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City of Chelan considers refurbishing marine patrol boat

By Mike Maltais
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – After a quarter century of hard use, most of us could use a major makeover and the Chelan County Sheriff's marine patrol boat is no exception. Sgt. Rob Huddleston made that case when he addressed the city council on March 12 to discuss the merits of a major refurbishment of Marine 2 and compared the cost of that option to the purchase of a new boat. "It was built for the Sheriff's Office in 1999 and it's getting old," said Huddleston. "A lot of little things needs to be repaired or replaced." Huddleston said the boat's hull is sound, so the most cost-efficient option involves a major replacement and upgrade of components. He contacted SAFE Boats International to inquire

what a rebuild would cost. "If we replaced it with a similar boat, it would cost well over \$400,000 now," said Huddleston. "A full refurbishment would mean literally taking everything off the boat, stripping it to bare metal and putting everything brand new - motors, instruments, electronics - comes to \$156,000." Headquartered in Bremerton and founded in 1996, SAFE was named for its pioneering wrap-around collar design: Secure Around Flotation Equipped. According to its website, safeboats.com, the company designs and builds highly reliable and extremely durable vessels that help keep military, law enforcement and fire professionals safe as they carry out their duties, protect citizens and work to save lives. "The boat has spent its entire life

on Lake Chelan," said Huddleston. I would estimate in the 25 years it has been on Chelan... 75 percent of the time has been within the City of Chelan waters." Marine 1 is the big boat moored in Manson Bay. Huddleston said discussions are underway about replacing it, not refurbishing it. Marine 3 is a North River-built single-engine inflatable stationed in Wenatchee. "We use that mainly as a traveling boat," said Huddleston. "It is used in Lake Wenatchee and the Columbia River." Chelan led the state with nearly 600 inspections and warnings last year, said Huddleston. It hosts the largest percentage of rental vessels in the



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Two of the Chelan County Sheriff's marine patrol boats await the call on Lake Chelan.

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VFW hosts suicide prevention information event



COURTESY OF CHELAN VFW POST #6853
Kneeling, left to right: Alyssa Warburton and Cohnor Pruitt; back row, left to right: Curtis McClellan, Tony Graham, Dan Smith, Darren Perri and Rick Rogers.

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CHELAN – The Chelan VFW Post #6853 held an important community event on March 9, focusing on suicide prevention. Alyssa Warburton from the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) visited the post to share information and provide guidance on suicide prevention programs and techniques. Suicide remains an ongoing struggle across communities, with Washington State's rates ranking above the national average. Too many individuals, including veterans and their families, grapple with unbearable pain and feelings of disconnection from society. The WDVA's Suicide Prevention Program aims to improve self-efficacy and hope by fostering connection. With numerous resources available for Washington residents and families, the goal is to develop a robust support network to guide those in need sincerely.

The Chelan VFW Post expressed enthusiasm for the state's continued backing in combating self-harm. The Post Quartermaster lauded Warburton's extensive knowledge and genuine passion for helping individuals facing suicidal thoughts. The event allowed community members to learn about available resources and gain techniques to prevent suicide. Through raising awareness and providing avenues for support, the VFW and WDVA hope to make a meaningful difference on this critical issue.

Need help?
Those struggling with suicidal thoughts can reach out to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 or the Suicide & Crisis LifeLine by calling or texting 988. The 988 service is also available in Spanish.

Lake Chelan residents urged to join fight against invasive species

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CHELAN – Residents living along the shores of Lake Chelan are being called upon to help protect the lake from the threat of aquatic invasive species like quagga mussels. A new community-driven program aims to train locals to detect and report any signs of these harmful invaders. "In speaking with local landowners, we've learned the community wants to take a more active role in helping keep the waters of Lake Chelan pristine," said Lisa Dowling, a natural resources specialist with Chelan County Natural Resources. On March 27, a town hall event from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Chelan Fire Hall will introduce the Citizen Science Early Detection and Monitoring Program, a voluntary effort spearheaded by Chelan County Natural Resources and Keep it Blue: Lake Chelan. Participants will learn how to spot aquatic invasive species (AIS) that could devastate the ecosystem. "The mussels would likely be transported in their juvenile stages when they are only about the size of a pistachio," Dowling warned. "Spotting them is going to take some training, not to mention a good eye." The urgency arises from a risk assessment that concluded Lake Chelan faces a high threat from invasive mussels like quagga and zebra mussels. Their establishment could cause millions in mitigation costs and irreversible ecological damage. "We know tourism is the primary economic driver for Lake Chelan and the region," Dowling said. "But these AIS detection efforts reach beyond tourism. The lake provides irrigation water to our local ag producers. Residents depend on it for domestic water use. Our efforts need to focus on not only visitors to Lake Chelan but also those who depend on it year-round." Over 1,000 landowners have received informational mailings about the March 27 meeting. A subsequent training on May 4 will teach volunteers the telltale signs to look for. "Adding a community monitoring effort to our voluntary boat inspection program just makes sense. We have an active and willing community that has a deeply vested interest in the lake," Dowling stated, urging shoreline residents to join the charge to "keep Lake Chelan's waters blue."

Wearin' of the green

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CHELAN – Lake Chelan Valley residents and dogs got their green on for two events on Saturday, March 16, in downtown Chelan. Starting the morning off was the Shamrock Shuffle, a 5k event that supports the Lake Chelan Lions Club program to send kids with Type One Diabetes to Camp Stix and promote local awareness about Diabetes for all ages. They had 144 registered runners/walkers, 50 more than last year, and raised over \$3,500 for kids to attend Type1 Diabetes camp in Spokane. The Wayne Kelly Memorial St. Patty's Top Dog Parade in downtown Chelan followed the Shamrock Shuffle. People of all ages dressed up in green along with their dogs and joined in this fun parade.



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Leading the Wayne Kelly Memorial St. Patty's Top Dog Parade was Pat Kelly (on the left) holding the banner for the parade which honors his father, Wayne Kelly. SEE MORE PICTURES ON PAGE A3

Chelan council issues proclamation supporting Stehekin staffing

By Mike Maltais
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CHELAN – The city council doubled down on its support of full National Park Service (NPS) staffing at the Golden West Visitor Center with a proclamation issued to Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and National Park Service Director Charles F. Sams III. During the regular bi-monthly council meeting on March 12, Mayor Erin McCardle read the proclamation as follows: Whereas, the Stehekin River watershed encompasses some of the most unique and dramatic scenery and precious wilderness ecology in the State of Washington; and Whereas, the community and private businesses of the Stehekin Valley are dedicated to providing visitors drawn to this area with a safe and enriching experience throughout the valley; and Whereas, this area has been entrusted to the stewardship of the National Park Service in the form of the North Cascades National Park and Lake Chelan Recreation Area "In order to provide for the public outdoor recreation use and enjoyment of portions of the Stehekin River and Lake Chelan..."; and Whereas, ranger staffing has been available in Stehekin for 55 years; and Whereas, due to the elimination of NPS ranger staffing there will be no rangers to greet visitors, give directions, point out trailheads, issue camping permits, explain the hazards of a wilderness experience, direct visitors to bathrooms, or assist with emergencies; and Whereas, the Golden West Visitor Center will not be staffed, and visitors will be unable to learn from the exhibits there, curated by local artists and experts, which foster appreciation for the culture, ecology, local wildlife

