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Chelan Firefighters Raise Over \$11K in Stair Climb for Cancer Fund



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CHELAN – Chelan Fire and Rescue members raised over \$11,000 dollars for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in the Annual Stair Climb Fundraiser on March 10.

The six firefighters Sam Belsky, Taylor Rains, Chris Colbert, Duke Odenrider, Brandon Fogelson, and Stephanie Preheim climbed 69 flights of stairs up to the top of Seattle's Columbia Tower in 60 pounds of full gear while on air.

With a vertical elevation of 788 feet, this is the largest on-air stair climb event in the nation. This year's event was sold out and drew 2,000 total participants from across the United States, in addition to a few participants

from overseas.

The Seattle Firefighter Stair Climb has raised over \$25 million for LLS since its inception 33 years ago.

"We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who donated their time and money to help our team achieve (and surpass) our goal of \$10,000," CFR said in a recent press release. "We are proud and honored to be a part of such an amazing community."

CRF thanked local businesses that helped the fire and rescue members meet their fundraising goals: Hard Row to Hoe, Manson Fire Department, Ally Paige, Toast 'n Buggy, Slidewaters, Lake Chelan Sports, Scoop Cart, Mel-lisoni, Larc Hill, Sun Mountain Lodge, Cafe Myth, and Debs Delights.

PHOTO COURTESY OF CHELAN FIRE AND RESCUE

Chelan Fire and Rescue members raised over \$11,000 dollars for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in the Annual Stair Climb Fundraiser on March 10. From left to right are Joe Cox with South County Fire, and from Chelan Fire and Rescue: Chris Colbert, Sam Blesky, Duke Odenrider, Stephanie Preheim, Captain Taylor Rains.

East Chelan Reservoir, North Shore Pathway gather support

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – A trio of proposed projects on the city's wish list – the East Chelan Reservoir, North Shore Pathway, and Chelan Gorge Park ballfield – took a step closer to reality following a recent trip to Washington, D.C. by Mayor Erin McCardle and City Administrator Wade Farris.

Reporting to the regular bi-monthly meeting of the city council on March 12, McCardle returned with good news on all fronts from visits to Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell and Representative Kim Schrier.

"The East Chelan Reservoir project was by far fully supported and the need was very clear to all the offices," said McCardle. "The Chelan Corridor project, aka the Northshore Pathway project... really got every single office excited about the potential for having a community-connecting trail around Lake Chelan."

The proposed 330,000-gallon East Chelan Reservoir and booster pump station includes four water main extensions from the reservoir to the surrounding neighborhoods to meet the demands of private development and provide redundancy during water emergency shortages.

The Northshore Pathway will connect Chelan to Manson by a trail along Highway 150.

Last week the city hosted Sen. Murray's regional director for a "windshield tour" of areas affected by the 2015 wildfire, the site for the reservoir, the spots on the Northshore corridor trail.

This week the city introduces Rep. Schrier's regional director to the same briefing. Schrier's office has already promoting a \$9 million request for the reservoir project.

McCardle said the city will submit the projects through the federal earmark process.

"It is not a quick process but is another avenue for potential

funding," McCardle said.

McCardle credited city staff for the positive feedback she received from Congressional staffers reviewing Chelan's one-page proposals.

"They were commented on by every single office that we went to on how appropriate, direct, hit all the points, and were exactly what they were looking for."

Farris seconded the mayor's compliment.

"One of the comments we had from staffers was 'This is the best effort we have ever seen from a first-time visit,'" they told Farris.

"They've seen this a lot from professionals," added Farris, "but never one as polished and professional" as a first attempt.

"We are like farmers planting seeds," said Farris. "This is going to be a long-term growth, like planting an apple tree, and hopefully it will bear fruit."

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Behavioral Health Unit highlighted at Chelan City Council

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – The Chelan County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Behavioral Health Unit (BHU), a relatively new addition to local law enforcement, addressed the March 12 bi-monthly meeting of a very well-behaved city council.

Sgt. Rob Huddleston introduced Outreach Case Manager Erika Hamilton with a strong endorsement of the new unit's role in the community.

"I've been in law enforcement close to 28 years now," said Huddleston. "I would say the BHU is probably one of the biggest advances I've seen."

Huddleston said that while academy training taught recruits about state law, how to shoot, and how to drive fast, it did not prepare graduates about how to deal with somebody in as mental crisis. The BHU fills that void by intervening where alternatives to submission or arrest are more appropriate or effective.

BHU joined the sheriff's office with

funding through a \$1 million Mental Health Field Response Grant from the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs. Hamilton came on board in February 2022.

The BHU team led Deputy Zach Brunner, includes BHU area manager Ana Johnson, a licensed Designated Crisis Responder, Hamilton, two additional members, and Roo, a miniature Australian Shepherd that is the first responder therapy dog in training. Roo has been with the team long enough to attract his own Instagram followers at canine_roo.

"I was technically the first hire... and there were 36 contacts," said Hamilton. "The total number of contacts since the service began with the sheriff's office is now more than 11,000."

Brunner underscored the importance of the BHU to law enforcement.

"You have a traffic unit for traffic problems, a drug task force for drug problems," said Brunner.

"I think the community deserves a

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Women's Service League hosts annual prom dress giveaway

By **QUINN PROPST**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE – This weekend, area teens, regardless of income, will have the chance to pick out the prom dress of their dreams for free, thanks to the Women's Service League of North Central Washington.

The Women's Service League of NCW (WSL) will hold its annual Prom Dress Giveaway on Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 24, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wenatchee Valley Mall near Sportsman's Warehouse.

Throughout the year WSL members have collected hundreds of new and gently used prom dresses. WSL members will be on hand to help girls pick out a dress and seamstresses will be on site to do minor adjustments to hems and straps.

Nicole Germain, a WSL member and chair of the Prom Dress Committee, said the event is twofold. Girls can find a dress for the special occasion without the big price tag and it's a way to reuse dresses that just end up sitting in the closet.



