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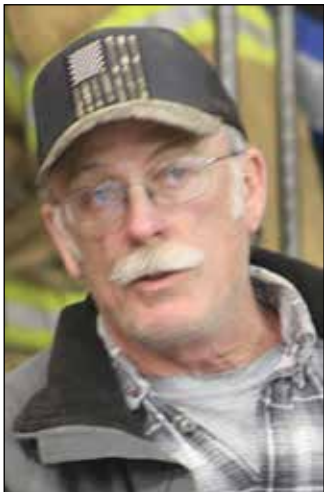
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Regulate on-street parking

Bridgeport public works addresses 17th Street flooding

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT – Periodic flooding on 17th Street in the city’s downtown may soon be a thing of the past if city Public Works Superintendent Stuart Dezellem has anything to say about it. Dezellem advised city council members at their regular monthly meeting March 17 that he wants to reinstall open storm drainage ditches along the city streets like Raymond, Tacoma, and Fifth that feed into 17th Street so that storm water and melt runoff can be channeled into the city drainage system.



Mike Maltais/QCH
Bridgeport Director of Public Works Stuart Dezellem

Dezellem said that back in the 1960’s and 70’s there were open drainage ditches along those streets that served that very purpose.

“Over the years those have gotten filled in and leveled up,” Dezellem said.

Dezellem said that as one of the city’s major north-south drainages, 17th Street has sustained some shoulder and pavement loss due to the excess runoff that he wants to prevent in the future.

In late January, the arctic cold snap froze the surface of the ground on land benches south of the city. February snow added about four inches of the white stuff on top of the frozen ground. When a later warm chinook wind blew through melting the snow, residents who knew from past experience what was coming next descended on the public works department for sandbags to protect their homes and property.

“We got a sandbagging tool from the Department of Corrections in Walla Walla,” said Dezellem. “We used that to fill about 2,500 bags in anticipa-

tion of excess water.”

Dezellem said residents used between 500 and 1,000 bags to form water barriers this time around.

“When the chinook wind began blowing, everybody was picking up sandbags,” Dezellem said.

Dezellem said he will notify the public by letter of the city’s plan to reinstall the open ditches and he wants to get the project done by late spring or early summer while the flooding is still fresh in everybody’s minds.

Remedy street parking
Dezellem suggested that the city clarify its street parking ordinance to help public works keep the street rights-of-way clear for snow plowing and weed spraying operations.

“I do not want vehicles that are not driven daily parked along the street,” said Dezellem. “We have parking codes already for on-street parking.”

Dezellem said the city’s nuisance vehicle ordinance

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12th District Reps. Goehner, Steele hold town hall

By GARY BÉGIN, MANAGING EDITOR, NCW MEDIA

OLYMPIA – State District 12 representatives Michael Steele (R-Chelan) and Keith Goehner (R-Dryden) held a virtual joint town hall meeting Tuesday, March 23. The two were asked questions from both pre-submitted (online) and phone-in community members during the one hour plus session, hosted by a House Republican spokesman.

Steele, in his third term in Olympia, cited the fact that rural citizens must travel further to obtain basic goods, in his response to a question about the program that was initiated last summer, which might charge a road usage fee per mile.

He stated he was part of the pilot project and noted that “it takes me 45 minutes just to drive from my home to Costco.”

He went on to say that the state “must find other ways to raise revenues” other than relying on increasing the gas tax. “Shifting to alternative fuels” might be one way to level the driving playing field across the state, according to Steele.

One caller questioned the state voting tabulation system and said he has lost trust in the status quo because he felt many non-citizens were allowed to vote and to serve jury duty, all because they were registered as voters while getting drivers licenses.

Steele stated, “voting had always been an important part of his life ever since he would accompany his parents to go and vote as a youngster.”

He advocated for enforcement of identification practices to stop non-citizens from serving on juries as well as voting. “There should be a higher bar” that voters must reach to be allowed to vote, Steele said. “Voting is a fundamental reality of being a citizen,” he concluded.



Gary Bégin/NCW Media
12th District Representatives Michael Steele, left, and Keith Goehner held a virtual town hall meeting last week.

