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# Manson School District seeking applications for Director District #3

Deadline to apply Oct. 13

MANSON - The Manson School District is soliciting applications to serve as an appointed member of the school board. The person selected would have to reside in area Director District Three and serve until the next regularly scheduled election for the governing board members, which is November, 2023. The board is responsible for the performance of the Manson School District serving approximately 600 students. The Manson Board of Directors typically meets on the last Monday of each month. Current board members and the superintendent are available to meet with perspective candidates.

Please contact the Manson School District office at 509-687-3140 for further information and application materials.

Applications are due no later than October 13.

# Lake Chelan Valley Events, Things to do, Meetings

Chelan Valley Hope: Oct. 12-13, 17-20 Chelan Valley Hope's 'Little Essentials Pantry' open 24/7

CHELAN - Come visit Chelan Valley Hope (CVH) at 417 S. Bradley Street Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (closed Noon to 1 p.m.). Whether you are looking to get help or to give help they are waiting for you CVH provides services at no cost to individuals and families in need. They are a local nonprofit serving Chelan, Manson, Chelan Falls, Waterville, Entiat, Bridgeport, Mansfield, and Orondo. Call 509-888-2114 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Or visit their website and follow them on Facebook and Instagram to get the latest CVH news and updates at chelanvalleyhope.org, @ChelanValleyHope. Donations are welcome and can be left during business hours, or give them a call and they'll gladly make arrangements. They currently need blankets, diapers, and travel-size toiletries. More information at chelanvalleyhope.org including a Donate Button."

SAIL Exercise Classes: Oct. 12-13, 17

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.

Farmers Market: Oct. 12, 15

MANSON - The Market takes place every Wednesday and Saturday starting at 8:30 a.m., when Market Manager, Gordon Lester rings the opening bell. If you're looking for produce better show up early as it goes fast. Besides vegetables and fruits, you will find local honey, custom made soaps, baked homemade treats for people and pets, various artisan handcrafted goods and much, much more. Members of the Manson Volunteer Firefighter Association bring the fire truck on Saturdays. They sell tee shirts and other items to raise money for the many causes they support.

Chelan Senior Meals Menu: Oct. 12-14, 17-19 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: Oct. 12: Cheese Ravioli with Meat Sauce, Italian Vegetables, Spiced Pears, Bread Stick, Dessert; Oct. 13: California Chicken Cass. Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Apple Celery Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert; Oct.14: Cheeseburger Deluxe, Jo Jo's, Coleslaw, Sliced Peaches, Dessert; Oct. 17: Sweet & Sour Meatballs, Rice Pilaf. Oriental Vegetables, Asian Coleslaw, Tropical Fruit, Egg Roll, Dessert; Oct. 18: Beef Stew, 7 Layer Salad, Peaches, Biscuit, Dessert; Oct. 19: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Buttered Corn, Tossed Green Salad, WW Roll, Apple Crisp.

Mobile Food Pantru: Oct. 13

MANSON - The Mobile Food Pantry will be at North Shore Bible Church on Thursday, Oct. 13, noon- 2 p.m. All are welcome. It is a walk thru format and quests pick their own food. This is a regular stop every second Thursday of the month.

Thursday Farmers Market: Oct. 13

CHELAN - Chelan Thursday Evening Farmers market is open thru October, from 2-6 p.m. and has expanded into Riverwalk Park. The market is located on the corner of S. Emerson Street and Wapato Avenue, near Riverwalk Inn and Riverwalk Park. New vendors are welcome. For more info www.chelanfarmersmarket.org

VFW #6853 Post Coffee/Donuts: Oct. 14 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.

Glass recycle: Oct. 15 Open 9 a.m.-Noon

CHELAN - Rotary of Lake Chelan 911 Glass Rescue is open on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m.-noon, at 23235 Highway 97A across from Walmart. They are charging a small fee per pound for glass drop-off. Buckets of the materials produced, sand and aggregate, will be available for purchase at \$5 per 5-gallon bucket. To volunteer go to www.911glassrescue.org, and click on the volunteer tab on the home page.

Food Bank food distribution:

Oct. 15, 18, 22

CHELAN - The Lake Chelan Food Bank food giveaway is on Saturday and Tuesday, 9-10 a.m. Distribution is drive-thru. They are located at 417 S. Bradley Street. The Food Bank is getting requests for pet food. Small bags of dog food are best. They can be dropped of at the Lake Chelan Mirror office, 131 S. Apple Blossom Drive, Ste. 109 (Chelan Business Center.)

SEE MORE EVENTS AT WWW.LAKECHELANMIRROR.COM

A ribbon cutting and grand opening for the new Lake Chelan Health Hospital will be held this Saturday, October 15 begin-

ning at 9:15 a.m., with the raising of the flag, followed by a ribbon cutting and opening remarks at 9:30 a.m. Self-guided tours will start after that and last until 3 p.m.

The new hospital is located at 110 S. Apple Blossom Drive, across from Columbia Valley Community Health and near Walmart. Lake Chelan Health has their temporary certificate of occupancy so staff is working on preparing the inside of the hospital for the move into the new facility. Opening date of the new hospital is scheduled for Nov. 7.

**RIGHT: Aaron Edwards, Lake** Chelan Health CEO, Mary Signorelli, Lake Chelan Health board member and Agustin Benegas, Lake Chelan Health Communication Manager, welcome everyone to come tour the new facility and to see the operating rooms, emergency department, physical therapy room, patient rooms, and other areas of the new hospital.



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#### Lake Chelan Health adds primary care to clinic the Lake Chelsystems by

By Agustin Benegas, LAKE CHELAN HEALTH COMMUNICATION MANAGER

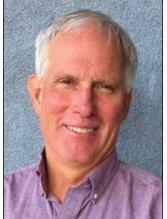
CHELAN - With the fastgrowing Lake Chelan Valley community, we recognized the need for more primary care services.

The 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment data and extended wait times to get in to see a primary care provider (PCP) shows the need for additional primary care doctors in the Lake Chelan Valley.

Primary health care addresses the health needs of patients at the community level, integrating care, prevention, health awareness and education. Primary health care helps improve the performance of health lowering nonemergent emergency room visits that are best cared for in the doctor's office. Continuity of care is the heart of general practice and providing patients

with continuity shows to have better healthcare outcomes, higher satisfaction and the cost to receive care is more costeffective.

Doctor Charles Waszkewitz is a board-certified family for at least a year to help the call our Express Care walk-in physician who has practiced in team grow primary care ser-clinic at 509-682-8511.



Dr. Charles Waszkewitz

is seeing previous patients and new patients in the clinic on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8 a.m.-5

an Valley since

1987. He has

returned to the

Lake Chelan

Health Clinic,

currently at

219 East John-

son Avenue

in downtown

Chelan, to help

open primary

care services.

Waszkewitz

Doctor

Doctor Waszkewitz plans to stay with Lake Chelan Health Primary Care clinic, please

vices, recruit other primary care doctors and physician assistants interested in primary care. With the recruitment of additional providers, it will help the clinic expand its primary care hours and reduce the wait time to see a PCP. Doctors will work closely with a trained primary care physician assistant who will also be able to see patients when the doctor is not available. A primary care doctor and physician assistant team improves access to care, patient satisfaction and better health outcomes.

