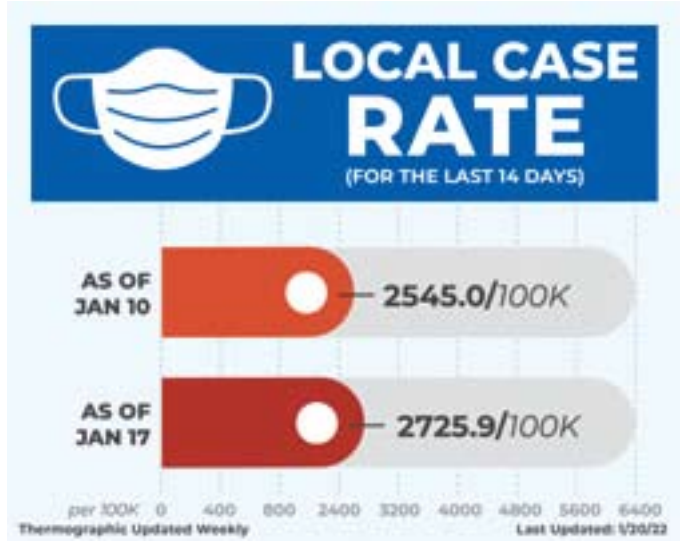




Manson Apple Blossom Royalty to be selected Jan. 29
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Courtesy Chelan Douglas Health District
Cases of COVID continue climb in Chelan and Douglas Counties.

Free At-home COVID tests now available

BY CHRISTIE VOOS AND MEGAN SOKOL

NCW - Every home in the United States is eligible to get 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests via the website www.covidtests.gov.

Deliveries cannot be sent to a P.O. Box or an address that doesn't receive mail. Orders typically 7-12 days to arrive, with earliest shipments arriving late January.

As of writing, the site may be slow due to it's quick release date. Problems have arisen for those who live in multi-family residences.

If you are still having trouble placing orders, make sure to file a service request online here: <https://email.usps.com/s/the-postal-store-inquiry>, or call 800-ASK-USPS.

COVID Vaccines
Dates, times and pre-registration details are available at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pfizer-drive-thru-covid-19-vaccine-clinic-at-lincoln-elementary-registration-205358411537> or at <https://lakechelanhealth.org/covid-19/>

Testing
The Chelan Douglas Health District (CDHD) is operating a community testing site at the Town Toyota Center on 1300 Walla Walla Avenue in Wenatchee. Due to high demand and limited test supplies, please note the following:

- Testing is only available for symptomatic individuals
- Testing site is open Monday-Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Pre-registration is required. Pre-register at www.cdhd.wa.gov. For help with pre-registration call 509-903-3900.

Chelan Fire & Rescue pins three



One chief and three firefighters took their oaths and were pinned at the regular Chelan Fire & Rescue board of commissioners meeting on January 19,

held at the Chelan Fire Station and via Zoom. LEFT TO RIGHT: Chelan Fire & Rescue Fire Chief Brandon Asher, gets pinned by his girlfriend Alysha Ottrix;

Firefighter/EMT Brandon Fogelson gets pinned by his wife Wendy Fogelson; and Firefighter/LT Ron Simmons get pinned by Fire Chief Brandon Asher.

Splashing for dollars Lake Chelan Winterfest wraps up for 2022



The Viki Downey Polar Bear Plunge was held Jan. 23 at Manson Bay Park. Over 100 swimmers took the plunge raising \$20,512 for Lake Chelan Swim Lessons. CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: A swimmer get helps with his 'costume', swimmers take the plunge, two swimmers model their grass skirts and wigs, and two swimmers acclimate themselves to the chilly waters of Lake Chelan before the take the plunge.



Lake Chelan Winterfest 2022 wrapped up its second weekend in the valley in downtown Manson over the weekend with fireworks and the Ice Sculpture Fire Tower on Saturday evening. BELOW CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Festival goers place their written wishes in the ice tower, the ice tower after it was lite on fire; and festival goers write their wishes, before placing them the ice tower.



Lake Chelan Valley Events, Things to do, Meetings

Echo Ridge conditions, memberships
Echo Ridge Loppet scheduled for Feb. 5
Current conditions

CHELAN - Current conditions for Echo Ridge, information on Season Passes, and Lake Chelan Nordic Club memberships can be found at LakeChelanNordic.org Mark your calendar for the 2022 Echo Ridge Loppet on Feb. 5.

Echo Valley Ski/Tube conditions

CHELAN - Echo Valley Ski/Tube is open for the ski and tubing season. For condition, hours of operation and tickets information go to skiechovalley.com, click Tickets, scroll down to How to Purchase.

Winter Art Exhibit: Now thru Feb. 27

MANSON - The Lake Chelan Arts Council Winter Art Exhibit, will be held at Radiance Downtown, 71 Wapato Way, in Manson. The art show and sale opened on January 14 and continues every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through February 27. Check www.radiancewinery.com for hours. The theme of the show is "Artist's Choice" and the Arts Council has a wide variety of artworks will be on exhibit for the Chelan Valley community and its many visitors to enjoy. Check their website at www.artinchelan.com for more information on the exhibit plus many other arts related features.

American Legion ladies night: Jan. 27

BREWSTER - Brewster American Legion Columbia Post 97 is shifting its 2022 promotions into overdrive - or some kind of drive - with the ultimate ladies night presentation of the Exotic Legends Male Revue, 7-10 p.m., Jan. 27. Tickets for sale online or at the post. Visit the Legion's Facebook site facebook.com/American-Legion-Columbia-Post-97-136344203093823/ for more details.

Glass recycle: Jan. 29 Volunteers needed

CHELAN - Rotary of Lake Chelan 911 Glass Rescue is open on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m.-noon, at 23235 Highway 97A across from WalMart, weather permitting. They are charging a small fee per pound for glass drop-off. Buckets of the materials produced, sand and aggregate, will be available for purchase at \$5 per 5-gallon bucket. City of Chelan residents are asked not to put glass into their blue recycle bins,

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Courtesy Manson School District

Manson School District chosen to represent Washington for OSPI's winter recognition event

Manson School Districts band program, under the direction of Matt Brown was chosen to represent Washington for OSPI's Annual Winter Recognition Event. Brown contacted by the OSPI Arts Coordinator, Janet Hayakawa, in early October that his band program had been chosen. Chris Reykdal, Washington State School Superintendent of Public Instruction thanked the Manson bands for sharing their talents and perseverance during a challenging time. Watch at: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=f5AKYLqY1Ss>. The theme for this year's performance was "Re-Animation," a collaboration of the music and art departments (led by Wendy Schramm) in an effort to combine multiple senses into a solitary piece. To watch the entire band performance that the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) helped create for the school, complete with student interviews go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=84lo4Wj1Bd-w&fbclid=IwAR0iyFTXVg1jvLHpoJyS13dJUpk21YvFQo5MG1cisKzBDuU-oxP9m9z5SD0>

LEFT: Manson Jazz Band. INSET: Art from the Manson Art Department

City of Chelan Parks meeting set for February 2

Learn about the cities Master Plan for the parks

CHELAN - The City of Chelan will hold a Parks Meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 5-7 p.m. at Chelan City Hall for the public to learn about the Master Plan for the cities public parks.

It will be a two part meeting:

Part 1. Designers working on a master plan for Chelan's Public Waterfront will present their latest design iteration. Our waterfront includes about 2,000 linear feet of publicly accessible lake frontage. This is among the most important real estate in Chelan and has economic development, health, quality of life, and recreational implications for our community. The design incorporates public

feedback from the last iteration, park survey results, professional design practices and departmental vision.

