

Lake Chelan Winterfest kicks off Friday



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2021 Lake Chelan Winterfest will be this weekend Friday, Jan. 15 thru Monday, Jan. 18 in the Lake Chelan Valley. It begins on Friday, with the Installation of 22 ice sculptures around the valley. A driving map showing the location of the sculptures and Winterfest buttons are available at the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce in downtown Chelan. Saturday activities include: Driving tour of ice sculptures, Button offers available around the Lake Chelan Valley (offers good through February), Neon Winterfest Selfie Station in downtown Chelan, Find Tsilly in downtown Chelan, Hot cider/cocoa in downtown Manson, Mitten Walk in downtown Manson, Wine Barrel Rides in downtown Manson, Apple Bin Rides in Downtown Chelan, Olaf Appearance in Downtown Manson, Lady of the Lake Boat Tour and fireworks show and Simultaneous Firework shows in downtown Chelan and Manson. Sunday and Monday: Driving Tour of ice sculptures. For schedule of events and times: LakeChelanWinterfest.com.

Heritage Heights arrests COVID-19 virus spread

Editor's Note: After this press release was received from Heritage Heights, Amanda Ballou, CEO, let the LCM know that their Dose 1 vaccination date will be Jan. 25.

SUBMITTED BY HERITAGE HEIGHTS AT LAKE CHELAN

CHELAN - "Test results for the last week of December have all come in negative," announces Amanda Ballou, CEO. "We have had no new positive cases." Residents and staff have all completed their 14-day quarantine periods. "We believe that the use of disposable gowns made a tremendous difference in slowing the spread," said Ballou. A fresh, unused gown was donned on entry to an infected apartment and doffed before leaving that apartment. "It made for a lot of quick changes," Ballou ex-

plained. "A meal service that previously took 15 minutes took 45."

Testing to identify positive cases, protective equipment like the gowns, and isolation slowed the spread of COVID-19 in the facility. "The second week after Thanksgiving, we were caught up in the surge. Twelve cases were identified. We initially knew of 10, but two more were later revealed by PCR tests taken at the same time rapid response tests showed negative results. The PCR results were not available until a week later. The following week, there were nine new cases, and the next week only four. We were able to isolate and contain the virus spread within a few weeks."

Heritage Heights will need

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Sheriff's deputy Nigel Hunter honored



Courtesy American Legion

Left to right: Dana Starkweather, Chelan County Sheriff's deputy and school resource officer, Nigel Hunter; Brian Strausbaugh, Carole Hanson and Craig Pittson.

SUBMITTED BY NORM MANLY, AMERICAN LEGION POST SERVICE OFFICER

MANSON - During the Manson American Legion, Post 108's January meeting Nigel Hunter was honored with the Legion's "Law Enforcement Certificate of Commenda-

tion" for 2020. He was joined by his wife and four children for the tribute. This annual award is intended for a well-rounded law enforcement officer who has exceeded the duty requirements expected of their position and has demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service coupled

with professional achievement. Nigel Hunter meets all requirements.

Nigel was born Oakland, California. His family moved to Wenatchee when he was in the sixth grade so he calls Wenatchee home. After graduating high school he attended George Fox University, a pri-

vate Christian university in Newberg, Oregon. After graduation he returned to teach at his alma mater, Wenatchee High School in 2004. Nigel coached girls' soccer and taught social studies for seven years.

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Rep. Mike Steele tells Lake Chelan Rotary, Inslee 'flat out ignored' business concerns

By GARY BÉGIN
MANAGING EDITOR

CHELAN - On Tuesday, Jan. 5, 12th Legislative District State Representative, Rotarian and executive director of the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, Mike Steele, discussed what to expect in the 2021 legislative session in front of a live virtual Zoom audience of the Lake Chelan Rotary club.

Steele (R-Chelan) said, "This year will be a long session of 105 days since we are in an odd year."