If you currently do not have a primary care doctor and would like to establish care with the Lake Chelan Health

# Judge Mott to step down from Chelan **County District Court in December**

BOCC sets timeline, process for filling the vacancy

By JILL FITZSIMMONS, CHELAN COUNTY PUBLIC Information Officer

WENATCHEE - Chelan County District Court Judge Kyle Mott has announced he is stepping down from his position in early December.

With his resignation, the Board of County Commissioners is now calling for the resumes of those potential appointees interested in replacing Mott, who is running unopposed in the upcoming election.

Mott sent his letter of resignation to the commissioners on Friday, Sept. 30, saying he has accepted a position at a local law firm and will step down on Dec. 5. Mott cited life changes in the past four years, including welcoming two children into his family and the purchasing of a small business, as to why he is stepping down.

"A return to private practice will provide me with greater flexibility to participate in the day-today activities of my young and busy family, which is

extremely important to me," he wrote. "... While I look forward to building a successful law practice, I would not rule out revisiting a judicial position much later in the future as I have found it to be both challenging and rewarding."

Seated in January 2019, Mott, formerly a defense attorney, replaced former Judge Nancy Harmon when she retired. An appointee to Mott's position would serve a year and then run for election in November



**Chelan County District Court Judge Kyle Mott** 

the county legislative authority, in this case the Board of County Commissioners, make appointments to vacancies on the District Court.

2023. State law

provides that

Commissioners have outlined an appointment timeline as fol-

• The BOCC reviewed potential appointees Nov. 1, narrowing the applications down to three finalists.

· Letters of interest and ap-

plications were due Oct. 28 to

County Administrator Cathy

Mulhall in the Commissioners'

• The three finalists will be interviewed Nov. 8.

• An appointment will be made during the board's session on Nov. 14.

This election season, Allen F. Blackmon and Jon Volyn are vying for position No. 1 of the District Court. Two judges serve Chelan County District Court. Commissioner Kevin Overbay stressed that the election and the appointment to Mott's seat are unrelated.

"There is nothing preventing both candidates from applying for the vacated position; however, the board must move forward with filling Judge Mott's position to help ensure a smooth transition in December," Overbay said.

Overbay, on behalf of the commissioners, also thanked Mott for his dedication and service to the citizens of Chelan County.

"Judge Mott has been a wonderful addition to not only District Court but also to the Chelan County family," Overbay said. "As a judge, he quickly built a reputation for being someone with high ethics who was here to serve our community. He will be greatly missed, but we wish him the best in his future endeavors."

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# Chelan Museum volunteers honored



Photo courtesy Gaylen Willett

On Friday, Sept. 16, Chelan museum's Board of Directors honored volunteers at Roberta "Peach" Simonds' home with a scrumptious meal and desserts. From left are volunteer Concie Luna, President Dave Clouse, Secretary Adrienne Carpenter, board members Jane Lloyd and Barb Polley, volunteers Lou Verellen, Sue Marcear, board member Peach Simmonds, volunteer Patty LaPorte, board member Susan Hauth, Treasurer Mary Ann Warren, board member Sue Clouse, volunteers Judy Lisewych, Chris Bigelow, and Volunteers of the Year, 2022, Judy Johanson and Don Lloyd. Not pictured are Gaylen Willett, Vice-president Carla Everett, Jill Gradwohl, Dennis King, Jo Miller, Mary Sherer and Manager Ron McGaughey.



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- Exceptional education
- Reasonable housing for our children
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- · Personal property rights protection · Healthy forests, waters, agriculture and tourism
- · Safe and reliable roads and bridges

# Sound good to you? Let's do this together! I'm ready to serve as your new Commissioner!



Shon Smith (51) was raised in Cashmere with conservative values, and has become an integral part of the Wenatchee River Valley with businesses in Wenatchee and Leavenworth. Shon, his wife Janeen, and their four children worship at Mid-Valley Baptist Church, and are actively involved with the Cashmere schools.

Shon has a great concern for the ongoing health of the Valley, its resources, its people, and our private property rights. He also has a passion for the success of small businesses because of their great impact on Chelan County.

He graduated from Cashmere High School in 1989, and in 1993 from Northwest Nazarene University with a degree in Business Administration with an emphasis on finance. After college, Shon worked at Idaho Timber in Boise for two years. In 1995, missing the Valley, Shon returned with Janeen and worked for two years at Dovex Fruit Company in Wenatchee. Both work experiences gave Shon a feel for the timber and fruit industries and the impacts they have on our region. Shon then put his personal business plan into action by opening the Wok-About-Grill in Wenatchee (1997) and another in Leavenworth (2014).

Generations of Shon's family have farmed Eastern Washington, hunted and fished the lands and waters of Chelan County, and have treated the land and the environment with respect. So great is their appreciation for our rivers and lakes that Shon hopes these natural resources will be preserved as gifts to be esteemed by all. Some changes are inevitable, but solutions to issues need to ensure that we make an effort to maintain our identity for the future, especially for our

# www.smith4commissioner.com

This ad paid for the Committee to Elect Shon Smith, 7335 Brender Canyon Rd, Cashmere, WA 98815

# Paint the Town Pink!



In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Lake Chelan Health Guild B, organized a luncheon on October 3, at Sorrento's which included a Wine Pull as well as a Dessert Dash. Pictured above with the delicious desserts are the Guild B Dessert Dash co-chairs Timi Starkweather (left) and Victoria Wheatley (right). The goal was to raise \$6,000 for the purchase of the VELA Mammography Chair. The total amount raised from the luncheon was \$15,000. \$6,000 goes directly to the purchase of the VELA chair and the rest is being donated to help underinsured individuals in the Chelan Valley fund the cost of a mammogram. As a side note, earlier this year Guild B donated \$7,000 to the Lake Chelan Health & Wellness Foundation, during their match campaign. That brings this year's total donations to \$22,000. There were over 100 people in attendance - men and women. It was a full house. Guild B considers this a huge success and would like to thank everyone who attended, all the volunteers who help put it together and the community for supporting this effort. They will announce the 2023 Paint the Town Pink! date in the coming months.

# Myers October artist at Heritage Heights

By Wendy Isenhart, Heritage HEIGHTS SENIOR LIVING BOARD

CHELAN - Lance Stark's incredibly beautiful scenic photographs of the Lake Chelan Valley made way last week for October Artist of the Month, Leslie Myers. Myers' acrylic paintings are in warm colors, much like the season, and offer an evocative, loving look of scenes from around Washington State.

One of the many delights of the Art Wall in Heritage Heights' lobby is that it's open to the public, phone ahead - 509-682-1998, and a wonderful way for local artists to put their work on display.



Courtesy Gary Myers

Leslie Myers is the October artist of the month at Heritage Heights Senior Living in Chelan.

