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Senior Living Initiative boils down possible locations for campus of care

18 down to 3

By Zach Johnson Staff writer

CHELAN - The only way to start the process is to start the process.

That's the expression

Chelan resident John Olson said when he began his presentation on potential sites for a senior living campus of care in downtown Chelan at the Senior Living Initiative meeting on Wednesday, April 19.

Olson had a list of 18 potential sites and asked everyone to put three dots on the ones they liked the most. Olson also stated that the final site might not be on the list, but the only way to find out is to start talking to property owners. For confidentiality pur-

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Up, up and away



Sterling Gordon-Fournier launches his javelin into the brisk spring air at the Chelan invitational on April 18.

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Manson residents weigh in on suggested changes at community council

By Zach Johnson Staff writer

MANSON - The Manson Grange was packed for the regular Manson Community Council meeting on Tuesday, April 18.

The main topic for discussion was a suggestion from resident and long time local Bob Knauss to change the height limit from 35 to 50 feet, adding a residential use on the ground floor in the downtown corridor and changing the zoning south of Harris street.

Although Manson residents filled the room, Knauss commented that the purpose of the meeting was a courtesy for the council and community to come together and make something work.

"No formal applications have been made, nothing is set in concrete and we're not trying to ram this through," Knauss said in the beginning of his presentation. "The [councl's] job is to represent the community, so you need to voice and express your opinion."

Knauss explained that if the new height limit went into effect, 50 foot buildings would line the lake, or look like a wall.

"There are lots that it will have an effect, but that is just apart of growing," Knauss commented. "In general there are three things, the height limit used to be 50 feet but was



Bob Knauss points to a map illustrating the suggested height change at the Community Council meeting on April 18.

changed to 35 feet, second, under current zoning residential is not allowed on the ground floor and third, the single family houses now zoned in commercial currently aren't an allowed use. So some things need to be looked at."

Knauss said that no plans that he is aware of are in the works for development.

"This is the time to come together, there has been nothing formally submitted, so if someone wants to throw a number out there - for height restriction - we can talk," Knauss insisted. "There have been a number of property owners that would like to be included in the conversation as well, and some of these people in the current downtown area are interested in a height restriction change." When asked about parking, Knauss said that issue is dealt with at the county level and is a standard of the project that a developer would have to meet.

Overall, the majority of attendees expressed they didn't want something to change the character of the town.

"It is conceivable that when you drive from Chelan to here, you can be driving through a canyon with a Lake House on either side," one attendee commented. "It will reduce the economic value of the property people built, so what do we want in downtown Manson?"

Manson council member Kathy Blum suggested that the community look at chang-

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Representatives from Okanogan, Douglas and Chelan County meet to discuss tourism partnership with TOTA

By Zach Johnson Staff writer

CHELAN - The competition is not between the people in the room, but the ones beyond our borders and region.

That was the message Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association (TOTA) CEO Glenn Mandziuk gave to representatives from Okanogan, Douglas and Chelan County at the NCW Regional Tourism convening on Wednesday, April 12

The group gathered at Rio Vista Winery along the Columbia River to discuss how they can cooperate and work together to promote tourism throughout the interior Cascades of British Columbia and Washington along Route 97.

Overall, TOTA has been successful is garnering tourists from all over the world and in 2010 alone they generated over \$1.7 billion to the regional economy. So they came to the meeting basically pitching cities along Route 97 to buy in to

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their website.

"We use Facebook the most, but also a Route 97 wire that serves as a newsletter," Industry and Community Development representative Simone Carlysle-Smith stated. "So we have a database of people that we talk to every quarter."

Carlysle-Smith said the website is effective because it looks more like an actual website with instead of an ad and is user friendly.

In addition to the promotional website, which received 72,000 page views since launching in April 2016, TOTA runs a yearly mapguide with a circulation this year of 50,000.

"We have these iconic places, that we might take for granted, but there are people all over the world that are interested in it, so I think that this does take us global," Okanogan County Commissioner and North Central Washington Economic Development District (NCWEDD) board

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Photo by Zach Johnson

NCWEDD Chair Wendy Isenhart (left) looks over the map of the North Central Washington region on the TOTA visitors guide to see if there are any mistakes or things that need correcting before this year's edition goes to print.

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poses, Olson asked everyone in the room to remain quiet about the favored locations because none of the property owners have been contacted yet.

By the end of the meeting, the group had three locations in mind with plans to put each site through a site selection matrix the group developed earlier and then talk to each respective property owner.

Some of the criteria in the matrix include the levelness of the property, shape and scale, access by emergency services, connection to parks and open space and transit, walk-able with inter-generational opportunities a sense of place and views.

The next SLI meeting is June 21, at 5 p.m. at the Chelan PUD office on Woodin Avenue.

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After John Olson went through the preliminary list of 18 sites, members of the Senior Living Initiative got up and voted for their top three choices. By the end of the meeting the SLI identified three locations in the downtown Chelan area and will now move on to the next phase, where they begin to talk to property owners.

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member Chris Branch said. "We love where we live, but we also might forget the value, so to effectively market community we need to step back and figure out how to bring people here," NCWEDD Executive Director Karen Francis-McWhite commented. "But another component of that is partnership, we have to think how can we prove the energy being put in are getting in front of eyes and translating into dollars. Also we need to think about why we stay here on those bad days, and how we can get away from the negative stories that can negatively impact tourism?"

Francis-McWhite said the first thing she saw on the news when she typed in Okanogan was about mud slides.

"If I'm a Seattleite and I want to get the heck out of the city and go mountain biking through the Entiat valley and I'm seeing the first hit of information being mud slides and winter weather, I might reconsider," Francis-McWhite asserted. "So when we think about telling people why we live here, we need to be proactive in countering and responding to negative stories which keep people at bay."

One of the attendees sug-

I have talked to a number of Canadians who say they are comfortable to drive across and be in range so to speak of the border," Mandziuk chuckled, "but there is definitely a decrease in Canadian travel by air."

Some attendees rejected that premise though and said the best thing to do is to talk about regional experiences, events and activities Canadians can do throughout the year and not make the border a big issue.

"That is getting in front of the issue, and the kind of disaster resiliency to control the message as opposed to reacting to it," Francis-McWhite said. "It is especially key to have a mobilized response after a disaster or fire."

So instead of the media just hammering on the disaster and the people affected they can solicit coverage when the smoke clears to get visitors to come back.

This also plays into seasonality since the majority of income is generated in two or three months of the year and if a crisis happened, it could devastate the local economy.

"Prior to 2012, if was clear from our industry's perspective that we were a highly seasonal destination with 80 percent of our yearly income generated in two months,"



NCWEDD Executive Director Karen Francis-McWhite initiated a discussion about how crucial it is to have a crisis plan at the Tourism convening on April 12.

gether is critical to the success of the region. By the end of 2012 all 122 communities agreed and it was nationally endorsed, and at the end of the day, they saw positive impacts. No longer was it a 80-20 ratio for income, but more 60-40, so we expanded deep into October and the start

ing a better experience. "The way we address seasonality is partnership, and no single destination can do that," Mandziuk asserted.

For dealing with crises, Mandziuk said the key is having a pre plan, "otherwise you are behind the eight ball." updates to balance media attention away from the sensational."

Photo by Zach Johnson

TOTA also has a 10-step action plan which they institute in times of crisis:

Assemble a crisis team.
Gather facts and information.

Assess impacts.

• Develop key messages tailored to events and prepare background information for media.

• Brief board, staff and stakeholders to coordinate a response.

• Issue a statement.

• Hold media briefing to ensure consistent communication across all channels.

• Monitor/manage intelligence.

• Provide regular updates through media.

• Advocate for funding once crisis is over.

To conclude the meeting, Francis-McWhite urged attendees to sponsor the Route 97 Partnership for 2017/18, market with Route 97 through TOTA's digital website or print map guide, develop or support a disaster marketing resiliency plans, join the NCWEDD and continue the conversation on Facebook and Twitter.

The NCWEDD will next meet on Wednesday, May 10 at 9 a.m. in the Chelan City

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gested that Canadians are more hesitant to visit the United States based on the perception that they will be hassled by immigration.

"I totally respect that, and

Mandziuk admitted. "So we took effort to do a regional strategy with 90 communities and 32 first nation communities because a sense of working to-

of May."

Mandziuk stated that yield rates have gone up and lodging can charge more for their nights because they are offer-

"What we are trying to uphold is integrity, and reputation for being a safe and desirable tourist destination," Mandziuk said. "So we provide facts and

Council Chambers.

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Wenatchee Express Employment professionals joins nationwide effort to fight hunger

Brand It Blue Day set for June 11

SUBMITTED BY JAY AND DEBBIE SMITH, EXPRESS EMPLOYMENT PROFESSIONALS

WENATCHEE - June 2017—Express Employment Professionals, an internationally franchised staffing company, is setting aside a day of volunteerism known as "Brand It Blue Day."

On Saturday, June 10, Express Employment Professionals offices from California to North Carolina to Canada will join together at local food banks and pantries to help fight hunger—a growing epidemic that impacts millions of people in the U.S., Canada and around the world every day.

"Brand It Blue Day is a day each Express franchise can come together for one great cause to help the community,"

Take charge of your power

Chelan PUD is looking at new electric meter technology to give customers the ability to manage energy

consumption and improve outage response by the PUD.



Next meeting: Wed. April 26 at 7 p.m. Manson Grange, 157 E. Wapato Way, Manson

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CHELAN COUNTY www.chelanpud.org said Jay Smith, Wenatchee Express franchisee. "This is a chance for Express offices to honor the communities that have supported us through the years by giving back."

Beginning Monday, May 1 through June 11, Express will host a food drive at its office, located at 411 N. Chelan, Suite B in Wenatchee as well as participating Auto Dealerships in Wenatchee, where you can drop off non-perishable food. And then on Saturday, June 10th, volunteers will gather the food and take it to a local food bank in Wenatchee.

"The summertime is an especially difficult season for children who depend on the meals they receive at school," Smith said. "The donations we receive will help provide meals for children and their families in our community."

