



Ridgeview Place to hold open house, concert

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Lake Chelan Valley full of events in September

The children have gone back to school, school sports have started, the Labor Day Holiday is behind us, and there are lots of events happening here in the Lake Chelan Valley this month. Check them out.

Sept. 7

Zucchini Races at Farmers Market

CHELAN - Chelan Thursday Evening Farmers Market brings you another year of Great Zucchini racing on Sept. 7, 4:30-6 p.m. Grow your own Zucchini Race car. Race it at the Chelan Evening Farmers Market. Build your racer at the Farmer's Market and race it with friends, family, and neighbors. Everyone can participate, everyone's a winner, and it's free. Local businesses and organizations compete in a Show-n-Shine for the best Race Car designs, bragging rights and a year with the coveted Trophy. Don't miss this yearly fun family-friendly event.

Sept. 9

Lake Chelan Swim

MANSON - The 7th annual Lake Chelan Swim, a 1.5 mile swim for adults and children over 12, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9, from Willow Point Park to Manson Bay Park. To register www.lakechelanswim.com

Shore to Shore Half Marathon, 10k canceled due to poor air quality forecast

CHELAN/MANSON - The Shore to Shore half marathon and 10k races have been canceled due to continuing poor air quality forecast for the region.

Fall In Lake Chelan Car Show and Bridge Dance

CHELAN - Participants enjoy BBQ, live music, beer garden and more on Friday night with the main show and shine on Saturday at Riverwalk Park. Free music and dancing on the old bridge at 7 p.m. For info www.lakechelanarcshow.com



Sept. 9-10

Lake Chelan Sailing Regatta

CHELAN - The 45th annual Lake Chelan Sailing Regatta will be held Sept. 9 and 10. Always the weekend after Labor Day. Join them for a weekend of sailing fun in a well organized yet friendly competition for all sailors. One design and portsmouth classes will vie for cheap awards while sailing on the clean, clear water of Lake Chelan. Stay in the City RV Park, local hotels or camp free at Rusty's Nut Farm located about 2 miles from the race venue. For more information check out <http://sailchelan.com/regatta/>

Sept. 16

Guild B Home Tour

CHELAN - MANSON - Lake Chelan Hospital Guild B annual Home Tour and Art Sale on Sept. 16, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Art show at Tsillan Cellars, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. No ticket needed for art show. Home tour features four spectacular and unique homes. Tickets on sale at Allison's in Manson, Culinary Apple and Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce in Chelan and www.LakeChelanHomeTour.com All proceeds used to purchase needed medical equipment for Lake Chelan Community Hospital.



Max Family Fun Run & Walk

MANSON - The 4th Annual Family XCountry Fun Run with Lake Chelan Community Hospital and Clinics wellness dog Max is a free event. It will be held Saturday, Sept. 16, 9 a.m., at Wapato Point (new location) in Manson. No Pets please. Please park at North Shore Bible Church. • 2.5 K or timed 5 K for all ages (Race starts at 9 a.m.) • T-shirts for

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Morgen Owings Elementary opens new playground

"This playground was possible because our community cares." – Camisha Hughbanks

By ERIN ROSSELL, STAFF WRITER

CHELAN – Morgen Owings Elementary (MOE) kicked off their first day of school on August 29 with a ribbon cutting ceremony, opening the new playground equipment for the students. After a year of planning, fundraising, and preparing the play area has been opened for MOE students to enjoy.

Camisha (Hughbanks), former PTA president at MOE, presented the idea to principal Heidi Busk and the Lake Chelan School Board last year.

"One year ago, almost to the day," said Busk, "Camisha, came ... and said, 'I think we need a new playground at MOE'. And a year later, we have that playground. She is an amazing, motivated, driven person who made this happen."

Hughbanks stepped forward and was presented with an appreciative bouquet from Busk.

"So many people were so important and so instrumen-

tal in making this happen ... Adam Rynd with Coldwell Banker, helped me develop a fundraising goal, helped me develop a fundraising vision, and he generously kicked off the very first significant big donation to get this playground going ... this playground was possible because our community cares," said Hughbanks

One of the significant contributions was courtesy of the Lake Chelan Lions Club. After 100 years of community service, the Lions contributed a climbing dome for the children at MOE, deemed the "Lions' Den."

Many other contributors made the playground equipment possible for the elementary school.

"Columbia Valley Community Health, North Cascades National Bank, Chelan Fruit, Lake Chelan Lions Club, Walmart ... and many many more," said Hughbanks.

MOE Principal Heidi Busk (left) has former PTA President Camisha Hughbanks (right) a bouquet of flowers in appreciation of her hard work and determination.