Whereas, the Community of Stehekin is the primary gateway to the North Cascades National Park and Lake Chelan Recreation Area; and Whereas, thousands of visitors will embark on the 55 mile transit of Lake Chelan from the City of Chelan to Stehekin, this year; and Whereas, many visitors to Stehekin pause in the City of Chelan for lodging, shopping, and hospitality linking our economies; and Whereas, the National Park Service (NPS) has announced plans to eliminate ranger staffing in Stehekin this year; and Whereas, ranger staffing has been available in Stehekin for 55 years; and Whereas, due to the elimination of NPS ranger staffing there will be no rangers to greet visitors, give directions, point out trailheads, issue camping permits, explain the hazards of a wilderness experience, direct visitors to bathrooms, or assist with emergencies; and Whereas, the Golden West Visitor Center will not be staffed, and visitors will be unable to learn from the exhibits there, curated by local artists and experts, which foster appreciation for the culture, ecology, local wildlife

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Easter bunny pictures

The 12 Tribes Casino in Manson will host Easter bunny pictures on Thursday, March 28, from 3-6 p.m.

"Our Easter bunny is ready to make your holiday even more egg-citing with some adorable pictures," the event page states. "Come strike a pose and capture memories that will last a lifetime. Don't miss out on this hopping good time."

For more information, visit colvillecasinos.com.

Manson egg hunt

Manson Parks and Recreation will host its Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Singleton Park and Wapato

Lake Campground.

The event page states, "Please arrive five minutes before your child's egg hunt, and don't forget your basket."

At Singleton Park, the egg hunt for ages 0-4 is at 10 a.m. and for ages 5-7 at 10:10 a.m. At Wapato Lake Campground, the egg hunt for ages 8 plus is at 10:45 a.m.

Rio Vista Wines egg hunt

Rio Vista Wines on the River will host their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30 at 10 a.m.

Eggs will be hidden all around the beautiful grounds of Rio Vista Wines on the River. Lush grass, flower gardens, grape vines and of course the sandy beach on the Columbia River will be the perfect setting

for a true hunt. There are over 5,000 eggs to be found. And yes, we are bringing back the adult hunt!

For more information, visit riovistawines.com.

Easter egg hunt

The Lake Chelan Eagles and Chelan Lions Club will host their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Don Morse Memorial Park.

The egg hunt is for toddlers to Middle Schoolers. There will be a bike raffle, Easter Basket, and stuffed animals raffle. The Easter Bunny will arrive at 11 a.m. Pictures are \$5. The egg hunt is at 12 p.m.

For more information, visit lakechelan eagles.com.

Good Friday service

The Lake Chelan Community Choir will hold Good Friday services on March 29 at 7 p.m. at the North Shore Bible Church in Manson. The event

page states, "Familiar old hymns will be featured. The congregation will be invited to sing three well-known favorites with the choir." Admission is free, and there will be an open communion.

For more information, call 509-687-3636.

Studded tires must come off by March 31 deadline

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OLYMPIA – Springtime in the Pacific Northwest often signals blooming flowers and warmer days ahead. It also means Washington's deadline to remove studded tires is fast approaching.

Studded tires must be removed by the end of the day Sunday, March 31, to avoid a potential fine of \$137. The removal

date falls on a holiday this year which could mean some shops are closed, so the Washington State Department of Transportation urges travelers to plan ahead now.

Studded tires are legal in Washington from Nov. 1 to March 31. There is no individual exception or "out of state waiver" to the studded tire dates. Tickets could be issued by the Washington State Patrol as soon as Monday, April 1.

WSDOT does not issue tickets.

State law gives WSDOT the authority to extend the deadline when circumstances call for it, most commonly when a forecast indicates widespread snow and ice. While late season storms are possible in the mountain passes, there are no forecasted statewide conditions that would call for an extension to the deadline this year. For mountain travel, WSDOT recommends drivers use approved

traction tires and carry chains to have handy if necessary. WSDOT crews will also watch weather closely and respond quickly to any scattered spring snow to keep travelers moving.

"We know that studded tires cause between \$20 million to \$29 million in damage to state-owned roads in Washington each winter and also damage city and county roads," said WSDOT Maintenance Operations Manager James Morin.

"We urge travelers to explore all their traction options, including non-stud, winter-tread tires which are different from all-season tires. These tires are legal year-round and don't damage our highways."

Washington and Oregon share the same studded tire removal deadline. Other states may have different studded tire removal dates, but the Washington law applies to all drivers in the state, even visitors.

Grizzly Bears one step closer to returning to North Cascades

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SEDRO-WOOLLEY – Federal agencies have taken a major step towards reintroducing grizzly bears to the North Cascades ecosystem in Washington state, where the bears have been functionally extinct for decades.

On Thursday, the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released their final environmental impact statement (EIS) evaluating options for restoring a grizzly bear population to the 6 million-acre North Cascades region. The agencies identified translocating a small number of bears from other populations to kick-start a new population as their preferred alternative.

"Today we celebrate our national parks as places where wildlife thrives and ecosystems are made whole," said Theresa Pierno, president and CEO of the National Parks Conservation Association. "For years,

NPCA has worked tirelessly to bring grizzlies back to their historic homeland. The planned return of the grizzly bear to North Cascades National Park is a symbol of the power of perseverance."

Under this proposed plan, biologists would capture grizzly bears from healthy source populations and release them gradually in remote areas of the North Cascades over several years until an initial population of around 25 bears is established. The reintroduced population would be designated as an "experimental" population under the Endangered Species Act, giving wildlife managers more flexibility in bear management.

"After years of advocacy the Upper Skagit Tribe looks forward to the day the great bear returns to the rugged North Cascades which our people previously shared with grizzlies for thousands of years," said Scott Schuyler, policy representative for the

Upper Skagit Tribe, whose territory lies within the recovery zone. "We thank leaders at the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Department of Interior for their intention to restore a cultural icon in the North Cascades."

Grizzly bears once roamed the rugged North Cascades for thousands of years before being pushed to the brink of extirpation in the late 20th century by excessive hunting and habitat destruction. The last confirmed grizzly sighting in the U.S. portion of the ecosystem was in 1996.

