



Manson receives \$500,000 from Chelan County Commissioners

Funds for acquisition of Leffler Field

By DIANA PIÑON STAFF WRITER

MANSON – Chelan County Commissioners approved a fund request for the acquisition of Leffler Field in Manson during their meeting on Feb. 4.

The half a million dollar contribution brings the Manson Chamber of Commerce closer to the \$1.3 million needed to secure the property by the end of May. Brian Patterson is working closely with Rep. Mike Steele to obtain another \$500,000 from the State Ways and Means committee.

On Feb. 11, the Leffler Field committee got together to formulate a marketing campaign. The campaign will focus on inviting people from all over to donate, not just locals. “There are a lot of people who come to the Lake Chelan Valley, who enjoy the valley and we want to give them the opportunity for them to give as well,” said

Manson Chamber Director Jeff Conwell. He believes that a strong community effort could get them to the finish line.

Ideas on what to build in Leffler Field have been floating around. They have included a swimming pool, an amphitheater for concerts, an ice rink, or even a splash pad. Other possibilities include building a community and recreation center. “That might include a gym, a swimming pool, weight room.” However, all these options are just ideas and nothing is yet concrete.

As Conwell states, the committee wants to hear from the community. A couple of community meetings will be scheduled in the near future to share the project with the community and to hear development ideas from them.

The field has been part of the Manson community for years. “The Lefflers have been incredibly generous allowing usage of that field ... it’s just been used so heavily by the community, it has been a great resource,” Conwell

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Road work, bulb outs will transform Chelan streets

Construction begins in May 2019, March 2020

By DIANA PIÑON STAFF WRITER

CHELAN – WSDOT representatives Jeff Deal and Christopher Shell met with the Chelan City Council on Tuesday (Jan. 5) evening to go over design elements for the 2020 paving project and traffic control project, that includes the roads starting from Lakeside all the way up to Willmorth Drive past WalMart.

The first two months of construction, WSDOT will do work on the south end of Dan Gordon Bridge meaning that a traffic control setup needs to be in place. “We initially looked at potential detour traffic thru town and then another option we have is alternating one-way traffic,” said Deal.

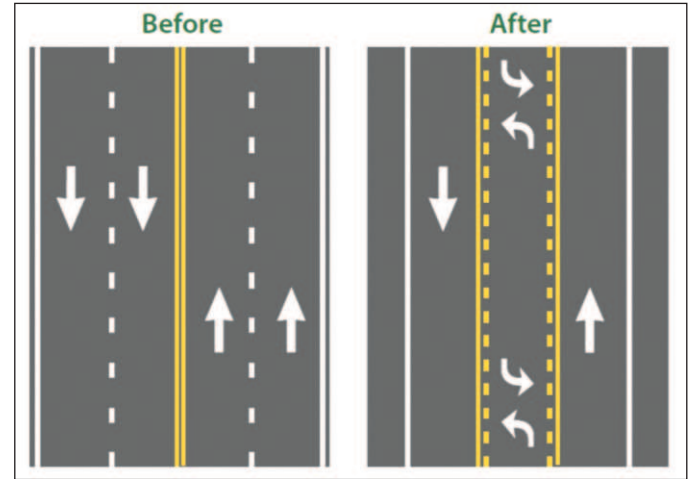
WSDOT leaned towards having a detour since this will alleviate the issue of getting people backed up in traffic. Deal mentioned that the detour they planned on would



Greg Hess, KPFF Engineers

run thru the heart of downtown from the now one way (coming into town) Woodin Avenue Bridge. Councilman Ray Dobbs suggested to push the detour up to East Johnson Avenue.

The only concern about the detour were heavy trucks driving on the Woodin Avenue Bridge and whether or not it could support all the weight. To this, Greg Hess from KPFF Engineers said it would be fine



Graphic by WSDOT

This graphic shows the new road configuration for Chelan in 2020, which includes a center turning lane, from Woodin Avenue and Sanders Street to Les Schwab.

since it is now one lane.