Photo by Erin Rossell

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Project Phoenix rises from Pateros wildfire ashes

By MIKE MALTAIS, STAFF WRITER

PATEROS – Three miles north of Pateros on Watson Road, a new opportunity for military veterans is rising from the ashes of the 2014 Carlton Complex wildfire. Called appropriately, Project Phoenix, the project is a 1,600-acre agricultural site on Tatley Farms where vets are invited to learn a variety of skills, share work, undergo healing, earn some money, build friendships and put their own ideas and projects into motion.

Project Phoenix is the creation of David Overcash of Woodinville, owner of Tatley Farms and founder of Golden Acts, an organization focused on making the world a better place, one golden act at a time.

Wenatchee resident John Taminjin is managing the day-to-day property operations while efforts are underway to find an experienced orchardist to mentor that part of the enterprise.

Taminjin is a 20-year Army combat engineer who saw action in Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Bosnia and Iraqi Free-



Photo by Mike Maltais

Site manager John Taminjin poses before the backdrop of the cherry and apple orchard being developed at Veterans Victory Village north of Pateros.

dom veteran.

"I had just ended a position with the Chelan County Housing Authority and was looking for something else," Taminjin said.

Tony Sandoval, the Chelan County Veterans Service Of-

ficer, told Taminjin that Project Phoenix was looking for a manager, so Taminjin assumed the position last May.

Overcash was inspired to start a project farm for vets after a life-changing mission to Guatemala with Medical Teams

International where he worked to improve the lives of the indigenous Mayan people.

One of the first projects on the burned-over acreage north of Pateros was planting two 20-acre

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Open house, concert Sept. 16 for Ridgeview Place, a home for special needs adults

SUBMITTED BY AL LORENZ, RIDGEVIEW PLACE

CHELAN - Join us for this introduction to the community, learn about the plans and meet the folks involved so far at Ridgeview on Sept. 16, 2-4 p.m., at 1101 Jessie Street in Chelan.

Ridgeview Place is a just completed private residence that was built by Al and Denise Lorenz to be shared by their son, Turner, and three other resident owners with developmental disabilities in Chelan. However, the structure itself is just the beginning of the story; the meaning and purpose come from the people, the relationships, and the involvement of the community.

While we're celebrating completion of the buildings, work continues on building a joyful environment that is nurturing, fun, and productive for its residents. As we go forward, we are building the systems to make each day go smoothly, hiring staff, and creating exceptional employment for the residents. Imagine individuals with developmental disabilities actually achieving financial security and having a "family" of close friends. I think of it as life without limits.

Similar homes exist in Washington. Examples include The Dwelling Place, Cornerstone and Tierra, all in Leavenworth, that have spread the "fantastically joyful" attitudes of their residents into the commu-



Photo by Erin Rossell/LCM
Debbie (left) and Al Lorenz (right) along with their son, Turner, invite everyone to come to the open house and concert at Ridgeview Place on Saturday, Sept. 16.

nity through volunteering and work. Their joy is contagious and an asset for everybody.

We are currently seeking some new best friends who also want to create the happiest home on earth for their special family members. There are opportunities for caregivers and volunteers as well.

We will have some experts to chat with who have succeeded building homes in other communities. Ridgeview and the accompanying vocational program will be on display. There will also be a house concert of local musicians during the open house. <http://ridgeview-chelan.com/>

Sen. Brad Hawkins plans first annual 'listening tour'

SUBMITTED BY ERIC CAMPBELL, OFFICE OF SEN. BRAD HAWKINS

EAST WENATCHEE... Sen. Brad Hawkins recently announced he will visit several 12th District communities this fall to hear directly from constituents. The first of what Hawkins expects to become an annual "listening tour" is set for Thursday, Oct. 5 through the morning of Saturday, Oct. 7.

"I greatly value being able to hear directly from the people I serve - individual constituents, employers, local governments and community groups.

This is an awesome legislative district, but our location can make it challenging for people to get to the Capitol when I'm there. Even then, my office receives many requests for meetings, and it's difficult to make everything line up.

"I thought this would be a creative way to go out and connect with people where they are, so I can listen to their thoughts and concerns," Hawkins said. Hawkins will meet by appointment at public locations in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan counties. On Oct. 5 he'll start at Leavenworth City Hall, then stop at Wenatchee's Confluence Technology Center and the Douglas

County Public Services Building in East Wenatchee, make a visit to Pybus Public Market, and wrap up that evening at the Port of Quincy. The tour's second day opens at the Lake Chelan School District board room, with visits to the Sweet River Bakery in Pateros and Alta Lake State Park on the way to late-afternoon appointments in Winthrop.