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at ExpressPros.com/BrandItBlueDay. Volunteers will receive Express T-shirts to wear on Brand It Blue Day. This is the fourth year that the staffing company has held Brand It Blue Day. During that time, more than 235 Express offices and 1,500 volunteers have donated their time and resources to provide more than 265,000 meals to local food banks and charitable organizations.

About Express Employment Professionals

Express Employment Professionals puts people to work. It generated \$3.02 billion in sales and employed a record 500,002 people in 2015.

The Wenatchee Express office is located at 411 N. Chelan, Suite B and serves the Leavenworth, Cashmere, Entiat, Lake Chelan, Wenatchee and Rock Island. Local businesses and applicants are encouraged to stop by, visit Expresspros.com or call (509) 662-5187.



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ing a smaller district for the height restriction instead of the whole area being proposed.

"It could go from Wapato Point to behind the Wells Fargo, and then from the lumber yard to the Wine Girl's property with a 10-foot setback," Blum said. "That could create a park or walkway and people would have a walking park and be able to walk downtown. I don't think anyone should put something to block anyone else's view, and looking at 40 feet, it would still give a mountain or territorial view. I can't really see a lot of 50 foot buildings coming out this way the economics don't support it. But we have to try and develop, maybe at 40 feet. If you were to allow housing in the bottom floor, and not in front of the building, I think that is much more viable and fits business owners needs."

Residents are concerned that if the height limit is changed, tall buildings will begin to canvass the all along the lake shore.

"I'm worried that if we allow 50 feet now, then in 10 years or so they will come back and ask for more stories and then a little Lake Tahoe thing will start here and there will be high rises all along the lake," one attendee named Teri said. "I bought property here for the view, and I don't want to look down on high rises, that is my fear. I don't even know if Manson could support something that we are talking about at all."

Another couple, who just moved to Manson from Gig Harbor, said they moved after watching their old town bicker for on similar plans and not come together on a unified vision and advised looking at how Manson wants to grow and coming up with a shared vision/goal.

"In agreement with having people sit down, we have to realize there are also yes people - in regards to the height restriction - and they are not comfortable or don't know how to communicate with the no group,' Mountain View Lodge Co-Owner Kim Ustanik said. "We have talked to those property owners and all of them that we have talked to are in favor of moving forward. These are good people we are talking about that are not looking to make a lot of money, of block any ones views and considering these people want to sit down and have a conversation, having a talk should be considered."

"What is the advantage of a 50 foot building then?" councilmember Bob McFadden asked.

Ustanik offered that if you were a developer, the project would be more feasible if there were some leeway.

"That extra 15 feet makes

Photo by Zach Johnson

Kathy Blum (left) Sue Crinklaw (center) and Kathy Miller (right) listen to questions and comments from attendees at the community council meeting on April 18.

a difference, especially if you are putting in view corridors," Ustanik said.

"It also allows for some architectural variation, so if someone wants to build out, you will see a sea of flat roofs, but different features

make it interesting," Knauss concluded. "But that decision is not for tonight, no one is coming to a conclusion here, your participation is going to be needed down the road."

A decision will thus come at a later date after more meetings with the community. The Manson Community Council will next meet on Tuesday, May 16.

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Spring is here!

Downtown merchants gathered on Tuesday, April 11 to clean up the downtown streets and alleys prior to Earth Day. Participants included: Historic Downtown Chelan Association. Lake Chelan Museum, Lake Chelan Chamber, Swim World, Tin Lilly, AC Checker Taxi, Culinary Apple, Chelan Printing and Custom Signs, City of Chelan, Willow and Woven Threads. Left to right: Phil Moller, Ron McGaughey, Shannon Ellner, Erin McCardle, Jennifer Weitzman, Tony Nelmida, Dave Weldy, Linda Van Lunsen, Rick Dodge, and Jessie Simmons. Inset photo: Pruning was Tin Lilly is Tony Nelmida.

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Color abounds at the CHS Greenhouse, the Chelan FFA invites you come buy your little bit sunshine at the plant sale on Saturday, April 29.

Chelan FFA plant sale this Saturday, April 29

SUBMITTED BY CHELAN FFA

CHELAN - The Greenhouse at the Chelan High School Agriculture Education Department is over flowing with plants and that's a sure sign that spring is here. So mark your calendars for the Annual CHS Agriculture Education Department Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, April 29, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Agriscience Biological Systems II students have

plants and working in the Greenhouse since late January and have a great crop of bedding plants and vegetable starts on the way for you.

From Geraniums to Lobelia, Celosia to Begonias, Dusty Miller to Marigolds, Peppers to Petunias, Tomatoes to Cucumbers, and Wave Petunia hanging baskets and patio pots, and all are being tended by Chelan FFA members.

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Forest Service, WCC crews halting spread of invasive weeds along Lake Chelan

SUBMITTED BY HOLLY KRAKE, USFS

CHELAN - Along the upper slopes of Lake Chelan, a noxious weed continues to reduce native forage and the quality of wildlife habitat. For the next six weeks, crews from the Forest Service and Washington Conservation Corps will be doing their part to stop it in its tracks.

"For years, we have been able to successfully halt the spread of crupina into new areas of the Forest while completely eliminating some existing patches" said Chelan District Ranger, Kari Grover Wier. "The labor intensive process requires crews to pull and hand-spray this invasive weed."

Introduced decades ago in the west from the Mediterranean, Common Crupina is

classified as a Class A noxious weed requiring eradication. The infestation on the Forest is located between the Prince Creek drainage and Hunts Bluff along the Lakeshore Trail and is the only known location of crupina in Washington State.

"This project is part of a cooperative effort by the Crupina Task Force to prevent the potential spread of crupina to other areas in the State," added Grover Wier. "We are also partnering with the Chelan County Weed Board to treat infestations that span the boundaries between private and public land."

Recreationists and the general public can help control the spread of crupina by learning how to recognize and avoid it, especially when hiking the popular Lakeshore trail on the



Photo courtesy Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

Chelan Ranger District.

· Hikers should limit off-trail travel in the infested area to avoid spreading weed seeds. Information and identification guides about the invasive plant are located on bulletin boards at both ends of the Lakeshore trail

• If you discover a crupina patch without survey flags, please report this location to

the Chelan Ranger District (509) 682-4900.

• Please do not remove any crupina from the area to prevent unintentional transport of seeds.

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BULLETIN BOARD - EVENTS / MEETINGS

April 26 Story time at library

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CHELAN - Story time is every Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Chelan Public Library located on Emerson Street. Join them for singing, dancing, clapping, music making as well as reading. It's both fun and educational!

Story time at library

MANSON - Every Wednesday at 11 a.m. the Manson Community Library offers a story time for children ages 2 to 5 and their caregivers. Join the group for a half hour of stories, rhymes, songs, finger plays and other activities. For more information call the library at 687-3420.

After school activity at library

MANSON - "The Page Turners" is the name for the group of kids that gather at the Manson Community library to listen to stories after school. They will meet every Wednesday at 3:45 p.m. The group will have an after school snack, listen to a short story and one chapter of a continuing chapter book and make a craft. This group is most appropriate for ages 6 to 10 but all children are welcome. For more information call the library at 687-3420.

April 27 Celebrate Recovery

CHELAN - Lake Chelan **Celebrate Recovery Meets** every Thursday at Living Stone Church, (formerly Little Stone Church), 2133 W. Woodin Avenue. Dinner is at 6 p.m., cost is \$3. Group meeting at 6:30 p.m., followed by gender-specific small groups. Celebrate Recovery is a confidential, Biblicallybased twelve step program for anyone struggling with addiction, co-dependency, gambling, relationships and other life issues.

April 28

Baby rhymin' time CHELAN - Baby rhymin' time is every Friday at 10 a.m., at the Chelan Pubic Library on Emerson Street, for ages 0-3 years. Join them for singing, dancing, nursery rhymes, musical instruments, and story telling for babies, waddlers and toddlers.

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, and is on a bus route.

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April 26, May 9 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.

May 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.

April 28-30 Chelan presents new spring event

CHELAN/MANSON -Spring is a time for renewal. Unwind+Explore, a weekend of experiencing joy, well-being and personal empowerment will be held April 28-30 throughout the valley. It will bring together 34 facilitators to lead more than 60 sessions focusing on wellness and personal-growth. The



weekend will include everything from Yoga to Hiking to Meditation. For information Jeanne McElvaney (509) 393-2921.

April 29, 30 Soaring into Spring with kites, rockets

MANSON - Soaring into Spring, sponsored by the North Shore Bible Church will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2-4 p.m. at Singleton Park, with fun for the whole family. Kites: make your own to fly or bring your favorite, or try some of the mini kites. **Rockets: Stomp Rockets** for everyone, Big Rocket demos, launch rockets made during the workshop. Workshop will be Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m. at North Shore Bible Church, 123 Wapato Point Parkway. There will be 25 rockets available, come make your own rocket to launch. Must call 687-3636 to reserve your rocket.

April 30 Potluck dinner

CHELAN - Berean Baptist Church has a potluck dinner after the morning service on the last Sunday of every month. The church is located at 515. E. Woodin Ave. There will be no evening service on the Sunday.

DEATH NOTICE Harv Holling

Harv Holling was born on January 17, 1940 to Harry and Clara Holling. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 29, at Noon at the Lake Chelan Eagles in Chelan.

Please leave your thoughts and memories for the family at www. prechtrose.com. Services are under the direction of Precht Rose Chapel of Chelan.

Gene Arthur Gordon

Gene Arthur Gordon, 92, of Anderson Island, Wash. Celebration of Life at the Fellowship Church on Anderson Island Saturday, May 6, at 12:30 p.m. with light food and beverages being served starting at 1 p.m. Desserts are welcome as Gene loved his desserts.

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month at 7 p.m. Meetings take place at the Chelan PUD located at 1034 E. Woodin Ave. in Chelan.

May 4 Bilingual story time

CHELAN - Bilingual story time is the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.at the Chelan Library. A fun half hour of stories in Spanish and English for families. The Chelan Library is located at the corner of Emerson and Chelan. For information 682-5131.

