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GETTING FIRED UP ABOUT FIREWISE

There's a role for everyone to play

by Carl Nelson

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CLE ELUM – Cle Elum Fire Chief Ed Mills has seen the heartbreak from a house fire. This has made him passionate about Firewise prevention. “We all can do the little things, as individuals. On a personal

level we have a role to play to Firewise our backyards and neighborhoods.” Chief Mills.

A ride along with Chief Mills through the Cle Elum neighborhood

Take a ride along with Chief Mills and you begin to understand why he is working

hard to find a way to get a bigger “Buy-in” from the neighborhood to participate in the Firewise program.

With the recent warming temperatures, the snow has retreated exposing the dead and drying vegetation in the alleys, along fences and in neighbors yards.

Traveling down Second, Third and Fourth Streets, the picture becomes rather daunting. The neighborhood appears to be swimming in fuel for wildfire.

Chief Mills points out work being done by a homeowner clearing dead vegetation from a wooden fence. Another homeowner has placed washed rock around the house perimeter. These are examples of efforts that make a real difference in the coming fire season.

The problem is one neighbor can Firewise their home but if their neighbor doesn't the risk is still there.

“If we get a big fire on the ridge, we will have ember showers carried by the wind. That's why we really need everyone to take responsibility for their own backyard.”

Mills points out how people tend to think of wildfire as a wall of flames, but it is just as likely it will be small red-hot embers that find a patch of dried leaves next to a deck that will feed the fire that takes out a home. Firewise efforts can be the difference between a fire that never gets

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UNDERBRUSH EXAMPLE. On a recent ride along with Cle Elum Fire Chief Ed Mills scenes like this show the need for the Firewise effort on city property as well as private property. Join your neighbors this spring and get Fired Up About Firewising!

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

March 9, 2025

Spring forward this Sunday!

Clocks will spring forward one hour this Sunday, March 9, 2025 at 2am, as daylight saving time begins across most of the United States. This will result in later sunrises and sunsets.

Hawaii and Arizona, with the exception of the Navajo Nation located in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah, are the only states that do not observe the biannual time shift and remain in standard time year-round.

Several states have proposed laws to end the practice of changing clocks twice a year, but the legislation has yet to go into effect. The *Sunshine Protection Act* has also been introduced by lawmakers in the nation's capital, but the bill has not passed the Senate and House of Representatives to make it

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South Cle Elum court system in place

Town Council now has authority to prosecute code violations

by Carl Nelson

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SOUTH CLE ELUM – During the regularly scheduled Town Council meeting held on Tuesday, March 4, Mayor Jim DeVere made the announcement that the long-awaited South Cle Elum court system is in place. An agreement with Kittitas County to share facilities was signed over a year ago. With a Judge and Prosecutor, South Cle Elum will now have some teeth in their Town Codes and Ordinance.

Town Council votes no on Community Garden

A letter requesting Town support for a Community Garden was submitted by resident Pat Garris. The letter asked for the Town to provide a suitable lot and access to water during the growing season.

Councilor McGuire raised concerns with liability, followed by a motion against approving the community garden. Councilor Sandretto seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision to reject the request for a Community Garden.

South Cle Elum Fire entertains mutual aid agreement with Kittitas County Fire District 7

It was reported that Chief Henderson from South Cle Elum and KCFD 7 Chief Lowe were discussing an Auto Agreement of mutual aid between the two departments. Discussion among the

Councilors was positive, recognizing the benefits to the two agencies in close proximity to one another.

Questions regarding accessory dwelling units remain

Councilor Ditsworth gave a report outlining how nearby municipalities have addressed Accessory dwellings within their jurisdictions. Washington State has mandated municipalities to allow accessory dwellings to address the critical housing shortage. The Council is awaiting clarification on exemptions based on population to determine if the mandate applies to the Town.

I-90 Vantage Bridge deck replacement begins

VANTAGE – work to replace the Interstate 90 Vantage Bridge deck is underway for a second construction season. Washington State Department of Transportation and contractor crews are replacing the surface of the bridge that was last upgraded in 1992.

Starting March 3, traffic will be reduced to a single lane in each direction around-the-clock, seven days a week with reduced speeds and a 9-foot width restriction.

Prepare for summer travel season

Travelers will experience long delays as traffic volumes increase during the warmer months and during events at The Gorge Amphitheater. Historically, the longest delays occur eastbound on Fridays and westbound on Sundays. To avoid congestion and longer

travel times, alternate routes are encouraged. Drivers may choose to use detour routes up north near Wenatchee, or down south near the Tri Cities to bypass the construction area. Due to limited road capacity, Vantage Highway is not a recommended detour.

Important dates to note:

- Work on the bridge will pause from May 23 to July 8 to accommodate the busy travel season between Memorial Day and Independence Day. During this time, travelers on the bridge will have access to the full two lanes in both direction with an occasional single-lane closure.

- Following the holiday work pause, travel lanes will again reduce to one lane in each direction around-the-clock starting Tuesday, July 8.

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HopeSource to upgrade Pennsylvania Place with energy-efficient HVAC systems using HEAR funds

ROSLYN – On Tuesday, HopeSource announced a significant energy-efficiency project at Pennsylvania Place, an affordable housing complex in Roslyn. With funding from Puget Sound Energy and the Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program (HEAR), supported by Washington's Climate Commitment Act, every unit at Pennsylvania Place will soon be equipped with modern, energy-efficient heating and cooling systems.

The project, estimated to cost \$215,000, represents a collaborative effort to enhance the quality of life for residents while reducing energy consumption. Shelter Resources Inc., the investment partner in the property, has contributed \$30,000 toward the project, demonstrating a shared commitment to sustainability and affordability in housing.

“We are incredibly proud to be bringing additional taxpayer dollars back to Kittitas County with this program,” said HopeSource Director of Operations, Andrew Lyons. “We take pride in making improvements like this to all our affordable housing properties so we can best serve our community and our environment.”

Pennsylvania Place provides affordable housing for 30 seniors in Roslyn. The new systems will not only improve residents' comfort year-round but also align with state-wide efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

About HopeSource

HopeSource is a non-profit organization based in Kittitas County, dedicated to equipping, encouraging, and empowering people to stabilize and improve their lives. Through various community

programs and partnerships, HopeSource serves families and individuals across Central Washington, working to

reduce poverty and improve quality of life in our community. Learn more at www.hopesource.us



RESIDENTS AT Roslyn's Pennsylvania Place housing complex will be getting an upgrade to their heating and cooling systems improving year-round comfort.

Photo courtesy of HopeSource

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FIREWISING FORESTS. Chief Mills was happy to share the results of recent Firewise work completed around the Cle Elum City Airport. Imagine a future where Cle Elum and neighboring communities are surrounded by healthy resilient forests.

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... started and one that takes out a house and then the house next door. During the ride along with Chief Mills the refrain was often a question, 'How do I get a bigger buy-in from everyone. How do we get everyone to be a responsible neighbor?'

Raising awareness and increasing participation

Chief Mills doesn't believe in scaring people into being responsible neighbors, however, he admits code compliance enforcement is one tool the city will use to protect the neighborhood.

A Fire Advisory has created a code grading process to address complaints. Chief Mills now has a scoring method to use when he goes to assess a complaint within the city.

Focusing on the positive, Chief Mills was proud to show off examples of recent Firewise efforts on city property.

Brush removal, limbing and tree thinning has been completed recently at three sites, the city's water tanks on the ridge north of town, around the airport east of the city and at the Horse Park on the west end of Cle Elum.

It is truly impressive to see these areas where the under-

brush is cleared, lower limbs are removed and healthy trees are spaced with air and water to grow free from the fuel load that would have burned through the forest.

Resources available to support neighborhood Firewise efforts

The good news is there are resources available today for every resident of upper Kittitas County who is ready to be a part of the Firewise effort.

A great place to start is by registering for a free *Wildfire Ready Plan*. Sign up is easy at *Wildfire Ready Neighbors*, tinyurl.com/wildfire-ready-neighbors.

By registering online your request for a consultation will be forwarded to your local Fire Department. All Fire Districts in upper Kittitas County participate in the *Wildfire Ready Neighbors* program. A representative from your District will contact you to schedule your free wildfire assessment inspection.

There is information about grants available for neighborhood Firewise projects through the local Conservation District as well. Visit www.kccd.net/wildland-fire-fuels-reduction for details.

Firewise to bring back insurance policies



There is an effort underway to persuade insurance companies to return to writing policies in upper Kittitas County. Chief Aaron Lowe (Fire District 7) among others have been in discussions with Washing-

ton State Insurance Commissioner Patty Kuderer.

Full participation by the citizens in the Firewise program is a key component to lowering the risk of wildfire in our neighborhoods and is the best hope for enticing insurance companies back to our communities.

Make it an annual Firewise block party

Adapting to life in a wildfire risk zone will require neighbors working together to protect their neighborhood. Firewise efforts will therefore be an annual event into the future. It is quite possible to imagine one day there will be

an annual *Firewise Festival* where neighbors celebrate the community's efforts to protect our homes with a feast and greater sense of connection. Many hands make light work.

Calling all volunteers

The *Northern Kittitas County Tribune* will continue to report on the Firewise efforts within Upper Kittitas County. If you or a group of you belong to are interested in volunteering to Firewise for the elderly or disabled, please notify the newspaper so we can connect people in need with the volunteers. Call 509-674-2511 or send an email to: tribune@nkctribune.com.



GEARED UP and ready to go! Cle Elum Fire Department Chief Ed Mills gives a tour of the new Cle Elum Fire Command Rig. N.K.C. TRIBUNE/Carl Nelson photo - 2025



Weekly Fire Log

Following are recent KCFD7 calls for assistance -

- 3/2: CPR - XXX Nordic Lane
- 3/1: Sick/Unknown - XXX Spragger Way
- 2/26: Breathing - SR 970 Milepost 3
- 2/26: Motor Vehicle Crash - SR 97 MP 154
- 2/25: Alarm Fire - 501 Honolulu Drive
- 2/25: Fall Patient - XXX Pine Glen Drive
- 2/25: Alarm Fire - 270 Goat Creek Lane.

Watch next week's Tribune for coverage of the Kittitas County Firefighter Stairclimb Team at the March 9 event in Seattle

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KITTITAS COUNTY IN PROBATE

In Re the Matter of the Estate of: RYAN CRAIG BURY, Deceased.

EVA J. MCDANIEL has been appointed as Administrator 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 Administrator or the Administrator'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 Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (4) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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Attorney of Record: James T. Denison, Jr. BPE Law Group, P.C. 700 E. Mountain View Ave., Suite 508 Ellensburg, WA 98926 (509) 245-0400

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Kittitas County Hospital District #1 (Kittitas Valley Healthcare) and Kittitas County Hospital District #2

KCHD1 and KCHD2 are jointly seeking licensed contractors, including general, electrical, mechanical, roofing, asphalt sealing and patching, HVAC and plumbing, painting, case work/cabinet and interior finishes contractors to submit letter of interest for placement on the Districts small works rosters for the 2025 calendar year for public works projects with values under \$350,000. Approved contractors will be placed on the appropriate roster according to the qualifications contained in the letter of interest.

Interested contractors should submit a letter to the Kittitas Valley Healthcare Chief of Facilities by 3/31/25 with the company name, contact information, and area of expertise. Submit letter of interest to: Chief of Facilities; Kittitas Valley Healthcare; 603 S. Chestnut; Ellensburg, WA 98926.

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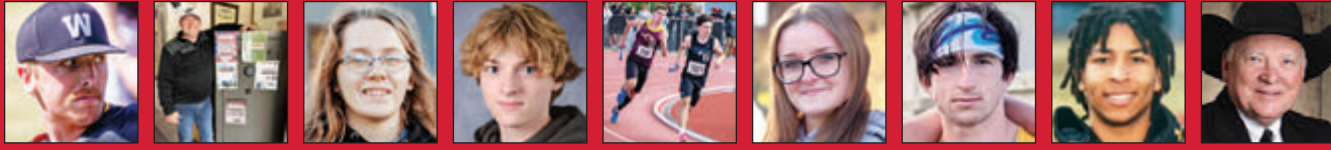
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Sky Meadows Ranch launches wildfire work

\$750,000 USDA Firewise Grant plans to treat 250 acres

by JK Myers

CLE ELUM – With the buzz of chainsaws, the clank of metal-tracked equipment, and the thump of falling timber, Sky

Meadows Ranch recently launched “phase one” of their wildfire fuel reduction project.

Located on the South Cle Elum Ridge east of Peoh

Point, the 480-acre community is now mostly recreational with camping lots, weekend cabins, and two handfuls of full-time residents.

But Sky Meadows has roots from 1957 when the Whited family built a lodge, bunkhouse, and pool; as a “dude ranch”, it hosted guests from around the world to ride horses, overnight in rustic cabins, enjoy ranch cooking, and gather around the fire-place for an evening of cowboy entertainment.

And the buildings are still in use today after Sky Meadows became a homeowner’s association in 1970

with half-to-two-acre lots across the forested hillside.

Federal CDWG awarded

Encompassing 382 members, Sky Meadows Ranch applied for the *USDA Community Defense Wildfire Grant* back in 2022. With the assistance of forestry experts from the state Department of Natural Resources – and given the decades of trees and brush perched on the steep terrain –

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FIREWISE ACTION. Sky Meadows Ranch is currently working through the 480-acre community on phase one of their wildfire fuel reduction project. Photo courtesy of JK Myers

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to the Class of

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Cle Elum Skatepark gets big boost from City Council and the Lodging Tax funds

Unanimous support brings skatepark completion closer to the finish line

by Carl Nelson

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CLE ELUM – During the Cle Elum city council meeting on May 28 representatives of the skatepark project were in attendance with high hopes their application for lodging tax funds might push the project closer to the goal of completing the park this summer. They were not disappointed.

Cle Elum City Council expresses full support

At a previous City Council meeting **Lucy Temple** shared a status report showing the skatepark had gathered – through small donors – \$110,000 of \$455,000 needed to complete the Cle Elum Skatepark project; leaving a shortfall of \$345,000. Temple shared

that the group has been actively pursuing all potential grant funds available, however, there is very heavy competition for these funds. Temple went on to explain that every year the project is delayed adds 5% to the cost. At that meeting **Steven Harper**, Mayor pro tem and chair of the lodging tax committee, encouraged Temple to apply for lodging tax funds. Temple promptly applied asking for \$170,000.

The city council took up the matter under unfinished business with Harper stating that the lodging tax had a balance of \$500,000, informing the council that the funds ...

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Free local presentation on biochar and how it benefits the environment

CLE ELUM – The Kittitas Chapter of the Washington Farm Forest Association is sponsoring a free special presentation: “*Biochar: Integrating Forest Health, Climate Change & Carbon Management*” presented by **Tom and Gina McCoy**. Everyone is welcome to attend this event on Saturday, June 15 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Upper Kittitas Senior Center, 719 E. Third St., Cle Elum. Coffee and water will be provided.

What is biochar?

Biochar is a carbon-rich solid material made from organic waste that has been partially combusted with little to no oxygen. This process is called pyrolysis, and the result is a residue that contains at least 80% elemental carbon. Biochar can have many uses, including as a soil additive to

improve plant health.

Come learn about:

- The importance of biochar for protecting dry forests and the climate.
- How low-to-no value biomass is made into biochar and can be used as a soil amendment, to repair environmental damage, and as a renewable energy source.
- Biochar production and the economic opportunity.

About the presenters

Tom McCoy has a bachelor’s degree in Business Management and earned a master’s degree in Rangeland Ecology and Watershed Management. He worked ten years for the Yakama Nation as the Watershed Restoration Project Manager addressing landscape level issues negatively affecting anadromous fish

and later for six years he was the Methow Wildlife Area Manager for WDFW. He has been a consulting ecologist and has served as an expert witness on wildfire and natural resource damage.

Gina McCoy has bachelor’s degrees in civil and agricultural engineering and later earned a master’s degree in Forest Hydrology. She worked seven years for the Yakama Nation as a hydrologist, then later 13 years for WDFW as an environmental engineer. She and Tom have created a non-profit dedicated to increasing the pace and scale of forest health restoration.

Contacts

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South Cle Elum Council hunts for a town prosecutor

Funds needed for water main replacement

by Carl Nelson

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SOUTH CLE ELUM – The Town Council held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 3.

Mayor **Jim DeVere** reported the town was still seeking to hire a prosecutor to represent the town. An agreement has been reached with Kittitas County to allow South Cle Elum use of the upper county courthouse for civil and criminal cases. As soon as a prosecutor is retained the town plans to bring violators to court to resolve long standing cases.

Funding for town-wide water main replacement

South Cle Elum Town Council has submitted grant

applications for funds needed for the town-wide water main replacement project. Due to the fact grant funding is highly competitive, and because of the critical need, Mayor DeVere instructed the clerk to prepare a report showing what funds the town had to move ahead with the project through low interest loans.

Councilmember Allenbaugh retires after 28 serving as firefighter

Firefighter and town council member **David Allenbaugh** was acknowledged for his 28 years serving the City of Cle Elum and the Town of South Cle Elum. He was the Fire Chief for the Cle Elum in 2005-06. Allenbaugh served his last day on May 16, 2024.

The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June

18 at the Town Hall starting at 7:00pm. years



DAVID ALLENBAUGH RETIRED May 16 after serving 28 years as a firefighter. Splitting his time between South Cle Elum and the City of Cle Elum where he was Chief in 2005-2006. Fellow South Cle Elum Councilmembers thanked Allenbaugh for his service at the recent town council meeting.

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... the grant ask climbed to a staggering \$750,000.

Sky Meadows was even more staggered when the grant was awarded in early 2023! The award was part of a federal package of \$25 million to Washington state, with over \$11 million to Kittitas County alone.

After the government contractual red-tape and the winter snows had cleared, work started in earnest this May under the direction of forestry consultant **Tony Fox** of Full-Scale Forestry.

“The project is moving along well, even though costs have certainly gone up from what was budgeted in 2022. It is labor intensive because we must work around roads, homes, structures, and utilities. We will certainly need more funding in the future to address all the wildfire concerns across the entire community,” said Fox.

To extend the funds to as many acres as possible, usable logs are being sold to off-set

the logging and other contractor costs, including cleaning up branches and macerating brush.

Phase One underway

This first phase focuses on reducing wildfire fuels along roadways on the western end of the community; two HOA lots will also be thinned to create defensible space.

Defensible space means removing dead, leaning, diseased and crowded trees along the 60-foot roadways, as well as masticating brush to widen evacuation routes in the case of an approaching wildfire. With similar terrain and trees, this grant work in Sky Meadows intends to avoid the wildfire inferno faced by residents escaping from Paradise, California just five years ago.

Like many communities in Upper County, the homes and cabins here are interwoven within the thick forest canopy served by a single county road leading in and out. Residents are warned to go immediately



SKY MEADOWS GUEST RANCH circa 1959-1964. Dude ranching in Upper Kittitas County reached its apex during the 1960s and facilities from Easton to Lake Cle Elum to Peoh Point and Swauk Valley drew visitors arriving by train, car or airplane. Pat (Whited) Woodell's parents picked up their guests from Cle Elum's Union Pacific station at no charge. Guests arriving on the Great Northern in Wenatchee or the Seatac or Yakima airports paid a nominal charge to have the Whiteds bring them to the ranch. Pat says her parents never charged enough to make a good living, but at the same time, never had any regrets.

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if a wildfire threatens.

Example Properties

Five member lots on Fawn Road were targeted to demonstrate best practices for wildfire fuels reduction. Sometimes seeing is believing.

Trees adjacent to homes and structures were removed, brush was cleared, and defensible space was created, yet the tranquility of living in the woods was not lost.

Long-time residents, **Bob** and **Kris Johnson** said: “We are more than pleased with the results, and it actually enhanced our place without taking the woods away.”

Going Forward

Phase two will move to the roads on the eastern end of Sky Meadows Ranch. Phase three will focus on additional member lots located along key strategic locations, such as adjacent to roadway evacuation routes, as well as larger fire breaks traversing the community.

Heavy fuels, steep terrain and unrelenting strong winds are a recipe for a wildfire disaster. This grant work is a

large-scale defense strategy.

Unusual project

Of the total \$197 million awarded under this CDWG, Washington state placed second just behind California, with Oregon third.

Of all the grants across the state, only two were to homeowner's associations: Flowerly Trail in Chewelah and Sky Meadows Ranch in Cle Elum.

Rose Beaton, Community Resilience Coordinator with the Department of Natural Resources noted: “In Washington State, this project is at

the forefront of reducing wildfire risk within the wildland urban interface, and ultimately paving the way for other communities alike to pursue future funding for projects like this. We (DNR) are excited about the progress that has been made in such a short time – it takes leadership, initiative, and willingness across the board.”

For more information

Check out the website for the Kittitas Fire Adapted Communities Coalition at <https://kittitasfireready.org/>.



Photo courtesy of JK Myers



AN EXAMPLE OF trimming back trees and brush to create a defensible space around an outbuilding.

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THIS ROAD within Sky Meadows Ranch was recently trimmed back to create a defensible space to widen evacuation routes in the case of an approaching wildfire.

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2024

LORENE RUSHTON

PIONEER QUEEN

Coronation at UKCSC Centennial Center
719 E. Third Street in Cle Elum

54th Pioneer Days Queen Coronation is Saturday!

CLE ELUM – It's time to kick-off the annual Pioneer Days festivities on Saturday, June 29 with the coronation of **2024 Pioneer Days Queen Lorene Rushton**. The evening begins at 5:00 pm with a social hour accompanied by the music of **Floyd Rogalski** and **Louie Osmonovich** and includes a video of past queens. Cake, coffee, along with Queen Lorene's favorite cookies will be served. A no-host bar will be open for those interested in purchasing their favorite libations. At 6:00 pm Cle Elum Mayor

Matt Lundh opens the official coronation with a welcome followed by the *Presentation of Colors* by **VFW Post 1373** and **Daisy Troop 2244**. Royalty of a different sort will be announced by the **Sons & Daughters of Italy in America, Cle Elum Lodge #1968**. It's their honor to reveal the king or queen of this year's **Boletus Mushroom Contest**. Then comes the reason for the evening, the crowning of Queen Lorene, escorted by her son, **Lyle Rushton**, along with crown-bearers and great-granddaughters, **Emily**

Sternberg and Haley Pace. Queen Lorene will introduce her family, the crowd will hear a poem written by **Gail Berndt** and performed by **Michael Lancaster**. There will be more fun and music throughout the evening. The *Pioneer Queen Coronation* will be held at the **UKCSC Centennial Center, 719 E. Third St.** in Cle Elum. "This event is open to the public," said Coronation Committee member, **Tasha Rogalski-Lanphere**. "We hope everyone will join us."