# Town

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- Speaker Dr. Jennifer Snyder, Columbia Valley
- Community Health -Speaker Aaron Edwards, CEO,
- Lake Chelan Health -Speaker

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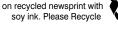
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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# They paved paradise and put up a skateboard park

Citizens of Chelan:

We are in uncertain economic times. Rising housing costs, property taxes, excessive cap lifts and inflation have driven our work force out of

Chelan. Many of us who have lived here 20 years or longer have always realized the delicate balance our unique community has between tourism, agriculture, retail, hospitality and the labor force which fuels those different facets of our local economy.

In the last 12 years we have seen focus shift mainly towards tourism and development. The result? Our labor force can no longer afford to live in Chelan. Combine that with the traffic changes, which bottleneck all movement to one intersection as well as in front of our schools. and quality of life for many long time residents has diminished.

What are our elected officials doing? Well, one thing on the CIP budget table is a \$1.5 million dollar skate park. As sidewalks

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15:11 Missing Person, 108 N.

15:51 Malicious Mischief, 3095

16:26 Parking/ Abandoned Ve-

16:57 Malicious Mischief, 134 E.

19:11 Juvenile Problem, Chelan

Fire/ EMS

Chelan Fire District #7

13:40 Sick Person, 709 N. Golf

15:20 Chest Pain, 219 E. Johnson

Chelan EMS

00:10 Unconscious Person-1,

11:11 Fall-2, 147 N. Harris Ave.,

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sit in need of repair, or are non existent, the council wishes to use concrete for a luxury item. This is a very poor use of YOUR taxpayer dollars. It is also 3 times what it would cost the city to work with the Chelan Basin Conservancy and local land trusts to preserve the Butte from development.

Chelan's attraction has always been its natural beauty. We need elected officials who prioritize conservation, not development or man made attractions. Let's keep Chelan pure, clean and natural.

All concerned citizens need to get involved. Otherwise, these projects will simply move forward with little or no resistance. I point to the one way bridge as a perfect example. The community was overwhelmingly against removing one of only two exits out of town. Yet, few showed up to council to speak out against it, so the administration at that time saw a green light and just did what they wanted. We need to get involved and take back our community. Apathy is not a means to effect change.

Ben Laughlin Chelan

# CHELAN COUNTY SHERIFF, CHELAN, MANSON, ENTIAT FIRE & LAKE CHELAN EMS REPORTS

## **Chelan County Sheriff** Report

#### Sept. 30

- 13:59 Animal Problem, 382 Division St., Manson
- 16:11 Burglary, 703 Boetzkes Ave., Manson
- 17:06 Welfare Check, S. Clifford St. and E. Woodin Ave., Chelan 18:44 Public Assist, 40 McLallen
- Ln., Manson 18:49 Trespassing, 400 Powerhouse Rd., Chelan
- 22:28 Extra Patrol, 105 Beebe Bridge Rd., Chelan

- 12:06 Traffic Offense, Entiat River Rd. and US Hwy. 9, Entiat
- 14:09 Injury Accident, Wapato Way and Hale St., Manson 15:05 Runaway, 629 Mountain
- View Dr., Chelan 17:14 Attempt to Locate/ Contact, Rainy Lake, Stehekin
- 17:15 Domestic Disturbance, 2216 W. Prospect St., Chelan
- 19:03 Weapons Violation, 115 Ward Ln., Manson 19:25 Public Assist, 416 N. Cedar
- St., Chelan 20:48 Drugs, 106 W. Manson Rd.,
- Safeway, Chelan
- 21:02 Noise Complaint, Chelan Airport Rd., Chelan
- 23:53 Noise Complaint, 77 Wapato Way, My Buddy's Place, Manson

#### Oct. 2

- 00:23 Disturbance, 77 Wapato Way, My Buddy's Place, Man-
- 00:35 Disturbance, 232 E. Wapato
- Ave., Chelan 10:49 Alarm, 107 SR 150, Wilbur
- Ellis, Chelan 14:44 Vehicle Prowl, 2020 W.
- Woodin Ave., Chelan
- 14:51 Domestic Disturbance, 5800 Crum Canyon Rd., Entiat 18:13 Traffic Offense, Beebe
- Bridge west, Chelan 19:29 Suspicious Circumstance, N. Bradley St. and E. Gibson
- Ave., Chelan 22:16 Harassment/Threat, 416 N.
- Cedar St., Chelan 23:27 Warrant, 455 Wapto Lake Rd., 12 Tribes Casino, Manson

# Oct. 3

- 04:29 Suspicious Circumstance, E. Iowa St. and Gorge Rd.,
- 07:40 Agency Assist, 117 Orchard View Dr., Chelan
- 09:18 Trespassing, 274 Reflection Ln., Chelan
- 09:26 Property, 109 E. Wapato Ave., Riverwalk Park, Chelan 15:08 Vehicle Theft, 418 E. Woodin
- Ave., Chelan 15:13 Non-injury Accident, 100 block E. Farnham Ave., Chel-
- 15:26 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 40 Paramount Ridge Ln.,
- 15:56 Alarm, 221 Summer Breeze Rd., Manson

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16:19 Alarm, 221 Summer Breeze Rd., Manson

- 16:22 Malicious Mischief, 138 E. Woodin Ave., Chelan
- 17:47 Harassment/ Threat, 576 Upper Joe Creek Rd., Manson 17:56 Welfare Check, 309 W. Highland Ave., Chelan

- 01:41 911-call, 1056 E. Woodin Ave., Les Schwab, Chelan 02:20 Domestic Disturbance, 322 W. Woodin Ave., Grandview on
- the Lake, Chelan 07:50 Civil Dispute, 250 2nd St., Chelan Falls
- 09:09 Sex Offense, Entiat River Rd., Entiat
- 10:56 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 555 1st St., Chelan Falls 10:58 Welfare Check, 6909 Fish
- Hatchery Rd., Entiat 11:59 Suspicious Circumstance, 210 W. Gibson Ave., Chelan
- 12:39 Trespassing, 620 Gorge Rd., Rowe's Towing, Chelan
- 13:38 Suspicious Circumstance, N. Cedar St. and W. Nixon Ave.,
- Chelan 14:28 Fraud/ Forgery, 207 Village Dr., Manson
- 15:07 Littering, 620 Gorge Rd., Rowes Towing, Chelan
- 15:44 Traffic Offense, 53 S. Lakeshore Rd., Pat n' Mike's,
- 16:21 Sex Offense, Chelan 16:31 Suspicious Circumstance,
- 416 3rd St., Chelan Falls 16:46 Traffic Offense, 545 3rd St., Chelan Falls
- 16:47 Traffic Offense, 2nd and A
- Streets, Chelan Falls 17:04 Disturbance, 2030 Entiat Way, Entiat
- 20:08 Diversion, 309 E. Gibson Ave., Chelan

