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A JOURNEY OF 49 REBUILDS



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OCLTRG Executive Director Carlene Anders welcomes visitors at the dedication meet-and-greet.



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Lead Disaster Case Manager Jessica Farmer was instrumental in tracking down fire victims who needed homes.



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Clint Ames checks out a custom bluebird house among several gifts he received at the dedication ceremony held at his new home.

Long Term Recovery Group dedicates final three homes

By MIKE MALTAIS
 Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS – The Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Group (OCLTRG) celebrated what Executive Director Carlene Anders called “a bittersweet moment” when the group dedicated the last of 49 homes built for fire victims during ceremonies held Sept. 1.

OCLTRG was founded in the wake of the 2014 Carlton Complex wildfire – at that time the state’s largest – as a grassroots group who knew what friends and neighbors who lost everything needed, in what order, and where to apply that help. Nine years down the road OCLTRG and

its track record of results has become a template for other disaster response efforts around the nation.

The homes on the day’s dedication tour included the Jerry Gran home in Oroville, the Jorge Felix home in Okanogan, and the Clint Ames home on the Colville Reservation.

A morning meet-and-greet at the Pateros-Brewster Community Resource Center included an update from Anders about wildfire disasters that were then unfolding further east at the Gray and Oregon Road fires near Spokane and another at Medical Lake. OCLTRG volunteers were already responding to calls for assistance in those areas.

The Ames home, 37 miles northeast of Brewster, was a 2020 casualty of the Cold Springs wildfire and presented a special challenge for an OCLTRG rebuild. It is located far enough off the electrical grid of the Nespelem Valley Electric Cooperative that running power to the site from existing infrastructure was prohibitively expensive. Solar, wind, and back-up generator power was the default choice to provide the requisite energy.

Volunteers, friends, and supporters gathered in the living room of the Ames home and shared stories with Ames



COURTESY OF OCLTRG

The Felix family, Tehya Whistling Elk, left, Tamiah Whistling Elk, and Jorge, sit in front of their new home on Highway 97.

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PEKING TO PARIS AND ALL POINTS WORLD

Rally the Globe Alaska-to-Mexico Marathon passes through Washington

By MIKE MALTAIS
 Ward Media Staff Reporter

BREWSTER – The bumper-to-bumper vintage Bentleys that slowly motored past rural mailboxes along the off-grid gravel road last Thursday, Sept. 7, was reason enough to warrant a second look. One does not see many Bentleys – let alone Roaring Twenties-era models – driving the Colville Reservation roads these days.

It was the red and blue plate reading “Alaska to Mexico Marathon” adorning the grilles that piqued curiosities and prompted further investigation into the caravan of mad globetrotters who waved to passersby as they proceeded on their merry way.

The trail of vintage rides paused for lunch at Lone



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A 1926 Bentley, left, and a 1925 model park side-by-side at the Lone Point Cellars lot in Brewster and proudly display their road grime after 11 days and some 2,250 miles of travel from Anchorage.

Point Cellars in Brewster just long enough for the tag-team drivers to regroup, repair and recharge. They brushed off the dust and breathed in the vista overlooking the Colum-

bia River before proceeding to the next stop at Leavenworth, 84 miles distant. After 11 days and some 2,250 miles the caravan still had 19 days and 2,300-plus miles remaining to reach

its destination in Cabo San Lucas, Baja, California. The line of travel routed through Dawson Creek, British Columbia, and will take in Moab, Utah, and Tucson, Arizona, before



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The marathon plate says it all.

it’s done. In the process the trip will visit three countries and cross 38 lines of latitude.

The marathons are organized by Rally the Globe (rallytheglobe.com) a not-for-

profit vintage and classic car club that sees the world as so many distant points connected by anything from paved roads

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Bridgeport Planning Commission focuses on non-motorized pedestrian access

By MIKE MALTAIS
 Ward Media Staff Reporter

BRIDGEPORT – The Bridgeport Planning Commission concentrated on the development of a city non-motorized pedestrian access plan at its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, Sept. 7. The first step in the process requires a review of the transportation element of the city’s existing comprehensive plan.

Commission chair Leslie Robb turned the discussion

over to city planner Kurt Danison who referred to the specific parts of the comp plan’s transportation element which needs to be changed or expanded.

Danison explained that the state Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) each have a stake in city transportation improvements. A plan for one does not mean a plan that satisfies both.

“A sidewalk along a roadway is a transportation improve-

ment but not a recreational improvement,” said Danison, “If you have a trail that’s not in the public right-of-way, is a recreation improvement not a transportation improvement.”

