

## Lake Chelan Valley Events, Things to do, Meetings

### 'Remembering Sept. 11, 2001': Sept. 11

MANSON - American Legion Post #108, along with VFW Post #6853 will hold an 'Remembering Sept. 11, 2001' event on Saturday, Sept. 11, 8:30-9:00 a.m., at the American Legion Park in downtown Manson. There will be special speakers, Manson students will be ringing the bell, read the events of that morning and play Taps and Lake Chelan Patriotic singers will sing God Bless America. A photo of those attending will be taken with Manson Fire District's Tower 51 fire truck. The 13 service members recently lost will also be honored.

### Chelan Museum: Sept. 8-11

CHELAN - The Lake Chelan Museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Face masks are required for all those visiting the museum. The museum has been refreshed with paint, new displays and new signage and check out the 12 ft. tall Lake Chelan Historic Legend Map display. A 24" x 36" poster based on the display is available for purchase for \$30. The Epson photo print depicts the lake in a vertical format along with relevant historic entries. Take a peek in the gift store and buy their latest 50th Anniversary History Notes or a Lake Chelan Historic Legend Map.

### Manson Farmers Market: Sept. 8, 11

MANSON - The Manson Farmers Market is open on Wednesdays, 8:30-11:30 a.m. in the parking area near Alta Cellars. On Saturdays the market is open 8:30 a.m.-12 noon in the Manson Grange Parking lot. The market will run through Labor Day. For more information find them on Facebook.

### Chelan Evening Farmers Market: Sept. 9

CHELAN - Chelan Thursday Evening Farmers market is open thru Oct. 28, 2-6 p.m. and has expanded into Riverwalk Park. With more than 20 vendors and two food trucks, browse fresh, locally grown produce and a variety of goods from local artisans. Although this is a Farmer-centric market, there is so much more. Enjoy the entertainment, picnic on prepared food or fresh fruit and vegetables. Per Health Department guidelines vendors will be masked and providing hand sanitizer throughout the market, for your safety. The market is located on the corner of S. Emerson Street and Wapato Avenue, near Riverwalk Inn and Riverwalk Park. For info: chelanfarmers-market.org

### Local artist art show: Sept. 9

CHELAN - The Lake Chelan Museum is proud to be featuring a showing of the charcoal-pastel drawings of local artist, Scott Polley. The evening event will be on Thursday, September 9, 5-7 p.m. The drawings feature the upper reaches of Lake Chelan and the historic boats that travelled these waters. The public is welcome. Masks will be required for those attending.



### 4th Quarter Road Biking Group: Sept. 10, 13

MANSON/CHELAN - The 4th Quarter Road Biking Group (Formerly named the Seniors' Road Biking Group) is inviting road bike and e-bike riders to join their riding group. The bike riders meet at 9 a.m. in Manson or Chelan on Mondays and Fridays. On the first Friday of every month the group meets at Pat & Mike's store and they ride the South Shore of the lake. The rides are usually 90 -120 minutes in length and average 20-30 miles in distance. The ride routes are pre-planned and include a few or several hill climbs. Most of the rides are designed to minimize highway riding. For more information contact Bob Matson at 509-888-1554 or matsonfamily4@aol.com.

### Wellness Place Online Auctions: Sept. 10-17, 17-19

WENATCHEE - Out of an abundance of caution, and with respect to our dedicated healthcare professionals, the Wellness Place Board of Directors decided to cancel their in-person Gala and move to an online auction. They are excited to host two online auction events during Sept 10-19, and both are filled with a variety of items and values. #1 "Shooting Star" Online Auction Packages, opens 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 10,

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# 25 Mile Fire now at 17,260 acres, 40% contained

CHELAN - The Twenty-five Mile Fire was reported Sunday afternoon, August 15 at 3:45 p.m. in the 25 Mile Creek drainage burning in brush and timber and forced Level 3 evacuation notices to residents in that area that day. Washington State Patrol Chief John Batiste authorized the mobilization of state firefighting resources on August 15, at 9:30 p.m., at the request of Fire Chief Mark Donnell, Chelan Fire & Rescue. Since Monday, Management of the Twenty-five Mile Fire was transferred to Pacific Northwest Team 3, a Type 1 Incident Management Team on Sept. 1

Since Monday, August 30 it has increased in size by 4,743 and is now at 17,260 acres and is 40% contained

Below is the latest information on the fire as of Monday, Sept. 6.

**Twenty-five Mile Fire Update**  
**September 6**  
**Fire Information Line:**  
**509-761-9217**  
**Daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.**  
**Maps available at incweb.com**  
**Size: 17,260 acres**  
**Total Personnel: 451**  
**Containment: 40%**  
**Cause: Under investigation**

Yesterday, Sept. 5: Fixed wing scoopers and helicopters were used extensively,



Photo courtesy Gary Rittenmeyer

Passengers on the Lady Express got a up close view of the two Super Scoopers working the 25 Mile-five Mile Creek Fire last week down lake of Lake Chelan State Park. The Super Scoopers work in tandem, hold around 1,600 gallons of water and take around 12 seconds to fill. Those recreating on the lake are reminded to stay clear of the area when the Scoopers and helicopters are getting water out of the lake.

dropping water to delay fire movement to the west and south. Delaying the fire's progression gives firefighters additional time needed to secure and improve containment lines. Helicopters were also used for aerial ignition, adding depth to previously burned containment lines near Slide Peak; and working in conjunction with firefighters hand lighting

along the containment line from Crescent Hill to Junior Spike late in the day. Engines and crews continued mop-up and patrol from Twenty-five Mile Creek State Park to Chesapeake Saddle to better secure containment lines. To the south, firefighters sought and extinguished areas of heat, improving fire lines around Slide Ridge. Heavy equipment repaired

sections of Forest Road 8410 to keep it viable for safe use by fire suppression equipment and completed relocation of a portion of the primary containment line to a more defensible position west of Slide Peak.

Firefighters continued maintenance of pumps and hose lays around structures

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## CDHD opens new COVID-19 vaccine drive-thru site

SUBMITTED BY CHELAN-DOUGLAS HEALTH DISTRICT

EAST WENATCHEE - Chelan-Douglas Health District (CDHD) opened a new COVID-19 vaccine drive-thru site on Friday, Sept. 3.

CDHD, Lifeline Ambulance and Lake Chelan Health are working in collaboration to offer Chelan and Douglas County residents a new vaccine drive-thru clinic at Lifeline's current testing location in East Wenatchee at 230 Grant Road.

Lake Chelan Health will administer Pfizer and Moderna

vaccines Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The new vaccine drive-thru site will not require pre-registration and walk-ins are welcome.

Lifeline currently offers COVID-19 testing Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit their website at lifelineambulance.net for pre-registration and testing details.

Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases and the latest State mandates, these efforts are a result of the current surge in COVID-19 vaccines and testing that has put a

### Confirmed COVID-19 Cases In Chelan & Douglas Counties

Data Updated 9/2/21 at 5:12 p.m.

County of Residence	Total Positive Cases as of Sep 1	New Cases Received Sep 1	New Cases in Last 7 Days (By Tested Date) (Aug 26 - Sep 1)	New Cases in Last 14 Days (By Tested Date) (Aug 19 - Sep 1)	Currently Hospitalized	Total Deaths
Chelan	8979	69	428 (537.3 per 100,000)	857 (1075.8 per 100,000)	20*	68
Douglas	4843	39	234 (534.9 per 100,000)	477 (1090.3 per 100,000)	4*	22
Total	13,822	108	662 (536.4 per 100,000)	1334 (1080.9 per 100,000)	24**	90

\* Includes all residents of Chelan-Douglas hospitalized with COVID that are reported to CDHD

\*\*Total COVID-positive patients hospitalized in Chelan-Douglas, which includes residents from surrounding counties

strain on other testing and vaccination sites in the area.

Please stay tuned for details on future COVID-19 vac-

ine clinics. Visit www.cdhd.wa.gov and follow CDHD on Facebook and Twitter for public health updates.

## Sen. Brad Hawkins virtual 'listening tour' Sept. 14-15

NCW - Senator Brad Hawkins 12th District virtual "listening tour" will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 14 and 15. Group meetings will take place by Zoom or as traditional conference calls. His office will schedule the meetings approximately 20 minutes apart to accommodate as many groups as possible. Meeting directly with constituents or stakeholder groups in separate appointments has worked well in past

years. During past listening tours, meetings included employers, local governments, and community groups. If you are interested in an appointment, please contact Hawkins at brad.hawkins@leg.wa.gov or 360-688-8951.

Past listening tours have taken him all throughout the 12th District and helped connect him with issues important to all four counties in our district - Chelan, Douglas,

Grant, and Okanogan, including several communities, such as Leavenworth, Cashmere, Quincy, Wenatchee, East Wenatchee, Pateros, Twisp, Chelan, Grand Coulee, Bridgeport, Waterville, Rock Island, Mansfield, and Mazama.


Hawkins legislative staff, communications staff and issue specialists will join him. He says it's helpful to have these resources available when visiting with communities. If they do not have answers to

the questions you ask, they'll track them down and follow up with you. The 12th District listening tours are a great opportunity for staff based in Olympia to hear directly from you about issues of interest in our district.

Hosting a listening tour each year allows him to hear directly from you in preparation for the upcoming session. Ideas shared during past listening tours have even turned into successful legislative action.



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



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**FIRE**

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along Lake Chelan and in the First Creek subdivision to ensure that equipment is ready for use as needed.

A virtual Community Meeting, including an operational briefing, was hosted early yesterday evening and can now be viewed on the Twenty-five Mile Fire YouTube Channel: <https://youtu.be/6kmHsfCOTw>.

Today: Heavy equipment will continue repair work on both Forest Road 8410 and on Forest Road 5900 near Shady Pass for fire traffic safety. To the south, just west of Slide Peak, firefighters are ready to implement additional burning toward Stormy Mountain as conditions allow. The forecast indicates favorable winds for this effort later today. To the north, the fire perimeter near Twenty-Five Mile State

Park to Chesapeake Saddle remains in patrol status. Engines and firefighters will continue to hold, mop-up, and improve the fire line between Chesapeake Saddle and Junior Point. Firefighters also plan to continue burning operations between Junior Point and Crescent Hill.

Structure assessments are complete along the Lake Chelan corridor and First Creek subdivision. Pumps and hose lays in these areas are in place and firefighters will continue to maintain the system so it will be ready for use if needed. Fire managers are also evaluating the need for this work to continue as containment lines have held in the area for a number of days.

Weather and Fire Behavior: Clear sunny skies are expected today, with a warming and drying trend. When wind alignment with terrain occurs, the higher tempera-



Two Super Scoopers work the 25 Mile-five Mile Creek Fire last week in the area Lake Chelan State Park.

Photo courtesy Gary Rittenmeyer

tures and lower humidity, coupled with high amounts of dead and down vegetation

will contribute to continued active burning. Visible columns of smoke from the

interior of the fire can be anticipated throughout the day and into the evening.

Evacuations: Level 1 (Be Ready): All properties along South Lakeshore Road (from just north of Lake Chelan State Park to the end of the roadway), First Creek Road and Granite Falls Road. A map of current evacuation levels is available at: [bit.ly/2WhU9Nu](http://bit.ly/2WhU9Nu) and additional information is available from Chelan County Emergency Management ([facebook.com/ccsoem/](https://www.facebook.com/ccsoem/)).

Closures: Some National Forest System lands in the vicinity of the Twenty-five Mile Creek Fire are closed. These closures are intended to provide for firefighter and public safety. Please check the interactive map of emergency closures when planning an outing: [tinyurl.com/25mileforest](http://tinyurl.com/25mileforest).

South Lakeshore Road is open to Fields Point Landing. As the Labor Day holiday weekend winds down, please avoid travel in this area due to heavy fire traffic.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Treatment of local citizens should give all cause for concern**

Tonight, August 30, the Manson School board meeting at the Manson Elementary School should have given every parent and concerned citizen pause for the treatment of about 40 concerned citizens wanting to dialogue with them. A group of parents and concerned people attended the meeting with the intention of speaking to the board about concerns regarding masking in the district

schools, and to encourage the board to not require children attending district schools to wear masks. It was never the intention of the group to shut the meeting down or treat the board with disrespect.

When the parents entered a school hallway to the room where the meeting was held, there were two men who instructed everyone to sign in and to take a mask. Everyone declined the offer to mask up. When the group was seated we were instructed by a board member to mask up, in a curt threatening manner. When everyone declined his two "chances" to comply, the

gentleman presented a motion to adjourn the meeting and make it a Zoom meeting. Using his position to negate our concerns with rudeness and an authoritarian manner that was quite shocking and heavy handed to those present. It is the intention of the parents that the district not implement a mask rule in any form for the health and safety of our children.

The parents do not feel that the governor's mandate is anything but that, a mandate, not a Law. The decision to wear a mask, or not, should be made by every individual. This may be an unpopular stance for those who whole heartedly embraced the wearing of masks and who chose to take an injection for the virus. The dubious health benefits of masks, and a vaccine that still requires masking and social distancing and worse, that those who have had the injection are still likely to be sickened and die from the injection and the virus, should be of great concern. Every year, in excess of 70,000 Americans die of seasonal flu and pneumonia, neither of which require the masking of the population.

The board voted quickly to adjourn, several board members made a few disparaging comments to members of the group at large and several parents. One board member looked at the group with disgust and shook his head

before the board made their hurried exit. The district superintendent actually did engage with a parent who was presenting facts about the supposed safety or value of masking and told her she would like to meet with her for further discussion of our concerns.

