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Lake Chelan Food Bank having a PB&J food drive

Food Bank will be closed Saturday, Dec. 24

CHELAN - The Lake Chelan Food Bank is doing a Peanut Butter and Jelly, aka PB&J food drive the entire month of December. They are in desperate need of PB&J ingredients for their clients.

Donations may be dropped off in the Lake Chelan Food Bank bins at these local businesses: Campbell's Resort, Lake Chelan Building Supply in Manson, the Lake Chelan Lions Club Christmas tree sales at Lakeview Drive-In; at the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce at the Christmas tree display and at the Lake Chelan Mirror office.

The food bank will be closed on Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve. Food distribution days in December are: Dec. 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 27, and 31. Distribution is drive-thru on Saturdays and Tuesdays, 9-10 a.m., at 417 S. Bradley Street.

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

CHELAN/MANSON - Lake Chelan Health Emergency Services is partnering with Care Connect Washington to help provide support for those affected by COVID-19. You qualify if: 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.

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SAIL Exercise Classes: Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 5, 6

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:

Nov. 30-Dec.3

Latex paint now accepted

WENATCHEE - Drop-off Saturday is Dec. 3 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: Nov. 30, Dec. 1-2, 5-7

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: Dec. 1: Beef Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Baja Vegetable Blend, Fresh Salsa, Mandarin Oranges, Dessert; Dec. 2: Stuffed Cabbage Rolls, 7 Layer Salad, WW Roll, Apricot Crisp; Dec. 5: Chicken Cacciatore, Shell Pasta, Italian Vegetables, Grapes, Bread Stick, Dessert; Dec. 6: French Dip, Vegetable Tray, Garden Salad, Peaches, Dessert; Dec.7: Mac & Cheese with Ham, Peas & Carrots, Tossed Green Salad, Mixed Berries, Angel Food Cake.

Chelan Museum: Dec. 1-3

CHELAN - Chelan Museum hours are Thursday thru Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Closed Sunday thru Wednesday. For more info 509-682-5644 or chelanmuseum.com. The museum is located at the corner of Woodin Avenue and Emerson Street.

Santa swings by for a visit

Santa Claus, along with Mrs. Claus made a visit to the Lake Chelan Valley on Nov. 25 and 26. Santa started his visit with a neighborhood visit in Chelan on Saturday, led by his reindeer (bottom right), then he and Mrs. Claus arrived Saturday evening in downtown Chelan for the Christmas tree lighting (below) and visited with children. On Saturday in Manson he arrived by helicopter to visit with the children and to gather their letter that they had written to him earlier in the day. Festivities continue on all month long. For more information: smalltownholidays.com or moretomanson.com

More photos at lakechelanmirror.com



New Lake Chelan Health Hospital opens Dec. 5



RuthEdna Keys/LCM

Shawn Ottley, CNO/COO at Lake Chelan Health Hospital led a tour of the new hospital on Dec. 17, for valley residents. ABOVE: Those touring the hospital get a look at the sterile room, where instruments are sterilized and readied for the next procedure. The hospital has held four tours of the new hospital for those who were unable to attend the ribbon cutting and tour on Oct. 15. The new hospital, at 110 S. Apple Blossom Drive, will open at 6 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 5, and will be open 24 hours a day for hospital services, including around-the-clock emergency room care. The old hospital location on Highland Avenue will become an extension of Lake Chelan Health and will become the new home to the business office and accounting, Primary Care, Express Care Walk-in and Speciality Care clinics (moving from their downtown location), by March of 2023. EMS, Human Resources, and other administration personnel will remain where they are at the Highland Campus.



RuthEdna Keys/LCM

A painter paints under the cabinets in one of the eight private patient rooms at the new Lake Chelan Health Hospital. All wood surfaces must be painted in hospitals.

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1st annual Lake Chelan 'Stand Down' a success

By NORM MANLY, AMERICAN LEGION POST SERVICE OFFICER

CHELAN - "The First Annual Lake Chelan "Stand Down", held on November 12, at the Chelan VFW bunker, was a success. We are looking forward to next year's event that will be bigger and better for veterans in the Lake Chelan Valley. A big thank you goes out to the Lake Chelan VFW, Manson American Legion and the Marine Corps League for sponsoring this event," said Butch, Lake Chelan VFW Quartermaster.