July 4th Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks Show at Memorial Park

CLE ELUM – We are a week away from the ultimate Independence Day Celebration at Memorial Park on Thursday, July 4 from 2-10 pm. Bring the whole family for a fun-filled day featuring kids' activities, food vendors, beer garden, live music, games, entertainment, and spectacular fireworks finale! This is an all ages public event taking place at Memorial Park located at 321 South Cle Elum Way in Cle Elum.

The Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce is organizing this grand community event. Following is their schedule:

- Kids Activities: 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Beer Garden: 2:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Food / Vendors: 2:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Contests: 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.
- Live Music: 4:30 - 9:45 p.m.
- Fireworks by Alpha Pyrotechnics: 9:45 p.m.

Main stage music performances by **Micah J** (4:30-6:00), **Jared Graham** (6:15-7:45), and **American Honey** (8:15-9:45).

For more information, contact the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce Director of Events & Programs **Darby Grimes** or call the Chamber Office at (509) 925-2002.

Rep. Schrier visits Roslyn providing federal funds to boost Resilient Forest project



ON A PERFECT UPPER COUNTY summer morning U.S. Representative Kim Schrier, MD and local leaders took a short hike along the Roslyn Resilient Forest Trail to see firsthand the positive effects of prescribed fire.

N.K.C. TRIBUNE/Carl Nelson photo - 2024

Upper County recognized as a priority for federal funds

by Carl Nelson
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ROSLYN – Gathering with local leader's Congresswoman **Kim Schrier, MD** shared her commitment to supporting the efforts to promote the *Resilient Forest Project* in Upper Kittitas County stating, "Roslyn is an important part of the 8th Congressional District and this is a town that is really special, that needs to be taken care of and preserved and is surrounded by forests at high risk of devastating wildfire." On a personal note, Rep. Schrier

commented, "This project was near and dear to my heart, just like so many people here. To be able to bring federal support to make these forests more resilient and protect our natural resources and to protect this town well that's an amazing project."

Through her bill, the *National Prescribed Fire Act*, Rep. Schrier secured \$750,000 in federal funding to boost the resilient forest effort.

Schrier went on to say that in meetings in Washington, D.C. it was acknowledged that wildfire risks nationwide are

a priority and Washington could expect future support from congress.

Forest management offers economic opportunities

In attendance was Roslyn resident and Kittitas County Commissioner **Laura Osiadacz**, who sits on the U.S. Forest Service Advisory Committee. Commissioner Osiadacz shared some hopeful news from her efforts on the committee, "There will be an amendment to the *Northwest Forest Management Plan*."

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Pioneer Days celebration readies for July 6-7 events

UPPER KITTITAS COUNTY – A popular highlight of Pioneer Days is, of course, the parade through downtown Cle Elum. This year will be no exception. The 2024 Pioneer Days Parade will start at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 6. The Cle Elum Downtown Association (CEDA) announced that this year's parade theme will be "Vintage Cle Elum".

Registration/check-in will be at Railroad and Pennsylvania Avenue and entries will lineup along Railroad Avenue heading east beginning at 8:00 a.m. Judging will occur during the lineup between 9:00-9:30 a.m. The parade starts promptly at 10:00 a.m.

The parade route starts at Peoh Avenue heading west and ends at Pennsylvania Avenue.

CEDA reminds parade participants that throwing of

candy is prohibited, and any entries with animals must provide their own clean-up crew. In many parades, the creativity of the costumed "pooper scooper" crews is a crowd-pleasing entertainment in its own right. See details about the safety precautions that have been added this year in CEDA's advertisement on page B1.

Look for the full schedule of area events, features and advertiser greetings in next week's special *Independence Day Weekend Program* inserted in next week's *Tribune*. More information and updates can also be found online at <https://cleelumdowntown.com/pioneer-days/>.

Have questions? Contact the CEDA Executive Director, **Jordan Peterson** at jordan@cleelumdowntown.org or by calling (509)-433-7330.

Cle Elum City Council hears detailed plans for prescribed fire in upper county starting July 8

by Carl Nelson | carl@nkctribune.com

CLE ELUM – During the regularly scheduled City Council meeting held Tuesday, June 25 The Nature Conservancy Prescribed Fire Specialist **Mark Charlton** addressed the council to provide details and to reassure the council and community that all precautions would be taken during prescribed fire projects scheduled to begin July 8. Charlton stated

everything must align before ignition. Crews have been working on prepping the areas, DNR hand crews and equipment will be on site along with all local fire districts. Weather conditions are constantly monitored as sections are burned in 15, 20 and 30 acre parcels using a "watch and see" before moving ahead. Crews will then monitor the burn site to be sure there is no smoke and no heat af-

terward. The objective is to create a buffer to protect the towns of Cle Elum and Roslyn from wildfire.

Absolutely NO FIREWORKS allowed within city limits

It was announced that no fireworks are allowed within Cle Elum city limits. Even sparklers are banned.

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Early Advertising and News Deadline next week!

Deadline for the next Tribune edition is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 1

Newspapers will be distributed to mailboxes and news stands on Wednesday

Tribune office will be CLOSED Thursday, July 4 for the Independence Day holiday

PUBLIC NOTICES

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NO. 24-4-01147-32
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR SPOKANE COUNTY

Estate of MIRIAM FRANCES BARNHART, Deceased.

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 at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Spokane Superior Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (a) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (b) 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.

Shirley Myers
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Elk, WA 99009-8751

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NO. 24-4-00073-19
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR KITTITAS COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
CHARLES T. WEIDENBACH, Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having claims 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 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. The claim must be presented within the later of: thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020; or four (4) 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 or 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of filing of Notice to Creditors
with Clerk of Court: June 12, 2024.

Date of first publication: June 20, 2024

SHIRLEY R. HACKETT, Personal Representative
c/o ELLIS LAW OFFICES

By: /s/ Darrel R. Ellis

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CITY OF ROSLYN – NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CUP NO. ROS-SUP24011001
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024 AT 11:00 AM

On July 9th, 2024 at 11:00 am the City of Roslyn Hearing Examiner will hold a public hearing at City Hall, 201 S. First Street in Roslyn, to receive comments on Conditional Use Permit Application No. ROS-SUP24011001. A virtual option will be provided, and additional joining information can be obtained by contacting the City of Roslyn. The application is for use of an existing building at parcel # 762634, 202 W Arizona as a dedicated indoor space, as needed, during the licensed school day M-F 8:00 am- 3:30 pm for use as a private school. Those wishing to provide written public comment may do so in person or in writing at City Hall. Comments can be submitted via email to planner@ci.roslyn.wa.us or via mail to PO Box 451 Roslyn, WA 98941 or by hand delivery to the Roslyn City Hall.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting City Hall at (509) 649-3105 or via email at planner@ci.roslyn.wa.us.

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CITY OF CLE ELUM
ORDINANCE NO. 1672 ADOPTION

Notice is hereby provided that the City of Cle Elum did adopt Ordinance No. 1672:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLE ELUM, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTERS 15.20, 17.16, 17.32, AND ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 17.70; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ordinance No. 1672 may be examined in its entirety at the Cle Elum City Hall, 119 West First Street, between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:30 pm Monday thru Thursday; 7:00 am to 3:30 pm on Friday; or a full text can be mailed upon request.

For additional information or questions, please contact the Cle Elum City Hall at (509)674-2262.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ON NATURAL HAZARDS AND EXTREME WEATHER



The Town of South Cle Elum seeks input from community members regarding your experiences and concerns with natural hazards and extreme weather, such as flooding, heat, or wildfire smoke, as part of the Town's comprehensive plan.

Join us on Wednesday, July 10th, for a walking tour from 5:30 – 6:00 PM and a drop-in workshop from 6:00 – 7:00 PM at the South Cle Elum Town Hall.

If you cannot attend, please visit the Town's webpage, www.southcleelum.org, to view information on the project and to submit your comments.

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TOWN OF SOUTH CLE ELUM ORDINANCE NO. 650 ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that the Town of South Cle Elum at its regular Town Council meeting on June 18, 2024, did adopt Ordinance No. 650, entering into an Agreement with Craig Juris as the Town's Municipal Court Judge. The full text of Ordinance No. 650 may be examined in its entirety at the Town Hall, 523 Lincoln Avenue or can be mailed upon request. Dated this 18th day of June 2024.

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PUBLIC NOTICE – LAND PATENT

Legal Description:

A parcel of land being in the NE4 of SW4 and the SW4 of the SE4 of S32 T20N R16E, W.M., Kittitas Co., Washington per Survey recorded 8/7/2000 in Bk 25, pp. 87-88; and that part of existing US Patent #328.

Legal claim to this land must be made within 60 days hereof or forever be precluded from making any claim upon our patented land.

Mark Olsen & Jean Gao
c/o 7568 45th Ave. SW
Seattle, WA 98136

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New potential applicant for the Bullfrog Flats Development

Ben Annen of HLA mentioned there was a new potential applicant for the Bullfrog Flats Development, though no application had yet been submitted. Annen stated a task order approved by the City Council would be required before HLA could provide review services. The Council approved the task order for HLA to review any application should one be submitted.

Pioneer Days Parade Committee sees big sign up for floats

Cle Elum Downtown Association Executive Director Jordan Peterson announced there have been 72 parade float entries so far with time for more to sign-up. There were 70 floats total last year, so this year's parade is looking good.

Focusing on safety, Peterson stating there would be hired traffic control personal to keep people safe and that this year candy thrown from floats would be strictly prohibited to avoid a tragic accident with kids running out in the road to retrieve candy.

In other business the City Council approved the six-year Traffic Improvement Program (TIP) with Unanimous consent.

Next Cle Elum City Council meeting will be held Tuesday, July 9 at 6:00 pm at City Hall.

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That amendment will allow our local Rangers to have more freedom in their forest management practices, to be able to treat the lands more effectively. There's going to hopefully be a huge economic benefit to this, more jobs within the Forest Service to do the work, also providing the resources out of the woods to be able to support more independent business as well, so we really hope that there will be more timber industries, biomass, small diameter mills, anything that utilizes the resources out of the forest to use locally, and is manufactured locally, will be really great for these economies in our rural areas. There is a specific piece in the Northwest Forest Plan about rural communities and the negative effects that the original plan had on the economies and how to help address that through the update."



PROJECT REPORT. Rep. Kim Schrier views before and after prescribed burn photos with Darcy Batura, Director of The Nature Conservancy Forest Partnerships on Thursday, June 20 in Roslyn.

N.K.C. TRIBUNE/Carl Nelson photo - 2024



LOCAL LEADERS AND members of the fire community gather on Thursday, June 20 to show their appreciation for Rep. Kim Schrier (sixth from the left) who secured \$750,000 in federal funding to support Forest resiliency here in Upper County.

N.K.C. TRIBUNE/Carl Nelson photo - 2024

Insurers asked to extend additional living expenses for wildfire victims

OLYMPIA – Washington state Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler is urging insurance companies to extend the additional living expenses benefit for wildfire victims who are nearing their 12-month limit on that specific coverage.

Additional living expenses coverage provides people the funds to pay for temporary housing while their primary residence is being rebuilt. Many policies have a clause that ends this coverage after 12 months.

Kreidler also requested information from insurance companies on losses associated with the Gray and Oregon Road fires through a data call announced Monday, June 24.

More than 350 Washington state residences were damaged or destroyed in the Spokane-area fires, which began on August 18, 2023. The coverages Kreidler referenced would end in August if insurance companies take no action; by granting this additional coverage, Kreidler said,

fire victims would have the time to rebuild and return to their homes without additional financial stress.

"Delays in rebuilding residences are completely out of the policyholders' control and losing this critical benefit, which is currently paying for their temporary housing, would be financially devastating," Kreidler said. "Most insureds do not have the financial means to pay a mortgage and temporary housing costs simultaneously."

Some companies, Kreidler added, may have already extended additional living expenses coverage to last until the covered home is rebuilt and ready for occupancy.

"I appreciate those companies working proactively on behalf of their policyholders," he said.

The June 24 data call requires all insurance companies with claims from the fires to complete two worksheets. The first, for all coverage types, includes cumulative losses based on

lines of insurance. The second, for residential property losses only, includes specific data about the property, the claim, and if the company has non-renewed the policy since the fire.

The information collected in the data call, Kreidler said, will be aggregated to provide a complete picture of the wildfire losses impacting Washington's residents. The first report is due August 15, 2024, through the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' website.

Kreidler previously asked insurers to expedite debris removal procedures and simplify the property claims process for wildfire victims.

President Joe Biden signed a federal disaster declaration for the area in February, unlocking FEMA Individual Assistance funding for victims. Kreidler's office sent representatives to Medical Lake and Elk in March to help answer insurance questions from people impacted by the fires.

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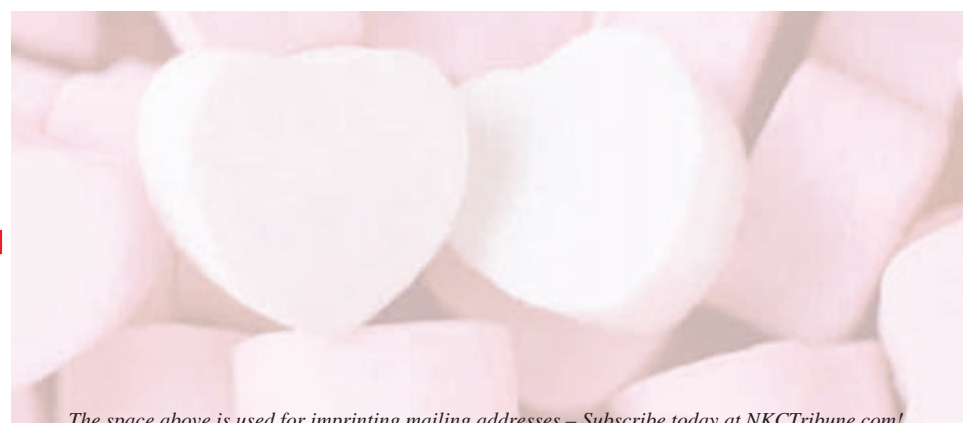
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EWAC LEAGUE CHAMPS!



LEAGUE CHAMPIONS. The 2024-2025 Cle Elum-Roslyn Warrior Girls Basketball Team are the Eastern Washington Athletics Conference (EWAC) League Tournament Champions. The ladies are now headed to Districts this Saturday, Feb. 15. Pictured holding pieces of the net after beating Columbia-Burbank on Saturday, Feb. 8 are (back row, L-R): Coach Scott Malcolm, Coach Vince Glondo, Coach Nikki Dearing, Coach Karly Kastning; (middle row, L-R): Jadison Wallick, Kaitlyn Spear, Nellie Nicholls, Makena Slimp, Kaycie Girdner, Rachel Mendenhall, Rylee Keller; (front row, L-R): Cara Coleman, Ruby Deline, Cienna Smith, Gracie Glondo, and Sofia Nicholson. Look inside for more on this powerhouse team. Photo courtesy of Cassie Glondo

Vehicle and vessel licensing services will be unavailable statewide Feb. 14-17

KITTITAS COUNTY – Vehicle & Vessel Licensing Services will be closed Feb. 14-17 due to a statewide Department of Licensing software upgrade. The Kittitas County Vehicle & Vessel Licensing Services will be closed in the Kittitas County Auditor's office and at the local subagents. Officials expect to reopen licensing services on Tuesday, Feb. 18, but anticipate temporary slowdowns due to the new software. Recording and Election services will remain fully available during the Auditor's regular business hours.

Unofficial Feb. 11 Special Election results

KITTITAS COUNTY – Registered voters in three different school districts cast their ballots in a Special Election this week. On Tuesday evening, the County Auditor's office reported that voter turnout was 26.28% with 2,592 total ballots counted. An estimated 341 ballots remain to be counted which will be done today. Following are the unofficial special election results that were posted online:

Cle Elum-Roslyn School District 404

Capital Levy for Safety, Security, Technology and Facility Improvements
 LEVY...YES 1,226
 LEVY...NO 823

Thorp School District 400

Levy to Purchase & Repair School Buses
 LEVY...YES 183
 LEVY...NO 137

Damman School District 7

Replacement Maintenance of Educational Program & Operations Levy
 LEVY...YES 156
 LEVY...NO 63

The final election results will be certified on Feb. 21.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY: Bender Road closed for bridge replacement

KITTITAS COUNTY – Bender Road will be closed between Milepost 0.00 - 0.13 near the Reecer Creek intersection during Feb. 10 - March 7. Bridge replacement on Bender Road at the irrigation canal will cause a temporary road closure.

During this time traffic will be detoured onto Bridle Way, Rawhide Lane and 29th Avenue of the Black Horse subdivision. There will be no thru access on Bender Road during construction.

Engage with District 13 WA Legislators during Feb. 19 virtual Town Hall

KITTITAS COUNTY – The 2025 legislative session is underway and Sen. Judy Warnick, Rep. Tom Dent and Rep. Alex Ybarra will be hosting a Zoom Town Hall meeting online from 6-7pm on Wednesday, Feb. 19. To join the conversation, register online at <https://tinyurl.com/Feb19-District13-townhall>.

A role for everyone to safeguard against destructive wildfires

Pay now or pay later a race to protect our towns and city

by Carl Nelson
 carl@nkctribune.com

UPPER KITTITAS COUNTY – Now that the fires have been contained in California, Angelenos stare into a future no one seems prepared to face. Some 200,000 were evacuated during the height of the raging wildfires. A staggering \$275 billion price tag means nothing will be as it was before the fires.

A month after the fires broke out thousands wake up, as the shock wears off, a deep despair settles in. How did this happen? Why us? And eventually the fact that choices were made to build and live in a ticking time bomb.

With climate change leading to longer hotter dryer fire

Steps toward wildfire survival

Step one will be recruiting an army of Firewise guys and gals in our neighborhoods, towns and cities. Each will be accountable to reduce fire risk by identifying critical fire hazards, removing vegetation, building in fire breaks and green spaces between houses, maintaining fire hydrants, and enforcing building regulations.

There is a role to play for everyone. People with organizing skills are necessary to promote events, service-oriented groups will find opportunities to assist the elderly and disabled to Firewise their homes. Fund raising efforts will be essential to the effort. Decision makers are needed within our political advisory boards.

See FIREWISE..., page A3

Council hears from public on 'Sanctuary City' status

by Carl Nelson | carl@nkctribune.com

CLE ELUM – Tuesday night on the agenda of the Feb. 11 Cle Elum City Council meeting was a proposed Resolution 2025-005 declaring, the City of Cle Elum is not a Sanctuary City and expressing its intent to cooperate with Federal Law Enforcement. This resolution was sponsored by Councilor Steven Harper.

Mayor Matthew Lundh opened the meeting for public comment. A total of five people came forward to object to the resolution 2025-005.

A civics course in the power of citizen participation

A total of five citizens came to the podium with respect, pointing out the history and heritage we share, one made up of immigrants that built this city. Another felt it would harm our reputation with visitors and tourists who might choose to go elsewhere, impacting local businesses. The general sentiment was unanimous among all who rose to speak on the topic, it felt unnecessary, unfriendly and un-American to pass such a declaration.

Mayor calls for a motion to approve the agenda

Following the public comments period Councilor Steven Cook made the motion to strike Resolution 2025-005 from the agenda, acknowledging the unanimous objections from the public. Councilor Beth Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-1 in favor of striking Resolution 2025-005 from the agenda.

Proposed pharmacy receives support from the public

City Planning Director Coleda Monick reported she had received 154 comments so far, all in support of the proposed Whole Health Pharmacy. Public comment period ends on Monday, March 3.

Clinton Knight from Whole Health Pharmacy came to the podium enthusiastic about serving Cle Elum customers.

Fire Chief calls for strict compliance with city codes to clean up trash

"There's a huge threat here. Everyone needs to do their part getting rid of debris in their yards and alleys." Chief Ed Mills went on to say he would be making the rounds and issuing letters of non-compliance to residential properties posing risk of fire hazard.

Chief Mills offered free home inspections to all city residents. Contact him at emills@cleelum.gov or call 509-674-1748.

Sign up now for curbside recycling

City Administrator Rob Omans said just 17 residents have signed up for curbside recycling so far and he would like to see at least 50 in the city. To learn more about the City of Cle Elum Recycling Service, visit cleelum.gov/recycling/ or call 509-674-2262.

Public engagement

The next regular Cle Elum City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 25 starting at 6pm in council chambers at city hall.

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Reconnecting to our can-do attitude and heritage of those who came before us

The challenge ahead holds the opportunity to proactively do everything in our power to prepare for what we know is a very real threat to our community.

In our high school, church congregations, neighborhood associations and many other groups, we will meet the challenge or face waking up a day too late wishing we had. We have a proud heritage of men and women working in our forests. We can draw from our past to do the work necessary to protect our community today.

Local contacts, resources and places to contribute

The good news is there are many established groups ready to accept new recruits. There are also resources avail-

able today. The list includes.

Your Fire Departments are always in need of volunteers to fill the ranks of frontline firefighters, support staff or Auxiliary personnel.

Many Fire Districts offer free home inspections to point out risk factors to address. You will also find valuable information on available resources, when burn bans are in effect and how to Firewise your neighborhood.

Contact **Savannah Davies** at Kittitas County Fire District 7, 509-649-2789, to learn about available resources.

Kittitas County Conservation District (KCCD) has a great Firewise program where your neighborhood can be recognized as a certified Firewise community. KCCD offers free inspection, information on drought resistant plants, and can provide grant funds to assist in the Firewise effort. For more information, call 509-925-3352 ext 202.

Kittitas Fire Adaptive Community Coalition (KFACC) is doing good work to promote resilient forests practices in the upper county and welcomes participation. For more information, call KCCD at 509-925-3352

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) offers a variety of resources on their wildfireready.dnr.wa.gov website. Sign up for a free Wildfire Readiness Program.

