



## Lake Chelan Valley Events, Meetings

### Cross-country, downhill ski reports

**ECHO RIDGE:** For the latest grooming report go to lakechelan-nordic.org. Passes are now required. Season passes and Nordic Club memberships can be purchased online at LakeChelanNordic.org. Use your receipt for proof of payment until you receive your season pass in the mail. Day passes can be purchased for \$10 per person 18 years and older at the trailhead with cash or check.

**ECHO VALLEY:** Echo Valley Ski area is now open for the season. They are open weekends and holidays throughout the ski season, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more info: skiechovalley.com. See separate listing for their New Years Eve party info.

### Rotary seeking donations to scholarship fund: Jan. 31

**CHELAN** - For over two decades Lake Chelan Rotary has been honored to provide college scholarships to both Manson and Lake Chelan high school students. Rotary typically holds a number of fundraising events throughout the year to raise over \$20,000 in annual scholarship funding. By providing a donation of any amount - whether it be \$5 or \$500 - to the Lake Chelan Rotary Scholarship Fund, you will be making a difference. Donations can be made online at [www.lakechelanrotary.org](http://www.lakechelanrotary.org) or checks made payable to Lake Chelan Rotary Scholarship Fund can be sent to PO Box 601, Chelan WA, 98816. All donations made to The Lake Chelan Scholarship Fund are tax deductible.

### 'What's Up Vet!' - Informational Zoom meetings: Dec. 31, Jan. 5

**NCW** - All Chelan and Douglas County veterans are invited to attend the new "What's Up Vet!" informational meetings via Zoom. Every Tuesday/Thursday from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Open to vets, spouses, dependents and anyone with questions regarding veteran benefits and resources. Go to: [us02web.zoom.us/j/86358564972](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86358564972) (Chelan County Veteran Service Office) or 509-683-3605 (DCVSO) for more information. Sponsored by CCVSO, DCVSO, Wenatchee Valley College and the Washington State Veteran Corps Navigation project.

### Echo Valley Ski

#### New Year's Eve: Dec. 31

**CHELAN** - You're invited to Echo Valley Ski and Tubing Area's annual New Year's Eve party on Dec. 31. There will be a bonfire, s'mores, night tubing and of course fun. New this year: Due to overwhelming response to last year's event, they will be charging an admission fee of \$10 per person, which includes tubing access the lodge. Cash or card will be accepted at the gate. Parking opens at 5:30 p.m., the event will begin at 6 p.m. Children 5 and under are free, as well as any season's pass holders who present their pass upon entry.

#### New Year's Eve Fireworks: Dec. 31

**CHELAN/MANSON** - There will be fireworks on New Year's Eve Dec. 31 in Manson on at 8 p.m. and in Chelan at 9 p.m. For all you fireworks fans there will be one more in January for Winterfest. Info at: [smalltownholidays.com](http://smalltownholidays.com) or the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce office on 216 E. Woodin Avenue, Chelan.

#### Food Bank food distribution: Jan. 2, 5

**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.

#### Chelan County PUD: Jan. 4, 18

**WENATCHEE** - The Chelan County Public Utility District board of commissioners, will meet on January 4 and 18 at 10 a.m., in virtual meetings. For more information: [chelanpud.org](http://chelanpud.org)

#### Greater Wenatchee Mended Hearts: Jan. 4

**WENATCHEE/ZOOM** - Greater Wenatchee Mended Hearts is inviting heart patients and their families in Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan Counties to attend the Greater Wenatchee Mended Hearts Chapter Meeting being held by Zoom on Monday, Jan. 4, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Guest speaker, Dominick Ferraro, Mended Hearts Member and long-time heart patient, will talk about "Living with Heart Disease. To Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/8527811204?pwd=cDhiZGdSczBjSU80aFc0VHpwU0ZzZz09>. For information contact: Zoom Host by email: [atthelhelmsters@hotmail.com](mailto:atthelhelmsters@hotmail.com).

#### Lake Chelan Rotary: Jan. 5

**Program will be Mike Steele, 12th District Legislative updates and Winterfest 2021 Preview**

**CHELAN/MANSON** - Lake Chelan Rotary holds their weekly meeting every Tuesday at noon via Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9588160732>. For more info: [www.lakechelanrotary.org](http://www.lakechelanrotary.org)

#### City of Chelan Council: Jan. 5, 12

**CHELAN** - The Chelan City Council will hold a workshop meeting on Jan. 5, beginning at 4 p.m. and the Chelan City Council and Lake Chelan Airport Boards will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 12, beginning at 6 p.m. via video conferencing. Council is encouraging citizens to listen from home. For more information: [cityofchelan.us](http://cityofchelan.us)

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## Manson Christmas lights, decorations abound

SUBMITTED BY NORM MANLY

**MANSON** - If you've recently been downtown Manson at night, I'm sure you must have thought, Manson looks so Christmassy, who can I thank? If that's the case, this story is for you.

### A little history

First, a history lesson by Kim Ustanik, owner of Mountain View Lodge. Kim says, "The celebration of Santa's arrival and decorating our little town has been going on for a very long time, a genuine community tradition. Santa's arrival and decorating the town started back in the days of the Manson Merchants Association. The Manson School District, Manson Kiwanis and several key businesses played a big part. As time went on the Manson Merchants Association became the Manson Business Association, then the Manson Chamber of Commerce. Still the same organi-

## It takes a village



Courtesy Manson Chamber of Commerce Facebook

**Manson volunteers, top left to right - Gerry Ustanik and Brian Patterson. Bottom left to right - Randy Gooby, Greg Streib, Don Munro, Ron Trickett, Tom Fix and Bob Connor.**

zation, different names, with many wonderful volunteers over the years."

Kim served as President of the Manson Business Association in 2007, many improvements were made and that's

the year we started calling our Christmas celebration the "Village of Lights." Kim plans to write up Manson Christmas history adding it to her blog. Kim concluded by saying, "In light of this crazy year 2020,

the Manson Chamber of Commerce and local businesses stepped up to the plate and hit a home run. The collaboration between our leading commu-

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## Gebbers Farms responds to L&I action

BY MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

**BREWSTER** - The latest action by the Washington Department of Labor and Industries announced on Dec. 21 in the form of a \$2,038,200 fine against Gebbers Farms elicited a one-page response from the Brewster-based company on the same day.

Gebbers Farms Company Statement Regarding Dec. 21, 2020, L&I Announcement

December 21, 2020 - We are deeply disappointed by the agency's announcement. There is nothing more important to Gebbers Farms than our workers' health and safety, as

evidenced by the fact that 99.3% of our entire workforce tested negative for the virus, which is better than county, state and national rates to date. While we cannot comment on the specific violations because we are evaluating our options to appeal, we strongly disagree with the agency's assessment. Gebbers Farms collaborated with an infectious disease specialist early in the pandemic to develop a group-shelter program that put employees' health, safety and well-being first. Our group-shelter program had many of the same elements as the state's rule, including social distancing, mandatory facial coverings, reducing maximum occupancy



Amy Philpott of Watson Green, LLC,

of common areas, and using exhaust fans to create extra airflow in living quarters.

