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Chelan Council honors Robin Cooke, pledges \$5,000 to Pangborn

By ZACH JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

CHELAN - It was a relatively short meeting at the last Chelan City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 27.

Mayor Mike Cooney began by honoring, 94-year old Robin Cooke for her years of dedicated community service.

"She is just a wonderful person, a true gem," Cooney said of the Cooke after the meeting. "She always has a smile and is always willing to help out. You would never know her age (with) her willingness to help out and still be involved in things around town."

Cooke has been the president of the Lake Chelan Realtors Association, president of the Downtown Association and the first lady to serve as the president of the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce.

In an effort to recognize more community members, Cooney said, "anybody who has someone in the community, who has been a community contributor to Chelan, we want to honor them. We're going to do this on a regular basis, so people can contact me by city, email or whatever."

After honoring Cooke, Cooney and the council approved motion to pledge \$5,000 in support of the Pangborn Initiative for a non-stop flight to San Francisco.

Craig Larsen, business development director for the Port of Chelan County, previously presented the idea to council at their meeting on June, 13. A number of



Craig Larsen, business development director for the Port of Chelan County

other cities, businesses in Chelan Valley and the County have contributed to the target goal of \$400,000, which will be matched with a \$750,000 grant and used to sign a guaranteed revenue contract with either Alaska or United.

"The idea is to have a contribution to show support... and make sure there is a presence of Chelan so (tourists) come and see our wine, country and Chelan," Cooney said. "It was a way to help spread the word of Chelan and get people (more) aware."

The Chelan City Council met on Tuesday, July 11, but the meeting was after going to press. The council's first opportunity to discuss the Comprehensive Plan will come on Tuesday, July 25.

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23-year old Donghoon Lee recovered after two weeks of searching

By ZACH JOHNSON
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CHELAN - At approximately 12:45 p.m. a body believed to be that of 23-year old Donghoon Lee of Seattle was recovered from Lake Chelan, according to a press release from Chelan County Sheriff Rich Magnussen.

In the release, Magnussen

states a boater in the area observed the body and called 911. The Chelan County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol and Chelan County Fire District 7 personnel responded to the area and recovered the body.

The body was turned over to the Chelan County Coroner's Office and the South Korean Consulate notified Lee's family.

State Supreme Court punts Three Fingers back to Chelan County

By ZACH JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

CHELAN - After months of hearing arguments from representatives of Goodfellow Brothers Inc. (GBI) and Chelan Basin Conservancy (CBC), the Washington State Supreme Court released their decision on the 1961 fill known as the Three Fingers on Thursday, July 6

In what amounted to a 33-page report, the Supreme Court decided that Chelan County Judge Lesley Allen will make the final decision regarding the Fingers. Allen initially ruled in favor of CBC in 2012, calling for their removal because they violated public access.

The Supreme Court found that the "legislature consented to the fill's impairment of navigable waters under the Savings Clause" which was enacted in 1971 as a piece of the Shoreline Management Act (SMA). However, the Court of Appeals "prematurely concluded" whether or not the consent violated the public trust doctrine, because it is "partially encapsulated" in the states constitution and therefore remains subject



LCM File Photos

The 1961 fill known as the Three Fingers, is now in the hands of Judge Lesley Allen, who initially ruled in favor of Chelan Basin Conservancy (CBC) in 2012 before the decision was appealed.

to judicial review. GBI had previously argued that the SMA trumped Washington's common law and was immune to judicial review.

If Allen rules in favor of CBC, it could serve as a precedent for future lawsuits seeking the removal of other fills and structures around Washington's shores.

Mayor Mike Cooney was disappointed when the decision came out last Thursday,



saying, "I would have liked to see a decision one way or another. This tends to draw

things out and I would like to see a resolution while I'm mayor. It's gone on long enough. It is time for a final resolution and no more legal battles."

Despite the mayor's wishes though, it looks like the case will drag on for a little bit longer, as the city anxiously waits for a final decision.

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Chelan Man this weekend, July 15-16

By ZACH JOHNSON
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CHELAN - For runners, swimmers and bikers of all ages in the Chelan Valley, your moment is almost here as the 10th annual Chelan Man Multi-sport weekend kicks off this Saturday and Sunday, July 15 and 16.

The distance events (Long Course, Olympic, 10k and Half Marathon) will get the event going early Saturday morning, with the shorter events (Sprint, Try-a-Tri and Splash n Dash) concluding Sunday afternoon.

The event originally started in 2007 when a group of local athletes who trained together decided to create a multi-sport weekend of triathlons and running events. Over the last decade, the race has grown in popularity among residents as well as tourists and outside groups looking to compete in the jewel that is Lake Chelan.