Organize Firewise work parties with your neighbors.

If you are a service group or business that offers brush removal, consider advertising locally in the *NKC Tribune* newspaper to reach out to the community. For more information, e-mail ads@nkctribune.com or call 509-674-2511.

Join up with the Rotary Club, Kiwanis, Eagles or other established community organizations that have been instrumental in serving the

community both with funding and manpower.

Getting involved has the added benefit of reducing stress and anxiety. Everyone has something to contribute. Finding your place lends a greater sense of connection and belonging. Being proactive is empowering.

Attend your local council meetings and planning commissions

Part of being a proactive community is being informed on issues such as land use policies. The to-do list includes items that are politically contentious regarding restrictions on development in wildfire prone areas. The best shot at surviving wildfires in a warming world will require making sure that all future development is an asset not a liability. Be a constructive voice at the local government level. Many vacancies exist on

our advisory boards and all public meetings welcome constructive comments from the public.

Be a lobbyist for more funding from the State and County.

Right now, is the time to be proactive to avoid waking up to the reality facing Los Angeles.

A uniform strategy needed for upper county

It may be hard to imagine in the dead of winter, however, in a short time we will be sitting in hot tinder dry weather again. By some miracles upper county was spared from wildfire over the past year, but no one can deny the vulnerable feeling as each long summer day passes wondering if today, is the day we will see smoke on the horizon.

A coherent strategy with full participation is required to protect the life we enjoy and cherish.

PRESCRIBED BURNING



CLE ELUM RANGER DISTRICT crews successfully burned 80-acres of large landing piles on Tuesday, Feb. 11 in the Blewett Pass area 17 miles northeast of Cle Elum. Smoke from the prescribed burning of forest debris near Hurley Creek Road No. 9711 was visible to Liberty residents and surrounding areas.

USDA Forest Service - Kenton Bass photo

Cascade Rail Foundation opens depot to visitors on Friday

SOUTH CLE ELUM - Looking for a volunteer opportunity to help local railroad historians? Join the Cascade Rail Foundation this Friday, Feb. 14 and show them some love during their Depot Open House and Work Party.

The public is invited to visit the historic depot museum at 801 Milwaukee Ave.

in South Cle Elum from 11am-2pm. Want to give back and volunteer some time? Join the work party in the restaurant space. Organizers suggest you wear clothes suitable for getting dirty and bring your work gloves.

For more information, visit <https://www.milwelectric.org/contact/>.



Children's Mental Health Week

by **Rebekah Moon** | Health Promotion Specialist II | Kittitas County Public Health Department



KITTITAS COUNTY - Did you know 1 in 5 children ages 3-17 have some type of mental, emotional, behavioral, or developmental challenge? February 3rd through the 9th is Children's Mental Health Week. Over the last handful of years, the topic of Mental Health has become a growing part of our everyday conversations. Mental health disorders often have no visible symptoms. To recognize this week, here is some information about Adverse Childhood Experiences or ACEs and a newer concept called Positive Childhood Experiences or PACEs.

ACEs comes from a 1998 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention project. This project was called the Kaiser Adverse Childhood Experiences Study. They found that ACEs were common across all populations. There was very little difference across age, race, or other population groups. ACEs are experiences that can harm children's developing brains. This leads to changes in the way they respond to everyday stress. This can also damage their immune system or biological make up so deeply that it can show up decades later. Higher scores of ACEs were connected to higher rates of chronic health issues. These can be long-term issues like heart disease, diabetes, and depression. However, the effects vary from person to person. Having a high ACE score does not guarantee you will experience chronic health issues.

Examples of ACEs are:

- Physical, emotional, and/or sexual abuse
- Physical and/or emotional neglect
- Witnessing violence
- Losing a parent or caregiver
- Having a caregiver who is in jail or prison, mentally ill, or has a substance use disorder
- Divorce
- Bullying
- Natural disasters and/or Collective Trauma Events
- Accidents such as car accidents

Just as ACEs can have collective negative impacts, positive events/outcomes can have profound effects. PACEs can grow a person's resiliency. Resiliency is a person's ability to be adaptable, use coping skills, resourcefulness and persistence. Just as ACEs can have a lasting impact on a person, so can PACEs. It is important to mention that PACEs can outweigh ACEs.

Examples of PACEs are:

- Supportive relationships
- Having routines
- Access to good community resources and activities
- Access to medical care
- Access to quality education
- Being physically active
- Finding hobbies that are of interest to the person

Supportive relationships are unconditional love from a caregiver, having a mentor, a best friend, volunteering in the community, or other groups that encourage a sense of community. This can be living in a home where needs are met. This also includes family culture where a child feels heard and supported. Access to good resources is the availability of community activities, safe public areas and green spaces that are easy to use. Access to quality education, being physically active, having routines, and finding hobbies that are of interest to the person are all further examples that support a whole person.

Some more PACEs focused activities are:

- Seeking therapeutic help for unresolved childhood memories. Ask a professional.
- Swap screen time for active time. Walk around the block for fresh air.
- Have a game night at home. Board games bring laughs.
- Use conversation starter cards during mealtimes. There are free versions online.
- Good sleep habits. Go to bed at the same time and get up at the same time.
- Replace ultra-processed foods for whole foods. Eat more fruits and veggies.
- Feed your gut microbiome. 95% of the body's serotonin is made in your gut!
- Don't skip meals. Eat your breakfast!
- Move your body. Stand up and stretch or try chair yoga!

This is Children's Mental Health Week, but unresolved effects of ACEs can impact a child into adulthood. Begin to positively support a child's mental health now and it can impact the rest of their life. You can find out more information on PACEs and see educational blog posts at www.pacesconnection.com. Another great option is to follow along with our social media pages. We will post about ACEs and PACEs topics throughout the month.

Peruse our book nook for recent autographed editions like these ...

Science Fiction



Run Plant Fly
by **Ellie Belew of Roslyn**
A novel about the first virtual reality theme park as it forever alters the fabric of a small mountain town in the Pacific Northwest.

"...The edge between real and unreal keeps shifting, brightness brings darkness ..."
- Ursula K. Le Guin

Poetry



The Call Home
by **Susan Johnson of Roslyn**
Accompany the poet in natural world settings - lying alongside a caterpillar outside her childhood home, listening for the silence of salty tides of the Rappahannock River, discovering salmon nests in the Cle Elum River near her home in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State.

Short Stories



The Garden of Evans
by **Terry Cubbins of Cle Elum**
A humorous and remarkable collection of eleven tales that ask questions: Should artificial intelligence stay artificial? Can spending time with your loving older brother land you in federal prison camp? Can nuclear war solve climate change?



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YOUR 3-DAY FORECAST

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THURSDAY HI 48°/LO 33° **FRIDAY** HI 47°/LO 32° **SATURDAY** HI 45°/LO 35°

Prescribed fire planned on 16,461 acres across the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

WENATCHEE – Prescribed burning operations will begin across the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest as soon as weather and fuel moisture conditions allow. Forest Service crews plan to use prescribed fire across approximately 16,461 acres on the national forest this spring.

“Prescribed fire and thinning activities are planned across each of the six ranger districts, from the Methow Valley area down to Naches,” said Deputy Fire and Fuels Staff Officer **Aaron Rowe**. “Due to the recent warmer temperatures, with snow melting off many south facing slopes, we will be able to gain access to our spring prescribed fire units soon.”

Prescribed Fire Activity information

For real-time prescribed fire maps and updates, check the forest website, forest social media sites, or listen to the day/week of burn recorded voicemail message:

- **Forest website:** <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/okawen/fire>
- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/OkaWenNF
- **Interactive map:** tinyurl.com/harqnrw8
- **Phone:** 509-996-4040

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CONSTRUCTION ZONE



LOOKING NORTH UP Stafford Avenue from Third Street in Cle Elum. Street improvements will widen Stafford to 28-feet and reduce grade by 10.5%. Read more about this project inside this week's edition.

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KCPHD notified of influenza related death

ELLENSBURG – The Kittitas County Public Health Department (KCPHD) received notice last week of a death related to influenza in Kittitas County. “We realize that Kittitas County is still a small community; we want to acknowledge the loss of this individual and provide the appropriate information to the community,” states Health Officer **Dr. Mark Larson**.

Individual cases of influenza are not notifiable conditions to health jurisdictions. KCPHD is only notified of influenza related incidents when there is an outbreak or a death. In this case, the death was caused by influenza A.

Influenza is best prevented by an annual vaccine. If individuals are interested, you can still get a vaccine to protect against this year's strains. Other ways to prevent influenza are staying home when you are sick, frequently washing your hands, good hygiene around covering your cough, and properly disposing of tissue.

If you are sick with influenza like symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, muscle aches, headaches, fatigue) you should contact your provider. By contacting your provider, you can prevent a severe infection and there may be antiviral medication available.

People who are the most at

risk for severe illness or death from influenza are young children and older adults or individuals who are immunocompromised. By staying home when you are sick, washing hands frequently, and considering getting a vaccine this year and next year, you can help to prevent the spread of influenza in our county.

More information can be found at www.doh.wa.gov about symptoms and flu activity. Currently, KCPHD has influenza vaccines available for anyone 18 and under. There is no fee associated and parents or caregivers just need to call KCPHD to schedule an appointment at 509-962-7515. Anyone 19 and over can contact their pharmacy or ask their provider for a flu vaccine.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, contact KCPHD at 509-962-7515.

Federal funding for South Cle Elum water main replacement eliminated

by **Carl Nelson**

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SOUTH CLE ELUM – At the regularly scheduled town meeting on Tuesday, March 18 town clerk **Luanne Osiadacz** reported that **Senator Patty Murry** sent word that “all congressional discretionary funding for 2025 had been eliminated.”

The town council had been given assurances by Senator Murry that funding for the water main replacement had made the list for congressional approval.

South Cle Elum is moving ahead with design and engineering of the new water main with funding from the Kittitas County 9/10 tax

funds. Residents may see drones flying overhead as HLA Engineering will be using drones for survey purposes in South Cle Elum.

Town granted more sewer hook-ups

Public Works Superintendent **Matt McKenzie** reported the good news that after studies were completed by HLA Engineering the Department of Ecology granted the Town 78 additional sewer hook-ups to support future development in South Cle Elum.

Town to hold public work session to update parking codes

The town council agreed to hold a public working session

to update parking codes. The meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm on Tuesday, April 1.

Accessory dwelling rules raise questions

New Washington State laws requiring all cities, towns and counties to allow accessory dwelling units (ADU) will require major work to update land use policy, zoning in the Comprehensive Plans being updated currently.

To address the housing crisis these new rulings from the State will bring some interesting discussions County wide. Citizens interested in learning more can attend Planning meetings in their city or at the county level.

Roslyn residents kick off Firewise season

‘The little town that got it done before the fire came’

by **Carl Nelson** | carl@nkctribune.com



ROSLYN – Community organizer **Doug Johnson** held a meeting on Monday, March 17 at the Masonic Temple in Roslyn where neighbors are kicking off the Firewise season. The grassroots' effort started ten years ago. Johnson tells the story, It began with a handful of neighbors getting together to help each other clear dried vegetation and trash from alleys and around our homes. That first year was just word of mouth. A dozen neighbors got it started. Then it spread to where more and more people were put-

ting piles out for the chipper. We had one pile of chips that was 110 feet long by 4 feet high that first year. Now we had 150 Roslyn residents participate in 2024.”

‘We are going to have to save ourselves’

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Community Resilience Coordinator, **Rose Beaton** shared tips to Firewise your home. “Little things add up, it doesn't have to be expensive to be Firewise.” Beaton went on to explain that the best place to start is the area within five to ten feet of your home. Clearing dead grass and leaves from under a deck or next to the house can make all the difference when embers are blowing in the wind.

Washington State has had \$200 million in Federal funding frozen under the Trump Administration DOGE project. Johnson points out, “We are not powerless, but we are going to have to rely more on ourselves.”

Roslyn residents can contact Doug Johnson with questions about the brush chipper program at (509) 260-0920.

A model for Upper Kittitas County neighborhoods

From Snoqualmie Summit to Thorp, wildfire risk is the new reality. Longer hotter and dryer spring and summer weather has increased the risk. All communities in the upper county recognize the need to do what they can to reduce the risk.

Residents in Roslyn have shown that



COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS in Roslyn demonstrate how neighbors can work together to reduce the risk of wildfire through the Firewise program. Pictured at the March 17 open house are (left to right) **Doug Johnson, Jeri Porter, Roger Beardsley, Rose Beaton, Tom Uren and Mayor Jeff Adams.**

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REGIONAL NEWS

FIREWISE...

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... neighbors organizing and working together can make a difference.

In Cle Elum Fire Chief Ed Mills is ready to meet with Cle Elum residents to share information and resources for Firewise efforts within city limits.

Local community organizers are needed to lead the effort. Set dates for work parties, use community Facebook page to notify neighbors of work party dates and times. Contact Kittitas County Conservation District (KCCD) to sign up to schedule a chipper for your neighborhood.

Take advantage of Spring-Cleaning residential vouchers (April 1-30) provided by Cle Elum City Council to clean up trash in alleys and around homes. There are 800 vouchers sent out each spring while only around 250 are redeemed each year.

No one goes to bed thinking tomorrow all they have will be lost in wildfire. Sadly, many are waking up wishing they had done more to reduce the risk when they had the chance.



AROUND 30 PEOPLE attended the March 17 meeting held by Roslyn Wildfire Resilience Committee in preparation for the coming Firewise season.

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Apply now for YAKAMA CARES grants

TOPPENISH – Legends Casino Hotel invites nonprofit organizations to apply for the annual Yakama Cares grant distribution. The Charitable Contributions fund called *Yakama Cares* will be distributed in May for 2025, and nonprofit organizations are encouraged to submit applications for consideration until the deadline of March 31, 2025.

Each year, the Charitable Contributions Fund assists many area nonprofits with several hundred thousand dollars in grants. Past grant recipients included senior services, veteran services, food banks, shelters, and many more in Benton, Franklin, Kittitas, Klickitat, and Yakima counties. Organizations that are non-tribal bona fide nonprofit and charitable organizations in the State of Washington are encouraged to apply.

The committee of five community members and Legends Casino Hotel team members receive hundreds of applications annually to evaluate. The applications un-

dergo multiple rounds of cuts before the final selection. Charitable organizations whose service area lies within a 100-mile radius of the Legends Casino Hotel campus and address a youth/educational need, elder care and activities as well as medical benefit to the community receive priority consideration.

According to the committee, "Programs where a grant can help make a significant impact in our community peak our interest. We're always excited to see how we

can make a difference in our community each year."

The application can be accessed by scrolling to the bottom of our home page – www.legendscasino.com – where you'll find additional links then click *Yakama Cares*. It is important to note that proof of nonprofit status will be required of each applicant, and according to Appendix X of the Compact that outlines the qualifications for grant distribution, tribal nonprofits are not eligible for these funds.

Downtown clean-up set for April 19

CLE ELUM – Mark your calendars for the annual Downtown Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, April 19 from 9am-noon. Cle Elum Downtown Association (CEDA) is looking for volunteers of all ages to join in helping make downtown shine. You are invited to bring your own supplies, but CEDA can provide gloves, grabbers, trash

bags, snacks, water and coffee. For your safety, neon vests will be available for those who need them. Organize your family and friends to join the clean up crew on April 19. Volunteers asked to meet at Merle Inc., 106 N. Peoh Ave. to start. Sign up your clean team early by registering online at <https://tinyurl.com/CEDA-2025-springclean>.

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Smoke Readiness

People can expect to see and smell some smoke during burning operations. Although we manage prescribed fire to minimize smoke impacts, it is important that smoke-sensitive individuals plan ahead and be prepared. Also, use caution when traveling through areas where prescribed burning is occurring as visibility may be reduced due to smoke. For more information on smoke and public health, please visit wasmoke.blogspot.com or airnow.gov/fires.

Locations of Planned Burning

Prescribed burning operations, consisting of mainly underburning projects with some hand pile units, are planned on national forest lands locally at:

KITTITAS COUNTY

(7,892 underburn acres on the Cle Elum Ranger District)

Walter Springs units

– 1,650 acres, 20 miles southeast of Cle Elum, WA. Smoke may be visible within the sur-

rounding area.

Swaik Pine Units

– 6,242 acres, located on the east side of Highway 97 approx. 15 miles northeast of Cle Elum, WA. Smoke may be visible in the Highway 97 corridor and Liberty community area.

YAKIMA COUNTY

(1,500 underburn acres on the Naches Ranger District)

Canteen underburn

– 1,500 acres in the Highway 410 corridor approx. 15 miles northwest of Naches. Smoke will be visible from Naches and surrounding communities.

About Prescribed Fire

We use prescribed fires to help reduce overgrown vegetation to help protect local communities, infrastructure, and natural resources from wildfires.

The right conditions for prescribed fire include correct temperature, wind, fuel moisture, and ventilation for smoke. When these criteria are met, firefighters implement, monitor, and patrol each burn to ensure it meets forest health and public safety objectives while following air quality standards. All Okano-

gan-Wenatchee National Forest prescribed burns are weather and prescription dependent and fire specialists will cease burning if objectives are not being met.

Prescribed burns do not occur when burn bans are in effect. If a prescribed burn has begun, and a burn ban is determined, burning operations will cease as soon as possible.



Weekly Fire Log

Following are recent KCFD7 calls for assistance –

- 3/16: Sick/Unknown - XX Goldenrod Court
- 3/15: Gas Leak/Odor - 161 Morning Star Ln
- 3/14: Structure Fire - 601 Bullfrog Road
- 3/14: Alarm Fire - 610 Ruby King Loop
- 3/14: Alarm Fire - 1717 Highway 970

- 3/13: Sick/Unknown - XXXX Upper Peoh Point Road
- 3/13: UNC/UNRESP/SYNC - XXXX Lambert Rd
- 3/11: Gas Leak/Odor - 301 Rope Rider Dr
- 3/11: Burn Complaint - 17490 SR 97
- 3/10: Motor Vehicle Crash - I-90 Eastbound Milepost 81.

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w/ Kittitas County Sheriff's Department

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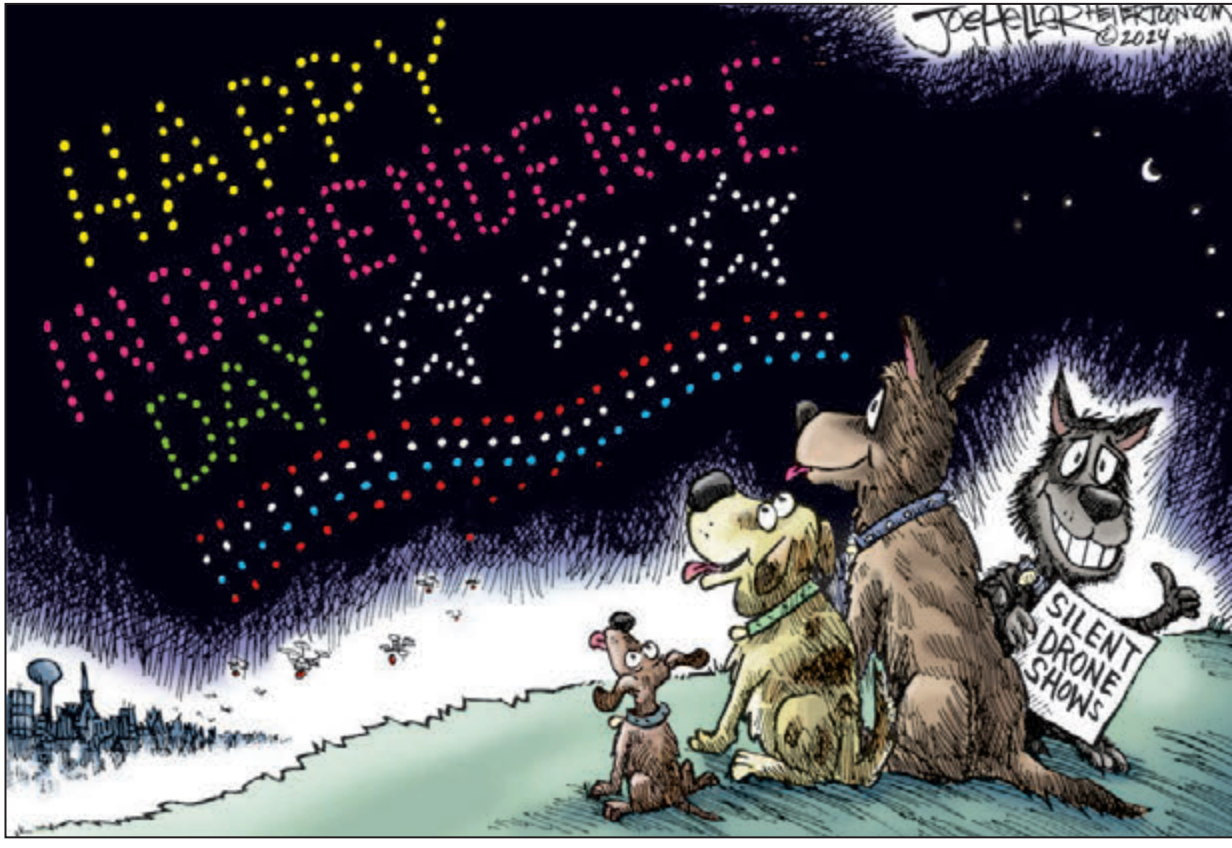
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LETTERS

Should I call 911?

Last week I was walking around downtown Roslyn with my 83 year old dear friend, enjoying the Sunday Market.

My friend stumbled as we crossed street near the library and lay there face down and bleeding! I was scared and panicked a bit not sure what to do!

Fortunately a fellow (wish I got his name) jumped to our aid, ordering me to get towels as he was calling 911. He remained calm and kept my friend comfortable while we waited for Medic One EMS services to show, which honestly took maybe two minutes.

The two gals from Medic One, Ambre and Brittney were at her side giving aid and cleaning her up. They were so kind, patient and professional, I was so thankful and comforted.

The lesson I learned was not to hesitate to call 911... we ended up being a good case scenario where she got to go home but it could have been worse and why would you hesitate!?

Now I see "Vote yes for EMS", well I must vote yes after such quick and professional help!