What is a Stand Down? In times of war, exhausted combat units requiring time to rest and recover were removed from the battlefields to a place of relative security and safety. At secure base camp areas, troops were able to take care of personal hygiene, acquire clean uniforms, enjoy warm meals, receive medical and dental care, mail and receive letters, and enjoy the camaraderie of friends in a safe environment.

Today, "Stand Down" refers to a grassroots, community-based intervention program designed to help the nation's estimated 107,000 homeless veterans on any given night, cope with life on the streets. Homeless veterans are brought together in a single location and provided access to the community resources needed to begin addressing their individual problems to rebuild their lives.

The Chelan "Stand Down" received gear from the Department of Defense. Veterans were



Photos courtesy Norm Manly

Volunteers at the the 1st annual Lake Chelan 'Stand Down' helped make the event to support homeless veterans a success.

provided with boots, athletic shoes, cold weather gear, jackets, sleeping bags and much more. There were personal items like razors and cleaning supplies all free of charge. This is a huge benefit for veterans struggling in life.

In addition, veterans had the opportunity to meet with Heather Bahme, Brain Injury & Recovery Program Manager and Brianna Flott, Brain Injury & Recovery Program Specialist, both with the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs. Barry Schettler, Vetcorps Navigator with the Chelan County Veteran Service Office

in Wenatchee was there to help veterans apply for VA benefits.

Heather comes from the Spokane area and Brianna from Olympia. I asked, "Isn't that a long way to come for just a few veterans?" Heather replied, "It would be worth it if we only helped one veteran, it's that important."

Butch, a member of the Lake Chelan VFW for 19 years, came up with the idea of holding a "Stand Down" in Chelan last September. "Over

the years we noticed that at the end of every "Stand Down" there was gear that still needed to be placed in the hands of those in need. We coordinated

Addresses wanted for those who are deployed

The Cashmere American Legion Auxiliary #64 is looking for addresses of deployed soldiers to send holiday care boxes. If anyone has a loved one deployed or knows of one who would appreciate a care package from home and would like to share their address, please leave at the Cashmere Post Office, or call Linda Ingraham, 509-679-0243. A collection box for donations of snack and personal items will be at the post office through the first week in December.

efforts to round up excess gear from Puget Sound to Spokane to ensure that that the program's intent would be met. Holding a



Brianna Flott, (left) Brain Injury & Recovery Program and Specialist and Heather Bahme, (right) Brain Injury & Recovery Program Manager, both with the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs.

"Stand Down" is a small way to support our veteran community. To be honest, it would be impossible to adequately compensate our veterans for loss of time and health issues they face. The

Lake Chelan "Stand Down" is a great opportunity to do a good thing for people that deserve our help," Butch said.

"The Lake Chelan "Stand Down" was a success because of people who stepped up and helped out. I would like to

thank Chief Charlie Keeton, Robb Duff, Bob Hoots, Chuck Robinson, Pat Hautenne, Norm Manly and Mayor Bob Goedde for helping hand out gear. There were many people along the way that open doors and made things happen. I want to thank Steve Hampton from the Wenatchee Bunker, Central Washington Veterans Counseling, Heather Bahme, Colonel Dave Lucas, Gina Grabicki, Victor Kaech, Tony Sandoval, Heather and Colin Hill and a special thank you to KOZI Radio for getting the word out to the public," Butch concluded.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Another modern day miracle and a Village coming together

A few weeks ago, I sent an editorial to the Lake Chelan Mirror about the tragedy of the Chelan Senior Center's ReRuns store closing. I put out a plea to the community to "step up and save the ReRuns store". Well, I am so pleased to say that we got our miracle, and ReRuns is here to stay.