PHOTO COURTESY OF WOMEN'S SERVICE LEAGUE OF NCW
The Women's Service League of NCW will hold its annual Prom Dress Giveaway on Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 24, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wenatchee Valley Mall near Sportsman's Warehouse.

"Like, how can we give back to the community again, regardless of income, you can get a free dress for prom and feel special and love what you're wearing and not be worried

about the price tag of it," she said. "But also like, we have lots of women, teenagers have these dresses sitting in a closet that might sit there for a while."

"So how do we repurpose that so

that it's not just sitting there, you know, taking up space, and not just being like thrown away or going to somewhere it's not going to use so, you know, we kind of thought let's set up this amazing event and be a piece of the community that's missing."

WSL has been collecting and giving away prom dresses for more than ten years.

"Obviously Women's Service League is very much about helping women and children," she said. "And this very much falls in line with that vision and mission and again, we don't care about your income. Please come get a dress and feel beautiful at prom."

Germain said thousands of dresses in various sizes, colors, and styles will be available, as will some shoes and accessories.

Local businesses have donated raffle items for hair, photos, and nails to complete the prom experience.

The event is free and open to all high school students around North Central Washington. Students must show their Student ID to be admitted into the event.

If anyone wants to donate dresses,

they can be dropped off at Banner Bank in Wenatchee by Friday, March 22.

For WSL members, one of the best parts of the event is seeing the joy when attendees find their dress.

"When the girl finds that dress and they're just so excited, especially if they've gone through a couple of different ones and they're just not finding it," she said. "And that smile on their

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2024 Prom Dress Giveaway

Saturday, March 23
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday, March 24
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wenatchee Valley Mall
315 Valley Mall Pkwy
East Wenatchee, WA

Student ID required for entrance.

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Entiat Kite Festival

Celebrate the Entiat Kite Festival on Saturday, March 23, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Entiat Kiwanis Park. "Family fun fiesta with live music, food, arts and crafts vendors, and exhibitors," the event page states.

Line dancing

The Manson Grange will offer line dancing on Monday, March 25, from 5-9 p.m. "Add some fun to your life every Monday night by participating in Line Dancing at the Manson Grange," the event page states. The event has a \$5 attendee donation that is used to maintain the Grange facility.

For more information, visit mansongrange.com.

Knotty Knitters

The Chelan Library will host the Knotty Knitters on Tuesday, March 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. "Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? Do you enjoy sharing your knowledge of yarn arts? Join the lovely group of women who have shared their passion for yarn over the years at Three Wild Sheep," the event page states. "Now meeting in the Library's Community meeting room. Beginners are gladly welcome."

For more information, visit nculibraries.org.

Chelan Library Book Club

The Chelan Library Book Club will meet on Thursday, March 28, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the community meeting room. "Enjoy casual conversation about books? New to the area and interested in meeting others who like to talk about books? Join us for our library book club as we discuss a new book each month," the event page states. This month's book is Where'd You Go Bernadette?

For more information, visit nculibraries.org.

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Live music

Tipsy Canyon Winery in Manson will host live music by musician Kevin Jones on Thursday, March 28, from 4-6 p.m. "Topsy Canyon is excited

to bring you another evening of live music and award winning wine, featuring the acoustic sounds of Kevin Jones," the event page states. "Kevin Jones is a multi-instrumentalist, producer, and singer/songwriter."

Chelan Riverwalk Park Progress

Chelan PUD is making progress at Chelan Riverwalk Park, where crews are working to protect the shoreline and improve waterfront access points. Contracted crews from Pipkin Construction are finishing rock work at Site C, across the parking lot at E. Farmham Ave.

They plan to build forms for concrete pads under the new benches in the next few days. At site B (near the wooden viewing area), crews installed construction fencing and staged equipment and materials for the next phase of work. The project will continue through late April. For information, visit chelanpud.org.



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Chelan projects

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Chelan Gorge Park field

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Paul Horne reported that the city is pursuing a no-match grant to renovate, refurbish, and regrade the first field at Chelan Gorge Park. New fencing, new irrigation, new dugouts to get the field in playable condition. "The grant app will require zero match," said Horne, "I think it is a pretty good package coming together." McCardle added that this the first year this grant will be available and will provide \$1.2 million for all projects in our region. Chelan stands a "competitive chance" to get some of that money.

"While it would be great to renovate all the fields there, we have to be realistic," said McCardle. "So, we're shooting for one."

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County has been meeting with the Chelan Community Center to explore potential opportunities there. "As a coincidence those folks sit on the Cal Ripkin Sr. Foundation board," said McCardle. "When we brought (the Gorge Park field) up to them, they were very excited. These are exactly the kinds of projects they like to support." McCardle said discussions will continue with the foundation toward possible support for the other fields at Chelan Gorge Park.

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Road closure overnight thru March 22

SR150 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS



This section of SR150 closed from 8 pm to 6 am Monday, March 18 to Friday, March 22

USE DETOUR ROUTE along Bighorn Way (reduced speed limit)

QUESTIONS? Contact City of Chelan Public Works at (509) 682-8030 COURTESY CITY OF CHELAN FACEBOOK

The City of Chelan Public Works Department is working with a contractor to make infrastructure improvements on SR Hwy 150 which is resulting in overnight road closures this week.

Construction will take place from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. and started Monday night, March 18, and will finish on Friday, March 22. During the closures, a detour will be available on Bighorn Way with a reduced speed limit.

There will be no access to SR HWY 150 north of the Roundabout. Local access to Orchard View Estates will be maintained along SR HWY 150 east of Bighorn Way.

They will provide updates if anything changes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact City of Chelan Public Works at 509-682-8030.

SR HWY 150 will be open to normal traffic during the day from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., with a reduced speed limit. There will be no access on SR HWY 150 from the Roundabout north.

Prom Dress Giveaway

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face. They're like, 'Yay, I found my dress'. It's just so exciting to see and that we get to give these out for free, like how much better is that?"

Last year, the group gave out 253 free dresses. Girls came from all over NCW, including Wenatchee, East Wenatchee, Cashmere, Chelan, Leavenworth, Entiat, Pateros, Bridgeport, Brewster, Omak, Oroville,

Omak, Liberty Bell, Quincy, Ephrata, Moses Lake, Waterville, and Mansfield.