We had already established cohorts of 42 people before the state set a 15-person cohort. We consulted experts to develop our program, and there is nothing magical about the number 15. Consider that the state recommended size for community group gatherings is far fewer today than at any other time in the year, and community cases are rising. We said that we would (and we did) change our program as quickly as possible to follow the state rules.

We changed our program

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## Luke Davies, named new administrator for Chelan-Douglas Health District

SUBMITTED BY CHELAN-DOUGLAS HEALTH DISTRICT

**EAST WENATCHEE** - Following a two-month search for a new administrator, the Chelan-Douglas Health District (CDHD) has hired Luke D. Davies, who grew up in Orondo, to lead the two-county agency.

Davies, who has a master's in public health and extensive crisis management experience in multi-cultural settings, accepted the position this week and will begin his new role on Jan. 11.

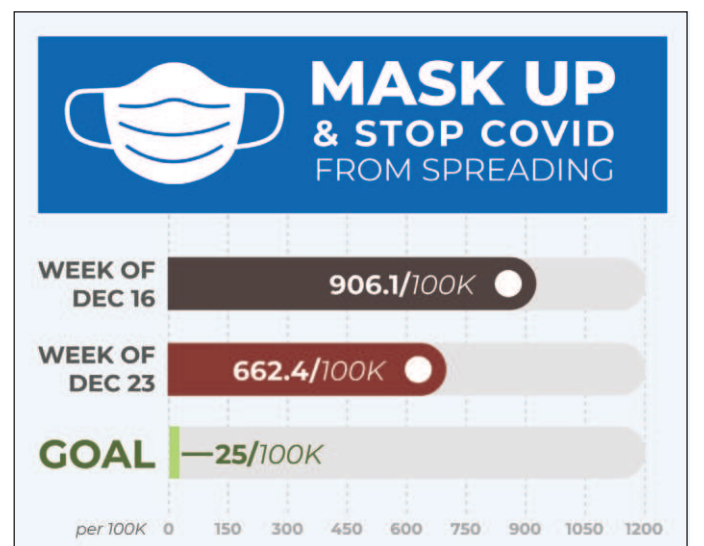
"We are very excited to have Luke on board," said Dan Sutton, chairman of the CDHD Board of Health. "It was a rigorous interview pro-



Luke Davies, administrator Chelan-Douglas Health District

cess that attracted candidates from around the state and

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Courtesy Chelan-Douglas Health District

**This chart from the Chelan Douglas Health District speaks for itself, COVID cases per 100,000 are coming down. They have come down from 1,107.2 per 100,000 for the week ending Dec. 9, to 662.4 for the week ending Dec. 23.**

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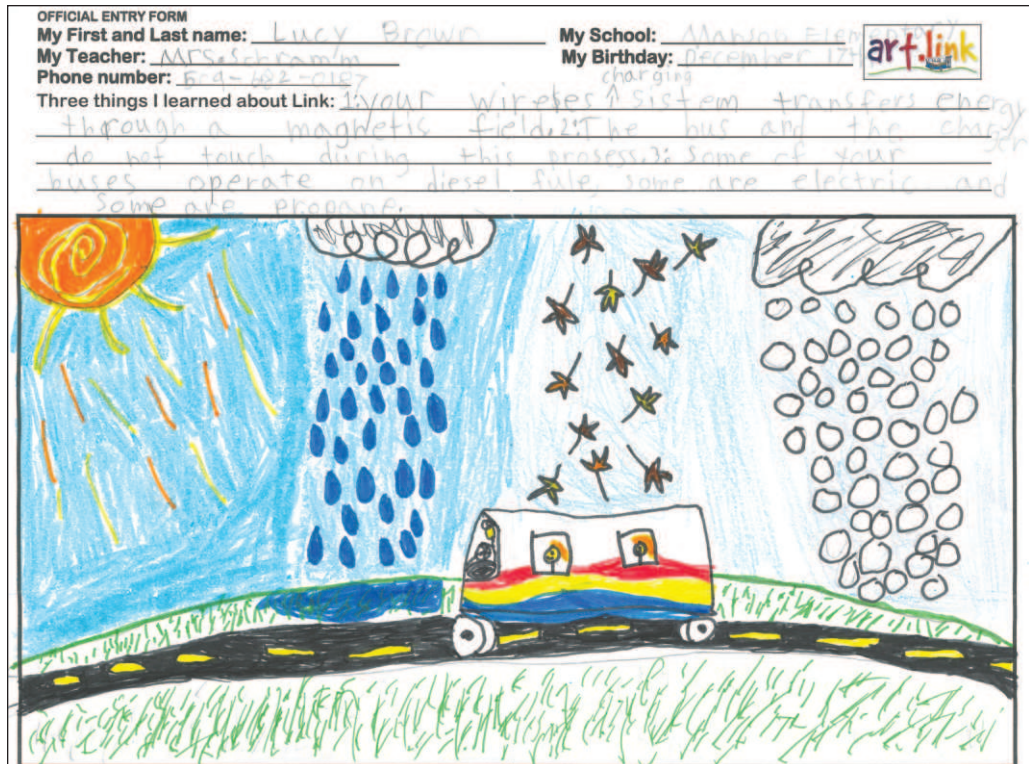
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# Art.Link bus pass winners announced



Courtesy Link  
**Lucy Brown of Manson Elementary submitted this drawing for the 2020/2021 Link Transit Art.Link bus pass design contest for third graders. This year's 24 winners attend schools throughout Link's 3,500-square-mile service area.**

SUBMITTED BY ERIC WEST,  
 LINK TRANSIT

WENATCHEE - Wild weather, dramatic landscapes and buses feature strongly in the 2020/2021 Link Transit Art.Link bus pass design contest for third graders. This year's 24 winners attend schools throughout Link's 3,500-square-mile service area.

"We asked students to think about all of the challenges that face Link bus drivers in the different seasons of the year," said Art.Link coordinator Selina Danko. "Our judging team is always impressed with where their imaginations take them."

Jack O'Lantern tires, the

fieri starbursts of Fourth of July fireworks, swirling leaves and glistening snowfields are just a few of the highlights from this year's entries.

- Winning entries include:
- Abraham Lincoln Elementary**  
Azariah Silva and Bradley Avila
  - Waterville Elementary**  
Juan Calderon and Darius Jerrels
  - Lewis & Clark Elementary**  
Louise Kolar, Sophia Rios, Naomi Navarro and Jairo Barragan
  - Washington Elementary**  
Natalie Hernandez, Wesley Shales and Jonathan Sanchez
  - Cascade Elementary**

Jayce Hubbard and Alexa Lippert

- Grant Elementary**  
Cesar Alvarez, Madison Vines, Madalyn Hanshaw, Carson Wilder, Gracie Salgado and Jayline Torres
- Orondo Elementary**  
Amanda Hernandez and Gemma Gooch
- Mission View Elementary**  
Nayeli Mejia and Maya Chavez

**Manson Elementary**  
 Lucy Brown  
 While Link is not issuing bus passes through June of 2021, winning artwork will be exhibited regionally in a variety of venues. Each winner will receive a framed award along with a T-shirt featuring the student's artwork.

