

City of Chelan conducting online Parks & Recreation Master Plan Survey

CHELAN - Help shape the future of your community. The City of Chelan Parks & Recreation wants your feedback to assist in the planning, improving, and maintaining of our community's parks and recreation opportunities.

They ask that you take a few moments to complete this survey to help them better understand our community's needs and desires for better parks and recreation facilities, programs, and services. Even if you are not a current user, they would like to hear what you believe could be improved to encourage your participation.

To learn about the Master Plan: <https://chelan-parks-rec-system-master-plan-2021.mailchimpsites.com/> - Parks & Recreation System Master Plan

Tell them your priorities for Parks & Recreation in Chelan at: <https://chelanparksurvey.org/open>

Para ver la encuesta en español, haga clic en la palabra "English" ubicada en la esquina superior derecha de esta página para acceder al menú de idiomas, y cambie la opción a "Spanish".

The survey may be completed on a computer or a mobile device, but a computer is recommended, as it provides the best experience. You may save your responses and return to finish at a later time by clicking the Save and Continue Later link at the top of a page.

Lake Chelan Valley Events, Things to do, Meetings

Lake Chelan Nordic Club memberships

Echo Ridge Loppet scheduled for February 5, 2022.

CHELAN - Season Passes and Lake Chelan Nordic Club memberships can now be purchased on the website at LakeChelanNordic.org. Nordic Club membership purchase supports buying up-to-date grooming equipment; parts, maintenance and fuel for the grooming equipment; processing and mailing out season passes purchased online; and maintenance of the yurt and buildings used to store there grooming equipment. Please note that the cost of Forest Service season passes and day passes has increased to \$100 for a season pass and \$15 for a day pass (the last time the price was increased was 2008). Season pass purchase supports plowing and sanding the road; providing clean bathroom facilities; and the Nordic Club's grooming services. Mark your calendar for the 2022 Echo Ridge Loppet on February 5, 2022.

Echo Valley Ski/Tube memberships

CHELAN - Echo Valley Ski/Tube for the 2021-22 ski and tubing season. You can go to the website skiechovalley.com, click Tickets, scroll down to How to Purchase.

Festival of Trees 2.0: Now thru Dec. 18

Benefits five nonprofits in the valley

CHELAN - Festival of Trees is back and better than ever at the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce. They're inviting the community to participate in this magical holiday event while supporting five nonprofit organizations in the Lake Chelan Valley. Beautiful trees, representing local nonprofits (Thrive Chelan Valley, Chelan Valley Hope, Manger Mall, Tender Loving Care, and the Lake Chelan Food Bank), with the help of local business donations, will be on display at the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, 216 E Woodin Avenue. On each tree will be ornament tags that represent real needs for each organization. Community members are invited to come view the trees and support their favorite nonprofits through donations. The goal is that by December 18, all the ornament tags will have been "purchased" and local nonprofits will start the new year with support to continue positively impacting those who are most fragile in our community.

Chelan Valley Housing Trust fundraiser: Now thru Dec. 31

Frame the Future of Our Valley

CHELAN - This holiday season, give back to the place you love. Make the dream of home ownership a reality for Chelan Valley wage earners. Chelan Valley Housing Trust is participating in Give NCW, and 100% of your donation goes directly to support their work. Their next project is 40 single family homes in Chelan, so working people can live here, build equity, and be a part of the community. Emerson Village, a small townhouse community in the heart of downtown Chelan was CVHT first project. Donate today at GiveNCW.org

Chelan Museum: Dec. 9-11

CHELAN - November and December hours for the Lake Chelan Museum will be 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday-Saturday. They will be closed January and February of 2022, and open by

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Lake Chelan Health board approves contract with NetworxHealth LLC to hire interim CEO

By AGUSTIN BENEGAS, LAKE CHELAN HEALTH

CHELAN - During the Tuesday November 30 Board of Commissioners regularly scheduled monthly meeting, Lake Chelan Health Board of Commissioners approved a contract with NetworxHealth LLC to hire Interim Chief Executive Officer, Emmett Schuster, if a permanent CEO is not appointed by January 19, 2022. Mr. Schuster has a master's in healthcare services administration (MHSA) and is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). Emmett Schuster brings over 25 years' experience as CEO of rural health care facilities and Critical Access Hospitals, including hospitals in Washington State. Mr. Schuster is not a



Emmett Schuster candidate for the permanent CEO position.

The Board is currently conducting the search for a new CEO following the resignation of George Rohrich on October 23. The recruitment process for a new CEO can

often take over three to six months. Transition Committee Chair and Board member Jeremy Jaech shared that "the Board and Transition Committee are making excellent progress evaluating the qualifications of CEO applicants."

In October, the Board appointed Cheryl Cornwell, Chief Financial Officer to serve as temporary part-time Interim CEO. Board Chair Mary Murphy shared that "Ms. Cornwell, in addition to her full-time CFO responsibilities, is managing key CEO duties very well since October 23. The Board is pleased with the work she has been able to accomplish. The Board recognizes that a full-time Interim CEO will provide the additional support necessary to keep momentum on many

important projects underway now and in 2022, such as the new hospital construction, 2022 Strategic Plan, quality initiatives, and recruiting health practitioners. The full-time Interim CEO will also allow Ms. Cornwell to meet the increasing demands of her CFO duties and continuing to strengthen the finances of Lake Chelan Health."

Founded in 1948, Lake Chelan Health hospital is a DNV accredited Critical Access Hospital with supporting Express Care and Specialty Care clinics in Chelan, Washington. The health system provides a 24-hour emergency room, surgical center, inpatient, labor and delivery services, as well as physical, speech and occupational rehabilitative therapy.

Replacement EP&O Levy placed on Feb. 8 ballot

INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY LAKE CHELAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

CHELAN - On Tuesday, November 23, the Lake Chelan School District Board of Directors unanimously approved placing a renewal Educational Program and Operations Levy (EP&O) on the February 8, 2022 ballot. The current EP&O Levy (formerly known as the Maintenance and Operations Levy

- M&O) was approved in 2019 and is set to expire in 2022. The renewal of the two-year EP&O Levy would not result in a new tax; it would be in replacement of the current expiring levy. The renewal levy will continue to bridge the gap between what the state funds as basic education and the cost of all programs, services, and essential staff the Lake Chelan School District provides for its students.

"The Board was very intentional in their decision to run a levy that would allow us to continue providing programs and services for our students without asking our community for increased financial support", commented Barry DePaoli, LCSD Superintendent. "The programs and services we currently offer our students are not fully funded by the state. We rely on local levy dollars to bridge

that gap. We are extremely grateful that our community is willing to provide that support for our students. The current EP&O Levy makes up about 16% of our budget for education programs, services, and daily operations."

This replacement levy will continue the necessary local support at a significantly low-

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Out with the old ...



RuthEdna Keys/LCM

... to make way for the new.

Work crews make quick work of demolishing the North Cascades Bank building, on the corner of Johnson and Emerson in Chelan last week, making way for a new building to be built next year. Crews started on Wednesday, Dec. 1 and by Friday afternoon, the only thing left was the safe and big piles of rubble. Rimmer & Roeter Construction of Wenatchee is the general contractor for the new building. Architect is Dykeman Architecture & Design. Construction will begin in the first quarter of 2022 on the 15,000 square



Courtesy North Cascade Bank

Architects design of the new North Cascades Bank Chelan branch at the corner of Johnson and Emerson.

foot, three story building. Once finished the building will be home to all of the banks over 40 employees.