Tuesday Bosch –
30 year resident of Roslyn

Ecology proposes new rulemaking on electricity markets

OLYMPIA – The Department of Ecology has proposed rule changes to ensure that greenhouse gas emissions associated with electricity imported into Washington through centralized electricity markets are accounted for under the Climate Commitment Act (CCA). These changes are required by the CCA and necessary to ensure compliance with the law.

Centralized electricity markets facilitate cost-effective and reliable electricity trading over large geographic areas. As of now, one centralized electricity market is serving Washington, and two others are in development. However, the operators of these markets have not built the necessary data infrastructure to identify and track the greenhouse gas emissions of imported electricity.

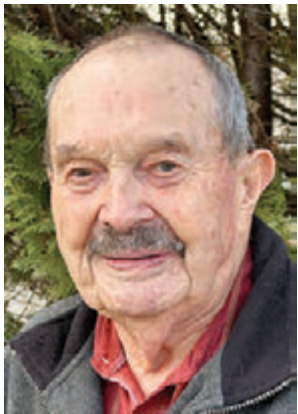
Passed in 2021, the CCA is Washington's most far-reaching climate policy and will play a key role in meeting statutory greenhouse gas emission limits. Ecology must account for emissions from electricity purchased through centralized electricity markets in order to ensure the law functions properly, and this rulemaking will give market operators the clarity they need to collect emissions data and identify importing entities. This rulemaking focuses on electricity from known generation sources, additional rulemaking will be needed to ensure Ecology's rules fully capture emissions from electricity that cannot be traced to a specific generation source.

Though Washington currently exports more electricity than it imports, electricity imports are projected to increase. The Department of Commerce projects as much as 40% of Washington's electricity will be imported by 2050 due to population growth and the transition from fossil fuels to cleaner sources of energy.

A preliminary regulatory analysis for this rulemaking has been completed, and Ecology is accepting public comments on the rule until 11:59 pm on August 20, 2024. We will also hold public meetings on the rule during the month of August. More information can be found at ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/laws-rules-rulemaking/rulemaking/wac-173-441-446

Reminiscences: I'm nearly 100 years old and missing the good old days ...

Canadian camping and fishing



by local contributor
Dan Sater of Cle Elum

Camping in Canada meant loading up the camper I built onto a 1 1/2 ton Dodge truck. It extended over the cab to the front bumper.

There was a window in the front, and my children lay up there waving at the traffic coming our way. I didn't realize this. When I saw people waving at us, I started waving back. Boy, these Canadians sure are friendly.

Winfield area mountains and lakes

We drove up Highway 97 north of Kelowna to Winfield where we took a turn up into the mountains to explore the lakes in the area. We got familiar with those lakes over the years, and even got to know the names of some of the bears who hung around the campgrounds. The fishing wasn't great, but it kept us coming back year after year.

Judge Roy Bean

One year we drove up to Quesnel, turned east and drove another 50 miles to Barkerville. Gold was discovered under 20 feet of snow there one winter. Now, it's a restored ghost town where they put on plays every summer. Judge Roy Bean presides in the court house at the end of town. There's a campground and a cemetery. Look at the grave markers and you notice most

of the people died in their 20s. It's an interesting place to visit if you're looking for something to do in the summer.

Fishing the lakes around New Hazelton

From Quesnel we continued up Highway 97 to Prince George and turned west toward New Hazelton. There are hundreds of lakes north and south of there. We started going from lake to lake catching enough fish to eat each day and getting to see new country. At one lake my boys found some logs that had been put together as a raft. They wanted to put it back together. There were rusty nails sticking out of those logs and I ran one into my hand. We got the raft put together and fished off it all day.

The next day I came down with blood poisoning. We had to head back home. I couldn't drive so my oldest son, Ron, did the driving. I climbed into the camper, took several aspirin and pulled on several sleeping bags to see if I could sweat the poison out of my system. It took a few days to get back to the border, by then I improved enough to do the driving. We headed on home.

Milk carton frozen fish

Another trip up into Canada took us to Revelstoke Lake. We met some friends with relatives in the area who knew where the best fishing was supposed to be. The fishing was good and we made several trips back to that area. A Seattle friend who traveled with us one year put some of his catch in milk cartons and froze them in water that way. The next year we went back up there with him. He brought some of those fish from the year before back with him.



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Roslyn's own Frank Schuchman with over 40 years experience as an executive chef is an enthusiastic foodie and organic gardener. Bonus materials online.

What's your favorite root veggie? 'Beets' me!

Frankly, if you ask me what are my favorite veggies to grow in Upper County, beets are always on my list. They grow long and easy with little care, partial shade and the best part, you get to enjoy the whole plant: roots, stems and leaves. For me to get them growing well, I just water the seeds.

Summer Crop

Summer beets are an early spring crop because they don't mind you starting them in the cold months of spring. Unlike most veggies, beets are healthy and ready to eat as soon as you see them sprout. You can find young beet greens in most spring mixes at the store. Farmers in our region will plant versatile beets all summer long.

Healthy?

You Can't Beat Beets

All parts of the beet are healthy and edible. Packed with vitamins A, C, K and multiple B's. Minerals include copper, manganese, phosphorus, iron and of course our friend fiber. With antioxidants that protect our bone health, blood health and lower inflammation. They can lower blood pressure and increase stamina, yea!

Flavor Town

Beets offer a wonderful depth of flavor to so many meals. They can be eaten raw sliced thin in salads and soups. Cooking brings out their sweetness and aromas. Golden beets are even sweeter and the "candy striped" Chioggia Italian variety is a cross of red and golden flavors with concentric circles of pink and red inside. No matter what variety you choose their flavors and aromas are mild, sweet and earthy like a fresh spring rain.

Roasting Introductions

Roasted beets are the way to introduce them best. On the backyard BBQ this weekend you can oil them whole not cut up, then add fresh herbs like thyme and rosemary. Wrapped in foil, set them on the cool side of your grill and just relax until they are fork tender (30 minutes or so). Same goes in the oven with your other roasted veggies, beet flavors are enhanced by the heat. I lower my oven to 375 degrees instead of 425.

Chef Roasting Tips: Cut the bottom tip of the roots off, then about half an inch off the tops. I don't peel them at all. Their skins are so tender after you scrub them you will enjoy the skins as they crisp up. Or to remove the skins, just let them cool in the fridge and they slip right off. When wrapped in foil they steam and cook faster. On a baking sheet they crisp up nicely.

Beet Flavor Pairing

What goes well with beets? Other root veggies like carrots and parsnips. Of course all types of onions and lots of garlic (maybe that's why I like beets?). Citrus, like the juice and zest of oranges and lemons. Sweetness of honey and agave. All types of legumes, from lentils to navy beans. Pasta and rice dishes are complimented as are soups and sauces. Fresh herbs are: parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme. Plus citrus friendly oregano, basil and dill. You've wondered what goes with fennel, beets do. Oil and vinegar dressings, Balsamic is my first choice, but a good red wine vinegar is good too.

Salads Galore

Most of the best pairings above are all salad-friendly so lets make a salad. I choose a nice spring mix of greens and chickpeas. Cool and refreshing you will be the hit of the potluck with this one:

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| 1 cup diced, cooked/roasted Beets | 2 TBL fresh Lemon juice and zest (or vinegar) |
| 2 cups Chickpeas (1 14 oz can) rinsed | 2 TBL fresh Parsley, flat leafed |
| 1 big bowl of fresh Greens, your choice. Tip: use fresh beet greens | 1 TBL fresh Thyme leaves (optional herbs go here) |
| 1 cup sliced Red Onion, thin and lightly packed | Freshly ground Black Pepper, and lots of it |
| 4 cloves fresh Garlic sliced thin | |
| 1/2 cup EVOO good Olive Oil | |

"You Can't BEET My Salad"

Why did the beet turn red? It saw the salad dressing!
Assemble (toss just before serving)

1. Cook and dice the beets about 1 inch. Boiling is an option: I leave the skin on, just cut the top and bottom off and simmer until tender (about 20 minutes). Chill until later.
 2. In a large bowl combine greens, chickpeas, garlic and onions.
 3. Shake the dressing, until combined: olive oil, lemon juice, parsley, thyme and pepper.
- Now you can go to the barbecue. Keep everything in the cooler or fridge until serving time.
4. Combine everything except the beets and toss very well. Add the beets and gently coat evenly with the salad. This helps to not color everything red.

What Else?

With this salad you can certainly add cheese, I choose a crumbly feta. A healthy crunch add pistachios, or pecans. Pickled veggies are great additions alongside hot peppers. Cabbage adds a layer of texture and more nutrition.

I See Red!

There are so many tales of how to remove red beet stains. My 40+ years of experience says: go fast and wash up quickly. It works every time. Don't wear white is another tip. LOL. Honestly, some wear vinyl gloves and some lay parchment paper on their cutting boards. **Chef Red Tip:** boil your next batch of rice or pasta in the water left from boiling beets.

Time for the 2024 Roslyn Farmers Market!

Open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Sundays now through September 8. Vendors on Pennsylvania Street between the Highway 903 and 2nd St. in Roslyn (This message brought to you by the Frankly Speaking Column. Tell vendors and organizers you read good stuff about them in the local Tribune!!)

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by **Chef Frank Schuchman**
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Roslyn's own Frank Schuchman with over 40 years experience as an executive chef is an enthusiastic foodie" and organic gardener. Bonus materials online.

Keeping Santa fueled up is not easy!

Frankly, since next week's publish date is right after Christmas, I'll have to send you my Christmas stories this week. What I remember about Christmas morning, no matter how early I got up, I remember that plate with the cookie crumbs and the half glass of milk next to it, and the carrots were gone too! All of us have Christmas memories and that was one I have never forgotten. Now that I am much older, I do not miss the chance to re-energize Santa and his crew as he makes his rounds. What are your traditions? What do other families do around the world? Where did the cookies and milk begin?

Humble Beginnings: Cookies and Milk

During the Great Depression 1929-1940's, as parents were strapped for cash they tried to instill good values in their children by offering cookies and a glass of milk to Santa on Christmas Eve. Learning a little compassion by giving to others and gratitude for receiving gifts. This was the era of my parents in Roslyn, these values remain in me to this day.

The Nordic cultures have many Santa traditions dating back generations. One of the most common sweets is setting out a rice pudding (risgrynsgrot, and other names). Setting a bowl on the front steps because that is how Santa arrived, through the front door, not down the chimney. Most of the children remember stuffing shoes with hay for Santa's...horses!

Sweden, children leave a hot cup of good coffee out for Santa to recharge him on his rounds.

Italy, part of my heritage, we had variations on fruitcakes that we didn't force on Santa. There was always a paper plate of Pizzelles on the kitchen table (flat crunchy batter-cookies made on a type of waffle iron machine – thank you Debbie C.). I do remember it taking several moms in the kitchen to produce in batches, enough "Rosettes" to satisfy all the kids in the house. These are deep fried batter-dipped metal shaped-like-snowflakes cookies that are powdered sugar dusted while still hot, OMG.



MAKING TRADITIONAL ROSETTES – "My sister Kristine and aunt Liz made Rosettes using my mother's rosette irons this holiday season," said *Tribune* publisher Terry Hamberg. "It brought back such sweet memories of mom making these for the family back in the day. That's the magic of traditions." photos courtesy of Kristine Getter - 2024

Others from Italy recall the adults leaving a nice glass of home-made wine with a cheese and salami platter for Santa (or was that me making a snack many years later?)

English children will set out some of their mom's famous mincemeat pie and perhaps a warmer-up glass of sherry. Others around Europe might do the same but with fruitcake-style sweets often soaked in rum, whiskey or brandy.

Ireland of course leaves out a Guinness for Santa, wha-hoo! But tradition also says there are cookies, cheeses, snacks and carrots for the reindeer.

Australia, they too give out cookies but an ice cold beer is a welcomed treat alongside for Santa (it can often soar over 100 degrees because in the opposite hemisphere, it is their summer down under).

France, you guessed it a nice glass of wine is set by the chimney with care. Buttery (the French and butter) cookies abound. Straw is left in shoes for Santa's (Père Noël's) donkey named Gui (French for "Mistletoe") awww.

Germany, also a part of my heritage, is filled with sweets for Santa, carrots for the deer and various hot and cold drinks left near the hearth. Bratwurst I remember always being around at Christmastime in Roslyn. I know in the very early days of Christmas children would give handwritten cards and letters to Santa instead of foods. Christmas books called Weihnachtsmann books were given to Santa to read along his route of late night travel. Alas today, Santa probably has an app for that.

Bowl Full of Jelly

Maintaining a big belly is not easy (actually it is, ask me), so Mrs. Claus, the Elves and most of the reindeer have asked that we all try and help out Santa this Christmas Eve. Some folks might be setting out a Red Bull and pizza, but I am going to stick with my family classic: A plate of chocolate chip cookies, tall glass of milk and a couple of carrots on the side for Rudolph.



Cheers! My friends and you all have a very Merry Christmas!
 - Frank "Frankly" Schuchman and Family

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(a.k.a. "A Shout Out!")

A lovely reflection on Cle Elum

My husband and I retired to Twisp from the west side. We travel through Cle Elum often ~ to and from doctors, friends and travel. Lunch stops are common.

This past Thanksgiving I was driving my daughter and young granddaughters to SeaTac. As we were just approaching Cle Elum, we experienced a huge problem. On a whim, I pulled into a small motor inn and the manager/owner (I'm not sure, nor do I know his name) came to our rescue. His gentle kindness and compassion helped tremendously, and we were soon on our way again.

We had a terrific family gathering in Twisp ... and then a stranger in Cle Elum added to that and burst my heart with gratitude. That story will be told in the family for years, and my grands will grow up knowing the power of kindness from a stranger.

May we all be at the ready with our offering of help like your fellow townsman. I sure hope he knows how much he is appreciated.

Boo Schneider – Twisp, WA

Reminiscences: I'm nearly 100 years old and missing the good old days ...

Christmas traditions at my house



by local contributor **Dan Sater of Cle Elum**

Christmas was always a busy time of the year.

Oh Christmas Tree!

First, you had to decide what kind of a tree you wanted to have this year and then you needed to decide how to get it. Once in awhile we decided to have a live tree and then it was a long hike up in the hills to get the perfect Noble Fir with branches spread out just right. Then you had to pack it out without breaking any of the branches off. Then, where did I put the tree stand? Of course, it is a little too tall so now, I have to saw off a few inches. Looks about right so now where do I put it? Next, I have to move some of the furniture out of that corner to put up the tree.



ways could find lumps of coal if needed. When my children were little I could always get them toys or school clothes but as they got older buying clothes for them became a problem as they did not always see eye to eye with me on what they wanted to wear. Raising five children did not allow me to buy each of them a car. But somehow we managed to get something under the tree with Santa Claus's help.

Christmas Day dinner

Dinner either consisted of cooking a ham or a beef roast as we always raised a steer every year. We also always planted a big garden so we had our own potatoes, squash, beans and cucumbers right there at home too. Then there were several varieties of apple trees so we could always depend on someone making apple pies for dessert.

Our moms and dads and uncles and aunts were all invited for dinner and a big sing along before opening any presents. One of the children handed out the presents and we all waited to see what it was before someone opened another. That way everyone got to enjoy what the others got.

Being as we lived in Snoqualmie instead of Cle Elum, no one worried about getting a lump of coal in their stocking hung by the fire.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!!!

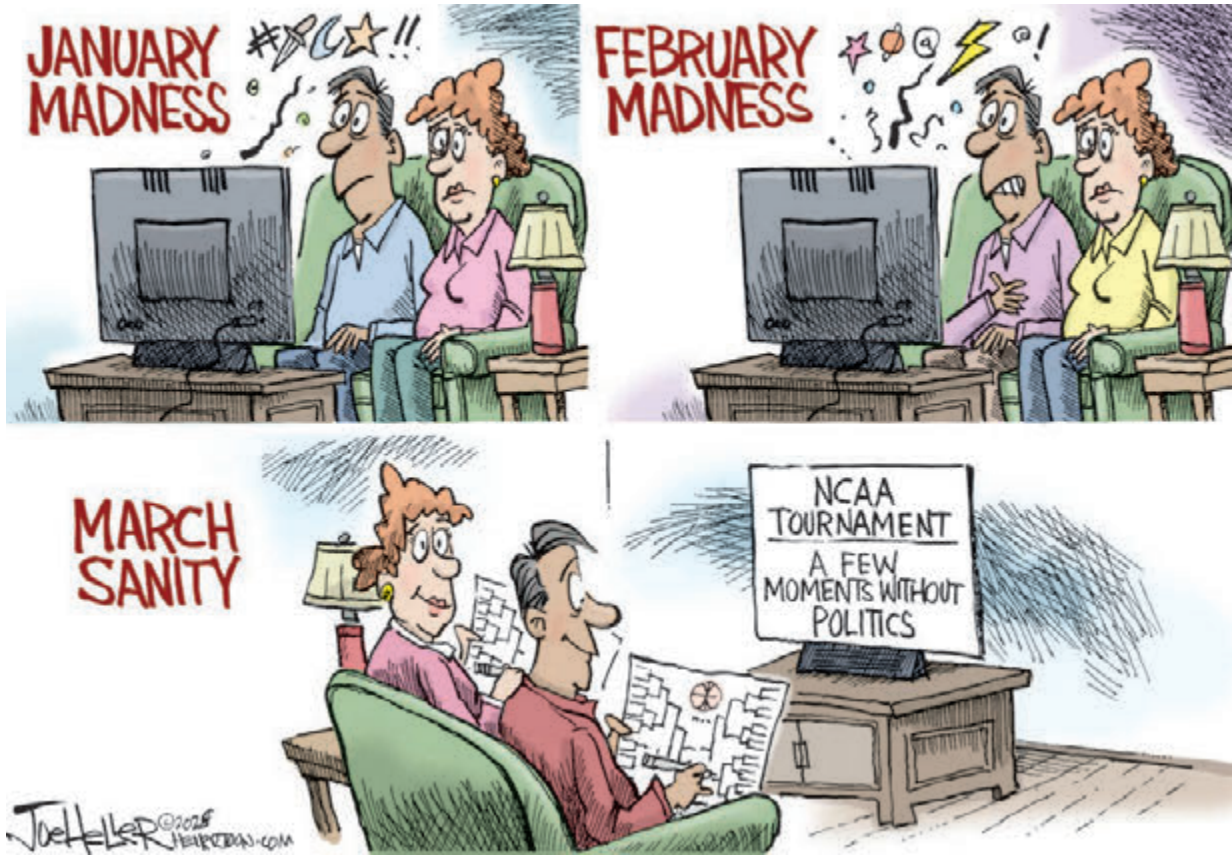
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Kudos to Roslyn City Crew!

To the Editor,
I have been meaning to write this letter for many months. I want to applaud the Roslyn City Crew for taking such good care of our town. I also want to say that our parks have never looked better! Great job!

Marie Nichols – Roslyn

Into the fray

I was just sitting here wondering about the ignorance being currently expressed and how can anyone with an educated mind even think they have reasonable positions. What was the saying from Forest Gimp “What stupid is stupid does”.

These people who take these socialist positions are probably not stupid, but they are certainly ignorant and misinformed about what the foundations of this country and what our government foundation are. I wonder what they read or watch, surely nothing with any depth. What did our recent local philosopher say “You got no brains”. It was to initially to be a government for the people and by the people, but if an attempt is made for this foundation to continue then stupid people cry, dictatorship. I wonder if they even know the types of government.

Now let us look at some facts: we were advocating a yearly budget of 6.16 trillion with only 4.47 trillion in revenues, making a short fall of 1.69 trillion, which has to be added to the national indebtedness. So let me get this straight, there are now some who wanting restraining orders against efficient government. These are the same people who are obsessed with seeing Trump’s tax returns but are the same but are the same ones who are against finding out where our tax money goes. Imagine if you will a government so corrupt it tries to convince the people that accountability is illegal.

For years this same group in our Congress has lied and stole from us, and now they want us to be angry with those for proving it, but they want to hire 87,000 IRS agents to audit us.

I challenge you, if you are able, to do some real research and then I would love to hear an educated dialogue that could approach on intelligent common sense when addressing these positions. But I guess for some you can’t fault the hand that feeds you, and you keep saying give out more tax payer money. Lets spend and then tax or go further into debt!

Lester Johnson, PhD – Cle Elum

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Christmas for the rich

Trump won office through deception. He told America whatever they wanted to hear. But he hid from many Americans his real plans to confound our government and run the ECONOMY into the ground.

What for? He said he was “BRINGING DOWN THE DEBT”; that was a CON JOB.

Really what his ECONOMIC POLICY is about is shifting the TAX BURDEN onto the “BACKS OF MIDDLE AMERICA”.

Trump was handed a vibrant, excellent economy produced by the Biden Administration, but is squandering it by insisting on a “TAX CUT FOR THE RICH”, fueled by tariffs on all the imported products that middle class Americans buy.

He wants a tax cut for the rich on the backs of the little guy. That’s is a BAD ECONOMIC POLICY.

Tariffs, when used to protect an industry like the green machine, or electric vehicle batteries, or chips, makes a great deal of sense. It is to protect a burgeoning industry; not make the wealthiest Americans rich.

Yet Trump uses it like it were a broom to sweep up the floor, shaking down Americans left and right for tariff tax money, while upping the price tag on all American manufactured products, making it harder to compete in the GLOBAL MARKET.

He got into office promising not to touch Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, but now he’s trying to cut it.

And, currently Trump is undermining the Department of Education, the stellar field that America hangs its hat on as the best game in town when it comes to World Economics; giving America its edge in the world. It drives our economy with ingenious creations that the world clamors to buy and produce and here’s Mr Trump, the “AMATEUR ON THE HILL”, trying to undermine our most successful institutions.

Wake up Mr Trump; clicking your RUBY RED SLIPPERS is not enough to make it so. Your “TRICKLE DOWN ECONOMIC POLICY” is antiquated, has been proven harmful to the middle class, and is way off track from the real practices of successful economics in the world.

Give it up, RAISE TAXES on the WEALTHIEST, and REALLY STEM THE RISING TIDES OF OUR DEBT in a manner that everybody, including the PROS, recognizes will work.

Kathy Wyborski – Cle Elum

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Eggs-tra! Eggs-tra!