Councilwoman Erin McCordle liked the idea of having a detour, it is a lot better than alternating the bridge to one way traffic. She mentioned that currently there’s a backup during school hours on the Dan Gordon Bridge.

Dobbs drew some attention to the Webster Ave. and Farnham St. intersection. He said that such intersection is a red flag and something needs to be done to it. Deal stated that

they will pass on the information to someone else that can better address the problem.

A road diet (a DOT term) will bring a lot of benefits to Chelan, including safety improvements. The road diet will run from Woodin Ave./Sanders Ave. north to the intersection of 97A and Hwy 150 (by Les Schwab). The street will have a center turning lane, biking lanes on both sides and a

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Photo courtesy of Chelan Fire & Rescue Facebook

Chelan Fire and Rescue responded on Sunday, Feb. 10, around 5:53 a.m. to a structure fire off of Henderson Road. Upon arrival they found the two story barn fully involved.

Chelan Fire and Rescue respond to barn fire

By CHELAN FIRE AND RESCUE

CHELAN - Chelan Fire and Rescue responded to a structure fire off Henderson Road that was reported around 5:53 a.m. on Feb. 10. Engine 71 and Brush 71 were the first to arrive and reported a 20 foot x 30 foot, two story barn fully involved. Two Chelan County Deputies had arrived before the fire department.

Additional units included: Battalion 7, Engine 79, Engine 52 (Manson Fire), Tender 71, Tender 74 and Medical 3171, responded and stood by.

This would be a defensive fire operations supported by a water shuttle operations due to no fire hydrants in the area. Personnel had to overhaul 300 feet of fire hose through heavy snow to engage the fire. There were reports of chickens and goats in the barn, all the animals perished in the fire. Cause of the fire in under investigation.

The temperature outside was 9 degrees, the initial on duty responding crew were timely for the weather and road conditions they were faced with said Fire Chief Tim Lemon. “We also had a good response from our home volunteers, two personnel from Manson Fire and three of our off duty career staff reported back to work,” said Lemon.

See page 2 for more Chelan Fire and Rescue news.

Chelan High School’s Educational Resource Fair attracts more than 200 participants

By DIANA PIÑON STAFF WRITER

CHELAN – The Migrant Program at Lake Chelan School District hosted a very successful first Educational Resource Fair this past Wednesday (Feb. 6.), which attracted 280 people including parents and students.

Migrant Graduation specialist Dia Galvan and Migrant student advocate Linda Galvan are part of the Migrant team at LCSD. Their jobs are to support those students who have moved with their family or on their own to seek agricultural work in the last three years.

Throughout the school year, the team meets with migrant and bilingual parents during Parent Advisory Committee meetings. “They come together and talk to us about what kind of thing they would like to see happen, what kind of things they would like for us to bring to the table and present to them,” said Robledo.

Based on what they hear from the parents, they plan three big events during the school year for parents to attend. Usually, the events are planned for the beginning, middle and the end of the year and they range from bringing in guest speakers or university representatives.

Yet, this time around, the Resource Fair was something many of the parents



Photo by Diana Piñon

Chelan County Sheriff School Resource Officer Nigel Hunter along with two Chelan High School students, at the Educational Resource Fair held on Feb. 6 at Chelan High School.

asked for. Due to this, in November of 2018, both started reaching out to community colleges and universities across the state and inviting them to the fair.

The fair served as a way to educate the parents about the student’s education after high school and getting them comfortable with such idea. “We think it’s important for both the parents and the students to learn these things together because then the

students see that the parent is interested so they feel more motivated to go on into higher education,” explained Galvan.

To the event, the communities from Manson and Orondo as well as from Chelan were invited. Students from pre-school all the way to the 12 grade were encouraged to attend. Every student who attended was given a “passport” which served as a way for them to go around

and ask questions at each of the booths, they couldn’t move from that spot until they got a signature for asking a question.

Once the “passport” was completed with signatures of all representatives, the kids dropped it in the box corresponding to their grade level. The following day, Robledo and Galvan went around to each classroom and did a raffle in each of the grade

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single lane in each direction. A center turning lane will help decrease left turn accidents, while helping to lower traffic speeds.