He announced that he would be starting his third term in Olympia and that he has been appointed by the Republican Caucus to be the Ranking Member of the State Capital Budget Committee where he will wield considerable influence.

Steele has previously said that the Governor has "flat out ignored us" and that the legislature must be included in future government decisions, especially during this recent period of many executive orders issued by Inslee dealing with the COVID-19 health

and economic crisis, all done without any consultation with the full legislature, let alone the GOP Caucus.

Regarding 2021's legislative agenda, "This should not be a year for sweeping policy changes," he said, but for COVID response and recovery efforts.

Steele said the state budget could be "used as a tool" to promote job creation, projects and to create goals as well as give people "purpose."

He specifically mentioned the statewide program sought by Governor Jay Inslee to have broadband installed, especially as an aid to education and commerce.

Steele said the upcoming legislative format will make it "difficult for the public to interact" with them and only "written or recorded testimony" will be admitted in any bill discussions as no face-to-face (in-person) testimony will be allowed.

Steele told the Rotarians, as emceed by club President

Tom Tochtermann, that he was actively "looking for projects" and that people were lobbying him now so that their projects might be included in the state capital budget.

A question was posed by one Rotarian if there was room in state government for interaction with non-governmental organizations such as service clubs. Steele said the government "tends to shy away from NGOs," but does listen to lobbying groups representing all areas of commerce.

Regarding his role as Ranking Member overseeing the \$4 billion budget, Steele previously told the Washington Federation of Republican Women, including the Chelan-Douglas Republican Women, that the Governor should be willing to allow active engagement between his office and the legislature if he expects to pass line item requests regarding statewide broadband and other issues.

Steele expressed the reality that "no one has a playbook for COVID-19" and said his current tenure as executive director of the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce has allowed him to witness the "true colors" of people during this economic and health crisis. "There is a lack of communication between branches of government," Steele said. Regarding the Governor's unilateral actions proclaiming executive orders during most of 2020, Steele said that the Republican Caucus and the Governor "don't need to agree" on issues, but he was dismayed that Inslee wasn't even willing to listen to concerns voiced by the minority party in Olympia. "I represent the largest legislative district in the state from Bridgeport to Wenatchee," Steele said. "200 chambers of commerce" all over the state sent a letter to his office regarding opening the economy, but received "no response."

He told the Rotarians that the hospitality and gym industries were especially hard

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How would other presidents have acted?

With the events of January 6, I'm curious as to how other presidents would have acted

in this position? Trump actually lead the mob of people to storm the Capitol. If it was in earlier times they would not let him get away with it and he would be sent to prison right away. I bet you 100/1 it was all an act to get more

people on his side. The second point. The rigged election. Inslee had his speech ready just minutes after the votes were counted. Inslee had been on a power trip for a while and it's effected a lot of us. I've

been disabled and living in supported living since 2012. Because of Inslee's cutbacks I've had to work even when I have a severe panic disorder. I also have a brain injury. How is that right for someone like me to have to hold down

a job when I can't even take care of myself?? Also one of the men that died in the riot on January 6 was a military vet. He probably won't even get recognized as being a vet because of the circumstances of his

death, which is a shame. I've done many things myself for our country and not expected anything in return.

Amy Foster Wenatchee

There's wealth opportunity here

We are now the world's newest Banana Republic

Normally I confine this column to items of local interest involving issues germane to Quad City readers. Recent national developments, however, imply such opportunities to our sleepy little backwater that I cannot in good conscience keep them from the rest of you.