With the COVID-19 restrictions relaxed, take time to visit our local businesses for Shopping, Dining and Events

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\$20 million Entiat low-income housing development project begins construction

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ENTIAT - Partnership between the Office of Rural and Farmworker Housing, Enterprise Community Partners, and the Housing Authority of Chelan County bears fruit for the Entiat community. They began construction for the new low-income Mountain View Family Housing project and project to finish by fall 2022.

"This has been an effort for quite some time so we're really excited to see it moving forward and looking forward to getting it done and having people move in. Then I think we'll kind of consider future opportunities down the road," Office of Rural and

Farmworker Housing Executive Director Marty Miller states.

Construction started shortly after the trio announced the \$14 million Low-Income Housing Tax Credit deal with Enterprise Community partners and their investors. Other financial sources include Banner Bank (\$1.15 million), State Housing Trust Fund (\$4.5 million), and \$200k from the Housing Authority of Chelan County and the City of Wenatchee.

"Entiat is a place of growth right now," Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Chelan County and City of Wenatchee (CCWHA) Alicia Merae remarked. "The need is everywhere, and we serve both counties. We just kind of go

where it works in the moment where there's land availability and funding availability and interest by the community."

The 12-building housing development will include 65 affordable homes with 52 of those specifically for local farmworkers. It will include annual leasing and is available for those whose income falls under 30%, 40% or 50% of the area median income (AMI).

"It's not entirely for farmworkers. The majority of units will prioritize farmworkers, but there's also the general population are also eligible to apply," Miller explained. "We have built housing for seasonal occupancy, but Entiat will not be seasonal occupancy. It will be for people who are living in the area on a year-round ongoing basis."

Rent will be range between \$376 - \$991, depending on the number of rooms. According to their press release, spaces range from two-story townhomes, single-story flats, and a single-story common building.

The development was made possible through a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit deal, which incentivized investors to put up capital in exchange for a sizable deduction for their tax return. The investors will receive \$16 million in tax credits.

"Our part in all this is we help to identify the investors and then bring their investment into a development like this," President of Enterprise's Housing Credit Investments Business Scott Hoekman explained.

You can visit the Entiat development site at 14425 Olin Street in Entiat to learn more about the construction.

Application period opens for new vacation rentals

Existing businesses that miss Dec. 31 deadline will be considered new

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INFORMATION OFFICER

WENATCHEE - On Wednesday, December 1 Chelan County Community Development began accepting applications for new short-term rental operations for 2022.

That's on top of applications from existing businesses that have been slowly coming in since late September.

"I don't know what December will look like, but I'm hoping we start seeing more applications coming in from both sides," said Jim Brown, Community Development director. "The Dec. 31 deadline for the existing applications is closing fast."

The new application process, which is open through July 29, is for vacation rental operations that are not eligible to be grandfathered into the county's short-term rental code as an existing operation. The following vacation rentals would be considered new in Chelan County:

The county passed a moratorium on the creation of new short-term rentals from Aug. 25, 2020, through Sept. 26, 2021. Vacation rentals operating during that time or after Sept. 26 are considered a new short-term rental.

Vacation rentals operating prior to Aug. 25, 2020, but whose operators do not turn in an existing, non-conforming application by Dec. 31, also will be considered a new short-term

rental on Jan. 1.

"At this point, when we only have about 215 applications processed for existing short-term rentals, I know we will have several existing operators who will be considered new short-term rentals because they will not have met that deadline to be grandfathered in," said Kirsten Ryles, manager of Community Development's Short-Term Rental Division.

New short-term rental applicants are subject to any short-term rental caps and lot size and spacing restrictions established in several areas of Chelan County known to have high numbers of existing rentals. (Refer to Chelan County Code (11.88.290) for specific information on those restrictions.)

"For those operators seeking to be grandfathered in, if you miss the upcoming deadline at the end of month, you will be subject to a variety of restrictions, from density caps to lot sizes, that apply to new vacation rentals in this county," Brown said. "I just can't stress this enough: Get your existing application in or you will be considered a new business."

In July, Chelan County commissioners passed a new code, Chapter 11.88.290, that establishes the operating standards of the county's short-term rental industry. Chelan County also created an application process for existing short-term rentals to give current operators the opportunity to be grandfathered into the new code and not have to comply with requirements that all new rentals must follow. The county has received only of a fraction of the more than 1,000 existing rentals that are known to exist.

"We are seeing many incomplete applications from exist-

ing operators, and this holds up the provisional permitting process," Ryles said. "I want to warn people that an application coming in the week of Dec. 27 that is incomplete, unpaid for, or has another major issue will be returned. Get those applications in by mid-December so we have time to check it for you - and you have time to correct the problem."

In addition, the ongoing short-term rental application process has exposed another chronic issue in Chelan County's vacation rental industry.

"I would estimate that one-in-four applications we are receiving from existing vacation rentals is not being accepted because of a critical issue, including that the dwelling was never permitted in the first place or there are too many dwellings on the lot," Brown said. "This is the most time-consuming issue in my office right now, and it tells me we have a lot of illegally operating vacation rentals out there."

Come Jan. 1, Chelan County Code Enforcement will begin visiting those vacation rentals that have not applied as an existing short-term rental.

"We are trying to work with the vacation rental owners, but they have to work with us as well," Brown said. "That starts with getting those applications in so we can work together on creating a legally permitted vacation rental that is safe for everyone."

The Short-Term Rental Division website, which includes all applications and checklists, can be found at <https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/community-development/pages/short-term-rentals>. Chelan County offices will not be open Dec. 31 because of the New Year's holiday.

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Excerpt from Chapter 1
DNA

The Contract
A novel by local writer William E. Forhan.

Most mothers can tell you the moment their child was born. It's not the same for fathers. But I can tell you precisely the moment I met my daughters. It was 2:46 on a Sunday afternoon in October.

In my rush to watch the game I had not removed my clerical collar. "Well, yes I am," I responded. Fully expecting they were a couple of young evangelists looking to tell me about the gospel.

There was a sudden and distinctly deafening pause. "Can I help you?" I finally said. They looked at each other. Then almost in unison burst out, "We think you're our father!"

In an instant twenty-three years of guilt and remorse overcame me. I could not help it. Tears poured out like a river. My heart began to pound and I could not hear a sound.

We looked at each other for what seemed like an eternity. None of us knowing what to say next, but I knew in my heart they were correct.

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EP&O LEVY
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er tax rate due to increases in property assessment. The EP&O Levy funds ensure that our District's quality educational programs continue in safe, well maintained, and clean schools. Lake Chelan School District's EP&O levy funding maintains current service levels and either fully or partially supports the following essential programs and operations:

- Student Support: Nurses / Resource Officer / Family Liaisons / Counselors
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Swenson honored for 50 years as licensed pharmacist

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Claudia Swenson

CHELAN - Claudia Swenson was honored by the Washington State Pharmaceutical Association for being licensed as a pharmacist in the State of Washington for 50 years at their fall convention. Claudia graduated from the highly rated University of California Medical Center School of Pharmacy in June 1971. She had many opportunities to practice clinical pharmacy starting with positions at the University of Washington in teaching and Drug Information, participating in an NIH study demonstrating that cholesterol reduction reduced the risk of first myocardial infarction in otherwise healthy young men.