For the first time, Semper Fi Fund's Team Semper Fi

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LCM File Photo

Swimmers, runners and bicyclists of all ages will be competing in the Chelan Man event this weekend, July 15 and 16. Above a mom helps her son transition from the swimming portion into the bike race portion of the children race, by helping him with his shoes.

New Report shows Columbia River Basin worth \$198 billion annually

By ZACH JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

CHELAN VALLEY - According to a report released by Earth Economics on Thursday, July 6, the Columbia River Basin is worth \$198 billion every year in food, water, flood risk reduction, recreation, habitat, aesthetic

and other benefits.

That's billion, with a 'B'.

The 154-page report looked at 258,000 square miles from the headwaters in British Columbia, Wyoming and Nevada through Idaho, Washington, Oregon and up coastal fisheries to Southeast Alaska. The report was supported by several non-

governmental organizations (NGOs) and fifteen Columbia Basin Tribes including the Confederated Tribe of the Colville Reservation.

Part of the report also looked at modernizing dam management by increasing water flows during the late summer and early fall to and during low run-

off years to as a way to increase the capital value by "improving immigration, habitat and water quality for residents and anadromous fish."

Although the report talked about a 10% increase in ecosystem-based function, "it is a hypothetical example of how benefits could increase

if widespread ecosystem improvements were to occur under the modernized scenario," Communications Specialist for Earth Economics Jessica Hanson said. "Ecosystem-based function improvements such as restoring natural floodplain function and improving native riparian vegetation would likely

support increased biodiversity, sustain more stable ecosystems and increase wild salmon runs throughout the basin."

The report comes as members of the Columbia River Treaty begin to renegotiate the deal, which is due for an update

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Six candidates vie for 2 seats on LCCHC Board of Directors:

Lets meet them

By ZACH JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

CHELAN - One of the most anticipated primaries in Chelan County will be that of the race for the two open seats on the Lake Chelan Community Hospital and Clinic (LCCHC) Board of Directors.

Incumbents Mary Signorelli and Phyllis Gleasman are both running for another term, but are against some formidable challengers this election cycle.

Stan Morse, Jeremy Jaech and Mary Signorelli are the candidates for LCCH District 2

• Stan Morse, Position #2
Stan was born and raised in Chelan and will be 63 this August. He has been a lawyer since 1979 and earned a degree in Political Science and Psychology from Central Washington University. Morse then earned his law degree from the Southern Illinois Law School and has practiced law since, and was a former Chelan City Councilman. Morse is not married and has no children, and his website is stanmorse.com.

Morse believes, "we need a board that is actively willing to question what management wants to do and not just be a rubber stamp for whatever the decision is to surge ahead with various projects. We need board members that are willing and capable to look outside the traditional box while also understanding what it is that hospitals in the 21st century are going to look like in terms of service profile. As a former city councilman and lawyer for 37 years, my adult life has been oriented toward solving problems. We need critical thinkers and people who are willing to challenge the status-que. and assumptions and I think that was my record on council and has been as an attorney."

• Jeremy Jaech, Position #2

Jeremy, 62, grew up in Richland but went to school at the University of Washington and earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's degree in computer science. After moving back to Richland and working at the Hanford area, Jaech moved back to Seattle and worked at Boeing. He then began developing desktop publishing software called Pagemaker and Visio, before co-founding an internet-based calendaring and scheduling software called Trumba. Jaech has served on civic and non-profit boards including: The Technology Alliance, Fred Hutchinson



Stan Morse, Candidate Position #2

Cancer Research Center and is currently the vice-chair of the UW Board of Regents. Jaech has a wife of two years named Jacquelyn, two grown children and has moved to the Chelan Valley full-time after owning a vacation house at Fields Point and in Manson since 1991.

"I'm running for hospital commissioner because I believe my experience as an entrepreneur and a UW regent would be helpful as the hospital embarks on a new phase with the construction of a new facility. Regardless of your thoughts about the last election, out democracy has spoken and we need to move forward to get it done. And we need people with experience on the hospital board to get the benefits the voters expect to see."

• Mary Signorelli, Position #2

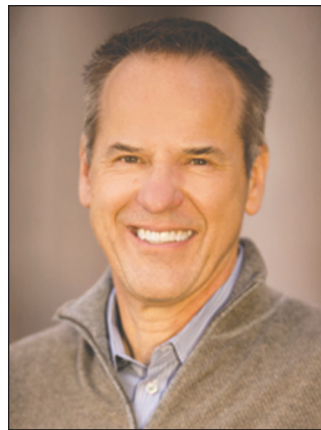
Mary, 70, has been a resident of Chelan for 29 years, during which she has participated in a number of volunteer capacities including: the Wenatchee Downtown Association, Wenatchee Chamber of Commerce, Wenatchee Historic Board, Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce and the Chelan Museum and Chelan Arts Council. She has also held the LCCH District 2 Board of Commissioners Position 1 for the past 6-years and currently serves as the board chair.