There will also be road improvements in the area of Lakeside. At the moment the lanes are too wide making it feel like a highway. WSDOT will reduce the lanes to 10 and a half feet wide, which will help with lowering the speed of traffic. Parks Director Karen Sargeant stated that crosswalks in that area also need to be more strategically

placed, since many people cross those streets to access Lakeside Park. "This is something we will talk to our traffic officer about," said Deal.

In the project, a shared used pathway will also be added for pedestrians and bikers to use. It will start on North Water Street in Lakeside, and will continue into town. Council suggest it continue all the way to WalMart. Deal also mentioned that the city will need to place new "No Parking" signs in the Lakeside area due to the new pathway.

The construction will begin in March 2020 with the bridge work on the south end of Dan Gordon the first two months.

From there they will move onto the sidewalks/ADA ramps and continue with the grinding and paving of U.S. 97A. All major work will be completed prior to Memorial Day, except for final stripping. The rest of the project wrap up, which will be shifted to nighttime work, will be finalized in June/July. WSDOT will be back in town in the middle of March of this year for an open house so the public can see all the details of the project.

In May of this year, WSDOT will install flashing beacons to the street crossing near Chelan High School. Over at Morgen Owings Elementary, bulb-outs will be installed

Woodin Avenue Bridge update:

A thin layer of cementitious (Ardex) could be the best solution to fix the Woodin Ave Bridge's sidewalk appearance. During the City Council Workshop on Feb. 5, Greg Hess from KPFF Engineers, suggested the councilmembers opt for Ardex as the material to overlay the sidewalks on the bridge. Some of the benefits of Ardex include looking like concrete, thermal compatibility, a life expectancy of 20 years and an installation time 10 work days. To add this thin layer of Ardex, it will cost an estimated \$65,000 - \$95,000, however, a final price is not yet set. This enhancement will not get done until the Woodin Avenue Bridge project is completed. It was mentioned that the money could come from the City's Street Fund near the future.

shorten the walking distance for students and pedestrians. The bulb out will be placed in the intersection of Woodin Av-

enue and Bradley. A flashing beacon will also be installed. The project will be completed at the end of May.

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levels. In total, 30 different representatives from different community colleges, universities, scholarship committees, local organizations were present and answered a lot of questions for students and parents.

Over at the Performance Art Center (PAC), Millie Watkins from the North Central Educational Service District (NCESD) in Wenatchee presented to the elementary and middle school kids and parents on academic standards.

Based on the success of the event, the fair will continue to be part of the Migrant Program. However, as Galvan explained it would possibly be



earlier on the school year to give seniors the opportunity to interact and learn from the representatives.

This first educational fair was more than what Galvan and Robledo expected, "it's good to see that after putting in all that effort, it was a good turn-out ... it was awesome, we are very happy," said Galvan.



Photos by Diana Piñon

ABOVE: Among the different four year universities that attended the Resource Fair was Washington State University. ABOVE LEFT: Pamela Alvarado of Wenatchee Valley College TRIO Student Support Services.

Chelan Fire and Rescue responds to broken water pipe

BY CHELAN FIRE AND RESCUE

CHELAN - Chelan Fire and Rescue responded to an Automatic Fire Alarm the morning of Feb. 5, around 6:14 a.m. at 510 North Cedar Street (Bay Shore Court Apartments). Upon arrival, Rescue 71 and Engine 71 found the alarm system going off, a number of the

residents from the complex were outside in the cold, but no fire.

A broken water pipe in the ceiling was found to have set off the system. There was two to three inches of standing water throughout the first floor of the building. Crews worked quickly to shut down the water and get the residents back inside out

of the cold. Further actions were taken

Chelan Fire and Rescue crews assisted to complex management with removing water from the first floor until private vendor arrived. All residents were able to go back into their apartments, but some had wet floors. A company worked to mitigate that problem.



Lake Chelan Mirror File Photo

The arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, is one of many events that have been held at Leffler Field in Manson. Other events have included car shows and concerts.

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explained.