#### Oct. 5

- 08:56 Civil Dispute, 229 E. Woodin Ave., Tin Lilly, Chelan
- 10:44 Agency Assist, 622 Hyacinth Rd., Manson
- 11:26 Domestic Disturbance, 407 E. Woodin Ave., Morgen Owings Elementary School, Chelan
- 11:43 Non-injury Accident, Totem Pole Rd. and Green Ave., Manson
- 13:29 911-call, 106 E. Chelan Ave., Chase Bank, Chelan
- 13:48 Welfare Check, 108 N. Apple Blossom Dr., Walmart, Chelan 15:32 Attempt to Locate/ Contact. 1909 Winesap Ave., Manson
- 5:59 Welfare Check, 485 W. Manson Rd., Don Morse Park, Chelan
- 16:45 Welfare Check, 102 E. Johnson Ave., Kelly's ACE, Chelan 17:07 Harassment/ Threat, 2118 Cammack Ave., Entiat
- 18:55 Juvenile Problem, 409 W. Manson Rd., Lakeshore Marina,
- 22:15 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 510 N. Cedar St., Chelan 22:43 Public Assist, 207 N. Emerson St., Chelan
- 23:10 Trespassing, 11302 S. Lakeshore Rd., Chelan

# Oct. 6

03:54 Suspicious Circumstance. 2117 Lakeshore Dr., Entiat

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#### Chelan Fire District #7

- 11:11 Agency Assist, 30 Shoe-08:04 Unconscious Person-1, 102 Tyee Ct., Chelan 12:34 Trespassing, 407 S. 1st St.,
- 09:07 Sick Person, 102 Tyee Ct., Chelan 14:03 Hazard, E. Woodin Ave. and
  - 14:00 Hazardous Materials-1, 212 E. Woodin Ave., Chelan 18:15 Illegal Burn, 123 Open Ln., Chelan

#### Chelan EMS

- 08:04 Unconscious Person-1, 102 Tyee Ct., Chelan
- 09:07 Sick Person, 102 Tyee Ct., Chelan 14:09 Injury Accident, Wapato Way and Hale St., Manson
- 19:13 Sick Person, 90 Furey Ave., Manson

#### 19:34 Diabetic, 250 Manson Blvd., Manson

#### **Manson Fire District** 14:09 Injury Accident, Wapato Way and Hale St., Manson

Chelan Fire District #7 02:26 Sick Person, 329 E. Woodin

Ave., Chelan 08:32 Breathing Problem, 215 W. Allen Ave., Chelan

11:04 Breathing Problem, 219 E. Johnson Ave., Chelan

#### **Chelan EMS**

- 00:37 Diabetic, 251 Manson View Dr., Manson
- 02:26 Sick Person, 329 E. Woodin Ave., Cashmere Valley Bank,
- 08:32 Breathing Problem, 215 W. Allen Ave., Chelan
- 11:04 Breathing Problem, 219 E. Johnson Ave., Chelan 13:09 Diabetic, 455 Wapato Lake Rd., 12 Tribes Casino,
- 20:38 Breathing Problem, 320 Kutil Pl., Manson

#### **Manson Fire District** 20:38 Breathing Problem, 320

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#### Chelan Fire District #7

07:40 Heart Problem, 117 Orchard View Dr., Chelan

08:12 Breathing Problem, 912 W. Parkview Rd., Chelan

15:14 Injury Accident, Knapps Tunnel South, Chelan 16:39 Commercial Alarm, 317 E.

Johnson Ave., Chelan 20:16 Fall-1, 721 E. Woodin Ave., Chelan

#### **Entiat Fire District**

08:32 Abdominal Pain, 2621 2nd St., Entiat

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16:39 Commercial Alarm, 317 E. Johnson Ave., Chelan

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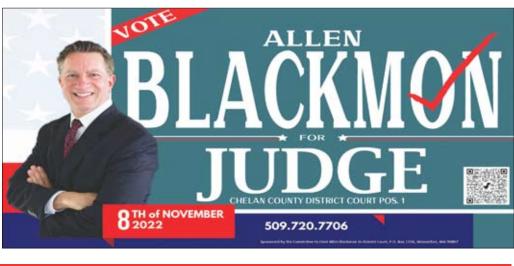
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#### **OBITUARIES**

# Joel R. **Bernatz**

Joel R. Bernatz, 83, of Chelan, Washington, died at his home September 25, 2022 following a long illness with Prostate Cancer.

Joel was born August 6, 1939 at Decorah, Iowa, to Robert M. Bernatz and Gertrude M. C. Anderson. He attended school in Decorah, graduating from high school in 1957, "The Best of Times!". After high school, Joel attended Luther College and graduated from Iowa State University with a major in botany and a degree in Forest Management in 1962.



During summers, he slogged his way through school, working on fire suppression crews on the Deschutes National Forest in Oregon and with the Forest

Service Smokejumpers in Missoula, Montana.

After college graduation, Joel moved to Lake County, Oregon and lived in the high desert of Paisley, Oregon. Here he worked on the Fremont National Forest, spending five years doing timber sale layout, cruising, timber stand improvement, and land line restoration. (12 months in the woods and on snowshoes all winter).

In 1967, Joel was transferred to the Chelan Ranger District of the Wenatchee National Forest where he served as the Resource Assistant on the District until his retirement. Thru his long career on the Chelan

Ranger District, Joel witnessed the creation of the North Cascade National Park in 1968, the beginning of the environmental movement, the creation of the Glacier Peak Wilderness, and the boom and bust of the timber industry in NC Washington.

Joel served on the City of Chelan Park Board and PUD Citizen Advisory Committee planning for the PUD Riverwalk Park and Loop Trail.

In late 1968, Joel got lucky and met Bernice A. Holmes at Campbell's Lodge in Chelan. He married this cute twin in the Lutheran Church on May 23, 1970. Bernice and Joel have one son, John Erik, born in 1972. John now works in Renton and Moses Lake, Washington.

Joel had a special interest in Mineralogy and spent much time in Montana digging for gemstones. Wonderful times were had with son John backpacking and camping with friends in the North Cascades and hiking the special sandstone cracks in Utah. When not hiking, John was on his motorcycle and together Joel and John had some great adventures in the back country on old fire roads and single track. Joel always loved his memories of the few trips to Prince of Wales Island in Alaska fishing halibut with

great friends.

Joel leaves his wife, Bernice of the home and son John of Moses Lake, nieces Joslyn Boglioli (Marc) of Vermont, Tahnee Hoag of Pennsylvania and special niece Chy Mettler (Jeff) of Wenatchee.

He was proceeded in death by his parents, sister Susan L. Cassidy and little brother Kevin. Joel will be cremated and scattered on some productive chukar

At Joel's request there will be no service. Memorials, in lieu of flowers may be made to the Wenatchee Valley Humane Society or a memorial of your choice.

# Emmit R. Aston Jr.

Emmit R. Aston Jr. 86, passed away at his home of congestive heart failure on September 2, 2022. He was comforted and surrounded by his loving, devoted family.

He was born on May 30, 1936 in Omak, Washington to Emmit R. Sr. and Lela Aston. He attended Omak High School. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America, very active in athletics, played the trombone in band, ASB President and graduated in 1954. Emmit enrolled in the University of Washington in 1954. He was accepted into the School of Pharmacy and graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Pharmacy in

He married Bonnie B. Ced-



erblom of Omak in 1957 and they began a family. In May of 1960, they made beautiful Lake Chelan Washington their home, where they raised 3 daughters.

Emmit started his pharmacy career in Shelton, Washington but the couple wanted to be closer to home. He began working at Green's Drug in Chelan. He wanted to own his own business. They purchased Kier Drug in Chelan

"Celebration of Life"

service for Jessie Marie O'Neal

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May, 1967 and changed the name to Aston Drug Center. It was a family operated business, with Bonnie at his side.