## FINE

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to follow the rules as quickly as possible. Also, in spring and summer, testing was still difficult to obtain. CDC guidance and recommendations were frequently changing early in the pandemic. Like essential businesses everywhere, we were making corresponding operational changes as quickly as possible.

While we disagree with the agency, we will always do everything we can to keep employees safe in the workplace. COVID has taken a severe toll on communities, the state, and the country. We are deeply saddened by the loss of our team members and long-time work-

ers who we considered family. Gebbers Farm Management

Company spokeswoman Amy Philpott of Watson Green, LLC, in Washington, D.C., added the following:

"The L&I based its fine on the same allegations it made last summer when it issued an Order of Notice of Immediate Restraint (OIR) against Gebbers. We learned after the attached statement was released that the Board of Industry Insurance and Appeals (BIIA) ruled this week that Gebbers Farms was in compliance with the emergency rule on July 27 - the date that L&I issued the OIR. The judge also stated that the OIR makes no specific allegations as to how any worker's death might be related to any condition, practice,

method, or process present in Gebbers' workplace(s) or how Gebbers specifically violated the COVID-19 emergency rules."

"In reference to the worker death that was not reported in eight hours - Gebbers Farms did not learn of the worker's passing for several days because the hospital would not release the information to the company," Philpott said.

Philpott noted that "the BIIA ruling doesn't negate the fine and the citations. It demonstrates that, during the inspections, Gebbers Fully intended (and did) comply with the emergency order."

"The company will be appealing the fine," Philpott said.

*Editors Note: Read the Washington Labor & Industries press release on our website qcherald.com*

## EVENTS

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### Chelan County Commissioners: Jan. 4-5

WENATCHEE - The Chelan County Commissioners meet every Monday and Tuesday beginning at 9 a.m. Currently, due to COVID-19, meetings are being held via Zoom Video Conference until further notice. For meeting agenda and Zoom meeting info:

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Courtesy Manson Chamber of Commerce Facebook  
**CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: Manson High School began cutting out the oversized reindeer as part of the reindeer and sleigh display located in Leffler Field; Santa and his Elf set out for a neighborhood visit; one of the animated displays at Manson Bay Park and Judy Dai.**



## VILLAGE

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nity organization brought an entire month of festivities including a new sleigh for Santa, the fabulous wine barrel train, downtown road closures, fire pits, fireworks, boat parade led by the Lady of the Lake, and activities for everyone."

In early 2015 Judy Dai, Manson Chamber of Commerce board president led an amazing effort, involving many dedicated volunteers and securing needed funding to construct much of the display you see today. In the fall of 2015 students and teachers from Manson High School began cutting out the oversized reindeer as part of the reindeer and sleigh display located in Leffler Field. The school ran out of time to complete the project, Gerry Ustanik and Ron Trickett stepped up, completed the sleigh and the entire project was installed prior to the 2015 Christmas season. During this first year, a major windstorm knocked down the reindeer requiring emergency repairs, bringing them back to life.

Meanwhile, in a storage area under the Manson Village Center, Judy Dai, Kelsey and Debbie Conwell were busy sanding and painting the huge cutouts. This was no small job, taking untold hours. Over the years additional cut out board displays have been made, which visitors and neighbors love for picture opportunities. The candy canes in the downtown area were made by an assembly line of volunteers in Jeff and Debbie Conwell's backyard. Volunteers traced and cut patterns, some sanded and it was group painting party.

Ron Trickett, one of the team leaders said, "Last year we added animated displays to the Manson Bay Park that capture the ambience of the area with Santa fishing in the lake and a farm tractor pulling a trailer along with the traditional Santa checking his list twice with his "Naughty or Nice Elf" assistant. We have been gradually upgrading lights, switching over to LED bulbs to reduce energy use and maximize display opportunities. This year we upgraded all the snowflakes to cool white LED's, which re-

ally enhance the vibrancy of these elements. This required exchanging almost 1,200 bulbs with assistance from Deb Conwell, K.J. Casady, Phyllis Coleman, Sally Coleman and Kristine Sixel. Tom Fix helped in replacing many of the defective and worn-out light sockets on the snowflakes. We repaired damage to the reindeer from last year's winter windstorm and gave all of the reindeer a fresh coat of paint. The train in front of the old Wells Fargo bank building was also upgraded this year with animation and other elements."

Ron Trickett and Gerry Ustanik have been team captains since 2015. This year their crew of faithful volunteers included Randy Gooby, Brian Patterson, Greg Streib, Bob Conner, Don Munro and Tom Fix. Previous years volunteers also included Michael Ochoa, Rick Hyler, Marcus Smith, Don Cullison, Russ Gatzemeier and Kim Ustanik.

The Manson Chamber of Commerce sends a big thank you to all these amazing volunteers, now you know who to thank.

[co.chelan.wa.us/files/board-of-commissioners/documents/Agenda.pdf](http://co.chelan.wa.us/files/board-of-commissioners/documents/Agenda.pdf)

### VFW 6853 Auxiliary: Jan. 8

CHELAN - VFW Post #6853 Auxiliary meets the second Friday of the month, at 1 p.m., via telephone or at the VFW Post Clubhouse at 427 S. Bradley Street (near Chelan Valley Hope). For information: 509-860-9892.

### Manson Community Council Election: Jan. 12

MANSON - Manson Community Council election will be held Tuesday, Jan.12, at Blueberry Hills, 1315 Washington Street, 12-7 p.m. Two positions are up for election: Position 1: Beverly Peters (not re-running) and Position 2: Cindy Smith (will be re-running). Write in's will be accepted. Voters will be expected to mask-up and enter the building one at a time and drop ballots into a sealed ballot box. If you are unable to come inside, please pull up right outside the front door and honk. Someone will bring your ballot and the box outside to assist you. Questions can be directed to Kari Sorensen at 509-860-8409.

### Submit your event

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# American Legion honors Leonard Carlson, wishes him happy 90th

By NORM MANLY, AMERICAN POST SERVICE OFFICER

MANSON - On Nov. 27, at high noon, seven members of the Manson American Legion, Post 108 gathered at the home of Leonard Carlson on Summit Boulevard, where he has lived since 2004 to honor, say goodbye and wish him a Happy 90th Birthday. The honor guard marched down the driveway and ending up on the front porch where they sang Happy Birthday. Leonard moves to the Kenmore Retreat Home on November 28 to be closer to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Joining the American Legion Honor Guard were Clyde McCullough, Brian Strausbaugh, Norm Manly, Carole Hanson, Craig Pittson (Santa), Jim Young and Alan Carnahan. Leonard has been part of the American Legions since 2015 and has been an active member in Manson, Post 108 helping serve our community.

Leonard was born on Dec. 7, 1930 in Astoria, Oregon and has one younger brother, Larry. He spent his youth southeast of Astoria, up the road from his grandfather's family farm on Tucker Creek, which runs into Youngs River before it enters the Columbia. Leonard says "I could hear the ocean from where I grew up!"

