

## Lake Chelan Hospital and Clinics to form research committee

Searching for direction after CEO resigns

By ERIN ROSSELL, STAFF WRITER



Kevin Abel, CEO of LCCHC has resigned his position effective April 1.

CHELAN – As the community recovers from the shock of the news of resignation of Lake Chelan Community Hospital and Clinics (LCCHC) Kevin Abel, board members and staff gathered, to hold an informational meeting on the CEO vacancy effective April 1. The special meeting took place Friday, Jan. 5 at the hospital, and was scheduled for two hours. The two-hour meeting, however, concluded after a little over 30 minutes.

During the meeting, held with the intent of identifying the direction to take in Abel's absence, the board members explained that a research committee will be formed and tasked with identifying options available with the CEO vacancy moving forward. To start, the committee is tasked with setting up an outline and presenting that to the board. "It's to research possible directions," explained chairwoman Mary Signorelli, "and to put some information together for us (the board) as to what direction to take." Chief of Medical Staff Ty Witt took the moment to receive some clarification on the events to come as well, "everyone has said how long this process would or could take," he began, then asked "is there going to be a discussion on an interim tonight or are we going to hold off on that?" Signorelli replied, stating that an interim is something to hold off on until more information is received from the research committee. LCCHC chairwoman Mary Murphy expanded on Signorelli's response, "it's critically important to look at where we are now and where we're going in the near future," Murphy began, "our hospital 10 years ago is very different then it is now, so the qualifications of the CEO are going to be perhaps different, so it's important that we look for

our needs and our challenges right now, and look for the CEO that can address those challenges and needs."

Although the news of Abel's departure seemed to come out of nowhere, it was not intended that way explained Signorelli. The information was released and spread before LCCHC board members and staff were able to get a press release together and inform caregivers and the public.

"When we got the information," explained Signorelli, "we thought we had the weekend to put together a press release and to alert the caregivers and to alert the public as to what was going on ... in reality, Montana had already taken the bull by the horn and posted it on their website, and had already sent out a release that they had hired Kevin Abel from Chelan, Wash." She laughed. "It's important to understand that we made every effort we could to get the information out in a timely manner to the community and to the caregivers," she concluded.

LCCHC announced Saturday, Dec. 30 that CEO Kevin Abel had officially resigned from his position with the hospital as of April 1, accepting a position with North Valley Hospital in Whitefish, Montana. Abel has served as CEO for LCCHC for nearly nine years and will begin his employment with North Valley Hospital on April 2.

## Chelan Parks and Recreation looking to fill vacancy

By ERIN ROSSELL, STAFF WRITER

CHELAN – Have you been looking for a way to be involved in your community? The Chelan Parks and Recreation board currently has a seat vacancy and is in search of the right community member to serve alongside the current members on the advisory board. The parks board meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers located at City Hall.

The parks board is strictly advisory, so the department is looking for an out-of-the-box thinker that can bring fresh ideas and insights to the table while keeping the small-town theme and objective in the forefront.

If you are interested pick up an application for the board position at City Hall, located at 135 E. Johnson Ave. in Chelan and return completed application along with a detailed letter of interest explaining why you wish to be a part of the parks board.

## First baby of 2018 has arrived



The First baby of the new year born to Fabiola Anaya Perez and Pedro Mendoza of Manson. Baby girl Isabella Mendoza born Jan.20, 2018 at 7: 19 a.m., weighing in at 6 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 19 inches. The gift basket was donated by Lake Chelan Community Hospital Guild B. Also pictured is Tasha Marchand, RN, BSN, Med/Surg/OB Manager at LCCHC.

## Winterfest fun returns this weekend and next

By ERIN ROSSELL, STAFF WRITER

CHELAN/MANSON – Winterfest is fast approaching with two weekends filled with excitement, entertainment and activities!

The 2018 Lake Chelan Winterfest has packed a range of activities into the weekends of Jan. 12 through 14 and 19 through 21 for the community and visitors alike. Kicking off the event with Chelan activities includes horse carriage rides, the Ice Bar, wine tastings, live ice carving and live music all taking place right downtown. Concluding the first weekend is the infamous Polar Bear Splash, beach bonfire and fireworks show beginning Saturday, Jan. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Don Morse Park.

Beginning Friday, Jan. 19 Manson's Winterfest will fill the streets with Apple Bin Train Rides, VIP Alefest, Ice Tower lighting and live music, concluding with Battle of the Bloody Mary Sunday, Jan. 21 beginning at 10 a.m.

Interested in being part of the annual winter blast? Lake Chelan Winterfest is still looking for volunteers to fill various spots for the activities. Volunteer positions available include beer pouring, clean-up crew, the Ice Bar, children's Ice Slide, Wine Walk tables and security, the Bottle Shop and more. Volunteering four hours of your time earns you an all



Lake Chelan Mirror File photos Winterfest participants were able to take part in horse carriage rides during the 2017 Lake Chelan Winterfest in downtown Chelan. They got to listen to the soothing sounds of the horses clip clopping through downtown Chelan. RIGHT: The major ice carving in the center of downtown was a good spot for people to take a seat and picture next to one of the many large ice carvings during last year's Winterfest.



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## Chelan Bird Count reaches record low species number

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN EASLEY

CHELAN – How many of you remember Dec. 29, that last Friday in 2017 when a temperature inversion initially produced freezing rain that changed to persistent snow that yielded 3" of accumulation throughout the day?

This was the date that had been set for Chelan's Christmas Bird Count (CBC) sponsored by National Audubon Society, out of a window of possible dates from Dec. 15 to Jan. 5. It was Chelan's 29th annual CBC since its inception in 1989.

Ten hardy bird counters had gathered at the Apple Cup Café at 7 a.m. and were discussing whether to wait for a date with more acceptable weather. Assuming the weather would certainly improve during the day, we went ahead with the count. Little did we know that the day would remain foggy and snowy.

There are over 2,300 Christmas Bird Counts in North America each year, each CBC comprising a circle 15 miles in diameter. Our circle is centered about one mile north of the new roundabout on the Chelan-Manson Highway. It



Photos courtesy of Stephen Easley  
**Pictured here is an Eurasian collared-dove, now up to 220 in the Chelan Bird Count.**

encompasses Lake Chelan State Park and the Manson area on the west, to the Columbia River and lower McNeil Canyon on the east; and from Antoine Creek on the north to Stayman Flats on the south.

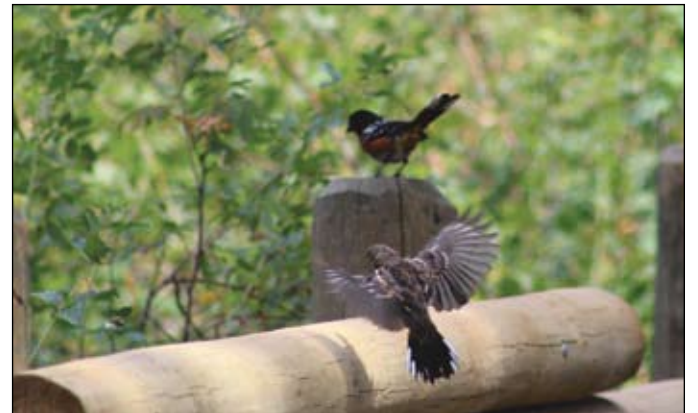
Our circle is divided into seven areas. Usually we have at least two counters per area, but with only 10 total counters there were only three areas that had two counters.

Between the foggy conditions and the snowfall, by the end of the day we could only identify 62 bird species, considerably less than our previous low of

67 set in 1993. But at least some of us were able to make up that difference by finding five other species during Count Week, which comprises the three days before and three days after Count Day.

The total count of individual birds was 7748, far below the 29-year average of 10,140 but at least above the record low of 4460 set in 1989. In fact, seven years had seen individual counts lower than in 2017.

Notable for particularly low counts were: horned grebe, great blue heron, canvasback, hooded merganser, ring-billed



**Pictured during the breeding season at Lake Chelan State Park are male (perched) and female spotted towhees. They broke the count record on Dec. 29, 2017.**

gull, northern flicker, black-capped chickadee, American robin, and northern shrike. We could muster up only 10 of the beloved American robins, which has averaged about 200 and in year 2001 yielded 1,055.

Conversely, American coots were considerably higher than normal. And, as has happened every year since the Eurasian collared-dove first made its appearance in 2010, its count broke the previous year's count and now stands at 220.

We had one other record-breaker, the spotted towhee at 13: only one more bird than

the previous record, but still an impressive showing given the weather conditions.

Anyone desiring full count results can call or email me (Steve Easley). Also, North American count results reaching back to 1900 are available on Audubon's website, www.audubon.org.

The next Chelan CBC is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 28, 2018.

Contact Steve Easley at (509)682-2318, seasley@nwi.net; or Dan Smith at (509)682-9653 ptsnorth@flymail.net to learn how to sign up to volunteer.

## Susan Albert elected to NCESD board

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE PRICE,  
SUPERINTENDENT NORTH  
CENTRAL ESD



**Susan Albert**

WENATCHEE - Susan Albert from Wenatchee has been elected to fill the District 7 vacancy on the Board of the North Central Educational Service District. Susan replaces Si Bautista from Wenatchee, who retired from the NCESD Board after 27 years of service. This position represents the northern portion of the Wenatchee School District.

Susan stated, "I am ready to join the NCESD Board as it expands and extends efforts to create and maintain quality effective education programs for all young people." Susan is a committed educator having served for 42 years in various education settings, urban, suburban and rural and in a variety of roles, teacher, central office administrator, university professor and principal. Much of her work was with Special Education and particularly with programs that served students with Mental Health and Behavioral challenges. She studied with Hill Walker at the University of Washington, researching Positive Behavior Systems and Social and Emotional Learning and Don Deschler with a focus on Learning Strategies. She has multiple degrees and certifications from WWU, UW, Seattle University, University of San Francisco and Stanford. She believes that we are learners throughout our lives and have a responsibility to contribute to our community, society, country and planet.

Susan is a native Washingtonian and has lived in the Wenatchee Valley for over 23 years. She retired from her professional career in Feb-

ruary 2015. She remains involved in a variety of volunteer activities including Wenatchee Rotary Foundation Board, Interact Liaison at Wenatchee High School and the City of Wenatchee Planning Commission. Her interest continues to be in supporting programs for children and youth and maintaining our wonderful built and natural environment.

Susan's family includes Bill Haugen and a large and loved multi-generational extended family. She is pleased to have the opportunity to serve the NCESD.

North Central ESD Superintendent Michelle Price commented, "We couldn't be more pleased to add a person of Susan's caliber to our ESD Board. She is a respected member of the community and adds a unique perspective with her Special Education background. She will be a quality addition to an already exceptional board and organization!"

About North Central ESD: North Central Educational Service District provides fiscal, administrative, curriculum, and special education services to the 29 school districts in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan Counties. The organization's mission is to assist local school districts in providing a quality education for their students through cooperative and informational services, assuring equal educational opportunity, and assisting the Superintendent of Public Instruction and State Board of Education in the performance of their duties.

## PUD Customers urged to contact utility before mining for bitcoin

*Severe safety and service consequences possible without an approved connection*

SUBMITTED BY KIMBERLEE CRAIG,  
CHELAN COUNTY PUD

WENATCHEE - Chelan PUD is concerned that increasing numbers of homeowners and small businesses may be creating a significant safety risk by employing high-electric-use cryptocurrency mining computers without notice to the utility. The PUD is getting indications of widespread use of bitcoin mining machines

across the county by customers knowingly or unknowingly violating District policies for serving these energy intense loads.

John Stoll, Customer Utilities managing director, said he understands that the financial reward can be tantalizing, but urged customers not to act without talking with PUD staff. The potential money isn't worth the safety consequences – which can be severe – affecting not only the mining operator, but their neighbors and PUD line workers, too Stoll said. Unplanned high-electric usage taxes the electric infrastructure po-

tentially leading to a serious fire risk.

Stoll has updated the Board of Commissioners on the unprecedented increase in requests for large amounts of power to serve cryptocurrency and blockchain operations.

Stoll said PUD staff is developing options to tighten policies addressing situations where customers knowingly try to hide their bitcoin mining operation from the utility.

Customers considering a bitcoin mining operation, or those operating one who have not notified the PUD, must contact our Customer Service Department at (509) 661-8002.

## Influenza on the rise in Washington; health officials say "get vaccinated now"

*Illness can usually be safely cared for at home, but some people may need medical care*

SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON  
STATE DEPT. OF HEALTH

OLYMPIA - Influenza illnesses are increasing and health officials at the Washington State Department of Health urge Washingtonians to get a flu shot now. Officials also want people to avoid spreading the flu and to know when it's okay to be cared for at home and when they should get medical care.

"People who are sick should stay home from holiday gatherings where influenza and other illness can spread. If you have symptoms of the flu it's better to miss some of the holiday fun

than to risk infecting others – especially those people who are at higher risk of serious complications," says Dr. Scott Lindquist state epidemiologist for infectious diseases.

Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. Symptoms of flu include fever, chills, body aches, and a cough or sore throat. It can cause severe illness in some people, and can sometimes lead to death. Last flu season 278 people in Washington were confirmed to have died from influenza.

Flu can be especially dangerous for pregnant women, young children, people age 65 and older, and those who have underlying health conditions such as asthma and other chronic diseases. These people should contact their doctor's office if they get flu-like symptoms. Antiviral drugs may be prescribed to treat the flu. These drugs work better when started within 48 hours of flu symptoms. While most people who do become ill with flu can be safely cared for at home, there are some symptoms that

should trigger immediate emergency care.

Each flu season, flu causes millions of illnesses, hundreds of thousands of hospitalizations and thousands or sometimes tens of thousands of deaths.

Flu shots are the best way to prevent the flu, and are available at most pharmacies and health care providers. Everyone six months of age and up is recommended to get a flu shot. People in close contact with high-risk groups, should get a flu shot to protect themselves and the people in their care.

More information on preventing the flu and weekly updates on flu activity in Washington is on the agency website.

2018 marks the 100 year anniversary of the 1918 influenza pandemic which killed an estimated 20 to 50 million people. Find out what's changed and if we're still at risk for a deadly pandemic.

The Department of Health website (doh.wa.gov) is your source for a healthy dose of information. Also, find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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## Tender Loving Care for Seniors program seeking clients to match with volunteers

By ERIN ROSSELL, STAFF WRITER

CHELAN – The Tender Loving Care (TLC) for Seniors program, of Chelan, is looking to expand their client list and is currently accepting new clients to match with their volunteers.

TLC is a volunteer/client program that matches volunteer visitors with seniors

throughout the Chelan and Manson areas. Volunteers assist in the non-medical needs of the seniors, as well as providing companionship, assist seniors in daily activities to enable independence of needs, assist in transportation needs and so much more.

The volunteer program benefits both the client and the volunteer in a variety

of ways that prolong the independence and ease of the client.

For more information on being a client or volunteering for the TLC for Seniors program, call Coordinator Claudia Swenson at (509) 393-1256, email at [tlcprogram4@gmail.com](mailto:tlcprogram4@gmail.com) or visit the Senior Living Initiative website at [www.chelan-valleyseniorcare.com](http://www.chelan-valleyseniorcare.com).

## Straub and Brezicha join 501 Consultants

SUBMITTED BY 501 CONSULTANTS

CASHMERE - Katlyn Straub and Julie Brezicha have joined 501 Consultants. Straub, a Chelan native, recently moved back to the valley from St. Louis, Missouri and serves as Communications Manager.

Originally from Olympia, Brezicha made her way back to Washington from Denver, Colorado and was hired as the Communications and Logistics Assistant. 501 Consultants, Inc. is based in Cash-



Katlyn Straub

mere and partners with non-profits and their leadership to



Julie Brezicha

help solve the most pressing strategic challenges.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Manson Community Council to meet Jan. 16

SUBMITTED BY MANSON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MANSON - Kathy Blum (incumbent) Jeremy Jaech

and Kim Ustanik will join Jorge Valencia and Kathy Miller when the Manson Community Council meets on January 16, at 6 p.m., in

the Manson Park office on Pedoi There was a good turnout in the four man race for the three seats and voting was close.

### County starting review of vacation rental activities

SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER GROOS, CHELAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WENATCHEE - Chelan County is starting a review of vacation rentals activities.

Public comment is essential and represents the short and long term desires of County residents.

If you would like to be notified of activities, meetings, and

materials, please visit our website at [co.chelan.wa.us/community-development](http://co.chelan.wa.us/community-development) to sign up for the Vacation Rental Party of Record list, contact Jennifer Groos at (509) 667-6334.

### Chimney fire turns into a structure fire, quickly extinguished by first arriving engine company

SUBMITTED BY CHELAN FIRE & RESCUE

CHELAN - On Jan. 1, 2018, at 1926 hours Chelan Fire and Rescues' Engine 71 was dispatched to a chimney fire at West Prospect Street. Upon arrival Engine 71's crew, led by Lt. Shawn Sherman, found

the fire had extended into the walls around the fire place. Lt. Sherman upgraded the alarm to a working structure fire. Chief 701, 702, Engine 79 and seven additional firefighters responded. Engine 71 was able to knock down the fire and keep it contained to the structural walls around the fire

place within 17 minutes of the 911 call. Chief 701 and Engine 79 continued into the scene to assist Engine 71's crew with checking for extension and overhaul.

The cause of the fire was a direct result of the fireplace usage. The house was still able to be occupied by the residents.

### Community Foundation scholarship applications now open

SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER DOLGE, COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NCW

WENATCHEE - The Community Foundation of NCW opened applications for its scholarship program on Jan. 1, 2018. The deadline for most scholarships is March 1.

The Community Foundation manages over 100 unique scholarships established by individuals and families who feel passionate about furthering education for local students.

Scholarship criteria varies and many do not require top academics or participation in specific activities. In fact, most scholarships seek to support students who have served their communities, show growth and potential, and demonstrate significant

financial need.

Scholarships are available to high school seniors, current college students, and non-traditional students from North Central Washington who are planning to attend four-year colleges and universities, community colleges, and trade schools.

The application process is online and students can easily apply for multiple scholarships at once. The eligibility quiz feature helps students easily determine the scholarships that are right for them.

"We encourage every student planning to attend college in the fall to apply for scholarships," said Erika Orsulak, director of education programs. "The eligibility quiz will help students

find scholarships, and there are scholarships for every type of student. Each year the Community Foundation has scholarships that don't get awarded, simply because students don't apply - all students should consider applying today."

For more information and to apply, visit [www.cfncw.org/scholarships](http://www.cfncw.org/scholarships).

The Community Foundation of North Central Washington's mission is to grow, protect, and connect charitable gifts in support of strong communities throughout Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan counties. Established in 1986, the Community Foundation manages \$70 million in assets through 450 individual funds and has awarded over \$35 million in grants and scholarships.

## Manson couple leaves a lasting legacy

SUBMITTED BY MANSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

MANSON - Many of us have pondered what influence our lives will have on future generations. Long time Manson residents, Ted and Nicki Leffler, quietly took steps to insure they could positively impact future generations in the communities they loved. In 1993, they created a charitable trust to be equally distributed to three school districts: Chester High School in Chester, Montana (Nicki's school); Maries County Belle High School in Belle, Missouri (Ted's school) and Manson High School in Manson, Washington. Upon Ted's death in 2003 and Nicki's passing in 2016, the trust funds were transferred to the successor trustee named in the original trust, Superintendent of Manson School District.

The Leffler's generous actions 25 years ago resulted in the development of scholarship trust funds in all three school districts with each receiving more than \$200,000 in trust funds. These endowment funds are to be held in "perpetuity" and used for graduating high school seniors from each district with only the interest/earnings on the principle amount to be used each year. In doing so, the original trust amount will stay intact and students one hundred years from now will still benefit.

Manson School District is working with family member Heidi Leffler (daughter) to create the Ted and Nicki Leffler Memorial Scholarship. We've learned Ted Leffler had several careers in a variety

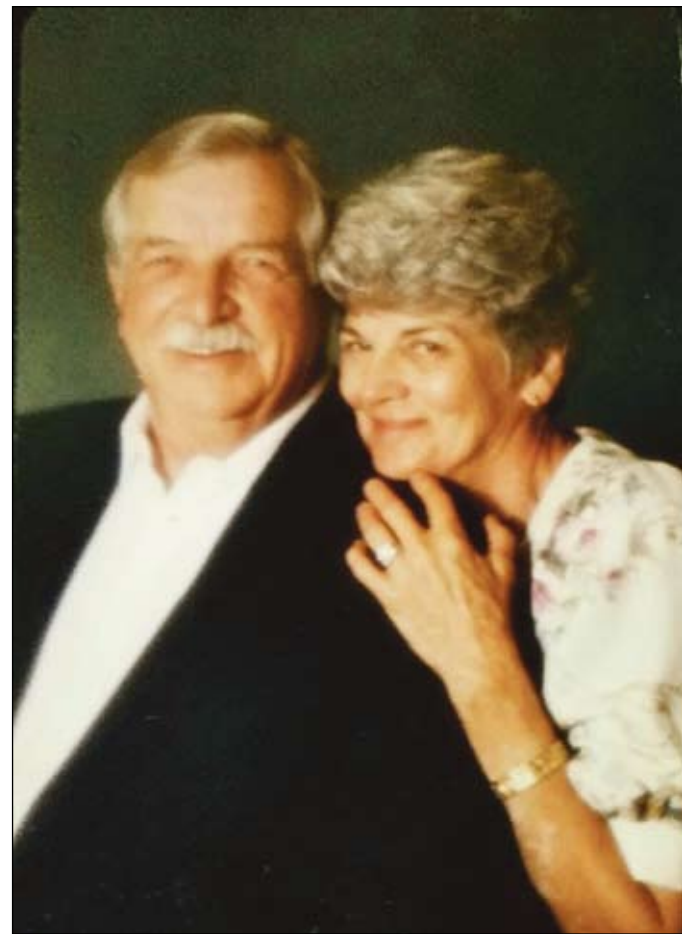


Photo courtesy of Manson School District

Ted and Nicki Leffler

of fields, but a majority of his work centered on electrical power infrastructure. His career took him from Missouri to Montana (where he met and married Nicki) to Oregon, Idaho, California and even New York. He took great pride in his work and was an innovator in his field. Ted is credited with being one of the first to utilize helicopters to string powerlines and he estimated he had a hand in stringing 60% of the Northwest's power

grid. It's clear Ted understood the value of skilled labor; Manson's scholarships will encourage students pursuing post-high school careers or technical training/education to apply.

Scholarship applications will be posted in January and a committee comprised of Manson community members will select winner(s) who will be announced at the June 5, 2018 Senior Awards Ceremony.

## Red Cross blood shortage prompts urgent call for blood and platelet donations

### January, National Blood Donor Month

SUBMITTED BY NATIVIDAD LEWIS, WWW.REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG

NCW — This January, National Blood Donor Month, the American Red Cross has an urgent need for blood and platelet donors of all blood types to make an appointment to give now and help address a winter blood donation shortage.

Severe winter weather has had a tremendous impact on blood donations already this year, with more than 150 blood drives forced to cancel causing over 5,500 blood and platelet donations to go uncollected. This is in addition to seasonal illnesses, such as the flu, and hectic holiday schedules collectively contributing to more than 28,000 fewer donations than what was needed in November and December.

"Even temporary disruptions to blood and platelet donations can diminish the availability for hospital patients," said Neil Tosuntikool, Donor Recruitment director of the Pacific Northwest Blood Services Region. "It's the blood on the shelves that helps save lives in an emergency, and that's why we're asking eligible individuals to make

an appointment to give blood or platelets today."

While serving local hospitals is the first priority, the Red Cross can move blood products to where they're needed most. This allows generous donors throughout the country to contribute to the national blood supply and potentially help patients locally and in storm-affected areas.

While all blood types are urgently needed, there is a more critical need for the following blood and donation types right now:

- Platelets: The clotting portion of blood primarily given to cancer patients during treatment and always in great demand.
- Type O negative: The blood type that can be transfused to almost everyone and is what doctors reach for in trauma situations.
- Type B negative: The blood type that can be transfused to type B Rh-positive and negative patients.
- Type AB: The plasma type that can be transfused to almost everyone and can be donated through a platelet or plasma donation, where available, or during a regular blood donation.

**How to help**  
Eligible donors can find a blood or platelet donation opportunity and schedule an

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- Omak**  
1/17/2018: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Omak Elks Lodge #1742 BPOE, 110 Ash Street
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## OBITUARIES

## Phyllis Ann Hyde

Phyllis Ann Hyde went home to her reward last Sunday, December 31, 2017 after a brief illness. She was born in Estherville, Iowa October 17, 1941. She was the daughter of Vic and Vera Jones. She attended several schools in Iowa and graduated from Perry High School in 1960. She attended Colorado State College studying to be a teacher.

In the summer of her second year she came to Washington to visit some friends and met and married her husband Gordon Hyde in 1963. The next year they attended Vancouver Bible College in British Columbia. After graduating they were called to be Pastor and wife at South Aberdeen Baptist Church where they served for 14 ½ years. They then came to Chelan in 1982 where they served as pastor and wife for almost 30 years until their retirement in 2011.

During her life Phyllis worked as a secretary and office manager for several small businesses, as a secretary at Grays Harbor Community College, and as the church secretary for Little Stone Church and St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

Phyllis leaves her husband at the family home in Chelan, a son Mike and daughter-in-law Jean and their two children, Michelle and Chloe of Chelan, a daughter Charlene and her children Bryce and Beck and



great-granddaughter Destiny of Wenatchee, her brother Ron Jones and Patsy of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and numerous other relatives.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents Vic and Vera and a sister, Sona Lue, and a granddaughter Brandi Blanchfield.