Part 2. Parks Planners working on our overall Parks System Master Plan will present their findings to date. This will include results from the survey that you've hopefully filled out. The survey is one of the most powerful tools in a planner's toolbox to gauge what park facilities are important to a given Community.

WA CARE Act Fund extended for an additional 18 months

Legislation working on finding immediate solutions

MEGAN SOKOL, STAFF WRITER

OLPYMPIA - On Dec. 23, Gov. Jay Inslee announced that the Long-term care tax would be put on hold past the Jan. 1, 2022 due date. Now both House Democrats and House Republicans are introducing substitute bills that hope to mend holes within the original bill.

The Long-term care tax, or what is commonly dubbed the Care tax, is a bill meant to provide long-term care and services to those who do not currently have a private long-term insurance plan.

Benefits include covering home-delivered meals and

reimbursing unpaid family caregivers. The benefits are capped at \$36,500, with an annual increase that is determined by future inflation.

Employers would take a 0.58% tax out of every worker's paycheck. After 10 years, employees can start drawing funds from their individual account, or within 3 years if they experience a disabling/traumatic event.

The Care tax was signed into law back in April of 2019, however many workers and those who would be most affected by the bill did not hear about the Care tax until nearly before or after the Nov. 1 deadline to opt-out.

The drawbacks to this bill include lack of coverage for those nearing retirement in less than 10 years, no income cap for those who make a higher income, and permanent restriction to the accrued Care act funds once a resident moves out

of state.

Employees wanting to opt-out are required to include proof of a separate private long-term care insurance plan. In addition, employees would be permanently exempt from the CARE Act Fund once they opt-out.

On Nov. 9, a class action lawsuit was filed against the Long-term care act, claiming that the program is invalid due to it being preempted by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), while also violating multiple state and federal laws.

During the 60-day legislative period of 2022, the House Democrats introduced two bills. On Jan. 21, legislators officially passed the first bill: an 18-month extension given to fix program which will give them time to edit the bill. The second bill proposed additional exemptions to the tax, specifically to "enable

military spouses, disabled veterans, border state residents, and non-immigrant visa holders to voluntarily exempt themselves from premiums for the WA Cares program." Decision on that was officially brought to the Senate's public hearing on Jan. 24.

House Republicans also introduced two bills, one which would fully repeal the program with no other service taking its place. The second bill would also include repealing the program, but by replacing it with an "affordable and optional long-term care insurance coverage."

As of now, both bills introduced by House Republicans have been referred to the appropriations committee.

Any funds taken out of an employee's paycheck meant for the WA Cares Act would need to be returned until further notice.

Ballots have been mailed for the February 8, Special Election

CHELAN/PATEROS - Chelan County Auditor, Skip Moore has announced that ballots for the February 8 Special Election have been mailed for the following districts: Lake Chelan School District No. 129 and Pateros School District No. 122-70J.

Ballots must be postmarked or deposited into an official ballot drop box by February 8 at 8 p.m.

For additional information please visit their website www.elections.chelancountywa.gov

If you have not received your ballot, please contact the election's office at 509-667-6808.



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July 2022 Proposed Phase One Service Plan

Improvements to the bus system proposed for July 2022 represent the first phase of changes to provide faster, more direct service throughout the day. Other benefits include the following:

- Buses that arrive more often serving popular destinations in the Wenatchee/East Wenatchee area, including Walmart and Central Washington Hospital
- Express service connecting Leavenworth and Wenatchee
- In Chelan, addition of local circulators and a new regional connection from Waterville
- Service to new areas, including South Wenatchee, Saddle Rock trailhead, Chelan Falls, and Icicle Road in Leavenworth

Additional improvements to the system will be added in future phases.

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Manson Apple Blossom Royalty to be selected Jan. 29

Manson Apple Blossom Selection will be held Saturday, January 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Manson High School (masks required) or online Livestream through MansonAppleBlossom

Facebook page. You can vote in person or online and cost is \$10 in person or online. Five candidates are vying for the royal court. Candidates

are Emely Valencia-Suarez, Cara Hutton, Raven Pope, Lydia Cameron, and Paige Schoenwald.



Lydia Cameron



Cara Hutton



Raven Grace Pope



Paige Schoenwald

Lydia Cameron

Lydia is the daughter of Kevin Cameron and Juliana England and is sister to 23-year-old Mason, 21-year-old Bailey, 14-year-old Arianna and 12-year-old Gabriel.

Throughout her high-school career she has enjoyed trying a different sport each year, besides 2020. Softball her freshman year, track and field her junior year, and this year she did wrestling and will do track again in the spring.

Lydia enjoys playing the bass guitar and ukulele with her father, and singing in the kitchen with her mother. After graduating, Lydia plans on attending Big Bend Community College, and after two years, transferring to Washington State University, and hopes to become a Psychodynamic Therapist.

Lydia's favorite TV show is Dawson's Creek and her favorite novel is The Secret Garden.

Lydia wants to be Manson Apple Blossom Royalty, because this ceremony is one of the fondest memories of her childhood with her grandmother, who before her passing, volunteered with Apple Blossom. She feels participating is the best way she can honor her grandmother, and the memories they shared.

Cara Hutton

Cara is the daughter of Jon and Alex Hutton and Fletcher and Amy Ellingson, and older sibling to her 9th grade sister Camille.

Cara is currently ASB President, FBLA Vice-President, and National Honors Society Secretary. She has participated in varsity cross country and track, taking on the responsibility of team captain for the girls cross country team her freshman through junior year.

Cara has over a decade of dance training with the privilege of going on to teach level one classes her freshman and sophomore

years. Cara loves to give back to her community and one of the most recent volunteer opportunities she's had has been at the Hope Care Clinic in Wenatchee, as well as The Grace House during the holidays this year.

In school, Cara and Emely Valencia have taken on renovating Manson High School's greenhouse and garden area in hopes of giving back to the district for years to come by providing an opportunity for students to explore horticulture and grow fresh produce.

Cara also enjoys outdoor activities with her family, reading new books, and cooking. After graduation, Cara will attend a four-year university where she plans to study in the area of the health sciences.

Cara's favorite TV show is Atypical and she is a diehard fan of the Harry Potter book series.

Raven Grace Pope

Raven is the 18-year-old daughter of Holly Libby and Jose Mendoza, she has five sisters and eight brothers. I would list the names but we would be here all day.

She has involved herself in National Honors Society junior and senior year, FBLA freshman through senior year, and FFA for freshman, sophomore, and senior year. She has also participated in varsity softball eighth grade to senior year, varsity cross country eighth grade to her sophomore year, soccer for junior and senior year becoming captain for senior year. In winter she has done varsity wrestling the past two years. She has also done pink glove boxing from eighth to sophomore year.

In Raven's spare time she enjoys various activities like hanging out with friends and especially hanging out with her siblings, adventures outdoors, skiing, running, swimming, and soaking up the glorious sun. After Raven graduates she plans to join the Marines while studying criminal justice at one of the four colleges she has been accepted to.

Raven's favorite TV show is Duck Dynasty and she enjoys reading the book "Skeleton Creek" by Patrick Carman.

Why I want to be Apple Blossom royalty? I want to show others that no matter how hard your past or present is, you can accomplish anything you work towards. I believe this community is a family that is willing to be there for you.

Paige Schoenwald

Paige is the daughter of Travis and Megan Schoenwald. She is the younger sister of Ethan (21), Parker (19), and the older sister of Tanner (15), Colby (13), Mia (11), Eli (9), Spencer (6), Tate (4).