What to do about those pricey eggs?



Frankly, we have all been shell-shocked at the price of eggs. Why is it happening? When will it end, what alternatives are there? Let’s scramble...to learn more!

Egg-Stroinary Prices

It is caused by the Avian Flu which has decimated the egg industry. Since the first outbreak in 2014, then in the latest epidemic in 2022 (we have not recovered from) we have lost hundreds of millions of egg laying chickens. The flu is predominantly spread by migrating birds, every fall and spring. First day of spring is right around the corner, March 30. Authorities also say is this flu can be spread at any time of the year. If the flu is detected on any egg producing farm, the entire flock must be immediately destroyed. Scientists are working on it, hundreds of millions of dollars are being spent. Currently there is no cure, no vaccine, no way to stop it.

Simply put, it is like any other product: prices go up when demand goes up and supplies run out. This is where we are today.

What eggs-actly can we do? Hatch a Plan

What did we do when gas prices skyrocketed? We drove less. Heating oil went up, we turned down our thermostats. For now, this is what the experts are saying about eggs, try to use less. Wait it out say others. But no one seems to know how long to wait, some say wait until after the spring migration. Some say 3 months, others say egg producers may need 6 months to replenish flocks. Egg-Flation! another report says it is all a scam and prices will be back to normal in April. I am taking a wait-and-see approach, here are my suggestions:

Egg Shop – in many cities folks are sharing hot spots where lower priced eggs might be found. In smaller communities this may prove more difficult. Buying in larger quantity can save you a little, but these days, not much. **Chef Note:** even wholesale bulk cases, whole eggs in-shell are higher than grocers. 15 doz cases used to run \$35 they are now \$149 and rising.

Restaurants – if your goal is to slow down use at home, as a chef I recommend treating yourself to one of the many places in UKC to have a nice breakfast instead of buying whole dozens. Some have increased prices, others have not. Some have limited selections of whole egg offerings vs scrambled and omelet options. I say get out there and support our locals, you might even find a new egg-less idea.

Cracked Eggs – also called liquid eggs, boxed/carton eggs. I have used these for many years and they work really well. We mostly use them for banquets, if you need scrambled eggs for 400, these will save you money. **Added bonus:** almost all (read your labels) are pasteurized, which kills bad bacteria like Salmonella. Many will add citric acid also as an aid to slow bacterial growth (and stops eggs from turning green, more on this another day).

Eggs-xactly the same? Some say they can taste the difference in liquid eggs, I say they really don’t taste different. However, many liquid products add taste-altering preservatives, fillers, binders and colors so you must read your labels. I do think they are “thinner” and react a tiny bit different than cracked whole eggs, but it is not anything to worry about. Wanting a fluffy omelet, just whip more air in than normal. Most folks say they see no difference in making cookies and cakes. Egg Whites – are a healthy substitute (read labels), you get all the egg protein, zero fat and cholesterol, low calories and some nutrition.

Conclusions: liquid eggs in my experience are cheaper. But once you open the carton you have to use them up quickly, usually within 2-3 days. Will that promote eating way too many? Maybe, this might not be a healthy alternative. Worse, liquid eggs are harder to find, demand is up so prices will follow. Most cannot be frozen, check your labels.

Leggo my Eggs – Egg-Less Eggs. Vegan plant-based liquid eggs have been around a long time and do provide an egg-free experience. All do not contain animal based saturated fat and cholesterol. Many are soy based, which include Tofu variations. Other use forms of high fiber, gluten free legumes like garbanzos, pea and mung bean proteins. Ground Chia and Flax seeds can also be included and have been great egg-baking substitutes for years.

Ingredients – have been my only misgivings about vegan eggs. You must read every label. Often “flavor” has been added by adding more sodium. I can taste it. There are others that add oils/fats that are not healthy choices along with other flavors, fillers, binders and colors. I have tried several brands and was not impressed if compared to whole eggs. However, the health benefits could easily make me switch when worried about fat and cholesterol. Last, prices are generally higher than eggs, so this might be an item to substitute as egg prices ebb and flow.

Eggs-Pert Answers

Bottom line, keep your healthy mantra going. Eat a balanced diet of good-for-you whole foods. Eat eggs in moderation, try alternatives, even go vegan for a week, you might be surprised at Egg-cellent new foods and flavors.

LOCAL FACES

A Seat at the Big Table



by Jen Smith

Community Correspondent

Here we sit at the big table of Upper Kittitas County. Friends and family have come

to celebrate Thanksgiving. At the head of the table sits **Uncle Cle Elum**. Always leading the way, he's a businessman by trade but not afraid to get his hands dirty. He works hard all week and harder on the weekend happily doing all his wife's Honey-Do lists.

To the right of him, sits **Aunt Roslyn**; I can't believe she made it on time this year! Aunt Roslyn does her own thing—a bit of a hippie in combat boots, kind of like **Stevie Nicks** if she could chop wood.

She's a hoot and that's for sure.

Across from her, sits **Uncle Ronald**. He's both predictable and unpredictable as they come; he came to dinner on his snowmobile of which he roasted wieners on the engine for his contribution to the table. Uncle Ronald will eat, watch the game and then leave for the ridge and unimaginable hijinks as soon as humanly possible.

Cousin Teanaway, always itching for an outdoor adventure, is already begging him to take her along as she really wants to see how much snow is up at Fish Lake.

As we all settle down to eat, **Grandpa Easton** begins to say the blessing. He is slow and measured in his words, as he always takes the time to enjoy the little things in life, making the prayer feel like you are sitting on the banks of the lake that was named after him.

Grandma Thorp sweetly squeezes his hand after we say amen as she looks proudly upon her precious little turkey salt and pepper shakers that she picked up from the antique mall.

Cousin South Cle Elum is all hands with the mashed potatoes; he's always the hungriest after spending all day at the ball field and riding his dirt bike to Peoh Point. **Aunt Suncadia** is dressed to the nines and has brought the biggest, most impressive charcuterie board you have ever seen. And she won't stop talking about hitting the sales at Nordies tomorrow, so you have to remind her to pass the mashed potatoes.

The whole table is filled with delicacies: salmon that Uncle Cle caught on the Yakima, morels that Uncle Ronald foraged from Salmon la Sac this summer, a huge bagna



ALL SIGNS POINT to a very Happy Thanksgiving!
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In the Spirit of THANKSGIVING...

cauda from Aunt Roslyn that has enough garlic in it to power a nuclear reactor, a crumble made of apples from Grandma Thorp's orchard, and Grandpa Easton's famous huckleberry pie with huckleberries picked from the most secret of spots on Stampede Pass.

Everyone is welcome at this table. Everyone is celebrated at this table for all the

different and special things that they bring. Like jewels in a crown, they make this thanksgiving table unique and memorable.

This Thanksgiving, I give thanks to all of you sitting at this table we call home. May God bless you and your family, and may you always remember you have a seat at the big table.

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LOCAL NEWS

Cle Elum-Roslyn Elementary School 'Gives a Hoot'



by Jen Smith
Community Correspondent

The day after Veteran's Day, Outdoor Education teacher **Brandon Taylor** was leading his third grade class out for a trek when someone noticed something stuck in a soccer net. A child's heart will always hope for some creature waiting to be discovered, but Mr. Taylor figured it was probably just a coat as teachers know the probability of it being yet another lost coat on the playground is much higher. But as Taylor reported, "it was no coat". A Great Horned Owl was tangled in the net with a vole still in its talons. Every teacher knows that the maintenance man is the jack-of-all-trades, so **Guy Bass** was called to the rescue. Bass can now add *Raptor Rescuer* to the myriad of jobs he does for Cle Elum-

Roslyn School District. He was able to cut the frightened owl out with scissors, gloves and the help of CERES principal, **David Vangeelkerken**. After freeing it from the net, the rescuers discovered the owl was too hurt to fly.

So, what does one do with a not-so-happy, injured owl? Give it to a first grade teacher; they can fix anything. Teacher **Kelly Cole** happily brought out a blanket to calm the owl for transport and for, well, a sleepover at her house. She and her daughter, **Rhea**, carefully worked together at home to cut away the remaining netting. The next day a volunteer from PAWS Wildlife Center in Snohomish met the Coles and took custody of the owl.

PAWS is a successful animal welfare organization that helps "cats, dogs and wild animals go home and thrive". Since 1967, PAWS has placed 130,000 dogs and cats with loving families and cared for more than 140,000 sick, injured and orphaned wild animals.

Based on weight and size, the team at PAWS determined the Cle Elum owl was an adult female and had significant tissue damage from the severe lacerations due to writhing against the ropes of the net.

After two operations, the owl would need rehab before being re-released into the wilds of Cle Elum. During rehab, her caretakers at PAWS affectionately referred to her as "**Soccer Net**". It is apparently a running joke among rehab specialists that if they get a call about a bird being trapped in a soccer net, it will probably be a Great Horned Owl.

For some time, Soccer Net shared a rehab area with **Chicken Coop**. As of 5:00pm on Monday, Jan. 27, both *Soccer Net* and *Chicken Coop* have been happily re-released to their corresponding home ranges.

PAWS Naturalist **Anthony Denice** had warned us that upon opening the gate for release, the owl might need to get her bearings first. *Soccer Net* did, however, have a long drive over from Snohomish. Much like her Warrior Soccer Girls, however, she was all business and immediately shot out of the kennel to the waiting arms of a perfect Ponderosa Pine. It takes many hands to rehabilitate wild animals, and the PAWS Team did a stellar job. But it never would have happened without the care of Cle Elum-Roslyn Elementary's finest Raptor Rescue Team.



READY FOR A SLEEPOVER? Local star teacher, Kelly Cole, was the first stop for rehab for this injured Great Horned Owl.
Cle Elum-Roslyn School District photo

FIRE INSURANCE...

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Riley expressed concern for her customers and her business as well offering, "About all I can do is assist my customers in finding coverage elsewhere. The last resort for some is the *Washington State FAIR Plan* which is expensive, requires an agent to apply and has upfront costs." Even then there remain questions about how well this plan would work in a disaster scenario. With many questions regarding where the funds would come from to recover from the rapid increase of climate induced disasters.

Riley went on to say that the Washington FAIR Plan only covers fire protection. Wrap around policies will be needed for liability and other coverage.

Laurie Houle with State Farm explained she is still able to write policies in upper county, however, applicants must fill out a detailed three-page *Wildfire Checklist* before being considered for coverage in fire prone areas.

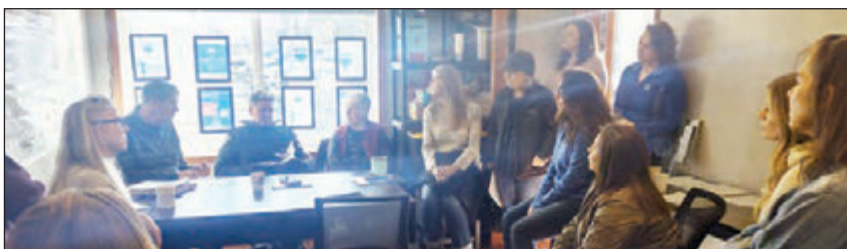
Mortgage lenders require coverage

First Security Bank's **Chelsea Wagner** explained when a homeowner receives a non-renewal notice, the lending agent receives the notice as well. Because the lender requires the home to be insured, the lender can enforce something called '*Forced Place Coverage*' which comes at a steep

cost until the homeowner finds coverage of their own. All of this contributes to the affordability issue for local homeowners struggling to stay in their homes.

Greater participation in Firewise program required to reduce risks

Property owner **Larry Susanka** has been diligent in the Firewise program on his property near Peoh Point. Susanka asked if his efforts to



LOCALS GATHER for a Coffee Conversation on Saturday, Feb. 1.
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reduce risk by participating in the Firewise program is considered by insurance companies. Unfortunately, the answer is no. One problem being, one neighbor might Firewise their property but if the next-door neighbor doesn't you still have the risk.

A lack of industry standard for measuring wildfire risk

Currently there is no standard used by the insurance industry to measure wildfire risk. Some insurers rely on the Washington State Ratings Bureau (WSRB). Which rates fire risk on a one to 10 score,

where 1 is low risk and 10 the highest. Others simply rely on Department of Natural Resource maps. If you're in the red zone you're out of luck.

This led to an interesting round robin where it was suggested a greater participation in the Firewise program with a long-range goal where every property owner is required to participate in the Firewise program on an annual basis. This might provide an industry recognized rating system That would entice insurance companies to be site sensitive rather than leaving an entire zip code or red zone. This sug-

gestion will be shared with Washington State Insurance Commissioner **Patricia Kuderer** who has the power to regulate the insurance industry. Wallace announced that Commissioner Kuderer has agreed to attend a future meeting to be announced.

The need for proactive efforts to reduce risk

Fire District 7 Chief **Aaron Lowe** who joined the force just seven months ago, brings 24 years of experience working in Chico, California.

Chief Lowe gained a first-hand view of the deadly Camp Fire in 2018 that destroyed the city of Paradise, California, a place that Chief Lowe recalls

resembling upper county. A tight knit community proud of their home in a beautiful place in tall timber. Paradise saw rapid growth as more people desired to live in the forestland.

Chief Lowe weighed in on the need to be proactive, "This community has a real opportunity to be proactive in minimizing or reducing wildfire threat, if they're willing to take it."

Chief Lowe believes in strict adherence to the *Wildfire Urban Interface* ordinance, a set of land use codes designed to minimize the risk associated with catastrophic wildfires like we saw in Los Angeles that swept into urban centers from adjacent rural developments.

Chief Lowe states, "If a code variance is granted and we start building more and more homes on these Ridge tops that we can't get to in a timely manner, what are the expectations? Instead of mitigating the risk you've just transferred all the risk onto the firefighters."

I think maybe one of the

things we should talk about is recovery. If we do have a catastrophic event where Roslyn, Ronald and Cle Elum are impacted like Paradise, Palisades, Lahaina, Santa Rosa, where all you see is burnt out foundation. How long is it going to take for those homes to be rebuilt? When are those property taxes going to be recovered? What about the lost businesses, service industry, infrastructure? How many people are going to come back? What is the property value going to be like? And now you're looking at an area that looks like a moonscape. Where is the economic drive? What do you do when your forest looks like a bunch of sticks and moon ash?

All in attendance expressed appreciation for Kitty Wallace's effort to bring people together for an important conversation. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday March 1. Time and place to be announced as a space is found to accommodate more people.

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Speelyi and the Art of the Ritual



by Jen Smith

Community Correspondent

Rit-u-al /'riCH(əw)əl/
noun: a religious or solemn ceremony consisting of a series of actions performed according to a prescribed order that promotes connection and intention.

This past Friday was my dad's birthday. This was the fourth birthday that he's been gone and the fourth time that I have grabbed a cup of coffee

from Roslyn Coffee and headed up to Speelyi Beach. It is something I look forward to every year, a time to celebrate Pop. I sit on that magnificent beach and listen to a playlist I created years ago that he had loved. My family played some of these songs when he was dying at the hospital and then at his funeral. Needless to say, these wonderful and beautiful songs are not the easiest to listen to anymore. From Johnny Cash's *Will the Circle Be Unbroken* to Willie Nelson's *Uncloudy Day*, to Elvis' *American Trilogy* to Allison Krauss' *I'll Fly Away*, to many more; each song is both a prayer and a memory. To listen to these songs, is to listen with Pop. And the only place I can do that is at Speelyi.

It is a ritual that brings me comfort and joy. Some songs hit me harder than others.

When the first bagpipe breaths began to hum for **The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards** *Amazing Grace*, I have to brace myself to be nearly electrocuted with a perfect cocktail of grief, joy, awe, and love that shakes out the very inside of my cells for exactly three and a half minutes. The next hour and twelve minutes of Pop's playlist will be a roller coaster of laughing, reflecting, uncontrollable sobbing, and a God given peace that grows bigger every year. And Speelyi Beach is the facilitator.

The Legend of Speelyi and Wish Poosh

Speelyi Beach is named for **Speelyi the Coyote** from tribal creation stories. Several Washington tribes credit Speelyi and **Wish Poosh, the angry beaver**, for creating



WELLNESS BEAUTY Shay Laswell doesn't let the snow stop her as she uses Speelyi Beach to align her physical and spiritual health. N.K.C. TRIBUNE/Jen Smith photo

the tribes of the **Yakama, Nez Perce, Cayuse, Klickitat, Chinook and Snake River** peoples.

Legend has it that Wish Poosh was a giant beaver that lived in Lake Cle Elum. He was a bit of a bully and would not let the animals come down to fish.

Speelyi, the trickster coyote, was tired of Wish Poosh's antics and decided to take matters into his own hands. He speared the beaver which led to a brawl so massive and incredible, that it tore out the banks of the lake and created the mountains all around. Their iconic tussle would form many more lakes and gorges, even traveling through the mighty Columbia River and to the Sound.

Speelyi was getting rather tired at the point they reached the Sound and turned himself into a floating fir branch, which Wish Poosh promptly swallowed. Inside the belly of the beaver, clever Speelyi turned back into a coyote armed with a stone knife and vanquished the beaver from the inside out. Speelyi then chopped Wish Poosh up into several pieces. These pieces

of Wish Poosh would become the great tribes of the Northwest. And the landscape would be forever changed.

Nowadays, there is nary a giant animal of any sort roaming around making canyons and mountains. But what can be found at Speelyi Beach every single day are people enjoying life's big and little rituals. There are morning dog walkers enjoying the pristine silence and empty beach while their dogs revel in the immeasurable joy of running along the water. There are the weekend warriors flocking to the much colder than expected water. There are the thankful moms on playdates, who might just have a chance to lay in the sun and chitchat with a friend while the kids make sand castles.

It is a place where we go to celebrate, to let the lake and the mountains do what they do best- inspire. Inspire us to bond, to grow, to meditate, to laugh, and sometimes to just plain act the fool. Speelyi will take whatever you give him. He just asks that you kindly bring a garbage bag with you and leave it cleaner than what you found it.



CLOUDY DAYS are not so bad when the winds of Lake Cle Elum put on a grand show in the sky as I listen to Pop's songs and am reminded of the blessings and richness of life.

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New Chapter of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War forming for Washington and Alaska

It was announced this week that the Sisters (members) of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW) have been authorized to form an Auxiliary (chapter) to serve the states of Washington and Alaska.

The Auxiliary will be associated with **Gen. John W. Sprague Camp No. 4**, but will serve all the Camps within Washington and Alaska. **Gen. Sprague** was a

Medal of Honor recipient and is buried in Tacoma, WA.

The ASUVCW was established by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) in 1883 as their fe-

male auxiliary. Today, both the SUVCW and ASUVCW are part of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.

They invite you, any of your family members, friends, and/or acquaintances who reside in Washington or Alaska, and is a female descendent (daughter, granddaughter, great granddaughter, niece, grandniece, great grandniece, and so forth) of a Union sol-

dier, sailor, marine or Revenue Cutter serviceman or the wife, widow, mother or legally adopted daughter of a member of the SUVCW to become a Charter Member of

the new Auxiliary.

For a membership application and further details, contact **Loran Bures** at aux4org@suvpnw.org

They plan to file the final paperwork establishing the new Auxiliary with the National organization on April 1.

To learn more about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War visit to suvpnw.org.



AND THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER. The ritual and sacrament of marriage shines at Speelyi. Loved locals Lacey and Kyle Nicholson were married beachside in 2011 under a hand crafted that now graces the entry to their home.

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LOCAL FACES

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

by Jen Smith

Community Correspondent

UPPER KITTITAS COUNTY – *Sugar and spice and everything nice...that's what girls are made of...* that is unless it's **Danielle Doucet Bertschi**. Sure, there's plenty of sugar, but there's also more than a handful of cinnamon red hots and tabasco sauce. Danielle is **Rosie the Riveter**, **Mother Teresa** and **Tony the Tiger** rolled into one.

I sat down to talk to Danielle at Fire Station 6. She lives in Ronald as most fireballs do. After various jobs (from flight attendant to emergency dispatch to working with two different police departments), Danielle found her perfect fit ten years ago and became a volunteer fire fighter/EMT. But it didn't stop there. Her tenure at Fire District 6 would lead her to the unicorn of all jobs-the kind of job that lights a fire in your soul, a job that you can't wait to wake up and do all over again- the job of "Resource Navigator" for the Community Medicine Program.

I must admit I had not heard of the *Community Medicine Program*. And boy, it is so much more than its name. Guardian Angel Program is more like it. Yes, the Community Medicine Program

does what it sounds like it does. It provides health assessments, medication assistance, helps patients navigate the difficulties of medical events, and even makes sure a home has a properly working smoke alarm with clear exits. But it goes so much further, and I had no idea.

Danielle was brimming with enthusiasm and pride to educate me.

She went full time as Resource Navigator in January and recently the program was able to add another angel in **Corrie Reagan** (the funky and friendly fire chief of Roslyn). Together, they make 4-5 house calls EACH per day. In a world of reactive programs, this is a proactive program that is not only succeeding but soaring. Other aid organizations around the state have come looking to the Kittitas County model to emulate. It is that good. Not only are local "high frequency user" 911 calls significantly decreasing, but huge connections are also being made with vulnerable community and underrepresented members. A cavalcade of positive events is happening through this program: less 911 calls for the "small stuff" frees resources to be more available reactively and proactively; older and at-risk

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community members are being helped to continue to live independently and safely, and important connections are being made with other local aid organizations to ensure a safety net that is truly remarkable. The Community Medicine Program (CMP) is one of 60 local aid organizations (FISH, ARRF, COAL, and HopeSource to name a few) that meet once a week about how to serve best. That's 60 organizations meeting to talk about people who they have formed relationships with and how they can best give them the hand up that they need. That might look like building a wheelchair ramp, bringing water to a home that has gone without, delivering Meals on Wheels to patients living in remote areas, helping to rehome pets



ANGELS AT WORK (L-R) Corrie Reagan and Danielle Bertschi team up for the Community Medicine Program for local residents.

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when tragedy strikes, providing life vests at the lake, or making sure every kid goes to school with a new backpack. This is a well-oiled machine making miracles happen in our small-town communities.