"The Snoqualmie Tribe is excited to hear this news, and to know that this hard-fought effort to bring home grizzlies is close to becoming a reality,"

said Snoqualmie Indian Tribe Tribal Chairman Robert M. de los Angeles. "This is a critical moment in history, with governments, organizations, and individuals working together to welcome grizzlies back after human action removed them from their home. Snoqualmie thanks the leadership of our congressional leaders, the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Department of Interior for their persistent work and advocacy."

The release of the final EIS does not constitute a final decision to reintroduce bears. Federal agencies must next issue an official record of decision in the coming weeks after a 30-day waiting period. Supporters say reintroducing

a predator like the grizzly is key to restoring the ecological integrity of the vast North Cascades wilderness.

"The agencies have shown that they are listening to local communities by including necessary management flexibility for a successful reintroduction effort in the long run," said Jasmine Minbashian of the Methow Valley Citizens Council, noting that 85% of Americans support grizzly restoration according to a recent poll.

While celebrating the long-awaited progress, advocates vowed to continue pushing for grizzly reintroduction to finally become a reality in the North Cascades after decades of absence.

Patrol Boat

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state. He asked his marine patrol deputy to look at the addresses where those people who were contacted resided.

"Out of close to 600 it was 82 percent were from out of Chelan Valley," said Huddleston. "I know there is tourism money out there that might be able to be used for this purpose, so my request is that the City of Chelan be willing to help with refurbishment of that boat."

Council member Goedde observed that 82 percent of the violators came from outside the area "Sounds to me like it's a lodging tax source revenue."

City Administrator Wade

Farris concurred with Goedde and recommended the council act in early April so the boat can be refurbished and back in service in time for the summer boating season. Farris said,

"We'll be bringing this back with some numbers for you to approve," said Farris. "We still need an equitable adjustment as far as how much the City of Chelan pays and how much the county pays."

Huddleston said he secured a time to get the work done.

"SAFE boat has slotted us for a build and as soon as we get it over there they can start," said Huddleston. "They said we will have it back before summer."

Huddleston said Sheriff Morrison is conferring with the county commissioners about a

replacement schedule.

"One thing the sheriff's office does not have in place – and has never had in close to 28 years I've been here – is a scheduled replacement for things like this," said Huddleston. "Sheriff Morrison is having the same exact conversation with the county commissioners to see how much money there is at the county level. It's a huge investment."

The major waterways the Chelan County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit is responsible for, include Lake Chelan (55 miles long), 70 miles of the Columbia River, Lake Wenatchee, Wapato Lake, and the Wenatchee River.

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Wearin' of the green



The 5k route of the Lake Chelan Lions Club Shamrock Shuffle took participants around Riverwalk Park, out into South Chelan, and back around Riverwalk Park ending in the park.

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The Lake Chelan Lions Club Shamrock Shuffle 5k fun run had 144 participants this year - the most ever.

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Long Winded Stevens of the Lake Chelan Pirate Fest entertained parade attendees along the parade route.

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Wearing of the kilts and green was the order of the day for the Top Dog Parade.

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Residents and staff of Heritage Heights Assisted Living put on their green and joined in the days festivities.

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Lots of children marched in the parade dressed in their green and throwing candy to parade watchers. There was no shortage of candy for children this year - as many groups threw out candy.

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Forest Service seeks nominees for Pacific Northwest Recreation Advisory Committee

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PORTLAND, Ore. - The U.S. Forest Service is seeking nominations for its newly formed Pacific Northwest Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RRAC). The nomination period opened on March 18 and will remain open until May 17, 2024.

The 11-member advisory committee will provide recommendations to the Forest Service on recreation fee programs for federal lands in the Pacific Northwest region. This includes guidance on imple-

menting or eliminating fees for amenities, special recreation permits, and other aspects of the fee program.

"The Pacific Northwest Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee will play a vital role in shaping the future of recreation fee programs for federal lands," said Sally Butts, Director of Recreation, Lands, and Minerals, for the Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Region. "This committee will contribute to the development of inclusive and impactful recommendations that reflect the interests of our diverse communities."

The Secretary of Agriculture will approve committee members to represent various recreation and environmental interests, including motorized and non-motorized users, hunters and anglers, outfitters and guides, tribes, tourism officials, and local governments. Members will serve two - or three-year terms.

The Forest Service is encouraging self-nominations and recommendations for qualified candidates representing underserved communities. Nominees should have experience with collaborative groups, working with diverse

populations, and unique expertise related to their interest area.

Nomination packages can be submitted electronically to sm.fs.r6_rrac@usda.gov or by mail. Complete details and the nomination form can be found at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r6/recreac.

The RRAC is being established under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Forest Service says it is committed to equal opportunity and non-discrimination in all committee appointments.

Stehekin staffing

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and natural history; therefore *Now be it resolved that The City of Chelan proclaims the importance of Stehekin in the communities of Stehekin and Chelan and encourages Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and National Park Service Director Charles F. Sams III to ensure that the park meets its obligation to fulfill its mission and fully staff Stehekin this summer.*

Dated this 12th day of March in the year 2024.

The NPS made its staff reduction earlier this year and has been hearing from residents and groups

opposing that decision. A petition circulated by the North Cascades Conservation Council gathered nearly 800 signatures of support.

Council member Tim Hollingsworth, serving as Mayor Pro-Tem at the Feb. 27 council meeting, brought the issue to the council's attention. Characterizing Chelan as "the gatekeeper of the valley" Hollingsworth encouraged the council to draft a response.

"It's very disappointing that they are not fulfilling their responsibilities up there," said Hollingsworth. "They need to be encouraged to live up to that obligation."

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Scammers targeting Chelan PUD customers with aggressive tactics

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WENATCHEE - Chelan PUD is warning customers about an aggressive wave of scammers attempting to extort payments through intimidation and deception this week. Over a dozen customers have reported receiving calls, made in both English and Spanish, that demand immediate bill payment and threaten to shut off their electric service if they refuse.

These scammers are becoming increasingly bold, utilizing more forceful threats and even manipulating caller ID technol-

ogy to make their calls appear as if they are coming from Chelan PUD's actual phone numbers. Their tactics are designed to catch customers off guard and pressure them into making hasty payments.

Chelan PUD advises that these calls are likely scams if the caller demands immediate payment via unconventional methods like cash, credit card, wire transfer or prepaid cards. Requests for extensive personal information like account numbers, addresses or social security numbers are also red flags. Evening and weekend call times and blocked or out-of-area caller ID numbers are

other indicators of potential scam activity.

The utility company states it will never demand immediate payment over the phone nor request alternative untraceable payment methods from customers. If customers receive such a call, they are instructed to hang up and call Chelan PUD directly at the published number (509) 661-8002 to inquire about the legitimacy of the request.

Chelan PUD encourages customers to visit chelanpud.org for more information on recognizing and avoiding utility scam tactics that are on the rise.