"The past six years, I have worked with my fellow commissioners and the hospital administration to provide stable operations. We have maintained patient-centered healing and wellness opportunities with care, compassion and dignity. The acquisition of Lake Chelan Community Hospital Medical Clinic, strategic planning and securing your approval to move forward with a new hospital are major factors of our sound financial operations for now and into our future. Thank you Hospital District 2 for the privilege of serving you. It would be my honor to continue working tirelessly for you as a responsible and frugal commissioner."

Phyllis Gleasman, Kathy Jo Porter and Jerry Isenhart are the candidates for LCCH District 5

• Jerry Isenhart, Position #5

Jerry, 72, has been in the



Jeremy Jaech, Candidate Position #2

Lake Chelan Valley since acquiring KOZI-AM in 1969. Isenhart owned and operated KOZI AM/FM for 30 years (1969-1999) before launching and operating GoLakeChelan.com from 2001 to 2014. Isenhart graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1962, attended Wenatchee Valley College until 1964 and received a BA in Journalism and Broadcast Communications from Washington State University in 1967. Isenhart is married to his wife Cecilia, who is the assistant manager at the Chelan Walmart and has three sons (Jerry Jr, William and Stellan Giffin).

"I love my community and my experience as a journalist has often placed me in the middle of community discussions. As a 'Commission Candidate' I am offering to contribute my experience and skills to the community to bring us together to build and support a viable 'Health Care Campus' for the citizens of the valley. I'd like to see the day when our community hospital can pass funding propositions with an 85% (or more) 'Yes' vote. And with the construction of new facilities at Apple Blossom Center now a reality, this is a perfect time to participate with the other commission members and hospital administration to assure that out 'Medical Campus' is alive and well and viable for decades to come. I am not running against anyone. I am running for everyone. Working together I know we can create a solid medical campus and complex that can survive the changing health care regulations that are sure to be coming."

• Kathy Jo Porter, Position #5

Kathy, 58, is a resident of Chelan Falls, and has been a real estate broker in Chelan for Coldwell Banker since 2011. She also serves as the President of the Lake Chelan Realtors Council and formerly owned a Ducati motorcycle dealership in Bend, Oregon. Porter is married and went to Pilchuck High School in Marysville and attended Washington State University.

"I am excited at the prospect of serving my community on the hospital board. I was involved in the campaign to pass the hospital bond but I felt the divide among our community surrounding the issue. My mission is to bring us back together and make decisions that benefit everyone in the hospital district without a political agenda driving my opinions. Hospital Board members have a



Mary Signorelli, Position #2, Incumbent



Jerry Isenhart, Candidate Position #5



Phyllis Gleasman, Position #5, Incumbent



Kathy Jo Porter, Candidate Position #5

fiduciary duty to all of their constituents to ensure that the administration stays on the right track financially and my business background has given me experiences in navigating financial reports and making sound conclusions based on that data. With the additional responsibility of managing the new hospital project and stewarding the public funds, now more than ever the hospital needs a fresh, unbiased pragmatic perspective."

• Phyllis Gleasman, Position #5

Phyllis, 73, has resided in the Manson area since 1981 when their orchard was purchased. From 1980 to 2015, Gleasman was a receptionist, administrative assistant to the CEO and Board of Directors and served in the Food Safety Department at Chelan Fruit (formerly known as Trout). Gleasman graduated from business college and entered the job market, though she says she has never stopped learning. In addition to being an orchardist and working in ag industry, Gleasman has been on various committees representing grower concerns and challenges from water to land rights to governmental affairs. She is currently an advisor to the Farm Service Agency for Chelan County.

"Technology is a major tool for the medical ser-

VICES providers and the efficiencies of the facilities. The current hospital has reached financial feasibility for upgrading in both areas. Changing demographics show a need to upgrade the types of medical services offered which cannot be done in the current configuration of the hospital. Thank you to the voters for realizing the challenges and are willing to help make the change. I have been involved since the first campaign and want to be a part of completing that effort. LCCH has been there for three generations of my family. A hospital that can provide for future generations with better technology is my way of giving back."

The primary election for the LCCHC positions is Tuesday, Aug. 1 and ballots will be mailed Friday, July 14.