The Women's Service League of NCW builds community through the empowerment of women and deliberate volunteer action. WSL was founded in 2008 as the Junior Service League of Wenatchee, but changed its name to reflect its vision of service throughout the NCW Region. For more information, visit wslncw.org.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF WOMEN'S SERVICE LEAGUE OF NCW Miss Greater Wenatchee and Miss East Cascades volunteered at last year's Prom Dress Giveaway.

BHU

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behavioral health unit for behavioral health problems." Hamilton building relationships and trust is part of her work.

"We coordinate a lot with families and doctors trying to find creative solutions... building relationships with the people that we are seeing frequently," said Hamilton.

"That way they do trust us when they see us. They know that we're going to help."

The BHU members wear protective gray vests - a different color from law enforcement - that include life-saving tools like tourniquets and wound dressing.

Asked if she ever feels unsafe, Hamilton said the multilayered training she has experienced is designed to predict and prepare for her safety.

"We train for safety precautions," said Hamilton.

"What to do if something goes wrong, cover and concealment, how to radio RiverCom... and I have a lot of trust with my law enforcement officers."

Brunner added his perspective on callouts.

"BHU is not the unit for every problem," said Brunner. "Something reported to law enforcement is initially viewed

through the lens of a police mission and threat management and maybe that mission involves referring it to BHU."

That said, Brunner is seeing the direct benefits of BHU resources.

"Now that the program is a

couple of years old, it is not uncommon for people to call RiverCom specifically asking for the Behavioral Health Unit," Brunner said.

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Death Cafe Chelan: March 20

CHELAN: The Death Cafe is a national organization started by Jon Underwood and the Chelan organization meets the Third Wednesday of the month at the Chelan Public Library on Emerson Street, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. All are welcome. Please join them for coffee and cake. For more information: Contact Concie Luna or Vita Monteleone at monte419@nwi.net.

Free Blood Pressure Checks: March 20, 27

LAKE CHELAN VALLEY - The Chelan Valley Community Nurse program does not require insurance or a physician's orders and is available to provide blood pressure and medication checks to vulnerable seniors and others who need assistance and guidance with medical needs. They also provide referrals to additional community resources. The nurses are currently providing free, weekly blood pressure checks to the public starting at 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Chelan Senior Center at 534 E. Trow Avenue. If you have questions about their organization, please call Catharine at 509-679-9059 or email them at chelanvalleycommunitynurse@gmail.com. Donations are gratefully accepted: PO Box 2987, Chelan 98816 or at [facebook.com/ChelanValleyCommunityNurse](https://www.facebook.com/ChelanValleyCommunityNurse).

SAIL Exercise Classes: March 20, 21, 22

CHELAN - SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life) fitness classes are offered at Chelan Senior Center on Monday and Wednesday at 1 p.m. and are taught by Beth Shaw and Jocelyn Rich, Occupational Therapist and Pelvic Floor Health Specialist. Evening SAIL classes are Monday and Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m., also at the Chelan Senior Center and are taught by Ann Cooper. A SAIL class is offered to residents of Heritage Heights Assisted Living in Chelan on Mondays and Fridays at 2 p.m. taught by Gaylen Willett and Steve Davis.

Chelan Senior Meals: March 20-22, 25-29

CHELAN - The Chelan Senior Center at 534 E. Trow Avenue, hosts Senior Meals Monday-Friday. Suggested donation for seniors over age 60 is now \$5. Fee for persons under age 60 is now \$12. Please call 509-888-4440 to reserve meals 24 hours in advance. For information about Home Delivered Meals call 509-470-0522. You can visit their website at www.octn.org and follow them on Facebook. Donations can

be mailed to: OCTN P.O. Box 471 Okanogan, WA 98840. March 20: Veggie Lasagna, Caesar Salad, Orange Quarters, Dessert; March 21: Salisbury Steak with Mushroom Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Carrots, Pears, WW Roll, Cereal Bar; March 22: Chicken Florentine over Egg Noodles, Spring Salad, Peaches, Dessert; March 25: Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice, Spinach Salad, Mandarin Oranges, Garlic Bread, Dessert; March 26: Salmon with Dill Sauce, Pesto Pasta, Chalet Vegetables, Spring Salad, Waldorf Salad, Dessert; March 27: Chili with Cheese, 1/2 Baked Potato, Corn Chips, Green Salad, Chilled Pears, Cornbread, Dessert; March 28: Baked Chicken, Rosemary Potatoes, Three Bean Salad, Peaches, Bread Pudding; March 29: Stuffed Pepper Casserole, Green Beans, Orange Quarters, WW Roll, Dessert.

Chelan Valley Hope: March 20-21, 25-28

Serving Chelan, Manson, Chelan Falls, Bridgeport, Mansfield, Waterville, Orondo
CHELAN - It's Disability Awareness Month and during this month Chelan Valley Hope would like to bring awareness to inclusion, resources, and accessibility. At Hope, we take several steps to accommodate clients with disabilities and ensure they have equal access to the services and resources offered. Hope offers Sight and Hearing Assistance with the Lions Club. The Cornerstone building has designated handicapped parking along with a handicap-accessible entrance and bathroom. Then, our wonderful team is ready to provide access support for clients with hearing, speech, or learning disabilities. March provides an opportunity to come together to celebrate diversity, promote accessibility, and advocate for the rights of people with disabilities. For more information about donations, services, or volunteer opportunities, you may call or visit us Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (closed Noon to 1 p.m.), and speak with one of our helpful volunteers.

Zumba Fitness: March 20, 21, 22

MANSON - Zumba Fitness Class, every Tuesday and Thursday morning (excluding holidays), 8:30-9:30 a.m. Join Zumba instructor, Brenda, for some Zumba fitness fun. Donation is \$5 per class. All ages welcome. It's for everyone and is so much fun. This event is a partnership between the Manson Grange and the Manson Parks and Recreation Department. Donation is \$5 per class. All donations help fund the Manson Grange building maintenance program.