Hawkins asks that people

email him at brad.hawkins@leg.wa.gov or phone his legislative office at (360) 786-7622 to arrange appointments.

"Organizations that have met with me in the past will notice the timing is earlier, but my hope is that they along with any new groups will take this opportunity to meet up at one of our tour stops," he said.

"Touching base in October is good because the Senate committees meet in November to prepare for the 2018 session, and it also lets everyone steer clear of the crazy schedules common around the holidays."

Hawkins said there will be two meeting opportunities in the Wenatchee area where no appointments are needed. One is the Oct. 5 stop at Pybus Public Market; the second will be a community hike up Saddle Rock. Hawkins and others

who want to join him for the hike will depart from the Saddle Rock Gateway starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7.

"I think this will be a great way to end the tour, enjoying some of our famous outdoor recreation at an iconic Wenatchee Valley location that now offers better community access thanks, in part, to a state grant. I'll enjoy the opportunity to catch up with folks at the gateway, at the top, or along the way."

Hawkins intends to choose different locations throughout the 12th District's four counties in future years. "Over time, I think we'll cover a lot of ground and connect with a lot of people."

Hawkins will be joined by his legislative assistant, Jack Grimm, and other staff.

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orchards of cherries and apples three years ago. Taminjin commutes daily from Wenatchee to handle irrigation and other chores that come with a developing orchard. He hopes to find an experienced mentor to help with the orchard practices.

"I have a farming and fishing background," said Taminjin, "but I'm not an experienced orchardist."

Taminjin is trying to get the word out to veterans' groups around the area about Project Phoenix.

"Veterans who want to be-

come entrepreneurs in agriculture and want to try different things," said Taminjin. "You fit in however you can fit in."

Vets have already been showing interest in Project Phoenix. One is soon to arrive with a greenhouse operation that just needs the growing space and living quarters to move forward with his dream.

"We have water, land and the facility to encourage collaboration," said. "This is just a start but can lead to many other things."

Those wishing to contact Taminjin can call (509) 679-7338 or email him at ttaminjin@gmail.com.

Help available for veterans every month in Chelan

CHELAN - Veterans. Join the Chelan County Veteran's Service Officer, WorkSource, and SSVF representatives for coffee and organizational information the second Thursday of the month (Sept. 14) in Chelan at the Apple Cup Café from 9 am until 12 p.m.

If you are a veteran or dependent and are seeking employment, homeless or at risk, want to request a DD214, or talk about potentially filing a VA Disability Claim, join them on these dates for more information.

For questions call Tony Sandoval at (509) 664-6801 or Bob Goedde at 682-2366.

Thank you for your service.

Draft Strategic Plan Public Meetings



The Port of Chelan County will be hosting three public meetings to review the draft Strategic Plan, highlighting goals of their three lines of business; **Pangborn Airport, Real Estate, and Economic Development.**

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September 13th

Noon
Chelan City Hall
135 E Johnson Ave, Chelan

5:00 pm
Pybus Public Market
3 N Worthen St, Wenatchee

September 14th

Noon
Leavenworth City Hall
700 US-2, Leavenworth

For more information and to view the draft Strategic Plan, visit www.portofchelancounty.com/Strategic-Plan.

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All proceeds are used to purchase needed medical equipment for Lake Chelan Community Hospital

General contractors attend overview of new hospital



Photo courtesy of Lake Chelan Community Hospital & Clinics

Over 15 general contractors attended an overview of the new Lake Chelan Community Hospital project Tuesday, Aug. 22 at the regular meeting of the Lake Chelan Community Hospital & Clinics board meeting. Seated at the table are the consultant Dick Bratton, LCCHC CEO Kevin Abel, LCCHC Board Chair Mary Signorelli, project manager Barry Leahy and LCCHC board member Phyllis Gleasman. For more information about the GC/CM method, press releases and updates about the new hospital project, visit <https://lakechelancommunityhospital.com/hospital-reports/>.

Chelan High School Class of 1967 to hold reunion Sept. 15-17

SUBMITTED BY MAUREEN MOSMAN, CLASS OF '67

MANSON - The "Old Goats" of the Class of 1967 will be celebrating our 50th Class Reunion Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15, 16 and 17.

The class would like to invite all Chelan High School graduates to join us for the Friday Meet and Greet at Benson Vineyards Estate

Winery (6 - 9 p.m.). Cost is \$15 per person (cash or check only) and includes wine tasting. Light appetizers and wine by the glass or bottle will be available for purchase.