She practiced at Group Health Cooperative for 20 years, setting up programs promoting antibiotic stewardship, home infusion programs, medication teaching for cardiac and pulmonary pathway patients and outpatient anticoagulation clinics.

Claudia taught at Madigan Army Medical Center's Family Medical Residency and served as a midlevel provider for

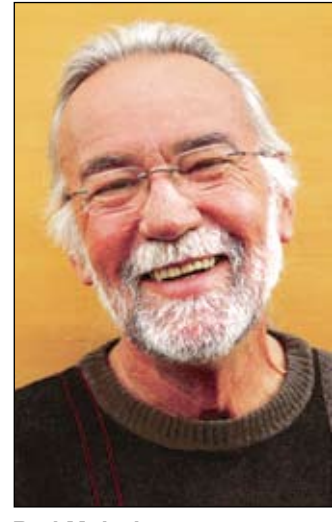
patients with diabetes, heart disease and morbid obesity.

Claudia served as the President of the Seattle Area Society of Health System Pharmacists and was recognized as a Fellow in the American Society of Health System Pharmacists. At Central Washington Hospital (CWH) she served as Pharmacy Clinical Coordinator for three years, developing a glucose control program for surgeons and mentoring pharmacy residents.

After retirement from CWH in 2013, Claudia has worked primarily with nonprofits in Chelan/Manson doing client intake at Chelan Valley Hope for over 10 years, Coordinator and Manager for Tender Loving Care for Seniors, which has served 120 local seniors since 2017, as well as a Hospice volunteer. There is much joy in serving in our community.

Rod Molzahn - "What They Found"

MEGAN SOKOL
STAFF WRITER



Rod Molzahn

WENATCHEE - Wenatchee-based storyteller and historian Rod Molzahn presents his new book "What They Found." His new book chronicles the North Central Washington region, spanning from the first discovery of people 13,000 years to the beginning of the 20th century.

Rod Molzahn has lived in the area for over 50 years and has been an avid historian for over 20 years.

"It's nice to be called a historian. I've always considered myself a storyteller, and I can tell some stories about all kinds of things and in this case it's about the history of this area," Molzahn said.

The book will cover regions running from the South Wenatchee Mountains all the way up to the Canadian border, across the western Cascade Crest, to the east of the Okanogan River. "What

meant to be based on Wenatchee Valley history. He concluded that that wasn't feasible after reading and note-taking for almost a decade.

"I'd be working on something and say 'oh, I've read something about that, now which of these 150 books is it in?'"

Molzahn hopes that his book will give better insight and respect to indigenous and first-nation history as he details pre-colonial history in North Central Washington.

"We're not alone, we all share a background and a history. All of the people, indigenous and white, who have and do live in North Central Washington. I thought it would be important to make that clear."

You can find "What They Found" at A Book For All Seasons book store at 707 U.S. Hwy. 2, Suite B, Leavenworth.

They Found" will encapsulate the geological landscape of the region, the beginning of indigenous civilization, the fur trade, tribal wars, and gold-rush settlers.

"People say 'where do you get all this stuff,'" he jokes and says "I just make it up. That's not true, but it's an easy answer."

Initially, the book was

CHELAN COUNTY SHERIFF/FIRE/EMS

Chelan County Sheriff

November 26

911 Call at the 5th block of E. Hugo Rd., Chelan.
Burglary at the 100 block of W. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
Fraud/Forgery at the 800 block of E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
Property at the 400 block of E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
Welfare Check at the 2300 block of Albin Dr., Entiat.
Civil at the 200 block of Boetzkes Ave., Manson.
Animal Problem at the 800 block of S. Bradley St., Chelan.
Suspicious Activity at the 200 block of W. Gibson Ave., Chelan.
Suspicious Activity at the 100 block of N. Apple Blossom Rd., Chelan.

November 27

Alarm at the 800 block of E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
Traffic Offense at SR 150 & Crystal Dr., Chelan.
Alarm at the 100 block of N. Apple Blossom Dr., Chelan.
Parking/Abandon at the 400 block of N. Bradley St., Chelan.
Trespassing at the 100 block of E. Johnson Ave., Chelan.
Parking/Abandon at the 400 block of Boyd Loop Rd., Chelan.
Traffic Offense, 3400Blk Manson Blvd., Manson.
911 Call at the 2300 block of W. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
Traffic Offense at SR 150 MP 5, Chelan.

November 28

Trespassing at the 100 block of McFadden Dr., Manson.
911 Call at the 200 block of E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
Alarm at the 500 block of Hyacinth Rd., Manson.
Assist Public, 622 Hyacinth Rd., Manson.
Alarm at the 600 block of Wapato Way, Manson.
Burglary at the 2100 block of Lakeshore Dr., Manson.
Theft at the 100 block of N. Apple Blossom Dr., Chelan.
Civil at the 900 block of Kinsey Rd., Manson.
Suspicious Activity at the 100 block of N. East Center St., Chelan.
Unknown Accident at Grade

Creek Rd. MP 16, Manson.
Civil at Entiat River Rd. MP 16, Entiat.
Hazard at N. Columbia St. & E. Johnson Ave., Chelan.
Assist Public at the 500 block of Stayman Flats Rd., Chelan.

November 29

Alarm at 15 Hale St., Manson.
Property at the 16400 block of S. Lakeshore Rd., Chelan.
Alarm at the 200 block of Wall St., Manson.
Disturbance at the 100 block of W. Manson Rd., Chelan.
Assist Public at the 5th block of Chestnut St., Chelan Falls.
Alarm at the 100 block of Makai Rd., Manson.
Trespassing at the 400 block of W. Manson Rd., Chelan.
911 Call at the 200 block of Barkley Rd., Manson.
Assist Public at the 100 block of San Remo Ln., Chelan.

November 30

Hazard at the 1700 block of W. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
Theft at the 100 block of Furey Ave., Manson.
Alarm at the 100 block of Kage Ln., Manson.
911 Call at the 200 block of E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
911 Call at the 500 block of E. Highland Ave., Chelan.
Theft at the 300 block of E. Wapato Ave., Chelan.
Animal Problem at the 100 block of Vineyard Ln., Chelan.
Court Order Violation at the 200 block of Arden Rd., Ardenvoir.
Theft at the 100 block of N. Apple Blossom Dr., Chelan.
Assist Agency at the 100 block of SR 150, Chelan.
Theft at the 100 block of N. Apple Blossom Dr., Chelan.
Non-Injury Accident at the 500 block of E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
Suspicious Activity at the 8th block of Rolling Rock Rd., Chelan.
Alarm at 12 Harbor View Dr., Chelan.
Alarm at the 500 block of Hyacinth Rd., Manson.