Paige has been active in many sports over her high school career. She has played volleyball, cross country, soccer, basketball and softball. She was also selected as a soccer captain both years along with captain on the softball team her junior year. Future Business Leaders of America and Knowledge Bowl are also among the extracurricular activities. Paige has raised a pig for FFA for several years and was chosen as FFA sentinel this year. She is very active in her church and loves working and learning with the girls her age.

After graduating Paige plans on attending Western Washington University in the fall majoring in kinesiology to become a personal trainer.

Paige's favorite show is New Girl and her favorite novel is the Selection series by Keira Cass. She also enjoys reading, skiing, athletics, fishing, hunting, working out and playing games with her family.

Paige feels that participating in Apple Blossom will fuel her ever growing love for this community by being able to represent it. She would like to follow her mother's footsteps as a member of the



Emely Valencia-Suarez

Apple Blossom royalty and serve this community that has served her family for generations.

Emely Valencia-Suarez

Emely is the daughter of Jorge and Angelica Valencia and is sister to 31-year-old Danny Valencia-Suarez, 27-year-old Alexis Valencia-Suarez, and 25-year-old Marisol Valencia-Suarez.

Emely is the president for our school's Future Business Leaders of America and National Honors Society Treasurer, she has participated in Future Business leaders of America since freshman grade and has achieved competing at the state level. During her participation in Manson's Honors Society she has been able to help Spanish speaking 2nd graders in the reading buddy program. Her love for sports has allowed her to participate in cross country her freshman and sophomore year, as well as girls soccer her junior and senior year. She, along with Cara Hutton, are participating in a project to renovate a greenhouse owned by the school and make it a sustainable project for the future to come.

In her spare time, Emely enjoys boating with her family as well as spending time out on the lake. She also enjoys unwinding by hiking and camping with her family and friends. Some of her hobbies include baking, traveling and going for runs. After graduating, Emely plans to attend the University of Washington to later attend medical school and pursue a career in medicine. Emely's favorite TV show is Parks and Recreation and her favorite novel is The Long Journey to Jake Palmer.

Why do I want to be Apple Blossom Royalty? "I want to be Manson Apple Blossom Royalty because I want to be a role model for the younger girls within our community. I would also be proud to represent the community that I come from and show that the support they have given me is very appreciated."

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Joanna (Joan) A. Goodlund



Joanna was born in Wau-paca, Wisconsin in 1933 to Walter Anderson and Johanna Hoy. She was raised on a rural farm and was one of six children. She attended

Dana College in Blair, Nebraska. In 1953 she married Gordon Goodlund of Deming, Washington. Together they owned and operated Goodies Restaurant in Seattle for 25 years before retiring and becoming apple orchardists in Manson. They were married for 51 years prior to his death in 2004. She was a lifelong mem-

ber of the Lutheran Church (Lake Chelan and Green Valley, Arizona). She loved Duplicate Bridge and was a member of three different groups where she developed many wonderful friendships. Family, friends, church, gardening, home decorating, her Danish heritage and her two beloved cats were her greatest enjoyments in life.

She had a very active life until the last few years when she developed dementia and declining health. She was predeceased by her husband, Gordon Goodlund in 2004 and siblings Laurie, Stanley, Anita, Anona and Shirli. She is survived by her children Randall (Maureen) Goodlund of Snohomish,

Andrea Hoey of Wenatchee; grandsons Cameron and Colin Hoey, Wenatchee; great-granddaughter Kody Marie Hoey, East Wenatchee. A service will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent in her name to the American Cancer Society or the Wenatchee Valley Humane Society.

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but to bring it out on Saturday mornings. Their all-volunteer team relies on support from members of the community to make the operation run smoothly every week. They have tasks suitable for all ages and abilities. To volunteer go to www.911glassrescue.org, and click on the volunteer tab on the home page.

Food Bank food distribution: Jan. 29, Feb. 1

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 off at the Lake Chelan Mirror office, 131 S. Apple Blossom Drive, Ste. 109 (Chelan Business Center).

Youth Air Rifle Target Shooting: Jan. 30

BREWSTER - The Brewster American Legion will host Youth Air Rifle Target Shooting on Sunday, January 30 Legion Youth at 12:30 p.m. For more information call Greg Wagg at 206-550-6474.

Chelan Friends of the Library: Feb. 1

CHELAN - Chelan Friends of the Public Library will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 4 p.m. at the Chelan Public Library. The annual meeting agenda will include board members/officer selection, proposed 2022 budget update and bylaws update. Come help support our local library. For information, Pat LaPorte, 682-1172.

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics: Feb. 5

CHELAN - Lake Chelan EMS will have a COVID-19 Vaccine Drive-thru Clinic on Saturday, February 5, 9-11 a.m., at the Chelan Fire Station, 232 E. Wapato Ave., Chelan. Registration is available at <https://lakechelanhealth.org/covid-19/>

Manson's Night to Remember: Feb. 10

MANSON - Manson Chamber of Commerce will recognize their finest Thursday, February 10, 6-8 p.m. This year the theme is "The Roaring 20's". The Crossroads Restaurant at Mill Bay Casino will be transformed with glamour, glitz and lots of sparkle. They will look back at the Manson Community in 2021 with the fondest of memories and great appreciation for those who work, teach, volunteer and inspire us to strive to be our best. Lots of surprises in store. Watch for ticket sales on their website moretomanson.com.

CHELAN COUNTY SHERIFF/FIRE/EMS

Chelan County Sheriff
January 14
 00:50 Disturbance, 317 S. Sanders St., Chelan.
 08:32 Hazard, Boyd Rd. & SR 150, Chelan.
 10:00 Theft, 610 A SR 150, Manson.
 11:25 Disturbance, 14070 Kinzel St., Entiat.
 11:57 Diversion, 7794 Entiat River Rd., Entiat.
 12:48 Assist Public, 416 N. Cedar St. #2, Chelan.
 12:48 Suspicious Activity, 216 N. Wilson St., Chelan.
 14:22 Abuse, 315 E. Wapato Ave., Chelan.
 15:09 Alarm, 101 Crystal Dr.,

Chelan.
 19:53 Disturbance, 25 Wapato Point Pkwy., Manson.
 22:18 Theft, 106 W. Manson Rd., Chelan.
January 15
 08:29 Domestic Disturbance, 399 Lakeshore Dr., Manson.
 08:50 Property, 0Blk N. Apple Blossom Dr., Chelan.
 09:19 Hazard, 121 Monte Carlo Dr., Chelan.
 09:35 Civil, 14642 King St., Entiat.
 10:42 Welfare Check, Dry Lake, Manson.
 11:33 Recovered Stolen Vehicle, E. Woodin Ave. & N. Sanders St., Chelan.
 13:59 Non-Injury Accident, 70 Shypoke Pl., Entiat.
 14:04 Burglary, 319 N. Sanders St., Chelan.
 18:10 Hazard, SR 150 & Gala Ave., Chelan.
 19:20 Trespassing, 660 Riverview Cemetery Rd., Chelan.
 19:24 Driving Under the Influence, 207 N. Emerson St., Chelan.
 19:31 Trespassing, 828 E. Wapato Ave., Chelan.
 20:46 Theft, 108 N. Apple Blossom Dr., Chelan.
January 16
 01:50 Theft, 33 Chandler Rd. #11, Manson.
 02:26 Prowler, 216 N. Wilson St., Chelan.
 02:35 Prowler, 12860 Entiat River Rd., Entiat.
 05:46 Welfare Check, 2218 W. Prospect St., Chelan.
 10:07 Traffic Offense, 301 E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
 11:18 Assist Public, 431 Wyoming St., Chelan Falls.
 12:40 Noise, 70 Wapato Way, Manson.
 15:00 Attempt to Locate/Contact, 1105 Washington Ave., Chelan Falls.
 15:58 Theft, 108 N. Apple Blossom Dr., Chelan.
 16:07 Fraud/Forgery, 2220 W. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
 20:26 Suspicious Activity, 131 E. Nixon Ave., Chelan.
 21:51 Non-Injury Accident, US Hwy. 97A MP 210, Entiat.
January 17
 06:16 Alarm, 407 E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
 08:27 Theft, 245 Crystal Dr., Chelan.
 08:43 Alarm, 15 Hale St., Manson.
 10:33 Trespassing, 610 A SR 150,