In 1974, they wanted to expand the pharmacy business and purchased the Kline's Variety Store building next to the Ruby Theater. The pharmacy was moved into this larger building after an extensive remodel. Today, you can see the words "Variety & Dry Goods" on the outside of the building. When the family retired, they gave the large pharmacy safe to Stormy Mountain Brewery who occupies half of the Aston's original building. The pharmacy safe is still on display today in the brewery.

Through the years, Emmit and Bonnie were active in the community. Emmit was a Boy Scout Leader, member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Police Auxiliary. He was past president and very active in the Chelan Rustlers. Emmit was a Chelan City Council Member. He was instrumental in getting the beautification project complete of the down town 100 and 200 block area on Woodin Avenue. This project improved the sidewalks, streets, lighting and infrastructure of Chelan to make it the historic, beautiful town that it is today. Emmit was a founding member of the Chelan Sign Committee, which ushered in a cohesive look to Chelan Valley Businesses. He sat on the City of Chelan and the Chelan County Urban Growth Committee. After working long days at their pharmacy, Emmit drove to Wenatchee to lend his knowledge. Lake Chelan Valley's beauty can be attributed to the volunteerism Emmit participated in.

Emmit was the longeststanding member of the Lake Chelan Health and Wellness Foundation and a valued member of the local healthcare community. His dedication to the foundation started in 1991. He enjoyed serving on the board and giving back

to the community. Emmit got to see his long time dream of building a new hospital come true. The Board and Hospital staff gave him a personal tour of the new hospital in June prior it's completion. His family states this was one of the happiest days in his life and they are very thankful to all who made this dream come true

Emmit and Bonnie enjoyed their ranch outside of Chelan with the 3 daughters. Emmit loved caring for the land, being outdoors, raising horses and various animals. Emmit also was an avid elk hunter. His last elk taken was a huge 6 point, which was on display at the pharmacy and became quite a conversation piece. Emmit enjoyed talking to visitors about his elk hunting trips.

Emmit retired and they sold the pharmacy in June 1991. The business was converted to Aston's Gifts Cards Etc. where Bonnie enjoyed working until 2010. Emmit thrived in his second career as a Real Estate Agent. He also did pharmacy relief work to community pharmacies in North Central Washington.

Emmit was an avid University of Washington fan and enjoyed attending the Husky Football games, which was a life's dream. He was an alumni member and attended the Rose Bowl game 4 times. Emmit's wardrobe consisted mainly of purple and gold. He always wore the college

He is survived by his wife of 65 years Bonnie, daughters Cindy Aston Coonfield, Laura Ruess, Michele Aston Lockrem, 3 grandchildren Laurel Williams, Emmit Ruess, Conrad Ruess, and two greatgrandchildren, Ivy Williams and Stetson Williams.

The family is very greatfull for the tender care he received from Tina Jack, employed by Care Med Chelan. Tina was at Emmit's side for months and the family could not have cared for him at home without her! Also, thank you to the professional, caring staff at Value Plus and Confluence Home Health and Hospice both of Wenatchee.

Emmit's Celebration of Life will be held October 22, 2022 at 2 p.m., located at North Shore Bible Church, 123 Wapato Point Pkwy., Manson, Washington. You are invited to dress casual and wear your favorite sports team colors.

Please visit Emmit's online memorial page at www.heritagememorialchapel.com. This is a nice place to share memories with the family.

His Celebration of Life Service will be available to view after the fact on the FaceBook page of Northshore Bible Church.

In lieu of flowers, gifts, Emmit requested contributions be made to Lake Chelan Health and Wellness Foundation P.O. Box 1911 Chelan WA. 98816. For electronic contributions go to their web site at: lchealthwellness.



# **DEATH NOTICES**

# Robert C. Christopher

Robert C. Christopher, 74, of Manson, Washington and formerly of Chelan, Washington, passed away on October 6, 2022. 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 HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS RECAPS**

#### Lady Goats sweep Pioneers, Kodiaks

SUBMITTED BY ABBY LEWELLEN, CHS VOLLEYBALL

#### Oct. 6

The Lady Goats traveled to Omak tonight and put on a dominating performance against the number one ranked team in state according to WIAA rankings. The Goats swept the Pioneers 25-6, 25-8, 25-18.

#### Team Stats:

Olivia Strandberg: 14 Brynn Hughbanks: 12 Kira Sandoval: 4 Digs: Celia Polley: 11 Kira Sandoval: 4

Juliana Perez: 4 Olivia Strandberg: 4 Celia Polley: 3 Juliana Perez: 27

#### Oct. 4

The Lady Goats hosted the Cascade Kodiaks tonight and swept them 25-8, 25-6, 25-10.

# Team stats:

Olivia Strandberg- 11 Brynn Hughbanks- 9 Juliana Perez- 5 Makenzie Griggs- 3 Celia Polley- 7 Olivia Strandberg- 4 Brynn Hughbanks- 3 Celia Polley- 4 Olivia Strandberg- 3

Juliana Perez- 3

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## Lady Goats hosts the Kodiaks

SUBMITTED BY COACH AMARIS LONGMIRE, CHELAN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' SOCCER

#### Oct. 4

CHELAN- This evening the Goats had their second annual Future Goat International Walkout. Eighteen young ladies from preschool to 5th grade joined the current Goats in introductions with their name as well as our current Goats names read. Each future Goat was gifted with a t-shirt and a ball with words of wisdom from high school players to the future Goats. The current Goats look forward to watching the future Goats in a few years.

Following introduction's, it was time for the Goats to take on the Cascade Kodiaks. The Kodiaks came out hard and were ready to challenge the Goats. The possession was back and forth the entire first half. It wasn't until a missed pass that the Kodiaks were able to take a lucky strike and send a ball into the back of the net.

The second half was a continual battle as the Goats defense proved once again to be very strong and hold off any further attacks by the Kodiaks. The Goats had numerous chances to finish the ball, however they were not able to find the back of the net this evening.

The Goats were on the road this Friday, Oct. 7 to face the Omak Pioneers.

## **ENTIAT HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL RECAP**

## Tigers defeat Yakima Tribal, Mustangs

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN BAILEY, ENTIAT HIGH SCHOOL HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

## Entiat at Yakima Tribal

TOPPENISH - Entiat traveled to Toppenish on Friday afternoon, Sept. 30 to take on Yakima Tribal. In an outstanding Defensive effort by the Tigers, Entiat defeated YT 56-0. Entiat was led by three key Defensive Interceptions; one by Christian Santos, one by Noah Fogelstrom, and one by Trent Renslow. Fogelstrom and Renslow both returned theirs for touchdowns (32 and 30 yards respectively), while Santos' 52 yard interception return set up another Tiger score. Noah Fogelstrom was in on 8 total tackles for the Tigers, while Pedro Arias contributed 9 total tackles, including a sack.

Offensively, QB Landon Crutcher ran for 106 yards and 3 TDs on 6 carries, while Pedro Arias ran for 66 yards and a TD on 4 carries. Crutcher was 9-12 passing for 86 yards, including TD passes to Monico Valadez-Robinson (8 yards), and Junior Verduzco (25 yards).