Parks brings a big economic value to a community from a business standpoint. "It gives people more reasons to come to Downtown Manson, it gives visitors a reason to be in Downtown Manson ... on top of that when you look at reason why companies relocate to a another community they look at the amenities a community has to offer and parks and recreational activities rank at the very top," claimed Conwell.

So far the project has received a broad range of support from local entities, including letters of support from Manson

School District, Manson Park and Recreation Department, Manson Community Council and from the Port of Chelan County Commissioners.

Once the land is purchased, Phase 2 of the project will begin. Phase 2 will include applying for grants or going back to the State Legislature to ask for additional revenue to improve the land.

"We are going to think big and dream big, we are not going to let the cost of development to be a deter, we are going to go for it," said Conwell.

If you wish to contribute to the cause donations are welcome on web at www.giveto-lefflerpark.org.

For more information contact Jeff Conwell (509)433-8000.

American Red Cross Seeking Nominations for 'Hometown Heroes'

Deadline for nominations Feb. 15

SUBMITTED BY AMERICAN RED CROSS

NCW - The American Red Cross is inviting nominations from the community for the "Hometown Heroes" among us. If you know of a local individual or organization who has done something courageous or exceptional that deserves recognition, please take the time to nominate them. Nominations will be accepted until Feb. 15, 2019. He-

roes may be professional rescuers, ordinary citizens or local groups/organizations. Nominees must live in or have performed their heroic act in Grant, Douglas, Chelan or Okanogan County within the last two years. Examples of heroes include someone who has rescued another person from a dangerous situation, individuals or organizations who are addressing an unmet need in our community, or first responders (military, fire, police, etc.) whose actions have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Members of the community are invited and encouraged to submit nominations. Nomination forms are available by calling (509) 663-3907 or contacting natalie.cerna@redcross.org.

Those nominees selected as a Hero award recipient by an independent panel of community leaders will be honored at the annual "Hometown Heroes Celebration" on Thursday, March 28 at the Wenatchee Convention Center.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Rick Isaacson at (509) 393-9860.

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CORRECTION

The 1954 State B Championship football team was placed into the Chelan High School Athletics Hall of Fame on Feb. 1. The team was led by Head Coach Bill Richards and assistant Bill Lippincott. Coach Richards name was incorrect in the story.



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Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors elects new officers



Sandy Calicoat



Ben Williams



Adam Rynd

SUBMITTED BY LAKE CHELAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CHELAN – The Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce elected three of its Board Members to serve as Board Officers. Board Officers are elected to serve a one-year term ending December 31, 2019.

The newly elected Chamber Board Officers will apply their experience and expertise to help guide the organization's Board of Directors. The new Officers are: President Sandy Calicoat, broker, Caliber Home Loans. Calicoat has served on the Board of Director for two years.

Sandy has been in the residential mortgage industry as a loan officer for over 20 years. Sandy and her husband have lived in the valley for the past 17 years. She is involved with many community activities and currently serves on the Board of Directors at Lake Chelan Rotary. Sandy feels giving back to the community and helping the Chelan Valley businesses in whatever way the Lake Chelan Chamber can assist with or promote is very important.

Vice-president Ben Williams. Ben Williams is co-owner and

CFO of two wineries, two restaurants and a hard cider business in Lake Chelan. Prior to settling in the Chelan area, he was an Infantry Officer in the U.S. Army and later worked in Corporate Finance for Amazon.com inc. Ben is a native of Spokane, and lives with his wife of 20 years, April Williams, and three teenage kids, Steven, Alexis and Benjy. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from the United States Military Academy at West Point and a MBA from Duke University. Ben has been on the Lake Chelan Chamber Board for five years and is in his second year as vice-president. He is a highly sought after Trivia Night teammate and if you challenge him to "name that tune", he will win.

Secretary/Treasurer Adam Rynd, owner, Coldwell Banker and Sage Vacation Rentals.