Danison cited the PUD-built walking trail that connects Marina Park and Conklin Landing as an example of a non-motorized recreational improvement. He explained each component of the transportation improvements except for the bicycle and pedestrian improvements “What we need to do is

either expand it in here or actually have a separate non-motorized transportation plan,” Danison said of the needed changes.

The commission will also address several other improvements coming to the city, including new gateway signs, a tree sculpture parking lot and kiosk panel, and a major upgrade of Berryman Park. The latter made possible through an RCO grant will include pedestrian trails in its plan. The commission held a Ber-

ryman Park kickoff meeting last July that included the following components in its scope:

- New picnic shelter and concrete slab.
- 250 linear feet of new 4-foot playground fencing.
- New entrance and interpretative signs.
- New restroom.
- 450 linear feet of new 10-foot type 1 basketball court fencing.
- New playground equipment.

- Resurfaced sports courts for basketball, pickleball, and tennis.
- New furnishings including 10 picnic tables, 5 benches, 8 garbage receptacles.
- 900 linear feet of 5-foot-wide concrete ADA-compliant trail pathway.
- Parking improvements including 3 new unpaved and one ADA-compliant paved site.

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HOMES

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about the rebuild journey from the fire victim registration beginnings at the Okano-

gan County Fairgrounds that served as the 2020 disaster center to the concluding dedication three years later. It is one of nearly 50 such odysseys OCLTRG has witnessed and facilitated over a decade.



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The Generac generator is wired to come on automatically when needed.



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A solar array tied into six lead acid DC batteries provides almost 5,000 watts of power to the house.



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The wind turbine trickle charger tops off the batteries at night.

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5 THINGS TO DO This Week

Hope Hoedown

Saturday Sept., 16, from 4-8 p.m. The Chelan Valley Hope Hoedown is a western-themed event for the whole family at Chelan Valley Farms on Saturday, Sept., 16, from 4-8 p.m. The event includes live music from Miller Campbell a Kid's Korral area with games, face painting, corn hole, and an interactive photo booth. Food trucks Dooley Dogs and Taqueria Mazatlan will be on site and a variety of beverages will be available to purchase. There will be a raffle for several big-ticket items, with separate baskets for those under 21.

"A local artist will be doing live painting, creating a customizable scenery picture, and the lucky raffle winner will receive this unique piece," he event page states. "Other activities include a "Jail & Bail" game, where participants can be "arrested" and "bailed" out for a donation to Hope." Proceeds benefit Chelan Valley Hope. For more information visit www.chelanvalleyhope.org

Third Thursdays

Historic Downtown Chelan is hosting Third Thursday on Thursday Sept., 21 from 3-7 p.m. "Wander the sidewalks, enjoy live music at the Riverwalk Pavilion and

special activities provided by local downtown businesses," the event page states. "There's something for the whole family on Third Thursdays. Enjoy activities in historic downtown Chelan from 3-5 p.m. and music in the Park from 5-7 p.m."

The band Whisky Trail, a classic rock cover band, will be performing live. For more information visit www.historicchelan.org

Comedy in the Garden

Ohme Gardens is hosting comedian Andrew Rivers on Friday, Sept., 15 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. "Having toured North America and Europe as an opener for some of the comedy greats, Andrew's comedic prowess is guaranteed to leave you in stitches in this evening of hilarity and entertainment," the event page states.

Event is for ages 21 plus. Must bring valid ID. For more information visit www.ohmegardens.org.

Live Music and Food

North Cascades Bank is hosting a grand opening on Friday Sept., 15 at 4 pm at 223 E Johnson Ave, Chelan.

"Join them for tours of the building, meet the team, enjoy food and drinks, the Kevin Jones Band, and an official ribbon cutting with the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce," the event page states.

For more information visit www.northcascadesbank.com

Live Music at Chelan Ridge Winery

Chelan Ridge Winery is hosting a performance by Washington state musician Gina Belliveau on Sunday, Sept., 17 from 4-7 p.m.

"Gina is a Tacoma based musician who plays looped, percussive acoustic folk with an achilles heel for ridiculous pop cover tunes," the event page states. "Her ever expanding repertoire runs the gamut from Billie Holiday to Billie Jean."

For more information visit www.chelanridgewinery.com.

MARATHON

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to primitive cow paths. The club's motto: Epic Ventures and Everlasting Memories appears to exemplify truth in advertising.