We wish to publically acknowledge and honor our "Gone But Never Forgotten" classmates: Carolyn Elizabeth Cooper, Karen Kay Davis Stephens, Laura Lee Davis, Donna Dean Fel-

lers Sweeney, Steven Mark Hansen, Jason Eugene Harbough, John Mead Hargis, Richard Steven Holloway, Allen R. Houghton, James E. Kurpjuweit, Kathryn Alice Lightfoot Cockrum, and Robert Lewis Puckett. May they rest in peace. We will be acknowledging those departed at the reunion.

If we have missed anyone, please email: maurimosman@gmail.com

CHS football team of '54 to hold reunion

BY MIRROR STAFF

CHELAN - The Chelan High School football team of 1954 will hold a reunion Sept. 7 and 8. The team, who were the State B Champions that year, will join the Chelan High School 2017 football team at their team dinner on Thursday, Sept. 7, 6 p.m. at the Lakeside Lodge.

On Friday, Sept. 8, 27 members of 1954 team will have lunch, tour Chelan High School and Community Gym; and attend the pregame warm with the Chelan football team, before their game, which starts at 7 p.m. at Sargent Field. The team will also be introduced and a short history about them given during half-time.

Free Mobile Dental Clinic in Entiat Sept. 15-16, make appointments now

SUBMITTED BY ENTIAAT VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES

ENTIAAT - The Entiat Valley Community Services Free Mobile Dental Clinic will be Sept. 15 and 16, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. This free Adult Dental Care Program will be held at 2084 Entiat Way; and Works with Medical Teams International. Directions: EVCS Building (blue building) located between City Hall and Entiat Ranger Station

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Note: If you miss your appointment, you will have to be put on a waiting list.

EVCS provides the dental bus two times a year for two days each to help the underserved throughout the region. We are

actively seeking volunteers, funding, donations and sponsorship to provide this critical service.

If interested in volunteering, donating or sponsoring call (509) 784-7117 or e-mail mwe@nwi.net for information. EVCS is a 501 c 3 public charity, all donations are tax deductible.

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Free classical music concert to be presented in Chelan, Omak

SUBMITTED BY LADIES MUSICAL CLUB OF SEATTLE

CHELAN/OMAK - Ladies Musical Club of Seattle (LMC) will present free public concerts in Eastern Washington to showcase the musical talents of the winners from its recent 2017 Frances Walton Competition that was held in Seattle.

Competition winners, ages 20-35 from all over the world,

include Xiao Chen, piano; Xenia Deviatkina-Loh, violin; Yasmina Spiegelberg, clarinet; and Hannah Leffler, flute.

The international artists will present free classical music concerts plus school visits in communities that have limited access to live classical music. LMC has sponsored these popular, educational state tours since 1990. The artists will be fea-

tured on Classical KING FM 98.1 NW Focus Live on Sept. 8 and 15 at 8 p.m.

On the Eastern Washington tour will be Xenia Deviatkina-Loh on the violin and Xiao Chen on the piano.

Concerts will be Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. at Lake Chelan Lutheran Church, Chelan and on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center, Omak

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first 100 to check-in on race day • Prizes (All Fun Run race participants are eligible for prize drawings) • Partnership with Manson XCountry Invitational (school races after Fun Run). Max Kids' Wellness funded by Lake Chelan Health & Wellness Foundation

Sept. 23
HDCA Sip & Stroll

CHELAN - The Historic Downtown Chelan Association (HDCA) will host their 5th annual Sip & Stroll in downtown Chelan on Sept. 23, 3 p.m.-6 p.m. This year, the event will host nine local wineries, a local brewery and a local cider house. Tickets cost \$35 and include a souvenir wine glass and are available for purchase under Chelan events on Brownpapertickets.com or by calling HDCA at (509) 682-4322.

Sept. 30- Oct 1
Manson Hydrofest

MANSON - Unlimited hydroplanes will race Sept.-Oct. 1 in an up-close course between Wapato Point and Manson Bay, with unrestricted views from the shoreline at Manson Bay. Weekend specials in Manson, crafts and food. For information Julie, (253) 229-5350.

CORRECTION

Howard Roger Huey, 78, age was incorrect in last weeks paper. A corrected Death Notice appears on page 5,



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Thursday, August 3rd
Kristin Lentz, WHN, Confluence Health
Learn about symptoms of dementia versus symptoms of normal aging and what to look for.

Thank You For Attending!

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Thursday, September 21st from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
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MOE playground ribbon cutting



Photos by Erin Rossell

The Lake Chelan Lions Club members with President Juli Straub, (fifth from left) and Rynd family stand with Camisha Hughbanks in the new playground as Straub begins to tell of the Lions donation of the climbing dome, deemed the "Lions Den." MOE held a ribbon cutting ceremony, Tuesday, August 29 to celebrate the new play equipment for students.