December 1

Suspicious Activity at the 2000 block of Entiat Way, Entiat.
Disturbance at the 400 block of Lakeshore Dr., Manson.
Welfare Check at 2nd & Chest-

nut St., Chelan Falls.
Suspicious Activity at the 7th block of Wapato Way, Manson.
Welfare Check at the 9200 block of Entiat River Rd., Ardenvoir.
Burglary at the 100 block of Gala Ave., Chelan.
Civil at the 800 block of Wapato Way, Manson.
Disturbance at the 200 block of E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
Assist Public at the 300 block of E. Gibson Ave., Chelan.
Suspicious Activity at the 15800 block of S. Lakeshore Rd., Chelan.
911 Call at the 100 block of S. Robinson St., Chelan.
Assist Public at the 8th block of Dinkelman Ln., Entiat.

December 2

Suspicious Activity at the 100 block of Ivan Morse Rd., Manson.
Civil at the 100 block of Downie Canyon Rd., Chelan.
Assist Public at the 300 block of E. Wapato Ave., Chelan.
Civil at the 7400 block of Navarre Dr., Chelan.
Fraud/Forgery at the 3rd block of Chelan Butte Rd., Chelan.
Welfare Check at the 5000 block of Wapato Lake Rd., Manson.
Burglary at the 8th block of Pedoi St., Manson.
Missing Person at 1 Wapato Point Pkwy., Manson.
Theft at the 100 block of N. Apple Blossom Dr., Chelan.
Attempt to Locate/Contact at the 1000 block of Totem Pole Rd., Manson.
Juvenile Problem at the 2600 block of Entiat Way, Entiat.
Littering at Washington Creek Rd., Chelan.
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Traffic Offense at the 400 block of E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
Civil at the 8th block of Dinkelman Ln., Entiat.
Animal Problem at the 400 block of E. Trow Ave., Chelan.
Suspicious Activity at the 500 block of E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.

Fire/EMS

November 26

No Report.

November 27

Entiat Fire District

Psychiatric at the 2300 block of Albin Dr., Entiat.

November 28

Chelan Fire District #7
Traumatic Injury at 2 Chelan Falls Overlook, Chelan Falls.
Chest Pain at US Hwy. 97 MP 242, Chelan.

Entiat Fire District

Breathing Problem at the 2300 Albin Dr., Entiat.

November 29

Chelan Fire District #7
Illegal Burn at the 500 block of N. Markeson St., Chelan.
Breathing Problem at the 300 block of Apple Acres Rd., Chelan.
Sick Person at the 300 block of E. Nixon Ave., Chelan.
Stroke at the 400 block of Boyd Loop Rd., Chelan.
Chelan EMS
Hemorrhage at the 800 block of Greens Landing Rd., Manson.

November 30

Chelan Fire District #7
Commercial Alarm at the 300 block of E. Johnson Ave., Chelan.
Illegal Burn at SR 150 & Dietrich Rd., Chelan.
Fall at the 500 block of E. Highland Ave., Chelan.
Breathing Problem at the 200 block of E. Johnson Ave., Chelan.
Traumatic Injury at the 200 block of W. Webster Ave., Chelan.
Unconscious at the 200 block of

E. Okanogan Ave., Chelan.
Traumatic Injury at the 100 block of SR 150, Chelan.
Stroke at the 100 block of Ridgeway Dr., Chelan.

December 1

Chelan Fire District #7
Fall at the 2100 block of W. Prospect St., Chelan.
Traumatic Injury at 5 Howser Rd., Chelan.

Entiat Fire District

Breathing Problem at the 5600

block of Dinkelman Canyon Rd., Entiat.

Chelan EMS

Sick Person at the 400 block of Wapato Lake Rd., Manson.

December 2

Chelan Fire District #7
Cardiac at the 400 block of E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.

Manson Fire District

Stroke at the 1500 block of Wapato Lake Rd., Manson.

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OBITUARIES

Delbert Gene Hanson

February 26, 1940 - December 2, 2021

Delbert Gene Hanson was born February 26, 1940 in Priest River, Idaho, to Ralph and Verda Hanson. Dell passed away December 2, 2021 at Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee, Washington. During his young life he was raised in the Sandpoint, Idaho area, later graduating from Grandview High School



in Grandview, Washington in 1959.

Delbert married Ann Creighton June 25, 1960. Later he married Frances Culberson on December 30, 1991 and they were married until her death on June 28, 2002. After Frances' death, Dell married Carole Lynnette Carr on May 17, 2003, and they were together until his passing.

Delbert was in the United States Coast Guard from March 1960 until March 1964, serving on the C.G. Cutter MODOC and also had light-house duty at the New Dungeness in Sequim, Washington. After his service, he

was employed as a log scaler and retired from the Pacific Rim Log Bureau. Dell later owned a convenience store in Medical Lake, Washington. for several years, then he completed barber school, and cut hair in Medical Lake, and later Chelan, owning his own shop. He retired in 2013.

Delbert was a member of the American Legion in Manson, Washington. Also, from a young age, he loved the outdoors: fishing, hunting, hiking, and having a small farm always pleased him.

Dell is survived by daughter

Dellann Myland and husband Garret of Redmond, Washington, son Russ Hanson of Everett, Washington, son Raymond Hanson and wife Wendy of Port Angeles, Washington, daughter Janet Shepherd and husband Justin of Bellingham, Washington, step-son Paul Kelley and wife Elvira of Manson, Washington., step-son Cory DeShetler and wife Amber of Marysville, Washington, and step-son Mike Culberson of Ferndale, Washington. Delbert is further survived by five grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, and one

great-grandchild. Delbert Hanson was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph L. and Hanson and Verda Klaus, sisters Edith Warren, Dorothy Reevers, Eileen Hanson, and Betty Jane Hanson, and one brother Melvin Ralph "Bud" Hanson. Graveside services for Delbert Hanson will by Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 2 pm with Pastor Brian Ross officiating. Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at www.prechtrose.com. Services are entrusted to Precht Rose Chapel of Chelan.

DEATH NOTICES

Patty McClellan

Patty McClellan, 83, of Chelan, Washington, passed away on November 28, 2021. Services to be announced.

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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Small Town Holidays: Dec. 10, 11 Santa neighborhood visits, Dec. 10/Chelan, 11/Manson Fireworks, Dec. 11/Chelan

LAKE CHELAN - The Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, Historic Downtown Chelan Association, Lake Chelan Wine Alliance and Manson Chamber of Commerce have partnered this year to bring Small Town Holidays now thru Jan. 1, 2022. The Lake Chelan Valley will be blanketed in magical holiday lights, fireworks will delight each and every weekend, and local boutiques, wineries and restaurants will be dressed up for the holidays. Santa can be found throughout the weekend cruising through neighborhoods. Information on Santa's neighborhood visits and fireworks shows can be found at smalltownholidays.com.

Glass recycle: Dec. 11

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, 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: Dec. 11, 14

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, 310 E. Johnson Avenue in the tub outside.

Manson Community Council elections: Dec. 14

MANSON - The Manson Community Council will hold elections for two open positions on Tuesday, December 14. These positions are expiring on December 31, 2021. Any members of the community that live within the 98831-zip code and are currently registered Chelan County voters can run for office and vote in this election. Monthly meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday of each month and members will be expected to attend. Elections will held on Tuesday, December 14, between 12 noon and 7 p.m. at Blueberry Hills, located at 1315 Washington Street. Community members wishing to vote must be currently registered to vote in the 98831-zip code and have valid ID with them at time of voting. The top 2 vote getters will win. Any questions can be directed to Kari Sorensen at 509-860-8409 or Kathy Blum at 360-620-2619.