Jim Gately calls Lake Tahoe, Nevada, home when he's not bouncing along some outback byway with Tony Brooks, his British co-driver of 15 years.

"I'm one of the founding members," said Jim of the half-decade-old club. "We do 7,400-miles in old cars."

Gately said he hooked up with RTG through rallying, "Every corner of the world is represented in this group," Gately said.

As he closed the hood on his current classic, a 1937, 4-door Cadillac convertible, Gately said the 86-year-old road veteran already has three marathons under its hood.



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A mechanical support staff is part of the marathon team.

"The longest we did, Peking to Paris, was a very interesting one," said Gately of the 2019 trip. "We did 12 different border crossings; Russia twice."

Fifty cars signed up for the Alaska endurance event. They are supported by an expert team of sweep mechanics who were busy assisting tire and engine issues with many of the vehicles parked in the Lone Pine staging area. An on-call doctor or paramedic is always close by.

Keith Ashworth, a veteran of 50 marathons, is also an original RTG founder and hails from Shropshire, England. He and co-driver Norah Ashworth pilot a 1926 Bentley and said their next event will be in Southeast Asia.

"These two cars and that one," said Ashworth, pointing to a third 1924 Bentley parked nearby, "after Cabo will be shipped to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam."

The trio of British classics will be loaded aboard shipping containers and freighted to their next adventure.

"We'll meet up with the cars at the end of January," Ashworth said.

RTG is planning many more excursions for 2023 and beyond including marathons from Mexico to Panama, Cartagena to Cape Horn (Pan America in three parts), Seoul, South Korea to Sapporo, Japan, and London to Cape Town, South Africa.

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No. 10 co-driver Tony Brooks waves from the 1937 Cadillac he and partner Jim Gately navigate along a rough gravel road.



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Jim Gately, an RTG original founder, checks his 1937 Cadillac.



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This 1938 Chevrolet gets Chris and Kathy Grace from start to finish.

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

September 13

Brewster Chamber to meet
 BREWSTER – The next general meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, September 13, 6 p.m. at the Senior Center, 109 Bridge Street. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. For information brewsterwachamber@gmail.com or Mike Mauk, 509-449-0605.

September 13, 15, 19-20, 22

Senior meals served Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday at Senior Center and home delivery
 BREWSTER – The Senior Center is now serving meals at Noon, at the center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Home delivered meals are delivered those same days. Please call 509-689-2815 to reserve meals. Suggested donation for those over age 60 is \$4. For those 60 and under the cost is \$10.
 September 13: Chili, Green Salad, Spiced Salad, Pears, Cornbread, Dessert; September 15: Clam Chowder, 1/2 Turkey Sandwich, Coleslaw, V-8 Juice, Fresh Fruit, WW Crackers, Dessert; September 19: Baked Fish, Wild Rice, Green Beans, Cucumber Salad, Tropical Fruit, WW Roll, Dessert; September 20: Mac & Cheese with Bacon, Peas & Carrots, Tossed Salad, Watermelon Dessert; September 22: Beef Stew, Spinach Salad, Apple

Wedges, Biscuit Dessert.

September 13-16, 18-23

Senior Center Thrift Store
 BREWSTER – The Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center Thrift Store is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Check out their great kids section. Donations accepted when they are open. They are also the Brewster Visitor Information Center and the Brewster Chamber of Commerce meeting room.

September 13-14, 18-21

Chelan Valley Hope
 Serving Bridgeport, Mansfield, Waterville, Orondo, Chelan, Manson, Chelan Falls, Entiat Hoedown Fundraiser September 16
 Last chance to pre-purchase your tickets to the Hope Hoedown. Kick up your boots and join us on Saturday, September 16, at Chelan Valley Farms 4-8 p.m. There will be live music from Miller Campbell band, a fun, western-themed interactive photo booth, and a Kid's Korral area with games, face painting, and coloring. Dooley Dogs and Taqueria Mazatlan, as well as Kettle Corn, and a no-host bar, including beer, wine, and mocktails, will be available. A raffle will feature hundreds of local items, gift cards, certificates, and more. A local artist will do live painting, creating a customizable scenery picture, which will go with several other big-ticket items in the silent auction. Other activities include a "Jail & Bail" game,

where participants can be "arrested" and "bailed out" for a donation to Hope. To learn more and to purchase tickets, visit ChelanValleyHope.org/hh or HopeHH.Eventbrite.com.

September 14

Bingo
 BREWSTER - Brewster American Legion Bingo every Thursday night at 6 p.m. Card sales start at 5 p.m. - Be early.