Keeping preschoolers safe from fire dangers

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OLYMPIA - Young children, with their curiosity and limited understanding of risks, face particular dangers from fires and burns in the home. Local fire officials are urging parents and caregivers to take proactive steps to protect preschool-aged kids.

"It is important to have a plan when there are children in your home, because during emergencies children sometimes need help getting out of the house. Their ability to escape may be dependent on other occupants," advised the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO).

While the relative risk of

children 14 and under dying in a fire was 70 percent less than the general population in 2020 according to a U.S. Fire Administration report, officials say continued education is crucial.

In Washington state last year, three children under age 10 perished in fires, accounting for 3.7 percent of fire fatalities.

The SFMO offers these messages for preschoolers:

- Firefighters are community helpers - They wear special clothes and equipment to help them stay safe from smoke and fire. Do not be afraid of firefighters even though their equipment can look and sound scary.

- When you hear a smoke alarm, get outside, and stay outside. A smoke alarm will let you know if there is a fire in the home and make a loud 'beep, beep, beep' sound if there is smoke. Get outside until a grown-up says it is safe to go back inside.

- Parents are also advised to practice fire drills using smoke alarm sounds and tell kids: Stay away from hot things. Do not touch matches or lighters, or any other items that can be hot, as they are dangerous. Walk away and tell a grown-up if they see them.

For more fire safety information for families, contact the SFMO at (360) 596-3929.

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LEGISLATIVE Coverage

Officers will soon be allowed to work part-time

By **ASPEN ANDERSON**
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA – Washington remains 51st in the nation for police officers per capita, and one answer to that problem might be allowing officers to work part-time.

SB 5424, sponsored by Sen. John Lovick, D-Mill Creek, awaits the governor's signature.

"The idea behind these flexible work schedules is... intended to increase the diversity in Washington law enforcement," Lovick said. "To increase the presence of female officers and to retain senior officers who have a lot of value to provide but cannot maintain a standard 40-hour work week."

His goal is to have a 30% increase in female officers by 2030.

Not all officers will qualify for flexible work schedules. This law applies to general and limited authority law enforcement officers and requires an officer to have an unspecified number of years of experience before qualifying.

To protect the workforce from becoming part-time, the flexible work-hour program is available for only 3-5 years for each officer.

Until now, officers had to work full-time to maintain a position title, but many argue that this is an outdated requirement.

"This would have been valuable to my family," said the police chief for the City of Algona, James Schrimpsner. "This has been a long time coming, and this is something that is needed for our profession."

Chief Michelle Bennett from the Edmonds Police Department said she was forced to retire in 2021 when she became a single parent to four young children. Six months later, she returned to the department after finding childcare.



COURTESY OF SENATE DEMOCRATS
Sen. John Lovick studies a proposal at his desk on the floor of the Senate.

"I desperately wish I did not have to take that six months of time away from the retirement system, as it had pretty negative ramifications," Bennett said. "I know a number of officers who have babies or just had babies who are trying to come back to work. I have folks that are retired that are looking for something to do."

Sue Rahr, the previous executive director of the Criminal Justice Training Center, said she came to testify to put a "human face" on the experience of being a police officer and trying to raise a family. After having her second son, she said she was exhausted all the time and became a lousy employee until she rebounded when her children entered grade school.

"I worried about keeping my job because I did not know what the rules were. There really weren't any," Rahr said. "I have been waiting 38 years to see my profession evolve so that it becomes more manageable for all police officers who are managing family responsibilities."

No one testified against the bill, but some raised concerns about officers' collective bargaining rights. Collective bargaining covers things like pay, benefits, hours, time off, workplace safety, and finding

a balance between work and personal life. Monica Alexander, the current executive director of the Criminal Justice Training Center, said the bill language should be amended to protect these rights.

"We have single fathers, single mothers, raising children, and maybe this is a great opportunity for them. They can still do their job but have a flexible work shift," Alexander said. "There is a lot of stress in the law enforcement community, and being able to maybe cut their hours down sometimes can give them the break that they need to take care of their wellness."

No police training requirements will change for part-time officers. This bill will take effect 90 days after the session has ended.

"It's time we look at different ways of doing things," Lovick said. "With the current recruitment and retention difficulties our departments are experiencing, we shouldn't be forcing good officers to retire because of inflexible work schedules."

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Governor signs bill expanding property tax exemption for seniors and disabled

Ward Media
Lake Chelan Mirror

OLYMPIA – Governor Jay Inslee signed House Bill 2375 into law on Friday, expanding a property tax exemption to senior citizens and disabled individuals living in detached accessory dwelling units (ADUs). The legislation, introduced by Representative Keith Goehner (R-Dryden), aims to increase affordable housing options for vulnerable populations in Washington.

Under the new law, qualified seniors and disabled persons residing in detached ADUs will now be eligible for the same property tax exemption previously available only to

those living in attached ADUs or the primary residence.

"Washington state has an affordable housing issue. This new law increases housing options for those who may be struggling to find affordable housing," said Rep. Goehner.

"It is important to note it does not affect property taxes. This also makes the exemption policy more uniform. Attached ADUs already receive a property tax exemption."

The bill was inspired by one of Goehner's constituents, who is on a fixed income and providing housing to a relative with limited financial means.

Goehner emphasized the importance of acting on such

proposals from constituents to address pressing issues like the state's housing crisis.

"Many of the best ideas for legislation come from our constituency," he stated.

"I am pleased the Legislature took action and is giving those who may be struggling with finances or housing costs some additional options. If we have the opportunity to provide more affordable housing for low-income individuals, we need to take action given our state's housing crisis."

The property tax exemption expansion under House Bill 2375 will take effect on June 6, 2024, 90 days after the legislative session adjourned.

Parental authority initiative approved, but concerns linger

By **ASPEN ANDERSON & MARY MURPHY**
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA – The "Parent's right to know," a citizen-led initiative regarding parental authority over kids in public schools, will become law in June.

While the measure won wide bipartisan support, some legislators say they are monitoring its implementation closely.

Sen. Jamie Pederson, D-Seattle, who voted in favor of the initiative, said he has some concerns about its passage affecting student access to things like birth control or mental health services. He believes parts of the initiative are ambiguous and unclear.

"Does it mean that a parent would have to consent for some health-care decision that older children have the right to make on their own?" Pederson said. "I think it's safe to expect that it will be misused by someone to try to achieve that outcome."

This initiative does not amend any current state laws but adds additional language detailing parental rights. Legislators say the courts should refer to it narrowly with current law taking precedence. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is required to provide schools with guidance on how the initiative should be adopted.

"This initiative declares 15 rights that parents and guardians of public-school children have, including the right to receive or be notified of academic, medical, safety, and law enforcement matters, the right to access certain materials and records, the right to opt their children out of various activities. It shows that parents are involved," Lisa Wellman (D-Mercer Island) said.