Goehner and Steel both said they were happy that Secretary of State Kim Wyman could be trusted to run elections fairly and be on guard for voting anomalies.

Phyllis from Manson questioned the two, both growers, as to what can be done to help small farmers to compete with massive corporate farms in the light of more property and employment taxes. Steele said “Property owners were hardest hit,” by the pandemic.

“Property taxes were just one way of shifting burden from one group to another,” said Goehner, who noted that “in the last nine years, the cost of running state government has gone up 80 percent.”

Steele said the passage of the payroll tax, HB1087 should have undergone a logistics analysis before the law passed.

Steele also said there was a reason for separation of powers in a democracy and part of that was for him and others elected by their constituency to do what he was elected to do.

Having the governor enact executive decisions showed a “lack of collaboration” and led to frustration among legislators, according to both men.

Goehner said the emergency powers vested in the executive of the state were meant for unforeseen emer-

gencies and not for “sustained emergencies” such as the COVID-19 pandemic, which crippled economies statewide.

“More heads are better than one,” Steele said. Goehner agreed stating, “A broader base of input was needed for statewide declarations.”

On a more positive note, both men agreed that state forestry management was vital to lowering the dangers of reoccurring massive wildfires.

“It’s important that we recognize the role forest management plays” in regards to habitat, clean air, clean water and the reduction of fire particulates into the air, Goehner said.

Steele said it was a good thing that State Director of Public Lands Hilary Franz was able to help steer HB1168 through acceptance in the House as it will “help reduce greenhouse” production.

Although Franz is a Democrat, she holds one of the few statewide posts that attract bipartisan agreement from both sides of the mountains.

Regarding HB1054, Goehner and Steele voted against attempts by the Democratic majority to reduce law enforcement’s ability to fight crime, but to no avail.

“There is already so much liability involved,” said Goehner about fighting crime.

Working Washington Grant 4 portal now open

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

OMAK – The internet portal for Working Washington Grant 4 opened on March 29 and can be accessed through commercegrants.com. The application closing date is 5 p.m., April 9. The website provides details about program eligibility, documents required and includes an FAQ sheet that will continue to be updated.

“The maximum grant amount available is \$25,000,” said Roni Holder-Diefenbach, Executive Director of the Eco-

nomic Alliance in Omak

Those who have received any of the past Working Washington Grants will have the total amount they received deducted and be eligible for what is remaining. As an example, a business that received \$8,500 in WW Grant 1 and \$8,500 in WW Grant 3 (\$17,000 total) will be eligible for \$8,000 in this round of funding.

“I was a beta tester for the application today, and it is a mobile friendly, easy to navigate application,” said Diefenbach. “The first page determines your eligibility.

The second page has a link at the top right corner that will allow you to add a contributor. If you have someone who is helping you complete the application, you can add that person via that link at that time.”

Those who wish to have Diefenbach review or assist their application can add their email at rholderdiefenbach@economic-alliance.com and she will provide the technical assistance needed. She can also be reached at 509-322-4634. “It is important to know that as you navigate the process

the application saves as you complete it,” said Diefenbach. “If you need to step away to get documentation and do not hit the SUBMIT button, you can sign back in and continue to edit. Once you hit the SUBMIT button, you will NOT be able to go back in and change your application.”

More than 1,400 small business recipients were awarded nearly \$10 million under WW Round 1. Commerce funded an additional \$10 million to fund WW Round 2 and awarded approximately \$100 million statewide through Round 3 through Dec. 31, 2020.

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OBITUARIES

Thomas "Tom" Smith

Thomas "Tom" Smith passed November 7, 2020 in Everett Medical Center from a stroke. Tom was born Chicago, Illinois on September 11, 1943 to Nicholas Calvin Smith and Dolores Ellen Walker Smith.

Tom and family moved to the Northwest when Tom was very young. As a teenager Tom moved to the Brewster area and lived with several families in the area in his late teens. Tom married Marilyn Piedmont in March 27, 1968 and they had a son John Smith. Tom and Marilyn Divorced in 1976. Tom married Joy See in 1978 and divorced in 1992.

