb. 21, 5-7 p.m., in the Parish Hall 120 E. Woodin Ave., PO Box 1226, Chelan, WA 98816 509-682-2851 • www.standrews-chelan.org standrewschelan@gmail.com

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- Matthew 19:26

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Public Notices

CITY OF CHELAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the City of Chelan Hearing Examiner at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 7th, 2023 in the Council Chambers at 135 East Johnson, Chelan, WA on the following application:

Application: SUB2021-01, SEPA2021-04 (Hiland Farms)

Project Description: The proposal is a subdivision to create 27 detached single-family lots and related tracts for stormwater and recreation. The development will include open space areas and all associated infrastructure within the City of Chelan in Chelan County. The applicant also proposes a Title 25 Variance regarding road design.

Project Location: The site addressed is as 905 No-See-Um Road, Chelan, Washington 98816. It includes Chelan County real tax parcel no 272212310100.

Project Applicant: Chelan Highlands LLC, Charley Underwood, PO Box 119, Wenatchee, WA. 98807

Environmental Review: On March 2, 2022 the City of Chelan issued a SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) under WAC 197-11-340(2) with a comment period through March 16, 2022. A copy of the threshold determination may be obtained upon request or at: <https://tinyurl.com/2cv6ha6s>

Any person has the right to appear and provide testimony at the public hearing and receive a copy of the Hearing Examiner's decision / recommendation once made. A copy of the application, all documents and evidence relied upon by the applicant and applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and copies will be provided at the requestor's cost. A copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at no cost at least ten calendar days prior to the hearing and copies will be provided at the requestor's cost. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing. Please address any specific and factual comments about the project to: John Ajax, City of Chelan, P. O. Box 1669, Chelan, WA 98816 or by email to jajax@cityofchelan.us. Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror February 15, 2023. #5314



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Douglas County PUD

By MEAGHAN VIBBERT,
DOUGLAS COUNTY PUD PIO

EAST WENATCHEE - Douglas County PUD Commissioners Ronald E. Skagen, Aaron J. Viebrock and Molly Simpson executed the following actions during the January 23, Commission meeting held at the District's East Wenatchee office:

Authorized a call for bids under bid document 23-05-W, 2023 heavy equipment and construction services for the Wells Hydroelectric Project. To maintain efficient and safe operations of the Wells Hydroelectric Project, the District periodically requires

heavy equipment and construction services to perform emergency and maintenance work at various locations.

Approved a call for bids under bid document 23-08-D, Rapids to Valhalla rebuild and reconductor. Necessary to rebuild and reconductor a 115 kV line between Rapids Switchyard and Valhalla Switchyard.

Authorized a call for bids under bid document 23-09-W, hatchery water well and pump maintenance. The District has a need for certain scheduled and unscheduled maintenance and refurbish-

ment work on the wells and pumps located at its hatchery mitigation facilities.

Approved land use permit 77-03, Cascade Holdings Group LP. The permit is for use of Project lands for existing dock, water access and landscaping.

Authorized land use permit 143-01, Charles Fitzgerald. The permit is for use of Project lands for existing access path, irrigation pump, road, ag crops and hay storage. (23-015)

Approved land use permit 311A-04, Michael and Lauray Foley. The permit is for use of Project lands for existing

landscaping, beach and access path.

Authorized amendment No. 3 to the professional service agreement with Perteet for the design and construction management of the Rapids to Columbia transmission line. The amendment will increase the contract by \$350,000 due to additional construction time necessary due to material delays and limits to working hours for wildlife protection.

Approved execution of an agreement with the US Department of Energy, Bonneville Power Administration. Necessary to upgrade

transformers and disconnect switches at the Valhalla Switchyard to accommodate the Districts' transmission line re-conducting project.

Authorized the bill of sale for the Baker Flats facility water infrastructure to the East Wenatchee Water District. As part of the agreement to provide fire protection water to the hydrogen facility, the District is conveying the recently installed infrastructure connecting the two agencies' systems and providing a two-year maintenance bond.

Authorized the City of Brewster 2023 Operations and Maintenance budget

for recreation facilities. The District's portion is \$81,688 and is required by the Wells Project license.

Approved the City of Pateros 2023 Operations and Maintenance budget for recreation facilities. The District's portion is \$81,688 and is required by the Wells Project license.

Heard a report on the Douglas County Community Network. The network currently has 7,611 end users.

The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. February 27, at the District's East Wenatchee Office.

Domestic sheep, goats prohibited in select areas of WDFW-managed lands to protect bighorn sheep

By WASHINGTON STATE DEPT. OF FISH & WILDLIFE

OLYMPIA - The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) this week adopted a new rule intended to reduce the risk of Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae (Movi) transmission from domestic sheep and goats to bighorn sheep.