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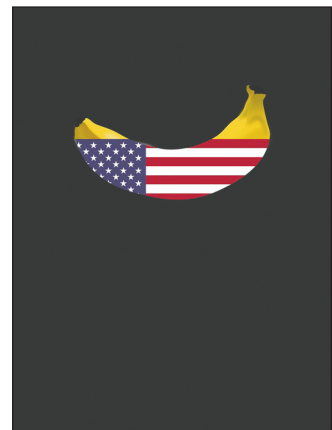
Are you with me so far? Yep, itsBANANAS, Johnny Appleseed! I'm buying up banana stock while the rest of the country is still glued to their boob tubes and shaking their collective heads in disbelief over our new status. Here we are smack dab in the middle of one of the world's largest fruit growers. (Don't tell anyone else, but I have it on good authority that a prominent local grower is at this very writing laying plans to graft banana sprouts to every last apple tree in its inventory. They even have a name for the new hybrid:

Banapple). And get this...they are no longer burning the Amazon (the rainforest, that is) to raise cattle, palm oil and other such nonsense. Now it going to be all bananas. It's sort of a win-win for us. Since Brazilian president Jair Bolsonaro was buddy-buddy with Trump even before we revolted to Third World, he has reportedly offered The Donald a special post as "President in Exile Responsible for Various Earth RelatedTerrors." Iknow it's a long title. Just remember its acronym P-E-R-V-E-R-T. The profits are going to be absolutely seismic! And you, loyal NCW Media readers, are among the first to be let in on this little gem. I suggest that those of you who cannot afford a big investment right now - owing to the pandemic's financial

hit - start small and plow up your back yards - and any adjacent parks, national forest, etc. - that may be handy and set in banana starts. I mean, if it's good enough for pot, why not? We are now officially the world's newest Banana Republic. We are going to need a name for the third political party: Republican, Democrats, and? I will personally purchase a year's Quad subscription for the reader with the best submission. We've already tried Bull Moose, Socialist, Workers, Libertarian, Green, Tea (not Green Tea), Reform. Constitution, Unity...check out Wikipedia for the complete list, so be original and creative. Hint: It must be tasteful yet convey sufficient gravitas befitting a once-great nation. And we're going to need

a new flag. The good news? There is not a single one using the banana as a symbol. Imagine that. I'm thinking something catchy, yet dignified, like: Make America A-peeling Again, or, Careful, Don't Tread On My Peel, or maybe, Give Me Liberty or Just Give me Bananas. I sort

of like this one. And we have not even addressed a revised Pledge of Allegiance. I never really understood "I pledge allegiance to the United State of America and to the republic for Richard Stands" anyway. Up until now we were just run-of-the-mill war criminals thanks to that other great 21st century American leader, Dubya, who invaded and destroyed a sovereign nation - along with the Garden of Eden - on false pretenses and left us with the nation's longest running foreign conflict. Now we have one-downed ourselves with a label we can really sink our teeth into.



Courtesy redbubble.com Banana Flag

We are now officially the world's newest Banana Republic. But we're all gonna be filthy rich! And isn't that what it's all about?

Republican Caucus may get tough on Inslee's budget proposals unless ...

By GARY BÉGIN MANAGING EDITOR

WENATCHEE (via Zoom) - The Washington Federation of Republican Women, in an "Issues and Strategies" pre-legislature 2021 Chelan-Douglas Republican Women meeting, heard from State Representatives Keith Goehner and Michael Steele on Monday, Jan. 4.



State Rep. Keith Goehner (R-Dryden)



State Rep. Mike Steele (R-Chelan)

Approximately 33 people "attended" the virtual meeting hosted by Washington Federation of Republican Women and emceed by State President Dee Drewry of the Chelan-Douglas Republican Women.

State Rep. Goehner (R-Dryden) started the meeting off by stating, "It's difficult to get rural areas heard" in Olympia even though small towns are struggling to provide services to the citizens in their community.

Goehner noted there was a "disparity throughout the state" in regards to the way urban areas are favored when it comes to budget dollars and state services.

Goehner also said, "a new 'equity office,'" as called for by Governor Jay Inslee and the majority Democrat Party Caucus, "was not needed" and that "we don't need to expand government" however well-meaning by those advocates.