May 4

Aging & Adult Services board meeting

EAST WENATCHEE - The 2017 meeting schedule for the Columbia River Council of Governments, governing body of Aging and Adult Care of Central Washington, scheduled to meet at 50 Simon Street S.E.: April 6; May 4; June 1; July 6; Aug. 3; Sept. 7; Oct. 5; Nov. 2; and Dec.7. All meetings begin at 1:30 p.m. Grant County **Commissioner Cindy Carter** is chair of the council, composed of one county commissioner from Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Lincoln, and Okanogan Counties. For information, 509-860-8108.

May 8

Chelan Friends of the Public Library

CHELAN - Chelan Friends of the Public Library will have their monthly member meeting Monday, May 8, (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.

May 9

Manson Fire District

MANSON - The Chelan County Fire District 5 Commissioners will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, May 9. It will be held 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 May 9, (second Tues-

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

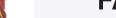
May 3, 4 Assessor community meetings

CHELAN & MANSON - Do you have questions about the assessed value of your property? Deanna Walter, Chelan County Assessor, and her staff, will hold two community in the Lake Chelan Valley. They will be Wednesday, May 3, 7-8 p.m., at Chelan City Hall, 135 E. Johnson Avenue and on Thursday, May 4, 7-8 p.m. at Manson Grange Hall, 157 Wapato Way. They will discuss how the real estate market impacts property values and taxes and will have maps available and sales data. For information 667-6365 or co.chelan.wa.us/ assessor

May 3

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day 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.

May 10 Chelan Fire District CHELAN - The regular

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Community Voices

Prejudice - an adverse opinion formed without sufficient knowledge

Our society has become overly sensitized to irrational fears

Distrust of our fellow humans has driven us to the point where we are unable to hold rational conversations with anyone. Regardless of which side of the political aisle we prefer we seem incapable of hearing any observation by another individual without attributing some type of negative motivation to it.

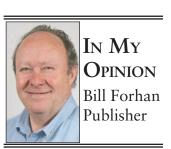
Facts be damned. We know what we know and anyone that might challenge our personal collection of accumulated prejudices is clearly driven by some evil intention.

For example, criticize the actions of a person of a different race and you are dismissed as a hateful racist. It is true that some humans are irrationally driven by superficial personal judgments about other human beings. Most of us are not. We all probably have some ingrained misunderstandings about people of a different race or ethnicity, but that does not make us a racist. Suggesting otherwise prevents us from building new understanding. And screaming racist shuts down all interactions no matter how productive those interactions might be.

Let's explore a few other conversation killers.

Climate Change – question the science behind the "consensus" and expect to be demonized as a climate change denier or a shill for big oil. "Big oil" by definition is a group of self-serving capitalists who are willing to sell their souls to the devil to fatten their wallets. Really? I'm sure there are a number of self-serving reprobates in every organization, but dismissing all oil company executives and their employees as money-grubbing devils is equivalent to racial prejudice.

Corporate Greed - Many people believe everything wrong with America can be traced to corporate greed. Truth is corporations are



nothing more than a group of individuals organized for a common purpose. Our Constitution guarantees us the right to peaceably assemble. Corporations are formed for many reasons, not just to rip off American consumers any way they can. Unions and most charitable institutions are also incorporated. Corporations are the engines of our economy. To deny corporations the right to lobby the government on legislation that impacts them is to deny the civil rights of the individuals who are represented by that corporation. Demeaning and dismissing all corporations is equivalent to racial prejudice.

Being a citizen of this great country requires that we take the issues we face seriously and that we make informed decisions about policies and laws that impact our lives. It requires that we hold our politicians accountable for the promises they make and the laws they pass.

Despite what the politicians promise government cannot create jobs. Government makes no product that is in such high demand that consumers rush out to buy it.

Hiding behind anonymity when expressing an opinion is the first sign that we are unsure of the truth of our position.

Denying an audience to those with whom we disagree only shows the immaturity of our convictions.

It is far past time that we each made an individual commitment to reexamine our own prejudice. It is far past time that we resist the temptation to resort to name calling and demonization of everyone with whom we disagree.

It's time for Washingtonians to take a test drive Project on 'pay-by-mile' approach to fund transportation infrastructure seeks volunteers

BY REEMA GRIFFITH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Washington, along with every state in the nation, utilizes a gas tax to provide a major source of funding for roads and bridges. It has been a reliable workhorse for decades, but its future sustainability is uncertain as vehicles become more fuel-efficient and alternative fuel sources emerge.

We all want to lower our costs of owning a car and many of us want to leave less of a mark on the environment. As gas consumption goes down – for all the right reasons – gas tax revenues also go down, which leads to less available funding to build and maintain critical transportation infrastructure.

Washington's gas tax was increased in 2016 to the current 49.4 cents per gallon to provide a much-needed infusion of funding to build many transportation projects across the state over the next 16 years. However, forecasts suggest that over the next 20 years, the average miles per gallon (mpg) of vehicles in the state will climb from the current 20.5 mpg to 35 mpg. This equates to a 45 percent reduction in our state's gas tax revenues per mile driven - a clear indication that we need to identify a new, viable funding source to ensure meeting our future transportation needs.

For these reasons our state, with several others across the country, is anticipating the potential for reduced gas tax revenue and assessing possible solutions to replace the gas tax in the future. One promising approach we've been exploring is a road usage charge, which would charge drivers by the mile rather than by the gallon of gas. This approach would be similar to the way people pay for other public services like electricity, water and natural gas. Under a road usage charge system it won't matter what your car's mpg is or what fuel you use to power it because all cars would pay the same per-mile rate for using the roads.

After over five years of study, we are ready for Washington drivers to put road-usage charging to the test. We want drivers to experience it first-hand and give us feedback on what works and what doesn't. We need people from all over the state to participate in the year-long pilot project, beginning in early 2018, to ensure a broad spectrum of perspectives goes into shaping the outcome. We need drivers from urban areas and rural areas, with different income levels, and varying car types from old to new, from gas to electric. Drivers must be part of the solution and help identify a potential replacement for the gas tax – and the pilot project is all about making that happen.

While a road usage charge holds a lot of promise for the future funding of transportation, it can certainly evoke concerns and confusion as it proposes a fundamental shift in how we pay for roads and bridges. Let's look at some of the myths and facts around road usage charging.

MYTH 1: A road usage charge must utilize GPS technology to work and will monitor individual driving habits and location.

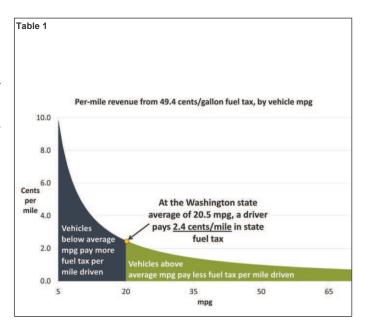
FACT: Road usage charges can be collected without the use of any technology, including location-based technology (GPS). Our state will test four different options in the pilot project, two of which will be no-tech and two high-tech; drivers get to pick one they want to test.

One of the no-tech options is an odometer-read approach where drivers report their total miles driven to the Department of Licensing as part of the vehicle registration renewal process. Road charges would be calculated by multiplying the per-mile rate by the total miles traveled.

Another no-tech approach is a mileage permit where drivers pre-pay for a block of miles, similar to how pre-paid cell phones work. With this permit, drivers are good to go until they run out of miles and need to replenish their permit.

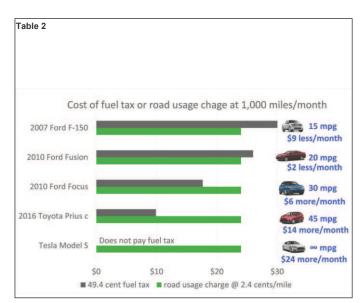
The two high-tech options to be tested utilize technology to increase consumer convenience. One is a mileage meter that utilizes GPS to determine if you are in state and on a public road.

below, if you drive a car that gets the state's average 20 mpg you are currently paying the equivalent of 2.4 cents per mile in gas tax today. Cars that get less than 20 mpg could be paying as much as five times more per mile, than cars that get over 20 mpg. Essentially, less fuel-efficient cars are subsidizing the roads for the more fuel-efficient cars that pay little to nothing in gas tax. This fact demonstrates just how inequitable the gas tax really is.



MYTH 3: A road usage charge will cost drivers more money and generally be unfair compared to the current gas tax.

FACT: If fairness is measured by the cost to drivers, the cost of a road usage charge will be determined by your car's mpg. A road usage charge ensures everyone pays their fair share for the use of the roads, regardless of their car type, mpg or fuel source. As shown in the chart below, a pickup truck that gets 15 mpg will pay the same road usage charge on a per mile basis, as a Toyota Prius that gets 45 mpg. While this may seem unfair to those who drive more fuel-efficient cars, the fact is those drivers will still enjoy a significant fuel cost savings at the pump, given they fill up much less often than drivers of less-fuel efficient cars.



This is a lot of information to digest and contemplate considering it really reshapes how we fund critical infra-



If you are on a private road or out of state, road charges will not be assessed. There is another version of the mileage meter that will not have GPS capabilities, but will act as an odometer and submit your total miles driven to the state electronically, rather than requiring drivers to go to the Department of Licensing to manually report them.

The other high-tech option is an application that would allow drivers to report their miles utilizing their smart phone. This will face challenges, but is an approach many states are considering given the widespread usage of smart phones.

MYTH 2: A road usage charge will unfairly impact rural residents and drivers who must drive long distances to get to essential services or work.

FACT: The gas tax and road usage charging carry the same effect as far as distance goes - the farther you drive the more you pay under either approach. In fact we are already paying by the mile today under the gas tax – we just don't think of it this way. Because the gas tax is consumption-based, your car's mpg determines your per mile cost. As shown in the chart

structure and road maintenance. It is essential that wash ingtonians be part of helping us find the right solution.

The road usage charge pilot project is a test, not necessarily the answer. Your participation in the pilot will help us determine whether a road usage charge is worth carrying forward. Your input and guidance before, during and after the pilot project will directly impact the policies that emerge and the direction our state takes in addressing our growing transportation challenges. Your participation is key, so be a part of the solution and sign up for the test drive. There is no cost to participate. All we ask is that you share your experience and offer your input.