Tom was a trucker for many years and had friends all over the United States from his trucking days. Tom never met a stranger at a truck stop. Tom farmed on the Brewster Bar for several years and sold his land a few years ago and settled into retirement.



Tom will be missed by many, and thanks to all his friends over the last few years for their warm and loving care.

Predeceased by both his parents.

Survived by his son John Smith.

Grave side services April 10 at 1 pm at Bridgeport Cemetery.

Cade William Gebbers

Cade William Gebbers was born March 4, 2002 in Spokane, Washington to Johnny and Nikki Gebbers. Cade went to be with his Savior on March 17, 2021. Cade lived his 19 years of full and abundant life in Brewster Washington surrounded by his family and friends. He was the oldest of the Gebbers' 6th generation in Brewster and was always looked up to by his brothers and numerous first and second cousins. Cade was an excellent student and he attended the Log Church Christian School through 6th grade and continued on in the Brewster Middle School and earned a 4.0 GPA in Middle School. Cade attended Brewster High School for three years and earned a 3.9 GPA. Cade chose the Wenatchee Valley College Running Start online program for his senior year. Cade was an accomplished 19 year old with many academic and sport accolades to his name. His basketball team won the state championship last year for the 2B level and he was MVP of the state tournament and 2B Player of the Year for Washington State. Cade's dream was to play college basketball and there is no doubt that he would have been an exceptional college player.

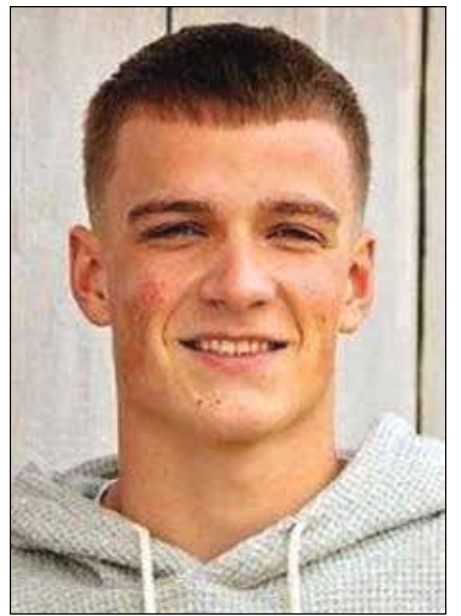
But Cade wasn't known only for his academic and sports success. All agreed that Cade was simply an incredible person. He had a wonderful character about him that was pure, genuine and honest. Cade was really funny and fun to be around and made those around him happy. Cade was

a kind and selfless person; quiet and soft spoken. He was a great listener. He was a loving brother, cousin and friend. And, most importantly, he was a Christian. Following the sad and unexpected passing of Cade, Cade's family have been honored with many stories told to them of deeds performed by Cade that changed people's lives or helped them through a challenging time. Cade's family is very proud of the man Cade became and enjoyed him tremendously. They will never forget his big smile, quick wit, kind heart and infectious laugh. We will all miss him dearly. Our comfort and confidence is knowing that Cade is in Heaven today, because he believed Christ died for him.

Cade is survived by his father and mother, Johnny and Nikki Gebbers, his 3 brothers, Kelson, Cort and Karden, his beautiful 8 year old sister Capri, grandparents Mac and Becky Gebbers and Don and Shelly Freeman, his great-grandmother Reba Gebbers, aunts and uncles Daniel and Becca Gebbers, MacR and Jamie Gebbers, Hawkins and Sam Gebbers, Kris and Codi Karr and 15 first cousins and numerous extended family.

Cade will be honored with a Celebration of Life on Saturday, March 27 at 1 p.m. at the Brewster High School Gym. A graveside service at Locust Grove Cemetery in Brewster, Washington will follow the ceremony.

The Gebbers family asks that any contributions made in honor of Cade



be given to Only7Seconds, a non-profit created to support suicide awareness. Donations can be made on their website Only7seconds.com or sent to PO Box 202, Pateros, WA 98846.