Visitation was Friday, January 5, 2018 at Precht Rose Chapel. Interment was at Fraternal Cemetery in Chelan Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 11 a.m. This was followed by a Celebration of Life service for Phyllis, at the North Shore Bible Church in Manson with Pastor Keith Rife officiating.

Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at [www.prechtrose.com](http://www.prechtrose.com). Services are entrusted to Precht Rose Chapel of Chelan.

## Helen (Kraleovich) Carter

Helen (Kraleovich) Carter passed on December 28, 2017, at her home in Chelan, Washington.

Helen, the daughter of Joe and Anna Kraleovich, was born September 28, 1930, in Aberdeen, Washington. She graduated from Weatherwax High School in 1948 and entered the workforce shortly after that. Helen's work ethic was irreplaceable with her often working two or three jobs simultaneously to support her four boys: Frank Merino, Joe Merino (deceased, 2015), Phil Merino (deceased, 2014) and Doug Merino. She later married James E. Carter and gave birth to their daughter, Shelly. A wife, mother, grandma, aunt, cousin, and friend she loved them all and they loved her.

Helen had her own "dragnet" of mothers and they were fiercely protective of their children as well as others. Over the years Helen and Betty Marks were often spotted in the streets of Westport and the south Beach. Helen at the wheel of her black Chrysler New Yorker, Betty riding shotgun, with their "Hawk Eyes" wide open for anything suspicious. Her "Helen-isms" ensured she was always a couple of steps ahead of them, day or night, she had an uncanny ability to know where they were going before they did.

Helen's most endearing attributes was not just the love she had for her friends, but



most intimately, the love for her family. She treasured them dearly and always looked out for their safety. Helen's legacy would continue till the end of her life.

While working at Freddie Steel's, Sourdough Lil's and the Islander restaurants, Helen collected a storehouse of friends and patrons with whom she established solid relationships. Unique by nature, Helen was one of the first women to operate a forklift for Ocean Spray during cranberry season. It was an unconventional job for women at the time.

Helen had a variety of interests, and one of them were sports. Her husband Jim Carter (aka "Mr.C" was the athletic director at Ocosta High School in Westport, so they attended all athletic events - to include her children and grandchildren's events in the future. Helen was a good sport, a great cheerleader, and a supportive fan. But docile spectator she was not, which became abundantly apparent at a particular play-off game. It was the first time in the history of Ocosta High School that they

had made it to the Class A State Basketball Championships, not once but twice, consecutively in two years.

Woe to the ref who made a bad call that day! Like a Hawk zooming down on its prey, Helen flew from the second floor of bleachers straight to the ref. The game was stopped to assist the ref - and, to remove "the interference." When the game resumed, Ocosta pulled ahead and eventually went on to win the State Class A Basketball Championship. Her husband, a man of few words, said only four words about the incident, "Way to go, Helen!"

Helen supported the city of Westport and was a politician by "proxy." She seldom missed a meeting and was unafraid to express her concerns. One such concern was after several council members had opposed to donating a city-owned house to the senior citizens. As a result, Helen organized a team of seniors, signs and all, and picketed city hall. It was Westport's first political demonstration! Needless to say, when visiting Westport today, one can check out the facilities of Westport's popular Senior Citizens House. You see, there are people who watch what happens, others who ask, "What happened?" Then there are those who make things happen. Helen made things happen, and she had two ways of doing it: 1) Helen's way, and 2) Helen's way. End of story.

Nephew John Mark Stoich of Arlington once said, "I love her laughter. Nobody laughs like Aunt Helen!" Helen did have infectious laughter that worked

in tandem with her 1,000-watt smile. Mix that with a huge dose of humor and compassion, a touch of temper, and topped off with an unbridled flare for adventure, and you had a woman who owned every room she entered.

Helen is survived by her husband Jim Carter of Chelan, Washington; Frank Merino (wife Deb) of Graham, Washington; Doug Merino (wife Kay Erak-Merino) of Olympia, Washington; Shelly Stamps (husband Steve) of Chelan, Washington; and Roberta Merino (wife of the late Joe Merino) of Westport, Washington. Helen was Grandma to ten grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and has numerous nieces and nephews.

When Helen's husband Jim first met her he said, "Helen is the most beautiful woman I have ever seen." She was his queen and he treated her as such from beginning to end. Helen had full reign over his heart, and no kingdom could have ever found a more committed, loyal subject than Jim Carter. The last thing he said to his family as they left her home on December 28, 2017, was, "Helen is the most beautiful woman I have ever seen," ...and that is because she was.

A private family celebration of her life will take place in the spring. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations made to the Westport Senior Citizens House.

Please feel free to leave any thoughts and memories for the family at [www.prechtrose.com](http://www.prechtrose.com). Precht Rose Chapel of Chelan is entrusted with the services.

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## EVENTS / MEETINGS

Jan. 10

## Chelan Fire District meeting

CHELAN - The regular meeting for Chelan County Fire District #7 is held the second Wednesday of the month, 4 p.m. at the fire station, at the corner of Wapato and Sanders. [www.chelan7.com](http://www.chelan7.com)

Jan. 11

## Help available for veterans

CHELAN - Chelan County Veteran's Service Officer, WorkSource, and SSVF, coffee and organizational information, second Thursday at Apple Cup Cafe in Chelan, 9 a.m. to noon. DD214, VA Disability Claim and more. For questions: Tony Sandoval at (509) 664-6801 or Bob Goedde at 682-2366.

Jan. 11, 25

## Methodist men's group

CHELAN - The Lake Chelan United Methodist Men's group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, at The Vogue, at 7 a.m.. All men who have a belief in Jesus Christ are welcome to attend.

Jan. 12

## Community 'Soup' Kitchen

CHELAN - The Lake Chelan United Methodist Church Community 'Soup' Kitchen is open every Friday, noon to 1:30 p.m. The church is located at the corner of Johnson and Emerson.

Jan. 14

## Got the Winter Blues?

MANSON - Come join us Sunday afternoons for "Something To Do." Games, activities, snacks, and tunes at the Manson Grange, 157 E. Wapato in Manson; every Sunday, 3-5 p.m. Call or text (509) 393-6405 for more information.

Jan. 16

## AI-Anon

UPDATED - CHELAN - AIAnon meetings are weekly at the Lake Chelan United Methodist Church, 206 Emerson Street, Tuesdays, 12:00-1:15 p.m. For more information call Sherylann, 682-1817.

Jan. 16

## Chelan Town Hall meeting

CHELAN - The City of Chelan will hold a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 6 p.m. at the Chelan Senior Center, located at 534 Trow Avenue. This meeting will be focused on Community input that will lead us to providing affordable/workforce housing. It will also be the first step in gathering key players to help us get this done; such as; land donors, cash donors, developers that will help "giveback", legal expertise to assist in deed restrictions, relators that can help us with their expertise and of course builders that believe in the cause. What other talents can you provide? For more information call Mayor Mike Cooney, 682-4037.

Jan. 16

## Manson Community Council

MANSON - The Manson Community Council will meet Tuesday, Jan. 16, 6 p.m. at the Manson Park Office on Pedoi Street. All are welcome to attend.

Jan. 24, Feb. 13

## Cancer Support Groups

CHELAN - The Women's Wellness Group, cancer support group, has 2 support groups. The second Tuesday of each month for lunch, with lunch provided by the Wenatchee Wellness Place, at the Lake Chelan Community Hospital Board Room at 11:45 a.m.; and the fourth Wednesday of each month at LaBrisa at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Anne at 682-8718.

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Pastor Mark Wiltton

## • CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Sunday School 10 am  
Worship 11 am & 6 pm  
Youth Group - Friday 7 pm for 13-18 years of age  
682-5135 • Sanders St. & Okanogan Ave.

## • LAKE CHELAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship 9:30 am  
Sunday School following Worship Service  
682-9063 • 216 W. Nixon Ave.

## • LAKE CHELAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship 11 am  
682-2241  
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## • CHELAN

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Worship 10:30 am  
Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 pm  
682-2610 • Emerson & Okanogan

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Worship Saturday 9:30 am  
Bible Study Hour Saturday 11 am  
682-5622 • 107 E. Highland Ave

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## • ENTIAT FRIENDS CHURCH

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Sunday Prayer Group 7pm  
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Wednesday Children's Program/Youth Group  
and Adult Bible Study 7 pm

## • WAREHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Group Life Sunday School 9:30 am  
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412 Youth Group Wednesday 6:30 pm  
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784-2710 • 14916 Hwy 97A  
[www.warehousecommunitychurch.com](http://www.warehousecommunitychurch.com)

## • MANSON

## • MANSON UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Kidz Church (4 years-5th Grade) 9:30 am  
TNT (Thursday Night Together) resumes Sept. 21  
687-3636 • 123 Wapato Point Parkway  
[www.northshorebc.org](http://www.northshorebc.org)  
Craig Rayment, Sr. Pastor

## • BREWSTER

## • HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

Sunday Worship 11 am  
Holy Communion 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sunday  
Bible Study & Sunday School 10 am  
689-3106 • 1520 Sunset Drive  
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# Time to focus on school choice in Chelan County, across America

By Andrew R. Campanella



Andrew R. Campanella

Later this month, schools, homeschool groups, organizations, and individuals in Washington and across America will work together to raise awareness about the importance of opportunity in K-12 education.

National School Choice Week begins on January 21 and celebrates all types of schools and education environments for children.

Nationwide, 32,240 different events and activities – such as open houses, school fairs, and information sessions – are being planned, with an estimated attendance of 6.7 million people. In fact, 448 of those events and activities will be held in Washington, and three are in Chelan.

National School Choice Week has been celebrated every year since 2011. And even with increased awareness, many families still have questions about school choice and how it can benefit them and their communities.

The first thing to know is that school choice isn't partisan or political. It isn't about a specific set of policy goals either. Rather, it's about parents making personal decisions for their children.

School choice means empowering individual parents with the opportunity to search for, and find, the best education environments for their individual children – regardless of where they live or how much money they make.

Finding the right school is important, because every

child has unique talents, challenges, and needs. School choice isn't about finding fault with any of the schooling options available. Instead, it recognizes that while one student might thrive at a neighborhood school, another student might do better somewhere else.

Research shows that when parents actively choose schools and education environments for their children, students are more likely to succeed in school. They are also more likely to graduate from high school, get good jobs, and participate in their communities.

School choice isn't just theoretical. Right now, more parents in Washington and across America are actively choosing the education environments for their children than at any other time in history.

National School Choice Week provides parents with an opportunity to evaluate the education options available for their children. If parents are interested in switching their child to a different school, or considering homeschooling, it helps to start looking into these options in the winter.

Families in Washington can choose from traditional public schools, public charter schools, public magnet schools, private schools, on-

line academies, and home-schooling. In terms of public school choice options, Washington has one of the nation's broadest "open enrollment" policies in the country; students are permitted to attend virtually any public school in the state, regardless of where they live.

Searching for a new school, or considering an alternative education environment, doesn't have to be daunting. Parents can start by talking to their children and other parents, researching schools online, and visiting schools in person. A good place to start is the National School Choice Week website: schoolchoice-week.com, where we provide more information about specific school choice options in the Evergreen State as well as listings of the tens of thousands of local and regional events happening this year.

National School Choice Week is a time when the country comes together around the idea that every child can succeed when they find the right school fit. This January, parents have more options and opportunities than ever before to find that right fit. For individual communities and for our country, that is a good thing.

*A nationally recognized advocate for children and families, Andrew R. Campanella serves as president of National School Choice Week, the world's largest annual celebration of opportunity in education. He lives in Northwest Florida.*



# Senate Democrats take early aim at gun legislation

By Alex Visser  
WNPA OLYMPIA NEWS BUREAU

With a newfound majority in the Washington Senate, state Democrats have found an early target in firearm regulation as the 2018 legislative session gets set to begin.

Senate Bill 6049 would regulate the ownership and manufacturing of large capacity magazines and make them all but illegal in most cases. "Large capacity" refers to any magazine that can hold more than 10 rounds.

The bill was requested by Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson, who cited a motivation in mass shootings across the country, including a 2016 shooting at a house party in Mukilteo, Washington in which three were killed and one was injured.

The bill was introduced by Sen. David Frockt, D-Seattle, and is sponsored by three other democratic senators: Manka Dhingra, D-Redmond; Jeannie Darnelle, D-Tacoma; and Jamie Pedersen, D-Seattle.

Currently, eight states and the District of Columbia have introduced some kind of restriction on large capacity magazines. In Colorado and New Jersey, the limit is 15 rounds, and in Hawaii the ban pertains only to

handguns.