The former Chelan County Commissioner, now in his sec-

ond term in Olympia representing the 12th Legislative District, said he wants the state to recognize "small towns like Twisp and Cashmere" where revenues from sales tax are way down from 2019 and impacting services being provided to those communities.

Goehner's 2021 committee assignments include the Transportation Committee. He told the Zoom attendees that a bridge in the Methow Valley was one of nine bridges statewide that needed repair or replacing. Goehner said that alone would cost about \$100 million. He said about 300 bridges across the state were being assessed.

Goehner will also serve on the Environment and Energy Committee as well as the Local Government Committee.

12th Legislative District State Representative Mike Steele, a former city of Chelan Councilman and now in his third year in Olympia, said, "We are fortunate to have Washington Secretary of State (SOS) Kim Wyman" as he felt she was "committed to integrity" vis-a-vis elections.

His remarks came two days before outdoor rally attendees in Washington, D.C. were accused of storming the Capitol. Five people died, more than

60 were arrested and damage was done by those rioters managing to gain entrance to the Senate building and Congressional offices, including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's. Vice President Mike Pence had to be evacuated for his own safety by the Secret Service.

Many have accused Trump, Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas and Sen. Josh Hawley of Missouri of encouraging the crowd of protestors. Trump has been claiming the 2020 Presidential election was fraudulently "stolen" by the Democrats and many state election officials. Washington State SOS Wyman has ensured voting machine, motor-voter, early voting, voting by mail, voter identification and voter registration rolls as well as final results were all done with the utmost integrity, according to Steele.

Rep. Steele stated the Governor has not responded to repeated requests by Republicans statewide to be included as part of the State Legislature, to advise on executive orders issued by the Governor over the last

year, most of which centered around health and safety mandates due to COVID-19.

"It's critical that the state legislature be involved," Steele said.

"The Governor will have to work with us" if he expects to get active participation and engagement to approve budget expenditures on such line items as the statewide broadband initiative," Steele said.

The Manson/Chelan native stated that Inslee should stop "flatly ignoring us" and that he should "tread lightly" since Steele has been appointed to the State Budget Committee.

Another attendee via Zoom was 25th District State Representative Kelly Chambers (R-Pierce County) who said, "The Governor's budget does not reflect restraint due to a shortfall of revenues" from the COVID-19 economic disaster.

Steele has also been executive director for the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce for 15 years and is, by default, an expert on local business concerns.

He has been appointed to serve as the Ranking Member (lead Republican) on the House Capital Budget Committee, which considers funding for the construction and repair of public buildings and for other long-term investments, such as land acquisitions and transfers.

"It's an honor to take on this leadership role for one of our state's budgets," said Steele. "The long-term infrastructure investments made by this committee, especially during these challenging times, will help our communities to recover, grow, and thrive. I look forward to working with the other committee members to create an effective plan for our state."

Keep reading NCW Media publications for updates on the 2021 State Legislature. Managing Editor Gary Bégin can be emailed at: Gary@ncwmedia.net. Comments received will be considered "on the record" and subject to publication as a "Letter to the Editor" in future NCW Media publications unless specifically requested not to.

OBITUARIES & DEATH NOTICES

Tara Marie Rigg

Tara Marie Rigg, 47, of Chelan, Washington, passed away on Jan. 6, 2021. Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at www.prechtrose.com.

Helen James

Helen James, 93, of Chelan, Washington, passed away on Jan. 6, 2021. Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at www.prechtrose.com.

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Horticulture 2021

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Contact: Tianna DuPont, WSU Extension, (509) 293-8758, tianna.dupont@wsu.edu

Jan. 18, 9 a.m. - Organic Apple Mildew Management*, Ashour Amiri, WSU Plant Pathology. Using new research results to improve your powdery mildew management.