We would so very much love for you to share glimpses of Cade's life experiences with us. Cade's life was full of beautiful moments and we would love to continue experiencing him by hearing from you. Take a video of yourself telling a story about Cade or write a memory. Email it to cade@cg4.life or mail it to us at PO Box 776, Brewster, WA 98812.

Services are entrusted to Barnes Chapel of Brewster.

DEATH NOTICES

Esther Irene Langley

Esther Irene Langley, 91, of Brewster, Washington, passed away on March 23, 2021.

Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at www.barneschapel.com. Services are under the direction of Barnes Chapel of Brewster.

WORKS

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provisions involve a long, drawn-out process that can take weeks to remove an obstructing vehicle. He said more clarification in the street parking ordinance is needed to eliminate prolonged parking on street shoulders.

Think water use efficiency

Bridgeport is entering its third cycle of the state's water use efficiency program and unlike the past two cycles, Dezellem wants more council and community input regarding city goals this time around.

In one of the city's past two

cycles Dezellem set a goal to reduce water use by six percent and achieved a result of more than 20 percent. For the next cycle's goals, he asked council members to give some thought to what they think the city's goals should be for the next five years.

Second generator needed
The city needs a second portable generator to handle city power needs in the event of an emergency or power failure Dezellem said.

"Like most municipalities our size, we are running two water pumps," said Dezellem. "We need that second generator available to bring online during a crisis."

Obituary & Memorial Policies

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An Obituary is a way for family member(s) to commemorate a loved one's life and to notify the community of the passing of the loved one. Obituaries are also used for historical and ancestral data.

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Obituaries and Memorials need to be typed and emailed as a Word Document. They can be placed in one or more papers - all publish weekly on Wednesday.

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Elementary students learn about salmon through in-class tank programs

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – Elementary school students at the Brewster, Pateros, and Bridgeport school districts are getting the opportunity to learn about the life cycle of one of the region's most important wildlife resources, Chinook salmon, thanks to Cascade Fisheries of Wenatchee.

Cascade has provided living displays where students can watch the Chinook grow from eggs, to alevin, to fry, and eventually released when they are ready to return to local waters. The salmon eggs are typically delivered to the schools in January and released between April and May.

Cascade Program Specialist Jennifer Herdmann explained that Cascade is one of 14 regional fisheries enhancement groups created by the state legislature in the 1990's "to work within the communities we serve to restore and enhance native fish habitat."

Herdmann said their largest K-12 education program is Schools for Salmon (SFS) where "varying grade levels receive curriculum and/or in-class and in-field lessons centered around students raising salmon in their schools."

"On an average year we can have 13 or more schools (including a public library and community college) raising salmon from Wenatchee to Bridgeport," said Herdmann, "each tank holding up to 200 salmon and released into nearby streams."



Courtesy Brewster School District Facebook

This tank of salmon fry in Brewster Elementary School is provided by Cascade Fisheries of Wenatchee to help students learn about the life cycle of the fish species.

The salmon come from partnerships with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and Yakama Nation Fisheries.

"This year with COVID distance learning we have worked with schools to provide the experience in-person or virtually depending on their student safety protocols," said Herdmann. "In Douglas and Okanogan counties our fisher-

ies biologist Kristen Kirby has been working with Brewster, Bridgeport, and Pateros to keep their tank program running as well."

Herdmann said Cascade offers classroom and field exposure from the third grade through college at Wenatchee Valley College.

"Aside from SFS's tank component we provide lessons and activities such as

fish dissections, anatomy/physiology/ecology lessons, community science opportunities (watershed and salmon habitat monitoring), fisheries career exposure, after school programs, river snorkeling, watershed tours, salmon spawning viewing, and community partner education and outreach events (Salmon Fest, Earth Day)," Herdmann said.

Billygoats fall to strong Soap Lake team

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

SOAP LAKE – The Pateros Billygoats varsity football team had more than they could handle against the Soap Lake Eagles last Friday, March 19.

"We came up short against a good Soap Lake team," said

head coach Marcus Stennes. "We played good defense the first half but just could not get anything going offensively."

Stennes said his team struggled with turnovers and could only find the end zone once.