Manson.
 11:17 Theft, 610 A SR 150, Manson.
 11:42 Trespassing, 117 E. Wapato Ave., Chelan.
 12:15 Hazard, SR 150 & Boyd Rd., Chelan.
 14:19 Welfare Check, 516 E. Johnson Ave., Chelan.
 15:16 Fraud/Forgery, 15333 Lakeview St., Entiat.
 15:26 Trespassing, 418 E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
 17:20 Theft, 29 Honeycrisp Ln., Manson.
 20:40 Civil, 2220 W. Woodin Ave. #207, Chelan.
January 18
 00:14 Traffic Offense, Lenore Dr. & SR 150, Chelan.
 01:53 Alarm, 138 Hillcrest Pl., Chelan.
 05:50 Suspicious Activity, 14907 US Hwy. 97A, Entiat.
 08:34 Fraud/Forgery, 455 Wapato Lake Rd., Manson.
 08:50 Alarm, 100 N. Apple Blossom Dr., Chelan.
 08:58 Welfare Check, 509 E. Gibson Ave. #5, Chelan.
 11:14 Theft, 514 E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
 19:24 Vehicle Prowl, 4105 US Hwy. 97A, Chelan.
January 19
 08:39 Non-Injury Accident, 108 N. Apple Blossom Dr., Chelan.
 13:40 Suspicious Activity, 128 E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
 13:46 Miscellaneous, SR 150 MP 11, Chelan.
 14:35 Welfare Check, 418 E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
 16:10 Alarm, 58 Ward Ln., Manson.
 16:19 Welfare Check, 315 E. Wapato Ave., Chelan.
January 20

05:00 Malicious Mischief, 418 E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
 05:02 Alarm, 150 Makai Rd., Manson.
 05:29 Hazard, No See Um Roundabout, Chelan.
 07:28 Suspicious Activity, 210 W. Gibson Ave., Chelan.
 09:00 Welfare Check, 1058 E. Woodin Ave. #D, Chelan.
 09:52 911 Call, 418 E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
 11:30 Drugs, 210 E. Gibson Ave. #14, Chelan.
 11:38 Trespassing, 4105 US Hwy. 97A, Chelan.
 15:03 911 Call, 108 N. Apple Blossom Dr., Chelan.
 17:04 Noise, 270 Upper Joe Creek Rd., Manson.
 18:04 Harassment/Threat, 915 E. Trow Ave., Chelan.
 19:20 Theft, 1127 E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.

January 17
 Chelan Fire District #7
 12:22 Fall, 505 E. Highland Ave., Chelan.
Entiat Fire District
 14:45 Sick Person, 1038 Crest Loop, Entiat.
 17:57 Injury Accident, US Hwy. 97A MP 222, Chelan.
Chelan EMS
 10:22 Chest Pain, 347 Willow Point Rd., Manson.
January 18
Manson Fire District
 12:17 Residential Alarm, 60 Parkhill Dr., Manson.
Entiat Fire District
 18:53 Fall, 2787 Entiat River Rd., Entiat.
January 19
 Chelan Fire District #7
 11:45 Fall, 510 N. Cedar St. # 107, Chelan.
January 20

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January 14
Chelan Fire District #7
 18:41 Breathing Problem, 320 E. Nixon Ave., Chelan.
January 15
Chelan Fire District #7
 08:58 Fall, 505 E. Highland Ave., Chelan.
 18:20 Possible Structure Fire, 329 Highpoint Pl., Chelan.
January 16
 Chelan Fire District #7
 11:42 Psychiatric, 210 W. Gibson Ave. #2, Chelan.
 23:08 Fall, 224 W. Highland Ave., Chelan.
Chelan EMS
 04:57 Transfer, Three Rivers Hospital, Chelan.

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## CHELAN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL

By COACH NICK LONGMIRE,  
CHELAN HIGH SCHOOL  
GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Chelan varsity girls vs Cashmere January 21

CHELAN - The Lady Bulldogs of Cashmere were hosted by the Lady Goats of Chelan on Friday night for the final regular season meeting between these two teams. The Goats coming off of a win against Omak were eager to face a dominant Cashmere team who has an active 70 game CTL winning streak. The Goats were in a close one against the Bulldogs in the first meeting and looked forward to a chance to end the long streak that Cashmere has earned.

The Goats started out slow offensively, having trouble finding shot opportunities. With starting small forward Kira Sandoval out with a leg injury the Goats were going to have to find scoring and defense from other areas. The quarter ended at 9-2 in favor of the Bulldogs. The Goats hung with the Bulldogs however despite Aliyah Finch, Chelan's starting post, getting into foul trouble early and found themselves down by 8 going into halftime.

In the third quarter Chelan

found their offensive rhythm but the Bulldogs stayed just out of reach as they finished with 3 more than the Goats, setting up the 4th quarter with the Goats dug deep and upped the defensive pressure only allowing 6 points by the Bulldogs and added 8 themselves. It wasn't enough for the Mt. Goats however and the Goats ended up falling to the Bulldogs 30-39.

"We knew we were going to have to fight hard against a very good Cashmere team. I am so proud of how our team played tonight. As many teams have battled with players on the Covid roster we have hobbled through our schedule finding ourselves in a position to fight for 2nd place in our league. Though we always have room to improve, tonight's level of play was strong. I remind our kids often that it is not how we start but how we finish. They fought hard all the way through tonight's game and I can hear it in their voices that they believe we can win as we move forward," stated Chelan's Coach Nick Longmire.

#### Scoring

All scores were led by Aliyah Finch with 16 points. Joslynn Simmons had 6. Beau Nordby added 4 points and Arabelle Finch and Morgyn Har-



Trinada Caro/LCM

Chelan player Morgyn Harrison launches herself into the air as she tries to land a shot in Cashmere's net. Cashmere players

rison each contributed 2.

The Goats took the weekend off before facing Quincy on the road on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

### Chelan varsity girls vs Omak January 18

Tuesday night the Omak Pioneers traveled to Chelan. In the first match up against

these two teams Omak finished on top in a 47-46 win in Omak. This was Chelan's first game in about a week and a half due to multiple Chelan athletes on the Covid roster.

## CHELAN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL

By COACH ANTHONY CALLERO,  
CHELAN HIGH SCHOOL  
BOYS BASKETBALL

### Chelan 64 Cashmere 33 January 21

#### Chelan Top Scores:

Nate Harding 19  
Dylan Jay 16  
Reed Stamps 16

CHELAN - The Mountain Goats played with tremendous hustle on the defensive end of the floor and held Cashmere to 5,8,12, and 8 points per quarter.

Chelan got a huge win on their home court and in doing so earned an appearance in the District 6 Championship game vs Quincy. That game will be between the Caribou Trail's #1 and #2 teams. It will be played at Wenatchee High School on February 10 at 8 p.m.

The Caribou Trail League champion is yet to be crowned. Quincy and Chelan are both 8-1 and each have three games left including a matchup on Tuesday, January 25 in Quincy.