To learn more about the pilot project and sign up, please visit www.waroadusagecharge.org

Reema Griffith is executive director of the Washington State Transportation Commission. Reach her at: Griffin@ wstc.wa.gov

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meeting for Chelan County Fire District #7 will be held Wednesday, May 10, at the fire station, corner of Wapato and Sanders. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. www.chelan7.com **May 11**

Veteran's Assistance

CHELAN - The Chelan County Veteran's Service Coordinator will be in Chelan the second Thursday of each month, beginning Feb. 9. Billy Thames 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 Thames at (509) 664-6801 or Bob Goedde at 682-2366.

May 19-20 **BPW** Marketplace

WENATCHEE - The Business and Professional Women organization will offer a "Marketplace" at the Wenatchee Convention Center (WCC) Friday and Saturday, May 19-20. It will feature 20 vendors, jewelry, kitchen items, beauty products, hair products, a massage station

and more and will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days in the Gala rooms on the main floor. There is no charge for this shopping and browsing opportunity. The WCC is located at 121 N. Wenatchee Ave. For information Debbie Feist, (509) 860-0659. Please note: A BPW state convention will be taking place at the same time in the WCC, but it is open to members only.

May 20 First annual Vineyards Runs

CHELAN - The Lake Chelan Rotary's First Annual Lake Chelan Vineyard Runs will be held Saturday, May 20, in the vineyards of Tsillan Cellars and Tunnel Hill Winery. There will be three separate races: 5k Vineyard Challenge, 5k Fun Run and 2.5k Fun Run. Races for all ages and skill levels, bring your dog on the fun runs. For more information and to register visit: chelanvineyardrun.com **Monday-Friday** Chelan/Manson Senior Center

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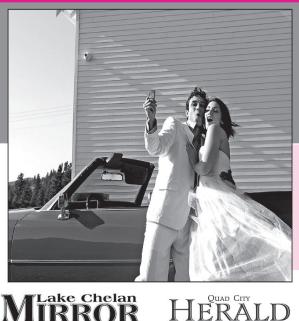
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Business News

Lake Chelan Building Supply made most of devastating fire in 2015, now open for business

Chelan store reopened in March

By Zach Johnson Staff writer

CHELAN - Have you heard the expression, every cloud has a silver lining? Essentially, it means that every bad situation has some good aspect to it, you just have to look for it.

Although it might not seem like there is a whole lot of positives to take away from the Chelan Complex fire in 2015, that canvassed the Lake Chelan area and destroyed over 50 structures, that is exactly the attitude the employees and management at the Lake Chelan Building Supply have had.

"It was a difficult couple of weeks and my people were worried, but it did give us an opportunity because we wanted for a long time to do something different with that building," Owner and General Manager Brett La Mar said. "The insurance company wrote off the whole thing after they came and looked at the smoldering remains, which was good because the expense to rebuild how we wanted would be astronomical. So you have to find positive things about the situation."

Being tongue-and-cheek, La Mar commented that it's not often especially as a business that you are given a blank piece of paper and redesign your building the way you want to.

"It's a slightly morbid silver lining, but we have redefined ourselves because of the fire," La Mar chuckled.

Overall, the process took

18 months to reconstruct the building, so workers from the Chelan store commuted up to the Manson store until the new building was complete. This ended up being another silver lining though as workers - who don't normally see each other except on the annual Christmas party - got to work together under one roof.

La Mar insisted it got everyone to gel together.

"There was a huge influx to the Manson store, so we brought all the employees up here and brought the shed business up here, it was like having 10 gallons of stuff in a five gallon bag," La Mar joked. "By it really helped bring everyone closer and it was nice to have people under one roof and operate from one facility. Everyone became friends, and our Manson staff was bummed to see our CHelan folks go back, but we're hearing so far that they are happy to be back in the new building and we're happy overall that it is back up and running."

For combatting future fires, La Mar said they made a few changes from the old building.

"We had metal siding on the old building, but now we have a fire hydrant and the area is sprinkled, which was a county requirement, so we are better suited now then we were then," La Mar indicated. "Although the pumps went down during the fire, the PUD said they have fixed the problem, so we have a much improved fire protection system. Also, the warehouse was wood with metal siding, now it is entirely metal and there is zero landscaping around us that could

catch fire."

"It has been a wild 38 years and there are some pretty odd things on the horizon, but a lot more folks are spending more time here and there are more locals, so it's been all good. The rising tide raises all boats," La Mar said. "I kind of joke about the fact that Lake Chelan is a beauty queen, well, it is a beauty queen that can take a punch, and she still looks shining."

The fire in 2015 wasn't the only weather related issue that LCBS has indured. Back in December 1996, the original facility in Manson was brought down by a massive snowfall, forcing La Mar to then move the shop to the small Chelan facility until the yard in Manson was rebuilt. It opened back up in October 1997, and has grown to nearly three acres of building material, storage and customer parking since.

The Lake Chelan Building Supply recently opened their shop in Chelan for a soft opening in March and they are planning a grand opening for Friday, May 19.

"We wanted to take a jog in our shoes before we ran a marathon and see where things are good or need to be tweaked," La Mar concluded. "So far we just have minor things to adjust so things are good and we're very happy with it. On a scale of 1-10, we're a 9.5, and the numbers reflect it as well. In actual transactions, we are up 15 percent over the last two years in that store, so we're outperforming our old store."

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Photo by Zach Johnson ABOVE: After a year of rebuilding, the Lake Chelan Building Supply in Chelan is open for business.

BELOW: A Christmas card that features both the staff from Manson and Chelan.



Photo by courtesy of Lake Chelan Building Supply

Lake Chelan View Apartments takes crack at lack of workforce housing

By Zach Johnson Staff writer

CHELAN - Aside from parking, one shortage that is well known amongst residents and locals in Lake Chelan is a lack of workforce housing. a 24-hour security system with a coded entry to the building, an on-site laundry room and building manager, storage, an abundance of parking and an outdoor barbeque area with a view overlooking Lake Chelan.

With the minimum wage in Washington state being \$11 per hour, and the average estimated rent at \$1,475 per month, there are little options for a service, winery or orchard employee to live in the Chelan area.

After Regency Manor relocated from their location on Markeson Street in Chelan to Wenatchee, now building owner and Chelan resident Al Abdollmohammadi saw an opportunity to alleviate some of the problem.

"As soon as we saw it last year, we talked to the owners and wanted to do workforce housing," Abdollmohammadi, who retired in Chelan five years ago said about his apartments on Markeson street. "People who are making \$12 or \$13 an hour, they can't afford the condos and other housing options, so this is something for Chelan. If someone is looking for a job they won't have to move away from Chelan."

Abdollmohammadi said that he didn't cut any corners during construction and installed all new fire alarms, sprinklers and appliances. The apartments also feature "Chelan is safe, but we tried to bring that extra sense of care that you would get in a place like Seattle," Abdollmohammadi said.

The 22 units are all configured differently and range in size that include studio, one bedroom and two bedroom units with an average rent of \$950 to \$1,050 including all utilities.

After a year of renovating, Abdollmohammadi and his crew are finishing up the last touches on some of the apartments and 16 of the 22 total units are filled.

So far the feedback given according to Abdollmohammadi has been good.

"There is nothing else like this in Chelan with a good view of the lake," Abdollmohammadi stated. "These people work hard they deserve something like this."

Unfortunately Abdollmohammadi doesn't foresee any other projects on the horizon to further address the need for workforce housing because of the lack of financial incentive for a developer that can either charge more or make double in Seattle. "I spent a lot of money and we ended up going over budget by 25 percent, but the goal wasn't to make money. The goal was to save the building and provide housing for the workers in Chelan. We might have spent too much, but the end result is good and I am happy with it."

For those wishing to tour the Lake Chelan View Apartments, contact Al Abdollmohammadi at (206) 650-8266 or visit their website at lakechelanviewapartments.com for more information. The

property is located at 726. N. Markeson Street in Chelan.

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Photos by Zach Johnson







310 E. Johnson Ave. • Chelan • 682-2213 Across from the Lake Chelan School District office



ABOVE: Each room has a different configuration and size, but all of them have a nice view of the lake or mountains.

BELOW: The apartment complex holds studio, one bedroom and two bedroom apartments with plenty of parking.



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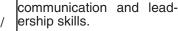
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SHERIFF/FIRE/EMS REPORT

911 CALLS

April 17

- Non-injury accident occurred at Manson Red Apple, 610 State Route 150 in Manson.
- Harassment/threats reported at 55 Washington Creek Road in Chelan.
- Harassment/threats reported at 120 S. East Center St. in Chelan.
- Juvenile problems reported at 940 Second St. in Chelan Falls.
- Drugs reported at 509 E. Gibson Ave. in Chelan.

April 18

- Harassment/threats reported at 309 E. Gibson Ave. in Chelan.
- Burglary reported at 14912 Red Delicious St. in Entiat.

April 19

- Noise disturbance reported at 112 Golden St. in Chelan.
- Malicious mischief reported at 14543 U.S. 97A in Entiat. Theft reported at 310 E. Gibson
- Ave. in Chelan. Disturbance reported at 309 E.
- Gibson Ave. in Chelan.
- Fraud/forgery reported at 2480 Totem Pole Road in Manson. Suspicious activity reported
- at 200 W. Woodin Ave. in Chelan. Non-injury accident occurred
- at N. Columbia Street and E. Johnson Avenue in Chelan.
- 911 call from 261 Stayman Flats Road in Chelan.

April 20

- Non-injury accident occurred at Manson Red Apple, 610 SR 150 in Manson.
- Accident involving injury occurred at 152 Union Valley Road in Chlean.
- Suspicious activity reported at Morgen Owings Elementary, 407 E. Woodin Ave. in Chelan.
- Domestic disturbance reported at 470 N. Wilson St. in
- Chelan. Fraud/forgery reported at 315 S.
- Bradley St. in Chelan.

- Harassment/threats reported at 620 E. Iowa St. in Chelan.
- 911 call from GrandView on the Lake, 322 W. Woodin Ave. in Chelan.
- Burglary reported at 33 Chandler Road in Manson. Suspicious activity reported at
- Walmart, 108 N. Apple Blossom Drive in Chelan.
- Suspicious activity reported at 56 Howser Road in Chelan.

April 21 Civil issues reported at 319 N.