Mental Health & You Workshop: Dec. 15, 16

NCW - The Central Washington Disability Resources will be offering a hybrid workshop, Mental Health and You, to people ages 14-17 on Wednesday, December 15, and to people ages 18-24 on Thursday, December 16, 1:30-3 p.m., both days. They will go over positive coping skills, mindfulness, self care, and knowing the signs of when to get help. Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Kittitas and Yakima counties, all welcome to participate. Mental health is beneficial for people of all ages. To register for this hybrid workshop please contact Sarah Bair 509-962-9620 or by email sarah@mycwdr.org

American Red Cross Blood Drive: Dec. 15

Those donors who have received the COVID-19 vaccine will be asked which vaccine they received.

CHELAN - There will be an American Red Cross Blood drive on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1-6 p.m. at the Lake Chelan United Methodist Church, at the corner of Johnson and Emerson. To donate, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements. Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

Cascadia Conservation District: Dec. 17

WENATCHEE - The Cascadia Conservation District Regular Board meeting will be an in person and call-in / Zoom meeting, on Friday, December 17, 1:30 p.m. If you wish to attend in person, please call the office as space is limited. More information and instructions available on their web site at cascadiacd.org or by calling the District office at 509-436-1601.

Obituaries & Death Notices also appear online at lakechelanmirror.com

A Memorial Service for William 'Bill' Forhan, of Leavenworth, Wash. and Publisher of NCW Media, Inc. will be held on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021, 1 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, 222 Cottage Avenue, Cashmere, Washington. Please wear a mask if you plan to attend.



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LAKE CHELAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Worship 10 am 682-2241 Corner of Johnson & Emerson

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WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW

Chelan High's newest head coach, Zach Linton, on the 2021-2022 season

TRINADA CARO
STAFF WRITER

CHELAN – Coach Zach Linton was an assistant coach at Campbellsville University for one year and is now taking on the Goat's lead role as head coach charging into the 2021-2022 wrestling season.

This year the roster consists of three returning players: Tiernan Davis, Ronald Hooten and Amiee Gordon. Returning athletes from previous years include: Logan Oules, Jason Pritchard and Colten Funk and new to the program this year

are: Micheala Moody and Jonas Saxen. Coach Linton says that numbers are up from the previous year, due to Covid, and they are continually trying to raise the numbers.

The Mirror asked Coach Linton who he saw as standouts this year. "Tiernan Davis has been wrestling since preschool. All of these kids have high potential with experience from youth wrestling." When asked if he had any comments on this upcoming season he states, "We're going to go out and wrestle our hardest and have fun with it. Everyone on

the team is a hard worker and wants to be there every day and if we can keep that up the whole season I think we will win our fair share of matches."

Zach goes on to say, "Chelan wrestling has had some issues throughout COVID just as every other sport has but this year we will begin to build the team up again and get our program back on track. We are excited to see a lot of mat time this year."

The schedule below is subject to change and can be found at: chelanathletics.com or <http://www.ctlathletics.com/index.php?pid=0.39.310.4.321>

Dec. 4 Match: Chelan did good to start the season! We have 1 champion at 182 lbs who is one of our seniors, Colten Funk. Colt ended up getting a tech-fall (winning by 15-0) in the second round to win the tournament. One third place finish at 160lb in Tiernan Davis JR. Tiernan lost his first match and came back with a pin to get 3rd place. Jason Pritchard JR lost 2 and won 1 in the 220 lb class. He weighed in at only 206 because he is trying to get down to 195lb class! Ronald Hooten SO lost 2 tough matches but seems to improve more and more every match.

"There is a lot we can improve on but I'm so proud of how hard everyone wrestled today. We've only been practicing for two and a half weeks and I've already seen so much improvement. We will continue to work hard and have a growth mindset turning our losses into learning lessons. The rest of the season is only up from here." Coach Linton



Trinada Caro/LCM
Team Members: Seniors Logan Oules and Colten Funk, juniors Tiernan Davis, Jason Pritchard and Micheala Moody and sophomores Ronald Hooten, Amiee Gordon and Jonas Saxen.

Coach Longmire leads Lady Goats in his 21st season of coaching

TRINADA CARO
STAFF WRITER

CHELAN – Guiding the Lady Goats into the 2021-2022 Girls Basketball season is head coach Nick Longmire, who is in his 21st season. He is supported by assistant coach Reece Bauer who is in his 4th season.

Returning to the court this year are: seniors Beau Nordby, Aliyah Finch and Morgyn Harrison, juniors Joslynn Simmons and Kira Sandoval and sophomores Hailey Helm and Arabelle Finch. Joining the seasoned team for the first time are seniors Janely Munoz and Ella Gzyl and sophomore Jailyn Reinhart.

The Lady Goats completed their last season with an 8-4 overall, 6-2 in the League and taking 2nd place. This year the Goats are down about four or five girls in comparison to previ-

ous seasons. Looking ahead, it is noted that Cashmere will be the team to beat this season.

The Mirror asked Coach Longmire who he thought his standouts this year and he stated Aliyah Finch, Joslynn Simmons and Kira Sandoval. Aliyah had 9.7 points per game, led/co-led team in scoring in four games and led the team in blocked shots and rebounding percentages last year. Joslynn had 5.9 points per game, also led/co-led the team in four games and executed clutch scoring plays in several games. He had this to say about Kira, "(she's) the player to watch. With her ability to score at different locations on the floor it makes her tough to guard as she can play both the post and the guard positions."

Their schedule can be found at: <https://chelanathletics.com/teams/3187570/girls/basketball/>

varsity/schedule.

#	Name	Grade
1	Ella Gzyl	12
2	Morgyn Harrison	12
3	Hailey Helm	10
12	Aliyah Finch	12
14	Kira Sandoval	11
20	Jailyn Reinhart	10
22	Arabelle Finch	10
23	Janely Munoz	12
24	Beau Nordby	12
32	Joslynn Simmons	11

Nov. 30 recap: Tonight was the first game of the season for both the Chelan Goats and Brewster Bears. The Goats spent the first quarter getting their feet wet making adjustments on offense and defense as they started out giving the Bears some pressure off the bat. The Goats finished the 1st quarter with a 13-6 lead. By half time the Goats built a 10 point lead. The Bears came out with a strong sense of urgency but couldn't outdo the Goats. All scores were led by Kira Sandoval with 13 points followed by Aliyah Finch with 12 points. Arabelle Finch, Beau Nordby and Joslynn Simmons each added 6 points and Morgyn Harrison had 5 points. The final score was 50-35 Goats. The Goats take on Eastmont in a non-conference game on Friday.