September 14, 21

Brewster bus trips
 BREWSTER – OCTN takes Brewster area resident to Wenatchee, second Thursday of the month. That next trip is September 14. The bus starts picking folks up at their homes at 7:30 a.m. Riders may request destination(s); medical appointments etc. On the third Thursday of each month, September 21 riders will be taken to Omak for the day. Riders request their destination(s). Wenatchee: \$12/boarding for General Public, \$6 suggested donation/day for Seniors (60 plus). Omak: \$5.50/General Public, \$2.75 suggested donation Seniors (60 plus). (509) 826-4391 to reserve your seat.

September 18

Family and friends Support Group
 WENATCHEE - Family and friends Support Group meets the 3rd Monday of every month, 7-8:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. For information, call 509-860-3620 or visit their website at: tcfwenatcheevalley.org

September 20

American Legion meeting
 BREWSTER – American Legion Post #97 current members meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Post. For information call Greg Wagg at 206-550-6474.

September 26

Douglas County PUD meetings
 EAST WENATCHEE – The next meeting of the Douglas County PUD Commission is at 1:30 p.m. in the East Wenatchee office.

September 27

Okanogan County PUD meeting
 OKANOGAN – The next meeting of the Okanogan County PUD Board of Commissioners is at 3 p.m. For more information okanoganpud.org

September 29

School Retirees' Association
 OMAK - County School Retirees' Association will hold a \$5 Soup and Sandwich lunch and general meeting on Friday, September 29 at Community Presbyterian Church of Omak, 9 Birch

St. S., Omak. Carol Payne, Omak, will demonstrate an Art Docent lesson. Information: Carol: 509-322-5788.

October 4

American Legion Auxiliary to meet
 BREWSTER – The American Legion Auxiliary #97 meets the first Wednesday of each month, at the American Legion Hall at 6 p.m.

October 9

Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee
 OKANOGAN – The Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee meets the second

Monday of the month and is always looking for volunteers. The meetings are open to the public and begin at 6 p.m. in the Okanogan County Commissioners' hearing room, 123 N. Fifth Ave., Okanogan.

October 10

Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group
 WENATCHEE - Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 7-8:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. For information, call 509-860-3620 or visit their website at: tcfwenatcheevalley.org

DEATH NOTICES

Raymond Counts

Raymond Counts, 80, of Brewster, Washington, passed away on September 2, 2023. Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at www.barneschapel.com. Services are under the direction of Barnes Chapel of Brewster.

Teddy-Jean Lindberg

Teddy-Jean Lindberg, 79, of Brewster, passed away on Saturday, September 2, 2023. Arrangements by Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

Okanogan Fair kicks off in style



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA
 The first event to kick off the 2024 Okanogan County Fair Rodeo last Friday night, Sept. 8, was the Wild Horse Race where two teams of contestants had to subdue their wild broncs just long enough to get a saddle and rider aboard for a wild ride around the arena.



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 The three queen candidates for the 2024 Okanogan County Fair take a turn in the arena before the first rodeo event.



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THRILLS AND A SPILL

Brewster Thunderfest hydros return for second year



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A jet ski tows the overturned Monkey Business back to the dock and waiting crew members.



Roger Erlandsen of Brewster entered his 1953 Ford F-100 pickup in the car show.



Okanogan Angels brought several candidates for good homes.



A crane carefully hoists the flipped boat high enough for crew members to get the craft righted.

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

Brewster – The second annual Brewster Thunderfest – Tony Newton Memorial Regatta unleashed its own hydro-power brand of high-speed adrenaline thrills – and even a spill – at Columbia Cove on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 2-3.

The “spill” – in this case, a flip – came during the Saturday afternoon heats when the No. 12 Monkey Business racing in the 2.5-liter stock division, caught a sponson in the water and executed a 180, landing upside down in the Columbia River. The driver, J. Michael Kelly, managed to exit the overturned craft with nothing more than a sprained wrist and was hauled aboard a rescue boat.

To illustrate the fine tolerance required to drive on the cutting edge of disaster, this was no rookie driver. Kelly, an experienced H1 unlimited hydroplane pilot, won the most coveted award in the sport, the Gold Cup, at last May’s Seattle Seafair Festival hydro races on Lake Washington. It was Kelly’s second Seafair appearance.