- Sanders St. in Chelan. Warrant issued at 127 W. Raymond St in Chelan
- Warrant issued at 25 Chandler Road in Manson.
- Suspicious activity reported at 2578 Dick Ranch Road in Entiat.
- Warrant issued at 620 E. Iowa St. in Chelan.
- 911 call from 302 E. Woodin Ave. in Chelan.

Noise disturbance reported at 250 Lakeshore Drive in Manson

April 22

- Noise disturbance reported at 35 Apple Acres Road in Chelan.
- Harassment/threats reported at 850 Greens Landing Road in Manson.
 - Warrant issued at 2400 Washington St. in Manson.
 - Civil issues reported at 470 N. Wilson St. in Chelan.
 - Graffiti reported at Don Morse Park, 485 W. Manson Road
 - in Chelan. Civil issues reported at 470 N.
 - Wilson St. in Chelan. Burglary reported at 3310 Manson Blvd. in Manson.

April 23

Burglary reported at 10 Minneapolis Beach Road in

Chelan. Burglary reported at 3178 S.

- Lakeshore Road in Chelan. Property issues reported at Senor Frogs, 112 E. Woodin
- Ave. in Chelan.
- Suspicious activity reported at 960 Swanson Gulch Road in Manson.

Trespassing reported at Senor

Frogs, 112 E. Woodin Ave. in Chelan.

- Civil issues reported at 14642 King St. in Entiat.
- Domestic disturbance reported at 209 E. Okanogan Ave. in Chelan.
 - Noise disturbance reported at 83 Tunnel Hill Road in Chelan.
 - Weapons violation reported at 289 Hidden Lane in Chelan. Suspicious activity reported
 - at 309 E. Gibson Ave. in Chelan. Civil issues reported at 672 Sec-
 - ond St. in Chelan Falls. Noise disturbance reported at 35

Apple Acres Road in Chelan.

FIRE/EMS

April 17

- Fall reported at 207 N. Emerson St. in Chelan, Chelan County Fire District 7 and Chelan **Emergency Medical Services** responded.
- Fall reported at 190 Quetilquasoon Road in Manson, CEMS responded.

Odor reported at 137 Milan Drive in Manson, CCFD 5 and CEMS responded.

- Accident involving injury occurred at SR 150 & Quetilquasoon Road in Manson, CCFD 5 and CEMS responded.
- Commercial alarm reported at 204 E. Wapato in Chelan, CCFD 7 responded.
- Overdose/poisoning reported at 940 Second St. in Chelan Falls, CCFD 7 and CEMS responded.

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Alarm reported at 726 N. Markeson St. in Chelan, CCFD 7 responded.

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How to spruce up your garden with bird safety in mind

(STATEPOINT) - You may not realize it, but the average residential property can be hazardous to local wildlife without proper precautions taken.

An estimated 98 million birds are killed annually in the U.S. when colliding with windows, according to Western Ecosystems Technology, making your home a potential death trap during migratory season. However, there are steps you can take to not only protect the birds whose flight path traverses your yard and garden, but also offer them a safe place to rest and feed - adding natural beauty for your garden.

Start by making glass visible to birds by applying safety decals to window exteriors every few feet. Remember sliding glass doors as well.

To maintain the look of your home and your own view out the window, use decals that are unobtrusive to the human eye, but contain a component that reflects ultraviolet sunlight. Those



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If you want migratory birds to stay awhile, you may want to consider avoiding the use of pesticides that kill insects which are their natural food source.

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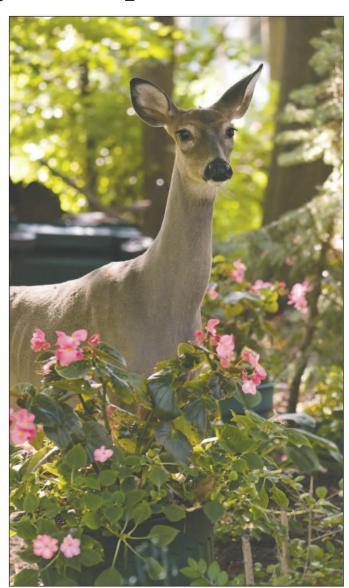
WindowAlert UV Liquid, a gel which can be applied between decals for great-

larly when combined with er protection. "Everyone can help contribute toward making migration safer for birds," says Spencer Schock,

Natural ways to keep roses radiant this season

(BPT) - Warm weather welcomes flowerbeds, gardens burst with color and fragrance, and in many yards, roses are the stars of the show. They're the most popular and prized flower in American gardens, one of the most-beloved flowers for weddings, and staples of Valentine's and Mother's Day bouquets. Americans love their roses - and so do a host of harmful pests, including Japanese beetles, aphids, mites among other insects, and let's not forget about deer.

Pests can cause a great deal of damage to roses, especially considering many



ers to attract backyard birds that regularly dine on insects harmful to roses. You can also purchase lady bugs, which eat aphids, to release in your rose garden. Just be sure to research the best time and conditions for releasing lady bugs, or they will fly away before making any impact.

The fragrance and colors of roses are among the most delightful indulgences of the warm weather season. With a bit of attention, planning and effective natural assistance, it's possible, even easy, to keep your roses radiantly resplendent while naturally protecting them and the environment.

founder of WindowAlert.

Because the UV reflectivity may fade over time based on exposure, replace the decals every four months and reapply the liquid every three months. Schock also points out that if you want migratory birds to stay awhile, you may want to consider avoiding the use of pesticides that kill insects which are their natural food source. A strategically placed bird feeder -- either within three feet of a window or over 30 feet away in order to prevent bird strikes -- can provide nourishment and energy to hungry birds. Ideally, bird feeders will be placed well away from where prey may be lurking, such as bushes and trees.

If you own cats, you should also be mindful of their danger to birds and monitor your cats' time spent outdoors to ensure they are not hunting feathered friends. More tips for turning your yard into a safe haven for birds can be found at windowalert.com.

"Birds play a valuable

role in our ecosystem," says Schock. "Protecting them from the hazards humans have created will not only save lives, but will improve your local environment, too."





varieties have a reputation for being tenderly delicate. While some types of roses are hardier against disease, no rose alive can fight off an aphid infestation or fight foraging deer without some help from the gardener. However, growing awareness of the environmental impact of some common pesticides may have many rose gardeners looking for more natural ways to protect their blooms this season.

Brand-name neonicotinoid pesticides, commonly used to keep pests off plants, are being banned in states across the country, including Maryland, Connecticut and Minnesota. North Carolina is currently considering a similar ban. This class of insecticides is believed to contribute to the devastation and decline of honeybee populations across the country. As more states prohibit the use of neonicotinoid pesticides, and some garden retailers remove neonics from store shelves, many gardeners may have to start looking for alternative, more environmentally friendly solutions to protect their prized roses.

Natural solutions

Fortunately, rose aficionados have several natural ways to defend their gardens from pests. These measures can help protect rose gardens and the environment:

1. Choosing a good location for your roses is the first step. If you'll be planting new rose bushes this season, look for a location that will help the roses thrive.

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The healthier the plant, the hardier it will be in resisting disease and pests. Roses should get six to eight hours of sun per day, and need at least three feet of space on all sides to flourish. Be sure to properly prepare the soil, mulch around the base of the plant, and regularly fertilize and water.

2. Next, keep a careful eye on your roses. Regularly inspect blooms, branches, stems, undersides of leaves and vines for signs of insect infestation, including the presence of eggs, grubs and adult insects. Watch for evidence of deer damage too; such as ragged bites a foot or more above the ground.

3. Keep pests and deer away with a natural, environmentally friendly, dual purpose repellent like Bobbex Rose Deer and Insect Repellent. The easy-to-apply, ready-to-use foliar spray discourages deer foraging through taste and smell

aversion, while simultaneously repelling insects such as aphids, mites, Japanese beetles, leafhoppers, greenflies and sawflies. The product is compatible with nature, not classified as an insecticide and is harmless to all wildlife, pets, birds and people.

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Bobbex Rose also provides needed moisture retention for the plant and can reduce the severity of black spot and powdery mildew, common problems for rose gardeners. Continued use will disrupt browsing habits of deer while protecting against an assault of insects in any weather. The product is actually good for plants since it contains elements high in nitrogen and phosphorus; it dries clear and won't burn plants. Bobbex Rose will not wash off in rain, or irrigation. Visit www.bobbex.com to learn more.

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Top six home decorating trends

(BPT) - If you're planning to tackle a home decorating project this year, here are the top trends you should consider:

1. Marble wallpaper: A lot of the 2017 trends are about going back to classic styles, and it doesn't get much more classic than marble. Few materials evoke high-end living as simply and effectively as marble, a global symbol of refined taste and sophistication. Marble was a big trend in 2016, and it looks like it's here to stay. With faux-effect materials and faux-marble wallpapers such as this beauty from Murals Your Way growing in popularity, you can count on the soft, subdued design to be a top pick for accent walls, powder rooms,

kitchens and more. It's a seriously impressive way to dress up your walls!

2. Deep blues: Though black has long been a decorating darling, designers are now recruiting deep blues for their go-to power hue. It's a bit more approachable than pure black, and it has a lovely nautical vibe when used in conjunction with materials like rope, brass and wood. Navy velvet couches are a popular way to incorporate the color into your home. And if you want to keep your space light, wallpaper with blue accents is a great solution. Whether you go for indigo, cobalt, navy or some other blue hue, a dramatic, deep blue color will add interest to your space.

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3. Acrylic everything: Acrylic was a trend that picked up steam in 2016 and will keep going strong this year. Because most acrylic is clear, it works with almost any type of design style or color scheme. Acrylic furniture pieces and accessories have been around for years, but they primarily came in very modern shapes that wouldn't work well in a more traditional home. All of that has changed, and now you can find the best of both worlds with this more modern material being used in furniture with traditional designs. Bring acrylic into your space by choosing a larger piece, or simply use smaller accessories, such as an acrylic floating frame. Whether it's a coffee table or floating frame, acrylic accents and accessories are this year's clear favorite for adding a gleaming finish to a space. 4. Farmhouse chic: Re-

claimed wood, aged metals and distressed details are showing up everywhere in interior design and are not going anywhere in 2017. Farmhouse chic decor is a spin on the classic farmhouse style with an added soft elegance. Classic shapes, rustic simplicity and natural materials celebrate countryinspired charm, while soft and cozy neutrals evoke a luxurious and chic style.