He joined the Air Force after



Courtesy Amegican Legion Facebook

Left to right, Alan Carnahan, Clyde McCullough, Carole Hanson, Leonard Carlson, Jim Young, Norm Manly, Brian Strausbaugh and Craig Pittson as Santa. BELOW: Leonard Carlson in his Air Force uniform. See more photos at lakechelanmirror.com

graduating Astoria High School in 1948, and became a Staff Sergeant at age 19. He was based at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Anchorage, Alaska, the home of the Headquarters, Alaskan Air Command and Alaskan NORAD Region.

After receiving an honorable discharge from the Air Force, Leonard attended Oregon State University, graduating in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. Upon graduation Leonard was immediately hired by the Boeing Company where he enjoyed a very successful 40-year career,

retiring in 1992.

Leonard and his wife, Frances, also from Astoria, were married for 60 years. Unfortunately, Frances passed away after a short battle with cancer on October 13, 2013. Their family includes two sons, David and Michael with seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. What are Leonard hobbies, books, books and more books; salmon fishing; world travel, and as for joy, besides family, his 30 years as a gentleman farmer on seven acres bordered by the Snoqualmie River near Fall City, Wash-



ington. Most recently spending six years perched atop Summit Boulevard, watching



Leonard with his son, David Carlson. The quilt was made by Laura Larson.

morning sunrises and evening sunsets reflected gloriously by the azure waters of Lake Chelan, with neighbors and visiting friends. A place he daily greeted, "it's another day in Paradise."

Post 108 Vice Commander, Brian Strausbaugh says, "We are really going to miss Len. We wish him the very best

with this new adventure in his life."

Post 108 is looking for new members to join us helping veterans and our community. Here are a few good reasons. Contact Norm Manly at 509-293-0225 for more information.

## SENIOR MEALS MENU

### Chelan Senior Center

CHELAN - The Chelan Senior Center is closed, however meals are being given out on a takeout basis or delivered to those unable to drive to the Senior Center

### Senior Meals

Call (509) 888-4440 by 9 a.m. Monday thru Friday to order your meal. Meals can be picked up between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center located at 534 E. Trow Avenue.

### Wednesday, Dec. 30

Country Fried Steak  
Potatoes & Gravy  
Green Beans  
Tossed Salad  
Fruit Cocktail  
WW Roll  
Dessert

### Thursday, Dec. 31

Special Menu

### Friday, Jan. 1 CLOSED

### Monday, Jan. 4

Baked Fish  
Pesto Pasta  
Caribbean Veggies  
Coleslaw  
Citrus Salad  
WW Bread or Roll  
Dessert

### Tuesday, Jan. 5

No menu provided

### Wednesday, Jan. 6

Chicken & Rice Bake  
Green Beans  
Spinach Salad  
Tropical Fruit  
WW Bread or Roll  
Dessert

### Thursday, Jan. 7

French Dip  
Jo Jois  
Pea Salad  
Waldorf Salad  
Dessert

## NEW

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beyond. For all the members of the selection committee, Luke stood out above the other candidates."

Davies comes from the University of Washington, where he is currently a program officer for the International Training and Education Center for Health.

"I am excited to join the incredible work that Chelan-Douglas Health District has been doing," Davies said. "It will be an honor to support the staff and partners who have been working tirelessly to improve health for our counties during this challenging time."

An Orondo native, Davies graduated from Eastmont High School. His experience growing up in a farming family in North Central Washington inspired him to pursue an

education in public health and sparked an interest in reducing disparities in health care, said Davies, who speaks multiple languages, including Spanish.

Davies earned a bachelor's degree in biology, with an emphasis in biochemistry and anthropology, from Seattle Pacific University. He earned a master's degree from the

University of Washington.

While working on community development projects in the Caribbean, Davies broadened his interests to disaster management leadership while in Haiti responding to the 2010 earthquake and cholera outbreak. He has worked for the University of Washington's Department of Global Health in a variety of capacities and in

a variety of areas, including in the Caribbean, Southeast Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. He has supported programs and research in disaster management, disease surveillance, implementation science, health systems strengthening, maternal newborn child health, HIV prevention and treatment, violence against children and gender-based violence.

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# Apples to Apples column triggers response from Chelan PUD

*Editor's Note: The letter below was sent to the Chelan County PUD Commissioners in November and was recently answered by General Manager Steve Wright:*



**APPLES TO APPLES**  
Gary Bégin

Chelan PUD: Current compassion trumps 'more equitable future'

I am a big fan of our Chelan County Public Utility District and its dedicated staff and management. I am a huge fan of efficiencies and frugalities. I have also lived in other places where the utility company is a citizen-owned cooperative and gave dividends to its owner/customers at the end of the year, if money was made.

Once again, I am a huge fan of the PUD commissioners, all of them, as well as General Manager Steve Wright.

Here's the rub, from a strictly compassionate point of view. Before I rant, please read the

below quote sent out by the PUD just after its Nov. 17 meeting. I started the quote with the headline that topped the news release in bold:

"PUD envisions a more equitable future for households who struggle most: Chelan PUD commissioners heard a plan last month to expand energy conservation programs to focus on households that spend more than 6 percent of their income on power bills. About 2,100 households qualify as "high energy-burdened" because they spend more than 6 percent of their paychecks on electricity. About 98 percent of these households earn less than \$20,000 a year. Staff recom-

mended greater engagement with nonprofits and landlords, as well as greater assistance to help low-income homeowners cover the up-front cost of home improvements."

I am overjoyed that staff has suggested greater interaction and cooperation with the landlords and non-profits of these unfortunate citizens, but these measures won't occur until sometime in 2021.

How about right now? Can commissioners see it in their hearts, during this, the greatest modern pandemic to ever hit America, to forgive the 2,100 households' electric bills at least for the month of December?

There is no harm to the PUD profits if just a small handful of impoverished citizens get a month without an electric bill. I have never been a member of the Communist Party, my idea is merely a decent gesture to our decent people who need a break

in life, especially during this bizarre time of our history.

We are spending millions on the new PUD headquarters in Olds Station. The salaries of the commissioners and a few senior staff cost more than the forgiveness of 2,100 families' electric bills.

Let these, our fellow citizens, buy a nicer Christmas gift or dinner or fix their beat-up old rigs and let them give that money to local small businesses which will more than make up for the miniscule lost income to our PUD.

I am blessed, as are all readers of the WBJ, to not ever worry about my electric bill. I also believe in efficiencies and frugal living.

This idea is a one-time effort to show forgiveness to those who have little or nothing during this season of love and this era of COVID-19.

I am writing this with the full

knowledge that my proposal goes against bureaucratic logic and will immediately be labeled as financially imprudent. I know this because I have 23 years as a federal employee. It has also enlightened me as to the brick wall of paperwork that often crushes the hopes of millions nationwide even though it was originally meant to achieve a more just society out of potential anarchy.

I understand bureaucratic paperwork as well as fiscal discipline and I dare any bureaucrat to tell me that they are not slaves to the various rule books that together sing a mantra of no tolerance for coloring outside of the lines.

Of course, it doesn't mean that the individual employees are necessarily evil in any way or myopic to the issue or spend their time conniving ways to disallow compassion, it is merely that they must follow

the rules as written. At home, I am sure most of them are stalwart members of the community, including volunteering with non-profits and walking the walk of whatever religious group they may belong to.