Wellman, who previously wrote the Parents Bill of Rights and worked as a public-school kindergarten teacher, backs the initiative but thinks the language could be clearer.

"The Legislature and our allies will be keeping our eyes on implementation so that we



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Demonstrators carry signs calling for passage of a parental notification initiative during a protest in Olympia. The initiative was approved by the Legislature.

can come back immediately, should interpretation by districts cause any harm to young people because that is not what this is about," Claire Wilson, D-Federal Way, said.

Dawn Land, a signature gatherer for the initiative, said she pulled her kids out of public school because she disagreed with some aspects of the curriculum.

She said her third-grade daughter came home crying after learning that polar bears, listed as endangered 16 years ago, were dying because of environmental changes. Land said she felt like that information might be pushing a political ideology. "Teachers shouldn't be able to have any political agenda in the classrooms," she said.

Other parents shared stories of teachers and students having private conversations regarding mental and physical health and gender identity, and they said they felt like that shouldn't happen.

However, teachers say such conversations often are routine, especially in the early grades. When a child acts out or seems depressed, or is failing to thrive in a classroom, teachers nearly always will have a private conversation to determine how they can help the child succeed. Also, teachers also are required by law to report suspected emotional or physical child abuse,

and finding out if that is happening often requires a personal conversation.

Semi Bird, a Republican candidate for governor and a former school board member, spoke in favor of the bill.

"Parents are the primary stakeholders in their children's education," Bird said. "Science has proven that when parents are more involved in their children's education, children perform better academically, and acclimate to their education environment better."

Members of both parties widely supported support for parents being actively involved in the education of their children, but some wary Democrats say they won't allow the initiative to be used to limit student rights.

"If some conservative parent brings a case against a school district and gets a conservative local superior court judge to violate the rights of a child, we're both going to have some work to do to protect the rights of that child, and then also, that will be a reason for us to consider getting rid of that language that's being abused," Pederson said.

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Property crimes can now be hate crimes

By **MARY MURPHY**
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA – Some property crimes now can be classed as hate crimes if they are racially motivated or if they target other marginalized communities.

Sen. Andy Billig, D-Spokane, said he was motivated to press for changes in what can be classed as a hate crime when vandals attacked a gay pride display in Spokane that shocked the community.

"The pride sidewalks in Spokane were defaced in a coordinated attack last October with paint poured on them," Billig recalled. He said police began pursuing the incident as a hate crime but were shocked when they discovered property crimes were not included in hate crime statutes. "That didn't seem right," Billig said.

"I saw in our community how that crime caused fear and anger, and it just added to that frustration when it wasn't able to be pursued."

Other members of the community remembered the days that followed the incident.

"Like most tragedies facing marginalized communities, the labor of cleaning up these attacks falls upon the shoulders of the impacted community," KJ January, Director of Advocacy at Spectrum Center Spokane, said.

"Members of our local queer organizations came together to clean up the mess, redefining queer joy, strength and perseverance in the process."

Betsy Wilkerson, President of the Association of Washington Cities, and city council president in Spokane, spoke to other incidents in her community.

"This isn't the first time that expression of inclusivity was smeared by paint in the dark of night," Wilkerson said. "A Black Lives Matter mural that was painted by some of our city's most prominent pop artists was speared by paint shortly after its inauguration. We never caught the culprits and repairs had to be paid out of pocket."

Others in support of the bill referenced increased Islamophobia, antisemitism, and a specific incident in Seattle's International district where windows of the Wing Luke Museum were

smashed last fall.

An additional bill sponsored by Sen. Javier Valdez, D-Seattle, was approved. It will start a hate crime hotline for Washington State. The hotline will be overseen by the Attorney General's office and replicate similar programs California and Oregon already have in place.

Miri Cypers, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League PNW, pushed to create the model, as well as sharing how increased hate crime has recently affected her personally.

"This Thanksgiving my synagogue was targeted with hateful graffiti covering the entire building, sending ripple effects of fear throughout our community," Cypers said. "When my kids and I attend services or Hebrew school, we now have to traverse barricades and armed guards to enter the building. This is our reality. The problem of hate is urgent."

The FBI reports Washington State had 590 hate crimes in 2022, 651 in 2021, and 462 in 2020. Though data for more recent years are not yet available, persons testifying perceived an increase in hate crime in their communities, especially since last fall.

Kendall Kosai, a Japanese American serving as a board member for Asian Pacific Amer-

ican Advocates, explained how this hotline will open closed doors for victims.

"It is no secret that API's (Asian & Pacific Islanders) have experienced a recent surge in hate across our country with over 11,000 unique hate acts reported from 2020 to 2022. However, many of these incidents don't rise to a level of our crime, and thus oftentimes are not captured by conventional hate crime data."

Kosai added some people don't always feel comfortable reporting to officials at a school or workplace, a point supported by others who testified.

"This is just another resource for them, and to allow them to report it," Kosai said. "What we see in Oregon with the hotline is actually that they help mediate or become that third party that helps them navigate those systems of reporting to a school."

The bill mandates that the person who reported the incident to the hotline must consent before their identity is released to law enforcement. The law will go into effect starting in June.

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MANSON ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Natalee Reyna
Doubles Tennis Senior

Manson High School's tennis team had their first league matches of the year against Pateros on March 13th. Captain Natalee Reyna and her doubles partner, Genesis Torres, played against Pateros's Adamary Loyola and Rae Najera. The event ended with Manson winning two matches, both six to zero. Natalee's season will be one to watch as



she works to return to State with Torres. This league debut match earns Natalee the title of Manson's Athlete of the Week.

MANSON ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Diego Tellez
Soccer Left Wing Senior

On Saturday March 16th, Manson's soccer team went head-to-head with the Oroville Hornets. Manson had an extensive win of three to zero. Two of Manson's points were scored by Captain Diego Tellez, who helped lead Manson to victory in their first league game of the season. This win po-



sitions Manson with a positive start to their season. Diego deserves the title of Manson's Athlete of the Week.

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ENTIAT ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Trent Renslow
Tennis Senior

Trent is embarking on his senior season of tennis. He is undefeated this season and has three wins to his credit in 1st Singles. He got past Lukes Godwin (Tonasket) 6-0, 6-2, J. Krohm (Lake Roosevelt) 6-3, 6-1, and ousted Wray Scott (Pateros) 8-1. Trent is a Running Start student with Wenatchee Valley College. He serves on the ASB at

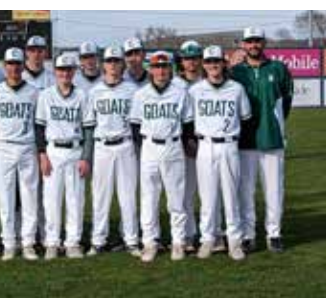


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CHELAN ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Lukas Hollenbeck
Baseball Senior

Lukas Hollenbeck was the star of the week for the Goats, dominating on the mound and at the plate. In a standout pitching performance,



Hollenbeck struck out 12 batters over 5 innings, allowing just one earned run in the Goats' 8-3 win over Colville on March 16. The right-hander wasn't done there, however, as he also had a productive week at the plate, collecting 4 hits in 10 at-bats across the team's 3 games.