Pateros was scheduled to host Entiat at home last Tuesday, March 30.

Stats:

Pateros	0	0	2	6
Soap Lake	13	16	0	6

Rushing

Chris Poore	10 carries for 43 yards
Miguel Solis	2 for 4 yards
Pablo Gonzalez	1 for 3 yards
Eric Espino	1 for 5 yards, 1 TD

Receiving

Lucas Miller	3 catches 56 yards
Chris Poore	2 for 28 yards
Josh Smith	2 for 13 yards
Miguel Solis	1 for 8 yards
Eric Espino	1 for 11 yards

Passing

Dylan Bosch	9 for 25, 93 yards, 3 Int
Chris Poore	1-1, 20 yards

Defense

Josh Smith	9 tackles
Miguel Solis	6 tackles
Anthony Medel	6 tackles

Application will open in April for CRRSA Act student funding

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NCW - Students will soon be able to apply for Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act funding. CRRSA Act funding is the second round of the federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds. Wenatchee Valley College will receive \$4.3 million, \$1.2 million of which will be distributed directly to students.

Student CRRSA Act funding will provide direct emergency cash grants to college students whose lives and educations have been disrupted by the pandemic.

WVC will make an application available in the month of April. Students can sign up to be notified when it is ready at wvc.edu/ReliefFunds.

Current and new students are eligible to apply. The funds must be spent within one year

of allocation. At this time, it does not appear that DACA/Undocumented students will be eligible.

Learn more about CRRSA Act funding and the anticipated application at wvc.edu/ReliefFunds.

In April 2020, Wenatchee Valley College received the first round of Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Students that received funding through the CARES Act are also eligible to apply for CRRSA Act funds.

Wenatchee Valley College enriches North Central Washington by serving educational and cultural needs of communities and residents throughout the service area. The college provides high-quality transfer, liberal arts, professional/technical, basic

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Bridgeport senior wins top award at regional high school art show

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT – High school senior Dulce Rosas was a top award winner at this year's 42nd Annual Regional High School Art Show School in Wenatchee, reports Bridgeport High School art instructor Brad Skiff.

Rosas was among 11 Bridgeport High School students who entered the annual event that began March 12 and runs through April 3. She drew a pencil sketch titled Glass and Bottle.

The art show is presented by the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center (WVMCC) in cooperation with the North Central Educational Services District (NCESD) and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). The regional event draws entries from Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan, and Grant counties. Awards are given in seven divisions and the popular People's Choice category.



Courtesy Bridgeport High School

Glass and Bottle (pencil) by Dulce Rosas

Rosas will now advance to the Annual Superintendent's High School Art Show on May 30 in Olympia.

The WVMCC is a 501(c)(3)

nonprofit organization whose mission is "to gather, engage, and educate people to celebrate and preserve the history, arts, sciences,

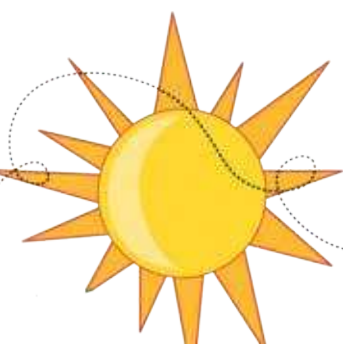
and rich diversity of our region."

The following internet link Wenatchee Valley Museum: 42nd Annual Regional High School Art Show - YouTube shows 10-minute review of the entries from Bridgeport, Wenatchee, Tonasket, Quincy, Liberty Bell, Warden, Cashmere, Moses Lake, and Cascade.

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THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

Skunked

By JOHN KRUSE, THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

You are never too old to eat a slice of humble pie, that's for sure. My problem is, when it comes to recent fishing expeditions, I've been on a steady diet of this less than delicious dessert.

If you would have asked me last October what I thought of myself as a fisherman, I would have shared so many stories you would think me a braggart. Truth be told, it was one of the best fishing years of my life when it came to catching trout, walleye and bass. I got skunked once last year while my best friend, Rusty Johnston, cleaned up on bass at our favorite lake. However, I was usually the one that ended up with the biggest bass or walleye on our combined outings and caught more fish too. Trust me, in the 40 plus years we've fished together, that hasn't happened too often. Rusty's "a pretty

good stick", as anglers like to say when they are describing those who have the ability to reel in good numbers of fish no matter what the conditions.