The staff members are approaching their future proposals to the esteemed board of commissioners in a typically bureaucratic way by "partnering" with non-profits, i.e., non-governmental organizations and landlords, when commissioners should take the reins incumbent on leaders of their caliber and make a unilateral decision, not wait for a multilateral proposal, watered down by too many self-interested hidden agendas, however well meaning.

*I'd like to receive comments from readers via email: Gary@NCWmedia.net.*

*For the answer to my letter, see "Chelan PUD responds" below.*

# Chelan PUD answers 'free electricity' request

SUBMITTED BY CHELAN PUD

Thanks for your letter (See "Apples" column inside) suggesting Chelan PUD provide free electricity to low-income consumers for a month in light of the pandemic and associated challenges. We love to hear from our customer-owners. We appreciate and share your empathy for fellow citizens who are most in need. In fact, the PUD already supports customers with challenges in the following ways:

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We partner with Community Action Council in helping customers who qualify for energy assistance under the federally-funded Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) to cover a large portion of their electric bills. This program has paid out nearly \$186,000 to over 500 Chelan County households with an average assistance of \$360 since March of 2020.

We have a policy of no disconnects and no late fees

during the pandemic that has been extended until the end of April.

We support the Helping Hand program where customer-owners can donate any amount they like to support fellow customer-owners who are having difficulty paying their bill.

Last month, PUD Commissioners also directed staff to advance aggressive energy efficiency programs that are targeted at low-income customers. We believe these programs provide substantial benefit because they provide long-term lower bills. Reducing electricity use also allows the PUD to sell the power in the wholesale market offsetting the cost of the energy efficiency investment and reducing the impact on other customer-owners.

We reviewed your proposal while keeping an eye on your other concern that we not become unduly bureaucratic in our response. The difficulty with providing free electricity to low-income



**Steve Wright, General Manager, Chelan PUD**  
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customers is that the PUD does not maintain income records for our customers. We would have to find a way to get this information, match it up with our billing records and make changes to our billing systems - all for one month's bill reduction. That's a lot of bureaucracy and administrative cost. We think there may be a better alternative.

The Board has considered in recent months the possibility of making some form of a PUD contribution to the Helping Hand program. We are still doing the legal research, but this might be done as a match for any dollars customer-owners contribute. We have been actively tracking customer overdue bills since the pan-

demic began. We have only a modest increase in overdue residential accounts. We think an amount of roughly \$50,000 would keep our overdue balances about equal with previous years. This should assure that the unique challenges created by COVID-19 are addressed. So, on Monday, Jan. 4 our Board will consider and take public comment on making a contribution to our Helping Hand program. We will do this in public session in order to fulfill our firm commitment to transparency.

Thank you for your suggestion and the contribution the WBJ (Wenatchee Business Journal) makes to our community.

---- Steve Wright, General Manager, Chelan PUD

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# Reps. Mike Steele, Keith Goehner announce committee assignments for 2021 session

Legislative session to begin on Jan. 11

SUBMITTED BY KELLEY PAYNE, SENIOR PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, OLYMPIA

OLYMPIA - Washington State House Republicans Mike Steele, R-Chelan, and Keith Goehner, R-Dryden, recently received their committee assignments for the upcoming 2021 legislative session. Both 12th District legislators were selected to take the lead as ranking members on at least one committee.

Steele has been appointed to serve as the 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



Rep. Mike Steele, R-Chelan,

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



Rep. Keith Goehner, R-Dryden

forward to working with the other committee members to create an effective plan for our state."

In addition, Steele will serve as a member of the House Education and Appropriations Committees.

"Our state has experienced

devastating losses due to the pandemic. We're approaching more than 10 months of no in-person instruction for students, and the coronavirus continues to pose serious economic risks and uncertainty, both nationally and in our state. I welcome the opportunity to work with my fellow legislators to navigate our way through these critical issues," continued Steele.

Goehner has been selected as the lead Republican on the , which considers issues relating to the operations and financing of counties, cities and some special purpose districts. It also considers proposals related to local government open meeting and public records obligations; and the administration of local land use, zoning, building, energy and health codes.

"Spending 16 years as a Chelan County Commissioner gives me a strong perspective

on how our local entities view issues such as state agency rulemaking, performance audits and elections at the local level. I am pleased to be the Republican lead as these issues come before us," said Goehner, R-Dryden. "I look forward to bringing more attention to the challenges of our local governments including unfunded mandates, such as indigent defense, and rules and regulations imposed by state agencies."

In addition to Local Government, Goehner will serve on the House Environment and Energy Committee.

"I was appointed to this committee last year and am excited to be selected for this committee assignment again. With the importance of the abundant, low-cost power in our region, it is great opportunity to be involved in energy and environmental policy coming out of the Leg-

islature," said Goehner.

The committee considers issues relating to the Growth Management Act, Shoreline Management Act, air quality, climate change, renewable energy standards and energy availability.

Goehner will also serve on the Transportation Committee.

"Our region continues to grow and transportation and traffic relief are a high priority for North Central Washington and Washington state. Maintaining our roadways allows the safe and efficient delivery of goods and services we use daily. I look forward to being part of the committee as we discuss solutions and policy issues to improve our transportation system," said Goehner.

The 2021 legislative session is scheduled to begin on Jan. 11 and convene for 105 days.

# Rep. Goehner's legislative update: Election-year restrictions lifted, COVID-19 restrictions, Employment Security Department

BY REP. KEITH GOEHNER

OLYMPIA - Since May, legislators have been under election-year restrictions, limiting how we can communicate with our constituency. However, with the certification of the election the restrictions have been lifted and our lines of communication are now open.

The 2021 legislative session is fast approaching. It will be different in this era of COVID as our legislative session will be virtual. House facilities will remain closed to the public, floor sessions and committee meetings will be held remotely, and staff must telework. Click here for the full plan.

While it will be a "virtual" legislative session, please do not hesitate to contact me any time with ideas or questions you have about legislation or the session. Your input is important and I want to know how our state government is impacting you as I am fulfilling my legislative duties.

COVID-19

The fight against the

COVID-19 virus continues across the country, in Washington state, and in our communities. There are no easy answers in dealing with this pandemic. We need to be cautious, diligent and find compassion for those who have lost loved ones or contracted the disease.

At the same time, we cannot forget those who have lost their jobs, businesses or their livelihoods. I am very concerned about the latest restrictions on our small businesses. There must be a balance. I believe we can be safe and smart, while working to maintain a sense of normalcy in our communities.

Businesses across the state are working diligently to stay open. I have been engaged in numerous discussions and written, as well as signed onto many letters to the governor since the pandemic began and he started closing our economy.

I spear-headed an effort by House Republicans requesting that the governor allow local, private and non-profit gyms and fitness facilities

in our region and across the state to remain open. According to data and studies, the gyms have not been a source of COVID infections and the facilities have done a good job keeping their facilities and customers safe.

The letter requests the governor reconsider the restrictions on these facilities since they provide a place for folks to stay healthy, improve their physical condition and emotional well-being. To read the letter click here.