It appeared to the group that the board felt they had made certain we did not feel welcome and that those of the group who were scheduled for a three minute chance to speak, would now have to arrange a Zoom interaction. The rest of the group were not welcome apparently to sit in on a regular board meeting. The manner in which the group was treated did not give those attending confidence that the board has any concerns for any views but those of the board. The board, which is supposed to be responsive to parental concerns. It was painful to see the one unmasked child who attended observing first hand the strong arm manner in which she would be treated when she wanted to say how much she disliked wearing a mask. As a lesson in civics, any adult would be appalled at the smug manner the board exhibited to the taxpayers with an honest grievance and concern for their children's health. They exhibited the authoritarian manner many Americans have come to equate with those who are

given a little bit of power and use it against voters and those who pay their salary.

To see the disregard for the concerns of parents and citizens was truly shocking and indicative of many these days that if you take an opposing stance about masks or vaccines you are demonized, dismissed or accused of disregarding the health of others. The idea of civil discourse, calm discussion and consensus has been traded for an authoritarian stance of "my way or the highway" mentality. The few comments that several board members yelled to the group indicated a real lack of information about the virus being smaller than a human hair, which easily passes through all masks in common use today. The fact that there has been such deception from the CDC and Mr. Fauci toward Americans did not seem anywhere on their radar. They were uninterested in listening to any opposing views. These, the people who will make decisions about masks for our children, may also attempt the implementation of programs very unpopular with parents, Critical Race Theory, and Gender and Identity agendas. School boards are meant to be responsive to the concerns of parents.

Besides being useless in preventing the virus from entering our systems, they give those wearing them a false sense of security that

they are safe from the virus. Mr. Fauci made this point early on about masks not being useful in the prevention of contracting the virus. The group Monday night, and millions of others in the world, do not feel subject to a mandate regarding masks, It would send a mixed message to children to see us masking up to comply with a board not only not interested in our concerns, but in forcing our children to mask up every minute of their school day.

As a concerned citizen and a parent and grandparent I would encourage all concerned people to educate themselves about this virus and what masks do, and do not do, to protect us. Also, to consider carefully the fact that those who seek to deny your right to make your own health decisions should not use a school board position to dictate public health policy. Please make your opinions known and remind your school board that they work for us, the parents. They are to listen to us, not become petty tyrants in the implementation of their personal beliefs. Remind them we still have the right to be autonomous human beings and citizens, that the U.S. Constitution guarantees us this right, not to be negated by local school districts.

Judie Gembala  
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# Legacy Grandparenting Summit 2021

*East Wenatchee church to host live simulcast Oct. 21-22*

SUBMITTED BY COLUMBIA GROVE COVENANT CHURCH

EAST WENATCHEE - On October 21-22, Columbia Grove Covenant Church in East Wenatchee will be presenting the Legacy Grandparenting Summit. Grandparents around the country will join together for two days tailored to help them grandparent with purpose.

The live conference will be held in Birmingham, Alabama, with live simulcast locations spread throughout the United States. Grandparents can provide tremendous impact on the spiritual direction of their grandchildren. The Legacy Grandparenting Summit will give grandparents the vision and resources to make the most of the time they spend with their grandchildren.

Grandparents will hear from world-renowned leaders and fellow grandparents. Featured speakers include:



Two of the featured speakers at the Grandparenting Summit will be Larry Fowler, Legacy Coalition founder (above) and David Green, Founder and owner of Hobby Lobby (below).



• David Green – Founder and owner of Hobby Lobby



Kathryn (left) and Ray Dobbs (right) and with their grandkids and one great-grandchild, ages 5-months to 25 years.

Photo courtesy Ray Dobbs

- Terence Chatmon – Former executive with Coca-Cola, Johnson & Johnson, and Citibank
- Reggie Joiner – Founder and CEO, Orange
- Ken Davis, Emmy-winning writer, producer, and stand-up comedian
- Larry Fowler – Legacy Coalition founder
- Kara Powell – Professor at

Fuller Theological Seminary and executive director of the Fuller Youth Institute

• Valerie Bell – CEO of Awana and award-winning author

• Music from the Isaacs, Scott Westley Brown, and Fernando Ortega

A grandparent is uniquely qualified to help children grow in their faith. The Leg-

acy Grandparenting Summit will offer the encouragement and advice necessary to unleash the full potential of grandparents. Attendees will walk away with practical action steps they can immediately take to nurture their relationships with their grandchildren.

Join the movement at Columbia Grove Covenant

Ray and Kathryn Dobbs, are former Chelan residents now living in East Wenatchee. They have been a part of a national grandparenting ministry since it started in 2016 - Legacy Coalition. They are working with their church, Columbia Grove Covenant Church, to host the big Grandparenting Summit in October.

Ray says Legacy's goal is to "light a fire" in grandparents - show them how God sees their critical role in passing on their faith and wisdom to grandkids and equip them to be more intentional and effective in this effort. He says it is their prayer and desire is to see Grandparenting ministries being active in every church in the Lake Chelan valley.

Church

More information on Summit: <https://legacycoalition.com/summit/>

More information on Legacy Coalition: <https://legacycoalition.com/>

To Register for East Wenatchee site: <https://legacycoalition.brushfire.com/Legacy-Grandparent-Summit-Simulcast/510064>

## CHELAN COUNTY SHERIFF/FIRE/EMS

### SHERIFF

#### August 27

- Theft at the 600 block of N. Golf Course Dr., Chelan.
- Trespassing at the 300 block of W. Manson Rd., Chelan.
- Assault at the 500 block of E. Highland Ave., Chelan.
- Suspicious Activity at Entiat River Rd. MP 22, Entiat.
- Civil at the 200 block of S. Millard St., Chelan.
- Marine, Lake Chelan (25 Mile Fire)
- Suspicious Activity at FS 5900-128 Rd., Chelan.
- Alarm at the 200 block of Mike Keys Rd., Manson.
- Domestic Disturbance at the 3800 block of US Hwy 97A, Chelan.
- Trespassing at the 2300 block of W. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
- Suspicious Activity at the 100 block of Wapato Way, Manson.

#### August 28

- Missing Person at the 1600 block of S. Lakeshore Rd., Chelan.
- Suspicious Activity at No See Um Roundabout, Chelan.
- Marine at the 2200 block of W. Terrace Ave., Chelan.
- Civil at the 2200 block of W. High St., Chelan.
- Alarm at the 100 block of Makai Rd., Manson.
- Marine at the 400 block of W. Manson Rd., Chelan.
- Suspicious Activity at the 100 block of E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
- Domestic Disturbance at the 400 block of S. Navarre St., Chelan.
- Suicide Threat at the 300 block of Wells Ave., Manson.
- Civil at the 2300 block of W. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
- Suspicious Activity at the 100 block of E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
- Diversion at the 300 block of Wells Ave., Manson.