If you are not registered to vote, you can register at the Chelan County Auditors office, located at 350 Orondo Ave. in Wenatchee, until Monday, July 24 or go to <https://weiapplets.sos.wa.gov/MyVote/>

Ballots can be dropped off in the ballot drop off box behind Chelan City Hall (located on Johnson Avenue). Ballots must be deposited in the drop box by Tuesday, Aug. 1, by 8 p.m. Ballots can also be mailed and must be mailed no later than Tuesday, Aug. 1.



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North Cascades Bank Reaches 353 Students through Online Financial Education Program

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CHELAN - In the 2016-2017 academic year, six North Central Washington elementary schools implemented "The Vault," a free, digital financial education program. North Cascades Bank has partnered with leading education technology company EverFi, Inc. to bring this interactive, web-based financial management program to local schools since the program's inception in 2014. In 2017, the program has already reached more than 350 students.

"North Cascades Bank is proud to have empowered so many students with the essential skills needed to make sound financial decisions. It's a testament to our investment in our local communities," Scott Anderson, president of North Cascades Bank said. "It is crucial that our younger generation understand important aspects of personal finance like the difference between wants and needs and how to make a budget, and this course is providing them with the knowledge needed to successfully navigate the increasingly complex financial world we live in."

The 353 students reached through The Vault completed 920 hours of learning during the

The six schools that participated this year are:

- Morgen Owings Elementary - Chelan
- Methow Valley Elementary - Twisp
- Lewis & Clark Elementary - Wenatchee
- Columbia Elementary - Wenatchee
- Mission View Elementary - Wenatchee
- Abraham Lincoln Elementary - Wenatchee

There were just over 350 students who participated. In Chelan alone, there were four classes, totaling 101 students.

2016-17 school year. Students' understanding of key financial topics rose by an average 56% based on pre- and post-assessment scores. Among the valuable topics covered were saving, banking, investing, renting versus owning, credit scores, taxes and insurance, and consumer fraud.

"Thank you for the Vault program and the fun celebration you organized at the school last week," said a teacher using the program. "I was impressed with how well the kids responded to the financial game questions. We look forward to working with you and using the program next year!"

North Cascades Bank's partnership with EverFi, Inc. brings the program to local students at



Photo courtesy of North Cascades Bank

Pictured are North Cascades Bank Marketing Director Kyla Allen and her son Jacob, a 4th grade student at Morgen Owings Elementary. At the end of the school year, employees from the bank visited the schools and hosted a party to review and celebrate the students finishing the curriculum. Each student enjoyed an ice-cream sundae and received a certificate good for \$10 to open a new savings account.

no cost to the schools or the taxpayer. The Vault program uses the latest in simulation and gaming technologies to bring complex financial concepts to life for today's digital generation and introduce financial literacy skills early in a child's cognitive development.

North Cascades Bank is a division of Glacier Bank of Kalispell, Montana.

Johansen named new head football coach for Manson



Photo provided

Joey Johansen replaces Scott Ward, as the head Manson High School football coach, after Ward resigned this spring.

By ZACH JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

MANSON - The calendar might say July, but it is never too early to talk about the upcoming football season, especially since the Manson Trojan football program has a new coach at the helm after Scott Ward stepped down earlier this spring.

His name is Joey Johansen, a 26-year old former graduate of Pateros High School who was the assistant football coach for Cascade High School.

If the Johansen name sounds familiar, aside from graduating from Pateros, Joey's brother, Jake Johansen is the head football coach at Brewster. As you would imagine, the transition already has Joey salivating over the chance to face his brother at least once a year.

"It's a rare opportunity to match up against your brother while going head to head as coaches," Johansen said. "It will also be our last league game of the year in addition to Manson's senior night. It's bound to be a great game."

Although Joey has bounced ideas off his brother for the past seven years, he isn't going to show too much of his hand, confidently stated that he "looks forward to taking home the win over Brewster this year."

Also with spring practices completed, Johansen is confident the team will have a good year.

"I can't wait, I told the guys we have to have fun with the process and that the summer will show results come fall," Johansen said. "I'm excited for those guys to get in the game so I'm trying to get them focused on putting work in the weight room and this summer. I can't wait to coach my first varsity football game."

Although Johansen lost a bevy of players, including a good amount of the skill positions from last year's roster, he remains confident he has a group of guys that he'll be able

to plug and play in different positions each week.

"Spencer (Ward) was a game changer and Bo (Charlton) was a confident quarterback, but we have a good group of juniors and seniors that will help us out a lot like Joe Strecker, Eduardo Escalera and Zach Serafini, who was an honorable mention on defense last year."

It's still early in the season, but as of now, Johansen has junior Avery Thompson penciled in at starting quarterback.

"Right now, after spring ball and scrimmages Avery Thompson is the guy. However, I'm hoping Serafini will make it a battle between the two (of them)," Johansen stated. "But Avery has shown a lot and I like his attitude."