Such magazines were previously banned on a federal level under the 1994 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, which also banned semi-automatic weapons before expiring in 2004.

Pedersen said he feels confident the bill will pass, and that the key is to receive support from rural Democrats and more moderate Republicans. The senator added that he has received at least some vocal support from both parties.

"We've obviously had a series of high-profile shootings across the country," Pedersen said. "This is a small step to take."

But Dave Workman, senior editor of TheGunMag, said he doesn't find such a ban necessary, arguing that large capacity magazines haven't proven to be a problem. Workman said he expects a flurry of opposition from gun owners across the state, many of whom own firearms that would be affected by the ban.

Waldron said the bill

emphasizes the role of guns, while legislators should be taking a look at potential societal problems that lead to mass shootings.

The legislative chairman pointed out that many pistols carry large capacity magazines, but the bill doesn't differentiate between handguns and the assault weapons Waldron believes the bill is targeting.

Waldron called the bill "meaningless" and "unenforceable," and said it would force Washington citizens to give up private property that is arguably protected by the Second Amendment.

"The bottom line is we oppose the bill because it's a waste of time," Waldron said. "They focus on the inanimate object; what they need to be focusing on is the behavior."

The senate plans to hear SB 6049 on Jan. 15.

**Publisher's Comments:**  
Will anyone ask how this will make any of us safer? Many of these tragedies have occurred in "Gun Free Zones" with weapons that were purchased legally. The only ones who are safer are the criminals and mentally imbalanced individuals who do not have to worry about an honest law abiding citizen who might be carrying a weapon and know how to use it.

# The world needs another Russian Revolution

About 100 years ago the Czar of Russia (is there any other kind?) and his entire family was murdered by a firing squad by the new boys on the block - the Communists as led by Lenin. The era of brutal Communist rule and rulers had begun - worldwide.



APPLES TO APPLES  
Gary Bégin

He was founder of the Russian Communist Party, leader of the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, and first head of the Soviet state and the Soviet Union. Ironically, Lenin's first name was also Vladimir. He was succeeded by the murderous Joseph Stalin, who killed more of his own people in purges and pogroms and prison camps than the Nazis.

Now we have Vladimir Putin, also murderous and also the leader of the former Soviet Union (now Russia) and he doesn't like that one bit. He wants to gather the old puzzle pieces back together and re-establish the glorious empire as it once was.

He is well on the way to anointing himself for life as the latest incarnation of the Russian Czar just like Stalin and Lenin before him. The ultimate and unquestionable ruler of all he surveys and much, much more.

Putin is not your grandma's dictator. He is thoroughly modern in the guille-lish arts he learned and perfected during the Cold War of his youth.

There's only one problem with that scene, the young people of Russia will eventually rebel against the old guard as the status quo is just that, old, immutable relics of a bygone era. Strong-arm and strongman tactics can only last so long before the "young and the restless" get tired of being that way.

They will soon become the wiser and the politically savvy and will start raining on Putin's parade with new ideas and rebellious actions against the Soviet state.

Throwing rocks at tanks isn't the wisest thing one can do to make a point neither is merely standing in front of them. Unfortunately the ballot box is just as impractical in Communist countries and there's the rub. How does

a nation of people yearning to be free get rid of tyrants when those tyrants control the military and indeed have created a police state upon those they rule?

Violence through armed insurgency worked 100 years ago, but now there's a better answer - cyber-warfare. The Russians have been monkeying around with various countries and the election process with some success. Putin was in the secret police and has learned to be a master manipulator on a world stage.

American spies are not chopped liver either. Give the Russians, Cubans and Chinese some interesting quirks in their internet and other state controlled services and watch the fireworks happen when the central authority can no longer push a button to control the outskirts of town or the countryside far, far away.

The repressed peoples of the world need a spark of hope to get the party started and an occasional flash mob would certainly shake the status quo. When Putin comes up for the inevitable reelection and is mysteriously and unexpectedly in second place all hell will break loose. As much as some Republicans may hate Democrats, the losing party and its minions didn't riot when Trump beat Clinton.

Putin and his cronies won't be as chivalrous. I have hoped most of my adult life for several things on the world stage: A free Russia is one of them. What I am describing above is the opportunity of a lifetime. America must be careful because the Russians could go in the other direction and, after Putin, choose an even more dictatorial tyrant who fancies outright kinetic action (physical warfare) even more so than Putin.

Let's put American computer ingenuity to work doing more besides inventing silly and frivolous games that retard the social development

of our youth (ages 4-40).

In the days of WWI and WWII the entire nation banded together to defeat the enemy. The computer industry of today ought to join the cause of chasing the Russian Communists into extinction so that the dreams of all Russians can be realized.

I do fear my idea of Silicon Valley, et al, joining the cause for a free Russia may fall on deaf, overly-Liberal ears. Our PC environment is likely to negate reality in favor of naiveté, but I hope not.

As a staunch fiscal and patriotic Conservative, I know in my heart a free Russia will lead to untold billions more in profits that, I am sure, Liberals and Conservatives alike will be happy to spend, invest and trickle down funds the world over. That new found fortune would include the chance for "feed the world" programs as well as 50 new ships for the Navy meant to protect American interests well into the new century and maybe even a new interstate system for our grandchildren.

Despite the current extreme polarization of American politics, a free Russia will benefit from both sides of the same coin we call Democracy. We should all work towards that end.

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# Chelan hosts New Year's Classic wrestling tournament



Photos by Erin Rossell

**ABOVE:** JC Austin places his opponent in an armlock just moments before winning the match.

**LEFT:** Billie Corter begins to break free from her Hoquiam opponent in an attempted take down in the Chelan New Year's Classic wrestling tournament, Saturday, Dec. 30 at Chelan High School.

# Trojans host Liberty Bell, end night with split victory



Photo by Erin Rossell

**Joe Strecker flies above Liberty Bell up for a lay in attempt, scoring another basket for the Trojans.**



Photo by Erin Rossell

**Celina Mendoza goes up for a jump shot as a Liberty Bell defender attempts to intervene, Monday, Jan. 2 in Manson. Mendoza led the Lady Trojans in points for the second half, with eight points earned.**

The Lady Trojans faced the overall 4-3 Lady Lions in an aggressive league match from start to finish.

First half of the game brought an energetic defense from the Trojans, forcing the Lady Lions to earn every basket made. With the Lady Tro-

By ERIN ROSSELL, STAFF WRITER

**MANSON** – The Trojans welcomed the Liberty Bell Lions, Tuesday, Jan. 2 for an exciting night of league play.

**Boys**

The Lions, ranked 0-8 prior to Tuesday's game, struggled to keep up with the Trojans' high-pressure defense and fast-paced offense.

Tip-off initiated the Trojan momentum, resulting in a first half full of steals, drives and baskets for Manson. Tight passes and swift plays left the Lions' at a standstill. With plays like a half-court drives to the basket by Cole Beazley and Eduardo Escalera and steals by Donny Vanderholm, Marco Mendoza and Joe Strecker, the Lions' scrambled to earn baskets, and eventually ending the first half with a score of Trojans 25, Lions 9.

Second half brought a slightly different scenario for both teams. Manson's missed baskets and, with Liberty Bell's increased tempo in the new half, incomplete passing re-

sulting in an 11-point gain allowed for the Lions. Going into the fourth quarter, the Trojans returned to the game with aggressive defense and rebounds from Vanderholm and Ramiro Lopez, and a steal by Escalera resulting in a Trojans basket.

Escalera led the Trojans in points with 16 followed by Vanderholm's nine. Liberty Bell left the court defeated by the Trojans with a final score of 39-24.

**Girls**

jans jumping in and stealing passes, Liberty Bell was forced to tighten up offensively. Kayla Gosvener led the first half in baskets with five points, immediately followed by Megan Clausen with four points. Evelyn De Jesus dominated the court in rebounds and steals against the Lions, and after a hard-fought first half, the Lady Trojans trailed the Lady Lions by only five points with a final score for the half of 13-18.

Last half of the game showed more physicality from Liberty Bell as Manson pushed harder to close the point gap. With a rebound from Migali Leyva after a missed shot by the Lions, the Lady Trojans regained possession in the final minutes of the game. However, with a couple of missed baskets in the remaining time, the Lady Trojans remained defeated by Liberty Bell with a final score of 24-33.



**Donnie Vanderholm stretches to give the Trojans possession of a rebound.**



Photos by Erin Rossell

**ABOVE:** Kayla Gosvener sinks a three despite Liberty Bell's defense. Gosvener led the Lady Trojans in points for the first half with five.

**BELOW:** Eduardo Escalera lays up a basket after driving passed Liberty Bell, Monday, Jan. 2 in Manson. Escalera led the Trojans in points with 16.



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# Goats return unharmed from Kodiak attack defeat Cascade on home court



Photos by Ian Dunn/Leavenworth Echo  
**Left:** Connor Wilson jump shots against the unprepared Cascade Kodiak defenders, Wednesday, Jan. 3 in Leavenworth.  
**Right:** Lexie Gleasman glides a shot over the Kodiak's defense. Gleasman led the Lady Goats in points against Cascade with 15. The Lady Goats went on to defeat the Lady Kodiaks with a final score of 51-23.  
**Below:** Quinn Stamps pushes through the high-pressure defense of the Kodiaks for an attempted basket. The Goats squeeze a defeat over the hard-fought Kodiaks with a final score of 56-54.



## SPORTS SHORTS

**CHELAN**  
**Girls**  
 SUBMITTED BY  
 HEAD COACH STEVE NYGREEN  
**Vs. Okanogan, Jan. 5**  
**Chelan 36 Okanogan 32**  
 Chelan used a 15-6 run in the 4th quarter to overcome Okanogan's tenacious "Packline" defense to win on Friday Night. Matea Ivory and Katie Rainville combined for 12 points in the 4th quarter to power the Goats to victory. Chelan was stymied most of the night by the visiting Bulldogs who held Chelan to four-point in the 2nd quarter. "Okanogan is so tough defensively, they make you earn everything you get. We countered with great defense of our own, especially in the 4th quarter. Offensively, we did a much bet-

ter job of moving the ball late in the game," said Coach Steve Nygreen.  
**At Cascade, Jan. 3**  
**Chelan 51 Cascade 23**  
 Chelan used a 19-2 run in the 2nd quarter to race past Cascade Wednesday Night. The Lady Goats were led by Lexie Gleasman's 15 points and Katie Rainville's 11. Chelan held a team to single digits in the first half for the 3rd consecutive game. "Great defense in the first half. We lacked tempo on offense, especially in the 1st quarter, but were aggressive attacking the basket as evidenced by our season high 22 free throw attempts," said Coach Steve Nygreen.  
**Boys**

SUBMITTED BY  
 HEAD COACH JEFF PEARL  
**Vs. Okanogan, Jan. 5**  
**Okanogan beat Chelan 64-52**  
 Chelan's Connor Wilson led all scorers with 21 points but the Bulldogs beat Chelan 64-52 in a game at CHS.  
 Chelan was led by Connor Wilson's 21 points & 3 rebounds and Bert Mendivil added 11pts 3 rebounds 3 assists. "I thought we did a good job in the first half matching Okanogan's intensity. We missed some great opportunities tonight though on both ends of the floor. I thought our offensive execution could have been a lot better too. They were able to move the ball better than we did". -Coach Pearl  
**At Cascade (Leavenworth),**

**Wednesday Jan. 3**  
**Chelan edges Cascades 56-54**  
 Chelan's Quinn Stamps led all scorers with 19 points and 11 rebs as the Mountain Goats beat Cascade 56-54 in a game at Cascade High School. Stamps' points came on 4 field goals, 2 three pointers and 5 of 7 free throws during the game. Sam Austin was relentless in the paint scoring 13pts and bringing in 10 rebs. Cascade was led by Jose Mendoza's 14 points and Cole Warnaca added 12. "Our reserves stepped up big tonight. We got great minutes out of Jose. And Dawson hit a clutch shot down in the final minute. This was a game that we could've easily gone the other way, but the guys dug in

and persevered."  
**MANSON**  
 SUBMITTED BY  
 ERIC SIVERTSON  
**Girls**  
**Vs. Soap Lake, Jan. 4**  
 The Manson girls' basketball team used a strong 3rd quarter to overcome a 10-point half time deficit on Thursday night. Unfortunately, Soap Lake pulled away in the 4th quarter for a 10-point victory. Soap Lake was able to pull away at the free throw line shooting 38 free throws for the game with 20+ coming in the 4th quarter. Manson was led by Celina Mendoza with 9.  
**At Oroville, Jan. 6**  
 The Manson girls held on to win in Oroville on Friday night. The final score was 29-

23. Manson raced out to a 20-7 lead but watched it slip away as Havannah Worrell got hot in the second half for the Hornets. Worrell finished with 15 of the Hornets 23 points. Down the stretch Megan Clausen was clutch at the FT line sinking 4 straight to seal the deal. Clausen lead the Trojans with 10.  
**Boys**  
**At Oroville, Jan. 6**  
 Manson boys lost a nail-biter in Oroville 48-49. We played a really good game but missed a few opportunities in the final minutes with short shots and free throws. Oroville scored 9 of 13 in the fourth quarter at the foul line which was the difference. Eduardo Escalera played amazing with 24 points.