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Chelan Mountain Goats Sports Roundup

Baseball
The Chelan High School baseball team was edged out in a 4-2 nail-biter against Kittitas at Yakima County Stadium. Christian Cruz was stellar on the mound, pitching 6 innings and allowing just 1 earned run while striking out 9. Offensively, Cruz scored both of Chelan's runs. Despite the tough loss, Coach Boyd praised the experience of playing under the lights, saying "The Goats' bats just couldn't get rolling. The highlight was Christian Cruz's control and confidence on the mound."
Softball
The Chelan softball squad overpowered Liberty Bell 24-5 in a high-scoring affair at home. Maddi Stewart went 2-for-2 with a triple and 3 RBIs to lead the offensive onslaught. Olivia Mack (3-for-5, 3 RBIs), Hayden Waag (2-for-3), and Grace Corrigan (3-for-4, double, triple, 5 RBIs) also had huge days at the plate. Grace Roberts dominated in

the circle, pitching 5 innings with 5 strikeouts while also driving in 2 runs.
Boys Tennis
The Chelan boys tennis team opened Caribou Trail League play with a 5-0 sweep over Quincy. Rylen Moody, Cray Silva, and Ian Garfoot all won in straight sets in singles play. The doubles teams of Wade/Tristan Sanderson and Caleb Sanderson/George Neff also prevailed comfortably.
Girls Tennis
It was a 4-1 victory for the Chelan girls tennis squad against Quincy, with Ellie McLemore, Josie Garfoot, and Brooklyn Foyle winning singles matches. The doubles duo of Alison Horner and Keira Gjerde pulled out an epic 16-14 third-set tiebreaker win.
Boys Soccer
The Chelan boys soccer team fell 2-1 to Quincy in their Caribou Trail League opener despite taking an early 1-0 lead on a goal by freshman Josue

SCOREBOARD BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

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| Mar. 20 | Chelan 2, Kittitas 4; Loss |
| Mar. 21 | Manson 0, Liberty Bell 3; Loss |

SCOREBOARD GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

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| Mar. 19 | Manson 5, Bridgeport 24; Loss |
| Mar. 20 | Chelan 25, Liberty Bell 5; Win |
| Mar. 21 | Manson 9, Liberty Bell 20; Loss |

SCOREBOARD BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

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| Mar. 19 | Chelan 1, Quincy 2; Loss |
| Mar. 21 | Chelan 6, Omak 0; Loss |

SCOREBOARD BOYS & GIRLS TENNIS

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| Mar. 19 | Chelan Boys 5, Quincy 0; Win |
| Mar. 19 | Chelan Girls 4, Quincy 1; Win |
| Mar. 21 | Chelan Boys 2, Omak 3; Loss |
| Mar. 21 | Chelan Girls 3, Omak 2; Win |
| Mar. 21 | Manson Boys 4, Quincy Boys 1; Win |
| Mar. 21 | Manson Girls 3, Quincy Girls 2; Win |
| Mar. 22 | Chelan Girls 3, Manson Girls 2; Win |
| Mar. 22 | Manson Girls 2, Chelan Girls 3; Loss |
| Mar. 22 | Manson Boys 3, Chelan Boys 2; Win |

Garcia Luz. Coach Juarez said "We fought to the end but came up short... we will work on our defensive cohesiveness and sharpen our shooting."
Golf
At the Wenatchee Valley Girls Invite, Jailyn Reinhart shot 134 and Manson's Allison

Boden carded 113 for the Chelan girls golf team. On the boys side, Carson Clinton fired an impressive 78 over 18 holes against Ephrata, highlighted by a birdie. The golf teams are excited to get more practice time in now that their home course has opened.

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

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| Mar. 28 | Manson vs. Okanogan; Home at 4:30 p.m. |
| Mar. 30 | Chelan vs. Cashmere; Away at 11 a.m. |
| Mar. 30 | Chelan vs. Cashmere; Away at 1 p.m. |
| Mar. 30 | Manson vs. Bridgeport; Away at 11 a.m. |
| Mar. 30 | Manson vs. Bridgeport; Away at 1 p.m. |

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

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| Mar. 28 | Manson vs. Okanogan; Away at 4:30 p.m. |
| Mar. 30 | Chelan vs. Cashmere; Away at 11 a.m. |
| Mar. 30 | Manson vs. Bridgeport; Away at 11 a.m. |
| Mar. 30 | Manson vs. Bridgeport; Away at 1 p.m. |

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

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| Mar. 28 | Chelan vs. Cashmere; Home at 4 p.m. |
| Mar. 30 | Chelan vs. Lakeside; Away at 12 p.m. |
| Mar. 30 | Manson vs. Brewster; Away at 11 a.m. |

BOYS & GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

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| Mar. 27 | Chelan vs. Omak, Home at 2 p.m. |
| Mar. 29 | Chelan Boys Away at Joe Lenburg Invite at 10 a.m. |

BOYS & GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

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| Mar. 27 | Entiat vs. Okanogan; Away at 4 p.m. |
| Mar. 27 | Manson vs. Liberty Bell; Away at 4 p.m. |
| Mar. 28 | Chelan vs. Cashmere; Away at 4 p.m. |

BOYS VARSITY TRACK

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| Mar. 27 | Entiat Away at Oroville 3:30 p.m. |
| Mar. 29 | Chelan vs. Cashmere, Away 4 p.m. |

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Good Friday Service: March 29

MANSON - The Lake Chelan Community Choir will be presenting Good Friday Services at 7 p.m., March 29 at North Shore Bible Church, 123 Wapato Point Pkwy. In Manson familiar old hymns will be featured. The congregation will be invited to sing three, well-known favorites with the choir. Open Communion and Free Admission. For more information, call 509-687-3636

Easter Egg Hunts: March 30

MANSON - The Manson Parks annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 30 at Singleton Park and Wapato Lake Campground beginning at 10 a.m. Singleton Park: 10 a.m. ages 0-4, and at 10:10 a.m. ages 5-7. Wapato Lake Campground: 10:45 a.m. ages 8 and up. Please arrive 5 minutes before your child's hunt. Don't forget your basket.

CHELAN - The Lake Chelan Eagles and Lake Chelan Lions Club will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, beginning at 10:30 a.m.s at Don Morse Memorial Park. Toddlers to middle schoolers are invited to participate. Bike Raffle sales begin at 10:30 a.m. Free Raffle for Easter Baskets and Stuffed Animals (1 entry per child participant). The Easter Bunny will arrive at 11 a.m. Pictures are \$5. Easter Egg Hunt starts promptly at 12 p.m.