As far as game plan, Johansen said he doesn't want to stray too far from the Manson's typical ground-and-pound type of offense, but has no problem airing the ball out either.

"I want to have balance, and keep teams on their heels," Johansen said. "I thought we would keep the ball on the ground but Avery took lead and we were throwing the ball better than we were running. That's hard to do in high school since it's not every day that you can get a kid that throws the ball good. We returned four of five starters on the offensive line so I think we can do either one. We don't have a kid that is a lights out game changer at the moment, but our strength will be a team concept."

The Manson Trojans get their regular season kicked off on the road against Oroville on Friday, Sept. 9.

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The Manson community invests in voc-tech and the arts, reno underway

SUBMITTED BY MANSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

MANSON - As soon as the last student left for the summer crews began work on the art, band and shop classrooms at Manson Middle/High School. Each of these programs is an important piece in providing a well-rounded education that prepares Manson students for college and/or careers.

The band at Manson is a source of pride and has outgrown its current space. The remodel restructures the band room allowing for more seating and instrument storage. It also provides the band with state of the art sound/recording abilities.

The shop will be updated with new vent hoods, new dust collec-

tion system and new equipment. The classroom associated with the shop will be relocated and remodeled to allow for better supervision and better flow for students.

The art classroom gets relocated to the middle of the school and will be a fresh new space that will be highlighted by an art courtyard on the exterior that will allow for student to be inspired by nature.

The three-month remodel is expected to be completed by the beginning of school in September.

In total the project will cost just over \$1,000,000, with \$600,000 coming from the previously issued capital levy. Another \$400,000 plus is provided by the state. The general contractor



Photo courtesy Manson School District

The band, art and shop classrooms at Manson are getting remodeled this summer; with the art room getting relocated to the middle of the school, that will be highlighted with a courtyard.

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Program, will have 16 members competing in the Chelan Man.

According to a press release from Brian McPherson, Semper Fi Fund, the aspect of recovering through sport, "has proven to be an ideal outlet

for injured service members to hone both physical agility and mental focus, skills that are critical to navigating their recovery. Learning and practicing alongside fellow wounded service members, they can also trade stories, share strategies for coping with their injuries and forge

lasting friendships."

The triathlon events all start at Lakeside Park, with the 10k and half marathon both beginning on East Center Street near the southeast corner of the park. Registration for the triathlons is closed, but walk-up registration for the two running events will

occur up until 6:45 a.m. on Saturday, or when the races are full, whichever comes first. More information regarding either event is on chelanman.com. The event raises funds for childrens sports, arts and education in the Lake Chelan Valley.

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in 2024.

On June 21, seven members of Congress from the Northwest, (including Washington Congressmen Dan Newhouse, Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Dave Reichert and Jaime Herrera Beutler) asking President Trump to renegotiate the Columbia River Treaty with Canada.

The original treaty, signed in 1964, was calculated on a 60-year lifespan, but Canada has been stagnant in coming to the negotiation table, so the letter was a way to coax Trump into initiating negotiations with Canada.

According to Earth Economics, the current treaty has only

two primary goals: flood-risk management and hydropower generation. The NGOs tribes and other regional stakeholders are asking that ecosystem-based function be included in the new treaty because it "acknowledges what nature provides and peoples' obligation to protect and nurture it."

"Updating the Columbia River Treaty to include ecosystem-based function and improving dam management would benefit everyone who lives in this sacred place. It would benefit our economy, our wildlife and our culture," D.R. Michel, Executive Director of the Upper Columbia United Tribes stated in a press release on July 6.

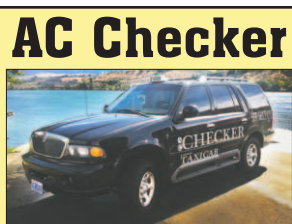
The full list of participating tribes includes: Coeur d'Alene

Tribe, Kalispel Tribe of Indians, Spokane Tribe of Indians, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, The Confederated Tribe of the Colville Reservation, Nez Perce Tribe, The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, The Confeder-

ated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Burns Paiute Tribe, Ft. McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribes, Shoshone Paiute Tribe of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation.

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Fireworks, the poker run and a secret parade



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TOP LEFT: The Finale at the Manson Fire work show on Tuesday, July 4 lit up Manson as a barrage of fireworks flew into the sky.

TOP RIGHT: It's no wonder some consider the Manson Firework display to be the best in the state as hundreds of boats, cars and tourists crowded around Manson Bay to catch a glimpse.



LEFT: Just a handful of the boats screaming down Lake Chelan for the Lake Chelan Poker Run that began around 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 8.