The Chelan Lady Goats faced the Eastmont Wildcats in a high pressure, scrappy contest in East Wenatchee Friday night, Dec. 3. The game started slow offensively as both teams sought to figure out the chinks in the other's armour. The score at the end of the 1st quarter was reflective of the type of defensive game as it finished in an 8-8 tie. The Goats began to find some wiggle room in the 2nd quarter mainly by penetration and post play. The Goats upped their game defensively as they didn't allow a single point scored by Eastmont in the 2nd quarter and entered halftime with a 19-8 lead. The Goats continued to find success with their defensive pressure in the 3rd quarter and went into last quarter with a 33-18 lead. The Goats continued to tighten the screws down and gave the Wildcats trouble however the Wildcats didn't let up either and caused problems in the backcourt for the Goats. "On a high note our fitness level this year is night and day compared to last season allowing us to not let up on



Courtesy Chelan High School Basketball
Chelan High School 2021-2022 Girls Varsity Basketball Team.

the throttle for 4 quarters. On the other hand, we need to do a much better job of maintaining possession as it was a turnover nightmare for us," states Coach Nick Longmire of the Goats. "We have to improve on this part of our game," Longmire continues. Aliyah Finch led all scores for the Goats with 16, followed by

Kira Sandoval with 11. Morgyn Harrison added 8, Arabelle Finch with 7, Joslynn Simmons had 1 and Beau Nordby with 1. Final score: Goats 44, Wildcats 29. The Goats begin CTL play Tuesday night as they host last year's league champion, Cashmere Bulldogs.

Coach Callero on the Chelan Goats boys basketball season

TRINADA CARO
STAFF WRITER

CHELAN – The 2021-2022 Season brings eight returning players: senior Quin McLaren, sophomore Isaac Wilson, sophomore Ryan Rainville, senior Hunter Shumway with four returning starters: senior Reed Stamp, senior Nate Harding, junior Braiden Boyd and Sophomore Dylan Jay. Senior Noah Loeh and junior Benjy Williams are two new players to join the team this year.

Comparing last year's season, the first season for Coach Callero, the numbers are up and includes 33 boys in the program for the 2021-2022 season. Last season's short, no-playoff, Covid season the Goats had an overall record of 8-4. The Goats finished second in the Caribou Trail League (CTL) but were in-

vited to the unofficial state tournament. They lost to Seattle Academy and Freeman in a really close game but gained valuable experience playing the top teams in the state on the road. This year the Goats play many talented teams. In the CTL, Quincy returns three All-League players and Omak returns four starters. They also have a very tough Non-League Schedule.

Coach Callero says, "Brewster features 6-6 Junior Kelson Gebbers who is ranked in the top 25 in the state as far as college prospects goes and has Division One offers to play in college including Eastern Washington. He scored 33 against us last year and defending him will be a huge challenge. Okanogan returns three All-League players including another 6-6 college prospect in senior Chase Wilson. Two

other non-league opponents, Deer Park and Royal, are both ranked in the Preseason 1A Top 10 in the state. Adna is expected to compete for a state title in the 2B division."

Coach Callero's states, "the four returning starters will provide us with experienced leadership. Our challenging schedule will provide us with opportunities to grow as a team. We hope to be playing our best basketball during the playoffs."

Their schedule can be found at <https://chelanathletics.com/teams/3187442/boys/basketball/varsity/schedule>.

#	Name	Height	Class
1	Nate Harding	6'1"	12
2	Dylan Jay	6'4"	10
3	Isaac Wilson	6'0"	10
4	Ian Garfoot	5'9"	10
5	Hunter Shumway	6'2"	12
10	Benjy Williams	6'1"	11
13	Noah Loeh	6'4"	12
15	Quin McLaren	6'4"	12
20	Duke Nordby	6'1"	10
22	Ryan Rainville	6'1"	10
32	Reed Stamps	6'6"	12
42	Braiden Boyd	6'5"	10



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What Do We Know About Omicron?

NATHAN WORCESTER

It's been just days since a new strain of COVID-19 made headlines across the planet.

While the World Health Organization (WHO) has warned that the new Omicron variant presents a "very high risk," other scientists, including some with WHO, have stressed that we still have much to learn about the new CCP (Chinese Communist Party) virus strain.

Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), told CNN's "State of the Union" that Omicron is likely "more contagious" than its predecessors. He said there isn't yet any information indicating it causes worse disease than earlier variants.

Following Omicron-related upheavals in the stock market on Black Friday, investment banking giant Goldman Sachs pushed back against widespread anxiety, arguing that existing treatments will likely keep the new variant in check.

In South Africa, where some of the earliest cases of Omicron have been identified and treated, Dr. Angelique Coetzee of the South African Medical Association told The Daily Telegraph that patients with Omicron have had relatively minor symptoms, albeit ones atypical of COVID-19.

"It presents mild disease, with symptoms being sore muscles and tiredness for a day or two not feeling well," Coetzee said. "So far, we have detected that those infected do not suffer the loss of taste or smell. They might have a slight cough. There are no prominent symptoms. Of those infected, some are currently being treated at home."

Origins, Spread, and Severity

The earliest reports of Omicron came from southern Africa. On Nov. 25, a statement from Botswana's COVID-19 Task Force announced that a new variant, B.1.1.529, had been detected in four travelers.

A statement on Nov. 26 from the country's Ministry of Health and Wellness noted that the four individuals, who are foreign diplomats from an unnamed country, initially tested positive for COVID-19 on Nov. 11. Genomic sequencing later revealed that the travelers had the new variant.



A group of tourists in Bordeaux, southern France, on Nov. 27, 2021.

That same day, the WHO announced that B.1.1.529, or Omicron, was a variant of concern (VOC). The WHO cited the variant's large number of mutations, adding that "preliminary evidence suggests an increased risk of reinfection with this variant, as compared to other VOCs."

In the days since, Omicron has been detected across the world, reaching at least 24 countries as of Dec. 1, according to Forbes.

Recent analyses have suggested it was circulating long before early- to mid-November.

Notably, Nigerian scientists have identified the variant in a sample obtained in mid-October, from a traveler who had returned from South Africa.

While the variant may be contagious, so far it hasn't been associated with greater illness or death.

All 44 cases detected in Europe were mild or asymptomatic, according to reporting from Bloomberg.

This has led some experts to criticize the media and governments across the world for stirring up fear over the variant.

No one here in South Africa is known to have been [hospitalized] with the Omicron variant, nor is anyone here believed to have fallen seriously ill with it.

Angelique Coetzee, chair, South African Medical Association

Coetzee, of the South African Medical Association, has led the charge against what she sees as the over-hyping of Omicron.

"Let me be clear: nothing I have seen about this new variant warrants the extreme action the UK government has taken in response to it," she wrote in The Daily Mail.

"No one here in South Africa is known to have been [hospitalized] with the Omicron variant, nor is anyone here believed to have fallen seriously ill with it."

In a Nov. 29 Twitter thread, Dr.

Nicholas Christakis of Yale University noted there had been "no reports, yet, of deaths" from Omicron. "We will see such deaths before long," he said.

So far, even as the Omicron variant reportedly swept South Africa in November, COVID-19 deaths in the country have fallen from recent highs during the country's winter in July and August.

On Dec. 1, however, WHO's COVID-19 technical lead, Maria Van Kerkhove, noted an increase in hospitalizations in that country, according to CNBC. The country has simultaneously dealt with a small surge in the Delta variant, which may account for some of the increase in hospitalization.

If Omicron is both more contagious and less severe than earlier variants, its emergence could reflect the trade-off between transmission and virulence. According to this scientific hypothesis, pathogens evolve in the direction of spreading farther while also becoming less damaging to their hosts.

Some scientists think existing therapeutics will probably prove

effective against Omicron.