Household hazardous waste drop off: March 20-21

Latex paint now accepted - Drop off Saturday, April 6

WENATCHEE - Drop-off Saturday is held at the Chelan County Moderate Risk Waste Facility on Highway 97A. The facility is open the first Saturday of the month, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Every week, they are open Tuesday through Friday at the same hours. Drop off your household hazardous wastes and latex paint. This is a free service to Chelan County residents. For a full list of items that the facility does and does not accept, go to the facility's website: <https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/solid-waste-management/pages/household-hazardous-wastes>

Thrive Teen Center: March 21, 26, 28

CHELAN: The Thrive Teen Center will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from October-May. The hours are 3:30-6:30 p.m. and dinner is served each night. The Teen Center is located in the basement of the Lake Chelan United Methodist Church and is available to all middle and high school students in the valley. There are volunteers to help with homework, pool tables, board games, air hockey, craft supplies, foosball, free clothing and hygiene closets, and more. If you have any questions, email stefani@thrivechelanvalley.com.

Chelan Museum: March 21-23

CHELAN - The Chelan Museum has reopened. Hours are Thursday-Saturday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information: 509-682-5644.

Lions Club meeting: March 21, April 11, 25

MANSON - The Lake Chelan Lions Club holds bi-monthly meetings at the Manson Parks Building at 142 Pedoi St. in Manson. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 9 a.m.

VFW #6853 Post Coffee/Donuts: March 22

CHELAN - Every Friday VFW Post #6853, located at 427 S. Bradley Street is open 9-11 a.m. for donuts and coffee and conversation. Veterans are invited to join them every Friday.

First Aid, CPR & AED Course: March 23, April 27

CHELAN: First Aid, CPR & AED classes are from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Skills checks are held the 4th Saturday every month in the Lake Chelan Highland Campus (old hospital Bragg Room) at 503 E. Highland Ave., Chelan. If you cannot attend your skills check, please call 509-682-6120. Pre-registration is required; no walk-ins. To register and for pricing: <https://lakechelanhealth.org/wellness/cpr-first-aid-classes/register-first-aid/>

Glass recycle: March 23

CHELAN - Rotary of Lake Chelan 911 Glass Rescue is open on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon, at 23235 Highway 97A across from Walmart. They are charging a small fee per pound for glass drop-off. Buckets of the materials produced, sand and aggregate,

will be available for purchase at \$5 per 5-gallon bucket. City of Chelan residents are asked not to put glass into their blue recycle bins, but to bring it out on Saturday mornings. Their all-volunteer team relies on support from members of the community to make the operation run smoothly every week. They have tasks suitable for all ages and abilities. To volunteer go to www.g11glassrescue.org, and click on the volunteer tab on the home page.

American Legion #108: April 1

MANSON - American Legion will meet Monday, April 1, at 7 p.m. at the Manson Parks & Recreation building at 142 Pedoi St. All veterans are encouraged to attend. For more information: Norm Manly, 509-293-0225.

More events at www.lakechelanmirror.com

Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce hosts annual job fair

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CHELAN - The Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Job Fair on March 22 from 4-7 p.m. and March 23 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at its headquarters, located at 216 E. Woodin Ave.

The event aims to present employment and volunteer opportunities within the Valley and invite potential employees, local businesses, and non-profits to participate.

Attendees are advised to bring their resumes and prepare for possible on-the-spot interviews.

The Chamber will furnish

a table, linen, and name tags for all participating employers and businesses. Participants are requested to bring business cards and any relevant materials for prospective employees. A six-foot space will be allocated for each setup, along with additional space for interviews. For more information, contact Jill Babcock at jill@lakechelan.com or call 509-682-3503.

The Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, operational since 1931 and boasting nearly 500 members, focuses on driving economic growth by providing leadership, advocacy, and promotion to enhance the quality of life in Lake Chelan.

Death Announcements

Marilyn Joyce Johansen

Marilyn Joyce Johansen, 80, of Chelan, Washington passed away on March 9, 2024. Precht Rose Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.

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• CHELAN

CHELAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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MANSON TROJANS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Cooper Pinski

Sophomore Catcher #2

On Saturday, March 9th, the Manson Baseball Team held a jamboree against Chelan and Warden. Cooper Pinski was the spectacular catcher noted in both games. In the Chelan game, Cooper hit a ground-rule double past the right-field fence. His next hit scored the Trojans a run, helping Manson win against Chelan six to zero. With those fantastic hits and great defense behind the plate, Cooper Pinski deserves to be Manson's Athlete of the Week.



SCOREBOARD BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

Mar. 12	Chelan 1, Liberty Bell 12; Loss
Mar. 16	Chelan 2, Colville 12; Loss
Mar. 16	Chelan 8, Colville 3; Win
Mar. 16	Manson 9, Warden 1; Win
Mar. 16	Manson 5, Warden 4; Win

SCOREBOARD GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

Mar. 14	Chelan 22, Tonasket 16; Win
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SCOREBOARD BOYS & GIRLS TENNIS

Mar. 12	Chelan Boys 5, Ephrata 0; Win
Mar. 12	Chelan Girls 2, Ephrata 3; Loss
Mar. 13	Entiat Boys 3, Lake Roosevelt 2; Win
Mar. 16	Chelan Girls 0, East Valley 5; Loss
Mar. 16	Chelan Boys 3, East Valley 2; Win

SCOREBOARD BOYS VARSITY GOLF

Mar. 14	Chelan 179, Ephrata 204; Loss
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SCOREBOARD BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

Mar. 13	Chelan 1, Omak 1; Tie
Mar. 14	Manson 3, Okanogan 1; Win
Mar. 16	Chelan 2, Bear Creek 3; Loss
Mar. 16	Manson 3, Oroville 0; Win

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

Mar. 20	Chelan vs. Kittitas; Away at 6 p.m.
Mar. 23	Manson vs. Omak; Home at 12 a.m.
Mar. 26	Chelan vs. Cascade; Away at 14:30 p.m.