Earlier this month, I also signed onto a letter with more than 50 other legislators requesting the governor call an immediate special session.

Republicans asked for a special session as far back as April to make budget decisions that could put the state in a better position financially and more importantly, provide financial relief to businesses and families. This pandemic is not a partisan issue. Legislators from both parties should be included in the decisions being made. The governor should not be trying to manage this pandemic by himself.

We as a legislative body have a responsibility and a right to be involved in the decisions that are being made and impacting all of our communities and citizens.

In a special session we could consider more funding for public health, property tax relief, assistance to our restaurants and small businesses, a break on unemployment taxes, more dollars from grant programs and other ideas.

Media outlets across the state also believe it is time for legislators to be at the table.

Editorial: Call special session now to give businesses badly needed financial aid | Yakima Herald

Editorial: Pandemic legislative session must be model of transparency | The Seattle Times

Editorial: Inslee should expand his bubble, call special session of Washington Legislature | The News Tribune

Editorial: If you want the GOP's help slowing COVID, Gov. Inslee, you need to let them in | Tri-City Herald

Editorial: Governor's new restrictions could have benefited from Republican input | Walla Walla Union-Bulletin

Column: Gov. Jay Inslee gets an 'A' in health, but so far he's marked absent on the pandemic economy | Danny Westneat, The Seattle Times

Many other states across the country, including our neighbors Idaho and Oregon,

have called special sessions so lawmakers could address COVID-related policies and budget issues.

Employment Security Department

At one point in May, more than 800,000 Washingtonians had filed for unemployment insurance after the pandemic hit our state. While the pandemic is unprecedented, the Employment Security Department (ESD) has struggled with getting some folks their unemployment in a time manner.

It is also estimated that ESD lost up to \$576 million in unemployment funds to fraud in the spring. The governor needs to take a close look at this state agency and its leadership. In October, the State Auditor's Office was trying to investigate the fraud and other issues within the ESD by conducting a series of audits. Unfortunately, State Auditor Pat McCarthy indicated in an Oct. 20 letter that ESD was being difficult and interfering with the audits.

It is critical the department allow the auditor's office to do their job so a thorough and independent investigation can be done to provide our citizens with some transparency and trust. Now, more than ever, our citizens need the ESD to function efficiently. This is also an issue we could look at during a special session - more caseworkers, additional

funding, or other resources that may benefit the department. If you are having any issues with the ESD please do not hesitate to contact my office. For more background on the audit situation see below:

Washington state auditor warns unemployment agency on 'interference' with audits into massive fraud | Seattle Times

Editorial: ESD's efforts to hinder audits is shameful | Yakima Herald-Republic

Editorial: Time for Employment Security Department to come clean | The Seattle Times

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While the 2021 Legislature will be "virtual," I urge you to stay connected and be in touch. The simplest way to communicate with me is via our email system here. Below are some helpful links to keep you informed about what is happening in Olympia.

My legislative website: Here you will find my contact information, news releases, email updates, bills, and other information.

The Washington State Ledger: This is a legislative news aggregator administered by state House Republicans. It is a great source for information related to state government, public policy and the legislative process. Check it out!

The Current: This an online legislative publication from the Washington House Republicans that is sent out every week during the legislative session.

TVW: The state's own version of C-SPAN, TVW broadcasts floor and committee action live online. This will be an important tool with the session being "virtual."

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about legislative issues before us this year please do not hesitate to contact me. Your feedback is important as we consider the many issues that impact our communities and state.

Finally, if you are able, please support your communities and local businesses. We want them to succeed and make it through this difficult time. We appreciate the commitment and support they have shown for our communities through service clubs, youth sports, parades and festivals and much more.

It is an honor to serve as your 12th District Representative.

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### Outdoors round-up

BY JOHN KRUSE, THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

There is a lot of news to cover as we roll into the new year covering everything from salmon forecasts to adjusted sportsmen's show schedules to winter recreation in our state parks.

**COLUMBIA RIVER FISH FORECAST** – The Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife have issued their joint forecast for fish returning up the Columbia River in 2021. The good news is a number of projected runs are better than last year. Lower Columbia tributaries like the Cowlitz, Kalama and Lewis are expected to see higher numbers of Spring Chinook coming back. However, the overall return for springers past Bonneville Dam (and all the tributaries beyond) is again troubling with only 75,000 fish predicted to come back. This would be the second lowest year since 1999 for spring Chinook salmon.

As spring turns to summer the Chinook forecasts do get

better. Nearly 78,000 summer Chinook are expected to head towards the Upper Columbia, which is nearly 20 percent over last year's run. We don't have hard numbers for fall bright Chinook but biologists expect continued improvement there as well. Coho salmon should see a banner year of young jacks returning, the highest number since 1977.

On the other hand, the Sockeye return is only expected to be around 156,000 with only 700 heading up the Snake River. This is less than half the number that returned last year up the Columbia. Then again, sockeye salmon forecasts have been notoriously inaccurate in recent years and most of the time Columbia River sockeye numbers have been stronger than forecast.

Finally, there's the American shad. Six million came back last year and another strong run is expected for 2021. If you are just looking for a fun day of casting and catching one to four-pound, scrappy fighting fish, consider a trip to the Columbia River below Bonneville or the John Day Dam between late May and mid-July to catch a whole bunch of shad and while you



Courtesy Team Takedown Guide Service  
Jill Roth with a Columbia River fall Chinook salmon.

can fish from a boat, bank angling works just fine too.

**FIRST DAY HIKES** – Normally, Washington State Parks hosts a number of guided "First Day Hikes" on New Year's Day but because of Covid-19 restrictions your First Day Hike for 2021 will be a do-it-yourself affair. On the bright side, no Discover Pass is needed to enter any of Washington's State Parks on New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Day (January 18th) is a free day for day use activities in Washington State Parks as well.

If you decide to go cross-country skiing or snowshoeing at one of the state parks that has warming huts be sure to check in advance to see whether those huts are open. Covid-19 restrictions has forced the closure of several this winter.

**SPORTSMEN'S SHOW SCHEDULES** – Sportsmen's show season came to a crashing end last March as events were banned with the arrival of the Covid-19 pandemic and things are not much better right now. With that in mind, all of the sportsmen's shows scheduled for January have been postponed. Here's a cur-

rent line-up of shows that producers are hoping to put on in the first quarter of 2021:

- February 19 – 21: Central Washington Sportsmen's Show Yakima, Sun Dome
- February 26 – 28: Tri-Cities Sportsmen's Show Hapo Center in Pasco
- March 4 - 7: Tacoma RV Show, Tacoma Dome
- March 17 – 21: Washington Sportsmen's ShowEvent Center in Puyallup
- March 18 – 21: Bighorn Outdoor Adventure Show Spokane Fair & Expo
- March 24 – 28: Pacific NW Sportsmen's Show & Portland Boat Show Expo Center, Portland

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## Is Edward Snowden a false equivalency to Jane Fonda?