Middle: Camisha Hughbanks begins thanking the students, community, and all the contributors for making the new playground possible.

Far right: Adam Rynd, of Coldwell Banker, cut the ceremonial ribbon opening up the playground to the students.



Uno Peak Fire grows to 400 acres; dozer work begins



Smoke moves down lake from the Uno Peak Fire 15 miles northwest of Manson, WA on August 31, 2017. Below: Map of the Uno Peak fire along Lake Chelan.

SUBMITTED BY HOLLY KRAKE, USFS

CHELAN - Yesterday (August 31), fire managers utilized helicopters and air tankers to slow fire spread to the south. Both retardant and water drops were used.

Today (Sept. 1) Fire crews will continue preparing forest roads to stop potential new fire growth to the south. Additionally, dozers are working to construct fire line on adjacent ridges of the fire. With continued hot, dry conditions the fire may continue to actively spread in steep and rugged terrain. A Type 2 Incident Management Team has been ordered and will arrive today.

Closures: Due to public safety concerns the area around the fire is closed to entry including the Summer Blossom and Safety Harbor Trailheads and the South Navarre, Safety Harbor and Deer Point Campgrounds.

Smoke is anticipated to drift down Lake Chelan and over the Waterville Plateau and will be highly visible from the com-



munities of Manson and Chelan. More information about smoke and your health is available at wasmoke.blogspot.com/

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Containment: 0%, Acres: 400
Start Date: August 30, 2017
Cause: Unknown
Location: 15 miles NW of Manson
Personnel: 30
Fuels/Topography: Timber, grass, rugged terrain
For current info: www.inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5572/

Registration open for boys and girls soccer

By MIKE HAERLING, YOUTH SPORTS DIRECTOR

CHELAN - The Chelan Parks Department is now registering soccer players for boys and girls that are in kindergarten through sixth grade. All are co-ed.

The cost is \$25 for Kindergarten and \$35 for grades first through sixth, plus \$17 for the AAU card.

You can sign up at the Chelan Parks office, which is located at the Lakeshore RV Park, across from the bowling alley on the

Manson Highway. The office is open daily in September, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The sign up deadline is Sept. 11.

The coaches meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m. at the Park Office, 619 W. Manson Highway.

Registration forms will be handed out the first day of school.

You can call the Park Office at 682-8023 if you need more information or Mike Haerling, Youth Sports Director at (509) 670-0180.

Powerline to Slide Ridge being rebuilt

SUBMITTED BY KIMBERLEE CRAIG, CHELAN COUNTY PUD

CHELAN - A contractor for Chelan County PUD is working to rebuild the overhead power line and restore service to communications sites on Slide Ridge, 22 miles up lake from Chelan. Wildfire destroyed the south shore power line in 2015. Rebuilding the 1-mile distribution line will restore power to important communications equipment on the ridge.

Whitefish Energy, of Whitefish Mont. is building the new power line on the same route. A work crew will hand-dig holes for the steel power poles, working downhill on the steep slope from the ridge to the lake. A helicopter will transport the workers onto the ridge and will be used to install the new poles and wire, said Project Manager John Goodwill.

The new line will restore power to communications equipment used by agencies and businesses, as well as a TV translator. They include:

- National Park Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- Lake Chelan Boat Club
- Up lake radio telephone users

- Holden Mine remediation engineers
- Chelan TV
- Lake Chelan Radio Club

The work includes having fire protection on the job site as a precaution. Drivers are asked to use caution on South Lakeshore, Shady Pass and Slide Ridge roads and to be on the lookout for trucks and heavy equipment headed to the job site.

The work is expected to be done in about four weeks at an estimated cost of \$534,000. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and state funds are covering a part of the project cost.

Wildfires to impact fall hunting season this year

SUBMITTED BY HOLLY KRAKE, USFS

WENATCHEE— With a variety of hunting season beginning on Sept. 1, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest officials are encouraging hunters to know and comply with current campfire restrictions and area closures in place across the National Forest. While thousands of roads and trails remain open, others have been closed for public safety.

"Hunting is a very important use of the Forest. As folks get out into the woods, it's imperative to know what areas are closed due to wildfires and have campfire bans," said Forest Deputy Fire Staff Officer Matt Castle. "Safety is important to all of us."