There are several out there to thank. First is the community made it clear to all that ReRuns is a great store, is a necessity and needs to be saved. The community put

out their voices in a cry that was heard loud and clear. Second, folks like the Lake Chelan Mirror and Richard Uhlhorn with All Things Lake Chelan who helped spread the word of the issue, the Senior Center board, who allowed others to step in and help save the store and the ReRuns Manager, Diane Verella, who is also on the Center's board, who prepared for the worst, but worked towards the hopeful miracle and a future for the store.

And finally, and most of all, the building owner Fred Crase, who heard the community speak and understood the need in the valley for the ReRuns Store. Fred put the needs of the Chelan Valley before his profit-making opportunities, and for that we are grateful. Fred told us that he remembers what happened to his childhood community when 'progress' moved in, and he did not want to see that happen to his new adopted home (Chelan). What a blessing he

has given our community and the Chelan Senior Center.

To me, this proves that when we ALL come together for the greater good, a good that will benefit ALL in our community not just one income level, race, religion,

education level, political leanings, but ALL the communities' resident's and their needs, things can happen, even if it seems like it is totally out of the realm of reality.

Being that the holidays are

coming, dare I say "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus!" "And his first stop was the ReRuns Store in Chelan!"

Christine Kenck
Courtright,
Manson

Ken Gordon awarded \$500 scholarship



Courtesy Chelan Earth Day Fair

Organizers of the Chelan Earth Day Fair awarded a \$500 scholarship to Ken Gordon for his work with the Lake Chelan Research Institute. The scholarship was presented to Ken on behalf of the Chelan Earth Day Fair committee by members (left to right): Randy Brooks, Anne Brooks, Ken Gordon, Gary Myers and Leslie Myers. The presentation is the result of a scholarship program designed by the group to encourage students interested in environmental studies to further their education and training. Co-coordinator Anne Brooks says, "Without the generous support of our sponsors, we wouldn't be able to do this, so a big thank you goes out to them". Gordon is the son of Dick and Taina Gordon, and has had a longtime interest in the lake. During the presentation, LCRI Executive Director Phil Long listed a series of Gordon's accomplishments that have assisted the institute in many ways. He recently completed the assembly of the BlueROV2, an underwater remotely operated vehicle used by the Lake Chelan Research Institute for exploration and science work in Lake Chelan, and by Sawtooth Geosciences, LLC for commercial work on the lake. Ken is also the Chief Pilot for the ROV, and will assist with upgrading the ROV so it can reach the deepest part of Lake Chelan.

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Manson United Methodist Church bells (Carillons) are ringing again

By NORM MANLY
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

MANSON - Recently, I was asked by a friend, "What happened to the church bells in Manson?" Since I didn't have an answer, it was a fitting time to put on my reporter's hat and find out.

Turns out the church bells (the Carillons) were back on October 21, ringing beautifully again at the Manson United Methodist Church thanks to Pastor Mike O'Neal and church members, Clyde Holmes and Roger Rainey.

"The megaphone speaker wires were disconnected by sliding ice from the big snow storm this spring. Our challenge was to attach the wires to the speakers that were 40 feet above the ground. It was a safety issue for us to climb the tin roof (it is on a 45-degree angle) and we didn't have a tall enough ladder. Clyde borrowed a 12-bin forklift from Manson Growers and the rest is history. My research finds the bells were donated to the church in honor of "Pop" Barkley in the 1970's. The church memorial plaque for the Carillons says, "Given for the pleasure of the church and community of Manson" 1984 in memory of Walt McCallum." stated Pastor O'Neal.

Pastor Mike O'Neal retired from United Methodist ministry in 2015. He asked the bishop to consider him for a part-time position in Manson if one came available. In 2018, Pastor Mike was appointed to Manson as pastor and contin-

ues to serve in that position. Prior to this position, he served as pastor at Cashmere and Monitor churches from 1997 until 2015. Pastor Mike and his wife, Tricia were married in Wenatchee in 1989. Tricia was born in Helsinki, Finland and raised in the United States by her grandparents, who immigrated here during World War II. Mike and Tricia own the Antique Mall in Cashmere, where she works full-time. The O'Neal's are blessed with two sons, both school teachers, one living in Cashmere and the other in Quincy. The O'Neal's are very proud of their four grandchildren.