Adam grew up in the Seattle area, vacationed in Chelan as a child, and made Chelan his home in 2012. After graduating from the University of Washington, Adam began a career in the software industry. He now owns and manages several successful family businesses in Central Washington with his wife Kelli, including

Swim World, Sage Vacation Rentals, and Coldwell Banker Lake Chelan Properties, the premier real estate firm in Central Washington with offices in Chelan, Brewster, and Winthrop. Adam and Kelli are very active in the community as volunteers, philanthropists, and presenting sponsors of major events including Winterfest and Jazzfest.

Adam lives in Chelan and is actively involved on the boards of several business and community development organizations.

The three Board Officers are joined by six other Board Members. They are; Lester Cooper, Lake Chelan Rotary; Heather Neff, Nefarious Cellars; Pete Luchini, Manson Red Apple Market and Tamarack Tax & Consulting, LLC; Ryan Peterson, Apple Cup Café; Krysta Westmoreland, The Meat Shop and Jay Witherbee, KOZI Radio.

The Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors meets the second Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. at the Chamber office at 216 E. Woodin Avenue. Board meetings are open to all Chamber members in good standing.

Pickup loses control due to slick roadways



Photo courtesy of Douglas County Fire

BY JIM OATEY, DOUGLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF

ORONDO - Three occupants of a pickup were injured when their vehicle lost control on slick roadways on U.S.97 in Orondo 2 miles south of the Beebe Bridge on Friday, Feb. 8. Firefighters arrived to find a heavy damaged pickup in the middle of the roadway. It appeared that it lost control, left the roadway striking the ditch and returning to the roadway.

Two patients were treated at the scene and one was transported to Lake Chelan Community Hospital. Twelve firefighters and EMTs responded from Orondo Fire, Chelan Fire Rescue and Lake Chelan Community Hospital EMS.

CHELAN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Native film showing at library Feb. 23

SUBMITTED BY NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL LIBRARY

CHELAN / QUINCY / WENATCHEE - North Central Regional Library will show the film Neither Wolf Nor Dog in three of its library branches this month as part of its Beyond the Frame initiative.

The film is based on the award-winning novel by Kent Nerbern and stars Lakota elder Dave Bald Eagle. The story follows a Lakota elder who gets a white author to go with him on a road trip through the Dakotas to open

the author's eyes to the elder's experience and perspective on the world. The film will be shown at: Chelan Public Library, 1 p.m. Feb. 23; Quincy Public Library, 5:30 p.m. Feb. 26 and Wenatchee Public Library, 6 p.m. Feb. 28.

Wireless internet hotspots now available at Chelan Public Library

SUBMITTED BY NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL LIBRARY

CHELAN - For the past several months, NCRL has partnered with other community organizations in an effort called Beyond the Frame to explore what it means to be Native American — an initiative sparked by a traveling display of images by the famed photographer of Native Americans Edward S. Curtis. Guest artists, musicians and speakers gave presentations at several libraries that explored Native American identity, race and resilience, art, and

culture.

You can now check out wireless internet hotspots at Chelan Public Library.

The goal is to provide internet to people who may not have service at home or access to it while they are away from home, said Heather Inezauskis, STEM outreach coordinator for North Central Regional Library.

"With wireless access, they can work on homework, travel to meetings, look for a new home or jobs or community activities, and have access to our many online resources such as Hoopla and Overdrive at any time,"

she said.

NCRL library card holders can check out a hotspot from the Chelan branch for up to 21 days. To be eligible, a patron must have been an NCRL registered cardholder for at least 30 days, have a current valid Washington ID, and have no outstanding library fines. Children under the age of 18 can check them out with consent from a parent or guardian who has an NCRL library account.

The hotspots can only be checked out in person at the Chelan library and cannot be requested online and sent to another library branch.

Customers and community invited to help share PUD's future

Commissioners prepare to launch strategic planning conversations

SUBMITTED BY KIMBERLEE CRAIG, CHELAN COUNTY PUD

WENATCHEE – Chelan County PUD commissioners Monday reviewed key topics that customer-owners and the community will be asked to weigh in on during strategic planning for 2020-2024.

Commissioners and PUD staff are launching the next round of strategic planning this winter and reaching out to customer-owners, community leaders and other interested parties through public meetings, surveys and various online resources.