Due to wildfire activity in many areas of the Forest, public access to some roads, trails, and general forest recreation areas is restricted. Before heading out, hunters should check on forest closures, campfire bans, and current wildfire status at www.fs.usda.gov/okawen or from local national forest offices. A map showing closure areas for the Forest can be found at <http://areg.is/2vpoL0z>. Information about large wildfires burning in Washington is

available on Inciweb at inciweb.nwcg.gov/state/49/#.

"Our number one priority is human safety and we want to avoid accidents and injuries as much as possible. Stump holes, unstable soils, flooding potential, washed out roads, and falling trees and branches are all things that forest users need to be aware of," Castle said. "Any time you enter the forest, you should be aware of your environment and changing weather conditions. The environment in and adjacent to recently burned areas is highly susceptible to rainstorms and wind events."

In addition to fire closures, campfire bans are in effect Forest-wide. Forest visitors are prohibited from maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire along with the use of charcoal briquette barbecues, Tiki torches and other devices that use solid fuel. Recreationists can use pressurized liquid gas stoves as an alternative; go to <http://bit.ly/2xvnIdA> for a list of approved and non-approved campfire options. Most of the forest remains in an Industrial Fire Precautionary Level III in which all firewood cutting is prohibited. Contact local national forest offices for wood-cutting information.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How many does it take?

DEAR EDITOR,

Thanks for Erin Rossell's very accurate reporting in your front page lead story last week regarding Chelan's Comprehensive Plan meeting on August 22. That was the largest public planning turnout that we've ever seen in Chelan...by far. Mayor Cooney was quoted as saying, "We will listen and we will hear." But will you take action? By now the mayor and the city council have to know that the City of Chelan wants a park and public access.

In 1957 the Chelan citizens and the City of Chelan decided to throw a party in mid-May called the Apple Cup Hydroplane Races. About 100,000 people showed up for the weekend ... then went home. By 1960 the disturbance was so great that the races were cancelled. Now, 60 years later, this many people, or more, show up ... but not just for the weekend. They stay all summer from May into September and local efforts are afoot for even more tourists for the remaining months of the year.

The city's Comp Plan Fact Sheet reports that about 25,000 people are here in Chelan for the summer. Manson and the North Shore has at least as many people there. The South Shore, according to the Washington State Parks, reports over 300,000 over the summer. But, the highest estimate is from our Chamber of Commerce,

reporting over 2 million; all of these use Chelan services in some fashion.

Now the proposed Comp Plan is adding thousands of acres to the city or to the city's Urban Growth Area AND increasing the residential density potential all across town. Developers are pleased to be in the city where the rest of us will provide the infrastructure they need. Sure, they have hookup fees, but when the sewer plant, for example, is insufficient, it will be all of us that pays for a new plant since the developers have no impact fees associated with their development. Consider, too, that the city government is responsible for providing a total of 27 different public services to its citizens and guests, including parks. Chelan, a recreation mecca, has the lowest per capita ratio of park area in all of North Central Washington.

Chelan is a lake front community. People come here or remain here because of the lake. If the lake were not here then we'd be just like the Entiat Valley or the Methow Valley; nice places, indeed, but nothing like the Chelan Valley. And yet, all of this proposed development comes without even one inch of new lake front public access proposed in the comp plan.

Hundreds of people have signed petitions and provided testimony over this need for a new lake front park. Even the city's own Parks, Recreation,

and Open Space (PROS) Plan recognizes the dire need for additional space and points to the only undeveloped water front space left: The 3 Fingers. Yet the city with all of their rhetoric about listening to the citizens won't even investigate the possibility of acquiring the property. A request was made on behalf of the community to the mayor and to the city council at the hearing for an appraisal on the 3 Fingers which would further the process to the demanded additional lake access that the community wants. If you, mayor and council members, are truly listening, and are responsive, then we would expect a motion at the next city council meeting, September 12th, to start the process.

This city government appears to be more concerned about protecting the rights and opportunities of large developers than providing essential public services for our citizens and our guests. How bad does it have to get before the city administration can see their short-sightedness? Was the applause support for lake access and a park from 250 residents not enough? Do we need 500 or a 1,000? Or does it take the last piece of open shoreline to be developed before the administration sees their irreversible mistake?

Steve Kline/509-470-4266
John Olson/253-209-1248
and the Friends
of Lake Chelan

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Sept. 12
Manson Fire District meeting

MANSON - The Chelan County Fire District 5 Commissioners will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, August 8, at 4:30 p.m. at Station 51 located at 250 W. Manson Blvd.

Heritage Heights board meeting

CHELAN - The Heritage Heights Assisted Living monthly board meeting will be held July 11, (second Tuesday of every month), at 5 p.m. in the activity room at Heritage Heights. Community members are welcome to attend. The meeting lasts approximately one hour. For information Heritage Heights at 682-1998.