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**Entiat School Board Meeting**  
The next meeting of the Entiat School Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, January 17th at 7pm in the school library. This is a schedule change; these meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month. Call the school at 784-1800 if you have questions.  
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**Notice of Public Hearing**

**SSDP2017-06/SEPA2017-01/VAR2017-05 Installation of Boatlift and Moorage Buoy January 4th, 2017**  
On July 21st 2017, the City of Chelan received an application for a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit and Variance, which was deemed complete on August 1st, 2017  
Project Applicant: Burke Border, PO BOX 1645, Chelan, WA, 98816  
Project Location: W. Woodin Ave, Chelan, WA, 98816. Chelan County parcel: 272214662087  
Project Description: Is construction of one in ground-based boatlift and mooring buoy on their property on Lake Chelan. This will provide private recreational use of lake, including swimming, boating and fishing.  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held before the Hearing Examiner at 10:00 a.m. on January 30th, 2018 in the Council Chambers at 135 East Johnson, Chelan, WA.  
Any person has the right to provide testimony at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing. Please address any specific and factual comments about the project to Craig Gildroy at the Community Development Department, P. O. Box 1669, Chelan, WA 98816. The project application may be reviewed at the City Planning Department during regular business hours. Copies of the application, staff report, and applicable criteria will be provided at the applicant's cost.  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY**  
**In Re the Estate of: MERILEE HALL, Deceased.**  
**Cause No. 17 4 00358 3 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**RCW 11.40.030**  
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. 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 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of the 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 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.  
Date of First Publication: January 3, 2018  
Personal Representative: Donald D. Collins  
P.O. Box 1652  
Chelan, WA 98816  
Attorney for the Personal Representative: Stan Morse - WSBA 9627  
P.O. Box 2128  
Chelan, WA 98816  
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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF CHELAN**  
Estate of  
JOHN G. LABERRIGUE,  
Deceased.  
NO. 17-4-00362-1  
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**DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:** January 10, 2018  
**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:** Carol Jeanette Stevens  
**ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:** Jeffrey T. Fehr  
**ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE:** Fehr Law Office, PLLC  
P.O. Box 1606  
Chelan, WA 98816  
509-682-4536  
Court of probate proceedings and cause no.: Superior Court of Washington in and for Chelan County, Cause No. 17-4-00362-1  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN**  
In the Matter of the Estate of:  
HARIG, STELLA M.,  
Deceased.  
Case No.: 17-4-00285-4  
**PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**RCW 11.40.030**  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**  
The co-personal representatives named below have been appointed as co-personal representatives of this estate. 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 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the co-personal representatives or the co-personal representatives' attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the co-personal representatives served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(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 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.  
Date of First Publication: January 3, 2018  
Co-Personal Representatives: Yvonne M. Kavanaugh and Keith B. Ellis  
Attorney for the Personal Representative: Kelby J. Derenick  
Address for Mailing or Service: 10018 Greenwood Ave. North, Seattle, WA 98133

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

Court of probate proceedings and case number:  
Chelan County Superior Court, 17-4-00285-4  
Dated at Seattle, Washington this 26th day of December, 2017.  
By: /s/ Kelby J. Derenick  
Kelby J. Derenick,  
WSBA #42860  
Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives  
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**SHERIFF/FIRE/EMS REPORT**

**911 CALLS**

**Jan. 1**  
Public assist reported on Ivan Morse Rd, Manson  
Agency assist reported at 1 Wapato Point Parkway, Manson.  
DUI reported on State Route 150, Manson.  
Suspicious activity reported on East Woodin Avenue, Chelan.  
Public assist reported on State Route 150 Mile Post 5, Chelan.  
Alarm reported at 2234 State Route 150, Manson.  
Public assist reported on Summer Breeze Road, Manson.  
Alarm reported at 14970 Red Delicious Street, Entiat.  
Public assist reported on North Madeline Road, Manson.  
Traffic offense reported on North Apple Blossom Road, Chelan.  
**Jan. 2**  
Theft reported at 155 Wapato Lake Road, Manson.  
Suspicious activity reported at 303 East Johnson Avenue, Chelan.  
Public assist reported on Saska Way, Entiat.  
Alarm reported at 4848 Green Avenue, Manson.  
Harassment/Threat reported on South East Center Street, Chelan.  
Agency assist reported on Albin Drive, Entiat.  
Agency assist reported on State Route 150, Manson.  
Alarm reported at 407 East Woodin Avenue, Chelan.  
Disturbance reported at 1330 Swartout Road, Manson.  
Disturbance reported at 123 East Woodin Avenue, Chelan.  
Domestic disturbance reported at 14543 U.S. 97A, Entiat.  
Agency assist reported on Entiat Way and Albin Drive, Entiat.  
**Jan. 3**  
Attempt to locate/attempt contact reported on Totem Pole Road, Manson.  
Welfare check reported on Isenhardt Road, Chelan.  
Harassment/Threat reported at 302 East Woodin Avenue, Chelan.  
**Jan. 4**  
Harassment/Threat reported at West Manson Road, Chelan.  
911 reported on State Route 150, Chelan.  
Trespass reported at West Manson Road, Chelan.  
Weapons violation reported at 108 North Apple Blossom Drive, Chelan.  
Welfare check reported on East Chelan Avenue, Chelan.  
Suspicious activity reported at on Ivan Morse Road, Manson.

Fraud/Forgery reported on North Cedar Street, Chelan.  
Suspicious activity reported at 115 State Route 150, Chelan.  
Warrant reported on State Route 150 and Bighorn Way, Chelan.  
**Jan. 5**  
Public assist reported on No See Um Road and West Parkway, Chelan.  
Hazard reported on South East Center Street, Chelan.  
Public assist reported on Lake Chelan Shores Drive, Chelan.  
Hazard reported on East Second Avenue and North Bradley Street, Chelan.  
Theft reported at 126 East Johnson Avenue, Chelan.  
Non-injury accident reported on Ivan Morse, Manson.  
Domestic disturbance reported at on North Sanders Street, Chelan.  
Non-injury accident reported on North Apple Blossom Drive, Chelan.  
Agency assist reported on East Woodin Avenue, Chelan.  
Disturbance reported at West Manson Road and West Campbell, Chelan.  
911 report on East Johnson Avenue, Chelan.  
Traffic offense reported on State Route 150 and Eldorado Drive, Chelan.  
**Jan. 6**  
Traffic offense reported on Wapato Lake Road, Manson.  
Traffic offense reported on South Sanders Street and East Wapato Avenue, Chelan.  
911 reported on State Route 150, Chelan.  
Fraud/Forgery reported on West Terrace Avenue, Chelan.  
Non-injury accident reported on West Manson Road, Chelan.  
Parking/Abandon reported on Dietrich Road, Chelan.  
Alarm reported at 950 Totem Road, Manson.  
Alarm reported at 407 East Woodin Avenue, Chelan.  
Suspicious activity reported at 128 East Woodin Avenue, Chelan.  
Harassment/Threat reported at on Golden Delicious Street, Entiat.  
Alarm reported at 75 Wapato Way, Manson.  
911 reported on North Emerson Street, Chelan.  
Assault reported on U.S. 97A, Entiat.  
**Jan. 7**  
Harassment/Threat reported at 308 North Emerson Street, Chelan.  
Warrant reported on State Route 150, Mile Post 3, Manson.  
Alarm reported 15318 Lakeview Street, Entiat.  
Alarm reported at 950 Totem Pole Road, Manson.  
Theft reported at 2419 Entiat Way, Entiat.  
Suspicious activity reported at 115 Long Drive, Chelan.  
Trespass reported at 108 North Apple Blossom Drive, Chelan.

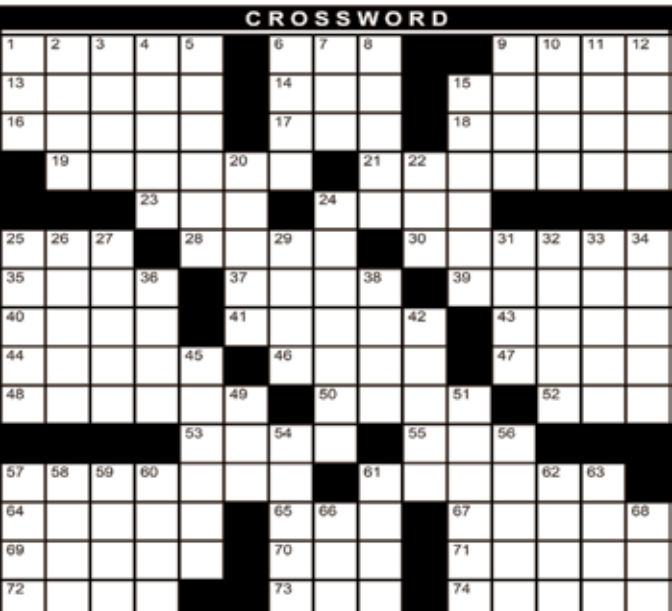
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Overdose reported on Oregon Street, CCF7 and CEMS responded.  
Chimney fire reported at 2341 West Prospect Street, CCF7 and CEMS responded.  
Fall reported on Eldorado Way, CCF7 and CEMS responded.  
**Jan. 2**  
Convulsions reported on North Markeson Street, CCF 7 and CEMS responded.  
Transfer reported from East Highland to Lake Chelan Community Hospital to Seattle, CEMS responded.  
**Jan. 3**  
Transfer from South Apple Blossom Drive, CEMS responded.  
Hemorrhage reported on West Gibson, CCF7 and CEMS responded.  
Fall reported on Green Avenue, CEMS responded.  
Heart problem reported on Lake Street, CCF7 and CEMS responded.  
**Jan. 4**  
Abdominal pain reported on Apple Acres Road, CCF7 and CEMS responded.  
Breathing problem reported on Green Avenue, CEMS responded.  
Vehicle fire reported on U. S. 97A Mile Post 231, CCF7 responded.  
Fall reported at on West Woodin Avenue, CCF7 and CEMS responded.  
Breathing problem reported on South Navarre Street, CCF7 and CEMS responded.  
**Jan. 5**  
Fall reported at on East Woodin Avenue, CCF7 and CEMS responded.  
Stroke reported on South Lake Street, CCF7 and CEMS responded.  
Chest pains reported on East Highland Avenue, CCF7 and CEMS responded.  
Possible structure fire reported at 3250 Entiat River Road, CCF8 responded.  
**Jan. 6**  
Fall reported at 510 North Cedar Street, CCF7 and CEMS responded.  
Smoke investigation reported at 7794 Entiat River Road, CCF8 responded.  
Breathing problem reported on Green Avenue, CEMS responded.  
Fall reported on South Clifford, CCF7 and CEMS responded, Convulsions reported on State Route 971 Navarre Coulee Road, CCF8 and CEMS responded.  
Commercial alarm reported at 215 West Webster Avenue, CCF7 responded.  
**Jan. 7**  
Breathing problem reported on Green Avenue, CEMS responded.  
Cardiac/beyond reported on Box Canyon, CEMS responded.  
Sick person reported on McNiel Canyon Road, CEMS responded.

**FIRE/EMS**

**Jan. 1**  
Convulsions reported on Wa-

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- Tucks away
- Coca-Cola's first calorie-free drink
- Draw
- Turkish bigwig
- Harry Potter's Hedwig
- Anatomical sac
- Bet everything
- Ancient Chinese dynasty
- \*Grammy winners Billy or Frank
- \*2018 Grammy Awards host
- \*2018 Grammys location
- Boy
- State of irritation
- Auto unit
- Toy building block
- Between knees and ankles
- Paella pot
- \*Artist with six 2018 Grammy Award nominations
- \*Judd who won 5 Grammys as part of duo and one alone
- Long, long time
- \*Encore!
- Computer operating system
- Fat cat in the Orient
- Comrade in arms
- "By \_\_\_ of" or "by means of"
- Judges the worth of
- Bakery unit
- "To His \_\_\_ Mistress"
- Skilled in deception
- Tall tale
- \*Childish Gambino's nominated record
- Gemstone
- Playing on the radio
- Executive's degree
- Egyptian falcon-headed deity
- Located
- Word of possibility
- Court order, e.g.
- Month before Nisan
- Wood-shaping tool
- DOWN
- Resting place
- Locker room supply
- Capital on a fjord
- Move like a propeller
- Warm weather footwear
- Type of settlement
- Bowl over
- Russian pancake
- Actress Liu
- Milk's favorite cookie?
- Russia's 1917 abdicator
- Did like the Titanic
- a.k.a. dogfish
- Allergic reaction to bee sting
- Young newt
- Virtuously
- \*Lin-Manuel Miranda nominated for song from this movie
- Humble requests
- Clumps
- \*"Million Reasons" Lady
- Data transmission rate
- Not Doric nor Corinthian
- Type of acid
- \*2018 Grammys is number \_\_\_
- Dwarf buffalo
- Cylindrical building
- Spiral-horned antelope
- Same as a proverb
- Confession topic
- \*Spoken Word posthumous nominee at 2018 Grammys
- Accepted as truth
- Horace's poem
- Parks or Luxembourg
- \*Adventures of the Wishing-Chair" author Blyton
- Cyberattack target
- Hofbräuhaus offering
- \*Artist with most 2018 Grammy nominations
- Between Ohio and Ontario
- Crowd of undistinguished people
- \*Michael Jackson album of year nominee, 1988
- Chester White's home

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## 72nd Lake Chelan Horticulture Day

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## Lake Chelan Horticultural Day reemerges for 72nd year in Chelan

By ERIN ROSSELL, STAFF WRITER

CHELAN – Chelan Future Farmers of America (FFA) and WSU Extension will be co-sponsoring the 72nd annual Lake Chelan Horticultural Day, Monday, Jan. 15 beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. and presentations commencing the day's activities beginning at 9 a.m. at Chelan High School. Chelan FFA will be hosting the annual Trade Show with nine various vendors in attendance, along with a "Sloppy Joe" lunch and PowerPoint presentation on events that have taken place this year.