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

Mar. 20	Chelan vs. Liberty Bell, Home at 4:15 p.m.
Mar. 23	Chelan vs. Manson; Home at 11 a.m.
Mar. 23	Manson vs. Chelan; Away at 11 a.m.
Mar. 26	Chelan vs. Cascade; Away at 4:30 p.m.
Mar. 26	Manson vs. Tonasket; Home at 4:30 p.m.

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

Mar. 21	Chelan vs. Omak; Home at 4 p.m.
Mar. 21	Manson vs. Oroville; Away at 4:30 p.m.
Mar. 23	Manson vs. Cascade; Home at 11 a.m.
Mar. 26	Chelan vs. Cascade; Away at 4 p.m.

BOYS VARSITY GOLF

Mar. 26	Chelan Jack Barnes Memorial Tournament, Three Lakes at 10 a.m.
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BOYS & GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

Mar. 21	Chelan vs. Omak; Away at 4 p.m.
Mar. 20	Manson vs. Oroville; Home at 4 p.m.
Mar. 21	Manson vs. Quincy; Away at 4 p.m.
Mar. 22	Chelan vs. Manson; Away at 4 p.m.
Mar. 22	Entiat vs. Liberty Bell; Away at 4 p.m.
Mar. 22	Manson vs. Chelan; Home at 4 p.m.
Mar. 23	Entiat vs. Soap Lake; Home at 11 a.m.
Mar. 25	Entiat vs. Oroville; Home at 4 p.m.
Mar. 26	Chelan vs. Cascade; Away at 4 p.m.

BOYS VARSITY TRACK

Mar. 23	Chelan 48th Ray Cross Invitational at Ephrata at 10 a.m.
Mar. 23	Entiat 48th Ray Cross Invitational at Ephrata at 10 a.m.



ENTIAT TENNIS TEAM Back Row Left to Right: Araya Clark, Denise Laurel, Mario Padilla, Alan Swenson, Christopher Lopez, Brodie Babst, Camilo Barragan, Mylee Zamudio-Harris. Middle Row Left to right: Alia Goodrich, Eddy Pina, Karsun Cole, Roberto Pacheco-Lopez, Levi Renslow, Trent Renslow, Jake Ostrow, Ashley Ostrow, Elliot Rider. Front Row Left to Right; Wyatt Chisam, Necia Sax, Kaia Tucker, Sofia tucker, Stayce Pedroza. Not Pictured: Kate Poyner, Michelle Gomez.

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NCW Senior Game features Chelan, Entiat basketball standouts



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA
Ryan Rainville accepts a \$250 scholarship award presented by the Chelan County Basketball Officials Association at the NCW Senior Game. Pictured with Rainville are from left, Cody and Erica Pregschaut, and game official Eric Gocke.



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA
Manson School Superintendent Tabatha Mires, second from left, accepts the Central Washington 2B League Sportsmanship Award presented by the Chelan County Basketball Officials Association at the NCW Senior Game. Pictured with Mires are from left, Cody and Erica Pregschaut, and game official Eric Gocke.



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA
Arabelle Finch keeps the ball away from Cashmere's Brianna Talley, 5.



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA
Isaac Wilson brings the ball upcourt for the Black Team.

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN - The best high school basketball players from the District 6 All-League ranks came together at Chelan High School on March 10, for an afternoon of high-powered competition and crowd-pleasing excitement.

Players represented a spectrum of court talent, from 4A Eastmont in the Columbia Basin Big-9 to Entiat in the Central Washington 1B. Goats players Anabelle Finch, Ryan Rainville, and Isaac Wilson were among them. Shannon Bell and Jordan Long

represented the Entiat Tigers. Four teams - two boys and two girls - were evenly divided, with A and B league standouts on each. The boys' Blue Team maintained a narrow lead throughout most of the game and, despite being challenged late in the fourth quarter, held on to win, 94-87.

Boys Blue Team (94)
Aiden Bews - Quincy (1A)
Ryan Rainville - Chelan (1A)
Chase Marchand - Lake Roosevelt (2B)
Brady Wulf - Brewster (2B)
Jade Ramon - Tonasket (2B)
Ishmael Mireles - Pateros (1B)

Pavlo Stoyan - Soap Lake (1B)
Marshall Mires - Waterville-Mansfield (1B)
Jonah Robertson - Moses Lake Christian (1B)
Coach: Ed Wolfe, Lake Roosevelt, CW2B Boys Coach of the Year.

Boys Black Team (87)
Andy Hobson - Eastmond (4A)
Julian Ibarra - Quincy (1A)
Landon Baker - Cashmere (1A)
Isaac Wilson - Chelan (1A)
Xavier Devereaux - Omak (1A)
Brandon Pino - Lake Roosevelt (2B)
Tyler Mitchell - Liberty Bell - (2B)
Treu Landdeck - Soap Lake (1B)

Armando Baltazar - Waterville-Mansfield (1B)
Zane McMillan - Wilson Creek (1B)
Coach: Scott Bierlink, Quincy, Caribou Trail League (CTL) Boys Coach of the Year. The Raiders' Marchand, CW2B Player of the Year, led all scorers with 25 points and was voted game MVP. Chelan's Rainville was awarded a \$250 scholarship by the Chelan County Basketball Official Association.

Girls Blue Team (62)
Alessa Soto - Ephrata (2A)
Arabelle Finch - Chelan (1A)
Katie Piepel - Cashmere (1A)

Jaylo Bello - Tonasket (2B)
Alex Goetz - Okanogan (2B)
Carly Neddo - Lake Roosevelt (2B)
Jordan Long - Entiat (1B)
Jasmine Garcia - Waterville-Mansfield (1B)
Coach: Pat Loftus, Cashmere, CTL Girls Coach of the Year.

Girls Black Team (71)
Molly Evenson - Ephrata (2A)
Brianna Talley - Cashmere (1A)
Alyssa Larson - Tonasket (2B)
Jaycie Richey - Tonasket (2B)
Cylia St. Pierre - Lake Roosevelt (2B)
Shyanne Marchand - Lake Roosevelt (2B)

Aleena Lafferty - Okanogan (2B)
Shannon Bell - Entiat (1B)
Coach: Korrie Bourn, Liberty Bell, CW2B Girls Coach of the Year.