Jan. 18, 10 a.m. - The Latest Fire Blight Research*, Kerik Cox, Cornell; Ken Johnson, OSU; Kari Peter, PSU; Tianna DuPont, WSU

Jan. 18, 1 p.m. - Selecting New Varieties. Bill Dodd, Midwest Apple Improvement Association, Dr Brewster, Plant and Food New Zealand

Jan. 19, 9 a.m. - Mating Disruption as a Basis for

Apple IPM*. Don Thomson, Pacific BioControl; **Coverage is Key in Apple IPM*** Gwen Hoheisel, WSU Extension. How MD works: competitive attraction. Higher populations are more difficult to control. Aerosol emitter BMPs. Potential of resistance. Coverage is essential and there are some key components that should be looked at this year to ensure that spray is reaching all areas of the canopy.

Jan. 19, 11 a.m. - Codling Moth Apple IPM - Don't Forget the Basics, SIR Update*, Betsy Beers, Matt Jones WSU Entomology. Success is influenced by weather. Monitoring basics. Rotate products. Virus in conventional IPM. Organic programs. Using cultural controls. Incorporating SIR into your IPM program successfully.

Jan. 19, 1 p.m. - The Labor Piece of the Production Puzzle. Karen, Lewis, WSU Extension. De-leafers, Cyclone, Scout, pedestrian orchards.

Jan. 20, 9 a.m. - Pear IPM*. Louis Nottingham, WSU Entomology. Key components to successful pear IPM programs. Latest research.

Jan. 20, 10 a.m. - Using Honeydew Washing to Improve Pear IPM*. Chris Stroh, WSU Extension. Case studies and research results from 2020.

Jan. 20, 1 p.m. - Irrigating Pears for Quality. Lee Kalcits, WSU Horticulture. This webinar will provide the latest research on irrigating pears for high quality fruit from WSU's Lee Kalcits.

Jan. 21, 9 a.m. - X-disease and Little Cherry Virus*. Scott Harper, WSU Pathology; Tobin Northfield, WSU Entomology; Louis Nottingham, WSU Entomology; Cody Molnar, WSU Extension. Symptoms and Sampling. New biology information: symptom types and biological effects per-variety. Vector ID, biology and management. New vector management study results. New vector management product trial results. Tree removal case studies.

Jan. 21, 1 p.m. - Cherry Powdery Mildew Product Resistance*. Gary Grove, WSU Pathology. Cherry mildew has been quickly evolving resistance to key fungicides in Washington. Dr Gary Grove will describe new research which has found that resistance to group 3 and 11 fungicides in all production regions as well potential as resistance in other groups.

Jan. 22, 9 a.m. - Rodent Control for Orchards*. Roger Baldwin, UC Davis. Efficacy of common and new rodenticides, burrow fumigants and repellents.

Jan. 22, 10 a.m. - Apple Thinning*. Poliana Francescatto, Valent BioSciences. How PGRs and PGR-like compounds can manipulate two of the most common practices: fruit thinning and flower formation. Current and new products.

Jan. 22, 1 p.m. - Matching Rootstocks to Scions and Varieties. Jenny Bolivar, WSU Extension. Major characteristics of common rootstocks.

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BY WSU TREE FRUIT RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER

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Cherry Institute to be Jan. 21

BY WSU TREE FRUIT RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER



Louis Nottingham, WSU Entomology; Cody Molnar, WSU Extension

Symptoms and Sampling. New biology information: symptom types and biological effects per-variety. Vector ID, biology and management. New vector management study results. New vector management product trial results. Tree removal case studies. To register for this webinar visit <http://treefruit.wsu.edu/event/lcd-webinar/>

Jan. 21, 1:15-1:50 p.m. - Cherry Powdery Mildew Management & Fungicide Resistance Results*. Gary Grove, WSU Pathology

Biological, cultural controls, spray rotations, and results

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tions

Jan. 21, 10-10:50 a.m. - Q&A on X-disease and Little Cherry Virus. Scott Harper, WSU Pathology; Tobin Northfield, Louis Nottingham, WSU Entomology; Tianna DuPont, WSU Extension

Join us for discussion questions and answers on X-disease and Little Cherry Virus biology and management.