"The boys were determined and unselfish. When they give great effort it is fun to watch," said Coach Callero.

### January 19

### Chelan 88 at Cascade 56 Chelan Leading Scorers:



Trinada Caro/LCM

Cashmere player Elijah Hinkle and Chelan player Dylan Jay go head to head.

Nate Harding 30  
Reed stamps 22  
Dylan Jay 12  
Braiden Boyd 12

LEAVENWORTH - The Mountain Goats used an explosive 52 point second half to secure the win.

The Cascade Kodiaks start-

ed the game with an early lead and trailed by just two at the end of the first quarter 22-20. The Goats played better defense in the second quarter and limited the Kodiaks to just seven second quarter points.

Chelan improves to 11-5 overall. They have won seven

in a row, and 10 of their last 12.

They move into first place tie in the Caribou Trail League with Quincy at 7-1.

### January 18

#### Chelan Leading Scorers

Reed Stamps 20  
Nate Harding 16



Megan Sokol/LCM

Cascade player Kai Lewman and Chelan player Nate Harding battle it out, with Chelan player Reed Stamps in the background.

Dylan Jay 11  
Isaac Wilson 8

the inability to keep Omak's Jovan Mercado off the free throw line. The crafty point guard scored 24 points and got to the line four times and made 8 of 8 free throws.

Chelan has now won six in row, 9 of their last 11.

They improved to 10-5 Overall and 6-1 in the Caribou Trail League.

Chelan used balanced scoring and stingy defense throughout the game. The Goats built up a 10 point lead at half and then started the third quarter with a 14-2 run to put the game out of reach.

The one disappointing part of the defensive night was

## THE WASHINGTON OUTDOORS REPORT

By JOHN KRUSE, THE  
WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

The COVID Pandemic put the kibosh on trade shows for the last two years to include the Shooting, Hunting Outdoor Trade Show (SHOT Show) held every January at the Sands Expo in Las Vegas, Nevada. This year though, SHOT Show went on as scheduled though it was a very different experience.

SHOT Show is not open to the public, just to people who work in the industry which includes not only hunting and shooting sports enthusiasts, but also law enforcement and military personnel who want to check out the latest firearms, ammunition and other products available with an eye towards ordering them.

This is a huge show. In 2020 there were 2,338 exhibitors and attendees came not only from all 50 states, but also 78 countries around the world. SHOT Show is the biggest trade show of its type and the 19th largest trade show in the world. During a typical year there are north of 60,000 attendees and this year the National Shooting Sports Foundation, which runs this event, expanded the floor space for exhibitors with hundreds of booths occupying not only the two floors of the Sands Expo, but also the adjoining Caesar's Forum. The NSSF states if you walk every aisle of the show, you'll cover 13.9 miles.

In past years you saw firearms and ammunition manufacturers from Washington State exhibit at this show but several of these Washington based businesses have either closed or moved to more politically and business friendly states that welcome the firearms industry. Despite that, there were several Washington based businesses at SHOT Show to include: Fort Discovery Inc. - A tactical training center based in Sequim Northwest Outfitting - A deer and elk outfitting service Rite in the Rain - Manufacturing waterproof pens Seattle Engraving Center - Producing custom, engraved, premium firearms Cascade Precision - Manufacturing accessories for weapons American Shooting Journal - published by Media Index Inc. in Tukwila

SHOT Show kicks off with an Industry Day at the Range. This takes place at the Clark County Shooting Complex in Boulder City. The sprawling complex is 2,900 acres, the largest in the nation. Media professionals arrived there on Monday morning to shoot various new models, shells and cartridges from the plethora of manufacturers there at the range.

I gravitated towards the shotgun area and enjoyed shooting a well-built single shot model 555 Trap Shotgun from Savage Arms as well as a unique shotgun from the JTS Group, a Kalashnikov style shotgun with a five-round magazine. Much to my surprise, it broke flying clay pigeons with ease, not

something I was expecting from a tactical firearm. Talking to Mike Reilly with the JTS group he said the shotgun actually works well for hunting and he had used it on a sandhill crane hunt this season in the Dakotas with great success. Reilly did caution you do have to put an easy to install plug in the magazine so that the firearm only shoots three rounds, the maximum limit when it comes to bird hunting.

As much fun as the shooting was (I literally couldn't miss!) I think my favorite part of the day was taking a beefy electric bike out on a sandy, hilly and rocky test track set up in the Nevada desert. The e-bike in question was a JEEP e-bike from QuietKat. Ryan Spinks, marketing manager for the Colorado based company, told me they specialize in manufacturing tough, all-terrain electric bikes used by hunters and other outdoors enthusiasts who want to go further into the backcountry than you can on foot. Spinks also showed me trailers that can be towed by their bikes big enough to haul in a good deal of camping gear or haul out a deer. The bike performed extremely well on the test track, even for this middle-aged, somewhat overweight rider and the electric motor allowed you to climb all of the steep hills on the track with effort at all.

The rest of the week SHOT Show happened at the Sands Expo Center. Attendance was

down by about a third from previous years and approximately 10 to 15 percent of the exhibitors were no shows due to covid concerns. In fact, several exhibitors who planned on attending had to cancel at the very last minute because either they or a direct family member caught the omicron variant of covid just before the show started. Usually there are a number of celebrity appearances, numerous press conferences and happy hours where beer and wine are served at certain booths by exhibitors. This year, very little of this occurred.

The bright side about the lesser attendance meant I got to spend more time with exhibitors who are normally very pressed for time. A case in point, I got to interview the presidents of three major companies as well as the Director of Wyoming Game and Fish, something I would generally never get to do at a normal, loud, crowded SHOT Show.

Overall, the shooting, hunting and outdoor trade industry is strong and just about every company was doing better than they were before the pandemic. This is due to the huge amount of new people getting involved in both hunting and the shooting sports. You can find out more about SHOT Show and the National Shooting Sports Foundation at [www.shotshow.org](http://www.shotshow.org)

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# Unbuilt Border Wall Worth Millions Could Now Be Sold for 'A Penny on the Dollar' as Scrap Metal

CHARLOTTE CUTHBERTSON

COCHISE COUNTY, Ariz.—Millions of dollars of unfinished border wall materials have lain in the deserts of Arizona since January 2021, after President Joe Biden halted all construction on the wall on the day he took office.

"It shall be the policy of my administration that no more American taxpayer dollars be diverted to construct a border wall," Biden's Jan. 20, 2021, executive order reads. "I am also directing a careful review of all resources appropriated or redirected to construct a southern border wall."

Construction companies downed tools and left job sites the next day, and stacks of materials have languished since. Now, they're looking to sell it all for scrap, according to the Cochise County Sheriff's Office (CCSO).

"They're probably going to get a penny on the dollar for it," CCSO Sgt. Tim Williams said.

The steel bollards on fence panels are filled with concrete. Concrete culverts are sitting abandoned, filling with mud, instead of being used for the flood-prone portions of the roadway next to the fence.

But the unfinished lighting, ground sensors, and cameras are one of the biggest issues, according to Williams.

"Without the fiber optics and the lighting system, they'll just climb the fence and get over. It was supposed to be a four-tier approach," he said.

Border Patrol agents could be nearby, but without the cameras and sensors, they won't know that a breach is occurring. Under the cover of night, people on the Mexican side of the fence take to cutting a footer out, just wide enough for people to squeeze through. Each day, agents patch the holes and replace the concrete.

But with lighting and sensors it wouldn't happen, according to Williams.