#### August 29

- Domestic Disturbance at N. Columbia St. and E. Johnson, Chelan.
- Marine at the 7500 block of S. Lakeshore Rd., Chelan.
- Vehicle Prowl at the 200 block of W. Nixon Ave., Chelan.
- Vehicle Prowl at the 100 block of Waterslide Dr., Chelan.
- Alarm at the 100 block of Makai Rd., Manson.
- Civil at the 3000 block of Hedding St., Entiat.
- Marine at the 400 block of W. Manson Rd., Chelan.
- Harassment/Threat at the 100 block of E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
- Suicide Threat at the 100 block of W. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
- Attempt to Locate/Attempt to Contact at the 50000 block of S. Water Way, Stehekin.

#### August 30

- Vehicle Prowl at the 900 block of E. Johnson Ave., Chelan.
- Vehicle Prowl at the 800 block of E. Johnson Ave., Chelan.
- Vehicle Prowl at the 900 block of E. Johnson Ave., Chelan.
- Vehicle Prowl at the 100 block of N. Wilson St., Chelan.
- Missing Person at E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
- Non-Injury Accident at US Hwy 97A & Hagen St., Entiat.
- Trespassing at the 100 block of W. Woodin Ave., Chelan.

#### August 31

- Fraud/Forgery at the 3000 block of Hedding St., Entiat.
- Marine at the 12200 block of S. Lakeshore Rd., Chelan.
- Trespassing at the 100 block of McFadden Dr., Manson.

Warrant at the 400 block of Washington St., Chelan.

Malicious Mischief at the 300 block of Orondo Ave., Chelan.

#### September 1

- Suspicious Activity at the 300 block of Henderson Rd., Chelan.
- Welfare Check at the 100 block of Riviera Dr., Chelan.
- Non-Injury Accident at the 800 block of E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
- Trespassing at the 100 block of Appleblossom Dr., Chelan.
- Fireworks at Entiat Way & Entiat River Rd., Entiat.
- Domestic Disturbance at the 12200 block of Entiat River Rd., Entiat.
- Weapons Violation at Bridge View Dr. & S. Shore Dr., Orondo.

#### September 2

- Alarm at the 200 block of W. Manson Rd., Chelan.
- Theft at the 600 block of N. Golf Course Rd., Chelan.
- Non-Injury Accident at the 700 block of E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
- Vehicle Prowl at the 600 block of E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
- Vehicle Prowl at the 200 block of W. Highland Ave., Chelan.
- Trespassing at the 2600 block of Dick Ranch Rd., Entiat.
- Hazard at SR 150 MP 11, Chelan.
- Non-Injury Accident at the 100 block of N. Appleblossom Dr., Chelan.
- Juvenile Problem at the Old Chelan Bridge.

### Fire/EMS

#### August 27

- Chelan Fire District #7**
- Structure Fire at Maryvale Ln. / Shady Pass, Chelan.
- Commercial Alarm at the 2200 block of W. Woodin Ave., Chelan.

#### August 28

- Chelan Fire District #7**
- Hemorrhage at the 300 block of Fields Point Rd., Chelan.

#### Entiat Fire District

- Medical Alarm at the 14900 block

of Golden Delicious St., Entiat.

#### Chelan EMS

Unknown Accident at Knapps Tunnel S., Chelan.

#### August 29

#### Chelan Fire District #7

- Unconscious at the 100 block of E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
- Unconscious at the 500 block of E. Highland Ave., Chelan.

#### Manson Fire District

Cardiac at the 700 block of Wapato Lake Rd., Manson.

#### Chelan EMS

- Overdose/Poison at the 300 block of Wells Ave., Manson.
- Sick person at the 300 block of E. Railroad Ave., Manson.
- Psychiatric at the 100 block of W. Woodin Ave., Chelan.

#### August 30

#### Chelan Fire District #7

Illegal Burn at the 2000 block of First Creek Rd., Chelan.

#### Chelan EMS

- Traumatic Injury at the 50400 block of S. Water Way, Stehekin.
- Medical Alarm at the 500 block of N. Cedar St., Chelan.

#### Manson Fire District

Brush Fire at SR 150 and Wapato Lake Rd., Manson.

#### August 31

#### Chelan Fire District #7

- Traumatic Injury at N. Columbia St. and E. Woodin Ave., Chelan.
- Unconscious at the 500 block of E. Highland Ave., Chelan.
- Residential Alarm at the 800 block of Riverview Cemetery Rd., Chelan.

#### Entiat Fire District

- Medical Alarm at the 2000 block of Stoneridge St., Entiat.
- Unconscious at the 7700 block of Entiat River Rd., Entiat.

#### September 1

No Report.

#### September 2

- Manson Fire Department**
- Residential Alarm at the 300 block of Upper Point Dr., Manson.

## Heritage Heights Promotes Deseria Bare to Executive Director

SUBMITTED BY ELENA ROPPEL, SENIOR SERVICES OF AMERICA

CHELAN - Heritage Heights has promoted long-term employee Deseria Bare as the new Executive Director, starting Sept. 1.

Deseria has worked at Heritage Heights for 18 years and has experience fulfilling every role at the facility. Deseria started as a caregiver, earning her NAR (registered nursing assistant) and CNA (certified nursing assistant credentials) in the first six months. Her most recent role was Household Coordinator and acting backup to the community's CEO, Amanda Ballou.

Deseria was selected by Senior Services of America, the management company for Heritage Heights, and the Board of Directors after interviews with the staff and residents. She meets all the qualifications set by the Washington Administrative Codes (WACS) for Assisted Living with her years of experience and training.



Photo courtesy Heritage Heights

Deseria Bare (center) is the new Executive Director at Heritage Heights. She is pictured with two of the residents of Heritage Heights. Bare replaces Amanda Ballou who is retiring in October.

"I am very proud of Deseria and congratulate her. It's a happy day to see her recognized for years of accomplishment," said Heritage Heights CEO Amanda Ballou, who is retiring in October. "The board and Senior Services of America are thrilled to promote an internal candidate. Deseria has our full support going forward."

Heritage Heights is a non-profit, community-based organization with a Board of Directors comprised of local leaders, accountable to the residents of the Lake Chelan Valley for the care of our seniors. The community offers assisted living services for older adults in and around Lake Chelan.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Charles Michael Hackenmiller, (Michael J)**

Charles Michael Hackenmiller, (Michael J) passed away unexpectedly on April 25, 2021. He was born February 17, 1980 to Mike and Terry Hackenmiller of Pateros, Washington and was a beloved son, husband, brother and uncle. He graduated from Chelan High School in 1998. He grew up fishing, hunting, golfing and hiking with his friends and family. As time went on, he became a talented carpenter and worked closely with his brother to build many fine homes.