Throughout the day, there will be eight different presentations provided by specialists in varying fields of expertise.

Starting off the agenda items will be an educational presentation by Tianna DuPont of WSU Extension at 9 a.m. DuPont's presentation will focus on the management of Fire Blight in Season in Young Trees and prevention of infection. Following the Fire Blight presentation at 9:30 a.m. will be an update on one of the newest apple varieties, the WA38 "cosmic crisp". Presenters Kevin Brandt and Kathryn Grandy of PVM will discuss and explain marketing plans, grading standards, grafting and planting of the hybrid apple with parentage from the Honeycrisp and Red Delicious. Following a brief break, Stefano Musacchi, with WSU Horticulture, will

provide a horticultural update for the WA38 at 10:20, immediately followed by a Question & Answer session on the topic. Just before a lunch break, WSU Entomologist Robert Orpet will conduct a presentation of the Woolly Apple Aphid. Lunch break will take place from noon until 1 p.m. with "Sloppy Joes" and an opportunity to meet with some of the FFA officers, members and the newest advisors to Chelan FFA, Breaune Hanson and Randy Gleasman.

Resuming the presentation agenda at 1 p.m. are WSU Entomologists Adrian Marshall and Betsy Beers discussing management of the Native Stink Bug, followed by a presentation on the identification of common weeds in Washington by Lynn Sosnoskie, with WSU Weed Science at 1:30 p.m. Concluding the day's presentations will be Gwen Hoheisel with WSU Extension on the reduction of spray drift and improving spray efficacy at 2:00 p.m. and Molly Darr and Elizabeth Beers with WSU Entomology on Spotted Wing Drosophila Management Recommendations at 2:30 p.m.

The event is open to the public, especially those interested or specializing in the tree fruit industry with any proceeds going toward academic scholarships, loans, grants and support for student activities.

**Jan. 15**  
**8 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
**Chelan High School**  
**215 Webster Avenue**

**Vendors will set up shop as part of this year's trade show**

**See full agenda on page B2**



Photo by Erin Rossell

Don and Ruth Van Wechel's blueberry farm in Manson. A 'berry' successful shot in the dark

## Thinking outside the crops

By ERIN ROSSELL, STAFF WRITER

MANSON – Blueberries in the Chelan Valley? While the preconceived notion for fruit production is all vineyards and apples, blueberries are surely earning their place among the other prized fruits produced in valley.

Don Van Wechel and his wife, Ruth, began brainstorming ideas nearly 20 years ago. Starting as a field man for local apple orchards, Van Wechel realized the downward pressure on profits being seen throughout apples

produced in the valley, namely the Red Delicious variety. "We started thinking," he explained, "what could we provide using the same type of equipment and techniques as apple farming?" A few short years later, the Van Wechels stumbled into the prospect of blueberries.

*"It's really easy to drop the acid level in the soil, our water (from the lake) has no buffering system."*

-Don Van Wechel

blueberries was quite a bit cheaper than what it takes for apple farming Van Wechel explained. "Looking around it was really easy to find some plants here and there," he said. They began by planting a few blueberry bushes in the garden to

Start-up costs for [SEE BLUEBERRIES ON PAGE B2](#)



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WSU Extension Regional Specialist, Tianna DuPont, speaks with a fellow attendee in the lunch line at the 71st annual Horticulture Day at Chelan High School in 2017. DuPont delivered a lecture on North Central Washington soil quality during the one-day event.

## Airstrike falcons target bird pests' hard-wired fear of raptors



Photo by Mike Maltais

Airstrike Bird Control President and CEO Brad Felger brought some of his falcons to the Chelan Ridge Hawk Migration Festival in Pateros last September.

By MIKE MALTAIS, STAFF WRITER

PATEROS – Last September, Brad Felger, brought falcons from his Skagit Valley home to the Chelan Ridge Hawk Migration Festival to acquaint raptor lovers with an aspect of falconry with which few are familiar.

Felger, owner of Airstrike Bird Control, Inc. headquartered in Atascadero, Calif., is reintroducing a natural dynamic that is older than

the practice of agriculture itself: the predator-prey relationship. Felger employs various species of falcons to discourage bird pests such as starlings from preying on fruit crops.

Airstrike works with agriculturalists throughout Washington State and the western U.S. who raise everything from cherries to wine grapes. Felger's team of falconers use the birds to harass and haze pest birds that present a constant challenge to ripening fruit crops.

A cherry orchardist in Wenatchee who recently tried Airstrike expressed both surprise and satisfaction over the effectiveness of falcons to address his bird pest problem, Felger said.

Airstrike was founded in 2002 and employs about 25 falconers in capacities both as independent contractors with their own abatement permits or as sub-permittees under Felger's permit. Many have their own falcons while some use Airstrike birds.

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## 72nd Annual Lake Chelan Horticultural Meeting January 15, 2017 Chelan High School

Co-sponsored by: WSU Extension and  
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- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration, Announcements, FFA Introduction
- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Fire Blight: Preventing Infection, Managing Fire Blight in Season in Young Trees\* Tianna DuPont, WSU Extension.
- 9:30 – 9:55 a.m. WA38 updates Kevin Brandt, Kathryn Grandy, PVM. Marketing plans, grade standard, grafting and planting info.
- 10:00 – 10:20 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:20-10:50 a.m. WA38 Horticulture Update Stefano Musacchi, WSU Horticulture
- 10:50-11:15 a.m. WA 38 Questions and Answers
- 11:15 -11:45 a.m. Woolly Apple Aphid\* Robert Orpet, WSU Entomology, TFREC
- Noon-1 p.m. Lunch – Support Chelan FFA – Join us for Lunch!
- 1:00-1:30 p.m. Native Stink Bug Management\* Adrian Marshall, Elizabeth Beers WSU Entomology
- 1:30-2:00 p.m. Identifying Common Weeds in WA\* Lynn Sosnoskie, WSU Weed Science
- 2:00-2:30 p.m. Reducing Spray Drift and Improving Spray Efficacy\* Gwen Hoheisel, WSU Extension
- 2:30-3:00 p.m. Spotted Wing Drosophila Management Recommendations\* Molly Darr, Elizabeth Beers, WSU Entomology
- 3:00 p.m. Pesticide Credits and Closing

Agendas are draft and time are subject to change.

2 to 3 pesticide education credits will be awarded for program attendance based on WSDA approval.

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If you are interested in joining the trade show contact: Breanne Hanson hansonb@chelanschools.org (509) 860-1950. Proceeds benefit the Future Farmers of America Scholarship.

## BLUEBERRIES

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determine how well the fruit would grow, and not long after, planted a few more of different varieties.

Blueberries are not very common in this area due to the fruit preferring a cooler climate and acidic soil to grow Van Wechel explained. But, in Chelan “it’s really easy to drop the acid level in the soil,” he stated, “our water (from the lake) has no buffering system.” With a simple switch from the calcium nitrate used in apple and pear orchards to ammonium nitrate for the berries, the Van Wechels have been successful in the quality of berries produced. Switching over was easy to do, he explained, “and the cost per acre investment was better than apples.” Along with the simple conversion process, the need for other pear and apple production tools are also non-existent. Trellises and ladders, for example, are unnecessary in the production of blueberries, he added, although, you could use “very short ladders,” he joked.

As they began testing various crops for not only appearance, but taste also, “I knew I didn’t want to make the same mistake the apple industry made,” Van Wechel said referring to the Red Delicious apple variety commonly found in the valley. They’ve settled on two varieties so far, one a mid-season bloomer, harvesting early to mid-July and the other a late-season blooming variety, ready for harvest late July to early August. We’re still trying to find an early-season bloomer Van Wechel explained. “You can compete on volume or quality,” he



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The Van Wechel’s have settled on two varieties so far for their farm, one a mid-season bloomer, harvesting early to mid-July and the other a late-season blooming variety, ready for harvest late July to early August.

explained, “quality has always been this area. We need to get back to our roots.” The same applies to blueberries, he explained, “other areas will have to continually acidify the soil, here we don’t have to,” he stated, adding, “even though blueberries generally do better with the cooler weather from the coast, things just generally do better with sunshine.”

While one of the qualities sought out for blueberries is the suitability for mechanical harvesting, Van Wechel doesn’t take part in the machinery for harvesting,

he said. He prefers the personable method of utilizing labor crews, “this is what I’d like to see,” he explained, “I’d like to see the guys come out in the morning for thinning, then have them come back later with their families and pick.” He explained that he encourages the kids to eat the blueberries from a plant before the parents harvest it, “they’re like my little quality control,” he laughed, “if it didn’t taste good then I’d tell them to tell mom and dad to skip that plant.” As of right now, harvesting doesn’t happen

until the product is ordered, leaving berries intact longer allowing for maximum freshness. “We’re not very big right now,” Van Wechel stated, “only about three acres and we market locally ourselves.”

The mom-and-pop business didn’t start expanding their crop until around 2007, when they made the commitment and pulled up their pear trees to replace with the berries. The business started by word of mouth, and “started with 10-pound orders, then the next year it was 20 pounds, then 50 pounds, I just couldn’t grow my berries fast enough,” he joked. “Everything pretty much stays here in the valley and we deliver,” he added, “so if you order you’re going to see either me or my wife.”

If you’re interested in ordering next season’s crops, call Don or Ruth at (509) 687-3981.

*“... even though blueberries generally do better with the cooler weather from the coast, things just generally do better with sunshine.”*

-Don Van Wechel

## Loans available to farmers from FSA

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emergency, and youth loans are the main types of loans available under the direct program. Loan funds may be used for annual operating expenses, such as feed, fertilizer, chemical, labor expenses, and other annual farm expenses. Non-real estate farm debt may be refinanced. Loans may also be taken out to purchase livestock and equipment. Farm ownership

loans not only can be used to acquire, purchase or enlarge your farm, but also for capital improvements. These improvements may include building necessary buildings, facilities, and/or renovating your farming operation, such as replanting a portion of your orchard.

All applicant’s will be required to meet all qualifications, which some include the inability to get credit elsewhere, farm management experience, good credit history, ability to repay the loan, and adequate collateral.

Farmers interested in applying for a direct operating or farm ownership loan should contact their local FSA office. Funds may be limited this year, so we encourage you to call soon.

For more information about these and other types of loans, visit the FSA’s home page at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> and click on “Farm Loan Programs”, then click on the type of loan program you are interested in.

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# USDA offers targeted farm loan funding for underserved groups and beginning farmers



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**In order to qualify as a beginning farmer, the individual or entity must meet the eligibility requirements outlined for direct or guaranteed loans.**

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Wenatchee – USDA Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Senior Farm Loan Officer Jose Limon, reminds producers that FSA offers specially-targeted farm ownership and farm operating loans to underserved applicants as well as beginning farmers and ranchers.

"Each year, a portion of FSA's loan funds are set aside to lend to targeted underserved and beginning farmers and ranchers," said Limon. "Farming and ranching is a capital intensive business and FSA is committed to helping producers start and maintain their agricultural operations."

During fiscal year 2017 (Oct. 1, 2016 through Sept. 30, 2017), Washington FSA obligated \$36,534,154 in loans to underserved borrowers and beginning farmers and ranchers.

USDA defines underserved applicants as a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group without regard to their individual qualities. For farm loan program purposes, underserved groups are women, African Americans, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Hispanics and Asians and Pacific Islanders.