Piepel scored 14 points for the victorious Blue Team (71-62) and was named game MVP. Manson won the CW2B Sportsmanship Award presented to Superintendent Tabatha Mires.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY
Estate of CRAIG L. DAY, Deceased.
No. 24-4-01396-0 SEA PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.020, .030
Jeffrey L. Day has been appointed as personal representative ("personal representative") of this 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 or the attorney of the personal representative at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) 30 days after the attorney served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); 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 RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: March 13, 2024. Jeffrey L. Day, Personal Representative Attorneys for Personal Representative: Nicole R. Searing, WSBA #54206 Perkins Coie LLP 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 4900 Seattle, WA 98101 (206) 359-8000 Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on March 13, 20, 27, 2024. #7417

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In re the Estate of: DALE A. JOHNSON Deceased.
NO. 23-4-02781-0 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
The personal representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this 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 or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of (1) thirty days after the Personal Representatives served or mailed

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the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of the 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 RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATED March 11, 2024 Personal Representative of said Estate CHRISTINE M. JOHNSON 638 Kings Ct Wenatchee, WA 98801 Prepared by: EISENHOWER CARLSON PLLC By: AHMAD F. KHALAF, WSBA #50090 AMY C. LEWIS, WSBA #22176 Attorneys for Personal Representative 909 A Street, Suite 600 Tacoma, Washington 98402 DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION March 20, 2024. Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on March 20, 27, April 3, 2024

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to flowers. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 19 = L)

A. 18 19 2 2 6 15 12 5
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Clue: Part of flower

C. 7 2 16 19
Clue: Dirt

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7	2							
	5					1		
		8	6	9			4	
			8					
8		4			2			
	1	5			9	6		
	9	5			6		8	
3					6	7	5	
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Level: Intermediate

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2	2	1	5	4	9	2	6	8
1	3	2	9	4	8	7	6	5
4	9	5	2	7	6	3	8	1
2	4	1	5	3	7	9	6	8
8	7	9	4	6	1	2	5	3
5	6	9	8	2	9	7	1	4
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5	4	7	8	3	1	2	6	9
7	2	6	1	5	4	8	3	9

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Turn your bedroom into a relaxing retreat



Bedrooms are more than places to lay our heads at the end of the day. Bedrooms serve different functions, and not all are conducive to relaxation.

People who use their bedrooms as a work space may

find they're compromising their well-being by introducing activities into the bedroom. The Sleep Foundation says having an office in the bedroom blurs the lines between work and personal

life, which can have serious effects on sleep. Rather, people should be looking to turn their bedrooms into relaxing retreats that offer a respite from the outside world.

- Remove blue-light emitting devices. Computers, tablets, smartphones, and other electronic devices emit blue light, which can compromise natural melatonin production in

the body that contributes to sleep. Such devices should not be used at night in the bedroom.

- Use a neutral color palette. Neutral color palettes evoke a spa feeling. Walls can be painted white, beige or a light shade of gray. This can help the room feel calming and welcoming.
- Declutter the room. A sense of calm can be achieved simply by removing excess clutter. There is some evidence that the brain is more calm near an empty dresser, desk or clothes hamper. Therefore, removing excessive items from the room is a first step to making a nice retreat.
- Add soft lighting. Adjust the intensity and the color of the lighting in the bedroom. It should be subtle and warming. Dimmers enable homeowners to adjust lighting as needed.
- Install an electric fireplace. There is something to be said for the relaxing effects of gazing into the flames of a fire. A crackling (faux-wood) fire is an added layer of indulgence in a bedroom.
- Add an area rug. Even

in rooms with carpeting, an area rug under the bed can further define the perimeter of the bed and add extra plushness underfoot.

- Invest in aromatherapy diffusers. Certain smells can create a relaxing mood. These may be sandalwood, lavender or jasmine. Utilizing their preferred scents, homeowners can employ reed diffusers in their bedrooms to enjoy the aromas of natural oils.
- Used closed storage. Open shelves and visible closet interiors may not hide a mess. Exposure to clutter can contribute to feelings of anxiety. Store items that shouldn't be on display behind closed doors or drawers.
- Bring in luxury linens. Homeowners should not skimp on comforters, sheets, duvet covers, and pillows for their beds. A cozy bed to dive right into can serve as the centerpiece of a bedroom retreat.

Turning a bedroom into a relaxing space can help individuals sleep better and reduce anxiety.

How empty nesters can repurpose bedrooms in their homes

It can be bittersweet when adult children decide the time has come to move out of the family home. Parents perhaps get their first trial run of this scenario when their children go off to college or enlist in the military. Rooms are left empty, if only for a certain period of time. Eventually, those rooms will remain empty as adult children move out of the house for good.

Converting a child's bedroom into an area for adults may take some planning. It can

be exciting to regain space, but at the same time, it can be disheartening to convert a child's bedroom once and for all. When the time comes and homeowners are emotionally ready to tackle bedroom conversions, these tips can help the process go smoothly.

- Repurpose the space for them.** Give a childhood bedroom an adult spin without changing too much. If furniture is in good shape, replace the bedding, change the flooring, swap

out artwork, and remove "youthful" items like toys, trophies and other collectibles. When the child comes home to visit, he or she will still feel comfortable in the space.

- Create extra storage.** The bedroom can be transformed into a walk-in closet or dressing space. According to the design experts at Houzz, many clients request this type of dressing room situation. There's a bonus if the

layout allows the space to connect to the owner's suite or bathroom. This is a major overhaul, so homeowners should enlist a professional contractor.

- Make a fitness center.** A bedroom can be turned into a home gym to make working out more convenient. Homeowners should take inventory of equipment they may have and then figure out where existing and new equipment will go. They

may need to consult a structural engineer to ensure that the flooring can bear the weight of additional equipment.