Free Blood Pressure Checks: March 27

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SAIL Exercise Classes: March 27, 28, 29

CHELAN - SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life) fitness classes are offered at Chelan Senior Center on Monday and Wednesday, 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, 5:30 p.m., Chelan Senior Center and taught by Ann Cooper. SAIL classes are offered to residents of Heritage Heights Assisted Living on Mondays and Fridays at 2 p.m., taught by Gaylen Willett and Steve Davis.

Chelan Senior Meals: March 27-29

CHELAN - The Chelan Senior Center at 534 E. Trow Avenue, hosts Senior Meals Monday-Friday. Suggested donation for seniors over age 60 is \$5. Fee for persons under age 60 is \$12. Call 509-888-4440 to reserve meals 24 hours in advance. For information about Home Delivered Meals call 509-470-0522. Visit their website at www.octn.org. Follow them on Facebook. Mail donations to: OCTN P.O. Box 471 Okanogan, WA 98840. 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 27-28, April 1-4

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CHELAN - Chelan Valley Hope Winter Coat Drive is over and we want to thank you all. Thank you to the businesses that hosted a coat bin, thank you to the community members who donated. Hope was able to collect a substantial number of warm coats and other winter gear for those in our community. Hope would also like to extend a special thank you to all the volunteers who dedicated their time and effort to organize and manage the coat drive. For more information about do-

nations, services, or volunteer opportunities, you may call or visit us Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Zumba Fitness: March 27, 28, 29

MANSON - Zumba Fitness Class, Tuesdays and Thursday mornings (excluding holidays), 8:30-9:30 a.m. Join Zumba instructor, Brenda, fitness fun. Donation \$5 per class. All ages welcome. This event is a partnership between the Manson Grange and the Manson Parks and Recreation Department. Donations help fund the Manson Grange building maintenance program.

Household hazardous waste drop off: March 27-29

Latex paint 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.-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 the list of items that the facility does, and does not accept, go to <https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/solid-waste-management/pages/household-hazardous-wastes>

Thrive Teen Center: March 28, April 2, 4

CHELAN - Thrive Teen Center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays October-May. 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 on Johnson Avenue and is available to all middle and high school students in the valley. Volunteers help with homework, and there are pool tables, board games, air hockey, craft supplies, foosball, free clothing and hygiene closets, and more. Questions, email stefani@thrivechelanvalley.com.

Chelan Museum: March 28-30

CHELAN - The Chelan Museum on Woodin Avenue is open Thursday-Saturday

11 a.m.-3 p.m. For information: 509-682-5644, or chelanmuseum.com

VFW #6853 Post Coffee/Donuts: March 29

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

Glass recycle: March 30

CHELAN - Rotary of Lake Chelan 911 Glass Rescue is open Saturday mornings 10 a.m. to noon, at 23235 Highway 97A across from Walmart. A small fee per pound is charged for glass drop-off. Buckets of the materials produced, sand and aggregate, available for purchase at \$5 per 5-gallon bucket. The all-volunteer team relies on support from members of the community to make the operation run smoothly every week. There are tasks suitable for all ages and abilities. To volunteer: www.911glassrescue.org, click on the volunteer tab on the home page.

Food Bank food distribution: March 30, April 2, 6

CHELAN - The Lake Chelan Food Bank food giveaway takes place each Saturday and Tuesday, 9 - 10 a.m. drive through distribution at 417 S. Bradley Street. Families are limited to one box per week. The Board of the Food Bank is very grateful to their many volunteers and donors. If you are able to help please donate online: lakechelan-foodbank.org, or send to P.O. Box 2684, Chelan, WA 98816. Non perishable food donations may be dropped off at the Lake Chelan Mirror office, 131 Apple Blossom Drive, Suite 109 (Chelan Business Center).

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 Pedio St. All veterans are encouraged to attend. For more information: Norm Manly, 509-293-0225.

More events at www.lakechelanmirror.com

WDFW opens applications for Wildlife Diversity Grants

Ward Media
Lake Chelan Mirror

OLYMPIA - The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) announced that it is now accepting applications for Wildlife Diversity Grants to fund projects aimed at protecting the state's most vulnerable wildlife species.

With approximately \$1 million available for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, WDFW plans to award between 8 to 12 grants ranging from \$20,000 to \$200,000 each. The grants are open to public, nonprofit, academic, and tribal organizations working on projects to benefit imperiled species in Washington state.

"WDFW's new Wildlife Diversity Grant Program is an exciting step forward in our ability to support recovery actions for a suite of at-risk species in Washington," said Jenna Judge, WDFW wildlife diversity assistant division manager. "We're thrilled to have the opportunity to fund projects that accelerate our work with conservation partners to implement recovery actions for Washington wildlife and gather necessary data

to inform land use and habitat management decisions."

Grant applications are due by May 5, and project work will take place between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. WDFW will host a virtual information session for prospective applicants on March 28.

The new grant program was made possible by funding from the Washington State Legislature aimed at restoring biodiversity. WDFW anticipates this will be an ongoing funding source for continuing the grant program in future years.

"By increasing the scope and scale of conservation actions, we can recover imperiled wildlife and may prevent the need to list a species as threatened or endangered," said Hannah Anderson, WDFW wildlife diversity division manager. "Through this grant program, we're excited to fund actions that will help stem the tide of biodiversity loss and contribute to healthier wildlife populations."

The WDFW website provides full details on eligibility, the application process, and the March 28 webinar.

Chelan County Sheriff Report



March 15

1:20:43 Warrant, 455 Wapato Lake Rd; 12 Tribes
8:17:01 Welfare Check, Earthquake Point, Entiat
9:02:52 Disturbance, 567 Roses Ave, Manson
10:50:41 Hazard, Sr 150 & Crystal Dr
15:05:54 Assist Public, 327 Glory View Ln
16:32:53 Assist Public, 207 N Emerson St
16:56:13 Harass/Threat, 300blk Glory View Ln, Manson
21:19:23 Harass/Threat, 108 N Apple Blossom Dr
21:50:39 Hazard, Sr 150 & Boyd Rd

Gibson Ave
14:28:58 Fraud/Forgery, 100 Lake Chelan Shores Dr
14:29:33 Assist Public, 529 E Wapato Ave
14:36:06 Welfare Check, 826 E Chelan Ave
16:10:21 Suspicious, 215 W Webster Ave