Mike, an Eagle Scout, earned a four-year bachelor's degree from the University of Wyoming in Psychology with a minor in Art in 1985. He also attained a three-year Master of Divinity from Duke University in 1988.

Pastor Mike's vocational ministry began at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. He was a Duke Intern serving at Fairgrove United Methodist Church in Thomasville, Morris Chapel in Winston Salem, and the three church parishes of Maiden Chapel, Memorial Chapel, and Patton UMC's in the blue ridge mountains of North Carolina.

Pastor Mike served in numerous churches over the years.

"My dad passed away from Leukemia (age 67) in 2007 after 40 years with the U.S. Forest Service and only enjoyed a few years of retirement. His early death and loss to my family



Pastor Mike O'Neal, Manson United Methodist Church

prompted me to seek my early retirement from the Methodist Ministry and spend more time with family. I accepted the position at Manson, agreeing to a quarter time position. I still feel called to preach, teach and administer the sacraments which are my ministry passions. I love people, and compassionate pastoral care, especially through the ministries of weddings and funerals. I love history, art, antiques, and precious time spent with my sons and grandsons," Mike said.

Because of Covid mandated closures from United Methodist Church, Manson United Methodist Church has struggled to regain footing in this ever changing world. "We've lost key people like Alice Killian, who recently passed away and Janey Hair our historian has moved to Arizona. We have a tremendous team of officers in-



Photos courtesy Norm Manly

The church bells (the Carillons) are ringing beautifully again at the Manson United Methodist Church thanks to Pastor Mike O'Neal and church members, Clyde Holmes and Roger Rainey.

cluding Marlene Urness, Roger Rainey, Clyde Holmes, Julie Brown, Nicky Allison, "Sarge" Karen Seargeant, Ellen Picton, all great people and leaders in our community," Pastor O'Neal concluded.

The Manson United Methodist Church holds its Sunday service at 10:00 a.m.. Pastor Mike said, "Some of the things I love about Manson United Methodist Church are their love of singing, it is beautiful to hear, even when attendance is

Read the history of the Manson United Methodist Church with this story on our website lakechelanmirror.com

and I count it a privilege to be part of their church family. I invite you to join us for Sunday service."

The Manson church started when the first Sunday School was organized in 1913 by the Reverend C.C. Curray, pastor of Chelan Methodist Church. I attempted to research Manson United Methodist Church on the Internet without much success. I was able to find a thorough history of the church at the Chelan Museum.

Keeping Up with People: Karl Ruether Rotary 5060 District Governor

SUBMITTED BY KEN KOHNHORST AND KARL RUETHER

LEAVENWORTH - Karl Ruether was born and raised in Germany and came to North America in 1986. He has three grown sons and is married to Denise, they currently live in Peshastin.

Karl started his career in the Hospitality Industry with a Restaurant Apprenticeship in 1976 at the Sport Hotel, Droste, Germany. As is mandatory in Germany, the required Military Service came next followed by achieving the Serviermeister (Master of Service) Certification in 1984.

In preparation to go to the United States, Karl worked as restaurant manager in Southampton, England after which he went to Cornell University in New York for a summer program. At the completion of this program, he worked at one of the hotels at JFK Airport, followed by moving to Tucson, Arizona to open a new All Suite Property.

In 1987, Karl obtained the CFBE (Certified Food and Beverage Executive) designation. From Tucson it was on to Portland, Oregon and then Banff, Canada managing various types of hotels. From there he went to San Bernardino, California and then Leavenworth Washington's Bavarian Village where being from Germany was not a pre-requisite, but it helped. In Leavenworth he and his partners opened the Best Western Icicle Inn in 1992 which is now known as the Icicle Village Resort where he is the General Manager/ Partner. In 1995 he obtained the CHA (Certified Hotel Administrator Designation) and after a successful career spanning 40 plus years and four countries, Karl retired from Hotel/Resort operations in December of 2019.