The racecourse oval in front of Columbia Cove covered 1 1/4 miles with four laps comprising a five-mile race. Race categories with awards for the top three finishers in each class included:

- 2.5 Liter Modified E350
- 2.5 Liter Stock 1 Liter
- 1.5 Liter Stock Cracker Box
- Sportsman Advanced Sportsman Entry Sport C
- Vintage class boats received presentation plaques.

The Tony Newton Memorial trophy awarded to the weekend’s most valuable crew member went to Kevin Porter who drives a 1-1-liter boat.

The race was sanctioned through the American Power Boat Association and held by Pacific Northwest Racing Association #496.

Despite the Saturday mishap, race director Jim Labrie said the remainder of the



J. Michael Kelly, right, with bandaged hand, flipped his boat, Monkey Business, during Saturday’s races at Columbia Cove Park. His only injury was a sprained wrist.

events finished as scheduled. “We had everything tied up by about 3 p.m. Sunday,” Labrie said.

Jim Labrie is trying to make the Brewster hydro event a community-wide experience by adding other attractions to the weekend. This year he invited Okanogan Angels, a local dog rescue non-profit that set up its info table and dog

adoption pens at the Brewster Boys and Girls Club. The BBGC also hosted a car show that drew several owners of flashy vehicles. Labrie said he will attend the September city council meeting to deliver a report on the weekend’s highlights.

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Three boats run neck-and-neck around the north buoy on their way to the starting flag



A crane lowers a boat into the water at Columbia Cove prior to a race heat.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PATEROS CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Pateros shall hold a public hearing on a setback variance request from 505 W. Beach Street. Said public hearing shall be held on Monday, September 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council chambers, Pateros City Hall, 113 Lakeshore Drive, Pateros, Washington, at which time and place all interested persons may appear and be heard. Published in the Quad City Herald September 6, 13, 2023. #6230

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SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF SPOKANE
In the Matter of the Estate of
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Deceased.
No. 23-4-00901-32
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against the Decedent's probate and non-probate assets. Date of First Publication: September 13, 2023 Personal Representative: Paul A. Tiffany Address for Mailing Notice: Evergreen Estate & Elder Law Mirisa Torres, WSBA #38089 818 W. Riverside Ave., Ste. 510 Spokane, WA 99201 Telephone Number: 509-325-5222 Published in the Quad City Herald September 13, 20, 27, 2023. #6236

It's time for your flu shot

Q: When is the best time to get a flu shot?

The CDC recommends those aged 65 and older get vaccinated in September or October rather than earlier. There is no "late" cutoff; you can be vaccinated anytime during flu season.

Young children aged 6 months through 8 years getting the flu vaccine for the first time should get 2 doses. Their first dose should be given as soon as the vaccine is available, and the second one 4 weeks later.

Q: How long does it take to be protected against the flu after vaccination?

It takes about 2 weeks for a flu shot to become fully effective.

Q: Will a flu shot last you the entire flu season?

Your best protection from the influenza vaccine lasts for about 6 months. Usually, it decreases to 50% of your original protection by 12 months. One vaccination protects the entire flu season if you are young and healthy.

Q: Why do we need yearly vaccinations against influenza?



Ask... Dr. Louise

The influenza virus frequently mutates, making your antibodies against influenza less effective.

As the influenza virus reproduces itself, it occasionally makes mistakes. Sometimes, the influenza virus will combine with another flu strain, creating a new one. If the new strain changes enough, we become more susceptible to it.

Q: Is this year's flu vaccine the same as last year's?

No. Most human influenza is caused by one of two main types: an A strain or a B strain. Influenza A strains are associated with pandemics and cause more severe symptoms and deaths than B strains.

The World Health Organization (WHO) keeps track of influenza patterns worldwide with facilities in Tokyo, Beijing, Melbourne, London, and Atlanta. They meet each February to decide on the 4 strains best suited for

the next influenza vaccine, choosing two A and two B strains.

All influenza vaccines available in the United States are quadrivalent, containing two "A" and two "B" strains.

Last year's flu vaccine replaced one A strain and one B strain to more closely resemble what people were exposed to. One A strain was updated in the 2023-24 flu formulation.

Q: My pharmacy is advertising the "high dose" flu shot. Should I get it?

Older adults have weaker immune systems and may get only half of the protection of influenza vaccines compared to younger people. This year, there is another option for flu vaccine for older adults.

The FDA approved three influenza vaccine formulations for people 65 years and older. Recent evidence shows that older adults vaccinated with one of these formulas are less likely to be hospitalized from complications from influenza than standard influenza vaccine formulations. These over 65 influenza vaccines boost effectiveness by 24%-36% compared to vaccination with other common influenza

vaccines.