- Create a work space.** One of the best ways to transform adult children's bedrooms is to convert the spaces into home offices. Those who have been setting up "desks" at dining room tables or elsewhere may be excited about the prospects of finally having a private, dedicated space

to work from home.

- Turn it into a craft room.** The bedroom can be converted into a space to explore hobbies and various other interests. A dedicated craft space, a reading nook, a place to store photography equipment, or another function can serve as a useful way to repurpose an empty bedroom.

Empty nesters have many possibilities when it comes to converting their children's old bedrooms into adult spaces.

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Spring HOME

Signs it's time to repair or replace your deck

Spring is a season of rejuvenation that compels millions across the globe to quit hibernating and get back to enjoying the great outdoors. Spring also marks a great time to assess a home's exterior, namely those areas like a deck where people will spend a lot of time in the warmer months to come.

Assessing a deck after winter can be eye-opening. Harsh winter weather can take its toll on a deck, and the following are some telltale signs that a deck could be in need of repair or replacement.

- Wobbly underfoot and in hand:** Wobbly planks and railings are one sign of a deteriorating deck homeowners won't recognize as they hide from winter weather indoors. But these tend to reveal themselves rather quickly when examining a deck after winter. Wobbly planks in the middle of the deck can be inconvenient, but wobbly steps and railings can be dangerous. According to the home improvement resource Angi, wobbly railings can be a byproduct of rot. A local decking professional can assess the extent of the rot in railings and elsewhere and determine the best course of action. If the rot is isolated to an area or two, a simple repair may be all that's necessary. Extensive rot may require a full replacement of the existing deck.
- Faded paint:** Many homeowners paint their wood decks, and that paint will not last forever. Faded paint can turn an otherwise lovely deck into an eyesore, and paint can fade over the winter. Thankfully, a local painter

can address a faded deck and may recommend some additional strategies to safeguard the deck against fading next winter and beyond.

- Holes in the wood:** Many a homeowner has encountered curious-looking holes in their deck. This could be a sign of insect infestation. Termites, carpenter ants and carpenter bees are among the various types of insects that can bore holes through wood. Homeowners who notice holes throughout their deck are urged to call a deck professional and/or pest control firm to assess the holes and offer a solution. Though small issues may be addressed with repairs, a deck littered with holes caused

by insects may need a full replacement.

- Rust:** Wood decks may be made of wood, but they can still exhibit signs of rust, namely in the nails and metal connectors that hold the deck together. If screws have rusted to the point where they are no longer holding the deck together, a full-scale replacement could be in the cards, as the deck could have substantial structural damage. Like other issues that can reveal themselves during a springtime inspection of the deck, rust necessitates a thorough examination by an experienced decking professional.

Many people do not use their decks during winter, which only underscores the significance of a full deck inspection in spring.



How to create an outdoor living retreat

Al fresco entertaining has taken off in recent years. It's much more common today to find homeowners who want to extend living spaces to the outdoors in meaningful ways that go beyond a few lawn chairs and a stand-alone grill. Dream backyard living rooms mirror similar spaces indoors and contain features like cozy corners, lush furniture and televisions or movie projectors. Plus, they often abut additional outdoor luxuries like fully functional kitchens.

Homeowners have various options when designing outdoor living spaces. Above all else, spaces should be created with the goal of encouraging people to get together. Here are some ideas.

Poolside retreat

Homeowners with pools and other water features likely want this area to be the star of the entertaining space. Furniture will be more of the lounging variety, with comfortable chaises and spots to catch the sun. If a

swim-up bar isn't possible, a rolling bar cart can be stocked with essentials for cocktails or mocktails for the kids. Furniture near the pool will be exposed to a lot of sun, so look for durable, sun-resistant fabrics.

Fireside nook

Gathering around an outdoor fireplace or fire pit is a treat when the weather cools down. Mirror the look of the same setup indoors by arranging outdoor sofas so they flank the fireplace. Add some ottomans or side tables for stowing mulled cider or hot chocolate. A mantel above the fireplace can hold pots of greenery or candles that add to the ambiance.

Consider a custom banquette

Unused corners on a patio or rooftop retreat can utilize a custom-made banquette that provides the functionality of a sofa sectional outdoors. Have a contractor design it to the exact specifications of the area,

and add a rug to ground the space.

Vary the flooring

Depending on the entertaining space, a balance of soft grass, pavers or other hardscape will be necessary. Certain areas will need to be hard enough for chairs and other furniture, particularly for those who are including an outdoor dining table in the design.

Create some privacy

Some homeowners are lucky enough to have natural barriers that offer privacy in their entertaining spaces. When there isn't enough, tall shrubs, inexpensive bamboo fencing or trellis can provide a blind that makes an outdoor living area more cozy and private. Consider placing tall, potted plants on rolling casters to improve privacy as the need arises.

Outdoor living spaces are all the rage, and they can add value and functionality to most any home.



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Features to consider for a relaxation-themed bathroom remodel

Homeowners want to view their homes as a respite from all that goes on outside their doors. Indeed, turning a home into a residents-only retreat can ensure everyone looks forward to walking through the front door at the end of the day.

One of the more popular ways to turn a home into one's own personal retreat is to upgrade the bathroom. A renovated bathroom can completely transform how individuals feel about their homes. The following are some features to consider when

remodeling a bathroom with relaxation in mind.

• **Open shower:** An open shower is a visually stunning addition to any bathroom. Such showers give a bathroom a more open look, thanks in part to the fact that these modern features do not feature a door or require the use of a shower curtain. The result is a clean look that many people associate with a luxury hotel. When speaking with a contractor about an open shower install, homeowners can ask about a half-wall to safeguard against water splashing out of the shower. In addition, a heat lamp can

help ensure residents stay warm until they're ready to leave the bathroom.

• **Heated features:** Additional features to keep everyone calm and warm can be considered when upgrading the bathroom. Radiant flooring can ensure everyone's toes remain toasty, and the installation of such a feature can eliminate the need for floor mats and bath mats that some homeowners may not like. Commit further to the heat theme with a heated towel rack, which is another feature associated with luxury hotels that can be just as enjoyable at home.