In addition to those outings with my friend, Rusty, I went on a number of solo trout trips not only in Washington, but also in Montana and Wyoming and every one of them was successful when it came to catching trout. Mind you, it helps when you are fishing rivers that literally have more than a 1,000 fish per square mile but to the casual observer of my Facebook page, I was looking like "a pretty good stick" too.

Then came 2021 and the appearance of a skunk whose persistent stink stays with me. I caught fish the first time out with Rusty this year going after carp but on the five trips I've taken since then with Rusty, my daughter, Faith or by myself? Not a fish to be found...At least, not by this angler.

Humans are great when it comes to self-deception and



Courtesy John Kruse

Ready to go kayak fishing.

I'm just as fallible as anyone. The first time out I blamed the weather, which was valid, since the winds were gusting to 40 mph. The second time? I blamed an approaching cold front which must have put off the bite for my daughter and I going after trout at the Quincy Lakes. The other three trips though? That's where doubt crept in to take up residence with that stinky skunk. You

see, the next two trips were with my friend, Rusty. And each and every time while I failed to catch a single fish, Rusty was catching them. Trout, bass, he caught them both and handily too. It would be fair to say my friend Rusty had found his mojo...and I had lost mine.

In desperation, I loaded my kayak into the back of the truck for a fifth trip. This time

I headed to the north end of Potholes Reservoir and fished flooded areas close to shore that are normally magnets for bass this time of year. I cast a variety of offerings into the water for four hours but after all that I turned around to see that pesky skunk in the back of the boat, just sitting there staring at me.

At this point I had a couple of ways to deal with this situation. My initial game plans of curling up into a ball or pouting like a petulant child didn't hold much appeal for me. Instead, I focused on other things. Number one, I was out in nature and it was a beautiful day. Second, the bird life was abundant. Ducks, geese, hawks, and several bald eagles were seen and heard on this trip and many of the other ones too. Good company? I had that too on several of these trips and going fishing with friends or family is certainly an event to be treasured no matter the end result.

Finally, being a duck hunt-

er, I couldn't help but notice a couple of mallard decoys that were washed up amongst a wave of broken willow limbs floating near shore. They were in good shape and still had both their cords and their weights. Some duck hunter had probably lost them in high winds this past season but that hunter's loss was my gain as I hauled in the hen and drake decoys. Suddenly, I felt empowered. I had caught something after all. It wasn't the fish I was after, but it was something I could use. It was enough for me to shoo that skunk out of the back of my kayak. He had to move anyway because that's where I tossed the decoys.

Here's hoping your next fishing trip brings you many fish but on the off chance you do get skunked, remember the real reasons you are out there and see if you can find something else of value to reel in.

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How candy can kill your pet

Easter is the holiday most associated with candy. According to the National Confectioner's Association, Americans purchase more candy at Easter than at any other holiday, surpassing even Halloween and Valentine's Day.

Over 75% of Americans make an Easter basket each year. Bunnies made out of chocolate are the most popular Easter candy. In 2018, Americans spent \$935 million on chocolate, purchasing over 100 million chocolate bunnies.

It's traditional to hide colored eggs and chocolates in preparation for a Sunday morning Easter Egg Hunt. While toddlers wander about in the spring sunshine, their older siblings and cousins dash past them. Their goal? Finding brightly colored eggs lurking under bushes, hidden along hedges, tucked into tufts of grass, and nestled behind flower pots.

Easter Egg hunts are fun for little ones and entertaining for older adults. Unfortunately, the chocolate bunnies and other treats nestled in Easter baskets can be dangerous to



our pets. Chocolate smells wonderful to dogs. They seek it out and eat it with enthusiasm.

Cats rarely eat enough chocolate to cause them harm. In contrast, most dogs will eat any chocolate that they can smell and find, even entire bags of candy containing chocolate. For small dogs, this can be enough to cause poisoning and death.