Sept. 11
Chelan Friends of the Public Library

CHELAN - Chelan Friends of the Public Library will have their monthly member meeting Monday, Sept. 11, (always the second Monday of each month) at 7 p.m., in the Chelan Public Library meeting room, 218 N. Emerson Street. Any and all interested persons are welcome.

Sept. 12
Al-Anon

CHELAN - Al-Anon meets every Tuesday, 12 p.m. in the Apple Cup Cafe Banquet Room. This is an open meeting.

Sept. 12, 27
Cancer Support Groups

CHELAN - Second Meeting Added: The Women's Wellness Group, cancer support group,

now 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.

Sept. 13
Community Open Space Vision meeting

CHELAN - The last community meeting for the Lake Chelan Community Open Space Vision will be on Wednesday, Sept. 13 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the City of Chelan's Council Chambers. They will be refining the implementation steps for the Open Space Vision, reviewing final community input, and discussing the draft online story map for the project. For more information Amy Wilson Morris, PhD, The Trust for Public Land Associate Planning Director, Conservation Vision Office (415) 495-401, (510) 891-8888.

Sept. 13
Chelan Fire District meeting

CHELAN - The regular meeting for Chelan County Fire District #7 will be held Wednes-

day, Sept. 13, at the fire station, corner of Wapato and Sanders. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. www.chelan7.com

Sept. 14
Veteran's Assistance

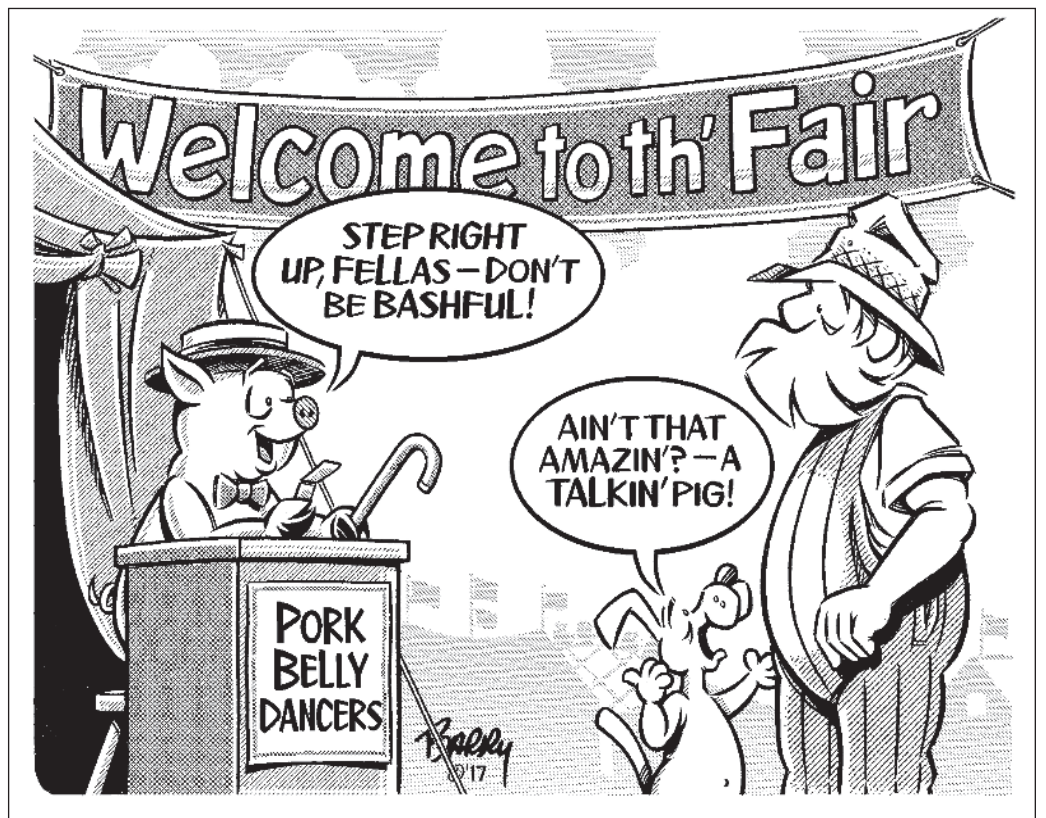
CHELAN - The Chelan County Veteran's Service Coordinator is in Chelan the second Thursday of each month. Tony Sandoval will be at the Apple Cup Cafe Banquet Room, 9-11 a.m. Those veterans who need to file a claim or inquire about benefits can come at that time. For questions call Sandoval at (509) 664-6801 or Bob Goedde at 682-2366.