"The big problem is that the fiber optics are in the ground already, and if they don't turn it on in the next two months, the fiber optics will go dormant and we won't get them back," he said. "So all those billions of dollars of fiber optics in the ground because there was only 24 months shelf life they can be dormant and we're at 22 months right now—we're talking about losing billions of dollars be-



Border wall panels sit untouched in Cochise County, Ariz., on Dec. 6, 2021, after President Joe Biden halted all border wall construction in January 2021.



Detective Jake Kartchner stands at the U.S.-Mexico border fence in Cochise County, Ariz., on Dec. 6, 2021.

cause they didn't turn the system on."

A Customs and Border Protection official told The Epoch Times that he expects it to "take a while" to resolve what will happen with the unused border materials. On Dec. 4, 2021, the agency put out a request for comment "on proposed border barrier construction remediation actions," which expires on Feb. 3.

A report by Senate Republicans is-

sued in July 2021 states that the construction stoppage is costing taxpayers \$3 million per day.

The senators who produced the report estimated that the administration has spent between \$618 million and \$708 million to contractors between Jan. 20, 2021, and July 15, 2021, and will ultimately spend up to \$1.2 billion more to exit the border wall projects.

CHARLOTTE CUTHBERTSON/THE EPOCH TIMES

sible to avoid law enforcement.

They're mostly from Mexico or one of the Central American countries of Guatemala, Honduras, or El Salvador, according to Cochise County Sheriff Mark Dannels.

"The federal government isn't doing anything. So we're watching people commit crimes in our communities every day," Dannels said. "Two weeks ago, on just one night, there were 50 of these people running around the neighborhoods. I mean, we're out there all night chasing them. That's all you can do. Next morning, they're still out there chasing them. It's a bad deal. They're all camouflaged up."

Between Border Patrol and the sheriff's office, about 16,000 illegal aliens are detected in the county each month right now, a huge upswing that started in early 2021.

Once across the border, illegal aliens coordinate with the cartel to be picked up by a smuggler and transported to Phoenix, according to Dannels.

"It's like the cartel Uber. And there's no other way to put it. They just stage in public places all along the roadways waiting to get called up to go pick them up. It's crazy," he said.

Dannels said 80 to 90 percent of the drivers are armed, "which is totally new to us."

Border Patrol agents apprehended 353,000 illegal aliens coming into the state of Arizona in the first 11 months of 2021—a jump of 350 percent over the same period in 2020.

## Legal Action

Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich filed an injunction in July 2021 in an attempt to void Biden's halt to border wall construction.

In April 2021, Brnovich filed a lawsuit against Department of Homeland Security (DHS) officials, alleging that the halt of border wall construction violated the National Environmental Policy Act, which requires federal agencies such as DHS to weigh environmental considerations before taking any significant federal action.

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality "estimates that each border-crosser leaves an average of six to eight pounds of trash behind," according to the complaint.

Zachary Stieber and Harry Lee contributed to this article.

Former President Donald Trump's administration prioritized border wall construction, building 453 miles of fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border. Approximately 211 miles of fencing were under construction as of Jan. 8, 2021, just before Biden took office.

Trump allocated roughly \$16.4 billion to border wall construction and maintenance, with \$10 billion coming from the Pentagon.

## 'It's Embarrassing'

Most of the 83-mile border that Cochise County shares with Mexico has some type of fencing, but the sections that were left unbuilt are vehicle barriers or barbed wire fencing, which is easy to cross.

"It's embarrassing," CCSO Detective Jake Kartchner said, referring to the waist-high barrier on Coronado Peak that was meant to be 30-foot tall steel fencing with all the accouterments of roading, lighting, cameras, and sensors.

The illegal aliens coming into Cochise County aren't turning themselves in to Border Patrol and seeking asylum. They're young, single males dressed head-to-toe in camouflage clothing and doing everything pos-

# Federal Government Mum on Non-COVID Mortality Spike in Americans Aged 18 to 49

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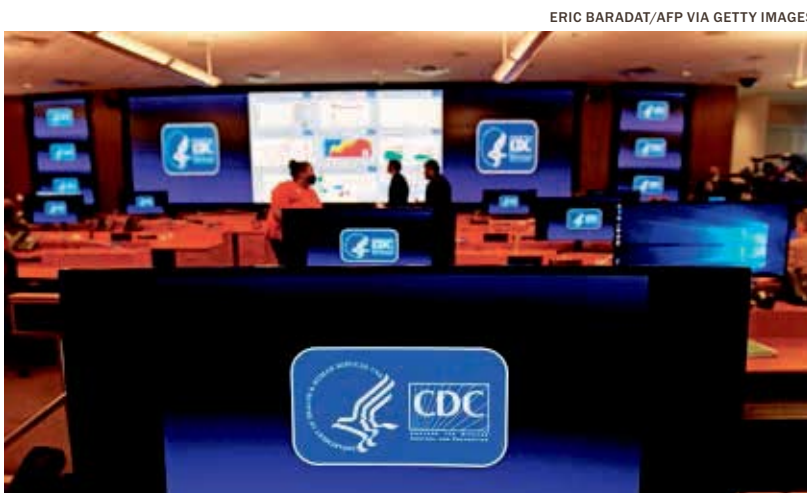
Federal authorities have yet to respond to an Epoch Times analysis that shows a dramatic increase in deaths of 18- to 49-year-olds in the United States in the past year. The majority of those deaths weren't associated with the COVID-19 disease.

Deaths in this age group rose more than 40 percent in the 12 months ending October 2021 compared to the same period in 2018-2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the analysis of death certificate data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

About 42 percent of the excess deaths had COVID-19 marked on the death certificate as the cause or a contributing factor, the data showed. The agency doesn't yet have full 2021 figures, as death certificate data has a lag of up to eight weeks or more.

The Epoch Times repeatedly inquired with both the White House and the CDC about any steps they're taking to examine the issue. They have yet to respond.

Meanwhile, public health authorities in several states that record-



The Emergency Operations Center at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta on March 19, 2021.

ed particularly sharp increases have told The Epoch Times that they're looking into the matter.

The highest increases occurred in Nevada (up 65 percent, of which 36 percent was attributed to COVID), Texas (up 61 percent, 58 percent attributed to COVID-19), Arizona (up 57 percent, 37 percent COVID-19), Tennessee (up 57 percent, 33 percent COVID-19), and California (up 55 per-

cent, 42 percent COVID-19).

Texas, Florida, and Nevada indicated that they're taking some steps to evaluate the issue.

Officials in Arizona and Tennessee said they don't yet have their data finalized.

"When the 2021 data is finalized in the fall of 2022, we will have a better understanding of the data and a more detailed analysis," Sarah Tanksley,

communications director for the Tennessee Department of Health, said via email.

"However, we do know that fatal drug overdoses continue to increase. For example, fatal overdoses in 2020 were around 3,000 compared to approximately 2,000 in 2019. We also know that the suicide rate has remained relatively stable."

Drug overdoses could likely explain at least a part of the surge, as they increased to more than 101,000 in the 12 months ending June 2021 from about 72,000 in 2019, the CDC estimated. About two-thirds of those deaths involved synthetic opioids such as fentanyl that are often smuggled to the United States from China via Mexico.

The mortality surge appeared to be milder in the northeast. New Hampshire saw no increase, Massachusetts had a 13 percent spike (24 percent of it attributed to COVID-19), and New York was up 29 percent (30 percent attributed to COVID-19).

The CDC's detailed cause of death data isn't yet available for 2021, aside from those involving COVID-19, pneumonia, and influenza. There were close to 6,000 excess pneumo-

nia deaths that didn't involve COVID-19 in the 18-to-49 age group in the 12 months ending October 2021. Influenza was only involved in 50 deaths in this age group, down from 550 in the same period pre-pandemic. The flu death count didn't exclude those that also involved COVID-19 or pneumonia, the CDC noted.