MIDDLE LEFT: Some of the boats in the Poker Run were showcased on Friday, July 7 during the afternoon on in downtown Manson. Attendees got to walk, look at and even climb on a ladder next to the boats to get a peek at these impressive boats.

BELOW LEFT: Manson residents and visitors had the opportunity to walk through, look at and talk to the owners of the boats that were in the Poker Run on Friday afternoon. Approximately 20 boats formed two columns down a blocked Wapato Way until they were launched into the water Saturday morning.

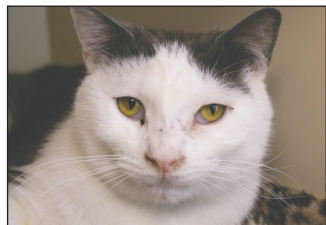


BOTTOM LEFT: Although secret and hidden from the public, the Mill Bay Campground has been holding Parades and Fourth of July games for their members for some time. Organized by Russ and Sheila Fode, Mill Bay turned into a mini-olympics with a parade, followed by a three legged race, egg toss and water-balloon fight.

Photos by Zach Johnson



Pet of the Week



Bobby • Age: 2 years
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TEE TIME

SUBMITTED BY MARY COUCHEE

Twenty-seven were present at the meeting after a very hot round of golf. The July 6 meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by President Kathy Cary. In the Publicity Committee report, Mary Couchee noted "It's fun to share fun things that happen as well as the golf results." She gave an example of Judy Johanson's "hole in one" on Par 5 hole #1. Judy's drive landed in a deep hole hence the "hole in one" designation.

Weekly Competition – Monthly Medal winners for Division 1 Low Gross 1st Barb Rayburn (88) and 2nd tie between Elona Teague (97) and April Talley (97). Low Net went to 1st Carol Ferguson (72), 2nd Nancy Judson (74), 3rd tie Roxanne Emerson (76) and Candace Farnsworth (76). Barb Rayburn (29) made the Fewest Putts.

Division 2 Low Gross 1st place was Linda Hahn (107)

and 2nd Karen Holst (109). Low Net 1st Maryjo DuRuz (78) and 2nd tie between Susie Clausen (79) and Joni Dedo (79). Fewest Putts went to Joni Dedo (30).

Division 3 Low Gross winners were 1st Patty Myers (116) and 2nd Sherry Fisk (119). Low Net was a tie between Jani Sharp (78) and Jane Storms (78). Karen Erickson (29) made Fewest Putts.

Birdies were made by Barb Rayburn (#11), Alice Soma (#7), and Karen Erickson (#18). Roxanne Emerson (#1 & #13) made two Chip-ins and one each were made by Joni Dedo (#15), Gail Bender (#18), Mary Couchee (#14), and Karen Erickson (#7).

Next week's competition is Mystery 9 with the Pro Shop picking 9 holes while lady golfers are on the course. The score of these holes less half handicap makes the Mystery 9 game. Tee off time is 8 a.m., please check in by 7:30 p.m.

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BUDGET OPINION

Senator Brad Hawkins comments on state budget



Senator Brad Hawkins

Dear 12th District Friends and Neighbors, Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 12th District state senator. I am pleased to share that

on Friday afternoon, the Legislature approved a new two-year operating budget in time for it to be signed by the governor and take effect today, when the state's new fiscal cycle began. The \$43.7 billion budget for 2017-19 was the result of weeks and months of hard work to address critical funding for K-12 education, higher education, health and human services,

natural resources, state parks, public safety, and other key state services. Doing big things is not easy As I shared with some of my colleagues Thursday, "Doing big things is not easy." This is very true in the Legislature where members often have deep philosophical differences about public policy. When this happens, the citizens of Wash-

ington are best served when the different sides can come together, even if it takes longer, and reach strong, bipartisan compromises. I believe the 2017-19 operating budget approved Friday, which likely provides closure to the landmark 2012 state Supreme Court decision on education (the McCleary case) and makes critical investments in other areas of state government, represents a bold step forward for our state. The budget bill, Senate Bill 5883, was approved by the House by a vote of 70 to 23 and in the Senate by a vote of 39 to 10. That is solid bipartisan support. I voted "yes."

Importantly, the final budget agreement avoids a new state income tax, additional business taxes, and the capital gains tax increases sought by many legislators. It utilizes additional revenue generated through state economic growth, adjusts processes for collecting taxes on online purchases from out-of-state retailers, and removes some tax exemptions. The budget also responsibly reserves over \$2 billion as an ending fund balance to protect taxpayers in future years. Meeting our paramount duty

The new operating budget increases K-12 education funding by \$3.8 billion over the next two years, which includes more funding for career and technical education, gifted education, special education, and staff compensation. The state's K-12 investments now comprise 50% of spending. The final budget also sets in place an historic levy reform plan that increases the state portion of the common-schools property tax while correspondingly reducing and capping local levy rates. The end result will provide additional funding to our schools and a more reliable and equitable educational funding system for students regardless of their location.