Along the way came various volunteer/appointed positions with Best Western International as a Regional Governor, a board position on the Washington State Hotel and Lodging Association board, serving as Chair in 2005-2006. A Board member and President of Leavenworth Lodging Association, a founding board member of The Leavenworth Summer Theater serving over 10 years. A Rotarian since 1994 and member of the Leavenworth Rotary Club, President of the Leavenworth Club



Karl Ruether

in 2000. (Presidential Citation Achieved). PDG Jim Adamson Sr., was his mentor and friend and sponsored Karl into Rotary. Karl served as Board member of the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce since 1992 and was Chamber Board President for three years.

In July of 2000 he was selected to serve a one-year term on the newly formed Washington State Tourism Advisory Committee. He was the recipient of the 'Outstanding General Manager of the Year Award' from the Washington Lodging Association in 2005, as well as the 'All Star Governor

Award' in 2003 from Best Western International. Karl accepted several Committee assignments in his role as a Best Western Governor that included the Chair of the Education and Training Advisory Committee, a few years back, and then Chairman of the Quality Assurance Advisory Committee (2015).

On July 1, 2019, Karl was appointed Assistant District Governor for Rotary District 5060, and now he is serving as the DG, District Governor for the Rotary year 2022-2023.

Fellow Rotarians, thank you for the confidence you have placed in me for this important role. I am really looking forward to meeting many if not all of you in this exciting continuation of my Rotary Journey. PDG Marvin Monroe used to say, "Rotary is a journey not a Destination" and it is an honor to serve in this role and work closely with many of you.

Editor's Note: Rotary District 5060 has 56 clubs and stretches from Prosser to Kamloops, B.C.

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Lost Trails Found crews, volunteers return to trails in the Entiat

By Rachel Wendling,
WASHINGTON TRAILS
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ENTIAT - The Entiat Valley is a gem on the eastern flanks of the Cascades Mountains — it's high, wild and remote with an extensive network of trails to loop up and explore. The region has also suffered a number of wildfires over the last decade, and the damage from those burns is still being felt today. Many of the trails remain in rough shape with fallen trees, washed-out trail tread and overgrown brush, but we've been chipping away at those damages thanks to our Lost Trails Found campaign.

In the summer of 2021, we returned to work in the Entiat in earnest, sending our Lost Trails Found crew into the region for the majority of their summer season. The crew, alongside several Backcountry Response Teams worked on trails throughout the Entiat River Valley and cleared hundreds of logs from the trail corridor, which helped enable some pretty epic late summer trips. But, the reality of post-burn areas helps illustrate why tackling these deferred maintenance projects is needed. Burned forests are weak, and windy storms combined with wet, loose soil means that fallen trees pile up fast over the winter. And, without the shade from the tree canopy, new understory

growth springs up quickly and fills the trail corridor.

To keep these areas accessible long into the future, we need more than a season of work. We need consistent maintenance that addresses the impacts of the fire and looks for sustainable solutions that can minimize the damage of future storms. So, this summer, we sent out our Lost Trails Found crews along with several backcountry volunteer trips for more than 8 weeks of work to clear up new seasonal damage and work on trails that we weren't able to make it to last year.

Refreshing our work in the Entiat

Between five Lost Trails Found crew trips and two Backcountry Response Teams, we had a busy summer in the Entiat. We returned to many of the same spots - Cow Creek Meadows, Larch Lakes, Entiat River, Ice Lakes - to refresh the work we had started the prior summer.

Since our last visit in 2021, there were hundreds more fallen trees to clear - not only the trails, but also the road to the trailhead. Starting from the road and working our way deeper into the wilderness, our crews cleared a total of 600 logs and cut back over 10 miles of encroaching brush.

Getting a head start on the



Photo by Patrick Kern

A volunteer crew works to clear a large, charred log that had fallen across the trail in the Entiat.

Pomas Creek

The Pomas Creek trail is a 5-mile connector trail that can be used to create a 21.5-mile lollipop loop in conjunction with the Entiat River Trail - branching off of Larch Lakes in the south and the Ice Lake trail in the north. The Pomas connector provides some seriously spectacular high country views, including a rare vantage point into the adjacent Rock Creek River Valley and nearby Carne

Mountain.

We weren't quite able to make it Pomas Creek last summer, so we were thrilled to get one of our Lost Trails Found crews out there this year. In late September, just as the fall colors were beginning to turn, our crew set out to re-establish a few lost segments of the Pomas Creek trail.