For those aged 50 to 84, mortality increased more than 27 percent, with about 77 percent of the deaths involving COVID-19.

For those 85 or older, mortality increased about 12 percent, with more than 100,000 excess deaths. There were more than 130,000 COVID-related deaths in this group, indicating these seniors were less likely to die of a non-COVID-related cause from November 2020 to October 2021 than during the same period of 2018-2019.

Comparing 2020 to 2019, mortality increased some 24 percent for those aged 18 to 49, with less than a third of those excess deaths involving COVID-19. In the 50-to-84 age group, mortality increased less than 20 percent, with over 70 percent of that involving COVID-19. In those older yet, mortality increased about 16 percent, with nearly 90 percent of it involving COVID-19.

For those under 18, mortality decreased about 0.4 percent in 2020 compared to 2019. In the 12 months ending October 2021, it fell some 3.3 percent compared to the same period in 2018-2019.

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# Pentagon Misses Deadline to Produce Report on Billions in Weapons Left Behind in Afghanistan

KEN SILVA

The Department of Defense (DOD) has missed a deadline to produce a report on the estimated \$85 billion in U.S. weaponry left in Afghanistan, prompting a letter from 27 House Republicans demanding answers.

Congress approved legislation in September that required DOD officials to report on the property, equipment, and supplies that were destroyed, taken out of Afghanistan, or that remain in Afghanistan in connection with the August U.S. military withdrawal from the country.

This lack of information prevents Congress from being able to accurately and effectively conduct oversight over the tens of billions of dollars of equipment invested in Afghanistan over the past 20 years and creates vulnerabilities in our national security.

Group of House Republicans

The DOD had 90 days to submit that report to Congress. After the Dec. 29, 2021, deadline came and went with no word from the Pentagon, Rep. Andy Barr (R-Ky.) and 26 other Republicans demanded answers from Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin.

“The DOD is over [two weeks] late on its reporting deadline, totally disregarding Congressional accounting of taxpayer funded equipment abandoned by this Administration and left in possession of the Taliban,” the Jan. 14 letter reads. “This lack of information prevents Congress from being able to accurately and effectively conduct oversight over the tens of billions of dollars of equipment invested in Afghanistan over the past



A general view of Taliban military parade in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Nov. 14, 2021.



House Financial Services Committee member Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY) in the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill in Washington on July 20, 2021.

20 years and creates vulnerabilities in our national security.”

The lawmakers cited concerns from Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who told Congress on Sept. 29, 2021, that the conditions in Afghanistan could yield the reemergence of al-Qaeda or ISIS in the region in 36 months or less. The

lawmakers said it’s of the “gravest concern” that they don’t have a full account of the weapons available in a potential hotbed for terrorism.

According to a Jan. 13 report from Radio Liberty affiliate Radio Mashaal in Pakistan, at least some of the arms are winding up in the hands of the Pakistani Taliban, Tehrik-e Taliban

Pakistan (TTP). Citing an unnamed source with knowledge of TTP affairs, Radio Mashaal said Pakistani Taliban fighters have obtained U.S.-made M16 machine guns and M4 assault rifles fitted with night vision.

According to the report, the influx of arms has coincided with an increase in attacks by the TTP on Pakistani government forces.

“Observers say the weapons are likely from the stockpiles amassed by the Afghan Taliban, which seized millions of dollars in American-made weapons and equipment from Afghan security forces,” the report stated.

Along with posing a risk to U.S. national security and regional stability in Central Asia, the abandoned U.S. military equipment in Afghanistan may also threaten the safety of America’s Afghan allies. That’s because the equipment left behind included U.S. surveillance tools that observers say could be used to track down those who worked with the United States during its 20-year occupation of the country.

New York-based group Human

Rights First announced on Aug. 16 that Taliban fighters had captured devices known as Handheld Inter-agency Identity Detection Equipment, which were used by soldiers to scan the biometrics of Afghans to match fingerprints on improvised explosive devices, as well as for other such forensic investigations.

“We understand that the Taliban is now likely to have access to various biometric databases and equipment in Afghanistan, including some left behind by coalition military forces,” the human rights group said in a statement. “This technology is likely to include access to a database with fingerprints and iris scans, and include facial recognition technology.”

Former U.S. Army prosecutor John Maher told The Epoch Times in August that the Taliban probably doesn’t have the technical skills to utilize those devices, but said they could be aided by more sophisticated governments, such as China or Iran.

The 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), signed into law in December 2021, also calls for Pentagon audits on the equipment and weapons left in Afghanistan, including abandoned or destroyed biometric equipment or tools. The NDAA also calls for an assessment of whether the Taliban breached the DOD’s Automatic Biometric Identification System (ABIS)—the central database that stores the biometrics that soldiers capture in the field—as well as an explanation of the current efforts to ensure the security of all of DOD biometric databases.

The DOD has until March to complete these reports, but the Republican lawmakers said in their letter that they shouldn’t have to wait until then.

“That is why Congress required your Department to comply by December 29, 2021,” they wrote to Austin. “We urge that you work with your Service Secretaries and General [Frank] McKenzie to produce the required information for Congress immediately.”

The Pentagon didn’t respond to email queries about the matter by press time.

# Noncitizen Voting Push Is Part of Agenda to Rid America of Citizenship: Election Expert

CHARLOTTE CUTHBERTSON

The recent New York City law to allow at least 800,000 noncitizens to vote in municipal elections is unconstitutional and likely to be overturned in court, said Hans von Spakovsky, manager of the Heritage Foundation’s election law reform initiative and former member of the Federal Election Commission.

“It’s actually pretty clear that it violates the New York State Constitution—it has a provision that specifically says that you have to be a citizen to vote in all elections in the state of New York, and that includes local elections,” Spakovsky told The Epoch Times on Jan. 19.

“I also think it is bad from a policy point of view, because it basically cheapens and diminishes the concept of citizenship.

“It ought to be something that makes American citizens mad, particularly because of the potential number of aliens that’s involved.”

New York City Mayor Eric Adams allowed the measure to become law on Jan. 9, which includes the provision that voting noncitizens must be in the city for 30 days or more

and have authorization to work.

“I believe that New Yorkers should have a say in their government, which is why I have and will continue to support this important legislation,” Adams said in a statement. “I believe allowing the legislation to be enacted is by far the best choice, and look forward to bringing millions more into the democratic process.”

The following day, the Republican National Committee filed a suit in the New York Supreme Court along with City Council Minority Leader Joseph Borrelli, Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (R-N.Y.), and other Republicans.

The law applies to legal aliens, but Spakovsky said New York City’s sanctuary policies that shield illegal aliens would open the floodgates.

“Does anybody really believe that the election department is going to investigate the lawful status of any alien who registers to vote?” he said.

“And so that means, of course, that lots and lots of illegal aliens will also get registered to vote.”

Although he doesn’t think any states will try to change their election laws to include voting rights for noncitizens, Spakovsky said there’s a push from the progressive left to

change the concept or definition of “citizen.”

“The whole point of the open borders crowd is to do two things: one, extinguish the line between legal and illegal aliens in this country. And second, to frankly, get rid of the whole concept of citizenship,” he said.

New York City Councilwoman

Margaret Chin, a Democrat, told colleagues before the recent vote that many noncitizens struggle to become citizens but should still be able to vote in the meanwhile because they pay taxes and live and work in the city.

“They want to be citizens, they want to be able to vote for the president, but at least we have the oppor-



Poll workers help voters inside a polling location in Austin, Texas, Oct. 13, 2020.

tunity to allow them to vote for the elected officials that are representing them in the city,” said Chin.