State budget: 'This deal is getting worse all the time'

By Jason Mercier

After getting over the initial shock of nearly 1,000 pages of spending, taxes and education policy being released and acted on without any measure of transparency or time for public comment, I finally have had a chance to review the 2017-19 budget deal. Combined with yesterday's shocking actions and statement by the Governor after vetoing a B&O tax cut, I'm sure many Washingtonians share Lando Calrissian's frustration: "This deal is getting worse all the time."

Before getting into an overview of the 2017-19 budget deal, let's recap the moment yesterday when relationships in Olympia went from Cold War to full out nuclear. There are many working parts of the 2017-19 budget deal: the spending policies, K-12 policy changes, tax increases and tax cuts. Included in these details are things that all lawmakers liked and hated but they combined to make the budget deal that avoided a government shutdown. When it came time to sign these various measures into law, however, the Governor decided to veto just one: the B&O tax cut.

Does this mean the Governor broke the budget deal? The Governor says he wasn't part of the final budget talks and thus wasn't party to the deal reached (which brings up the question: with a shutdown looming, why wasn't he part of the budget talks?). Republicans in the Legislature, however, believe the Governor broke the budget deal and going forward his action "makes future negotiations virtually impossible." There has already been comment that the legislature may try to override the veto.

While yesterday's developments were stunning, it isn't the first time the parties have had trouble executing an agreed to budget deal. In 2015 there was another breakdown when some in the Senate initially refused to vote to suspend I-1351 as assumed in the budget deal creating a \$2 billion deficit in the newly adopted budget. Among the reasons the Governor said he vetoed the B&O tax cut portion of the budget deal was due to the lack of transparency and time for public comment. This is a very legitimate concern but it also applies to all other parts of the budget deal (spending plan, McCleary plan, McCleary tax and new sales taxes). If a veto was to be issued for this reason, it should have applied to all parts of the deal - not just the B&O tax cut. This is why we believed the legislature should have adopted a temporary budget after the deal was reached to provide lawmakers, the press and the public adequate time to review the details and comment before it became law.

While the repercussions of this veto continue to reverberate, let's take a moment to look at a high level overview of the budget deal. On the bright side lawmakers rejected efforts to set up a constitutional income tax fight by not acting on the capital gains income tax proposal. Lawmakers also made historic investments in K-12 education (though important policy reforms are missing). From there, however, the rest of the budget balance sheet has serious dark clouds for taxpayers to worry about. First the budget spends at twice the rate of the current revenue growth. In fact, combined with the 2015-17 budget, the 2017-19 budget will have increased spending by 29% (nearly \$10 billion) since 2013-15. Then there are more than \$2 billion in tax increases, more than \$300 million in fund transfers from dedicated accounts, and a very curious decision to use more than \$1 billion in savings to make the state's pension payments.

Concerning that pension funding decision, the State Treasurer's Office provided this comment: "Using one-time revenue for an annually recurring expense is concerning. In the coming days there might still be 'back of the budget' explanations that will help put this transfer in better context."

Among those expressing concern about the use of dedicated accounts for other purposes was the State Auditor's Office. Here is their comment concerning the continue raids of the I-900 performance audit funds: "We appreciate that the Legislature sees the value in performance auditing, but remain concerned with the extensive transfers for items that aren't related to the fund's intended purpose."

There is also the very real threat that the revenue assumed from the online sales tax will not materialize due to lawsuits. This will put even more pressure on a fragile balance sheet. The one thing that everyone can agree on is the way the budget deal was brought to the floor and voted on in a span of 24 hours was totally unacceptable and should never happen again.

As noted by Sen. Carlyle in this committee speech:

"The fine print matters, and I don't think any of us knows what is truly in this, and I am just deeply unsettled . . . The implications for 7 million people are too serious and too profound to pretend that this is just the normal operation of government. It is not. This is outside the bounds of acceptability, and I think we owe the people of this state an apology." Sen. Fain agreed that the lack of transparency was "inexcusable," saying: "The process of waiting to the last minute to craft a compromise and the inexcusable lack of transparency in the final days of the session is something both Republicans and Democrats should agree flatly stinks."

Already one major reform has been introduced to avoid this type of secrecy going forward. Sen. Palumbo has prime sponsored a constitutional amendment to provide at least 72 hours for public review before a final vote by lawmakers on a bill. Explaining the reason for the proposal Sen. Palumbo said in a press release: "This year's budget process has been a nightmare. With the threat of a government shutdown mere hours away, we produced and passed an operating budget without any public input. Not to mention, most legislators, myself included, were given only a few hours to review the budget - a document that is 620 pages long. This is unacceptable, especially when we are implementing monumental K-12 education reform that will have an impact for generations to come."