5. Greenery: Named the 2017 Pantone color of the



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year, greenery is meant to represent refreshment, revitalization and our connection to nature. It seems to be an instant hit for those looking for a back-to-nature hue that brings zest while still managing to work with warm wood tones. Greenery is an attention-grabbing color, and it can be used to add pop and contrast to the overall interior. The earthy tone is a welcome complement to some of the more neutral hues that have gained prominence in the past year.

6. Forget hygge: This year is all about lagom: The year 2016 was about reaching the highest level of coziness and comfort, an outlook encapsulated by the Danish term hygge (pronounced hoo-ga). Now there's an even more sustainable and enjoyable lifestyle we'll all be wanting in 2017: lagom. It's a simple Swedish philosophy on everyday life that means "just the right amount." The lagom home strikes the perfect balance between minimalism and cluttered, resulting in a clean, calm space that is also warm and inviting. This Swedish concept of "not too much, not too little" may just dominate in 2017.

7 home improvements to tackle before you move in

(BPT) - You found the perfect home, so it's not surprising that you want to move in as quickly as possible. However, there are some projects that are best done when the house is still empty. So, consider completing the following seven items befor the moving trucks arrive. • Painting: A fresh coat of paint can instantly update a room, and it's common to buy a home knowing you will need to paint several rooms or the entire house after the sale. However, painting is best done while every wall is accessible and there are no worries about getting paint on furniture or rugs. • Changing locks: Now is the time to change the locks on your new home to eliminate the risk of any former keyholders accessing your new space. Do this even if you know the former keyholders because you never know who they shared keys with. This fix is quick, inexpensive and it provides you with



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• Flooring updates Redoing a floor is always easier when the floor is empty. Whether you're choosing to redo wood floors or lay tile before you move in, tackling this process now also allows you to keep wood and tile dust off of furniture and collectables

• Roof repairs: Roof repairs are a must. If the home inspection revealed any damage to the roof, make the necessary repairs before moving in. Choose a contractor experienced with the type of shingles your home requires. Several of the largest shingle manufacturers have programs for contractors who meet certain qualifications, like TAMKO Building Products' Pro Certified Contractor program. Homeowners can

easily locate a TAMKO Pro at www.TAMKO.com/find-a-pro to get their project started.

• Removing popcorn ceilings: No one likes these. We're not sure anyone ever did, but alas, they are a common sight, especially in older homes. Popcorn ceilings (and walls) are easy to remove, but messy. Use a spray bottle to moisten an area, then scrape the texture off with a towel. Clean-up will be much easier if you complete this project before introducing your furniture to the space.

• Fix leaks: If left untreated, water leaks can do serious damage to furniture, rugs, flooring and other valuables. Leaks can also lead to secondary problems like rotting wood, mold and mildew. And

let's be honest, no one wants to live in a house where you can't use the water, so address plumbing issues before you move in.

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· Child and pet proofing: Careful child and pet proofing can protect your babies (furry or otherwise). Gates at the top and bottom of stairs, outlet covers and locks on cabinets, drawers and any other place chemicals or medicines are kept, can help make your new home a safer place.

As difficult as it can be, sometimes delaying your move-in by a few weeks can save months of frustration in the long run. So don't wait, because the sooner you start, the sooner you can start your new life in your new home.

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Four design upgrades for a spring refresh

(BPT) - With warm weather knocking at the door, it's time to rejuvenate your space and rid the home of winter clutter. While it may be the perfect time of year for a refresh, it can be challenging to find exciting new ways to decorate. With top design trends in mind, here are four simple solutions to spring into a new look this season.

Mixed materials

To entertain the eye, coordinate mixed materials and beautiful textures in unexpected ways. From a warm Champagne Bronze finish juxtaposed against matte white tiles, to espresso-stained wood contrasted with clean marble, this trend is all about bringing the unexpected together to create a unified design aesthetic. Quick refreshes to any room can include accessories such as modern paintings or wall planters and potted succulents. These quick additions serve as simple ways to complement what is already in the room, eliminating the need for a full redesign.

Global inspiration

As an increasingly connected society, incorporating design inspiration from around the globe has become an ever-present trend that is sure to make an impact. Influenced by the most cosmopolitan cities around the world, the Pivotal single handle bath faucet serves as a beautiful centerpiece for the vanity. With clean lines and contemporary form, this collection is perfectly suited for all generations and all style preferences - from millennial to baby boomer. While simple in design, Pivotal makes a bold, modern statement with its sleek handles and angular spout. To further amplify the contemporary aesthetic, focus on simplicity by installing mirrored cabinets to store toiletries. For a more traditional look, pair a stainless faucet finish with warm cabinetry such as



With top design trends in mind, there are four simple solutions to spring into a new look this season.

toasted almond oak.

Wallpaper wonder

For people who choose to rent instead of purchase, creating the warm, comfortable environment we all know and love can be a challenge. Remov-

able wallpaper is a great way to implement a design refresh and make a temporary space feel like home. The beauty lies within the name - it's removable! Intricate designs and lively patterns are now easily accessible; perfect for an accent wall

that needs a pop of color. If you yearn for a new design, simply remove the existing paper and replace with a new pattern.

easy art projects serve as a great afternoon project that can

Bejeweled beauty

This spring, channel your inner artist and incorporate a sense of vibrancy into living spaces. Jeweled tones are experiencing a resurgence this year, proving there is no better way to energize a space than with a brilliant emerald green or a lively turquoise accent. If the idea of painting a room is too daunting, opt for smaller updates that bring a punch of color. Thrift stores are great places to find unique accessories or that perfect piece of furniture, such as an ottoman or tufted bench that can be recovered with a rich magenta or sapphire blue fabric. These

COLOR is Key

refresh a neutral space.



Five spring cleaning projects to take on immediately and five indoor projects to add to your spring cleaning list

(BPT) - Spring cleaning is a seasonal tradition. You've been setting house projects aside all winter, and now's the perfect time to make sure the warm weather season starts with a cleaner, happier home. So open the windows, turn on your favorite song, and start your spring cleaning with these five to-dos.

 Clear the clutter. Removing excess clutter is a great cleaning tip any time of year, but finishing this task when the weather was colder may not have been as tempting. Tackle your home room by room and analyze the items you find. If you haven't used something in a year or more, it's time for it to go.

• Freshen up the floors. After a season of tracking dirt, snow and mud, your floors could use some attention. If the damage is minor, a thorough vacuuming will do the trick. If the wear and tear is more significant, you may need a more comprehensive solution. If you have carpet, renting a carpet cleaner allows you to tackle the job yourself,



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saving you money over hiring a professional or purchasing your own machine. And if you have hardwood or tile floors, rent a floor buffer. It's the easiest way to give your floors back their shine in no time.

• Pretty it up with paint. The

projects can be handled with a single can and a brush, but for your larger painting endeavors, rent a paint sprayer. It's the best way to get an even, professional coat in a short amount of time so you're finished before the breeze dies down.

clean them, start by vacuuming your baseboards and scrubbing each with a mixture of dish soap and warm water. Dry each with a towel before wiping them with a dryer sheet. This last step will help repel dust from landing on your baseboards. Plus, it'll give your home a fresh scent.

• Vet the vents. One of the joys of warmer weather is the increase in fresh air that flows through your home - as long as that air is clean. To improve the air quality in your home immediately, clean the vents. Dirt, hair, pollen and other debris collect there, so vacuum the vents out to remove particles from your air for good. Rent a wearable vacuum and you'll make your reaching points easier without the complications of lugging a traditional model.

Apply some care and focus to these five spring cleaning tasks, and you'll be happier with your home in the pleasant months ahead. To learn more about renting the tools you need for your spring cleaning projects, visit RentalHQ.com.



windows are open and a gentle breeze is moving air through your home. This is the right time to cross that painting project off your to-do list. Small painting

· Better the baseboards. Baseboards provide a stylish accent to any room in your home, but when they're dirty, they stand out for all the wrong reasons. To



Five mistakes to avoid when buying your first home

(BPT) - Buying a home for the first time is comparable to the first time you ride a bike. You can learn about how it works from your parents and observe it from a distance, but you really won't know the ins and outs until vou actually sit down on the bicycle and start riding.

Like most beginners, firsttime homebuyers will likely make a few mistakes as they initially go through the homebuying process in the upcoming year. Here are five mistakes first-time homebuyers often make, and how to best avoid them.

1. Waiting too long to make an offer

One of the biggest mistakes first-time homebuyers will make in 2017 is simply waiting too long to get into the real estate market, according to Jay Carr, a senior loan advisor for RPM Mortgage in Newport Beach, California. Because the rates look like they're going to continually increase over the year, it's important for buyers to get in as early as they can so that they can avoid paying more later on. If you see a home that you're interested in and you have been thinking about entering into the market for some time, don't hesitate too long.

2. Trying too hard to get less than the asking price Many first-time buyers are younger, tech-savvy and are comfortable researching homes on their own. Overall, these are positive traits in a buyer. How-

ever, because these buyers are typically self-sufficient when it comes to other purchases, they often think they know best when it comes to what price they want to offer.

'Buyers rely too much on what they see on the internet instead of the good advice of what they would hear from a real estate agent," Carr says.

Of course sometimes it pays off to be bold in an offer (in that you get to pay a lot less than the asking price), but often it can end up that the buyers are negotiating themselves out of a deal. It's important to pay attention to your real estate agent, who is a seasoned professional, when it comes to putting in an offer so you don't offend the seller and lose the house you want.

3. Not exploring all your financing options

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Know what's below: Call 811 before digging

(BPT) - With the snow melted and the ground thawed, many eager homeowners and landscape professionals across the country will roll up their sleeves and reach for their shovels to start projects that require digging this spring. During the transition into "digging season," Common Ground Alliance (CGA), the association dedicated to protecting underground utilities and the people who dig near them, reminds homeowners and professional diggers that calling 811 is the first step toward protecting you and your community from the risk of unintentionally damaging an underground line.

Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a free call to 811. Installing a mailbox or fence, building a deck and landscaping are all examples of digging projects that should only begin a few days after making a call to 811. Calling this number connects you to your local one-call utility notification center.