However, Spakovsky said paying tax doesn’t make someone a citizen.

“My response to that is that first of all, the vast majority of illegal aliens do not pay taxes. In fact, they get free rides from many jurisdictions,” he said.

“This is being pushed by the progressive left today because they believe that aliens will vote for them ... and keep them in power.”

Spakovsky said the inability for the Trump administration to get a question placed on the 2020 Census about citizenship status was a major win for the progressive left to blur the lines between citizen and noncitizen.

“One of the main reasons they wanted that done is for apportionment purposes, they did not want congressional seats apportioned based on citizen population—if they did, places like California would lose congressional seats,” he said.

“That’s why California probably has four or five more congressional seats than they should have, because of the huge population of illegal aliens in the state.”

The Biden administration supports the creation of a citizenship pathway for millions of illegal immigrants in the United States. A decade-old estimate puts the number of illegal aliens at 11 million, and since then, millions more have crossed the southern border.

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2800 Entiat Way  
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# Splitting your pills - how to do it safely

Have you ever gone to bed and, just as you were falling asleep, a task left undone jumped out at you? It was over 20 years ago, but I still remember it because of what happened afterward. I had forgotten to take the last dose of an antibiotic given to me to prevent infection after an outpatient procedure. "I really should finish the whole prescription," I told myself as I reluctantly rolled out of bed. Blinking bleary eyes, I staggered to the bathroom, filled a glass half full of tap water, tossed the tiny capsule into my mouth, and chugged it down. When I didn't feel the pill go all the way down, I drank another half glass of water to make sure, then went back to bed.

The next day I noticed my chest started burning every time I ate. Over the next couple of days, that burning sensation intensified. Eventually, every time I swallowed felt like a hot poker burning inside my chest.

My doctor immediately sent me to the nearest Emergency Department to ensure I didn't have a heart attack. They discovered that my last antibiotic capsule had not ended up in my stomach, after all. It had instead stuck to the lining of my esophagus, burning a hole in it.

With treatment, the burning gradually went away. However, ever since, I have trouble swallowing pills. I usually use a spoonful of peanut butter or a bite of a banana to help them "slide down" safely.

I'm not the only one who has trouble swallowing pills. Many people who struggle to take larger medicine tablets break them in half or crush them up first.

But not every pill should be cut or crushed.

Some tablets have special coatings that protect them from dissolving in your stomach. These coatings shield you from medicines that can provoke stomach upset or burning. They are also used to protect medications from being destroyed by exposure to the acids in your stomach.

Other pills are specially designed to release their contents slowly, over 12 or 24 hours. Cutting them will release the entire dose of medicine immediately instead of gradually. This can cause low blood pressure, drowsiness, dizziness, or problems with balance.

Many tablets have a straight groove that runs entirely across one side of the tablet, called a score. If a tablet is scored, each half will always contain the same amount of medication when you split it along that line.



**Ask... Dr. Louise**

A scoreline makes it easier to break the tablet, whether you do it with your fingers, a knife, a one-edged razor blade, or, a pill-splitting device.

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The most commonly used gelatin capsule sizes are size 1, the length of a penny, and size 0, pronounced "ought," which is the length of a nickel. Online stores carry empty gelatin capsules, or your local community pharmacy could order them.

**Here are 6 Tips on Cutting or Crushing Pills Safely:**

1. Use the scoreline.
2. Use up any unevenly broken tablets close together.
3. Invest in a good quality pill cutter.
4. Use a firm, quick cut, or snap.

an uneven split. Break oblong tablets by placing your thumbnails along each side of the scoreline, quickly pushing IN and DOWN.

5. Twist gelatin capsules open, don't cut them.

For less mess, twist capsule halves back and forth before slowly pulling them apart.

6. Ask your pharmacist.

If your medication costs the same, no matter the size of the tablet, cutting them in half should save you money. Your pharmacist can advise you if your pills or patches can be safely cut.

*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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5. Shout from the bleachers
8. \_\_\_ and don'ts
11. Infamous Henry's number
12. One with COVID, e.g.
13. Fighter jet button
15. Resting stops
16. Not guilty, e.g.
17. One of Singapore's official languages
18. \*Home of last year's Super Bowl winners
20. Armor chest plate
21. \*Given name of 2011 Super Bowl MVP
22. African grazer
23. Greek woodland deities
26. Ramones' hit "I Wanna Be \_\_\_"
30. Big fuss
31. Like certain Chili Peppers (2 words)
34. Cattle call goal
35. Scatterbrained
37. Bonehead
38. In a different direction
39. JetE in ballet
40. More so than egg
42. Conducted
43. Christmas firewood (2 words)
45. Annotator and commentator
47. Soda-pop container
48. Unpleasant and offensive
50. SWAT attack, e.g.
52. \*Super Bowl I and II winning coach
55. Pertaining to a pope
56. Cain's unfortunate brother
57. Gives a hand
59. Anoint
60. BEBE's mother
61. Season to be jolly
62. \*Most Super Bowl wins by one team
63. Snoop
64. Carhop's load

**DOWN**

1. \*Roman number of this year's Super Bowl
2. "\_\_\_ Misbehavin'"
3. Santa Maria's traveling partner
4. Despair in the face of obstacles
5. "The Hobbit" hobbit
6. "Caribbean Queen" singer
7. Colloquial approval
8. Cold cuts counter
9. South American tubers
10. Pig's digs
12. Not dense
13. Make corrections
14. \*Florida team with no Super Bowl appearances
19. Return punch
22. Come and \_\_\_ it
23. Lamentably
24. Bye, to Edith Pia
25. Bottom line
26. \*2022 Super Bowl stadium
27. Upholstery choice
28. \*Archie to Super Bowl MVPs Peyton and Eli
29. Exploits
32. \*Super Bowl Halftime show Snoops' "last name"
33. Hardly a beauty
36. \*Like some teams
38. Oenophile's concern
40. Many, many moons
41. Empower
44. Big Dipper's visible shape
46. Oppressive ruler
48. On the wagon
49. Nail salon board
50. Feminine of raja
51. Mt. Everest to Earth
52. Aladdin's light
53. Christian of fashion
54. Result of a brainstorm
55. Rudolf Nureyev's step
58. Stallone's nickname

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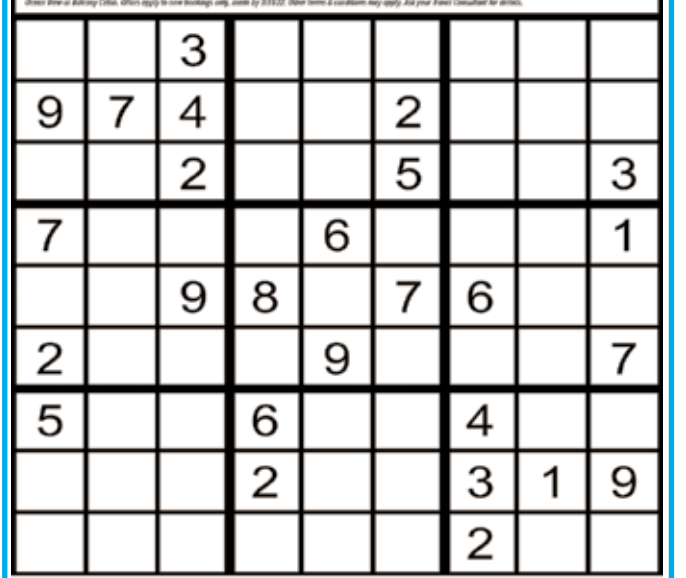
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