Input from customers to develop the plan is vital, said board President Garry Arseneault following the meeting.

"Our customers are the heart of public power, and we need their thoughts and ideas to make sure we continue to provide the best quality of life for the most people in Chelan County for the longest time," Arseneault said. "Strategic planning is dynamic and requires vigorous and healthy discussions."

Senior managers and commissioners are seeking feedback to set direction on the following topics:

- Aesthetic considerations
- Rock Island Dam relicensing
- Public Power Benefit program
- Long-term rate planning

Growth and economic development

Wholesale/retail sales
Board members remain committed to strategic priorities to invest in assets and people that provide long-term value for the people of Chelan County.

They invited the community to join the conversation on ourpublicpower.org and at public meetings, by answering surveys and responding to mailed information.

"As a community-owned utility, we value our customers' input to guide us," said General Manager Steve Wright. "Keeping our customers informed and engaged is among our top priorities. We really do want to hear from them."

In other business, commissioners:

- Heard that energy efficiency programs exceeded conservation goals by nearly 10 percent last year. They are expected to return an estimated value over the life of the measures of nearly \$6 million. One program, helping cities install energy-saving LED streetlights, is about 70 complete with work finishing in Cashmere and Wenatchee, said Andrew Grassell, energy development and conservation manager. Even with declining market prices net wholesale revenue and other energy-related revenue was \$134.2 million in 2018, \$17.8 million above budget. "Specified source" sales for the PUD's carbon-free hydropower was \$4.9 million of the total, \$1.2 million more than budget. Janet Jaspers, energy planning and trading manager,

said the results show how the District's hedging program provides value for customers.

- Received updates on snowpack and water supply forecasts for the Columbia River and Lake Chelan. January-July Columbia River streamflow is forecast at 87 percent of average. Estimates for runoff into Lake Chelan, from the Feb. 1 snowpack survey, is 80 percent for the coming spring and summer.

- Reviewed the PUD's 2018 performance. General Manager Steve Wright noted that development of cryptocurrency rates and responding to emerging issues delayed some planned work. Staff accomplished 73 percent of the 280 actions in the plan.

- Held a hearing to gather comment on proposed updates to the rate schedule in contracts for customers using more than 5 average megawatts, or as warranted by special circumstances (excluding cryptocurrency). No one spoke. Lindsey Mohns, Customer Utilities business manager, said plans are to ask for board approval of the changes at the Feb. 19 meeting. (02:00)

Upcoming events:

- Feb. 18 – Presidents Day holiday
- Feb. 19 – The next regular PUD commission meeting is at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb.19, in the boardroom at 327 N. Wenatchee Ave. (on Tuesday due to the holiday)
- Feb. 23 – Firewise community event, 10 a.m., Pybus Market
- March 5 – Commission meeting, 10 a.m., boardroom

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How our elected officials represent our community

To the Chelan City Council and Mayor

How do you, our elected officials, represent our local community and beautiful Lake Chelan?

The following are observations of the City of Chelan's diligence in supporting Big Development and Tourism while ignoring the well being of citizens:

- 1. Allowing large development on old orchard land known to be contaminated with lead

and arsenic (ignoring Department of Ecology's recommendation of soil testing), thus polluting our Lake and exposing young children to more toxins than occurred in Flint Michigan.

2. When hundreds of people asked (via signed petitions) that our City opt out of Smart Meter installation, you disregarded requests to protect our health, security, safety and environment.

3. Failure to be proactive with Signage and required Boat Washes to protect our lake from the threat of invasive species, a common requirement in other areas. Boat safety is also a concern.

4. Purchasing airport land

at high-price-for-low-use potential begs the question: Is this the best use of city's funds when the community has been asking for public access to our lake?

5. Even though the Friends of the Lake, Chelan Basin Conservancy and concerned citizens have repeatedly pleaded to the Council that the Three Fingers be preserved for the public, a recent announcement indicates negotiations to designate that property to have residents with possible accommodating boat slips.

If so, will the existing public access be maintained for actual use of the public?