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WSU Women in Agriculture Conference postponed for 2021

SUBMITTED BY WSU EXTENSION

The 2021 Women in Agriculture Conference has been postponed due to the health restrictions and safety requirements placed on events due to COVID-19.

According to Margaret Viobrock, WSU Extension Director in Chelan and Douglas Counties and Conference Coordinator, "this was a hard decision to make, because this event is a very popular gathering for women involved in

agriculture."

It is the largest event in the Northwest that addresses the needs of women farmers, aspiring farmers and women who support their family farms.

The Women, Farms & Food project began in Washington in 2005 with Washington State annual conferences offering speakers, practical advice, collaborative discussion, and networking opportunities. During the last 15 years this program evolved to a six-state conference presented through Zoom technology to as many as 40 locations with 650 women participating.

Since the first conference, the planning process has

always been women-driven. It is primarily planned, facilitated, and taught by women. The focus groups, planning teams and evaluations have and continue to say, "we want to meet and talk with other women farmers, find out more about what they do and how they manage their lives and we need good information to be successful." Women farmers face unique challenges with the demands of both the farm and family. Equally important is the challenge to take care of themselves and, potentially, to care for extended family.

"Many attendees say this is

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2021 expected to be profitable for Northwest agricultural commodities

SUBMITTED BY NWFCS

SPOKANE – Northwest Farm Credit Services, the Northwest's leading agricultural lending cooperative, has released its quarterly Market Snapshot reports covering the state of major agricultural commodities in the region. Northwest FCS teams throughout Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington monitor conditions and report outlooks for commodities financed by the co-op.

All Market Snapshots are posted online at Industry Insights.

Northwest FCS' 12-month outlook for the agricultural

commodities most common in the Northwest are summarized below.

Hay – The 12-month outlook for the hay industry calls for slightly profitable returns. In 2021, the hay market will focus on modestly optimistic fundamentals. A weaker dollar favors exports, and higher prices for protein substitutes, like soybean meal, will provide tailwinds to hay producers.

Row Crops

Onions – Onions are forecast to provide break-even returns over the next 12 months. Supply and demand indicate prices could increase, yet producers are sensitive to contin-

ued COVID-19 restrictions in the food service industry.

Potatoes – Slightly profitable returns are expected for potato producers. Processors' demand for uncontracted potatoes is restrained as the COVID-19 situation continues to dampen restaurant demand for processed potato products, such as french fries.

Sugar Beets – Sugar beet growers should see profitable returns for the 2020-21 season. The USDA forecast suggests stocks-to-use ratios will continue to decrease from 14.2% in 2019-20 to 13.5% in 2020-21, a favorable ratio for Northwest producers.

Tree Fruit

Apples – Apple growers can expect to see slightly profitable margins. A smaller crop and solid demand should increase prices. However, sev-

eral quality issues have challenged growers this season. Quality will be a key driver of individual growers' profits.

Cherries – Overall, profitable margins are anticipated for cherry growers. Reduced supply coupled with strong domestic demand helped sustain high pricing, which will translate into strong margins for growers. However, those with measurable losses in tonnage may not have had enough fruit to capture returns and will be reliant on crop insurance.

Pears – The 12-month profitability index forecasts slightly profitable returns for pear growers. Although demand has been lackluster the last few years, increased pricing indicates demand may be finding some higher ground. Good quality will

also increase growers' returns.

Wheat – The outlook calls for slightly profitable returns for wheat growers. The USDA's projected 2020-21 season average farm price for all-wheat is \$4.50 per bushel. Current markets are showing a higher average of \$4.70 to \$4.80 per bushel from the 2019-20 season. High yields and government payments will partially offset otherwise break-even wheat prices.