**Bridgeport at Entiat** 

**ENTIAT - The Entiat Tigers** opened NCW 1B League play Thursday night, Oct. 6 with a 62-32 win over visiting Bridgeport. Scoring came early and often for both teams in the first quarter as Entiat outscored Bridgport 22-18. The middle two quarters were dominated by Enitat, as they outscored Bridgeport 32-6 in the 2nd and 3rd quarters. The Tigers were led Offensively by a physical and dominating Offensive Line that included Braedyn Brumback, Seth Miller, Isaiah Brumback, Eric Ayala, and Jovany Torres. They paved the way for 255 rushing yards by the Tigers. Landon Crutcher led the ground attack for Entiat, carrying 18 times for 116 yards and 5 TDs, while Pedro Arias added 18 carries for 110 yards and a 53 yard TD run. Not to be outdone, Christian Santos caught 5 balls through the air for 105 yards, including a 46 yard TD. Crutcher was14-20 passing, for 228 yards and 2 TDs. Noah Fogelstrom also caught a 40 yard TD pass from Crutcher and contributed a key interception late on the Defensive end for the Tigers. The Tigers held the Mustangs to negative rushing yards on the night.



Courtesy Wendi Crutcher

ABOVE: Braedyn Brumback sets to kick off. BELOW: Coach Brian Bailey makes the play call.



# Sammi Jo Sims finalist for Association for Career and Technical Education's New Teacher of the Year award

University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (UICALS) alum Sammi Jo Sims (2018, agricultural education and animal and veterinary science) is one of five finalists for the Association for Career and Technical Education's New Teacher of the Year award. This award recognizes career and technical education (CTE) teachers at the middle/ secondary school level who have demonstrated innovation in the classroom, commitment to their students and dedication to the improvement of CTE in their institutions and communities.

Sammi is an Agriculture Education Instructor and FFA Advisor at Ellensburg High School, located in Ellensburg, WA. She is in her sixth year of teaching and is very passionate about Career and Technical Education and the opportunities it provides to students. She was very involved in CTE at her high school and took classes through Ag Ed, Health, Business and Tech Ed. She served as a past Washington State FFA Officer before going on to earn her AAAS-Agricultural Sciences Degree



Sammi Jo Sims

from Walla Walla Community College, B.S., Agricultural Education from the University of Idaho, and M.S. Curriculum and Instruction from Western Governors University.

She enjoys being able to bring both her education and field experiences into the classroom to provide students with meaningful connections and experiences. Sammi Jo lives in Ellensburg with her husband, three children and many farm critters. She was selected as the 2022 ACTE Region V New Teacher of the Year in April. The national winner will be selected at the ACTE Awards Gala on November 30. Good luck Sammi.

She is the daughter of Rod and Cherie Cool of Chelan.







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# **Public Notices**

**CITY OF CHELAN - NOTICE OF APPLICATION** 

The City of Chelan has received a permit application for the following project. Application Date: September 20. 2022 **Determination of Complete** Application Date: October 4, 2022 Notice Date: October 12, 2022 Comment Due Date: November 14, 2022 Agency Contact: Devyn Walter, Associate Planner, dwalter@citvofchelan.us. (509) 682-8037 Agency File Number: SSDP2022-05 / SEPA2022-05 Proposal: An application for a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (SSDP) for a Boatlift in the existing Crystal View Estates Marina. Project Location: 314 SR 150, Chelan WA, Parcel Number: 27-22-04-520-005, 47.8406 N lat. /-120.0890 W long. Project Applicant: Anne Hessburg, Grette Associates LLC, 151 South Worthen St, Suite 101, Wenatchee, WA 98801 (Authorized Agent/Contact) Helen and Edward Mahrt, 19420 39th Ave SE Bothell, WA 98012 (Owner/Applicant) SEPA Environmental Review: The City of Chelan has reviewed the adverse environmental impacts to issue expects Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS). This determination is based on the following findings conclusions: Preliminary review of the application materials checklist SEPA with applicable compliance regulations of the Chelan City

Code and Shoreline Master Program. The optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355 is being used. This may be your only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposed project. proposal may include measures under applicable codes, and the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an EIS is prepared. A copy subsequent threshold determination for the specific proposal may be obtained upon request. Agencies, tribes, and the public are encouraged to review and comment on the proposed project and its probable environmental impacts. Comments must be submitted by the date noted above to

P.O. Box 1669, Chelan, WA 98816 or dwalter@cityofchelan.us The application and any related materials may be reviewed at City Hall, Community Development Department at 135 E. Johnson Avenue, Chelan WA, during regular business hours.

Devyn Walter.

Required Permits: The following federal state, and permits/approvals are needed for the proposed project: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife -Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA): United States Department of the Army (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) - Section 10; City of Chelan Building Permit.

Existing Environmental Documents: SEPA Checklist Preliminary determination of the development regulations that will be used for project mitigation and consistency: City of Chelan Shoreline Master Program, City of Chelan Comprehensive Plan, City of Chelan Municipal Code, City of Chelan Development Standards, International Building Code (IBC), International Fire Code (IFC), Applicable State and Federal regulations.

Public Hearing: N/A Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror October 12, 2022

# **Public Notices**

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of

BARBARA JUNE STEVENS,

Deceased. NO. 22-4-06420-7 SEA NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030) The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets Date of first publication: September 28, 2022 VICTOR MATTHEW STEVENS, Personal Representative LIBERTY B. UPTON, of KHBB Law PLLC. Attorney for PR Hoge Building Suite 800 705 Second Avenue Seattle, WA 98104 Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror September 28, October 5, 12, 2022#4623

# **Public Notices**

#### **CITY OF CHELAN - NOTICE OF DECISION**

On October 4, 2022, the City of Chelan Shoreline Administrator rendered a decision for APPROVAL of a permit for a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit. SSDP2022-03 Chelan Dam Seismic Station. For a copy of the decision, please call (509) 682-8017. Project Description: This request is for a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (SSDP) for the installation of a Seismic Monitor to monitor earth movements that may impact the safety of Lake Chelan Dam. Location: 422 Navarre St, Chelan, WA; Parcel: 27-22-13-410-200 Applicant/Agent: Applicant: Chelan County PUD, P.O. Box 1231. Wenatchee. WA 98807: Agent: Edrie Risdon; Chelan PUD, P.O. Box 1231, Wenatchee, WA 98807

Appeal Period: Pursuant to the Chelan Municipal Code 19.34 may seek an administrative appeal to the hearing examiner. Pursuant to RCW 90.58.180, anyone aggrieved by this decision may seek review from the Shorelines Hearings Board by filing a petition for review within twenty-one days from the date of actual receipt by the State Dept. of Ecology of the City's decision. The complete case file for the above application may be reviewed by contacting the City of Chelan Department of Planning & Community Development,

135 E. Johnson Avenue. Chelan WA. Contact: Devyn Walter, Associate Planner, PO Box 1669, Chelan, WA 98816, 509-682-8017 Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror October 12, 2022. #4671



#### **Public Notices**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KITSAP

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JASON B. WINTERS, Deceased. NO. 22-4-01021-18 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor provided under 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective to claims against Decedent's probate non-probate assets. Date of Filing Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court: September 16, 2022 Date of First Publication in Lake Chelan Mirror in Chelan County, WA: September 28, 2022 Personal Representative: Brent Winters Attorneys for Personal

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#### **Public Notices**

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** LCRD HAS ONE BOARD OF **DIRECTOR POSITION OPEN**

The Lake Chelan Reclamation District has Petitions of Nomination available for individuals who are interested in filing for a director position with the District.