After hearing of so many success stories of REAL people- the neighbors we see around town every day – I was even prouder to call this community home than ever. Thankfully, *Greater Health Now* is continuing funding for CMP as its success and outreach has been undeniable. I asked Danielle how the Average Joe can help. Her ever-present smile turned into an

even bigger smile, she leaned in close and whispered "REFERRALS", like a kid telling Santa the toy she had always dreamed of. Referrals. Just like that. To become aware of what our neighbors need and help them. To have a servant's heart and anticipate the needs of those who might be too proud to ask. And if we can't help, refer them. Community Medicine happens when we all come together. Ask your neighbor or friend if you can refer them first, then Daniele Doucet Bertschi will make sure they are taken care of and this place we all call home will be a little bit brighter.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Patricia Todd running for Superior Court

Judge, Kittitas County Department 2

I offer Kittitas County 17 years of legal practice at the highest level. I have represented plaintiffs and defendants in both civil and criminal proceedings. Early in my practice I appeared in nearly every courtroom from Vancouver to Bellingham. As Senior Counsel I practiced throughout the State of Washington. Currently, as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in the Criminal Division I practice primarily in Kittitas County.

My experience is broad and deep. I have represented criminal defendants and prosecuted criminal defendants for three years. I have brought plaintiff civil cases and defendant civil cases for fifteen years. I have represented social workers in dependency and termination proceedings for two years. My practice also included doing family law and worker's compensation. The range of cases include cases with over \$100 million dollars of risk, the most serious felonies, parental rights, worker's rights, and cases involving death.

I am a life-long resident of Washington State and first moved to Ellensburg in 1996. I met and married my husband at Central Washington University in 2006 in Ellensburg.



PATRICIA TODD

We were married in the same church as my grandparents 55 years earlier in Ellensburg, who also met at Central Washington University. My paternal grandmother grew up in Thorp. It was always the family goal to live and work in Ellensburg for its sense of community and tradition. My in-laws also went to CWU and my father in law is a Bulldog graduate from the 1970s.

I am a wife to a U.S. Army veteran and mother of two children in the Kittitas School District. I am looking forward to growing more in service to our great community and

earning your vote for Superior Court Judge.

Why I am running for office

It is my dream to serve Kittitas County as a Superior Court Judge so that I can contribute directly to our community. I want Kittitas to have the very best this county has to offer so that we can live in a community of fairness, accountability, and justice. I believe I have the compassion, common sense, and intellect to perform at the highest level.

My varied background in complex cases positions me to serve in a way that permits litigants to be fully and fairly heard. I am accustomed to working hard and serving as a public servant. My wide range of experience also provides me with an ability to see each side of an issue in an effort to craft the right result under the law. I have the heart

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In Memoriam

Remembering those who passed away in 2024*

We pause for a moment to reflect and pay tribute to the family, friends and neighbors that our community has lost in the past year. The names and photos were gathered from the obituary pages of the 2024 Northern Kittitas County Tribune. Many have had glimpses of their journeys recorded in this very newspaper over the years. Some were new to the area, or their connection is through others who have ties here. Regardless, their stories continue on in the hearts and minds of those who knew, loved, and cherished them. It is our honor to present this special memorial, with our sincere condolences to all of their loved ones. We thank our partners for adding their messages and for helping us make this possible.

*As taken from the pages of the N.K.C. Tribune



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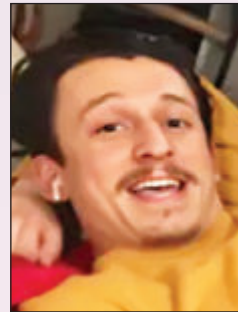
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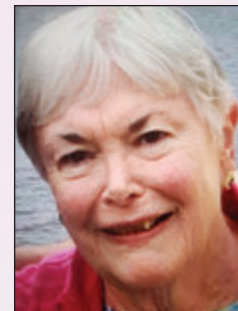
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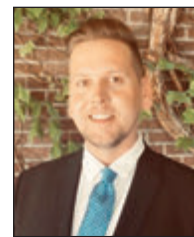
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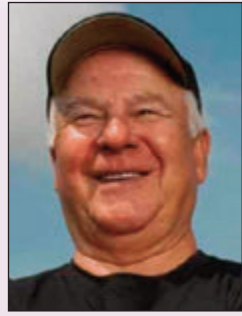
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June 3, 2024



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March 18, 2024



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January 28, 1940 to August 23, 2024

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July 8, 1942 to June 24, 2024

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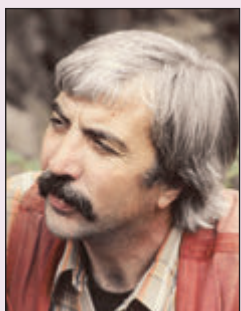
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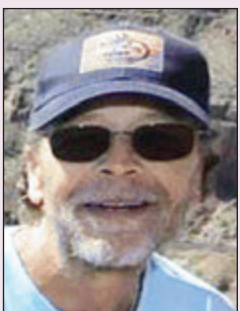
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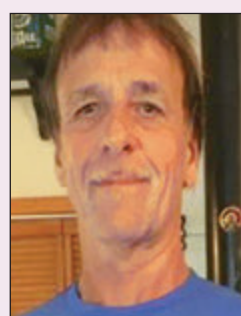
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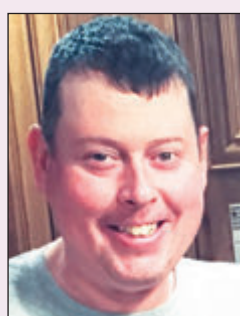
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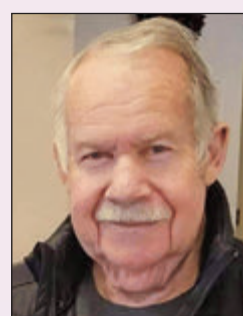
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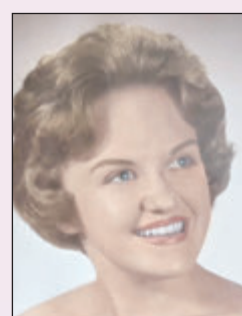
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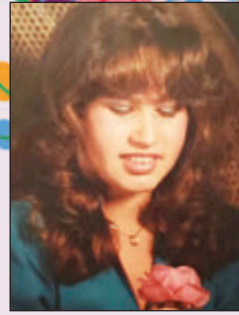
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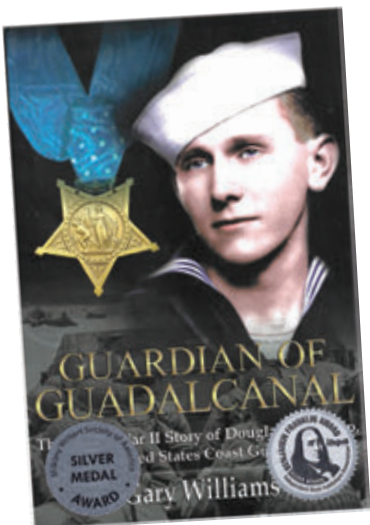
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Don't let frost end your garden season

by Melinda Myers

KITTITAS COUNTY – No matter where you garden there never seems to be enough time to grow and enjoy all your favorite vegetables. Start preparing now to extend your growing season and continue enjoying garden fresh vegetables even after the first frost.

Some vegetables like cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, kale and Brussels sprouts tolerate frost and even taste better after a slight chill. Most of these can tolerate temperatures as low as 24 to 28°F.

Leeks are another vegetable that thrives in cooler temperature. Many tolerate temperatures as low as 20°F. Just mound some protective mulch around the plants and continue harvesting.

Take advantage of the chilly winter temperatures to store some of your carrots, turnips and parsnips in the ground for winter. Just cover the soil with straw or evergreen boughs after it lightly freezes. Dig as

needed or during a winter thaw. You will enjoy their wonderfully sweet flavor.

Those first few fall frosts are often followed by a week or more of mild temperatures. Protecting frost sensitive plants from the first few fall frosts is one way of extending your season. Cover the plants with old bed sheets, mattress pads, or similar items in late afternoon and remove them as soon as the temperatures climb above freezing. Keep these handy and be ready to cover whenever frost is in the forecast.

Make it easier by using floating row covers. The spun material allows air, light and water through while protecting the plants from frost. You will find different weights of row covers that provide different levels of temperature protection. Just loosely cover the plants and anchor the edges with stones, boards or garden pins. You only need to remove the fabric to harvest ripe vegetables. Otherwise, it can stay in place until the vegetables

stop producing or you decide it is time to end the season.

Create a high tunnel over garden beds filled with large plants. Use hoops and row cover to allow easy access for harvesting while protecting the plants.

Cloches have long been used to jump start the season or extend it beyond the first fall frost. You'll find a variety of shapes and sizes available. Select one large enough to cover your plants and protect them as needed. Look for those with vents to prevent plants from overheating and those that allow water through while trapping in the heat.

Don't let unripe tomatoes go to waste if you are unable or unwilling to protect them from frost. Harvest any that are starting to show color before the killing frost and finish ripening them indoors. The bottom of the tomato should be greenish white or starting to color up. Store your green tomatoes in a cool (60 to 65 degrees) location to extend their storage life.



FLOATING ROW COVERS protect plants from frost while allowing light, air and water through. Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

Spread out the tomatoes on heavy paper or wrap them individually in newspaper so the fruit do not touch each other. They'll ripen over the next few weeks. Speed up the process by moving a few tomatoes to a warm bright location a few days before they're needed. Enjoy green tomatoes fried, in relish, salsa, pies or many other ways.

And when your season ends, begin planning for next

year. Enlist some of these strategies to jump start the season for an earlier harvest.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.



Join the fun – Evening Bingo starting on September 5

CLE ELUM – Starting Thursday, Sept. 5, the UKC Senior Center will be holding evening bingo. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and play starts at 6:00 p.m. at 719 E. Third, Cle Elum. Bingo will also be held on the evenings of October 3 and November 7. Bring your own food if you like. Coffee, water and iced/hot tea will be available for free. Come join the fun – All adults welcome.

Labor Day Weekend Safety

OLYMPIA – Labor Day weekend is a time for fun and relaxation, but we must remain vigilant about fire safety. Increased outdoor activities can also increase the risk of fire incidents. As Labor Day weekend approaches, the State Fire Marshal's Office reminds residents to prioritize fire safety during their celebrations.

In 2023, Washington fire departments responded to 10,418 incidents over Labor Day weekend, resulting in over \$2 million in total losses and three fatalities. Of these incidents, rescue and emergency medical services were the leading incident type and fire incidents resulted in the most dollar loss. The State Fire Marshal's Office urges residents to follow these safety precautions:

- Follow the burn bans or restrictions in effect in the area you live or visit.
- When barbecuing, always use the grill outdoors and away

from structures and overhanging branches. Keep a fire extinguisher, bucket of water, or garden hose nearby. Never leave the grill unattended while in use. Clean the grill regularly to prevent grease build-up, which can cause flare-ups.

- Ensure your vehicle's exhaust system is in good condition to prevent sparks that could ignite dry vegetation. Never park vehicles on dry grass as the hot exhaust system can start a fire.
 - When transporting recreational equipment such as trailers or boats, be sure to secure equipment properly and check that nothing is dragging on the ground, such as chains.
 - Consumer fireworks should not be part of your celebration as Washington State law does not allow their use during this time period.
- For more info, call State Fire Marshal's Office at 360-596-3904.

National voter registration day event on Sept. 17

ELENSBURG – League of Women Voters of Kittitas County in partnership with the Ellensburg Public Library will host an event on Tuesday, Sept. 17 to celebrate National Voter Registration Day. The event will be held at Hal Holmes Community Center in Ellensburg from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will feature a demonstration of the County's Accessible Voting Unit (AVU). The AVU assists and allows disabled voters to vote in complete privacy. Kittitas County Auditor, Bryan Elliott, along with representatives of Central Washington Disability Resources will be on hand to help register voters! The event is free and open to the public. Contact info@kittitasleague.org for more info.

DEATH NOTICES

Wesley Cecil Crinklaw

Wesley Cecil Crinklaw, 84, died August 23, 2024, in Yakima, WA. Wesley was born January 28, 1940, in Montesano, WA. Services will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.brooksidefuneral.com. Brookside Funeral Home & Crematory is caring for the family.



Michael James McLean

Michael James McLean, 54, died August 18, 2024 in Cle Elum, WA. Michael was born November 30, 1969, in Pittsburg, CA. Services will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.brooksidefuneral.com. Brookside Funeral Home & Crematory is caring for the family.



Sydney Cheyenne Wilke

Sydney Cheyenne Wilke, 22, died August 8, 2024, in Seattle, WA. Sydney was born December 3, 2001, in Bozeman, MT. Services will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.brooksidefuneral.com. Brookside Funeral Home & Crematory is caring for the family.



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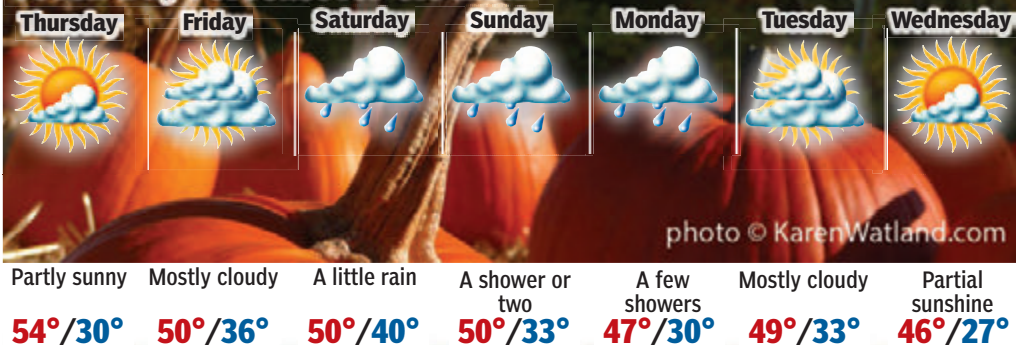
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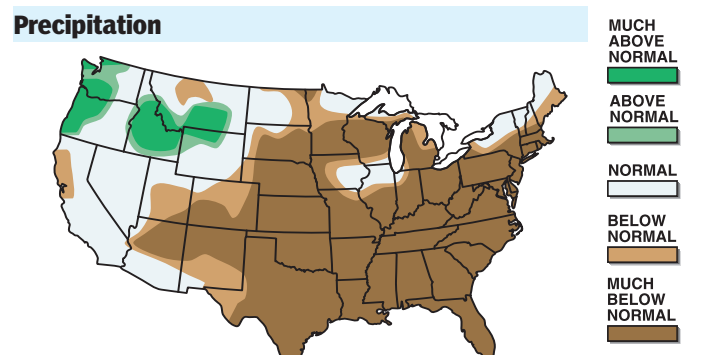
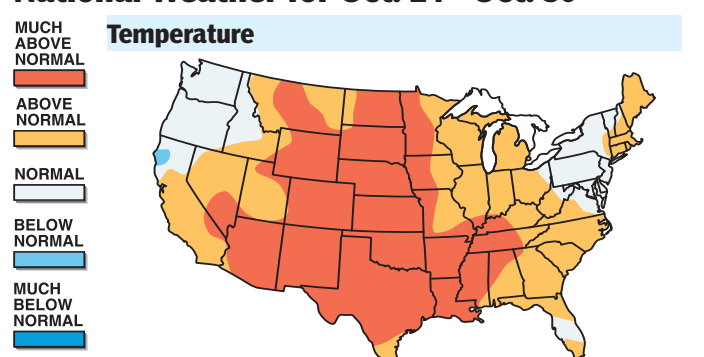
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Cle Elum for the week ending Oct. 21.

Temperature

High for the week	60°
Low for the week	34°
Normal high	57°
Normal low	33°
Average temperature	47.1°
Normal average temperature	44.9°
Temperature departure	+2.2°

Precipitation

Total for the week	1.30"
Total for the month	1.57"
Total for the year	8.24"
Normal for the month	1.29"
Normal for the year	16.06"
% of normal this month	122%
% of normal this year	51%

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	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	7:36 a.m.	5:59 p.m.	none	3:23 p.m.
Friday	7:37 a.m.	5:58 p.m.	12:20 a.m.	3:45 p.m.
Saturday	7:38 a.m.	5:56 p.m.	1:30 a.m.	4:03 p.m.
Sunday	7:40 a.m.	5:54 p.m.	2:38 a.m.	4:18 p.m.
Monday	7:41 a.m.	5:53 p.m.	3:44 a.m.	4:32 p.m.
Tuesday	7:43 a.m.	5:51 p.m.	4:49 a.m.	4:45 p.m.
Wednesday	7:44 a.m.	5:50 p.m.	5:54 a.m.	4:59 p.m.

Agriculture forecast

Thursday: partly sunny. Winds west-southwest 3-6 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 60% and fair drying conditions. Friday: mostly cloudy. Winds east-southeast 4-8 mph.

REGIONAL NEWS

Fitterer Building Restoration Project ribbon cutting today at 3pm

ELLENSBURG - It is time to officially celebrate the grand reopening of the downtown Ellensburg Fitterer's building! Adam and Kelli Rynd of Chelan, owner/operators of Woodin Enterprises, purchased the historic 22,000 square foot Fitterer's building late last year. With a love for historic downtowns and great communities, they got to work on what this 1908 building could be for Ellensburg. They

envisioned local art displayed throughout the building, excellent craftsmanship, while also honoring the Fitterer legacy, and locally owned storefronts that the community can explore and enjoy. They quickly got to work hiring local builder Ponderosa Construction, Inc. and the renovation began to take place.

A grand opening event will take place from 3-7pm today (Thursday, Oct. 24) with a ribbon cutting and giveaways throughout the Fitterer building which is located at 114 W. 4th Avenue.

The communities of Kittitas County and the surrounding area are invited to this historic event, and is open to the public. The building is open at 10am where guests are welcomed to come by and explore Woody's Classic Man, Ellensburg Sweet Spot, Siron Song Bistrot, and the Sparrow's

Nest. The 2nd and 3rd floors of the building are home to leased professional spaces, and locally owned retail shop, the Sparrow's Nest, featuring specially curated gift and home goods.

On the first-floor you can explore and enjoy the art and décor of the historic building as you wander into the Sweet Spot for cereal infused swirl ice cream, or a dirty soda.

Woody's Classic Man will feature a barber, a vintage shoppable Levi's collection, cigars, men's retail and gifts, and of course a locally curated, hand selected whiskey bar with small eats.

Siron Song Bistrot, a local business based out of Chelan, will delight building guests with the best wine and a French bis-

tro dining experience.

The last retail space on the first floor is called the **Grazing Table on 4th**, which will open at a later date, but is inspired by a year-round farmer's market.

While several of the professional office spaces are under contract, there are still spaces available for lease, contact owner Adam Rynd for more information.

Daylight Saving Time ends Nov. 3

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CROATIAN HERITAGE. Patty O'Hearn and husband Ed Delach are shown holding the N.K.C. Tribune in Croatia (Dubrovnik Old Town is in the background). Ed discovered that his paternal great-grandfather and grandfather were from Croatia. The couple visited his grandfather's town Divjake, church, and graveyard. Then they joined an Overseas Adventure Travel tour for the rest of the trip. Patty and Ed toured the capital, Zagreb, and then boarded a small ship in Zadar to cruise down the Adriatic Coast all the way to Montenegro. Along the way, they stopped and spent time in several ancient towns.

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Nominations now open for WA's Medals of Merit and Valor

OLYMPIA - The Office of the Secretary of State is now accepting nominations for Washington's Medals of Merit and Valor. Nominations for both awards can be made until September 20.

The Medal of Merit recognizes people who perform outstanding services for Washington and its residents.

The Medal of Valor is awarded to anyone who has saved, or attempted to save, the life of another at the risk of their own safety and is not acting in the course of duty as a Washington police officer, firefighter, or other government-employed first responder.

"The Medals of Merit and

Valor are the highest civilian honors awarded to the people of Washington," Secretary Hobbs said. "I encourage you to nominate the hero in your life who works tirelessly for their community."

Recipients are chosen by state medal committees which consist of the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the state House of Representatives, and chief justice of the state Supreme Court. The Secretary of State serves as a nonvoting ex officio member and secretary of the committees.

Earlier this year, the Medals of Merit and Valor were awarded to the families

of Dr. Abraham "Abe" Bergman and Donnie Chin for their service to Washington. This was the first time in nine years that either medal had been awarded.

Visit the Office of the Secretary of State website for nomination guidelines and forms. www.sos.wa.gov/medals-merit-valor. Recipients will be publicly announced after January 15, 2025, and a formal award ceremony will be held later in the year.

Worldwide Labyrinth Day celebration on Saturday, May 4

KITTITAS COUNTY - In celebration of Worldwide Labyrinth Day, the Community Labyrinth Project hosts a unity event on Saturday, May 4 from 12:30-4:00 p.m. The celebration will be in the upper county as part of the Community Wellness Fair at the Centennial Center, 719 E 3rd St, Cle Elum.

Every year on the first Saturday in May thousands of people around the globe participate in World Labyrinth Day as a moving meditation for world peace and a celebration of the labyrinth experience. It promotes peace and harmony within the self and between neighbors and nations. As usual, singing and drumming will be part of the event here in Kittitas County. Opening ceremony begins at 2:45p.m. followed by a moment of silence at 1:00 p.m. in the spirit of unity. The labyrinth will then be available for walks until 4:00 p.m. A community song circle will be led by Coleen Renee. Everyone is welcome to this free community-wide event for all ages.

For more information about the Community Labyrinth Project, visit GraceElensburg.com.

Rep. Tom Dent receives award from Washington Public Utility Districts Association

WASHINGTON - The Washington Public Utility Districts Association (WPUDA) has named Rep. Tom Dent, R-Moses Lake, as the recipient of its 2023 Legislative Champion Award. The award honors a member from the Washington State Legislature or U.S. Congress for their commitment to Public Utility Districts (PUDs).

Dent was chosen for his sponsorship of House Bill 1032, legislation that mitigates the risk of wildfires through electric utility planning and identification of best management practices of each electric utility's circumstances.

"I am humbled, honored, and very appreciative that the association has recognized me for this award. However, I want to thank them for working with me on this important issue. The legislation was well-vetted and we came up with a strong, comprehensive plan," said Dent.