In order to qualify as a beginning farmer, the individual or entity must meet the eligibility requirements outlined for direct or guaranteed loans. Additionally, individuals and all entity members

must have operated a farm for less than 10 years. Applicants must materially or substantially participate in the operation. For farm ownership purposes, the applicant must not own a farm greater than 30 percent of the average size farm in the county at the time of application. All direct farm ownership applicants must have participated in the business operations of a farm for at least three years out of the last 10 years prior to the date the application is submitted. If the applicant is an entity, all members must be related by blood or marriage and all entity members must be eligible beginning farmers.

Underserved or beginning farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank can apply for either FSA direct loans or guaranteed loans. Direct loans are made to applicants by FSA. Guaranteed loans are made by lending institutions who arrange for FSA to guarantee the loan. FSA can guarantee up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. The FSA guarantee allows lenders to make agricultural credit available to producers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria.

The direct and guaranteed loan program offers two types of loans: farm ownership loans and farm operating loans.

Farm ownership loan funds may be used to purchase or enlarge a farm or ranch, purchase easements or rights of way needed in the farm's operation, build or improve buildings such as a dwelling or barn, promote

soil and water conservation and development and pay closing costs.

Farm operating loan funds may be used to purchase livestock, poultry, farm equipment, fertilizer, and other materials necessary to operate a successful farm. Operating loan funds can also be used for family living expenses, refinancing debts under certain conditions, paying salaries for hired farm laborers, installing or improving water systems for home, livestock, or irrigation use and other similar improvements.

Repayment terms for direct operating loans depend on the collateral securing the loan and usually run from one to seven years. Financing for direct farm ownership loans cannot exceed 40 years. Interest rates for direct loans are set periodically according to the Government's cost of borrowing. Guaranteed loan terms and interest rates are set by the lender.

For more information on FSA's farm loan programs and underserved and beginning farmer guidelines, please contact your local FSA Office. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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"Nobody does this without a falconer's license," said Felger, who holds a Master Falconer designation and has been involved with the raptors for 47 years.

Falconry in Washington State is licensed and enforced by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife which mandates several requirements to achieve the rank of Apprentice Falconer. Among those requirements are apprenticing with a General or Master Falconer, passing the falconry written exam with an 80 percent or higher score and passing a falcon housing (mews) inspection.

The field of bird abatement with falcons involves a wide variety of practices that depend upon the type of crop grown, species of bird(s) targeted, topographical factors, coverage area, and extent of canopy cover, to name a few.

An expanse of fruit trees, for example, offers more opportunities for bird pests to find cover from falcons than a more open vineyard does.

Felger's company also uses a variety of falcon species that come with their own brand of effectiveness depending upon what type of pest bird needs abatement and the kind of vegetation and terrain being considered.

"Each type of bird offers a specialty," said Felger. "We make a decision when we fly our birds based on the unique characteristics of each site; it's kind of like having a tool box."

Felger pointed out that the goal of his service involves driving pest birds away as opposed to lethal measures.

"Our objective is to haze the birds, not kill them," said Felger.



Photo by Mike Maltais

**An expanse of fruit trees offers more opportunities for bird pests to find cover from falcons than a more open vineyard does.**

Felger said that while Starlings are the number one pest bird for all crops, birds in general seem to have a well-developed taste for the most valuable of fruit species. Blueberries are a favorite and certain varieties of apples such as Honeycrisp attract more than their share of bird bites.

For viticulture, Felger said one advantage of natural bird abatement is helping vineyards

get their sustainability certification which informs consumers interested in the environmental benefits of sustainable production.

Airstrike Bird Control, Inc. has sponsored a vendor booth at past Lake Chelan Horticultural Day presentations. Felger can be reached at [bfelger@airstrikebirdcontrolyusa.com](mailto:bfelger@airstrikebirdcontrolyusa.com) or by calling (805) 391-0444 or (360) 982-1401.



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# Apple crops in Chelan Valley just shy of record-breaking



Photo by Erin Rossell

The bulk of the apples left on trees were of the Red Delicious variety, Washington State's most acclaimed variety of the fruit.

## King of Apples future at stake?

By ERIN ROSSELL, STAFF WRITER

CHELAN - The apple production nearly reached an all-time high for the 2017 season with an estimated crop at 142.3 million 40-pound boxes, according to reports through Washington State Tree Fruit Association. The yielded amount surpassed the Aug. 1 forecasted crop by a hefty 8.7 percent, placing it effectively as the second highest crop, just below the 143.6 million boxes produced in 2014.

The greater supply, however, creates a smaller profit margin for orchardists, explained retired WSU agricultural economist Desmond O'Rourke in an article on Washington Farm Bureau. The surplus supply generates a "marginal downward pressure on prices," he stated, resulting in less profit per pound. Light fruit productions overseas for the season, however, are anticipated to help with expanding profits as exports to these areas are projected

to increase with the higher demand for Washington apples.

The abundant supply of Chelan Valley's treasured fruit wasn't the only anomalous feature for the season. The warmer temperatures lasted well into the fall season allowing harvesting to continue through the end of November, and, largely due to a lack of pickers, resulted in marketable apples left hanging on several rows within various local orchards. The bulk of the apples left on trees were of the Red Delicious variety, Washington State's most acclaimed variety of the fruit. The Red Delicious, historically perceived as the "king of apples," is nearing the end of its reign as sweeter varieties, such as the Ambrosia and Honeycrisp, are becoming increasingly popular among consumers and absorbing the demand once seen for the reds.

As of early December 2017, as reported from a USDA price tracking report, extra fancy (standard) Red Delicious sold for \$14 to \$17 for medium sized 80 and 88 apples per box. The price has been stable through October and

November while remaining one of the lowest cost varieties available according to an article written by Dan Wheat, titled "Washington apple crop estimate nears record," on Washington Farm Bureau. On major varieties, a price of \$17 to \$18 is almost required to break even for Washington growers, the article explained. Red Delicious averages at \$15.50 per box, less than the break-even amount, while varieties such as the Honeycrisp are selling at an average of \$48 per box on premium sized 80s and 88s.

The vary narrow profit margin on reds makes for an easy answer as to why that variety was left hanging, but also raises the question as to what the future holds for the "king of apples."

### Who would've thought?

- There are more than 7,500 known apple varieties grown around the world, eight of which are primary varieties grown right here in Washington.

- 10 - 12 billion apples are harvested in Washington State each year.

- Each Washington apple is picked by hand. There are no harvest machines to pick

apples.

- If you put all the Washington State apples picked in a year side-by-side, they would circle the earth 29 times.

- Apples originated in Kazakhstan and were carried east by traders on the Silk Road.

- The only apple native to North America is the crabapple.

- Apple seeds are like people; you will never get the exact same type of apple from a planted seed.

- Eating one large apple provides 20 percent of the recommended daily value of dietary fiber, 8 percent of the antioxidant Vitamin C, and 7 percent of your day's potassium, all for only 130 calories... with no fat, no sodium, and no cholesterol!

These fun facts and more were located on Washington Apples at [www.bestapples.com](http://www.bestapples.com).

Sources: Dan Wheat, Capital Press, "Washington apple crop estimate nears record," web, Dec. 13, 17. <http://wsfb.com/washington-apple-crop-estimate-nears-record/>



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# Wilbur-Ellis faces challenges

By MIKAILA WILKERSON, STAFF WRITER

CASHMERE - Wilbur-Ellis Co., an Agricultural Product Wholesaler that works to provide valuable resources to help customers reduce loss, grow smart and increase productivity, has had a location at 404 Mission Avenue in Cashmere for many years and has faced some tough challenges this last year.

According to Kevin Kenoyer, a Wilbur-Ellis fieldman, their production and quality in 2017 were down due to weather conditions.

"We're fighting a lot of pest pressure as well," Kenoyer added.

Wilbur-Ellis had to deal with Pear psylla, which is one of the most serious insect pests of pears.

Cork, which is a physiological disorder in pears that occurs when pears are not at their best quality,



Photo by Mikaila Wilkerson

Wilbur-Ellis Co., located at 404 Mission Avenue, has dealt with pest pressure and weather conditions affecting production last year.

is another big challenge that workers at Wilbur-Ellis have had to face due to weather conditions.

How this year's production and quality will be affected will also be dependent on the

weather and pest pressure Kenoyer said.

Another concern that the business faces is labor issues and finding enough workers for everything to go more smoothly.

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# Women in Agriculture mentors a growing group of feminine farmers



Graphics courtesy of Margaret A. Viebrock

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

WATERVILLE – More than a decade ago, Margaret Viebrock, Director of the WSU Extension County Director for Chelan and Douglas counties, had an idea: create an avenue for women involved in agriculture to interact and share knowledge, resources, and opportunities with like-minded peers in their field of endeavor.

The seed Viebrock planted in 2005 that began with a small meeting in Wenatchee's Eastmont High School has today sprouted into a multi-state program with dozens of outreach locations where women gather to participate in video conferences.

Prior to 2005 Viebrock was involved in a three-state effort dealing with risk management education for farm families that included risk-related topics such as finances, insurance, legal issues and more.

"During these workshops I noticed only a small number of women who were involved," said Viebrock. "They learn differently from men."

Women were not comfortable in the traditional male-dominated meetings typical of the time, so it was determined that a change in the dynamic was needed.

"Together with a couple of colleagues we decided to develop a program for women in agriculture," Viebrock said.

Under the banner of Women, Farms and Food, Women in Agriculture was born, and each year holds an annual conference that focuses on a different theme. Last November's gathering in Nespelem entitled "We Can Do It" addressed topics related to leadership on the farm and in the community.

The 2015 conference "Put Your Best Boot Forward" focused on the marketing aspects of agriculture and drew more than 650 participants.

Last fall's conference, themed "Power Up Your Communication Style, Power Up Your Farm" attracted more than 600 women who participated by video link from some 40 locations in five states, said WSU's Colville



Reservation Extension Director, Linda McLean. Women in Ag has also adjusted its format based on client feedback to accommodate more participation.

"We moved the meeting from March to November to allow more women to participate at a less busy time of the year," said McLean.

In 2009 women involved in the annual conference said they could not leave their operations for extended periods and requested meeting sites closer to their homes. Accordingly, in 2010 the conference was delivered at four locations in the state. To further accommodate participation, webinar technology has been enlisted for the past six years to bring the program to a wider audience. Now, women in five states – Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska – spanning three time zones network simultaneously and this year, Wyoming and Nevada plan to link up.

During and after each conference the Women in Ag project follows the progress of participants through comprehensive surveys and outreach to determine how women are applying the information and techniques they learned in

USDA statistics reveal that more than a third of Washington State farmers are women responsible for more than 4.75 million acres and generating a nearly quarter-



Margaret Viebrock, Director WSU Extension Chelan and Douglas Counties in Waterville, founded the Women in Agriculture program in 2005.

billion-dollar economic impact. The good news is that the current trend indicates that influence is growing with more younger women entering the agriculture field than older women are leaving it.

Viebrock acquired her undergraduate degree in Family and Consumers Sciences and Education from North Dakota State University and her masters in Adult Education and Nutrition from Central Washington University.

To learn more, check out the website [www.womeninag.wsu.edu](http://www.womeninag.wsu.edu) or contact Margaret A. Viebrock, Director WSU Extension Chelan and Douglas Counties, Courthouse Box 550, Waterville, WA 98858, (509) 745-8531 or email [viebrock@wsu.edu](mailto:viebrock@wsu.edu).

# City officials struggle with apple maggot quarantine

By IAN DUNN, STAFF WRITER

In June (of 2017), Leavenworth city officials were made aware of the city was part of an Apple Maggot Quarantine Area. The Washington State Department of Agriculture restricts the removal of brush and solid waste from the quarantine area, which is the greater portion of the city limits.

Dumping outside the quarantine area or at the Dryden Transfer Station was in violation of the ban. On June 14, City Administrator Joel Walinski and Public Works Director Herb Amick met with the DOA to discuss the possibility of getting a permit so the city could continue dumping solid waste at Dryden.

"In order to continue our garbage dumping at Dryden, we had to agree to several points. One was to continue our spring and fall yard cleanup program. Continue having the recycle center collecting brush. We have to dispose of that brush within the quarantine area. Do education to try to keep the green waste out of the garbage," Amick said, at the Aug. 8 study session.

Councilman Elmer Larsen asked if the city could burn the brush from inside the city.

For the Department of Ag., that is the preferred method, Amick said, but not for the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Amick said they were looking for some direction from the council.

"We have some options. The county opened their pit. We can take it there. The big question, we're not sure they'll take our bags. We can rent their chipper at \$600 an hour. We can petition to get a special burning permit," Amick said.

Larsen suggested the city buy its own chipper. Mayor Cheri Kelley Farivar said a new chipper costs around \$100,000.

"I think our path forward is we put in a request to get a burn permit from the DOE, which opens the door to them providing some type of

funding for a chipper. One of the problems they have with the county, in terms of their chipper, they do allow people to come in and dump without inspecting.