Along with considering this proposal there are several reforms that should be adopted to avoid this type of situation again. They include using something like the Utah base budget process at the beginning of session, acting on legislative transparency reforms as proposed by SB 6560 from 2014, and providing the same type of negotiating transparency to the budget that our state public labor contracts should follow (COIN or Civic Openness in Negotiations).

We'll have more to say on the various components of the budget deal in the coming weeks. In the meantime let's hope we don't experience too much more of this as more is learned about the implications of the 2017-19 budget deal and veto.

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Additional budget highlights While much of the focus for this budget was on K-12 spending and reform, enhancements were made in other areas: Preserves funding for higher education Funds state employee compensation agreements Reduces manufacturing B&O tax rates Adds slots for early learning Extends renewable energy incentive program

Offers more support for people with mental illness Promotes improvements in the foster care system Directs new resources toward seniors and unpaid family caregivers Forest health bill funded On a personal level, I was very pleased that the new law to establish a long-term forest health treatment assessment, created by my Senate Bill 5546, was fully funded in the budget at approximately \$1 million for

budget also includes House Bill 2242, which fully funds K-12 education and meets all requirements under the McCleary Supreme Court ruling. Finally, all students in Washington, from Manson to Bellevue, will have equal access to a world-class education. Transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility are all included in House Bill 2242. Teachers will receive pay raises, school districts will be subject to rigorous new reporting standards, and most property

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Statement from State Rep. Mike Steele on Budget

Friends and neighbors,



State Rep. Mike Steele

I'm sending an update to inform you the legislature has passed, and the governor has signed, the 2017-19 operating budget ahead of the midnight deadline. We have averted a government shutdown. Additionally, the operating

budget also includes House Bill 2242, which fully funds K-12 education and meets all requirements under the McCleary Supreme Court ruling. Finally, all students in Washington, from Manson to Bellevue, will have equal access to a world-class education. Transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility are all included in House Bill 2242. Teachers will receive pay raises, school districts will be subject to rigorous new reporting standards, and most property

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Rep. Cary Condotta releases statement on passage of budget agreement, education funding

Just hours before the end of the state's fiscal cycle Friday, the Washington House of Representatives passed a two-year state operating budget of \$43.7 billion. Senate Bill 5883 was approved by a vote of 70-25.



Rep. Cary Condotta

In addition to the budget, lawmakers took action on an education funding bill that would pump an additional \$7.3 billion into K-12 education over the next four years. House Bill 2242, which passed 67-26, is primarily funded through an 80-cent increase per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in the state property tax. School districts may also enact an "enrichment levy" of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

A third measure, House Bill 2163, would enact several tax increases, including sales tax on bottled water and self-produced refinery fuels, and collection of sales tax on Internet sales. That measure passed the House, 53-40.

Rep. Cary Condotta, R-Wenatchee, voted against all three measures and provided the following statement: "I give credit to our negotiators for the education policy in the new operating budget. However, this new budget increases spending by \$5.2 billion - a 27 percent increase over four years - and that's just too much. I question the sustainability of such a large increase in the budget."

"It also enacts a substantial increase in taxes. I'm very concerned many people and small businesses across the 12th District will be paying higher property taxes under this plan. We already had \$3 billion of additional revenue coming in to the state without tax increases. This adds another \$2.2 billion in tax increases. Plus, it sweeps several important dedicated resources, such as the state's Public Works Assistance Account, which makes loans to local municipalities for important water and sewer infrastructure. "Some are also taking a victory lap for reducing the business and occupation tax on manufacturing, bringing the rate down to the same as Boeing pays. While that is a good thing, the reduction is less than \$60 million, versus \$5 billion in new spending. We could have done better by giving all businesses the same rate as Boeing, which would have helped balance the spending."

"While there are positives, especially in the policy of education, there are just too many negatives that would hurt small businesses and people across our district. And that's why I could not support this package of bills."

Table with columns for School District, 2016 Local M&O Rate, Current Law - Estimated Local M&O Tax Rates (CY 2018-2021), New K12 Policy - Estimated New Local M&O Tax Rates (CY 2018-2021), and New K12 Policy - Estimated Total of Additional State Tax Rate and New Local M&O (Enrichment) Tax Rates (CY 2018-2021). Rows include Brewster, Bridgeport, Cascade, Cashmere, Entiat, Lake Chelan, Mansfield, Manson, Orondo, Pateros, and Stehekin.