There is one (1) position open, it is a three year commitment, beginning January 1, 2023. Petitions for the director positions must be returned to the Lake Chelan Reclamation District office by 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 7, 2022

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# How to relieve vaginal dryness

Q: Since menopause, I've noticed dryness and itching "down there." Is there anything besides hormone pills that can help?

Vaginal dryness and discomfort affect over 75% of postmenopausal women. These symptoms also commonly affect women taking anti-estrogen medicines for breast cancer.

Without estrogen, the vagina and birth canal cells begin to shrink or atrophy. They lose elasticity and secrete less lubricating fluid. This leads to feeling vaginal dryness, itching, and burning, and when you lose the lubrication of vaginal secretions, sexual activity can become quite painful.

Vaginal secretions are crucial to a healthy vaginal environment. They help create and maintain an optimal level of acidity in the vagina. This vaginal acidity supports the growth of "friendly" bacteria like lactobacillus and discourages yeast and certain bacterial infections.

The distress of vaginal discomfort and dryness can be relieved in several ways. You can apply a long-acting moisturizer, use a personal lubricant, or add estrogen to your vaginal

Replens® is a long-acting moisturizing gel that works for up to 3 days at a time. It's available without a prescription in 2 different forms. You can choose premeasured doses inside individual plastic applicators or one tube with a reusable applicator.

Vaginal moisturizers can relieve dryness and burning and make sexual intercourse more comfortable. However, a moisturizer alone won't reverse the changes in your vaginal cells, optimize the acidity of your vagina, or restore helpful lactobacillus.

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Vaginal lubricants differ from moisturizers and often contain silicones, oils, fragrances, and flavors. Lubricants ease symptoms of dryness and increase the comfort of sexual activity but do not optimize vaginal acid balance or encourage lactoba-

Applying a small amount of estrogen directly to vaginal cells restores their elasticity, acidity, and ability to secrete a lubricating fluid. This encourages beneficial lactobacillus while reducing dryness and burning.

Can breast cancer survivors safely use low-dose or a local vaginal estrogen to reverse the symptoms of vaginal discomfort? The evidence suggests YES. When applying it directly to vaginal cells, a little estrogen can make a big difference. When used at appropriate doses, vaginal estrogen doesn't create a detectable level in the blood which could act on endometrial or breast tissue.

There are several forms of local estrogen: vaginal creams used with an applicator (Premarin®, Estrace® or generic estradiol), vaginal tablets with Ask...

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individual applicators (Vagi-

tions for vaginal discomfort include Osphena® and Intrarosa®. Osphena® tablets mimic the effects of estrogen in vaginal tissue but block estrogen's action in breast tissue.

Intrarosa® is a tablet containing DHEA (dehydroepiandrosterone) inserted vaginally at bedtime. Intrarosa® is more effective at relieving vaginal dryness than other types of supplements containing DHEA.

Contact your doctor if you have significant vaginal discomfort. After checking for infection or other conditions, ask whether low-dose vaginal estrogen or another medicine is a possible option for you.

#### Here Are 6 Tips to Help Relieve Vaginal Discomfort:

## 1. Be consistent.

For best results, use vaginal moisturizers and estrogen consistently. Most estrogen products need to be applied at least twice weekly. Long-acting vaginal moisturizers can last for up to 3 days.

#### 2. Shop online if needed.

Although Replens® and Vagisil® moisturizers are available in most grocery stores and pharmacies, vaginal moisturizers containing hyaluronic acids like Good Clean Love's Bionourish® and Revaree® manufactured by Bonafide are harder to find.

#### 3. More can be better.

You can use a vaginal moisturizer in addition to locally applied estrogen to get more relief. For best results, apply moisturizer and estrogen on alternating days.

#### 4. Add a personal lubricant.

Try a personal lubricant if sexual contact is uncomfortable despite using a vaginal moisturizer with or without low-dose estrogen. There are many choices available today besides the old standby, K-Y Jelly®.

# 5. Know your options.

Discuss your options for vaginal estrogen and other medicines to relieve vaginal dryness with your doctor.

# 6. Shop around.

Even with insurance, prescription options for the relief of vaginal discomfort can be expensive. A 90-day supply of generic estradiol vaginal cream can be as low as \$60 or over \$400 for Premarin® cream, vaginal tablets, Estring® vaginal ring, Intrarosa®, and Osphena®.

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy, is a 43-year veteran of pharmacology and author of Why Dogs Can't Eat Chocolate: How Medicines Work and How YOU Can Take Them Safely. Get clear answers to your medication questions at her website and blog, TheMedicationInsider.com. ©2022 Louise Achey

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# **Experts Warn Homebuyers of Red Flags Beyond Climbing Interest Rates**

#### **MARY PRENON**

Over the past two years, houses nationwide were going like hotcakes, with sellers often receiving tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars over the asking price. Buyers often waived inspections and picked up some of the sellers' costs in dire hopes of securing that coveted single-family home.

While the landscape has now changed because of higher interest rates, many parts of the country are still seeing bidding wars, and home prices aren't yet experiencing a sharp decline. With inventory still lower than normal, many buyers remain hungry for a piece of the American Dream.

However, some experts are cautioning would-be homeowners about quickly jumping into the home-buying pool without doing their homework first.

"Listing prices are still high, and combined with the higher mortgage interest rates, people are going to be overpaying for their homes," Andre Stewart, CEO of InvestFar, a real estate marketplace and database firm, told The Epoch Times. "It's important for them to review their budget and make sure they're not getting in over their heads."

In the present market, the average homebuyer can expect to pay up to 25 percent more than a year ago.

"It's one thing if you're buying a home to live in it for a very long time, but most people live there for 5 to 10 years, and then resell it," Stewart said. "You want to make sure you're going to make money on that sale."

Stewart, author of "The Real Estate Investing Diet," advises potential buyers about other often-ignored "red flags" of home purchasing.

"During the pandemic, a lot of people were buying properties sight unseen, and they were skipping inspections," he said. "Getting a home inspection is extremely important—even with brandnew housing developments."

Because new construction costs have skyrocketed, Stewart warns that some new developments may not be completed as expected.

"There have been situations where people have purchased a home thinking the garage door would be arriving after they moved in, but it was never finished," he said. "It's worth the money to get the inspection so homeowners can have a full punch list of items to be completed before they close on the property."

Even luxury homes can harbor hidden problems, he added, such as mold.

Mark Aakjar, the owner of Mark's In-



A "For Sale" sign in front of a home in Miami on June 21, 2022.

A window air conditioning unit in Houston on July 21, 2022.



spections, has been servicing the New York metropolitan area for the past 14 years.