The trip ended up being the biggest hiking hitch in Lost Trails Found history -



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Before and after of a section of cleared trail which had looked all but lost.

the crew hiked 48 miles and climbed over 15,000 feet over their 8 days in the backcountry. Through the climbs and bushwhacking, they logged out nearly 5 miles of trail and brushed another 3.5 miles along Pomas Creek, Larch Lakes and the Entiat River up to Snowy Brushy. Future work here will need to redefine the trail along the northern end of Pomas where over a mile has become all but lost, re-establish tread in several areas of steep, treacherous sidehill and continue brushing through the thick slide alder and vine maple.

We're excited to keep up our momentum in this special place and are so grateful for our advocates, volunteers and members who make this work possible. This year, our crews were made possible thanks to funding through the Great American Outdoors Act and the support of generous individual donors. We're looking forward to the continued revival of the Entiat River Valley as we chip away at even more post-wildfire damage in the years to come. Head to wta.org/losttrails to keep up with the latest on our work in the Entiat and other lost trails around the state.

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THE WASHINGTON OUTDOORS REPORT

Outdoors roundup

By JOHN KRUSE, THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

TROUT FISHING

In recent years, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has urged anglers to celebrate "Black Friday" after Thanksgiving not in the stores, but out on the water catching some of the jumbo trout they plant this time of year around the state.

The vast majority of these fish are stocked in Western Washington but Central and Eastern Washington get some jumbo trout too. This year, 140 huge trout, weighing between five and ten pounds, were

stocked in Yakima's Rotary Lake in mid-November. Nearby Myron Lake also received 125 similar size rainbows.

Heading further east several lakes got big fish planted in them on Halloween to include:

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In addition to this Roses Lake near Manson was stocked with over 10,000 catchable size rainbows in early November. Are many of these fish still swimming around these lakes? With most outdoors enthusiasts focused on hunting there likely are and all of these waters would be worth fishing in the days ahead.

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Dave Kilhefner caught this nice trout on a snowy day.

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DUCK HUNTING ACCIDENT

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife reports a 53-year-old male was seriously injured after being shot while duck hunting on November 20. The man was hunting with a friend in a small boat on Elochoman Slough in Southwest Washington's Wahkiakum County that morning. They were in the act of retrieving ducks from the water. The shooter's shotgun in the boat was propped up and fell over. As the shooter tried to retrieve the firearm, he fired the weapon, striking the victim.

The shooter immediately called 911 and took the victim to the Cathlamet Marina where emergency service personnel transported him to the hospital. The victim is currently in stable condition at Vancouver SW Medical Center recovering from his injuries.

The lessons learned here? Have the safety on your firearm on at all times unless you are ready to pull the trigger and shoot. Also, if you are done with your hunt and retrieving birds before you head home, unload your firearms. Finally, stow your firearms in places where they not only are pointed in a safe direction, but also secured so they don't fall like this one did, with the barrel pointing towards the victim. It's fortunate this accident didn't turn out worse.

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US Handing Out 'Very Boutique' Status to Thousands of Migrants While Still in Mexico

CHARLOTTE CUTHBERTSON

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials are approving the entry of thousands of likely illegal aliens while they're still in Mexico, according to a new report.

For months now, CBP officials have shepherded in thousands of aliens who have submitted an application for temporary parole status, using a new online platform called CBP-ONE, according to a report by Todd Bensman, senior national security fellow with the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS).

Bensman visited three immigration shelters in Mexico that help select migrants for the program and help them obtain the requisite paperwork—often assisted by teams of U.S. legal students, psychologists, activists, and the U.N. International Organization for Migration.

To be accepted, the migrants require “just the right documented story of woe, a psychologist attesting to suffered traumas and fear of returning home, proof of citizenship and identity, a clear criminal background, need for urgent free American medical treatment, and a sponsor in the U.S. willing to financially support the applicant,” according to the report.

The authority under which these aliens are gaining entry is through a humanitarian parole exemption that The Epoch Times exclusively wrote about in May. Under the parole authority, tens of thousands of illegal aliens are being quickly released each month by Border Patrol after crossing the border illegally.