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He married the love of his life, Erin, in January 2021. Michael's love for his entire family was contagious, not to mention his sense of humor and kindness. For anyone that knew Mike Mike, he had an infectious laugh, which we will never forget and he embraced life to its fullest, every single day. In true Michael fashion, he would love for all that knew him to continue to live life to its fullest. He'll be looking for

He is survived by his wife Erin Hackenmiller and her family, his parents Mike and Terry Hackenmiller, brother Dustin and his wife Cara, their three children, grandparents Gene and Betty Walsh and extended family members.

His Celebration of Life will take place on September 18, 2021 from 1-4 p.m at Mike and Alice Miller's home at 311 Stayman Flats Road, Chelan.

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closes 9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 17. #2 "Supernova" Online Auction Packages, Opens 8 a.m., Friday, Sept. 17, closes 9 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 19. Wellness Place is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and our mission is to give compassionate support and FREE resources to individuals, their families and caregivers through their cancer journey, from diagnosis to survivorship, for all residents in Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan counties, regardless of age or income. No One Fights Alone. For more information visit [www.wellnessplacewenatchee.org](http://www.wellnessplacewenatchee.org).

**Glass recycle: Sept. 11**  
*Volunteers needed*

CHELAN - Rotary of Lake Chelan 911 Glass Rescue is open on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m.-noon, at 23235 Highway 97A across from Walmart. They are charging a small fee per pound for glass drop-off. Buckets of the materials produced, sand and aggregate, will be available for purchase at \$5 per 5-gallon bucket. 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](http://www.911glassrescue.org), and click on the volunteer tab on the home page.

**Lake Chelan Car Club Show: Sept. 11**

CHELAN- The Lake Chelan Car Club Show will be Saturday, September 11, at Riverwalk Park in Chelan (behind Kelly's Hardware) starting at 8 a.m. Friday afternoon, Sept. 10, there will be registration from 4-6 p.m. with live music at Leo Miller's Car Museum (20 Blue Water Lane-Behind Chelan Glass). For more information and registration form, please visit [www.lakechelanclub.com/](http://www.lakechelanclub.com/)

**Lake Chelan Swim: Sept. 11**

MANSON - The 10th annual Lake Chelan Swim will be held on Saturday, Sept. 11 at Manson Bay Park. To learn how you can swim, donate or volunteer go to [lakechelanswim.com](http://lakechelanswim.com). The swim raises monies for swim lessons at the park.

**Food Bank food distribution: Sept. 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.

**St. Andrew's 'Back to Church Sunday': Sept. 12**

CHELAN - In a celebration of renewed faith and community, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church has set September 12 as the inaugural Back to Church Sunday service at 10 a.m.

Join "Back to Church" services via Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84574811302> As in the past few months

since live services have been reinstated, there will be live acoustic and organ music arranged by music director Hannah Hubbard and choral presentations from soloist Marci Hale in the historic log church. A champagne reception in the Great Hall will follow immediately after the service. See story page A4.

**Harvest Dinner/Live Auction: Sept. 12**

CHELAN - The Historic Downtown Chelan Associations Harvest Dinner and Live Auction will be held on the Old Bridge on Sunday, Sept. 12, 5-9 p.m. It is capped at 115 guests. In addition to the incredible 5-course meal prepared by Campbell's Resort Executive Chef; each course will be paired with wines from 13 of our Valley's exceptional wineries (each table will be paired with a different winery); this is also an opportunity for the HDCA to raise money to continue supporting our local downtown business community. For ticket information [historicchelan.org](http://historicchelan.org)

**North Shore PUD Substation Update: Sept. 15**

CHELAN: Chelan PUD has been working the past year to develop design details for the new North Shore Substation on Henderson Road, such as access and roadway improvements, site grading and the orientation of the new substation. They want to share this progress with you, provide an updated design schedule, and answer any questions you may have, on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 3-5p.m. at the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce in downtown Chelan. Chelan PUD public meetings will adhere to current Covid-19 guidance, including requiring masks indoors, Remote Alternative. Can't join them in person? Email Jenna at [jenna.rahm@chelanpud.org](mailto:jenna.rahm@chelanpud.org) to schedule a Zoom alternative.

**Lions Club garage sale: Sept. 17-18**

MANSON: The Lake Chelan Lions Club (multi-family) garage sale will be held Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17 and 18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 772 E. Wapato Way, next to Manson Bay Market. All proceeds will go towards Lions Club programs.

**Chelan Century Challenge: Sept. 18**

LAKE CHELAN - Over 2,500 feet with an average 12% grade - and it's waiting for you at the Chelan Century Challenge. Compete against your friends in an American version of Mont Ventoux on Saturday, Sept. 18, with the start/end location at the PUD's Chelan River Park. The Chelan Century Challenge is designed as a clover leaf. It consists of three loops, each one being completely different from the others. The loops are between 30 miles and 40 miles in length, combining challenging hills with captivating scenery. For more info [www.cyclcechelan.com](http://www.cyclcechelan.com) The money raised by this event plays a key role in supporting the projects and causes of Lake Chelan Rotary Club.

**CVHT benefit concert: Sept. 18**

MANSON - On Saturday, September 18, 3-6 p.m., Megan Munroe, a Nashville recording artist, will be putting on a benefit concert at Wapato Point, at 249 Manson View Dr. Manson. All of the proceeds will go towards Chelan Valley Housing Trust. Pack a bottle of wine, bring a friend, and hear some wonderful music from guests in the local area as well.



**Manson Grange: Sept. 28**

MANSON - The next regular monthly meeting of the Manson Grange will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m., at the Grange Hall.

Obituaries & Death Notices also appear online [lakechelanmirror.com](http://lakechelanmirror.com)

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Hubert Ledford**

Hubert Ledford, 79, of Chelan Falls, Washington, passed away August 31, 2021.

Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at [Prechtrose.com](http://Prechtrose.com). Services are under the direction of Precht Rose Chapel of Chelan.

**Ronald A. Studham**

Ronald A. Studham, 70, of Chelan, Washington, passed away Sept. 1, 2021.

Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at [Prechtrose.com](http://Prechtrose.com). Services are under the direction of Precht Rose Chapel of Chelan.

**Nancy A. Miller**

Nancy A. Miller, 90, of Chelan, Washington, passed away Sept. 2, 2021.

Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at [Prechtrose.com](http://Prechtrose.com). Services are under the direction of Precht Rose Chapel of Chelan.

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# Accounting Critic Says Biggest Problem Facing Social Security, Medicare Is Trillions in Unfunded Debts

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MARK TAPSCOTT

Social Security and Medicare trust funds are in dire financial condition due to rising benefit costs, but the biggest problem facing the two largest federal entitlement programs is how they're funded, according to a nonprofit that advocates greater government transparency and accountability.