Can we truly compare Edward Snowden's act of releasing classified American documents to "Hanoi Jane" Fonda? In response to a possible pardon for "whistle-blower" Edward Snowden by President Donald Trump, Wyoming Republican Rep. Liz Cheney said, "Edward Snowden is a traitor. He is responsible for the largest and most damaging release of classified info in U.S. history. He handed over U.S. secrets to Russian and Chinese intelligence putting our troops and our nation at risk. Pardoning him would be unconscionable."

So here's the question, is Dick Cheney's daughter being an extremist? I think not. She is right on. BTW – I call her Dick Cheney's daughter (the former VP under George Bush the II) not from a lack of respect, but because she obviously rode that daddy's name recognition into victory, but since Wyoming is a conservative state, she might have won anyway even if she called herself Jessabelle de Casper.

Back to the question of false equivalency. Jane Fonda upset millions of Ameri-



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Gary Bégin

cans, especially veterans, when she sat in an anti-aircraft battery (gun) during the Vietnam War ... an obviously traitorous thing to do, considering American men and women were still "in country" fighting the enemy.

What Fonda did was reprehensible and, I believe, an act of betrayal. The photograph of her sitting and smiling while handling an instrument of death used against fellow Americans went worldwide. To this day, Vietnam Vets call her Hanoi Jane and even go so far as to place her likeness in urinals, however gross that may sound. That is how great the level of disgust is with her among these fellow citizens who placed their lives on the line when ordered to do so. For Fonda, it seemed all fun and games akin to a schoolgirl getting a ride in a military plane or having



Liz Cheney

a surprise birthday party. Thanks to Cyndee Lauper we know, girls just wanna have fun ... (when appropriate).

Fonda's was an act of an obvious physical action captured for posterity in a photo, while Snowden's act was unseen and unphotographed. In reality, Snowden's actions were far worse than posing for a "bad judgement" photo opportunity as in Fonda's case.

Of course, the psychological optics of an American movie star yucking it up with the same bunch of folks who shot down heroes like future senator John McCain was a major political "psyche warfare" victory for Ho of the North. We all realize, as sentient adults, that words or actions once uttered or

done, can have serious consequences.

I personally felt embarrassed by her and sadness for her father, Henry Fonda, a respectable and patriotic American actor, but sometimes kids rebel just because they haven't the brains to know what good judgement is.

Back to Snowden. He broke his oath, the one Fonda never took, to stand by Uncle Sam when he was in the CIA and again when he became an NSA (National Security Agency) contractor. He broke both and then ran like a coward. Did he do it for money? Who gives a rat's petute what his motives were? He did what he did.

Our fellow citizens were placed in harm's way due to a selfish act masquerading as "whistleblowing."

The legally protected act of whistleblowing is not the same thing as exposing national secrets, let's get that straight right off the bat. That's why I put what Snowden did in quotes. Perhaps your liberal friends (or mine) may think it was a brave and honorable thing that Snowden handed se-

crets to our Cold War (which never ended) enemies, but think again.

He wasn't reporting on a failed government program that may have cost taxpayers money. He wasn't pointing out a few corrupt government officials. Snowden, as in Fonda's case, was an adult and as such needs to be held responsible for breaching national secrets. Fonda's irresponsible act seems a bit on the frivolous, naive and outright ignorant side where Hollywood stars showed little or no empathy to countrymen in a conflict during a controversial war.

Edward Snowden is exactly what Congresswoman Liz Cheney called him: A traitor. If he is repatriated to the U.S., his case meets the criteria for the death penalty. Patriotic Americans should not shed a tear if that comes to pass.

Snowden's acts of betrayal were without a doubt, far less conspicuous than Fonda's, but for both overt and covert reasons, his actions pose deadlier consequences.

Young veterans from the "Sandbox" conflicts may not know anything about Hanoi

Jane, but please, if you guys ever want to understand your elders better, Google her nickname and make sure you stare at what a photo of treason looks like. Soak it in a while and then think how you would have felt if actors George Clooney or Matt Damon visited the Taliban or ISIS or Sadam Hussein and posed with AK47's while your butt was in a Humvee that just rolled over an Improved Explosive Device (IED).

BTW – Have any veterans out there considered not liking the Atlanta Braves? Ted Turner owns that team and the Braves' First Lady is nonother than ... Jane Fonda.

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## Need mortgage relief due to Covid-19? Here's what to know

(STATEPOINT) - As the pandemic continues to affect Americans across the country, many are facing financial hardship.

For homeowners with a Freddie Mac loan, COVID-19 mortgage assistance is available in the form of "forbearance," which temporarily suspends or reduces your mortgage payment without penalty so you can get back on your feet.

Here is how forbearance works and what happens when it ends:

How do I request forbearance? To request forbearance, you must contact your loan servicer (the company listed on your mortgage statement) who will help you understand your options. Forbearance is available for up to a year, though servicers will typically start you on a shorter forbearance plan and reassess to see if your financial situation has changed.

What happens when forbearance ends? It's important to remember mortgage forbearance is not the same as mortgage forgiveness and you will have to repay your missed payments. About 30 days before the forbearance plan is scheduled to end, you and your servicer will determine next steps. This could include additional

forbearance or a workout option to make up the missed payments. Just remember, you are never required to pay back missed payments in a lump sum if your loan is owned by Freddie Mac.

How does repayment work? Even though you must pay back payments that were missed during forbearance, you have several options for doing so. Additionally, you won't accrue additional fees, penalties or interest beyond the amounts already scheduled or calculated based on the terms of your mortgage. For example, let's say you enter into a forbearance agreement of three months. If your monthly mortgage payment is \$1,000, you will owe about \$3,000 in missed mortgage payments at the end of your forbearance term. Your servicer can help you determine the workout option that works best for you, including:

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- Payment deferral, which allows you to resume making your normal monthly payment. Your servicer can work with you to leverage al-

ternative ways for you to pay back the missed payments from your forbearance period at a later date and in a manner that is affordable.

• Modification of the loan, which changes the terms of your loan, usually to reduce your original monthly payment amount. Your servicer can help with a modification that might suit your new circumstances.

Additional Information: To stay on track with paying down your loan balance and less interest over the life of the loan, it's important that you resume your payments as soon as you're financially able. Keep in mind that while you're not charged "extra" interest, you won't be paying down your principal, and the interest will continue to accrue on your unpaid mortgage balance.

For information on forbearance and how to get help with your mortgage, visit My Home by Freddie Mac at [myhome.freddie.com](http://myhome.freddie.com).

Remember, contacting your servicer is the first step in getting help with your mortgage payments if you are facing financial hardship due to COVID-19 or for other reasons. They can explore available options with you and determine what works best for your circumstances.





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**Public Notices**

**City of Chelan Public Notice**

Until further notice, all Chelan City Council & Lake Chelan Airport Board meetings and City Council Workshops will continue to take place remotely. Councilmembers and City staff will participate via videoconferencing. Lake Chelan Now will broadcast live audio of the meetings and workshops at <https://lakechelannow.com>.