Dent, who created the bipartisan Wildfire Caucus and has made developing solutions to prevent devastating wildfires in Washington state a priority since he arrived in



REP. TOM DENT
13TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Olympia, introduced the bill due to wildfires across the country involving electric utilities in recent years.

"The association and I have the same goal. We want to protect our state's natural resources, property, and human life from wildfires. The new law is a good process for dealing with the risk given the approximate 36,000 miles of powerlines we have in Washington state," said Dent.

The association presented Dent with his award at a ceremony on April 18.

Book sale this Saturday to benefit Ellensburg Library & Hal Holmes

ELLENSBURG - Thousands of used books as well as CDs, DVDs, audiobooks and puzzles will be on sale on Saturday, May 4 at the big twice-a-year "upstairs" book sale to benefit the Ellensburg Public Library and Hal Holmes Community Center. Book-covered tables devoted to every genre and every age range will fill Hal Holmes Auditorium (201 Ruby St., Ellensburg) from 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

"We're going big this year" with the 2024 budget, said Debby DeSoer, president of the Friends of the Library and Hal Holmes, "so we need people to come to the book sales."

This year's Friends budget is just over \$31,000 - up 32% from \$23,560 last year. The all-volunteer support group is paying about \$9,000 to help upgrade Hal Holmes' audio-visual system, providing \$5,000 to remodel the library's computer lab area, and funding \$8,000 of adult and youth programming, such as the big summer reading program, which kicks off June 18 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at the library.

The upcoming May sale - along with the big upstairs sale the third Saturday in October and the twice-a-month sales at Tulip's Book Barn in the basement - generate "the lion's share" of the Friends' annual budget, DeSoer said.

The upstairs sales typically generate \$1,000-\$2,000 apiece, with the semi-monthly sales each netting \$300-\$500, DeSoer said. The remainder of the budget comes from \$100-to-\$200-a-month in book sales from the Friends' display inside the library, \$15-a-year Friends' dues, cash donations and interest.

Friends has held the October sale as long as anyone

can remember, DeSoer said, and added the May sale about a decade ago. The May sale is timed to coincide with the opening of the Ellensburg Farmers Market and the United Methodist Church's spring rummage sale across the street.

"It's a good fit because people are already downtown and excited," she said.

The items for the Friends' sales come from community donations and the cyclical culling the library does to keep its shelves fresh.

"A lot of the books in the [upcoming] book sale haven't previously been for sale," DeSoer said. "It's not just all discards from the bookstore."

Each Friday, a crew of 4-6 Friends sorts through what's been donated and culled in the past week, DeSoer said. "Our community is generous with donations," she said.

Those books are used to restock the shelves of Tulip's Book Barn, though when a genre hits its shelving capacity, extras are boxed up and set aside in the "pantry" for the two upstairs sales. Any items that either aren't in good condition, aren't marketable, or are no longer relevant (think an old medical advice book) are either donated to Goodwill or discarded, she said.

The sales and the prep "take a lot of volunteers," DeSoer said. "It's a labor of love." The two big sales act as a "refresh and re-set" for Tulip's Book Barn, DeSoer said. "The point of the sale is to move them on."

At the end of each upstairs sale, remaining large-print books are donated to the assisted living facilities in town, and children's books are set aside to give away at events.

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New historical Cle Elum coloring book premieres

Just in time for Pioneer Days, a traditional celebration of the historic roots of Cle Elum and the Upper County, the Cle Elum Downtown Association (CEDA) has released a new coloring book. The theme of the free publication is "Historical Cle Elum" and it features scenes of coal mining, logging, railroads, farming, local landmarks like the Telephone Museum and Carpenter House, and recreational activities like hiking, camping, water sports, snow sports and more.



In addition to the kid-friendly images to color, brief narrative accompany each page to encourage children to explore the rich history of this interesting area.

CEDA Treasurer Patricia Jerké of Winning Foundation Clinical Skincare, approached graphic designer Terry Hamberg at Tribune Office Supply & Printing with the concept. Hamberg put together the art and researched the content to design the piece. "It was fun working on this project. I think kids will have fun with it, and I really appreciate the educational value that CEDA wanted to feature prominently," said Hamberg. Jerké was pleased with how they came out explaining, "The coloring book look great!"

The plan is to distribute them to children, along with free crayons starting this week. CEDA Executive Director Jordan Peterson said "The coloring books can be picked up at the CEDA office 218 E. 1st Street," in downtown Cle Elum.

KCFD 6 hosts annual open house Saturday

RONALD - Fire Station 61 will have their doors open from 12-2pm on Saturday, July 6 for a public open house. Meet our local firefighters, see apparatus and learn what Fire District 6 does for their community (Ronald and Lake Cle Elum).

Roll on in to 70 E. Atlantic Ave. this weekend for a fun fire-house experience and lunch.

Seier to sing National Anthem



FIRST PLACE WINNER Devyn Seier won the 2024 National Anthem singing contest at the Cle Elum Eagles on Saturday, June 29. Devyn will perform at 10am to launch the Pioneer Days Grand Parade on Saturday, July 6 in downtown Cle Elum. This National Anthem contest was sponsored by Cle Elum Downtown Association. Look for the Pioneer Days events schedule in this week's special pullout section. N.K.C. TRIBUNE/Pat Garris photo - 2024

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Get ready for the 'Doggie Olympics' July 13 in Roslyn

ROSLYN - Calling all fun-loving dogs and their people! Come play together at ARRF Animal Rescue's annual Doggie Olympics at Pioneer Park in Roslyn on Saturday, July 13. Sign up to compete for prizes for the *Most Unusual Trick*, *Peanut Butter Lick*, *Frisbee Throw*, *Dunking for [hot] Dogs*, *Musical Hoops*, and the "Humphrey Doggie Dash" (three weight categories). Entry fee is \$5 per event or 5+ events for \$25; all proceeds benefit ARRF.

Join the fun on July 13 in the park - registration opens at 9:30 am; event starts at 10:00 am. For more info visit arrfanimalrescue.org.



Weekly Fire Log

- Following are recent KCFD7 calls for assistance -
- 6/24: Alarm Fire - 2692 SR 903
 - 6/23: Motor Vehicle Crash - 5800 Block Nelson siding Road
 - 6/22: Motor Vehicle Crash - SR 970 MP 5
 - 6/22: Brush/Wildland Fire- 240 Big Rock Dr
 - 6/22: Structure fire - 81 Miners Camp Way
 - 6/22: Vehicle Fire - I-90 Eastbound MP 92
 - 6/22: Burn Complaint - 81 Cake Box Lane
 - 6/21: Brush/Wildland Fire - Irene Rinehart Park, Ellensburg
 - 6/21: Allergic Reaction
 - 6/21: Mutual Aid - Kittitas County
 - 6/19: Chest Pain
 - 6/19: Alarm Fire - 1240 Ruby King Loop
 - 6/18: Breathing
 - 6/18: Fall Patient
 - 6/18: Alarm Fire - 210 Blue Flame Lane
 - 6/18: Gas Leak / Odor - 3770 Suncadia Trail
 - 6/18: Sick / Unknown
 - 6/17: Brush/Wildland Fire - I-90 EB Exit 74
 - 6/17: Motor Vehicle Crash - I-90 WB MP 87

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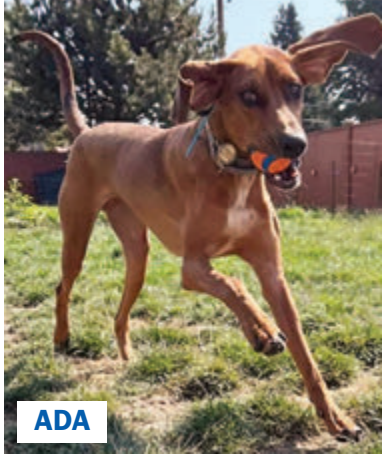
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Ada, Ruby and Annie are still looking for ‘furever’ homes



ADA

by Terry Hamberg

ROSLYN – Besides being spayed and current on their shots, a Coonhound, a Pit Bull Terrier and a Doberman Rhodesian Ridgeback mix all have one thing in common - all are ac-

tive dogs that enjoy hiking adventures. Beyond that, each has a unique set of features custom made for just the right person/family, inspiring their individual theme songs, as their fosters sing their praises.

Ada - “Ain’t nuttin’ but a hound dog!”

Energy. Anyone who brings a hound into their home can tell you that these dogs have an abundance of energy, enough to make most of us jealous and tempted to try to bottle it. Ada, a red Coonhound, is no exception. This playful energy and personality for days makes her a delightful year old pup, although her foster mom says she can be “a bit much” for



RUBY

some friends. Continued training and socialization will help Ada grow into the wonderful companion she’s meant to be.

Some of her favorite things are bird watching, trail walks, zoomies with her puppy pals, and playing ball. She’s looking for an active human who loves outdoor adventures like hiking, biking, and playing fetch—anything to keep her busy and out of trouble!

Ada is a smart girl and already knows her name, can come when called, sit, and is fully potty trained and kennel trained. She is good with dogs and kids over 10 years of age, but not small animals (like cats) though. Ideal home will have a fenced yard where she can run and play to release all that frisky energy.

Ruby - “Find me somebody to love”

Ruby, a black Pit Bull Terrier, is described as an affectionate cuddler, once she warms up to someone and claims them as “her people”. She has a gentle and sweet personality that makes her easy to love. Ruby just wants to be loved and have a family of her own.

She had a rough start in life, but she has blossomed in

her foster home and is now ready to find a place where she can truly thrive. She’s come a long way and is ready to share her heart.

Ruby also enjoys the company of other dogs, making her a great addition to a home with a pack. This girl is as active as she is sweet! Ruby is athletic and loves to go on walks, making her the perfect companion for someone who enjoys trails and hikes. She does wonderfully on a leash and would love to explore the great outdoors with her new companion.

Ruby is also good around livestock and would be a great fit for a family with children.

Annie - “Just another day in paradise”

As Phil Collins sings, “She calls out to the man on the street. Sir, can you help me? It’s cold and I’ve nowhere to sleep. Is there somewhere you can tell me?” Like the woman in this song, Annie, a three year old black and brown Doberman Rhodesian Ridgeback mix, was living on the streets. She was a stray, found with a new collar that read, “I need a home.”

Since then, Annie has made remarkable progress. She now knows basic commands, walks well on a leash, excels at puzzle games, is house trained and enjoys her stuffed toys. Her ideal day includes long walks and hikes in the outdoors.

She is the perfect combination of sweetness and loyalty. Annie thrives as the only dog in the household and will make a wonderful addition to the right family.

One of these girls sound like a good fit for your household?

“How much is that doggie in the window?” Which pup’s song calls out to your heart?



ANNIE

All of these dogs are among the local pets fostered through ARRF Animal Rescue. To learn more about these, and other pets, visit arrfanimalrescue.org/adopt and see more photos and stories about each animal and information on fees and how to apply to adopt one of them and bring some sloppy kisses and unconditional canine, or feline, love into your home.

Low cost pet vaccinations and microchip clinic

UPPER KITTITAS COUNTY – Mark your calendar for the upcoming low cost vaccination and microchip clinic on Sunday, Oct. 13 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the ARRF Animal Foster Care, 107 E. Dakota Ave. in Roslyn. No appointment needed for up to four pets per person that day. Canine or feline vaccinations and microchips are \$15 each. This low cost clinic is made possible by ARRF Animal Rescue and Dr. Erin Zamzow.

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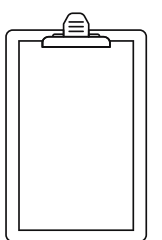
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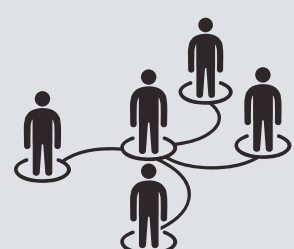
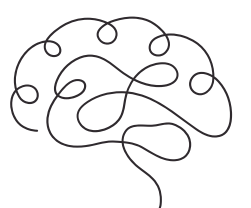


Scientific studies have discovered the causes for ADHD symptoms. These fall into two categories: the genes we inherit from our parents and adverse environmental conditions.



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Most cases of ADHD are due to the accumulation and interaction of many genetic and environmental effects that change the brain in a manner that leads to the symptoms of ADHD.

Find out more at: ADHDAwarenessMonth.org

REGIONAL NEWS

Town Council Nov. 5 meeting reviews plans and proposals

by Pat Garriss
SOUTH CLE ELUM – At the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 5, the South Cle Elum Town Council decided to postpone the approval for the Wallace Property Final Plat. Councilman **Dave Al-**

lenbaugh and Mayor **Jim DeVere** had some conditional use questions that they wanted to research. Approval for the Wallace property Final Plat has been postponed until November 19.
 Two other issues coming to

the forefront was a prospective purchase of a property on Westside Road, that used to be connected and does the property still count as one of the few remaining hookups available. The council decided that it was a part of the original

hookups available and is not considered a newer hookup. The prospective buyer will need to back-pay and reconnect fees to meet the criteria for an original hookup.

The other water situation included a leak at 970 Garfield Avenue and the property owner is unable to find the leak. The property representative says he will need another couple of weeks to find the leak. He requested relief from the town for the \$930.58 water bill. The town council approved to partially give him relief from the entire bill.

District and benefits for the town to join the organization.

The second presenter was **Stephanie Haag**, Executive Director, from Kaleidoscope Organization discussed their organizations objectives. She stated Kaleidoscope is about building an active and personal relationship with individuals in need. They work with other organizations and volunteers to assist those in need of services to create a better transformative environment for the mental, financial, and housing needs.

The last discussion for the town council was ordinance 651, which is proposed changes to the town code. These proposed changes include boundary line adjustments, lot size requirements, use restrictions, and making it easier to make emergency changes for the town council.

The next town council meeting is set for Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7pm at the Town Hall at 523 Lincoln Ave.

Presentations

Jordan Pederson from Cle Elum Downtown Association thanked the South Cle Elum Fire Department for participating in the Boo-Elum holiday celebration on Oct. 31.

There were two presentations for the town to hear. The first was **Anna Lael** from the Kittitas County Conservation



Walking the paper carpet

READY FOR THE RUNWAY! Who said newspapers couldn't be high fashion? Students in Mrs. Tiffany's CFR class at Cle Elum-Roslyn High School had a leadership exercise in creating fashion in only eight minutes using our very own *Tribune!* Pictured modeling their creations are (L-R) Silas Krekling, Bryan Gallagher, Spencer Travis and Hailee Hawk.

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WINTER TRAVEL...

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... along roadways may be harder to see during storms. In Washington, 25% of residents either don't or can't drive a vehicle, so everyone should be alert during storms and other winter weather.

Know before you go!

WSDOT has several tools to help travelers prepare for winter travel:

- Check out WSDOT's online winter driving tips, including information on traction tires and chain requirements and what to carry in a vehicle.
- Download the free WSDOT mobile app for Apple or Android phones or devices.
- Sign up for email and/or text updates about road conditions – or sign up to receive text message alerts about significant delays on Snoqualmie Pass by texting "START" to the number 85107.
- Follow WSDOT across a variety of social media platforms like Facebook, Threads, Instagram and TikTok.
- Check current traction and chain requirements for mountain passes, which are also available on highway advisory signs.
- Use the online real-time travel map to check conditions

locally and statewide before heading out.

• Review what to carry in vehicles, including a winter driving supply checklist: <https://wsdot.com/travel/real-time/mountainpasses/winterdrivingtips>

Studded tires and other options

By law, studded tires are legal for use in Washington state only from Nov. 1 through March 31. This applies to all vehicles in Washington, even those traveling from other states. No personal exemptions or waivers exist. Studded tires do not meet a posted chain requirement. Drivers still need to install chains over studded tires to proceed in areas posted for chains.

WSDOT estimates studded tires cause between \$20 million and \$29 million in pavement damage to state-owned asphalt and concrete roadways each year. Motorists are encouraged to visit a tire dealer to learn about options, including stud-free, winter tread traction tires. This aggressive tread tire is different than an all-season tire, is legal year-round and does not cause the same roadway damage as studded tires.

Chains and alternatives

People traveling into the mountains and during winter weather should carry chains to be prepared. A sudden change in weather conditions could mean chains are required on a route. Drivers failing to install tire chains when posted risk a \$500 ticket from the Washington State Patrol (WSP). Potential fines and chain enforcement patrols are conducted by WSP – not WSDOT.

WSDOT also encourages travelers to practice installing chains before heading out. Any tire becomes a traction tire when chains are installed. Studded tire law requirements are set by the Washington State Legislature.

Although some vehicle manufacturers recommend against the use of tire chains for certain models, that doesn't excuse travelers from the laws. These requirements exist to help keep all traffic moving safely during extreme winter conditions. The Washington State Patrol provides a list of state-approved alternative traction devices on its vehicle and equipment webpage under "traction tires." These approved alternatives can be used when chains are required.

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Central Washington Disability Resources honored as 2024 Small Nonprofit Employer of the Year

ELLENSBURG – The Washington State Governor’s Committee on Disability Issues & Employment (GCDE) announced the 2024 nominees for the Governor’s Employer Awards. These awards honor public and private employers statewide for their exemplary work recruiting, hiring, retaining and promoting workers with disabilities.

Central Washington Disability Resources (CWDR) located in Ellensburg has been recognized as the 2024 Small Nonprofit Employer of the Year by the GCDE. This prestigious award was presented in October 2024 by **Damiana Harper**, Chairperson, alongside Governor **Jay Inslee**. CWDR was also honored with a Certificate of Appreciation for its outstanding efforts in promoting disability employment.

Mayra Colazo, CWDR’s Executive Director, accepted the award on behalf of the organization, for the dedicated CWDR Board and Staff. This recognition celebrates CWDR’s commitment to empowering individuals with disabilities through inclusive employment opportunities and creating a more accessible workplace.

“We are deeply honored to receive this award and to be recognized for our work in supporting disability employment,” said Colazo.

Washington businesses, agencies, organizations and individuals submitted the nominations between May and July each year for selection in September by a panel of Committee members, previous award winners and business representatives. Each nomination fits in categories for small, medium and large private and nonprofit employers that give people with disabilities opportunities to earn, learn and contribute.

“This year, Washingtonians nominated 30 employers for these esteemed awards,” said **Yvonne Bussler White**, chairperson of the GCDE Employer Awards subcommittee. “This recognition highlights how hiring a diverse workforce leads to business innovations, benefits and improvements for all employees.” Of these 30, ten were honored in eight different categories.



MAYRA COLAZO, Executive Director of Central Washington Disability Resources accepts the award for Small Nonprofit Employer of the Year from the Governor’s Committee on Disability Issues & Employment for work recruiting, hiring, retaining and promoting workers with disabilities.

Photo courtesy of GCDE

SEASON'S EATINGS!



To everyone who participated in our cooking classes, we wish you a heaping cup of THANK YOU's and a generous helping of HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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Team Standings	Wins
Enchantments	34
Sandy Manchester, Mike Melary, and Pete Bender	
Cooper Lakers	33
Lost Lakers	30
Jade Lakers	29
Marmot Lakers	26
Mudd Lakers	25
Waptus Lakers	24
Ingalls Lakers	20
Rainy Lakers	20
Michael Lakers	18

High Team Game	Wins
Waptus Lakers	540
Sally Conway, Larry Sadler, and Mike Huss	

High Team Series	Wins
Waptus Lakers	540

High Mens Scratch Game	Wins
Pete Bender	235
Mark Anthony	215

Herman Cornelius	214
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High Mens Scratch Series	Wins
Jaimie Park	615
Mark Anthony	601
Pete Bender	583

High Mens Handicap Game	Wins
Pete Bender	253
Herman Cornelius	247
Ralph Griffin	236
Larry Sadler	236

High Mens Handicap Series	Wins
Herman Cornelius	650
Jaimie Park	648
Larry Sadler	640

High Ladies Scratch Game	Wins
Katie Huss	197
Becky Montgomery	173
Paula Griffin	163

High Ladies Scratch Series	Wins
Katie Huss	531
Becky Montgomery	464
Paula Griffin	462

High Ladies Handicap Game	Wins
Katie Huss	227
Gail Mayer	223
Jackie Richmond	217

High Ladies Handicap Series	Wins
Katie Huss	621
Paula Griffin	606
Jackie Richmond	606

Difficult Splits	Wins
Liz Cox	2-6-8
Richard Alexander	6-10
Paula Griffin	4-5-7, 5-7
James Montgomery	3-7
Katie Huss	5-8-10

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Rosie Verville Cle Elum-Roslyn High School

Rosie Verville is a senior at Cle Elum-Roslyn High School carrying a 3.8 G.P.A. Her favorite subjects are English and History as she says, “being good at something is fun and makes it more interesting.” Rosie is a member of the Outdoor Club and enjoys cooking, baking, and bedazzling in her spare time. She also works 16-20 hours per week at Cle Elum Bakery.



Rosie competes for the Warriors in Volleyball and Track & Field. She enjoys the adrenaline rush, friendships, and team work that athletics provides. Her takeaway from sports is, “Don’t take the easy way out.”

When asked who she admires, she commented, “All of those who came before me who have succeeded while being good people.”

Her favorite celebrity athlete is Michael Jordan as she says he learned to fail before he could succeed.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Hannah Christensen Cle Elum-Roslyn High School

Hannah Christensen is a sophomore at Cle Elum-Roslyn High School carrying a 3.8 G.P.A. Her favorite subject in school is Science as she says she likes doing labs. Christensen is on the CER Warrior Cheerleading Team and says her dream is to one day dance/cheer in college. When not in school, she enjoys hanging out with friends.



She believes time management, problem solving, and organizational skills are key abilities to have before graduating high school. Her takeaway from school is not to procrastinate and to get things done. On that note, she is working on improving in school and getting good grades.

When asked who she admires, she said, “I admire my mom because she helps me through everything.”

Her motivational quote is from the Dalai Lama who said, “Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions.”

Living in a small town has taught her that, “Everyone is very nice and likes doing things for the community.”