Fluzone HD, the "high dose" vaccine, is the most common over-65 flu vaccine available. It contains 4 times the concentration of the standard formulas. Flud@, a second vaccine option for older adults, includes a usual vaccine dose plus an additive designed to trigger a more robust immune response called an adjuvant.

The CDC included a third flu vaccine option for people over 65 for the 2023-24 flu season. Flublok@ uses recombinant technology instead of egg cultures or mammalian cells to grow flu vaccine. Flublok@ is faster to produce than vaccines using egg culture and is safe for those with severe egg or chicken allergies. If interested, check for the availability of Flublok@ at your pharmacy.

Q: What about the "nose spray" flu vaccine?

FluMist@ is a nasal influenza vaccine approved for people from 2 to 49 years old. FluMist@ contains a live influenza virus and should be AVOIDED by pregnant women, people taking immunosuppressant medication, and anyone taking an antiviral drug within the previous 48 hours.

Q: Can I get other vaccines with flu vaccine at the same time?

Yes, with three exceptions. The nasal spray vaccine Flumist@ contains live virus, so you should wait 2 weeks between getting COVID and Flumist@ vaccinations.

Some COVID-19 vaccines and one of the new adult RSV vaccines contain an adjuvant. It is unclear whether there is an increased risk of side effects when receiving more than one vaccine containing adjuvants at a time, such as Flud@, Shingrix@, or the RSV vaccine Arexvy@.

Q: What if you are pregnant?

Pregnancy causes changes in your immune system and other organs in the body, making you more likely to suffer severe illness from having influenza. Vaccination against flu can reduce the risk of a pregnant woman being hospitalized with flu by about 40 percent.

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy, is a 43-year veteran of pharmacology and author of Why Dogs Can't Eat Chocolate: How Medicines Work and How YOU Can Take Them Safely. Get clear answers to your medication questions at her website and blog, TheMedicationInsider.com. ©2023 Louise Achey

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55. Blunder
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61. *U-Pick destination
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70. Make a pigeon sound
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8. "Xanadu" music genre
9. Village, mostly in South Africa
10. Tangerine plus grapefruit
11. Colloquial "Follow me!"
12. NASA's orange drink
15. Master's area
20. Meryl Streep/Philip Seymour Hoffman 2008 movie
22. *Climbing peak
24. Fashion week stage
25. *Sidewalk artist's medium
26. Mushroom caps
27. Indian black tea
29. Unwelcome reception, pl.
31. Give a quote
32. Handrail post
33. In an unfriendly manner
34. Incense without prefix
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42. Detroit mascot
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51. Lady Slipper, e.g.
54. "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" host
56. Horny odd-toed ungulate, for short
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THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

It's Crappie Time!

By JOHN KRUSE
Special to Ward Media

Fun to catch and tasty to eat, crappie offers an excellent opportunity for anglers in the late summer and early fall. There are two species of crappie found in Washington State: the white and black crappie. Of the two, the black crappie is more commonly found in the Evergreen State.

At this time of year, crappie bite readily, and there are several ways to catch them. Sometimes, it's as easy as tipping a small jig with a worm and slowly reeling it three feet behind a bobber. Other times, it's not that easy.

One person who targets these fish for a living is Brad Chappell, a full-time guide out of Central Mississippi and the man behind the Crappie Connection channel on YouTube. He has five specific methods he recommends to catch crappie right now anywhere they are found in the country, including:

- Casting to brush piles and retrieving a very small jig (1/16th or 1/32nd ounce in size). Chappell recommends using a lure called a Bobby Garland Itty Bit jig.
- Fish these same small jigs under a slip bobber in front of crappie to trigger strikes.

- Troll a crankbait (like a 3-inch Bandit 300) over suspended schools of crappie to trigger a reactive bite.
- Vertically jig two 1/16th ounce jigs from the boat for deep water crappie.
- Power Troll a 1/8th or 1/4 ounce jig three feet below a two-ounce lead sinker anywhere from 1.2 to 2 miles per hour. You can combine this technique by trolling another rod with a crank bait.

When people think of crappie, many think of them being anywhere from seven to eleven inches in size, but they get a lot bigger than that. Washington State's record white crappie was caught out of Burbank Slough in 1988. The angler who caught the 2.8-pound fish was Don Benson. The record black crappie has stood the test of time; a 4.5-pound monster panfish hauled out of Lake Washington by John Smart back in 1956.