**Regular meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

**Workshops are held on the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 4:00 p.m.**

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Dated at Chelan this 18th day of December, 2020  
Peri S. Gallucci  
City Clerk  
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**Furniture**

**Cashmere Valley Record**

Office furniture available. Items: 2 large wood desks with side desk attachment, One metal desk, one large wood conference table, a large counter approx. 7' x 3 1/2' tall with removable shelves, wood credenza 2 fabric room dividers with metal legs. One large framed whiteboard

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**NO. 20-4-00390-04**  
**NON-PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The notice agent named below has elected to give notice to creditors of the above-named decedent. As of the date of the filing of a copy of this notice with the court, the notice agent has no knowledge of any other person acting as notice agent or of the appointment of a personal representative of the decedent's estate in the state of Washington. According to the records of the court as are available on the date of the filing of this notice with the court, a cause number regarding the decedent has not been issued to any other notice agent and a personal representative of the decedent's estate has not been appointed. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.42.070 by serving on or mailing to the notice agent or the notice agent's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the notice agent's declaration and oath were filed. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the notice agent served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.42.020(2)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.42.050 and 11.42.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: December 23, 2020

The notice agent declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington on December 17, 2020, at Wenatchee, Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

/s/Patricia Leonard  
Signature of Notice Agent  
Attorney for the Notice Agent:  
CHARLES R. STEINBERG  
Address for Mailing or Service:  
STEINBERG LAW FIRM, PS  
323 N Miller,  
Wenatchee, WA. 98801  
509 662 3202 telephone  
Court of Notice Agent's oath and declaration and cause number:  
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**Good healthy habits to practice daily**

My husband and celebrated our 38th wedding anniversary last week, on Dec. 21. We usually mark the occasion by having dinner with our oldest friends, Dick and Kay, a couple who stood up with us on that afternoon all those years ago. Although Dick passed away 6 years ago from pancreatic cancer, we still have dinner every year on Dec. 21 with Kay. Except for this year.

We couldn't make reservations at our favorite restaurant to eat, but that wasn't the only reason. Kay is in the hospital, fighting COVID.

Bombarded with reminders to "Mask Up," practice Social Distancing by staying 6 feet from each other, and avoid gatherings, it has been a lonelier holiday season for most of us.

Although these 3 habits have been proved to reduce the spread of COVID in communities, there are two OTHER habits that can make a difference in reducing the risk of transmitting COVID to our loved ones.

One of the best ways to stay healthy is to develop 2 habits that I call Healthy Habits: Wash or sanitize your hands frequently and thoroughly, and extinguish face touching behavior, particularly avoiding your eyes, nose, and mouth.

When I teach about antibiotics and infections with my pharmacy and physician assistant students, I always emphasize how they will be on the front lines of medical care. Whether as pharmacists or physician assistants, they'll be exposed to more infections than if they worked in other settings because their customers or patients will be coughing and sneezing near them.

These two habits have been shown to help reduce infection long before COVID showed up and will continue to be significant even when COVID is finally vanquished.

Long before COVID, face touching has been associated with the spread of respiratory illnesses such as common colds, influenza, and flu-like infections. The area most important to avoid touching is the "T-Zone" of your face: your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Touching our face with our hands is an unconscious habit for most people. One study done in 2008 observing behavior in the office work setting showed that workers touched their faces nearly 16 times every hour in that environment.

A group of 26 medical students in New South Wales, Australia, in 2015 was observed to touch their faces an average of 23 times per hour. They handled the "T-Zone" of eyes, nose, or mouth 45% of the time.

Earlier this year, a group of 131 clinical staff working in a pediatric specialty clinic in San Francisco was surveyed on whether they thought wearing a mask would change face-touching behavior. Most participants believed that masks would change face-touching but were divided in whether they thought it would increase or decrease it. When clinic clinicians and staff were observed during their workday at the clinic, in situations where they were masked, they touched



**Ask... Dr. Louise**

their face 5.4 times per hour, compared to 20 times an hour when not masked.

Dr. Will Sawyer is a family medicine physician with a passion for preventing infection. He is the founder of the Henry the Hand Foundation, which focuses on teaching school-age children good hand hygiene: washing their hands when dirty and before eating, avoiding coughing or sneezing into their hands, and not putting their fingers into their eyes, nose, or mouth.

Dr. Sawyer also has studied face-touching behavior in a clinical environment, observing nursing staff, and clinicians working in a family medicine office. Published in 2011, long before COVID and regular use of wearing a mask, the study showed staff and clinicians touched their eyes, nose, or mouth nearly 20 times in two hours.

Social distancing, wearing a mask, and avoiding gatherings effectively reduce COVID transmission and are TEMPORARY inconveniences. If we all do our best to practice them, we can preserve lives and access to

medical care during the pandemic. Thankfully, the vaccines developed against COVID will eventually bring the COVID pandemic under control.

The first week of December is National Handwashing Awareness Week. This year I felt that handwashing was overshadowed by the controversy over mandatory masking and limiting social interactions.

To Reduce Your Risk of Infection Both Now and in the Future, Practice These Healthy Habits:

1. Wash or sanitize your hands frequently and thoroughly.

Sing a song while you rub soap or sanitizer over every surface of your hands, including fingernails and between your fingers.

2. Avoid touching your face. Do your best to extinguish face touching, especially in the "T-Zone": your eyes, your nose, and your mouth.

Have a happy and healthy 2021!

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. ©2020 Louise Achey

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- Archipelago unit
- Fool's Day mo.
- "Days" in Havana
- Just one of TV's "American \_\_\_\_"
- Russian mountain range
- Urban haze
- Spiral-horned African antelope
- Aggressive remark
- 10 percent to charity, e.g.
- Milk choice
- Burnt \_\_\_\_
- "Nobody \_\_\_\_ It Better"
- London art museum
- Evening party
- Boll weevil, e.g.
- Dianne Feinstein, abbr.
- Windmill blade
- "... \_\_\_\_ he drove out of sight"
- "It's battered and fried"
- "Cheese and potato dumplings"
- Loudspeaker noise
- Sheep sound
- Frank Wright's middle name
- Atones, archaic
- Days of \_\_\_\_
- Containing fat
- Cut the crop
- College degrees
- Stainless material DOWN
- Catchall abbr.
- Gung-ho about
- DEA agent
- Jimmy Hoffa's organization
- Position while landing
- A few
- "Vietnamese soup"
- Accumulate
- Done in loads
- Opposing prefix
- Unit on a list
- Torus, pl.
- Milk protein
- "Cocktail garnish"
- Mont Blanc, e.g.
- Heavy hydrogen, e.g.
- "With jus"
- First-rate
- Browning's "\_\_\_\_ ben Ezra"
- In the thick of
- Benign lump
- New Zealand parrots
- Like NCAA's eight
- "Japanese noodle soup"
- Suggestive look
- "Clarified butter"
- Ruhr's industrial center
- "The Dean Martin Show" and "The Carol Burnett Show"
- Lobe locale
- Ogres of the Norse
- Bigwig in the Orient
- Approval of the audience
- Tow rope alternative
- River in Bohemia
- Comedian Rudolph
- "Dead Poets Society" school, e.g.
- Cowboy's prods
- Apple leftover
- Jekyll's alter ego
- Bucolic poem
- \* \_\_\_\_ mode

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