Under parole, the aliens are given work authorization for one year and often a cell phone to check in with Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

A spokesperson for CBP previously told The Epoch Times that parole has been used to speed up the processing of illegal aliens at overwhelmed Border Patrol stations.

“One thing you can do is you can parole somebody who is coming into the United States as an arriving alien, and you can parole them for a year, so that they can take care of whatever humanitarian issue or whatever issue that they have to deal with,” the spokesperson said.

Now, the same process is being undertaken south of the border.

Bensman called it “a highly unconventional idea far outside mainstream border management.”

What Is Parole?

Through the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), Congress mandated that all inadmissible and illegal aliens be detained until their status is determined, after which they're either deported or granted entry with a legal status.

Parole is an exception and, although it's not a legal status, it permits entry on “a case-by-case basis” for “urgent humanitarian reasons or significant



A Border Patrol agent apprehends a group of Cubans who just crossed the Rio Grande from Mexico into Eagle Pass, Texas, on April 19, 2022.



Two Nicaraguan nationals hold up the cell phones they received from Border Patrol before being released into the United States, in Kinney County, Texas, on April 29, 2022.

378K

▶ Illegal Aliens—During fiscal year 2022, Border Patrol processed and released more than 378,000 illegal aliens under the Biden administration's new “Parole+ATD” category, according to CBP data.

public benefit,” according to the INA.

The status allows foreign nationals “who may not otherwise be admissible to the country under the immigration laws” to live and work in the United States temporarily “without being formally admitted to the country and without having a set pathway to a permanent immigration status,” according to a 2020 Congressional Research Service report.

Andrew Arthur, CIS resident fellow in law and policy and a retired immigration judge, said in a previous interview that parole should be a “very, very boutique thing.”

It should be used, for example, when a family member needs entry into the United States to donate a kidney to his brother or if a witness to a criminal case is needed to testify, Arthur said. As associate general counsel in the former federal immigration agency, he said he would see a handful of parole cases each year.

The Department of Homeland Security granted parole to 24,000 Venezuelans in October.

One man who Bensman encountered in Mexicali had a doctor at the shelter attest to his need for medical treatment

for lung cancer. The man was approved to travel into the United States under parole authority for free cancer treatment the next day, Bensman said in his report.

“If applicants claim they're fleeing danger, university law professors and students help them file police reports over the phone to home countries after the fact, then get the police reports sent back as ‘evidence,’ three shelter managers confirmed,” he said.

Under this new parole program south of the border, he said it's impossible to estimate how many aliens had been processed in Mexico and brought to the United States because the process is almost “invisible,” but all the shelters he knows of are “swamped and expanding.”

The parole being used on the U.S. side of the border also has been ramping up.

During fiscal year 2022, which ended on Sept. 30, Border Patrol processed and released more than 378,000 illegal aliens under the Biden administration's new “Parole+ATD” category, according to CBP data. ATD is an Alternatives to Detention program, which is acting as a workaround of the legal requirement to detain illegal aliens.

In October, another 68,837 were released under parole and an additional 20,500 were released with an immigration court date.

By adding the parole system, Bensman said the United States is enticing more people to come.

“And I think that's the policy question. How many are you going to let in? There's 700 million people in the world living in extreme poverty. Will we stop when all of them are in?” he told The Epoch Times.

In Mexico

Bensman relayed a conversation he had with a Mexicali city official, Aaron

Gomez, who said he was tapped to run the Mexican side of the operation partnered with Calexico, California.

“They needed to open a new entrance right here, and they needed someone to run it,” Gomez told Bensman. “It was a favor the Americans asked for with this program.”

Gomez said U.S. officials told them, “They're going to cross either way. This will keep them from getting hurt.”

Between Sept. 9 and Nov. 3, Gomez said he's sent more than 1,150 parolees into Calexico, and the program is ramping up. Many are Mexican nationals, as well as those from El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and other nations.

The Mexicali city shelter system—currently holding 3,000 migrants—is full, and the city is building an expansion to triple its capacity.