Wine/Vineyard – Slight profits are expected for both vineyards and wineries, although it's a mixed bag for both. Lower grape yields and bulk wine supplies should support improved grape markets, but fundamental oversupply issues remain. Some wineries in the retail and direct to consumer chan-

nels are having record sales; however, wineries reliant on tasting rooms, events or other in-person sales are left with limited options to generate revenue.

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the best conference for women farmers, because it presents practical information they can use right away," Viebrock said.

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improved their financial record keeping, now have a business plan and follow it, developed marketing skills, and can now use their financial records to analyze their profitability.

Farming is risky business and women farmers benefit from the support of other women. Many conferences have switched to a totally technology-driven event, and Viebrock added, "I felt we could not fulfill the major objective of offering women an opportunity to net-

work as they have consistently said is one of the main reasons they attend. Sitting together, sharing ideas and personal concerns, and offering solutions could not be accomplished virtually.

To stay connected with this program and other women in agriculture, women are encouraged to visit the website at www.womeninag.wsu.edu and add themselves to the Constant Contact list and join the Women in Ag conversations

on social media. Many area farm businesses, women employed in the agriculture industry and financial instructions support the conference with their contributions to scholarships, speaker stipends, educational materials, and conference meals.

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• 2020 Northwest Cherry Season by the Numbers B.J. Thurlby, Northwest Cherry

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THE WASHINGTON OUTDOORS REPORT

New Year's resolutions for the outdoors enthusiast

By JOHN KRUSE, THE WASHINGTON OUTDOORS REPORT

Call it the silver lining of the COVID-19 pandemic... People are discovering or rediscovering the great outdoors.

Try Something New - If you haven't gone fishing or hunting before, this is a great year to try both and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife along with local sportsman's groups host events throughout the year meant to introduce newcom-



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Whitewater rafting on the White Salmon River.

ers to these sports. If you are already an angler or hunter resolve to go after a new species. Perhaps you are a trout angler? If so, learn how to be a walleye angler. Trust me, after you taste fresh walleye, you'll thank me for this.

bird dog and take up waterfowl or upland bird hunting. If nothing else, you'll get a dog out of this resolution.

Be A Thrill Seeker - You can enjoy some incredible adventures in the Pacific Northwest at any age. One of those involves whitewater river rafting. Whether you raft relatively tame streams like the

Skagit, Methow or Grande Ronde, reliably fun roller coaster rides found on the Wenatchee or Tieton Rivers, or want to plunge over a small waterfall on the White Salmon, there are numerous companies that will take you out for the day and no experience is required.

Want some more thrill-seeking adventures? They may not be in Washington, but they are within a day's drive. They include cave explorations at Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park in Montana or at the Oregon Caves National Monument, though COVID-19 restrictions will likely impact the guided tours at these caves for part of this year.

How about a 20-mile bike ride, all downhill, along an old rail line? You'll find that on the Route of the Hiawatha

just off of I-90 at the border of Montana and Idaho. If you can pedal a bicycle, you'll love this experience which incorporates great scenery, a whole bunch of history, and a real sense of adventure.

Push Yourself - Resolve to go deeper into the woods or wilderness this year. If you are a three-season hiker consider becoming a year-round one with the purchase of a pair of snowshoes or cross-country skis. Maybe you enjoy simple day-hikes. Resolve to get away from the crowds by exploring new, less popular trails or going a bit further than most do.

Don't want to lug all of that stuff on your back? Then put it into a canoe or kayak. There are all sorts of lakes, rivers and backwaters to explore and paddling for the day or

for an overnight boat camping getaway makes for a unique experience.

Go Somewhere New - Last but not least, resolve to break the bonds of the familiar and go to a new place or two this year. Don't limit yourself to the destinations most people head to or one's you have visited or experienced for years. Instead of going to that popular state or national park, consider going to a county park, Department of Natural Resources or Bureau of Land Management Recreation Area. Explore national wildlife refuges and state wildlife areas you have never been to before.