"Mold is now what asbestos was 15 years ago," he told The Epoch Times. "Mold can be anywhere—it's just a matter of what type and how much. Some people may not have any reaction to it, while others may suffer from allergies or severe respiratory issues."

Aakjar noted that, sometimes, the mold isn't visible.

"If I'm doing an inspection on a Manhattan apartment at the top of a 30-story building, I may not actually see evidence of mold, but an air test will indicate that mold is present. Then we have to start looking for it," he said.

Concerning new construction, he cited other common problems, such as

undersized boilers or air-conditioning units, improper insulation, poor-quality windows, and foundation cracks.

As a real estate finance expert, Michael Gifford cautions potential homeowners to complete their due diligence before making what will likely be the largest purchase of their lifetime. He's the CEO and co-founder of Splitero, which offers options to access home equity without incurring debt or additional monthly payments; the San Diego-based company offers cash to homeowners in exchange for a share of the home.

"I know there's still an urgency for people to want to jump into the market, but they need to make sure they're putting themselves in a proper position for the future," he told The Epoch Times. "And if they do decide to proceed, they always want to have a home inspection so they can understand exactly what they're buying."

Gifford noted that potential homeowners—especially first-time homebuyers—should educate themselves about the home's electrical, plumbing, heating, and air-conditioning systems, as well as things such as the age of the roof, condition of the basement, wells, septic tank, and the home's foundation.

While roofing and mold remediation can be costly, Aakjar noted that windows are often overlooked big-ticket items.

"Sometimes, builders will install rubber gaskets instead of metal ones, which after time can cause windows to constantly look foggy," he said. "Windows are a cosmetic, but if you have 25 windows that need to be replaced, you're looking at a major expense."

Potential homeowners also should be aware of any curling, damaged, or missing shingles on the roof, as well as the growth of mold or moss. Gutters, trees, oil tanks, and the placement of electrical outlets can be potential hazards, and basements often conceal hidden issues.

"The hardest thing is to predict how often or if a basement gets water," he said. "Telltale signs can be a washer or dryer a few feet off the floor. Just about every basement in the Northeast gets damp, so many homes will need a dehumidifier."

Aakjar highly recommends that homebuyers attend the inspection.

"Buying a home is a huge purchase, and they'll understand so much more when they're walking through and asking questions," he said.

Based on current red flags within the global economy, Stewart believes the housing market could be in for a dismal January and February 2023. Gifford predicts that things could swing back to a buyer's market early next year.

"The fourth quarters are historically lower due to the holiday season, so it's difficult to predict what's going to happen in the coming year," he noted.

Regarding home prices and interest rates, Gifford indicated it may be more difficult for sellers to get into a better home or something just as good for about the same amount of money. On the other hand, he said, buyers may be losing motivation because of rising costs associated with the increased mortgage rates.

"It always goes back to supply and demand," he said. "It's just a really tough situation predicting what turn things will take in the new year and where that will leave buyers and sellers."

# Beijing Arrested 1.43 Million People in 100-Day 'Public Security' Campaign Ahead of National Meeting

# MARY HONG

The regime in Beijing has detained 1.43 million people during a three-month campaign dubbed a "public security crackdown" ahead of the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) national meeting. However, not all those arrested are

As with other key Party events, the regime has tightened security in the capital in the lead-up to this month's all-important meeting known as the 20th National Congress, when Chinese leader Xi Jinping is expected to secure an unprecedented third term.

The regime's Ministry of Public Security, which set up the "100-day operation" that began on June 25, touted the campaign's success during a Sept. 27 press conference: More than 1.43 million people were arrested and 640,000 criminal cases were resolved.

However, many of the so-called suspects are simply ordinary Chinese citizens, including dissidents, activists, petitioners, Christians, and Falun Gong adherents.

# Enemies of the People

The regime claims the operation was the "hard fists" needed to protect vulnerable groups, such, as women, minors, the elderly, and the disabled.

The Chinese language edition of The Epoch Times learned that police targeted many non-criminals, including people who dared to speak up in defense of citizens in need.

Lawyer Chen Jiahong has been miss-



Paramilitary police officers march at Tiananmen Square in Beijing on June 4, 2020.

By defending our rights, we are fighting for democracy and freedom, which is our greatest hope in life.

Hu Jianguo, activist

ing since Sept. 24, when the police visited his home in Guangxi Province in southern China. Chen was previously imprisoned on a charge of "inciting subversion of state power" for his vocal support of victims of the "709 Crackdown," a 2015 mass arrest of civil rights lawyers and rights activists.

Xiang Jinfeng, an outspoken rights activist from Fujian Province on China's southeastern coast, was detained by local police in Longyan City on Sept. 1 on an unknown charge. His family was told only that the detention would last a month, Xiang's brother told The Epoch Times.

# CCP's Societal Risk Factor: Petitioners

Petitioning the government in Beijing has become routine for many Chinese

who believe their voices need to be heard by the authorities. However, they too have become targets of the latest op-

Hu Jianguo, a Shanghai activist, once said, "By defending our rights, we are fighting for democracy and freedom, which is our greatest hope in life."

For two weeks, police have been stationed in his garage, watching him day and night, just to prevent him from going to Beijing to petition the government, he told The Epoch Times on Sept. 28.

Hu said that some other Shanghai petitioners such as Yang Yonglan, Gu Guoping, and Peng Miaolin and her daughter Peng Jun also are under 24-hour police surveillance.

"I told those communists that they are all embezzlers and thieves who keep money abroad and bully the people," he said. "For that, they sent a few more people [to my home], even a van was parked right outside watching us."

Since 2005, the annual number of petitions in China has remained as high as 10 million, according to a 2013 book titled, "Petitions, Democracy, and the Rule of Law: China Topics," by City University of HK Press.

In fact, the total number of complaints about the regime's governance reached 10.24 million nationally in 2000, according to a 2005 research paper by Xiong Yihan, a political science researcher at Fudan University.

#### Zero-COVID Versus Zero-Petitioners

In 2021 alone, there were more than

3.8 million complaints specifically addressed to the state anti-corruption offices: the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection and the National Supervision Commission.

The regime claimed that corrupt officials at the grassroots level are the major cause of mass incidents.

To crack down on corruption, local officials initiated a "zero-petitioners" campaign.

Shanxi Province adopted the zeropetitioners initiative in 2020 as one of the main tasks of the provincial standing committee of the CCP. This year, the Education Bureau of Jiyuan, in Henan Province, also promoted the zero-petition initiative to ensure proper implementation of the zero-COVID

Wu Shaoping, a human rights lawyer in the United States, said the CCP's harsh controls have created a state of tension and anxiety among the entire society. The pandemic is only an excuse to control people.

He believes the CCP is fully aware that "people's madness [anger] and protests may lead to the collapse of the regime."

In a 2009 interview with the Voice of America, human rights lawyer Jiang Tianyong said that many petitioners were finally "enlightened" through decades of petitioning.

"They realized it's not just the grassroots officials who are corrupt, but the further they went on with their petitionings, the darker it would get."

Jiang, who also was arrested in the 709 Crackdown, has been under house arrest and 24-hour police watch since his release in 2019 after two years of imprisonment.

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