According to data collected by CGA in a phone survey in March, millions of American homeowners will likely do DIY projects involving digging this year, but 44 percent of them do

not plan to make a free call to 811 before digging. Extrapolated to the full population of U.S. homeowners, approximately 58.5 million people will dig this year without first calling 811.

As a result, CGA offers the following tips to make sure you complete your project safely and without any utility service interruptions, so you don't become a statistic.

A utility line is damaged every six minutes in America because someone decided to dig without making a call to 811 to learn the approximate location of buried utilities in their area. Unintentionally striking one of these lines can result in inconvenient outages for entire neighborhoods, serious harm to yourself or your neighbors, and significant repair costs.

Here's how the 811 process works:

1. One free, simple phone call to 811 makes it easy for your local one-call center to notify all appropriate utility companies of your intent to dig. Call a few days prior to digging to ensure enough time for the approximate location of utility lines to be marked with flags or paint.

2. When you call 811, a representative from your local one-call center will ask for the location and description of your digging project.

3. Your local one-call center will notify affected utility companies, which will then send professional locators to the proposed dig site to mark the approximate location of your lines.

4. Only once all lines have been accurately marked should you roll up those sleeves and carefully dig around the marked areas.

There are nearly 20 million miles of underground utility lines in the United States. which equates to more than a football field's length of utilities for every person in the U.S. Your family depends on this buried infrastructure for your everyday needs, including electric, natural gas, water and sewer, cable TV, high-speed internet and landline telephone. With that much critical infrastructure underground, it's important to know what's below and call 811 before digging.

To find out more information about 811 or the one-call utility notification center in your area, visit www.call811.com.

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Carr says many first-time buyers have grown up thinking that they need to save up for a 20 percent down payment before they can enter the housing market. While it is always great to have as much money to put down as possible before you purchase a home, it's important to consider many of the new options available today. One option is a home ownership investment such as the Unison HomeBuyer program, which typically provides up to half of the down payment you need. The money is an investment

in the home, not a loan, so there are no interest charges or monthly payments. This new type of financing - which works in combination with a traditional 30-year mortgage - can offer greater flexibility and control to the home buyer. It allows you to cut the time needed to save for a down payment in half, lower your monthly payments and avoid mortgage insurance, or increase your purchasing power so you can buy the home you want.

4. Wanting the dream house right away Everyone has a picture in

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their minds of what their first home will look like. Whether you envisioned a craftsman bungalow near all your favorite bars and restaurants or a classic ranch-style home with tons of land and no neighbors, chances are you're going to have to trade up to that dream home from your first starter home. "If you really like the house, you probably can't afford it. If you think the house is just kind of below what you want it's probably right in your price range. Get in the market rather than wait to get the dream house," Carr says.

Carr advises those in the hunt for their dream home to focus on becoming homeowners now and to wait on their dream home until they have built up equity and have higher incomes in the future. The median tenure of a homeowner in 2017 is about 10 years, but for the 20-year period before that it was only six. Believing that this won't be your last house can take a bit of pressure off the home being perfectly suited for you.

roadside emergencies. Sounds and smells

mean service

While you might be able to hear or smell the problems within your vehicle, how do you know when to change your tire? A majority of Americans (65 percent) trade in for a new set of tires when the tread looks worn down. However, only 8 percent adhere to the mileage rating of the tire to help make more accurate decisions on when it's time to replace their tires.



Submitted graphic

Before setting off on that next adventure, drivers should check the health and maintenance of their vehicle, as April marks the start of National Car Care Month.

Must-do tips to get your vehicle ready for spring

(BPT) - With the sun out and shining for spring, drivers are getting themselves and their cars ready for more outdoor activity. Before setting off on that next adventure, drivers should check the health and maintenance of their vehicle, as April marks the start of National Car Care Month. In light of the awareness month, Hankook checked in with drivers across America to see how they maintain their vehicles, uncovering trends on general upkeep around tire replacement, vehicle mishaps and

If you are driving a car that clunks or a ride that rattles, it's likely an indication of some much-needed service. According to the latest Hankook Tire Gauge Index, over two-thirds (70 percent) of Americans will immediately schedule a trip to the repair shop after hearing irregular sounds from their vehicle and 59 percent of drivers will take their car in if they smell something funky. While your senses can certainly help indicate when it's time for a visit to the mechanic, it's important to consider the date since your last visit to the shop, which less than half (46 percent) of Americans do. Remember to check the little things like air filters or that your air conditioning system works now as pollen starts to dust the roads and temperatures climb.

Trouble on the road While drivers can make sure their cars are in tip-top shape, the condition of roads and highways can be another issue. Nine in 10 Americans or condition of roads and highways is a current issue for drivers. This sentiment might stem from the fact one-third of drivers have had their vehicle or tires damaged from a pothole, and more than a quarter of drivers have had a flat tire as a

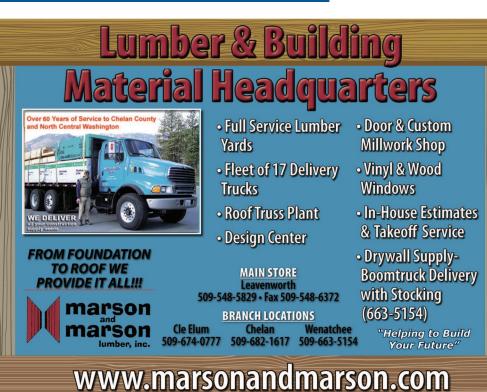
result of a pothole. Not only can potholes be a hazard, but Hankook found that over a quarter (26 percent) of drivers don't know how to change a tire, including nearly half (43 percent) of all women.

Spare me the details

In case you do find yourself on the side of the road with a flat tire, it's important to regularly check the health of your spare tire. By design, spares are often just a temporary solution to get to a mechanic, as performance and safety are limited by their smaller contact patch and overall diameter compared to a standard tire. In addition, a spare is also not nearly as durable by comparison, making any road hazard more dangerous. However, the Hankook Gauge found that 34 percent of Americans will drive straight to the mechanic with a spare tire, but almost one-quarter (22 percent) of Americans will drive over 50 miles on a spare. If you are a driver with worn-out believe the infrastructure tires or currently driving on a spare, there are deals available to help you save on tires, including Hankook's Great Catch Rebate program. As the weather heats up, there is not a better time to check the health and safety of your vehicle to get you out on the open road.



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5. Not having your own representation

Another mistake a first-time homebuyer can make is not having their own representation (meaning that they use the seller's agent as their own buyer's agent). While this is not always a bad situation, Carr cautions buyers to be careful that they have selected a good and trustworthy real estate agent that is looking after their best interests. In other words, you don't want to pay an unfair price because someone is looking after their own best interest. To learn more about the Unison HomeBuyer program and how it could help you, visit www.unison.com/homebuyer.

Major tire manufacturers will list the tread life/mileage on their website, but you can also use the Tire Tread Indicator on the bottom of the tire's grooves to ensure the tread depth is sufficient for optimum safety and performance.

Surprising factors impacting car buyers' decisions

(StatePoint) While make and model are still dominant factors on car lots, today's consumers have a new set of priorities, thanks to increasingly sophisticated in-vehicle technologies being offered in new cars. From connectivity systems that include voice command controls to technologies that make parking a cinch, today's consumers want more from their rides. In fact, nearly half of consumers -- 48 percent -- prioritize in-vehicle technology over brand or body style, according to the 2017 Autotrader Car Tech Impact Study. And they know what they want, too. The study found that consumers these days are researching the exact features they'd like to purchase before visiting the dealership.

'What once seemed like something only for 'The Jetsons' is quickly becoming everyday reality in the automotive landscape," says Brian Moody, executive editor for Autotrader. "And it's not just vehicles with a high pricepoint. Many mainstream family cars are now equipped with technology features only seen on top-of-the-line luxury vehicles just a few short years ago." Experts say that while consumers should

embrace the convenience and enhanced safety offered by new-car technology, they also need to educate themselves so they fully understand what these features can -- and just as importantly, what they cannot -- do.

"Understanding your car can help you become a better, safer driver," says Moody.

However, the future may also involve less driving. Selfdriving technologies are become more sophisticated, affordable and normalized. To that end, a growing number of consumers say they are willing to take a hands-off

approach to their cars in the future. Indeed, 49 percent of respondents indicated they'd give up control of their car in exchange for some free time, up from 35 percent in 2016. To learn more about today's must-have technology, visit autotrader.com/Must-HaveTech.

Whether you are a parent concerned with the latest safety features, or a Millennial expecting your vehicle's technology to be every bit as robust as your smartphone, get educated about the features that matter to you, before heading to the dealership.





Sports

Goats softball tear it up last week, go 4-1 against **Okanogan, Cashmere and Nooksack Valley**

By Zach Johnson STAFF WRITER

CHELAN - After a four game slump, the bats for the Chelan Goats softball team have woke up in a hurry.

After failing to score more than nine runs in their past seven games, Chelan exploded last week for 63 runs in five games as they produced double-digit runs in all but one game.

Okanogan

Chelan eased past Okanogan on Tuesday, April 18, winning both games by a final score of 17-6 and 12-7.

Katie Gleasman was a big factor in the game as she racked up four RBI's on two singles and a home run.

After plating one in the first inning, Chelan took control of the game in the second on doubles from Katanna Kelling, Ashley Oswald and a single from Julia Horlebein.

Chelan would eventually six bases during the game. score six in the inning.

Pitcher Taylor Sams earned another victory for the Goats after tossing six innings while allowing six runs on 13 hits and striking out one.

Overall, Chelan collected 16 hits in the contest with Lexie and Katie Gleasman, Kelling and Jessie Oules each getting multiple hits.

The second game saw much of the same as Katie drove in four runs on two singles and a home run to lead the Goats. Chelan had 15 total hits in the contest.

Kelling got the win for Chelan after throwing four innings and surrendering five runs on five hits and striking out two batters.

Sierra Shively, both Gleasman sisters, Ashley Oswald and Taylor Boykin got multiple hits for Chelan in the second game.

Chelan was also a force on the base paths as they stole

Cashmere

Chelan continued their hot streak against Cashmere on Thursday, April 20 after defeating the Bulldogs by a final score of 6-2.