"Our bottom line is the trust funds are all a shell game, there is no money in the trust funds. As [former U.S. Comptroller-General] David Walker says, trust funds have no funds and should be distrusted," Truth in Accounting (TIA) President Sheila Weinberg told The Epoch Times on Sept. 2.

Weinberg was referring to the fact that the trust funds receive what are in effect IOUs from the Treasury Department that are called "securities"—promises to pay a specified amount at a future date.

On Social Security, for example, the government pays interest on the securities, generally about 2 percent, and the total value of the securities is presently just less than \$3 trillion. Securities are paid out of general revenues when they come due.

"We would also highlight the massive underfunding. Social Security is underfunded by \$40 trillion, Medicare by \$55 trillion. This represents the amount of money the government has promised in benefits, and they have no idea where they are going to get the money to pay for those promises," Weinberg said.

The official U.S. national debt is

\$29 trillion, but Weinberg's group maintains that the true amount is more than \$133 trillion when the costs of benefits such as those promised by Social Security and Medicare are included in the calculation, according to the Chicago-based TIA.

Private sector pension plans are required by federal law to account for future benefits and to properly fund them. But the federal government doesn't follow the same law for its own pensions.

Medicare has the largest unfunded benefits total at \$55 trillion, followed by Social Security at \$40 trillion, and government employee and retiree pensions such as the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) at \$9 trillion. The official public debt and assorted other federal liabilities such as loan guarantees make up the balance.

Trustee reports made public earlier this week show that the Medicare trust fund that pays for hospitalization is due to reach insolvency in 2026, while the Social Security trust fund will reach that point in 2033, barring major reforms in how the two programs are funded and pay benefits.

Weinberg is far from alone in pointing to the unfunded debts of Social Security and Medicare.

"Yesterday's reports on the financial status of various Medicare and Social Security trust funds once again identify unsustainable benefit promises in Medicare and Social Security programs," Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) said in a statement



Pedestrians walk past the Social Security Administration office in downtown Los Angeles, in this file photo.

on Sept. 1.

"The Hospital Insurance trust fund is projected to be exhausted around 2026; there are \$60 trillion of unfunded liabilities in Social Security programs; and unfunded liabilities increased by trillions of dollars over the last year alone."

Differences in unfunded liabilities calculations are typically due to differences in the number of years covered, how future benefits are estimated, and differences in demographic assumptions.

"While bipartisan efforts are nec-

essary to make needed changes to address Medicare and Social Security long-term financial challenges, most Democrats want only to expand benefit promises further without generating sustainable trust fund solvency," Crapo said.

"I agree with the report's recommendation that 'Congress and the executive branch work closely together with a sense of urgency to address these challenges,' and urge bipartisanship and cooperation to do so."

Crapo is the ranking minority member of the Senate Finance

Committee, which would be a major player in any congressional or presidential initiative to reform the Social Security and Medicare trust funds.

President Joe Biden hasn't offered any proposals to reform the funding underlying either Social Security or Medicare.

*Congressional correspondent Mark Tapscott may be contacted at mark.tapscott@epochtimes.nyc. Follow him on Twitter at @mtapscott and on Parler at @Mtapscott.*

## House Committee Paves Way for Military Conscription of Women

KEN SILVA

After scuttling an amendment that would have effectively suspended military conscription, the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) took a 180-degree turn on Sept. 1 by voting to expand the draft to women.

The decision came late in the markup of the 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), with lawmakers voting 35-24 to pass a bipartisan amendment by Reps. Chrissy Houlahan (D-Pa.) and Mike Waltz (R-Fla.).

"Women make up over 50 percent of our population, and not including them in the Selective Service is not only a disservice to these women, but also to our nation as a whole," Houlahan said.

There was a proposed NDAA amendment that would have put the Selective Service System in limbo, but that proposal was scuttled before the HASC started its markup. Anti-draft activist Edward Hasbrouck told The Epoch Times that the amendment was ruled out of order due to what he called "arcane" PAYGO rules, which prohibit legislation that increases the deficit—though those rules contain numerous exemptions.

The HASC didn't respond to requests for comment by press time regarding why the amendment was killed.

Hasbrouck said an anti-draft NDAA amendment can still be introduced on the House floor, but he said amendments rarely succeed unless they're introduced in committee first. The amendment's author, Rep. Jackie Speier (D-Calif.),

hasn't responded to questions from The Epoch Times about whether she intends to reintroduce the provision—nor did she say why the amendment was killed, either.

The House NDAA is now in sync with the Senate NDAA in terms of military conscription, with both proposing to expand the duty to women. The policy has bipartisan support, as well as a strong endorsement from the National Commission on Military National, and Public Service.

"The bottom line remains that neither the nation nor DoD [Department of Defense] will know for certain what a future conflict may entail, what skillsets will be necessary, or who would qualify for draft induction under specific qualification criteria," the commission—a body established by Congress to study the issue—said in its March 2020 final report.

"Therefore, enabling DoD to utilize all the nation's talents and abilities is essential to mitigating the risks imposed by an uncertain future."

However, anti-war activists, civil libertarians, leftists, and MAGA conservatives have come out against drafting women.

Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) co-sponsored a bill earlier this year with Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) that would "finally put an end to the expensive, wasteful, outdated, punitive, and unnecessary military draft registration system."

"We believe that a better way to achieve equality under the law would be to end military draft registration altogether and scrap this needless and expensive bureaucracy," Paul and Wyden stated

in a July 23 letter also signed by Reps. Rodney Davis (R-Ill.) and Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.).

But Hasbrouck said he thinks that the writing is on the wall.

"It's now overwhelmingly likely that the Fiscal Year 2022 NDAA to be adopted in late 2021 or early 2022 will authorize the president to order women to register for the draft at age 18, starting in 2023 with women born in 2005 and after," he wrote on his personal site.

Hasbrouck, who spent about four months in a federal prison camp in 1983 for refusing to register for the draft, wrote that he thinks now is the time to shift focus from congressional lobbying to resistance. Citing testimony from former Selective Service System officials, he said most men don't comply with the registration rules—and that he thinks compliance will be even lower among women.

"As I pointed out in my testimony in 2019 to the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service (which invited no draft-age women to testify about whether they should or could be forced to register), 'Both feminist and anti-feminist women will be more likely to resist being forced into the military than men have been, and more people will support them in their resistance,'" he wrote.

"There's a long tradition of anti-war feminism that identifies militarism and war with patriarchy. Women have been an important part of draft resistance movements even when only men were being drafted and when most public attention has been on male resisters."

## Over 100 Americans Remain in Afghanistan: White House

ZACHARY STIEBER

Over 100 Americans remain in Taliban-controlled Afghanistan, the White House said Sept. 2.

Between 100 and 200 U.S. citizens were believed to be in the Middle Eastern nation when U.S. troops pulled out on Aug. 30. That number remains above 100, but "it is closer to 100" than 200, White House press secretary Jen Psaki told reporters in Washington.