John Kruse - www.north-westernoutdoors.com and www.americaoutdoorsradio.com

My COVID-19 experience

My clinic received their first allotment of COVID-19 vaccine Monday morning of this week. Hooray! We started vaccinating our clinic staff the very next day. I received my first dose of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine

this week, and yesterday my pharmacy student Albert and I administered vaccine to my co-workers as well as other front-line health care providers in my community, including 2 dentists, 12 dental assistants,

plus physical and occupational therapists.

I've helped set up and run influenza vaccination clinics every fall for the past 10 years. Organizing COVID-19 immunizations is DEFINITELY more difficult.

The biggest difference is the vaccine itself, which is only available as a multiple dose vial. Influenza vaccine also used to be available only in multiple dose vials, each containing 10 doses. It actually takes longer to draw up each dose from the vial than it does to administer it.

For the past 5 years, single-doses of influenza vaccine without preservatives have been available, each one premeasured in a ready to use syringe, saving a great deal of time and trouble.

During our flu shot clinic, we checked the age of our client, selected either the regular or the over-65 years influenza formulation, removed the dose of vaccine already filled and ready in the refrigerator, attached the appropriate needle, then gently inverted it several times to make sure it was well mixed before administering it.

Giving COVID-19 immunizations is more complicated, because not only must each dose be drawn up individually out of the multiple dose vial, there is a time limit to using that dose. Once you take out the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine out of its vial, if it isn't given to someone within 6 HOURS, it must be discarded. Yikes!

Washington State is delivering two COVID-19 vaccines to various sites around the state, one developed by Pfizer-BioNTech, and the other developed by Moderna. They are basically very similar in how they work and how effective they are.

Here are 6 Tips on COVID Vaccines:

1. COVID vaccines are amaz-



ingly effective.

Influenza vaccine effectiveness varies from 40% to about 60% in most adults.

The older you are the less the vaccine protects you. To overcome this, influenza vaccine formulas are available for adults older than 65 years old.

Pfizer's vaccine provides about 50% protection after the first dose, starting about 2 weeks after it is given, with 95% protection from COVID within 1 week of receiving a second dose, due 3 weeks later.

The Moderna vaccine gives around 80% protection within 2 weeks after the first dose, and 94% effectiveness 2 weeks after the second dose, given 4 weeks later.

2. Even if you get COVID despite being vaccinated, it will most likely be mild.

The 5% of people who got COVID-19 despite being immunized only had mild symptoms, not a serious infection requiring hospitalization.

3. Keep wearing your mask.

Since the vaccine study participants were tested for COVID only if symptomatic, we don't know whether either vaccine can prevent an asymptomatic COVID infection.

4. Serious allergic reactions are rare.

After giving the vaccine, you get a card with the vaccine information on it, PLUS a sticky note with the exact time the vaccine was administered. You are asked to stay under observation for 15 minutes, in case of an allergic reaction.

One dental hygienist had a severe allergy to shellfish and bee stings that required her to carry an Epi-Pen. She stayed for 30 minutes afterward, and had no problems.

5. Use the V-safe smartphone app.

Developed by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), V-safe prompts you to report how you are feeling after your COVID-19 vaccine. It checks in with you every day for a week directly to the CDC, and

if you self-report a serious side effect, someone from the CDC will contact you. It texts me a reminder each day for the first week, asking me how I am doing and will remind me when I am due for my final vaccine dose.

6. Be on time for your vaccine appointment.

Once a vial of COVID-19 vaccine is opened, each dose MUST be administered within 6 hours to avoid having to be discarded. There are 5 doses per vial for Pfizer vaccine and 10 doses per vial for Moderna vaccine. If you don't show up on time, the dose that is waiting for you can't be used past its 6-hour time limit.

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy, is a 40-year veteran of pharmacology and author of Why Dogs Can't Eat Chocolate: How Medicines Work and How YOU Can Take Them Safely. Check out her NEW website TheMedicationInsider.com for daily tips on how to take your medicine safely. 2021 Louise Achey

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