The Goats had to rely more on small ball through sacrifice bunts and putting the ball in play in order to push across runs since Cashmere was sure handed and didn't commit a single error all game.

"We had Jessie Oules jump start us with a triple on the first pitch of the game and we just tried to keep tacking on runs by playing a little small ball," head coach Jeff Barker wrote in his game report. "Our girls did a nice job just putting the ball in play with only one strikeout for the game against a very good pitcher. It was a good week picking up three wins in league."

Nooksack Valley

Chelan added one more win to their season total over the weekend as they split their series with the visiting Nooksack Valley.

In the first game, Chelan was flawless in their execution as they put up 13 runs and had both Kelling and Sams combine for a shutout.

After scoring a couple in the first three innings, Chelan poured on nine runs in the fourth inning on a few pass balls, a single by Oules and Kelling and a home run by Katie.

Kelling earned another win for Chelan, going four innings and allowing three hits and striking out four.

Chelan had 11 hits in the game as Oules and Oswald had multiple hits for the Goats.

Unfortunately after being on a roll through four straight games, the Goats hit a couple snags.

First being Sams, who only pitched one inning in the first game before being pulled for Kelling after suffering a serious knee injury. To add salt on the wound, Kelling then took a comeback line drive off her pitching hand against the second batter of the game which knocked her out as well.

Coach Barker said he hopes to get Kelling back in a week or so.

Despite the obstacles, Chelan was in the game throughout and was tied with Nooksack in the fifth inning. The Goats even scored six runs in the seventh inning but their comeback would fall three runs short.

Chelan had 18 hits in the game with Lexie, Oules, Jade Hatherell, Katie and Nayeli Zavala each having multiple. Hatherell led the team with three hits and four RBI's in the game.

Chelan also stole 17 bases during the game with five players stealing multiple bags. Oules led the team with five respectively.

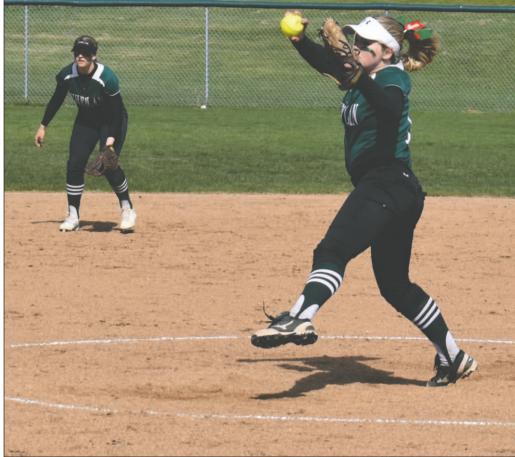
"After losing our second pitcher in the first inning, we turned to Lexie and put her in the circle," coach Barker said. "Lexie has not pitched since she was in eighth grade, but I thought she did a great job for us under the circumstances. We also player three of our younger girls that don't get a lot of playing time and they all did a real nice job hitting the ball and they stated aggressive on the base paths."

Chelan had their final game against Omak on Tuesday, April 25 and will next head to Okanogan to take on the Bulldogs on Tuesday, May 2. First pitch is set for 4:30 p.m.

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TOP LEFT: and going clockwise: Junior second baseman Ashley Oswald jumps all over the first pitch she sees in the second inning and blasts one out to the right center field fence in the air.

TOP RIGHT: Junior pitcher Taylor Sams rears back for a pitch in the game against Okanogan on Tuesday, April 18. Unfortunately according to head coach Jeff Barker, Sams suffered a serious knee injury in the first game against Nooksack Valley on Saturday, April 22 and as of now there is no timetable for return.

MIDDLE RIGHT: Senior Katie Gleasman's hands must have stung a little following this hit as she just poked the ball out to left field off the knob of her bat.

BOTTOM RIGHT: After smacking a double, senior Jessie Oules slides into second as the ball slides past the Okanogan shortstop. Had it been a good throw, it would have been a bang-bang play at second despite Oules speed.

BOTTOM LEFT: Sophomore Taylor Boykin scoops up a ground ball in the third base hole and fires over to Katanna Kelling for the out.

MIDDLE LEFT: Kelling connects on a ball in the second inning against Okanogan and drives it out to the fence in center field. Kelling, Oules and Oswald all got doubles within four batters, which ultimately jump started their momentum.

Chelan soccer gets back on track against Omak

By Zach Johnson Staff writer

CHELAN - After a disappointing performance in their matchup against Cascade a week prior, the Chelan Goats soccer team got back to their winning ways against Omak on Thursday, April 20, winning by a score of 6-0.

With the win, Chelan remains in second place in league play and improves to a 3-2 CTL record.

"Today was a good lesson in patience and keeping control of the ball," head coach Jamie Richards said after the game. "We had a clean sweep, we had 90 percent possession of the ball, today was about teamwork and family."

Those comments come a week after coach Richards was visibly irate on the sidelines during their game against Cascade where they were uncharacteristically careless with the ball.

The score at halftime was 5-0, so Chelan coasted through the second half while adding another goal halfway through.

Chelan then beat Connell over the weekend by a score of 3-1, but the Goats remain securely in second place atop the CTL standings behind rival Cascade.

Next up for the Goats will be a redemption game against Cashmere, who they lost to by a score of 1-0 earlier this year, on Tuesday, April 25. The Goats will then head up to Okanogan to close their season series with the Bulldogs on Thursday, April 27. Opening kickoff on Thursday is 4:30 p.m.

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TOP RIGHT AND GOING CLOCKWISE: The Okanogan goalkeeper made one spectacular save late in the second half of their game against Chelan on Thursday, April 20, which kept the score from reaching 7-0.

Senior Gerardo Magallon (11) dribbles the ball deep into the Okanogan penalty area and attempts to cross the ball to a streaking Chelan player down the middle. Okanogan would





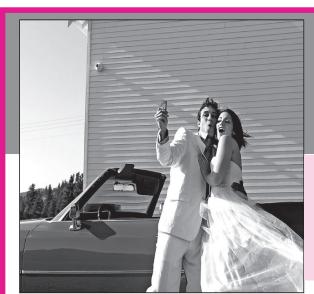
eventually clear the ball and end the threat.

Sophomore Miguel Castro maneuvers in and out of two Okanogan defenders and passes off to a teammate to keep ball control. After struggling to keep the ball against Cascade a week prior, Chelan seemed to never let the ball out of their possession aside from a couple clears.

Erik Cardemas gets the ball just outside the box and drives one into the goalkeepers outstretched arms. The first picture mentioned was the save off Cardemas laser shot. Had the shot been a couple inches more to the left, it would have gone in and given the Goats a 7-0 lead in the second half.

Senior Christian Barajas gets on a break and tries to chip the ball gently over the Okanogan keeper, but the goalee made another great diving stop to keep the score at 6-0. Barajas got past the Okanogan defenders with ease, he just needed to pitch the ball a little bit higher and he would have had a walk in goal.

Barajas keeps his head down and eyes focused on the ball just before striking a corner kick late in the second half.



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Sports

Goats host first and only track meet of the season















TOP LEFT MOVING CLOCKWISE: Ava Dickes was one of the only girls to compete in the high jump event at the Chelan Track Invite on Tuesday, April 18, and won after successfully jumping over the 5' mark.

Donny Watson clears the bar with ease, but unfortunately clips the bar with the back of his feet knocking it over. The whole event was quite remarkable to watch when you consider Watson is jumping over a bar that is as tall if not an inch or two taller than himself.

Sophomore Antonio Cazarez sends the sand flying out of the pit after completing his first attempt at the running long jump. This event seemed to be the most popular as Chelan has more than a few boys and girls competing in the event.

Junior Lupe Galvan slows down and hands off the baton to freshman Molly Oswald in the girls 4x100 relay. Chelan would go on to win the event in both heats.

Junior Esme Vera (left) was one of the girls competing in the running long jump for Chelan.

Junior Braden Williams starting his run during the pole vault event.

Sterling Gordon-Fournier grunts as he launches his javelin clear out of the event area to win the javelin competition. Gordon-Fournier competed in the running long jump as well after winning javelin.

Junior Alex Nelson grits his teeth and shows perfect form during the running long jump event.

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Goats golf compete at Gamble Sands

By Zach Johnson Staff writer

CHELAN - The Chelan Goats boys and girls golf team headed to Gamble Sands for a tournament with various schools this past week.

On Wednesday, the boys hit the links and ended up placing 21 out of the 23 teams that were in attendance with a total score of 428. Corbin Morley paced the Goats with the team's lowest score at 91. Seth Hannu finished with a 102, Luis Gallegos a 117, Steven Williams a 118 and Connor Abel with a 143. Overall, there were three kids that shot under par with Lake Stevens taking home first place with a team score of 317. Lake Stevens highest score was an 80.

On Thursday, it was the girls turn to hit the course, and they tied for 18th place with Cascade, and Ephrata being the only two other schools not to field the required four players for a total team score.

Myranda Evans and Madi Harrison competed for Chelan and both girls shot a 96 and 111 respectively. Out of 85 total girls, Evans finished in the top 20 with her score.

Mt. Spokane took team honors with a 347. Snohomish came in second with a 372 and Bellingham right behind them in 3rd with a 379.

Both the girls and guys will hit the course again on Thursday, April 27 when they take on Cascade and Okanogan at the Lake Chelan Municipal Golf Course. First tee time is set for 2:30 p.m.

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Photos Courtesy of coach Kirk Einspahr ABOVE: Junior Corbin Morley watches a short putt go right into the cup. Morley would shoot a 91 for his round.

LEFT: Madi Harrison tees off at the links style Gamble Sands on Thursday, April 20 while Maddie Hontou (Cascade) watches. Harrison would go on to shoot a 111 on the day.

Trojans 10-run Moses Lake Christian Academy





Photos by Erin Rossell

ABOVE: Shortstop Jake Lodwig scoops a grounder, and throws to first base resulting in an out for the Christian Academy, and leaving the bases empty. The Trojans beat MLCA 14-4.

LEFT: Marcus Bernardo took advantage of his opportunity to pitch against Moses Lake Christian Academy, accomplishing three strikeouts and allowing only three runs in his debut on Friday, April 21.