"There's reason to be optimistic current boosted vaccines will provide meaningful protection against #Omicron," wrote Scott Gottlieb, a Pfizer director and former Trump official, on Twitter.

Collins, of the NIH, thinks scientists will be better able to comment on the efficacy of existing vaccines against Omicron after two to three more weeks of field and laboratory testing.

Little Knowledge, Big Government Action

Our understanding of Omicron will improve as we learn more about it.

Thankfully, that knowledge could come sooner rather than later—WHO's Van Kerkhove has said her agency expects to know more about the new variant in days rather than weeks as initially projected, according to Reuters.

Yet despite our limited information on the new variant, as well as early indications that it may not be very severe, the United States and other governments have already reacted strongly, banning travel from southern Africa.

The WHO and other experts have criticized such restrictions, as has the U.S. Travel Association.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, President Joe Biden's chief medical adviser, told ABC's George Stephanopoulos on Nov. 28 that it was "too early to say" whether new lockdowns or mandates would be implemented in response to Omicron in the United States.

"We just really need to, as I've said so often, prepare for the worst," Fauci said in that interview.

More and more experts have voiced concerns about the use of lockdowns and similarly sweeping measures. Economist Donald Boudreaux told The Epoch Times that such shutdowns have "massive, gigantic, maybe even unprecedented" effects.

Writing in The Daily Wire, Dr. Scott Atlas, a coronavirus adviser under President Donald Trump, said that even if COVID-19 deaths stop rising quickly alongside cases during recurring spikes, "it is unlikely the recurring hysteria and mismanagement by those in power will end so quickly."

Florida Prison System in Crisis, State Senator Says

JANNIS FALKENSTERN

Florida is facing a "tsunami of inmates" who may be released from local and county jails due to a critical staff shortage, according to state Sen. Jeff Brandes, a Republican.

As a result of inaction by state leadership, Brandes said, the state may have to release some prisoners because facilities are overcrowded and there are not enough corrections officers.

He said Florida's prisons could house 60,000 inmates appropriately, and manage them adequately, but there are more than 80,000 incarcerated. The total does not include defendants behind bars while their cases are heard.

"I say overcrowded, but it is not because we do not have enough bed space—it is because of the lack of staff," he said, adding that the system currently has one guard for every 250 inmates.

The state senator blamed the state's legislators on both sides of the aisle for the problem.

"The state legislature failed to put any plan in place," he said. "They don't understand the depth of the problem."

In 2016, the Florida legislature commissioned a study on the prison system and asked for recommenda-

tions. The Crime and Justice Institute conducted the study and released a report in 2018.

"The analysis found that Florida is sending fewer people to prison than in years past, but those who do end up there are serving longer sentences, including those convicted of low-level, nonviolent offenses," the report said.

The report found that Florida's prison population stagnated at 100,000 inmates, making it the third-largest in the United States.

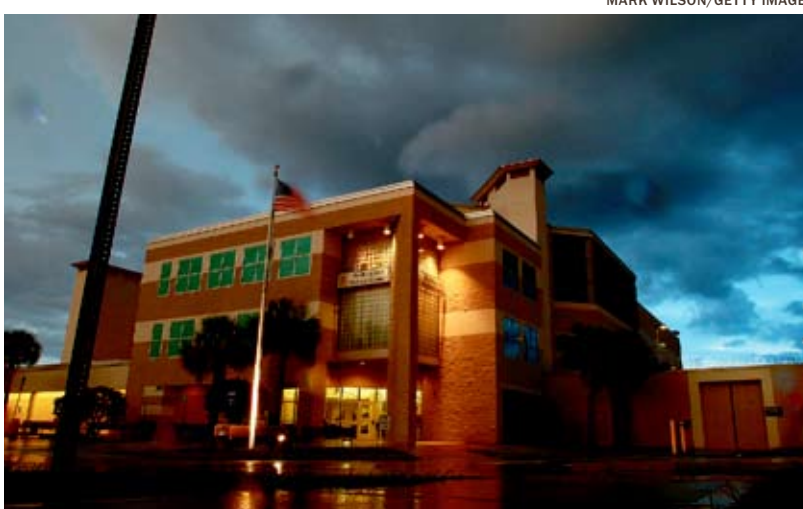
In late August 2021, staff shortages caused three Florida facilities to close—Cross City, Baker and New River correctional institutions, all in north Florida.

They don't understand the depth of the problem.

Sen. Jeff Brandes

The affected inmates were sent to other facilities, where Brandes said many were sleeping on floors.

Brandes said the incarceration rate is 21 percent higher than the national average. Florida's elderly prison population is rapidly growing and is expect-



Storm clouds pass over the Booking and Release Center at the Orange County Jail in Orlando on July 16, 2011.

ed to reach more than 27,700 inmates by 2023. Most elderly inmates have significant medical needs. In 2015 the FDC spent more than \$366 million on health care for inmates.

Along with staffing issues, programs for the inmates have been cut because of lack of teachers, Brandes said.

"We are just warehousing and not correcting anything," he said. "There may be one teacher to every 1,500 inmates. We just don't have the teachers; you can only cut the grass a few times with a power lawnmower."

Solutions

According to Brandes, a pay increase for correction officers was a priority—which Gov. Ron DeSantis addressed at a press conference on Nov. 29.

The governor proposed \$400 million in new funding to increase the salaries of all of Florida's law enforcement officers, including correctional officers.

Brandes agreed this was a start, but more needed to be done.

The senator proposed several things for the upcoming January legislative session, but he said the top priority

should be reducing sentences for non-violent offenders.

Other issues such as the aging population of the inmates needed attention, as well as the possibility of releasing inmates who were terminally ill, he said.

"These [terminally ill] inmates, instead of spending their last few weeks, or months, in confinement, they could be at home surrounded by family in their final hours."

Also, Brandes was proposing a "second look" at the inmate's court case.

"This will allow a judge to take a second look at their case and the judge will determine early release based on their prison record," he explained.

"If the inmate has had good behavior, and participated in programs while incarcerated, the judge can reduce their sentence."

Brandes didn't expect a lot out of this legislative session, because similar bills have been introduced in the past.

He said he feared the department of corrections was in crisis mode would stay there for a long time to come if something wasn't done now.

"I think the legislature will continue to punt on this issue because it is an election year," he said. "Everyone likes law and order, but revamping the prison system to where it works is part of that."

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COUNTY OF CHELAN CHIWAWA COMMUNITIES ASSOCIATION, a Washington public benefit corporation, Plaintiff, vs. KEVAN ARTHURS, a Washington state citizen and resident; BEAVER VALLEY ELECTRICAL LLC, a Washington limited liability company, Defendants. NO. 21-2-00467-04 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION (20 DAYS) To the Defendants KEVAN ARTHURS, and BEAVER VALLEY ELECTRICAL LLC: A lawsuit has been started against you in the above-entitled court by CHIWAWA COMMUNITIES ASSOCIATION a Washington public benefit corporation, Plaintiff. Plaintiffs' claim is stated in the written Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you with this Summons.