Sept. 19
Manson Community Council

MANSON - The Manson Community Council will be Tuesday, Sept. 19, 6 p.m. at the Manson Park Office on Pedoi Street. All are welcome to attend.

Sept. 20
Amateur Radio exam session

OKANOGAN - There will be an Amateur Radio Exam Session sponsored by the Okanogan County ARC on Wed., Sept. 20, at 6 p.m., at the Okanogan County PUD building, 1331 2nd Avenue. Walk-ins will be allowed. For information: Mike Mauk, (509) 449-0605, email: w7orc1@gmail.com,



Help your fellow Americans, but beware of scams

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redcross.org/Disaster-Relief/Hurricane

The website above is the one I trust because I know the American Red Cross, have donated blood to them for years and having also received help from them.

I also trust the Salvation Army for some of the same reasons as above. Their website is: The Salvation Army - A Donation Makes a Difference
give.salvationarmyusa.org/.

I like to speak from firsthand personal experience when I can and in this case I can. I was an editor for a weekly rag in Beaumont, Texas about 18 years ago and then I was hired to be a "cops and courts" and "government" reporter for the Pt. Arthur News in Pt. Arthur, Texas.

I can verify without a doubt that both towns are flat as a pancake and it wouldn't take much to cause a flood.

Southeast Texas is basically a coastal piedmont as is much of its Eastern neighbors in the Bayous of Louisiana. Chambers County Texas, celebrates itself as the Alligator Capital of Texas and throws a party to remind folks of that fact every year.

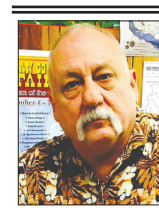
The city of Galveston is basically just a big island and Galveston County is nothing more than a couple more islands added in. I believe part of the Bolivar Peninsula to the north makes up the rest of it.

Folks in North Central Washington are surrounded by beautiful mountains and well behaved rivers and a lake or two here and there, but way down South water has a mind of its own.

Car ferries are everywhere, bridges abound and many of the Interstates cross bodies of water masquerading as nothing more than causeways built precariously close to the water even on a nice day.

If you are ever down that way, take I-10 from Houston to New Orleans and you'll see exactly what I mean.

Back around the turn of the last century, Galveston barely survived a hurricane



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that killed 10,000 people and nearly completely destroyed the town. Imagine those kind of numbers today? It would be unthinkable and FEMA, state and county government heads would roll.

The city built a huge 20-foot high seawall in response, but even that isn't enough to block Mother Nature when she's got her dander up.

Hurricane Harvey will be the most expensive natural disaster in U.S. history. AccuWeather said last week, estimating the full cost at close to \$160 billion. That's more than Katrina and Sandy combined.

Having lived in Houston and Beaumont, I can assure readers here the importance of the oil refinery business in that part of our nation.

Pt. Arthur has a major oil terminal and unknown (to everyday Washingtonians) are other major oil refineries and ports all along that part of the Gulf. Places like League City, La Porte, Texas City, Baytown, Crosby and La Marque are some of the other towns heavily populated by those who supply refined oil (gasoline, kerosene, etc.) to the rest of the country and many other chemical products.

To put the area in another perspective, the infamous, but yet to be built Keystone Pipeline was eventually supposed to end in Pt. Arthur and then be loaded into ships from there.

The area is also home to offshore oil rigs planted all over the Western Gulf of Mexico. When I wanted to

have some fun and drink a few beers, I'd go to Galveston and take a deep sea eight-hour fishing cruise, which inevitably ended up at one of these rigs because that's where the big fish congregated, treating it as if they were coral reefs.

Red Snapper, Grouper, Spanish Mackerel and Black-tipped shark were plentiful and great on the "barbee."

Back to reality. Please donate generously to the Hurricane Harvey relief efforts, but don't fall for phone or mail scams operated by the worst of humanity trying to take advantage of the best of us who just want to help our neighbors in need.

If you don't trust the internet, you can physically go to the local American Red Cross or Salvation Army offices in your town and personally hand them a check.

They are both verifiable non-profits so make sure you get a receipt for tax purposes. There is one more organization taking the lead in these massive relief efforts in the wake of Harvey and that is Americares.org. "Americares is a non-profit disaster relief and global health organization providing immediate response to emergency medical needs and supporting long-term health care initiatives for people in the United States and around the world," according to its website.

The only reason I haven't mentioned it earlier is that I have no personal experience with that particular organization.

Gary Bégin's opinions are his own and do not reflect opinions of ownership or co-workers of NCW Media. I can be reached via direct email: gary@ncwmedia.net.

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