• **Soaking tub:** An open shower creates an instant feeling of luxury, but few things are more suggestive of relaxation than a soaking tub. A long day at school or the office or a day when winter winds are howling outside is made much better with a good a soak. The National Kitchen & Bath Association notes that luxury bathrooms featuring soaking tubs are wildly popular, and that vaunted status is undoubtedly due to the relaxing benefits of a good soak.

• **Skylight:** Even if the goal of a luxury bathroom is to leave the outside world outside, allowing

some natural light inside is a great way to add a little extra calm to the room. Floor-to-ceiling windows may seem appealing in brochures or advertisements, but such features do not create the sense of privacy many people prefer in their bathrooms. One or two skylights can create that sense of privacy and still allow for natural light to enter the room, making this an option that provides the best of both worlds.

These features and more can help homeowners transform their bathrooms into luxurious, relaxing respites from the outside world.



While home buyers typically take their time to examine each room and space inside and outside a home before making an offer, the real estate experts at Trulia note that two rooms in particular seem to merit the closest inspection among prospective buyers. Kitchens and the bathroom in an owner's suite can dramatically increase

the value of a home. Trulia recommends that homeowners consider their neighborhood and identify their target buyers prior to beginning a kitchen or owner's suite renovation, as such variables can provide direction and inspiration when refurbishing these widely valued areas in a home.



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Choosing the best decking material

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and that notion is as true when renovating a home as it is when studying a piece of art. Therefore, when homeowners are looking for the best building materials for their home remodels — including backyard decks — their own personal preferences may ultimately dictate the direction they go.

Deck boards and railings can be made from a diverse array of materials, including traditional hardwood, plastic and composite materials. Here's a deep look into some of the more popular decking materials so homeowners can make informed decisions when contracting with a decking professional for the build.

Hardwood, softwood or pressure-treated wood

In the not-so-distant past, decks were primarily built using some type of wood. Wood is widely available and fairly cost-effective. However, as anyone with a wood deck knows, wood requires frequent upkeep and it can be susceptible to rotting or insect damage. Wood decks also may splinter and deteriorate when exposed to the elements or pool water. Pressure-treated boards are infused with chemicals to help them endure, but that does not make them impervious to wear. Still, the traditional look of a wood deck remains appealing to many homeowners.

Composite

Composite decking materials are made from a blend of recycled plastic and wood fibers. Since there is so much recycled content, composite decks attract those who are concerned about the environment and

sustainability. Composite decking comes in uncapped and capped varieties. The capped version has an extra layer of protective capping made from high-performance polymers, says TimberTech, a decking and outdoor furniture provider. While composite decks may have similar up-front costs to wood, they will require less maintenance over the years, but they must be scrubbed to avoid mildew growth.

Plastic

Decks made of polyvinyl chloride, polypropylene or high density polyethylene (HDPE) are collectively referred to as PVC decks. They are made entirely from environmentally safe plastic with no wood in the mix at all. PVC decks are more durable than composite and can last a lifetime. All PVC decks need is occasional cleaning. A potential disadvantage to PVC is it doesn't always look, sound or feel like wood. Also, complex fastening systems can make the boards move as the temperature changes, resulting in squeaking as people walk on the deck. Generally, PVC is more expensive than wood or composite, but that investment

may be worth it for those who never want to worry about deck repair or replacement.

This Old House says there is another plastic decking material made from polystyrene. It is stiff, strong and light, and with the brand Eon, the nonslip surface becomes less slippery when wet so it may be great around pools.

Aluminum

Aluminum may not be as popular as other decking materials, but it is lighter and stronger than wood, composite, and plastic. Aluminum also is resistant to mold, weather and insects, and it can be recycled. An aluminum deck will last for years, which is why it is one of the more costly decking materials.

Homeowners have many choices when picking materials for their decks. If they want a traditional look and moderate cost, wood may be the way to go. Those concerned about looks and durability may like composite. People who want very durable and long-lasting may want to give serious consideration to plastic or aluminum materials.



Give your living room a new vibe



An "out with the old, in with the new" mentality can extend to people's visions for their homes. A home in need of repair or renovation can serve as a catalyst to take inventory of personal style and help make interior spaces reflect one's unique vibe.

A living room can grow stale over time and often serves as a catch-call for clothing, blankets, gadgets, and other items. Upon recognizing a living room has seen better days, individuals may decide it's time to give the space a new vibe. That transformation can start with these strategies.

Organize first

Clutter frequently is the culprit behind a living room that may not give off the vibe individuals desire. As families grow and people add belongings, space may be at a premium. Less is more has never been a more important concept. Remove extraneous items before purchasing new furniture or transitioning to a new design. You may even want to remove everything and start from scratch before reintroducing desirable elements to the space.

Seek the assistance of professionals

Some people are adept at decorating and designing spaces. But just as you wouldn't perform your own medical procedures, you should leave jobs like interior

design and renovations to the professionals. Hiring a professional interior designer and contractors can really bring a living room together in ways homeowners may have never imagined. These pros can build off of your ideas and truly create a space that may be worthy of a magazine spread.

Promote wellness

You may want to consider adding natural materials in the design to promote well-being. Eco-friendly furnishings, raw fibers and organic textures will create an environment from sustainable choices. Plenty of plants also can create a welcoming environment that helps you surround yourself with positive energy and the items you love.

Light it up

One of the easiest ways to transform a room's vibe is to utilize lighting. Change draperies to allow more natural light to shine in. Consider additional windows or skylights if yours is a particularly dark home. If you desire to create a more vivid or cozy ambiance, use a combination of accent, task and supplemental lighting in the space so there are no dim corners.

Create an industrial or urban vibe

Industrial-chic design celebrates the bones of a building. It's what makes city lofts so appealing, with

their exposed beams and brick. Even those who live in suburbia or out in the country can give a living room this look with subtle nods to the style. Unadorned windows, clean lines on furniture, oversized, gallery-style art, and metal accents can add touches of this popular look to your home.

Revamping a living room doesn't have to be difficult. With an idea in place and some professional touches, an entirely new vibe can be achieved.

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