One body of water known for big crappie in Eastern Washington is Potholes Reservoir. Crappies must be at least nine inches long to keep here, and 15-inch crappie weighing well over a pound are not uncommon. Pete Fisher at MarDon Resort loves to go after these panfish and has specific advice for anglers targeting crappie this time of year.

Pete suggests trolling a #5 Berkley Flicker Shad to locate



Pete Fisher shows off his catch of quality crappie at Potholes Reservoir.

COURTESY OF PETE FISHER

a school of crappie. Then, anchor up and use a slip bobber set to a depth matching the school's top. Try Bobby Garland Baby Shads or DS Fry on a 1/32nd-ounce Moon-Eyed jig under that slip bobber for success.

By the way, one great place to catch these fish without a boat is right off the docks at MarDon Resort. Normally, you have to be a paying guest to fish at the marina, but from September 15 through the morning of September 17, the

annual MarDon Marathon Dock Tournament takes place there. For a \$40 entry fee, you can fish as much as you want for crappie (and nine other species of fish) off the docks, and the anglers reeling in the heaviest two fish from any spe-

cies (including crappie) will walk away with prize money. You can register for the event at the resort office or through the MarDon Resort website. <https://mardonresort.com/events.html>

Looking for other places to fish for crappie? Here are some suggestions:

15 CRAPPIE LAKES IN EASTERN WASHINGTON:

- Sprague Lake (Adams/Lincoln County)
- Moses Lake (Grant County)
- Banks Lake (Grant County)
- Evergreen Reservoir (Grant County)
- Roses Lake (Chelan County)
- Antilon Lake (Chelan County)
- Coffeepot Lake (Lincoln County)
- Box Canyon Reservoir (Pend Oreille County)
- Spokane/Long Lake (Stevens County)
- Eloika Lake (Spokane County)
- Rock Lake (Whitman County)
- Leader Lake (Okanogan County)
- I-82 Ponds (Yakima County)
- Horsethief Lake (Klickitat County)
- Lake Roosevelt (multiple counties)

John Kruse - www.northwesternoutdoors.com and www.americaoutdoorsradio.com

Thank you for participating in my 7th annual "Listening Tour"

By SENATOR BRAD HAWKINS
State Senator, 12th Legislative District



Senator Brad Hawkins

After my election to the Senate seven years ago, I started an annual "listening tour" to help me hear directly from constituents on issues important to their communities. I recently completed this year's listening tour throughout the district. Hosting my discussions in communities each fall help prepare me for legislative sessions each winter. This year's listening tour included discussions on business, recreation, wildfire, healthcare, education, transportation issues and more. The tour also included a preview of the upcoming legislative session, which begins in January.

As a result of recent redistricting, I divided this year's listening tour between the traditional areas of the 12th District and the new areas. The first portion of the tour was dedicated to Chelan County and Douglas County residents. The remaining tour was held in the King and Snohomish County portions

of the district. Past listening tours have helped connect me with issues important to many communities in North Central Washington. Many of these areas are no longer within the 12th District boundaries, which is why this year's stops included many of the new communities in the district.

The new 12th District boundaries now include East Wenatchee, Chelan County, and portions of Snohomish County and King County. The new communities include portions of North Bend, Carnation, Sultan, and Monroe and many unincorporated King and Snohomish County residents. A major feature of

the new 12th District is the Cascade Mountain Range, although the inclusion of the Cascade Mountains doesn't actually add much population to the district. I have worked hard in recent months to outreach to all communities in the district and have enjoyed learning about the issues in these new areas.

Recent ideas shared during past listening tours have turned into successful legislative action. A proposal by Leavenworth officials to dispose of brush and yard clippings resulted in new law to help the community. A funding request for the Saddle Rock trail became a reality when later included in the budget. A biochar demonstration project to reduce wildfire risk was also funded as well as significant improvements to Wenatchee's Community Center used by Pinnacles Prep Charter School. A land purchase for the Wenatchee Valley YMCA was also recently supported. All ideas were discussed during past listening tours.

During my recent listening tour, I also heard comments that helped prepare me to better represent you in Olympia. I hope you had the opportunity to participate in this year's tour. Whether you were able to participate or not, please know that my position exists to serve you. Please feel free to reach out to me and my office anytime through my website at senatorbradhawkins.org.

Brad Hawkins serves as State Senator for the 12th Legislative District.