The adopted rule prohibits visitors bringing domestic sheep or goats onto wildlife area units where bighorn sheep may be located. The rule applies to select units of the Asotin Creek, Chelan, Chief Joseph, Colockum, Columbia Basin, L.T. Murray, Oak Creek, Scotch Creek, Sinlahekin, Wells, Wenas, and W.T. Wooten wildlife areas,

and goes into effect in February 2023.

Pneumonia caused by the Movi bacteria can be lethal to bighorn sheep and reduces lamb survival rates for many years after an initial outbreak. There is no treatment or preventative vaccine.

Past pneumonia outbreaks among bighorn sheep in Washington and other parts of the

western United States have been linked to contact between wild sheep and domestic sheep or goats, which can carry the bacteria.

“We're increasing Movi prevention tactics for wild sheep herds in critical areas of Washington,” said Anis Auoude, WDFW game division manager. “We have taken a targeted approach by ensuring

hunters and other visitors may continue bringing domestic sheep and goats, including pack goats, to other areas of WDFW-managed lands without bighorn sheep.”

The adopted rule culminates a months-long process to develop and refine the rule, including a public comment period, public hearing, and a state environmental review.

The rule's adoption this month followed the Department Director's approval in early December 2022.

To reference the full rule, visit WDFW's website.

WDFW works to preserve, protect and perpetuate fish, wildlife and ecosystems while providing sustainable fish and wildlife recreational and commercial opportunities.

WDFW seeks public input on draft co-manager hatchery policy

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OLYMPIA - The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is seeking public comment on a draft policy to guide management of hatcheries in cooperation with tribal co-managers.

The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted an updated Anadromous Salmon and Steelhead Hatchery Policy in April 2021. As part of that policy, the Commission instructed WDFW “to begin development of a joint policy agreement on salmon and steelhead hatchery programs with tribal co-managers,” which would supplement and supersede the existing Commission policy when appropriate.

After more than a year of collaborative work with technical staff under the direction of a subset of commissioners and tribal policymakers, a final draft policy was developed in Novem-

ber 2022 and presented to the full Commission in December 2022 and January 2023.

Key values of the policy include a commitment to work as co-managers to develop and implement hatchery management plans on a regional or watershed-specific basis, while conserving natural-spawning populations of fish and mitigating the effects of habitat loss and other environmental impacts. The draft policy outlines six guiding principles to support these values.

The public is invited to provide comment on the draft policy through March 1. The full draft policy is available online, and comments may be submitted at WDFW's website or at <https://publicinput.com/ComanagerHatcheryPolicy>.

The policy will also undergo an additional State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) public comment period before being considered for adoption by the Commission.

Public comments sought on Environmental Assessment for backcountry camp modifications in North Cascades National Park-

SUBMITTED BY DENISE M. SHULTZ,
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SEDRO WOOLLEY - The public is invited to comment on an Environmental Assessment (EA) that proposes two projects in North Cascades National Park. The first project consists of rerouting a 2,400-foot section of the Brush Creek Trail and the relocation of the Graybeal Hiker and Stock Camps. The second project consists of the construction of additional backcountry camp accommodations at Six

Mile Camp and Bridge Creek Camp primarily for Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (PCT) long-distance permit holders. Considering recent environmental and visitor use changes, the purpose of this action is to maintain existing, and create new, overnight backcountry camping opportunities while preserving wilderness character and conserving the natural and cultural resources in North Cascades National Park Service Complex. Specific atten-

tion is given to minimizing and managing the impacts associated with backcountry recreation (hiking, backpacking, and stock packing).

An EA analyzes the environmental impacts of the proposed project and a no action alternative to help determine whether the National Park Service should carry out the proposed action.

All comments on the EA are welcome, particularly substantive comments that identify ways to lessen the

impacts of the proposed action or address if the document provides enough evaluation of the effects on the environment.

To review the EA and provide electronic comments, go to <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/BCCampMods2023EA>

Comments will be accepted now through March 8, 2023.

Hardcopy comments can be mailed to: Superintendent, Backcountry Camp EA, 810 State Route 20, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284.

Popular COVID-19 treatment program returns

Free telehealth appointments expand access to oral antivirals

SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON STATE DEPT. OF HEALTH

OLYMPIA - The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has relaunched its popular free telehealth program to increase access to potentially life-saving medication to treat COVID-19. The program expands the federal government's Test to Treat initiative and gives people at risk of severe disease another way to quickly access treatment.

DOH's telehealth program is an easy way to see if COVID-19 oral antivirals, such as Paxlovid, are right for you. Oral antivirals, which are COVID-19 treatment pills taken by mouth, are available by prescription only and must be started within five days of the first symptoms

to be effective. Telehealth allows patients to connect with a clinician without having to go to a health care facility in person. This reduces barriers to access, especially in rural and underserved urban areas, and allows patients to stay at home for assessment and treatment, reducing the potential spread of the disease.

“Equity, innovation, and engagement are the cornerstone values that have informed DOH throughout our COVID-19 response,” said Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, Secretary of Health. “Ensuring that we continue this important program that connects communities with needed therapeutics is an essential step in continuing our mission of reducing unnecessary deaths from this disease.”