Bensman said the program is operating south of San Diego and Calexico in California, Douglas in Arizona, and El Paso, Laredo, McAllen, and Brownsville in Texas.

“Mexico also appears to have set up operations well south of the American border, in Cancun on Mexico's southern Caribbean coast and in Monterrey farther north, where pre-approved immigrants are flown into American airports,” he said.

That allows the Biden administration to avoid having to add these aliens to the illegal border crossing statistics.

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas has maintained his intent to create more legal pathways for hopeful migrants in a more “safe, orderly, and humane” system into the United States—which reflects the U.N.'s goals.

“This has to be what they're talking about,” Bensman said. “It does two things that are just utterly irresistible—it provides very fast work authorization and enables beneficiaries to avoid having to pay cartel fees to cross.”

However, there are already corruption issues.

Bensman said migrants have told a Tijuana-based pastor at a shelter that local officials are demanding bribes of 5,000 to 10,000 pesos (\$250 to \$500) for migrants to get on the government shelter lists for more guaranteed, faster border crossings.

CBP didn't respond to a request from The Epoch Times for the number and nationalities of aliens who have been paroled in and through which ports of entry under this program with Mexico.

As far as reining in the use of parole, Bensman said he thinks a current Florida lawsuit might have the best chance.

The state of Florida filed a lawsuit against the Department of Homeland Security in February, in part, against the agency's alleged “abuse of the parole authority.”

“I think that's the only hope—that they get an injunction, and this thing gets to the Supreme Court, fast,” he said.

FDA Says Telling People Not to Take Ivermectin for COVID-19 Was Just a Recommendation

ZACHARY STIEBER

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) guidance for people to “stop” taking ivermectin for COVID-19 was informal and just a recommendation, government lawyers argued during a recent hearing.

“The cited statements were not directives. They were not mandatory. They were recommendations. They said what parties should do. They said, for example, why you should not take ivermectin to treat COVID-19. They did not say you may not do it, you must not do it. They did not say it's prohibited or it's unlawful. They also did not say that doctors may not prescribe ivermectin,” Isaac Belfer, one of the lawyers, said during a Nov. 1 hearing in federal court in Texas.

“They use informal language, that is true. It's conversational but not mandatory.”

The hearing was held in a case brought by three doctors who say the FDA illegally interfered with their ability to prescribe medicine to their

The government has moved to dismiss the complaint, asserting plaintiffs lack standing because the injuries can't be traced back to the FDA.

patients when it issued statements on ivermectin, an anti-parasitic that has shown positive results in some trials against COVID-19.

Ivermectin is approved by the FDA but not for COVID-19. Drugs are commonly used for nonapproved purposes in the United States; the practice is known as an off-label treatment.

The FDA created a webpage in 2021 titled “Why You Should Not Use Ivermectin to Treat or Prevent COVID-19” and later posted a link to the page on Twitter while writing: “You are not a horse. You are not a cow. Seriously, y'all. Stop it.”

Those actions interfered with the doctors' practice of medicine, violating the laws including the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, the lawsuit alleges.

It asked the court to rule the actions unlawful and bar the FDA from directing or opining as to whether ivermectin should be used to treat COVID-19.

Jared Kelson, an attorney representing the plaintiffs, told the court



A health worker shows a bottle of ivermectin in Cali, Colombia, on July 21, 2020.

during the hearing that that informal claim “doesn't explain the language they actually used: ‘Stop it. Stop it with the ivermectin.’”

The FDA's actions “clearly convey that this is not an acceptable way to treat these patients,” he argued.

Plaintiffs in the case include Dr. Paul Marik, who began utilizing ivermectin in his COVID-19 treatment protocol in 2020 while he was chief of pulmonary and critical care medicine at Eastern Virginia Medical School and director of the intensive care unit at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital.

After the FDA's statements, Marik was told to remove the protocol from the school's servers while Sentara issued a memorandum to hospitals telling them to stop using ivermectin against COVID-19, with a citation to the FDA.

Marik was forced to resign from his positions because he couldn't prescribe ivermectin because of the FDA's statements, the suit alleges.

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