Confluence Health announces new vice president of philanthropy

By ADAM MAC DONALD
Press Release
Confluence Health

WENATCHEE - Confluence Health announced today that Suzanne Carté-Cocroft will soon be joining the organization as the new vice president of philanthropy. While a new title, this new vice president position replaces the role previously held by the foundation executive trustee, a position that works to lead and guide the Confluence Health Foundation.

A native Alaskan, Carté-Cocroft most recently served as the foundation president and region chief philanthropy officer for the Providence Alaska Foundation based in Anchorage, Alaska. An experienced leader with over 25 years in working with nonprofit organizations on board oversight, team building, strategic planning, and fund development, she brings a wealth of experience to the position, including previous work in the telecommunications industry and serving on the boards of the Alaska Children's Alliance, Alaska Children's Trust, and The Foraker Group operations board.

"The Foundation is looking forward to Suzanne joining the organization and bringing with her years of experience in developing lasting relationships with donors and empowering her team to support local health systems and communities," commented Steven Neher, president of the Confluence Health Foundation board of trustees.

In her new position, Carté-



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Suzanne Carté-Cocroft will soon be joining Confluence Health as the new vice president of philanthropy.

Cocroft will be leading the Confluence Health Foundation. The Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Confluence Health and works to benefit the activities of the not-for-profit healthcare system. A 501(c)(3) charitable organization established in 1978, the Foundation has been a crucial component in Confluence Health's efforts to support the health and well-being of the North Central Washington community for over 45 years, helping keep superior healthcare close to home.

Carté-Cocroft will be stepping into the position held previously by Abel Noah, foundation executive trustee for Confluence Health, who will be retiring in January 2024 after nearly 20 years of

service to Confluence Health. "I am excited to have Suzanne continue to carry on and build upon all the Foundation has accomplished over the years and am confident that she will do great things in this new position," remarked Dr. Andrew Jones, CEO of Confluence Health. "We look forward to the leadership and vision Suzanne will bring in this important role, helping us to enhance and support Confluence Health's ability to provide local care by and for our community close to home."

For more information, contact Adam MacDonald, Corporate Communications Program Manager adam.macdonald@confluencehealth.org

Nobel Prize winning author Gabriel García Márquez was quoted as saying, "All human beings have three lives, public, private and secret." In our modern world of the Internet search engines and DNA testing, keeping our private and secret lives separate is increasingly difficult. Sometimes they can come crashing in on our public lives when we least expect it.

Father Robert McCarthy is a middle-aged priest who is suddenly and unexpectedly confronted with his secret past. How he deals with the revelation of that past with his family, his congregation and the impacts of that secret life is inspirational. How McCarthy discloses the news of his college indiscretion requires him to take everyone involved on a journey of confession. That journey forces him to deal with issues of homosexuality, judgementalism, divorce and pride.

His pastoring skills and the depth of support from his wife help him bring forgiveness and restoration to many broken relationships.

The bonds of three families are ultimately restored through celebrations of life experiences including fishing, holiday gatherings, the discovery of unknown family connections and a wedding.

Bill's Book is available online through Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com and Apple iBook. The paperback is \$16.99 and the ebook is \$8.99. You can also pick up a copy of the book or order the book directly from Carol Forhan at The Leavenworth Echo (509-548-5286), or the Lake Chelan Mirror (509-682-2213), or by emailing your contact information to Carol@leavenworthecho.com. Mail delivery add \$3.00 for postage. There is no extra charge if your order is picked up at the Echo/Record office, call for details, 509-548-5286.

1889 Washington Constitution displayed at Olympia's Legislative Building

OLYMPIA — In a tribute to U.S. Constitution Week, Secretary of State Steve Hobbs will unveil an extraordinary historical exhibition, the original 1889 Washington Constitution, at Olympia's Legislative Building. The event, scheduled for Thursday, September 14, is being presented by the Washington State Archives, a division of the Office of Secretary of State.

From 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. on September 14, the public will have a unique opportunity to view the remarkably well-preserved 1889 Washington Constitution in a secure display case within the Office of the Secretary of State. State Archives experts will attend to provide insights and answer

questions about this venerable document, ensuring its protection through the presence of the Washington State Patrol.

Secretary of State Steve Hobbs expressed his profound pride in hosting this event, stating, "I am proud to be able to bring the foundational document of Washington's government out from the Archives into full public view to recognize Constitution Week. For more than 134 years, this constitution has guided every aspect of how our state is run. It's our history and so much more as well. It's an honor to host this opportunity for all Washingtonians to see what our state government is built on."