At least in our unit, we can see what goes in," Walinski said.

The chips will have to stay within the quarantine area, Amick said.

As of July 31, the city was forced to cease hauling brush and green waste to Stemilt. As of Aug. 1, the city public works crew began preparing a site in the open space located at the cemetery for the stockpiling of yard waste to be chipped or burnt.

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## Hawkins recognized as agricultural leader with inaugural award from State Tree Fruit Association

SUBMITTED BY LAUDAN ESPINOZA, WASHINGTON STATE MEDIA CONTACT

OLYMPIA - Sen. Brad Hawkins was recently named the 2017 Legislative Champion by the Washington State Tree Fruit Association for his work supporting the tree fruit industry across the state.

Hawkins represents the 12th Legislative District, which is renowned for its tree fruit production. He introduced legislation this past session to address challenges for growers presented by a 2015 court decision.

"Agriculture is a huge part

of the 12th District and state economy," said Hawkins. "I am honored to be recognized by the Tree Fruit Association for my work to ensure a strong and vibrant industry."

Hawkins' work includes bipartisan legislation aimed at improving compensation and settlement negotiations for the tree fruit industry.

"We need to ensure that workers and producers are able to resolve issues fairly," Hawkins added. "My bipartisan bill provided a way for the industry to fairly compensate workers and protect producers who are working in good faith. Although it did not become

law, it raised awareness of the issue that was hanging over the tree fruit industry and led to improved outcomes for all involved."

The State Tree Fruit Association presented the inaugural award at its annual luncheon. "This award recognizes Senator Hawkins' active leadership in support of the state's tree fruit producers," said WSTFA President Jon DeVaney. "Our members greatly appreciate the senator's understanding of and support for our industry's issues, and this is an opportunity to publicly thank him."

## \$1 million in WAEF scholarships to be awarded this spring

SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON APPLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

WENATCHEE - The Washington Apple Education Foundation will award \$1 million in scholarships to students raised in tree fruit industry communities in the spring of 2018. Recipients of these awards are pursuing two- and four-year college/university degrees and technical degrees at accredited vocational/technical colleges. Awards are open to graduating seniors and current college students.

All awards are generously funded by individuals and businesses with ties to Washington's tree fruit industry.

### Who qualifies?

Students raised in families with ties to Washington's tree fruit industry are eligible to apply. Ties to the industry are created through immediate family member or personal employment in an apple, cherry or pear orchard or warehouse in Washington, immediate family ownership of an apple, cherry or pear orchard or warehouse in Washington or immediate

family employment in a company directly serving the apple, cherry or pear industry in Washington. Additionally, students with a desire to work for the tree fruit industry may also qualify.

### How do you apply?

Students pursuing a two- or four-year degree at a college or university should be complete the WAEF Universal Scholarship Application. Completing this one form allows you to apply for all WAEF scholarships, except those identified under the WAEF Technical/Vocational Scholarship Application. WAEF Universal Scholarship Application

The WAEF Technical/Vocational Scholarship Application is for students pursuing a technical/vocational certificate or a two-year technical/vocational degree in one of the following fields: auto repair/mechanic, automotive technology, computer application, construction building and trades, diesel mechanic, electrical, electronics, HVAC, industrial systems technology, information technology, instrumentation, logistics control, machine programming, machine

technology, mechanized irrigation systems, network administration, project management, refrigeration, welding, or other technical agriculture related. WAEF Technical/Vocational Scholarship Application

Please refer to the qualifications for each application. Applicants that complete the incorrect application will be disqualified from consideration. If you have questions about which application is right for you, please contact the foundation office at (509) 663-7713 or scholarships@waef.org.

Applications must be submitted by March 1, 2018. In addition to completing the application form, letters of reference and transcripts are required. These, too, must be submitted by the deadline.

### Need help?

For assistance, contact the WAEF office at (509) 663-7713 or scholarships@waef.org. Your questions are welcome.

You should also check out our scholarship tips. This list of tips reflects lessons learned reviewing hundreds of scholarship applications over the last 20 years. Scholarship Tips at [www.waef.org/scholarships/](http://www.waef.org/scholarships/)

## Local Farm Act feeds rural economics

BY CORA FOX, CENTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS

Where our food comes from matters - for our health, for the vitality of our communities, for our wallets, and for the environment. One of the Center for Rural Affairs' goals is to connect the local people who grow and make food with the local people who eat it.

We work to bring together farmers and consumers through community food systems and farm to school projects, providing workshops, webinars, and technical support. We have long supported local foods as an economic development tool in rural communities, working with community leaders to build healthy, sustainable, local food systems.

Recently, the Local Food and Regional Market Supply Act (The Local Farms Act) was introduced in both the Senate (S. 1947) and the House (H.R. 3941). Through an investment in programs and policies that spur economic development, the act prioritizes the development of new markets for farmers and expanded healthy food access for American families.

Findings from the Agricultural Census in 2007 and 2012 show that farmers who market food directly to consumers have a greater chance of remaining in business than similarly sized farms that market through traditional channels.

In 2015, more than 167,000 U.S. farms produced and sold food locally through food hubs and other

intermediaries, direct farmer-to-consumer marketing, or direct farm to retail. Those sales resulted in \$8.7 billion in revenue for local producers.

We stand with Congressional sponsors in calling for this critical investment in our food and farm future. The Local Farms Act should be included in the 2018 farm bill.

To contact Cora Fox, email [CORAF@CFRA.ORG](mailto:CORAF@CFRA.ORG)

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# Join WSU Extension for 2018 Winter Tree Fruit Programing in Central Washington

SUBMITTED BY TIANNA DUPONT, WASHINGTON STATE TREE FRUIT RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER

NCW - Tree fruit producers and industry professionals are invited to WSU Tree Fruit Extension Programs in Central Washington on January 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, and February 6. Co-sponsored by Northwest Cherries, Pear Bureau Northwest, NCW Fieldmen's Association, Chelan Future Farmers of America and the Okanogan Horticultural Association. These events provide the latest research based information on horticulture, pest and disease management. We hope you will join us to network and learn this winter. For agendas and additional information visit [treefruit.wsu.edu/events](http://treefruit.wsu.edu/events). Pesticide update credits will be awarded for program attendance.

**Cherry Institute**  
Friday, January 12, 2018  
Yakima Convention Center  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
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Seasonal Timeline for Achieving Superior Cherry Fruit Size, Assessing Cherry Fruit Size Tools, Sweet Cherry Varieties, Gum Acacia, Cherry Viruses and more.

**North Central Washington Stone Fruit Day**  
Tuesday, January 16, 2018  
Wenatchee Convention Center  
8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,  
8:15 a.m. registration  
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Topics include: Record Crop, Record Challenges, Looking Back and Moving Forward; Managing for Bigger High Quality Fruit; Grower Experiences with Cherry Training Systems; Spotted Wing Drosophila; Cherry Virus Update; Cherry Powdery Mildew Management Questions and Answers; and more. <http://treefruit.wsu.edu/event/new-stone-fruit-day-2018/>

North Central Washington

**Pear Day**  
Wednesday, January 17, 2018  
Wenatchee Convention Center  
8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,  
8:15 a.m. registration  
Co-sponsored by WSU Extension and Pear Bureau Northwest  
Topics include: Optimizing Pear Physiology, Handling Trees at Planting for Medium Density Demonstration, Novel Avenues for Increasing Pear Consumption, Farm Bill and Labor Issues Update, Tree Survey, Perennial Weed Control, Fire Blight, Conserving Natural Enemies in Pear Orchards: A Basis for Pear IPM, Choosing the Right Tools for Successful Pear IPM, Singing Psyllids, Attract-and-kill, and Landscape-wide tracking of Dispersal, and more. <http://treefruit.wsu.edu/event/new-pear-day-2018/>

**North Central Washington Apple Day**  
Thursday, January 18, 2018  
Wenatchee Convention Center  
8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,  
8:15 a.m. registration  
Topics include: Can Deficit Irrigation Be Used as a Tool to Improve Fruit Quality in Honeycrisp?, Adoption of Protective Netting in WA Apple Production, Bitter Pit Prediction Models, Woolly Apple Aphid, Codling Moth, Managing Fire Blight in Young Trees, Update on Apple Powdery Mildew Control, Factors Affecting Glyphosate Efficacy, and more. <http://treefruit.wsu.edu/event/new-apple-day-2018/>

**Okanogan Horticultural Society Annual Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 6, 2018  
Omak Agriplex  
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,  
8:30 a.m. registration  
Co-sponsored by WSU Extension and North Central Washington Fieldmen's Association  
Topics include: Fire Blight Common Questions and Answers, Cosmic Crisp™ Marketing and Frequently Asked Questions, Managing WA 38 for High Quality Fruit, BMPs for Managing Nitrogen

and Carbon Dynamics in Perennial Horticultural Crops, Pear Psylla: Everything you Wanted to know but were Afraid to Ask, Apple Leaf Curl Midge, Apple Maggot, and more. <http://treefruit.wsu.edu/event/okanogan-horticultural-meeting/>  
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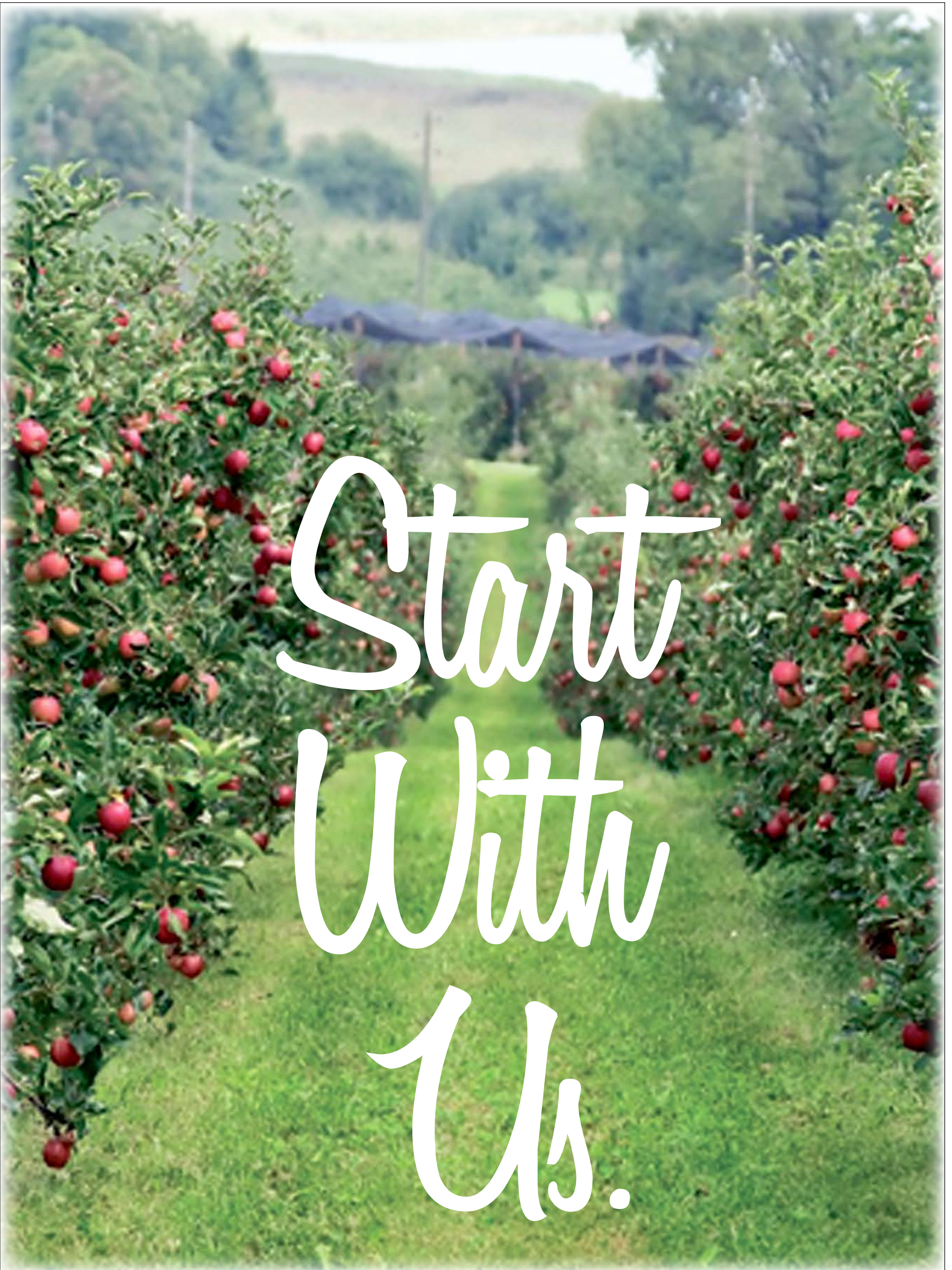
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