So, again, how are you representing our

Community and Lake?

It feels to us that the local community is being overlooked.

There are currently Citizens Referendum movements (Yellow Vests) springing up all around the world.

This is happening because people feel it is time they and our environment get authentic representation, including Chelan.

For facts and sources please contact Robyn Casal at 509-687-6024

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Alzheimer's Act has been signed into law

The Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act has just been signed into law, and I want to thank Congressman Dan Newhouse for having been a co-sponsor of this meaningful legislation.

The BOLD Act will allow effective Alzheimer's public health interventions to be implemented across the country.

This is important to me because I lost my father to Alzheimer's disease. Our family has worked tirelessly since that time to do our part so that this disease can be eradicated. My daughter and I founded the

Omak Miss Forget Me Not pageant for young girls in 2018 to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association. This year's pageant will be held in Riverside on April 27, 2019.

Every 65 seconds someone develops Alzheimer's disease - which is why Congress must remain committed to action on the devastating disease.

By applying a public health approach to reduce risk, detect early symptoms, and advance care, Congressman Dan Newhouse is helping to change the trajectory of this terrible disease.

Sincerely, Valerie Halvorson Omak

Why our children are mostly clueless

Our children are clueless in regards to the harsh realities of life in the greatest country that ever existed. Why?

I have a simple and maybe overly naive answer: Too much of the wrong kind of love. While we all love our kids, we don't always know how to show them that hard knocks are the only way to get up off the ground again with a lesson learned.

We are overly protective and go to great lengths to make absolutely sure our "babies" never feel any pain of any sort as if that actual feeling will immediately kill them.

Think of your own grandparents and their grandparents. Hard scrabble lives were the order of the day, which meant farming, hunting, fishing, bartering, begging and sometimes whatever else was necessary -- even theft and other



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felonious actions.

That's right. Momma and her great mommas before her had to make do with onion soup or dandelion salad or boiled squirrel if that was the necessity of allowing lives to go on.

Now we coddle, coddle, coddle our kin to such a state of unreality that they don't understand the coddling must end some day. When that day comes we have suicides, welfare, food stamps, prison time, shacking up with Leroy because he has a few bucks or even, God forbid, they sink so low as to join the military.

Anyone who knows me will realize I am joking about the

latter, as I think all youngsters ought to join the military for a variety of reasons. I am not a war hawk or someone who wants constantly larger and larger Defense Department budgets, but it is the best way to get rid of that constant coddling syndrome and cause the kid to mature.

Let's now revisit the beginning of this syndrome. After World War II, those who survived and thrived wanted never to see those horrors or suffer those deprivations ever again and they certainly never wanted their kids or grandkids to even come close that kind of trauma.

Korea happened and patriotic folks responded, but when Vietnam came on the scene it caused a backlash as we all got sick of this democratic imperative to rule the world simply because we are always right.

A bunch of kids went to

Canada and a much greater bunch served in the war. Americans never learned a darn thing because Iraq and Afghanistan kept the war machine well oiled and chugging along with a variety of justifications.

Once again all the loving parents and grandparents didn't want any angst causing their peeps to die from self-inflicted wounds and thus the coddling generation was born and they continue to live in your basement or their friend's basement or Aunt Sally's ... whatever.

I think the kids are afraid of failure, as if that was the actual end of the world. The kids are also shellshocked that their college degrees are mostly worthless unless and until they are given a break by God or one of his angels.

They just obligated themselves to \$100k+ of debt for a piece of paper that

states they might be fairly competent in a certain area of life, but maybe not, please give me a try. Clue the "puppy eyes" and offer to work nearly for free just to get your foot in the door.

Sometimes God intercedes out of pity for the helpless, but on many occasions these hapless puppies get run over by cars or thrown into the abyss of a boiling pot operated by supervisor number one or foreman number two or principal number three or sergeants and unbearable roommates.

I only have one thing left to say about this bleak picture. Let it stay dark and keep your hands off the turmoil and chaos of what everyone needs to mature and that's a bit of hard knocks.