**We are working on all possible options to effect their safe departure from Afghanistan.**

Ned Price, spokesperson, U.S. State Department

"We are in close touch from the State Department, from our diplomatic officials, with all of these individuals, working in close coordination with them to determine how they can leave the country, if they've left the country," she said.

A chunk of the remaining Americans are school students in California. Up to 30 from two school districts were in Afghanistan as of Sept. 1, with no updates available on Sept. 2, district officials told The Epoch Times.

Without a military presence in Afghanistan, the United States is attempting to use diplomatic means to secure safe passage for the Americans stranded in the country.

It's not clear how many made it out after U.S. troops withdrew.

President Joe Biden kept the withdrawal deadline in place, reneging on his promise to keep troops there until all Americans who wanted out were out.

The Taliban, a terrorist group, has promised to allow Americans to leave. Meanwhile, Taliban fighters stopped some Americans from passing through checkpoints even when U.S. troops were still on the ground, and beat multiple Americans in Kabul.

Ned Price, a State Department spokesman, told reporters in a separate briefing that the United States remains committed to the American citizens still in Afghanistan as well as to Afghans at risk from the Taliban.

"We will provide them tailored guidance. But that is not something we will provide to all of you. And we won't do that for their safety. And we won't do that because it is tailored to them. And we are working on all possible options to effect their safe departure from Afghanistan," he said.

In yet another press conference, Pentagon spokesman John Kirby defended leaving Americans and Afghans who assisted U.S. troops behind.

"We know there are people that didn't make it out—American citizens as well as Special Immigrant Visa applicants," he said.

"We're all heartbroken that we weren't able to get every single person out. We all recognize that. And don't think for a minute that people don't feel it here, because we do. But it is also important to remember the extraordinary effort that was expended over the course of some 17 days to get over 124,000 people out, including 6,000 American citizens—the vast majority of those we believe that were there."

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# DHS Quiet on 'Remain in Mexico' Restart After Supreme Court Order

A group of illegal immigrants is processed by Border Patrol after crossing the U.S.-Mexico border in La Joya, Texas, on April 10, 2021.

CHARLOTTE CUTHBERTSON

Nine days after the Supreme Court ordered the Biden administration to restart the Remain in Mexico program, no information is available on new enrollees, and border agents are saying the program hasn't yet been reinstated.

The program, also known as the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP), was launched during the Trump administration and terminated by President Joe Biden on his first day in office.

The program required asylum-seekers and other illegal aliens to remain in Mexico while their cases were adjudicated. It was "the most significant game changer" and largely responsible for a 75 percent drop in illegal crossings, Mark Morgan, who was acting commissioner of Customs and Border Protection at the time, told *The Epoch Times*.

As of Sept. 2, more than a week after the decision, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) hasn't responded to multiple requests for information. The agency did respond to the Supreme Court decision, stating in an Aug. 24 press release that it "will comply with the order in good faith," while it appealed the original 5th Circuit ruling.

"Alongside interagency partners, DHS has begun to engage with the Government of Mexico in diplomatic discussions surrounding the Migrant Protection Protocols," DHS stated. "DHS remains committed to building a safe, orderly, and humane immigration system that upholds our laws and values."

One Border Patrol agent in the Rio Grande Valley Sector told *The Epoch Times* on Sept. 2 that nothing has changed as far as how illegal immigrants are processed—agents are still releasing many into the United States with a Notice to Report or a Notice to Appear. The majority of single adults and some families are still being turned back under the Title 42 health provision put in place in March 2020.

The agent said nothing has come down the chain of command regarding restarting the Remain in Mexico program.

Another two Border Patrol agents from the Rio Grande Valley confirmed that nothing is happening regarding the program.



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The Supreme Court said to do it, but does the president listen to anyone?

Border Patrol agent

"The Supreme Court said to do it, but does the president listen to anyone?" the agent told *The Epoch Times* on Sept. 2. The agents spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of repercussion.

MPP originally was slowly rolled out along the southern border from late 2019 and was touted as a breakthrough in stopping the phenomenon of "catch-and-release."

"Overnight, it sent a clear message

that that no longer was a child going to be able to be exploited and be utilized as a passport to gain entry to the United States to be released, never heard from again," Morgan told *The Epoch Times* on Aug. 25.

"We knew that 90 percent of those coming illegally—that were released and not detained—were either filing fraudulent asylum claims and/or they wouldn't show up for court. We shut that down."

Morgan said "there's no reason" why DHS can't start sending people back to Mexico under MPP "today," at least in one or two sectors to start. But he said his sources in the agency have said DHS intends to "slow roll the implementation" of the program. Mexico President Andrés Manuel López Obrador responded to the Supreme Court order on Aug. 24, saying his government doesn't take a position on the ruling.

"However, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs emphasizes that such a judi-

cial decision does not bind Mexico and that its immigration policy is designed and executed in a sovereign manner," López Obrador said in a statement.

"In the spirit of responding in a humanitarian manner to the needs of migrants, in the context of a complex regional situation, the Government of Mexico will initiate a technical dialogue with the Government of the United States with the central objective of evaluating the scenarios for the management of migratory flows at the shared border in a orderly, safe and regular manner."

On Sept. 2, López Obrador said he intends to contact Biden by letter next week to discuss the causes of migration, "because we cannot only be detaining, holding back."

"Cooperation is required for development, both feet, there needs to be investment in Central America, that is what we are proposing," the Mexican president said.

He hopes the United States will invest in a tree planting program in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador that he says will produce 330,000 jobs.

Biden tapped Vice President Kamala Harris to lead border security efforts, with the main focus being to address the "root causes" of illegal immigration. Harris has visited Mexico and Guatemala in recent months.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said during a Jan. 21 briefing, "Immigration, we consider, is part of racial equity—which is a broad issue, but that's how the president has spoken about that crisis over the past several months."

The U.S. Agency for International Development, which assisted with the Remain in Mexico program under the Trump administration, told *The Epoch Times*, "We will have to refer you to the State Department and DHS as to whether the MPP program has restarted."

## China Forms 'New Axis of Collaborators' With Pakistan and Taliban, Former US Commissioner Says

FRANK FANG & JAN JEKIELEK

The communist regime in China has created a new alliance to challenge the United States and Western democracy, according to Johnnie Moore, a former U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) commissioner.

"They're creating a new axis of collaborators against the Western democratic order," Moore said, referring to the alliance of China, Pakistan, and the Taliban, in a recent interview with *The Epoch Times*' "American Thought Leaders" program. He called the alliance a "geopolitical catastrophe."

China has openly backed the Taliban in recent months. In June, China's foreign minister Wang Yi, at a meeting with his counterparts from Pakistan and Afghanistan, vowed to "bring the Taliban back into the political mainstream." A month later, Wang welcomed a

visiting Taliban delegation led by Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar.