In order to defend against this lawsuit, you must respond to the Complaint by stating your defense in writing, and serving a copy upon the person signing this Summons within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, excluding the day of service, or a default judgment may be entered against you without notice. A default judgment is one in which the plaintiff is awarded what has been requested in the Complaint because of the Defendants failure to respond. If you serve a notice of appearance on the undersigned person, you are entitled to notice before a default judgment may be entered. You may demand that the Plaintiff file this lawsuit with the court. If you do so, the demand must be in writing and must be served upon the person signing this Summons. Within fourteen (14) days after you serve the demand, the Plaintiff must file this lawsuit with the Court, or the service on you of this Summons and Complaint will be void. If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be served on time. This Summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the State of Washington. DATED this 21st day of September, 2021. JEFFERS, DANIELSON, SONN & AYLWARD, P.S. By H. LEE LEWIS, WSBA # 46478 Attorneys for Plaintiff PO Box 1688 Wenatchee, WA 98807-1688 (509) 662-3685 (509) 662-2452 Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror, Leavenworth Echo & Cashmere Valley Record November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021 #3059

Can Bag Balm cure foot fungus?

One of my neighbors swears that Bag Balm helps cure foot fungus. Is that true?

No, not really. Applying Bag Balm to a fungal infection might help it keep from spreading, but it's far more likely to make it worse.

Most organisms grow better when placed in specific conditions that help them thrive. Most plants grow faster when planted in areas that receive many hours of direct sunlight each day. Other plants grow better in filtered light or areas out of the direct sun. Grasses and corn thrive in wet areas and will wither unless they get regular watering. Yet, iris and cacti have roots that can quickly rot if exposed to too much water.

Foot fungus and yeast organisms grow best in warm, dark, and moist places. This is why you'll find fungus and yeast thrive in the spaces between your toes and in the groin area rather than on the tops of your feet or on your elbows. Yeast can infect the diaper area because wet diapers provide a warm, dark and moist environment.

Bag Balm has 3 main ingredients: petroleum jelly (Vaseline), lanolin (wool fat), and 8-hydroxyquinoline, an anti-infective agent. Bag Balm was initially marketed to dairy farmers to apply to cow udders to reduce skin irritation and speed the healing of minor cuts and scrapes. Although licensed for veterinary use only, most farmers also used it on themselves and their family members for their cuts and chapped skin, with good results. Today, many homes wouldn't be without Bag Balm in its iconic bright green square can.

8-hydroxyquinoline is considered an effective topical anti-infective. It has been used as an active ingredient in liquid bandages such as New Skin. The 19th edition of the United States Dispensatory published in 1907 describes 8-hydroxyquinoline as a potent antiseptic.

8-hydroxyquinoline can stop the growth of bacteria and fungi by combining with specific trace minerals found on the surface of bacteria and fungi. This poisons them and prevents these microorganisms from reproducing, inhibiting their growth and ability to cause infection.

Although 8-hydroxyquinoline can inhibit fungus reproduction, slathering it on your feet won't ensure a cure for Athlete's foot. The main reason is that Bag Balm is an ointment.

Your body continuously gives off moisture through your breath, your sweat, and the pores of your skin. Creams help trap that moisture next to your skin before it evaporates, but ointments do that even better. One of the best ways to soothe dry



skin is to get it wet, pat it only partly dry and then apply an ointment. Ointment traps moisture next to the skin and prevents it from evaporating.

Bag Balm is only available as an ointment. Applying ointment to your feet moisturizes dry, chapped, or cracked skin. But if that skin is infected with fungus, using an ointment will encourage it to spread.

Ointment applied to feet covered in socks and shoes provides a warm, dark, and moist place, the perfect spot for growing fungus.

Instead of reaching for a can of Bag Balm when fighting foot fungus, I recommend keeping your feet as dry as possible and using a non-prescription antifungal agent.

Here are 3 keys to a Successfully Battling Foot Fungus:

- 1. Change your socks frequently
2. Apply a medicated antifungal cream until the infection is under control
3. Keep fungus under control by using an antifungal spray powder daily

Q: Can I use Bag Balm for my baby's diaper rash?

I don't recommend it. Babies have much thinner skin than children or adults, and the genital area has the most delicate skin of all.

The thinner your skin, the more likely that compounds applied to your skin can be absorbed through it into your bloodstream. Broken or blistered skin is even more likely to absorb stuff that's intended only for use on the outside, not the inside.

Years ago, an antiseptic cleanser called PhisoHex was used to wash new-

born infants. It contained hexachlorophene, an antiseptic skin cleanser that killed bacteria. When used as a body wash, some babies absorbed enough hexachlorophene through their skin to trigger seizures and other life-threatening reactions.

When treating a diaper rash, wash the area very gently and let it dry completely before applying any cream, ointment or other protectant. Creams or ointments containing zinc oxide protect the skin from contact with irritants like urine and feces without encouraging yeast infection.

The skin of babies younger than 6 months is particularly sensitive to perfumes; avoid highly scented baby wipes and soaps which can trigger diaper rash.

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy, is a 42-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. ©2021 Louise Achey

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CROSSWORD grid with clues: 1. Coalition of countries, 5. King trump-er, sometimes, 8. Cuckoo bird, 11. weevil, 12. Smelting waste, 13. Kitchen-wear, 15. Coke or Pepsi, 16. Check-in via text, email, etc., 17. Settler transport, 18. *2021 Super Bowl winner, two words, 20. Before long, to Shakespeare, 21. Jeopardy, 22. Auction action, 23. Puts down, 26. Coroner's performance, 30. Band booking, 31. Snicket of "A Series of Unfortunate Events", 34. Stravinsky's "The ___ of Spring", 35. Mine passages, 37. *Build Back Better ___, 38. Eucharist plate, 40. Good review, 42. "Tit for ___", 43. Buck feature, pl., 45. *First female VP, 47. Evergreen creeper, 48. It goes with gin, according to Snoopy Dogg, 50. Mongolian desert, 52. *COVID-19, e.g., 55. Poison ivy or Poison oak, 56. International Civil Aviation Org., 57. Distinctive smell, 59. House coat, 60. Asian cuisine food thickener, 61. Pelvic parts, 62. Gallery display, 63. Self-proclaimed greatest boxer, 64. Count on

DOWN clues: 1. "Monty Python" broadcaster, 2. Rioter's take, 3. Cantina pot, 4. Fasteners or holders, 5. Cover story, 6. *Suez ___, too tight for Ever Given, 7. Like custard, 8. Mythological ship, 9. "High" time, 10. Wayside stop, 12. Thinly spread, 13. Look forward to, 14. * ___ Papers, leaked offshore account information, 19. Banana refuse, pl., 22. Exchange for money, 23. Old World lizard, 24. *January 20th honoree, 25. Anti-elderly one, 26. Those not in favor, 27. Pita, alt. sp., 28. Take without asking, 29. Gossiper, Yiddish, 32. *Perseverance landing spot, 33. Edible tuber, 36. *Kabul's organization in power, 38. *The Nobel ___ Prize was awarded to Ressa and Muratov, 40. Snoop around, 41. Snowmobile brand, 44. Give the boot, 46. "Stronger" by Cindy McCain, e.g., 48. Southwestern hut, 49. Sushi restaurant staple, 50. ___ gum, food additive, 51. Leave out, 52. Home to the Leaning Tower, 53. Not in use, 54. One in mattress, 55. Spot for a facial, 58. *Actor Liotta, star in "The Many Saints of Newark"

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