After not too long, a new day will dawn and new flowers will spread their petals and life will go on. Chirp, chirp I

hear the birds of spring.

That's it. Leave some of the situations exactly as they are. Human kind is far more durable than one may think. Losing car keys or being behind on rent or having children "accidentally" are not comparable in magnitude of importance, but all do happen to even the most disciplined.

Sometimes those we love deserve our love delivered in a formula part bitter, part sweet. If little Johnny doesn't get his butt back to work within a few days or weeks after moving onto your couch then personally drive him to the Marine Corps Recruiting office in East Wenatchee.

Guaranteed he will never be the same after trying a bit of tough love.

In the end he will thank you ... or maybe curse you, but it is all up to him.

What has happened to the Democrat Party?

President Trump's State of the Union Speech was immensely popular with the viewers of some of the most liberal media in the country. According to a CBS poll 76 percent of those watching approved of the speech, including 30 percent of those who call themselves Democrats. CNN similarly reported 76 percent of watchers approved of the speech.

Once again media coverage shows the disconnect between the American people and the



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media covering the President.

CNN dismissed the poll saying the audience was largely partisan Trump supporters and 53 percent of viewers did not believe his speech would

increase bipartisanship in the future. However in making their claim of an audience of largely Trump supporters, CNN did not define that claim.

CBS reported that the viewers were 43 percent Republicans, 24 percent Democrats and 30 percent Independents. More importantly CBS reported that 30 percent of the Democrats that viewed the speech rated it as favorable.

President Trump's speech was a reminder of the things

that make America great. A strong economy, honoring success and highlighting the sacrifice of Americans who have made personal sacrifices to make the world a better place.

Finding themselves in the minority the Democrats refuse to celebrate the success of this President and have become even more radical in their opposition.

Despite the historic evidence of the failures of socialism leading Democrats continue to call for socialized medicine and increasing taxes on the rich.

Leading the charge today is Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. AOC is a 28 year old Democrat activist from New York. She is the youngest person ever elected to Congress. Her latest program is the "Green New Deal." It calls for economic security for everyone including those who are either unwilling or unable to work. AOC claims that unless her program is implemented the planet will die in 12 years because of our failure to address climate change. She calls for elimination of all airplane travel and replacement of every building in America in the next ten years. We could dismiss this as naive youthful meanderings but many of our youth today are calling for a guaranteed national income and massive government programs to overcome the evils of capitalism.

In another travesty, Democrats across the country are moving to expand abortion rights to even include infanticide. Concerned that Republican appointments to the Supreme Court might result in the reversal of Roe v. Wade, Democrats are clearly pushing to build support from women voters by expanding their support of abortion rights. But few are questioning when our concerns for the health of a mother conflict with our concerns for protecting human life.

We should all be concerned about the extremes the Democrats are willing to go to in order to regain their political influence.

While some conservatives are rejoicing at the seeming implosion of the Democrat party, I am not. I am concerned about their apparent need to grab onto fringe political concepts in the hope that they can cobble together a majority to regain their lost political influence.

We need a viable opposition party. I am not for a one party system whether that be a Republican one or a Democrat one. Part of our system of checks and balances calls for free and open debate on big political issues.

When you try to be all things to all people you often become of no real value to anyone. Democrats for decades have proclaimed they are the party

of the big tent. Everybody is welcome. While they describe Republicans as racist, sexist, homophobes.

The Democrat party has now become the party where anything goes. There are no limits to what is considered acceptable policy or behavior.

While they engage in the politics of personal destruction many of their own are now coming under fire for the same transgressions that they used to try and derail Brett Kavanaugh's nomination.

Today's Democrat Party has no soul. No moral compass with which to make important decisions.

We need a party that stands for something not just a party that stands against the things that have made America great.

President Trump has called on Americans to remember what has made us great. He is calling on all of us to come together and remember that while we are not perfect we are still the envy of the world.

It is time for the Democrats to remember that they lost the election because they put up a flawed candidate. If they want to return to being a substantial player in the political arena they must abandon their flawed agenda of demonizing their opponents and offer real substantive debate on the issues of the day.

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