Why is chocolate so dangerous to our pets?

One of the compounds found naturally in chocolate is theobromine. Theobromine is closely related to caffeine. If enough of it were concentrated in a capsule or tablet, it would have a similar effect, increasing your energy level and mental focus.

Theobromine is found in all parts of the cacao bean. The hard outer cacao shells, which are removed during processing, and the delicious inner beans used to make Hershey's kisses, Dove's bars and chocolate bunnies all

contain theobromine.

The danger to animals wasn't realized until someone started recycling the discarded cacao beans' shells by adding them to animal feed. Suddenly, baby ducks, chicks, baby goats, and young calves were dying, all with similar symptoms: vomiting, diarrhea, confusion, and seizures, followed by collapse and death. These tragic deaths were eventually traced to animal feeds that contained recycled cacao shells.

How much chocolate is dangerous to your pet? The smaller your dog is, the less it takes for them to be poisoned. The more concentrated the chocolate, the more theobromine it will contain and the more danger your pet will be in.

In general, the darker the chocolate, the more poisonous it is to a pet. A small, 6-ounce bag of semi-sweet chocolate chips has enough theobromine to kill an 18-pound dog. Baking chocolate squares are particularly dark and potent, with 2 squares enough to make a 50-lb. dog sick or kill a 20-lb. dog.

Puppies and elderly dogs seem to be more affected by theobromine, so it takes even less chocolate for them to be poisoned.

If chocolate is so dangerous to our pets, could toddlers and small children be at risk, too? Thankfully, no, because our human bodies are very good at detoxifying theobromine. Humans and animals have particular proteins called enzymes which are designed to break down and detoxify compounds like theobromine. In humans, these special enzymes work twice as fast as the ones in dogs, cats, and other animals.

Despite christening chocolate-rich cake and dessert recipes Death by Chocolate, it's pretty much impossible for humans, no matter how small,

to die from eating chocolate. 5 tips on how to protect your pet from poisoning from candy

1. The darker the chocolate is, the more dangerous it is.

Be especially vigilant about keeping dark chocolate and semi-sweet chocolate chips out of reach. One small 8-ounce bag of Toll-House chocolate chips is a fatal dose for a 20-lb dog.

2. Size matters:

How much chocolate it takes to poison a dog depends on their size, with small dogs especially at risk. What a black lab can get away with ingesting can be fatal to a Yorkie or Shih Tzu.

3. Avoid repeat ingestions.

Multiple incidents of eating chocolate close together are dangerous even to big dogs because they detoxify chocolate a little at a time. Another ingestion within 24 hours can

turn a harmless incident into a painful death.

4. White chocolate is nearly as dangerous.

White chocolate is also a danger because of its high-fat content. Dogs seek it out because it smells like chocolate. Fat from white chocolate can trigger a painful and fatal condition in dogs called pancreatitis.

5. Find out more.

You can find more information about foods dangerous to your pets online at www.petpoisonhelpline.com.

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The Contract
A novel by local writer
William E. Forhan.

Most mothers can tell you the moment their child was born. It's not the same for fathers. But I can tell you precisely the moment I met my daughters. It was 2:46 on a Sunday afternoon in October.

I had rushed back from church and just sat down to watch the game of the week. My Denver Broncos were playing their most despised of opponents - the Oakland Raiders. My game was interrupted by a knock on my front door.

My wife had taken our two sons to help her with grocery shopping. So I had to get up from my game to respond to that irritating knock.

I opened the door to two attractive young women. They seemed surprised.

"You're a priest?" one queried.

In my rush to watch the game I had not removed my clerical collar.

"Well, yes I am," I responded. Fully expecting they were a couple of young evangelists looking to tell me about the gospel.

There was a sudden and distinctly deafening pause.

"Can I help you?" I finally said.

They looked at each other. Then almost in unison burst out, "We think you're our father!"

In an instant twenty-three years of guilt and remorse overcame me. I could not help it. Tears poured out like a river. My heart began to pound and I could not hear a sound.

We looked at each other for what seemed like an eternity. None of us knowing what to say next, but I knew in my heart they were correct.

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