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50 Years ago – 1974

Parade watchers saw a good variety of floats marching units, comic and pioneer costumed entrants. A few of the first place winners were: Best Decorated Float – Eagles; Best Industrial or Rural Float - East End Motors; Best Decorated Passenger Car - **Ernie Miller**; Best Adult Comic Group - **Che and Dorothy Canori**; Best Adult Comic Individual - **Smokey the Bear (Lou Osmonovich)**; Most Outstanding Pioneer Costume, Lady - **Elsie Kryger**; Most Outstanding Pioneer Costume, Man - **Charles Anderson**; Best Kids Comic Group - **Three Little Pigs, Kevin Larimer, Roger and Melva McFadden**; Most Outstanding Pioneer Costume Group - **Timmy and Tabitha Hanson, Brett Snow and Carolyn Badda**.

Winners of the Kiddies Races held during the Community Picnic at Roslyn City Park were: 2 and under - **Theresa Mangini**; 4 and under - **Carla Lindquist**; 6 and under girls - **Kerri Browitt**; 6 and under boys - **John Botton and Travis Reynolds (tie)**; 8 and under girls - **Chris Browitt**; 8 and under boys - **Doug Schuller**; 10 and under girls - **Diana DeSmith**; 10 and under boys - **Tim Reynolds**; 12 and under girls - **Sue Swanson**; 12 and under boys - **Brad Osmonovich**.

40 years ago – 1984

The 5th annual Yugoslavian picnic was held Sunday in the Roslyn ball park. Music was provided by **Gary Dime** and associates for the singers and dancers. Pres. **Buck Kanyer** presented the prize for oldest woman present to **Mrs. Josephine Bolf** of Seattle who is 91 years young. The oldest man in attendance was **Gus Jaderlund**, 87, of Roslyn. The door prize went to **Janice Seresun** of Seattle.

The Brick Tavern softball team continued their winning ways as they steamed through the competition last weekend. In the championship game the Brick met the Caboose Tav and came out on top 4-3. The Caboose and Miner's Café battled it out for second and third. The Caboose handed the Miner's their second loss 12-5 to take second place. Other finishers were Rainier/Sport About (fourth), Brass Bucket Tav (fifth), and Old #3 Tavern (sixth).

Entries in this year's Pioneer Day parade included **Queen**

Mona Young who was escorted through the parade by **Morris Jenkins**, representing the Pioneer Days committee. Little League Champions, the South Cle Elum team sponsored by the South Cle Elum Fire Department, was provided transportation through the parade route on one of the trucks from the South Cle Elum department. Trophy for Best Appearing Classic Car

in the parade went to **E.M. Slobodian** in his 1956 Mercury. **Skye Osiadacz**, eight-year-old son of **Mr. and Mrs. Peter Osiadacz**, was awarded a trophy for his Best Children's Comic Costume.

30 years ago – 1994

Wanda Goldie announced that there will be a public hearing at the next city council meeting on a proposal to establish a walking trail from the west side of Cle Elum to the school district complex. Contacts have been made with the DOT and **Dick Larson**, who is very excited about the plan, according to Mayor **Gary Berndt**. Contractors on the present First Street improvement project will be solicited to donate surplus materials.

Raffle winners have been announced by the Roslyn Riders following a drawing at the recent playday. They are as follows: Weekend for two at the Ellensburg Rodeo - **Daphne Gross**; \$100.00 Gift Certificate from Carek's Meat Market - **Pat Reed**; \$50.00 Gift Certificate from Price Chopper - **Robert O'Brien**; \$40.00 Gift Certificate from Glondo's Sausage Co. - **Marilyn Lund**; Scenic flight from DeVere Field for two - **Sonny Reed**; \$25.00 Gift Certificate from Apparel Art - **Pat Wood**; \$25.00 Gift Certificate from Roslyn Café gift shop - **Lance Berg**; and \$20.00 Gift Certificate from Roslyn Museum - **Celeste Grayden**.

The award-winning Smith family float depicting the Flintstones and the Rockers in the Pioneer Days parade included **Lori and Larry Smith, Lora, Lorissa and Lynn, Lee and Laura Haden, Robert Lanphere, Cheryl Ficele, Linde and Tara Easton, and Vicky and Lance Lumsden** and daughter.

20 years ago – 2004

The clock turned back on Tuesday, as for the first time in decades a passenger train stopped in Cle Elum. The Amtrak train wasn't taking on passengers but stopped over on an excursion from Seattle via Stampede Pass. Outfitted with classic streamliner California Zephyr cars, all the rage

50 years ago, the train delivered 200 railroad enthusiasts to Cle Elum as part of the National Model Railroad Association convention now underway in Seattle.

They were graduates of Cle Elum High School 65 years ago and have been meeting every five years since their 20th reunion in 1959. Fifteen classmates attended the recent reunion including **Henry Graber, Jim Enrico, Lawrence Crosetti, Agnes (Bednar) Ferro, Hugh Walters, Betty (Gammara) Blazeovich, Geraldine (Cooper) Schober, Yolanda (Guerci) Wagner, Ray Kladnick, Marian (Pardini) Santina, DeLena Cresto, Bernie Wockenfus, Charlotte (Blume) Ray, Cecelia (Wallace) Mayboard Helen (Starkovich) Burch**. A special gift was presented to Marian who traveled all the way from Lucca, Italy to attend the reunion.

A highlight for youngsters during Pioneer Days is the annual Youth Fishing Derby hosted by the Cle Elum Kiwanis. This year was no exception as 36 kids ages 12 and under participated in the derby at Kiwanis Pond. Derby winners were announced as follows: First to reach limit - **Aron Delazedo**; Largest fish caught, ages 4 and older - **Zachary Deputy**; Largest fish caught, ages 3 and younger - **Joey Moen**.

10 years ago – 2014

On Saturday the rear exterior wall of First Street's Owens Meats was ablaze. "KITTCOM put out the page at 2:50 p.m.," said Kittitas County Fire District 7 Chief **Russ Hobbs**. "We had 15 firefighters and two engines on this one." During the mop up and after a conversation with the owners, **Doug and Don Owens**, it appeared somewhat of a blessing firefighters contained the blaze to the exterior. As a big "Thank You" to the Cle Elum Fire Department, Owen's Meats is donating \$3,000 to the fire department.

Kiwanians made good on their promise for bigger fish stocked in Cle Elum's Hanson Ponds for the Annual Kiwanis Fishing Derby. Kids landed lots of 16-inchers-plus. Winners Ages 3-7: First Place, **Gunnarr Trinka**, 3; Second Place, **Pandi Johnson**, 4; Third Place, **Zachery Heckinger**, 6. Winners Ages 8-10: First Place, **Elli Hockenbury**, 8; Second Place, **Owen McLean**, 10; Third Place, **Emilie DeVere**, 10. Winners Ages 11-14: First Place, **Dante DelGaizo**, 12; Second Place, **Harley McPhillips**, 11; Third Place, **Alyssa Pickett**, 11. First Five Fish in Limit: **Joey Moen**, 13.

The Upper County Boccie tradition has been kept alive for years by **Bob Cernick** and wife **Debbie**. The Pioneer Days Boccie Tourney was held at Memorial Park on Sunday. Results for men: first place, **Jerred Weis and Landon Maggs**; second place, **Dave McLean and Robert Eacrett**; third place, **Bob Cernick and Tip Maggs**. Results for women: first place, **Renee Maggs and Peggy Choyce**; second place, **Tasha Rogalski and Marci Magarrell**; and third place, **Beth and Owen McLean**. Owen is Beth's son.

CALENDAR

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Youth Activities - Ephrata-Lee Theatre and Splash Zone, Thursday, July 11, Bus leaves Cle Elum at 9:30 a.m. and arrives back in town at 8:00 p.m. For more info, call Ashlynn Ford 509-304-8120. Kids age 10 and older are welcome! Events are first come, first served. Space is limited.

Roslyn Library Chess Club, Every Friday, 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Roslyn Library, 201 S. First St., Roslyn. All ages are welcome - Children need to be able to sit and focus on learning how to play.

Poetry Reading & Open Mic, Every 3rd Friday of the month, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Roslyn Library, 201 S. First St., Roslyn. Come read your poetry or prose, and bring your family and friends. For questions, call the library at 509-649-3105.

ARRF Doggie Olympics, Saturday, July 13, Registration at 9:30 a.m. with events starting at 10:00 a.m. at Pioneer Park in Roslyn. For all fun loving dogs and their people. Awards for Most Unusual Trick, Peanut Butter Lick, Frisbee Throw, Dunking for Dogs, Musical Hoops, Doggie Dash. (3 Weight Categories)

Outdoor Rock & Picture Painting, Saturday, July 13, 12:00 Noon-4:00 p.m. at the Carpenter House Museum & Art Gallery, 302 W. Third, Cle Elum. Create your own painted rocks or pictures outdoors! Supplies & Snacks Provided. Hosted by the High Country Artists.

A Landscape of Art & Quilts, Artwork by Linda Allegre and Quilts by Redburn Piece-makers on display at the Carpenter House Museum & Art Gallery, 302 W. Third, Cle Elum from now until July 28. Open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 12:00 Noon-4:00 p.m. Artist reception will be held Saturday, July 13 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Everyone welcome!

Roslyn Farmers Market, Every Sunday from Now to September 8, 2024, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. On Pennsylvania Ave. between Hwy 903 and 2nd St. in Roslyn. Farmers, craftsman, vendors, food, music, fun! www.roslyn-farmersmarket.org

Cle Elum Eagles #649 Weekly Events, Sunday: Brunch from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Game day with Nickle Nickle at 12:30 p.m. and Cribbage at 1:00 p.m. Monday: Nickle Nickle 2:00 p.m., Pool League 7:00 p.m. Tuesday: Dance Lessons 6:30 p.m., Pool League 7:00 p.m. Wednesday: Bunco every fourth Wednesday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday: Pinochle at 12:00 p.m., Joker Poker (members only) at 6:30 p.m. Friday: Texas Hold-em 6:00 p.m. Saturday: Music to dance to on most Saturday nights. Food service is daily from 4:00-7:00 p.m. All events take place at Cle Elum Eagles Club, 220 Pennsylvania Ave., Cle Elum. Club open to everyone.

Childrens Storytime at the Library, Every Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. at Carpenter Memorial Library, 302 N. Pennsylvania, Ave., Cle Elum.

Candidate Forums, For the 2024 August Primary Election. Ellensburg's Primary Candidate Forum is Tuesday, July 16 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at Hal Holmes, 209 Ruby St. Ellensburg. Cle Elum's Forum is Wednesday, July 17 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at Centennial Center, 719 E 3rd St. Cle Elum. Free and open to the public. Contact info@kittitascountychamber.com or info@kittitasleague.org with any questions.

The Teen Shop, A great place for teens to hang out and have some fun - Kids 9th grade and up are welcomed daily and middle schoolers every Wednesday. The Shop is open Monday-Thursday 5:00-8:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 3:30-11:00 p.m. Support groups are Tuesday 3:30-5:00 p.m. for middle and high school youth and if middle schoolers attend group they are welcome to stay and hang on Tuesdays as well. 218 E. First, Cle Elum.

Youth Activities - Moses Lake Aquatic Center, Thursday, July 18, Bus leaves Cle Elum at 9:00 a.m. and arrives back in town at 8:45 p.m. For more info, call Ashlynn Ford 509-304-8120. Kids age 10 and older are welcome! Events are first come, first served. Space is limited.

27th Annual Open House Potluck Salmon Bake, Friday, July 19, Self-guided tours start at 10:00 a.m. with potluck beginning at 12:00 Noon at the Cle Elum Hatchery - Levi George Facility. We'll provide the salmon. You bring a salad, casserole, dessert, fruit, or beverage to share. For questions, email Charlie at strc@yakamafish-nsn.gov (hosted by the Yakama Nation). Everyone is invited!

Croatian Picnic, Saturday, July 20, 12:00 Noon at Roslyn Ballpark. There is a cover charge. Food available for purchase. Beer Garden, Live Music, Kids Games & Activities, Raffle. Bring your own chairs. Everyone Invited! Hosted by the Roslyn, Ronald, Cle Elum Heritage Club.

Vacation Bible School Olympics, July 22-25 from 9:30 a.m.-Noon at Calvary Chapel Cle Elum, 417 E. Railroad St. For kids ages 4-12. Games, crafts, songs, bible lessons. Register online at CalvaryChapelCleElum.com

MEETINGS

Cub Scout Pack 903 Meetings, (Open to boys and girls grades K-5). Every Thursday, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Walter Strom Middle School Commons. Park in back lot, enter through the gymnasium doors and take an immediate left to the commons area.

Friends of the Roslyn Library Meeting, 6:00 p.m. on the Last Thursday of every month at the Roslyn Public Library. The public is invited and encouraged to join all meetings.

Submarine Veterans Gathering, Join us every 2nd Saturday of the month. Please call for location and time as they change periodically. Dinner, meeting, and fellowship. All submarine veterans are welcome! For more info, call Mark at 509-480-8245 or Bill 360-908-1316.

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Kittitas County Parks & Recreation #1 Regular Monthly Meeting, 1st Wednesday of every month, 3:00 p.m. at Cle Elum City Hall Council chambers.

Upper Kittitas County Rotary Meeting, First three Wednesdays of every month, 7:00 a.m. at UKC Senior Center, 719 E. Third, Cle Elum.

Civil Service Commission Meeting, 3rd Wednesday of every month, or as needed, at 5:15 p.m., Cle Elum City Council Chambers, 119 West First Street.

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Al-Anon Meetings, Every Monday at 12:00 Noon and Saturday Mornings at 10:00 a.m. Use the Back Entrance at Cle Elum Community Church, 201 E. Third, Cle Elum.

Kittitas County Health Network (Formerly Hearts & Hands), Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Fridays, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at 116 N. Oakes Ave., Suite B, Cle Elum. 509-955-3780. Medical Supplies Available.

Free Medical Clinic, Open Door Health Clinic Every 2nd Saturday of the Month (closed for holidays), 9:00 a.m.-Noon at KVH Family Medicine, 201 Alpha Way, Cle Elum. Everyone Welcome! We will not refill/prescribe opiates or FDA controlled medications. For info call, 509-929-7266.

COAL'S Clothing Center, Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; Wednesdays from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at 31 Arctic Ave, behind the Ronald Post Office. Open to the community. Clothes and soft goods available. Coupons located at churches, HopeSource and the schools. For info, call 509-649-3195.

HopeSource's Upper County Food Bank, Located at 110 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Cle Elum is open weekly: Mondays 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. offering free groceries for anyone in need. No appointment required.

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Roslyn Mobile Pantry, Every other Thursday, 1:00-3:00 p.m. behind the Roslyn Presbyterian Church, 207 N. First St, Roslyn. A service of FISH Food Bank. The Mobile Pantry provides free groceries to anyone in need. Grocery options vary by season but include a combination of fresh, frozen and shelf stable foods for people to choose from. Sign up is quick and easy and no ID is required. Bring bags or boxes to collect your items. www.kvfish.org/find-groceries/

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The UKC Senior Center is serving low cost lunch at the Centennial Center. Everyone is welcome (not just seniors). Dine-In or Take-Out available. Call a day ahead and we'll deliver lunch to local businesses on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

MONDAY – FRIDAY:
Breakfast 8:00 a.m-10:00 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m-1:00 p.m.

Thurs, July 11: Chicken & Cheddar Wrap
Fri, July 12: Ham Steak with Potatoes
Mon, July 15: Veggie Burger
Tues, July 16: Fish Tacos
Wed, July 17: Meatloaf Sandwich
Thurs, July 18: Chili with Cornbread
Fri, July 18: Chicken Wings

Other activities at the center during the month include:

MONDAY: Bingo (card selling starts at Noon and play starts at 1:00 p.m.)

MONDAY: Line Dancing, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

EVERY MON, WED, FRI: Jumping Jaws Exercise Class, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

TUESDAY: Ham Radio, 8:00 a.m.

TUESDAY: Bridge, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

TUESDAY: Technology Help 9:30-10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY: Gentle Chair Yoga & Balance, 1:30-2:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Games, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

2ND & 4TH WED: Kiwanis, 12:00 p.m.

THURSDAY: Craft Club, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Bring your current craft project to work on.

THURSDAY: Writer's Workshop, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

FRIDAY: Walk & Talk, 1:00-1:30 p.m. Dress for the weather.

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by **Jen Smith**
Community Correspondent

I am a bit of a guide nerd. I love guides. Mushrooms, mollusks, bugs, birds, you name it, I've got a guide on it. I love learning about different species and having little libraries to access. And I'm even a guide snob. I need more than a cute species pic and a couple of interesting facts- I need EVERYTHING. Histories, lookalikes, illustrations, id markings, all of it. And to stumble upon a handy and accessible guide for medicinal plants of our area written by someone living and teaching in our area was a jackpot moment.

Natalie Hammerquist has been foraging in our area for years. Recently, her husband, **Lukas Speckhardt** landed a job with the Forest Service, and they decided to call her old foraging grounds home. Natalie is an herbalist who runs the *Adiantum School of Plant Medicine*. She leads plant identification walks, teaches how to make medical plant products and even offers online classes as well. Moving to Roslyn coincided with the publishing of her book *Medicinal Plants of the Pacific Northwest*. Noted as a "visual guide to harvesting and healing with 35 common species", her book serves as an easy-to-follow "who's who" among helpful, common plants in our area. Natalie details plant identification characteristics and how to use the plants while also maintaining sustainable harvests. She carefully chose common plants to be mindful of responsible foraging. Interest in

foraging has skyrocketed in the last few years and unfortunately some species have been negatively impacted.

American Ginseng, a once common medicinal plant in the eastern United States, has teetered on the brink of endangered status due to overharvesting and has since become regulated by several state laws.

Plant extinction isn't the only concern with overharvesting as animal species depend greatly on plants for food and habitat. *Medicinal Plants of the Pacific Northwest* is both a great tool for the beginning forager in identifying plants as well as the more experienced forager who wants to do more with their knowledge.

Whenever I meet an expert in anything, I like to ask them their personal opinions – the juicy scoop so to speak. An educated opinion is like that cool bonus gift you would get when you subscribed to a magazine. *National Geographic Tote Bag*? Yes, I'll take

it! And I'll flaunt it around like the **Queen of Sheba**. I coolly and professionally asked Natalie what her three favorite medicinal plants were. On the inside, I was excitedly trying to predict what she would say and got ready to guard whatever prized information she gave me. Natalie reported her three current favorite medicinal plants were Grand Fir, Black Hawthorn and Dwarf Mallow.

Grand Fir is everywhere and makes a great tea for phlegmy coughs (which like Grand Fir are also everywhere right now).

Black Hawthorn, one of the most researched cardiovascular medicines, is also super common and makes delicious fruit leather.

And then there is dwarf mallow, *Malva neglecta*. Its Latin name translates to "overlooked mallow". Often in that part of the yard you ignore, or growing out of a crack in the concrete, it's a plant you've probably seen a thousand times and never noticed. One of the many weeds we just walk on by. And like most things we take for granted or overlook, it is a treasure trove of giving. Got inflammation? Mallow. Respiratory issues, indigestion, or skin irritation? Again, mallow to the rescue.

We often think of weeds as nuisances. But maybe they know something we don't know and are growing, overlooked and neglected, because they are needed more than we realize. And stubbornly and quietly, they aren't going to give up till we get to know them. We all have something to offer, wherever or however we grow. We all have gifts to give, it's just getting to know each other and looking in sidewalk cracks, not just the fancy rose beds. I'm still looking for the perfect guide to *Homo sapiens*, but in the meantime, medicinal plants will do nicely.

For more information, visit adiantumschool.com.



LOCAL AUTHOR, LOCAL BOOKSTORE! Natalie's handy local plant guide can be found at our very own **Basecamp Books & Bites**. Natalie is currently working on a follow up book on local wild edibles. N.K.C. TRIBUNE/Jen Smith photo - 2024



BET YOU A MILLION DOLLARS that you have Dwarf Mallow in your yard. This weed is in a friend indeed! N.K.C. TRIBUNE/Jen Smith photo - 2024



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FORAGERS UNITE for an informative talk by Natalie Hammerquist at the Roslyn Library. N.K.C. TRIBUNE/Jen Smith photo - 2024

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SENIOR CENTER EVENT

Senior Center serves up traditional Irish feast for St. Patrick's Day



by Terry Hamberg

CLE ELUM - Looking across the sea of green, an observer might think for a moment that they had been magically transported to the Emerald Isle. But alas, no leprechaun shenanigans here, it was the St. Patrick's Day Dinner at the UKC Senior Center on March 17.

Between the bright kelly green table clothes and decorations, the spring green tender cabbage on the plates, and all the hues of pinch-proof green clothing and accessories a majority of the 88 lads and lassies in attendance were wearing, the traditional color of the Irish holiday was certainly well represented.



"Chef Ross cooked up 100 pounds of delicious lean flakey corned beef," said Director Lori Nevin, "40 pounds of potatoes, 30 pounds of cabbage, 25 pounds of carrots and 10 pounds of onions. Chef Ross and his team did a fabulous job!"

Center volunteers and 10 students from CER High School served up the traditional Irish feast. "It was such a pleasure to have students from the Interact Club and the

Honor Society at Cle Elum-Roslyn High School help us serve our St. Patrick's Day dinner," said Nevin. "Setup, serving, bussing, cleanup. They helped with it all and were so polite."

Lending a wee bit of an Irish pub atmosphere, the cash bar was available for those who chose to wash their meal down with a pint or two. The dinner was finished off with green frosted cake, included with the price of admission.



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REGIONAL NEWS

History comes to life at 40th Annual Threshing Bee & Equipment Show



WHEAT IS LOADED into an antique threshing machine which removes the grain from the stalks and husks. This thresher was purchased in 1937 by Hank Stokes from Frank Haagen, a John Deere Dealer in Ellensburg. Hank operated it until 1948 and then it was operated by Vern Stokes into the 1960's. It was acquired by the Kittitas Valley Early Iron Club in 2001.

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ELLENSBURG – The Kittitas Valley Early Iron Club held it's Annual Threshing Bee and Antique Equipment Show on Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 14 & 15 at the Kittitas Valley Event Center in Ellensburg. This year, John Deere tractors were highlighted, however, all types of equipment were on display. Event goers enjoyed threshing demonstrations, a tractor parade, wagon rides, an old sawmill, blacksmithing, antique vehicles, and more.

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JOHN DEERE TRACTORS of all sizes were highlighted at this year's event.

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REMNANT FROM AN OLD SAW MILL. This machine took on the monumental task of sawing huge logs.

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