Between July 28 and Dec. 31, 2022, DOH's telehealth program:

- Served 6,329 patients from over 400 zip codes throughout Washington state.
- Provided over 4,200 pre-

scriptions to patients with positive COVID-19 tests.

• Served over 975 patients that live in high Equitable Distribution Index (EDI) areas.

DOH encourages people who test positive for COVID-19 to discuss treatment options with their primary health care provider. In situations where this might not be possible, free telehealth consultations can make it easier to access treatments. People who test positive for COVID-19, including with a self-test, can consult with a health care provider using a smartphone or computer with a high-speed internet connection. If treatment is appropriate, they can receive a free prescription for oral antivirals for pick-up from over 1,000 pharmacies throughout the state that has the medication available. They can also choose to have the medication delivered.

Visit DOH's new telehealth webpage to set up a telehealth appointment or call the DOH COVID-19 call center at 1-800-

525-0127 if you have any questions. If the information provided indicates treatment may be appropriate, the patient will be connected virtually with a health care provider for a consultation. Telehealth appointments are currently available every day from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. PST in 240 languages via DOH's collaboration partner Color Health.

“Restarting DOH's telehealth program ensures that patients at high risk for severe disease have equitable access to lifesaving COVID-19 treatments,” said Tao Sheng Kwan-Gett, MD, MPH, Chief Science Officer. “This service is free for everyone so that even those without insurance can access antiviral medications. Offering free telehealth consultations in multiple languages also increases access for non-English speakers.”

DOH will reassess the program in June to determine if it should continue in light of future needs.

DOH launches Influenza Vaccination Dashboard

SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON STATE DEPT. OF HEALTH

OLYMPIA - Washington State Department of Health's (DOH) new Influenza (Flu) Vaccination Dashboard makes it easier to track flu vaccination rates across the state. This is the first time that state-provided data have been used to surveil flu vaccinations. The dashboard displays the number of flu vaccines administered in Washington facilities, as well as the

percentage of Washingtonians who have received at least one flu vaccine. Dashboard users can also make vaccination rate comparisons between the current and previous flu seasons. The dashboard will be updated weekly between Sept. 1 and April 30.

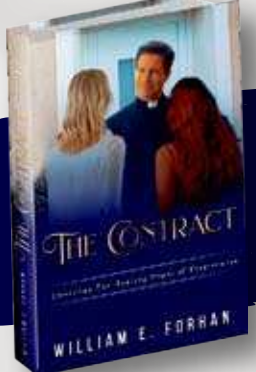
Only data reported to the Washington State Immunization Information System are included on the dashboard. Although most providers and major health care systems in

Washington report vaccinations to this system, not all do. As a result, actual flu vaccination coverage and doses administered may be higher than what is displayed on the dashboard.

Flu vaccination coverage has been trending lower over the last three years. Getting a flu vaccine is one of the best ways to prevent flu and flu-related complications, in addition to reducing disease transmission in the community. Everyone

six months and older who is eligible to receive a flu vaccine should do so. The vaccine is widely available in provider offices, community clinics, and pharmacies. Flu vaccines can be administered at the same time as COVID-19 vaccines. Please visit vaccines.gov to find a flu vaccine provider closest to you.

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The Contract

Unveiling the healing power of forgiveness

A novel by local writer
William E. Forhan.

Nobel Prize winning author Gabriel García Márquez was quoted as saying, "All human beings have three lives, public, private and secret." In our modern world of the Internet search engines and DNA testing, keeping our private and secret lives separate is increasingly difficult. Sometimes they can come crashing in on our public lives when we least expect it.

Father Robert McCarthy is a middle-aged priest who is suddenly and unexpectedly confronted with his secret past. How he deals with the revelation of that past with his family, his congregation and the impacts of that secret life is inspirational. How McCarthy discloses the news of his college indiscretion requires him to take everyone involved on a journey of confession. That journey forces him to deal with issues of homosexuality, judgementalism, divorce and pride.

His pastoring skills and the depth of support from his wife help him bring forgiveness and restoration to many broken relationships.

The bonds of three families are ultimately restored through celebrations of life experiences including fishing, holiday gatherings, the discovery of unknown family connections and a wedding.

Bill's Book is available online through Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com and Apple iBook. The paperback is \$16.99 and the ebook is \$8.99. You can also pick up a copy of the book or order the book directly from Carol Forhan at The Leavenworth Echo (509-548-5286), or the Lake Chelan Mirror (509-682-2213), or by emailing your contact information to Carol@leavenworthecho.com. Mail delivery add \$3.00 for postage. There is no extra charge if your order is picked up at the Echo office, 215-14th Street, Leavenworth, WA 98826 or Lake Chelan Mirror office 131 S. Apple Blossom Dr. Suite #109, Chelan, WA. 98816



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