March 20

11:30:08 Civil, 207 N Emerson St
13:56:27 Civil, 327 Glory View Ln, Manson
14:28:01 Harass/Threat, 949 Manson Blvd, Manson
16:41:35 Trespass, 327 Glory View Ln, Manson
18:47:57 Juvenile Proble, 1190 Summit Blvd, Manson
19:15:53 Warrant, 106 W Manson Rd; Safeway
19:38:11 Assist Public, 100 Lake Chelan Shores Dr
21:26:45 Domestic Distur, 14903 Golden Delicious St
22:02:46 Accident No Inj, 215 N Clifford St

7:53:43 Assist Public, 824 E Chelan Ave, Chelan, Ch
10:34:55 Assist Public, 76 Wapato Way; Unit B, Mans Ma
15:27:28 Harass/Threat, 949 Manson Blvd, Manson, W Ma
15:39:25 Burglary, 10 S Madeline Rd; Bay View Ma
16:35:46 Theft, 108 N Apple Blossom Dr; Wa Ch
17:16:54 Theft, 313 E Woodin Ave; Ordinance Ch
19:25:01 Assist Agency, 505 N Navarre St, Chelan, Ch
21:01:28 Parking/Abandon, 826 E Chelan Ave, Chelan, Ch
23:02:21 Malicious Misch, 77 Wapato Way; My Buddys P Ma

March 21

11:02:11 Parking/Abandon, 188 S Harris Ave, Manson
12:35:33 Traffic Offense, 108 N Apple Blossom Dr
13:30:09 At/Atc, 418 E Woodin Ave
13:54:23 Extra Patrol, 511 E Wapato Ave
16:16:50 Civil, 116 Madisen Ln.
17:45:03 Suspicious, 14425 Olin St# F3, Entiat
18:34:36 Traffic Offense Hyland Ave & Us Hwy 97a, Entiat

6:42:17 Parking/Abandon, Spring View Pl & Sunny Bro
11:56:51 Parking/Abandon, 1240 W Woodin Ave; Harris
15:31:03 Missing Person, 721 E Woodin Ave# 1022, C
15:48:12 Accident No Inj, Green Ave & Roses Ave, Man
16:15:13 Juvenile Proble, 250 Whitetail Way, Chelan,
16:27:51 Suspicious, 120 Vineyard Ln # B, Chela
16:50:00 Accident Unk, S East St & W Woodin Ave,
17:14:31 Trespass, 263 Upper Joe Creek Rd, Ma
18:31:11 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy 97a & Risk St, Ent!
18:38:40 Trespass, 116 E Nixon Ave, Chelan, W
20:30:11 911, 113 E Eli Ln, Chelan, Wa
20:50:47 Harass/Threat, 426 E Trow Ave, Chelan, Wa
21:26:59 Suspicious, 222 Mystic Creek Ln, Chela
21:43:30 Accident No Inj, W Campbell Ave & W Manson

March 18

18:09:37 Court Order Vio, 915 E Trow Ave
18:10:31 Welfare Check, 126 E Johnson Ave; At The B
19:05:41 Suspicious, 450 Boyd Loop Rd
19:51:04 Accident No Inj, Sr 150 & Wapato Lake Rd, Manson

March 19

10:04:48 Alarm, 2030 Entiat Way; Coaxsher Entait
13:39:34 Harass/Threat, 210 W

Death Announcements

Bonita Rae Stangland

Bonita Rae Stangland, 85, of Chelan, Washington passed away on March 17, 2024. Precht Rose Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.

Arnold Louis Bertram

Arnold Louis Bertram, 78, of Entiat, Washington passed away on March 19, 2024. Precht Rose Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.

Obituary announcements

Marilyn Joyce Johansen

Marilyn Joyce Johansen, age 80, passed away Saturday March 9 at Lake Chelan Community Hospital. Originally from Reserve, MT, Marilyn lived in Chelan for 25 years. She taught P.E. for over 30 years at Wenatchee High School.

Marilyn is preceded in death by her father, Christian Johansen, her mother,

Betty Johansen and her soulmate, Ned Verellen. Marilyn is survived by her sisters Hannah and Sandy, Ned's sons Max and Clayton and their families, several nieces and nephews, and her dear friends collectively known as The Girly-Whirlies.

A private memorial for Marilyn will be held at The Eagles in May.



Marilyn Joyce Johansen

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509-682-2851
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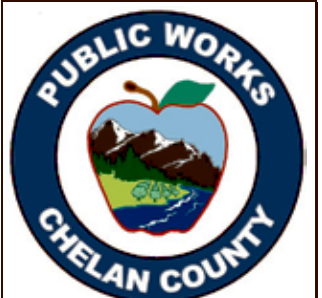
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Help Wanted

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Help Wanted

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PUD No. 1 of Okanogan County is seeking to fill a public information officer position.
Please see www.okanogapud.org for job description and requirements; and submit application with resume. Okanogan PUD is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Legals

Public Notices

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1621 of the City of Chelan, Washington
On the 12th day of March 2024, the City Council of the City of Chelan, Washington, passed Ordinance No. 2024-1621. A summary of the content of said Ordinance provides as follows: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHELAN, WASHINGTON, VACATING PORTIONS OF THE CITY RIGHT OF WAY LOCATED ON LONG DRIVE, WEDGE AVE, BIRDIE DRIVE AND PUTTER PLACE.**
The full text of the Ordinance will be mailed upon request. DATED this 18th day of March, 2024.
Peri S. Gallucci
City Clerk
Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on March 27, 2024. #7488

Public Notices

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES BY GREEN ACRES IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Pursuant to RCW 87.03.655 A petition has been filed with Green Acres Irrigation District Directors by SHANNON FAMILY REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, FRED SHANNON, TRUSTEE to exclude and take lands from the district. The property to be excluded and taken from Green Acres Irrigation District is located in County of Chelan, State of Washington, T26N R20E Willamette Meridian Government Section 29. Description of such lands as entered in the assessment book by the county assessor:
SHANNON SUBDIVISION LOT 1 4.8400 ACRES
SHANNON SUBDIVISION LOT 2 4.8700 ACRES
SHANNON SUBDIVISION LOT 3 4.8400 ACRES
SHANNON SUBDIVISION LOT 4 4.7800 ACRES
SHANNON SUBDIVISION LOT 5 4.2000 ACRES
Petitioners prayed that the Directors of Green Acres Irrigation District entertain the petition, fix a date for a public hearing hereon, and cause notice of the hearing to be published in a newspaper of general circulation and to notify all interested persons to show cause in writing why the change in boundaries should not be made. Green Acres Irrigation District Board of Directors shall hear the petition at their next regular meeting April 9 at 10 a.m. AT 6712 Entiat River Road. All objections must be presented in writing by any person showing cause by any person why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.
/s/Karin Whitehall, Secretary
Green Acres Irrigation District
March 18 th , 2024 Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on March 27, April 3, 2024. #7487

Real Estate

Rentals

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Applications may be obtained on the district website, www.brewsterbears.org or by contacting the district office at 509-689-3418. These positions are open until filled.

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