After the Taliban's swift takeover of Kabul in mid-August, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) quickly welcomed the Taliban's rise in the war-torn nation, though the Chinese regime has yet to formally recognize the terrorist group.

The Taliban has also seen the CCP as an important ally. In a recent interview with the Italian newspaper *la Repubblica*, Taliban spokesperson Zabiullah Mujahid praised Beijing as a "main partner" and a "gateway to markets around the world."

Moore said there are three reasons Beijing values a partnership with the Taliban. First, the Chinese regime wants to tap into Afghanistan's rare earths and other minerals, which are estimated to be worth up to \$3 trillion.

Rare earths are 17 elements on the periodic table that are vital in

many industries including consumer electronics, defense, and green technologies. Currently, China controls about 80 percent of the global rare earth supply, and has previously cut off its exports as a retaliatory tactic against other countries.

Additionally, Beijing wants to control movement across its shared border with Afghanistan, Moore said.

China's far-western Xinjiang region and Afghanistan share a 46-mile-long border. The Chinese regime fears that Uyghur militants might use the border crossing to launch attacks in Xinjiang, where Beijing has locked up more than 1 million Uyghurs and other ethnic minorities in internment camps.

Most important of all, Moore said, Beijing wants to "exploit the current situation in order to diminish the prestige of the United States."

Beijing has used the chaotic U.S.

withdrawal from Afghanistan as fodder for its propaganda campaign, painting the United States as an unreliable partner. Most recently, on Sept. 3, state-run *China Daily* published an article criticizing U.S. democracy. It argued that when the United States "exported" its "model of democracy," it brought "disaster to the countries concerned."

**The CCP's 'Neocolonialism'**

"The relationship between Beijing and the Taliban is the latest example of a neocolonialism and exploitive foreign policy emanating from the Chinese Communist Party in Beijing, that aims to take advantage of any country and any leader gullible enough to accept their promises, which are almost never fulfilled," Moore said.

Many developing countries, including Kenya, Nepal, and Mozambique, have become indebted to China after they signed up to

China's Belt and Road investment initiative (BRI). Beijing rolled out the initiative in 2013 to build up trade routes linking China with other parts of the world in an effort to build up geopolitical influence.

Both Pakistan and Afghanistan are also BRI members; the latter signed up to the Chinese initiative in 2016. On Sept. 2, the Taliban expressed a desire to continue being part of the BRI.

That day, Abdul Salam Hanafi, a senior member in the Taliban negotiating team, told assistant Chinese foreign minister Wu Jiahao that the BRI would "contribute to the region's development and prosperity."

Moore said: "What they [CCP] do is they exploit vulnerable countries through leaders in order to advance their agenda."

"And what's happening around the world slowly and what the Taliban will learn, and what Pakistan will learn, and some of these other countries that have chosen to go down this path, is what the Chinese people long ago learned but aren't allowed to say: The first victim of the worst vices of the Communist Party are its own people, the Chinese people."

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**Entiat School Board Meeting**  
The next meeting of the Entiat School Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, September 22nd at 7pm in the school library or via Zoom (Zoom link will be posted on [www.entiat.k12.wa.us](http://www.entiat.k12.wa.us) on September 17th). This is a schedule change; these meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month at 7pm. Call the school at 784-1800 if you have questions. Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror September 8 and 15, 2021. #2629

**Public Notices**

**Notice of Land Sale Hearing**

The Mansfield School district is considering the declaration of real property bordered by Wall Ave, Main St. and E 3rd Ave. as surplus (Lots 09600200100, 09600700100, and 09600400100). Following RCW 28A.335.120 the Mansfield district is soliciting input prior to, and during the public hearing at 6:30 pm on September 21, 2021, in the District Library. For additional information or to share a comment please contact Superintendent Mike Messenger by email at: [mmessenger@mansfield.wednet.edu](mailto:mmessenger@mansfield.wednet.edu). Published in the Quad City Herald and Lake Chelan Mirror September 8 and 15, 2021. #2620

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**Aging & Adult Care of Central Washington IS LOOKING FOR CONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE SERVICES**

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• Weeding  
• Cleanup and removal of debris associated with yard work  
Excluded is:  
• General yard work such as planting flowers, shrubs, and trees for esthetic purposes.  
• Maintenance of indoor plants.  
Must comply with EOE & ADA requested Minority & women-owned businesses encouraged to apply. If interested please contact Erin Nelson for more information at 509-886-0700 x232 or [erin.nelson@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:erin.nelson@dshs.wa.gov) Published in the Quad City Herald, Lake Chelan Mirror, The Leavenworth Echo and The Cashmere Valley Record September 8, 15, 22, 2021 #2645

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- Sweeney Todd's weapon
- It's in the hole? 9. Plural of #6 Across
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- Each one for himself?
- Red Cross supply
- Short skirts
- Flightless bird
- Wavelike patterned silk
- 'Philip Banks' wife
- 'Dre Johnson's wife on "Black-ish" and occasional site around rain storm
- 31st of the month, e.g.
- E-mailed
- Digital audio workstation
- Essence of idea
- Mouth infection
- Fusses
- Burden or load
- Official language of Lesotho
- Choose politically
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- Thailand, formerly
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- Rancher's unit
- Blue jeans
- Famous Scottish lake
- A cause of inflation
- Number one
- Israel Kamakawiwo'ole's guitar
- 'Stars Hollow Luke's love interest
- 'Louise Jefferson's husband
- Like a solitaire player
- Government Printing Office
- Home to BYU
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- Calendar mo.
- Gladdened
- 36 inches
- 'Jake and \_\_\_ of "Brooklyn Nine-Nine"
- Rub off

- Pueblo tribesman
- Good will branch
- Leveling to the ground
- Congregation's echo
- 'Mitch's husband in "Modern Family"
- Accustom
- Long, long time
- Baby container
- German currency
- Old World duck
- The \_\_\_, an English rock band from the '80s
- Goodbye to amiga
- Marching insect
- Classroom attendee
- 'Patrick's fiance on "Schitt's Creek"
- Dig, so to speak
- King of the gods in Wagner's "Das Rheingold"
- Barber shop sound
- Civil Rights icon
- Ancient city in Africa
- 'Javen's companion on "Temptation Island" or Lamb Chops' puppeteer
- 'Marge Simpson's husband
- Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence
- Kind of gin
- Follow as a consequence
- Bald Eagle to Americans, e.g.
- Old Man's turf, according to Hemingway
- Capital of the Republic of Macedonia
- Fraternity letter
- Trial's partner
- Like a doily
- Paella pot
- Big cat sound
- Blyton or Bagnold
- Like a bloody horror movie
- Romantic painter Francisco \_\_\_
- December 24 and 31, e.g.
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