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NEITHER SNOW NOR RAIN NOR HEAT NOR GLOOM OF ... PANDEMIC. Cle Elum Letter Carrier Jennifer Oertli is still walking eight to ten miles a day. "Lots of businesses are closed," she said.

According to the USPS in Washington, D.C., "The Surgeon General has indicated that there is currently no evidence that coronavirus is being spread through the mail. We are sharing the CDC's guidance to our employees via stand-up talks, employee news articles, messages on bulletin boards, videos and an intranet site within USPS workplaces."

USPS authorities say that according to the Surgeon General, the CDC and the World Health Organization, "In general, because of poor survivability of the coronavirus on surfaces, there is likely very low risk of spread from products or packaging shipped over a period of days or weeks at ambient temperatures."

"Currently, there is no evidence to support transmission of coronavirus associated with imported goods and there have not been any cases of coronavirus in the United States associated with imported goods."



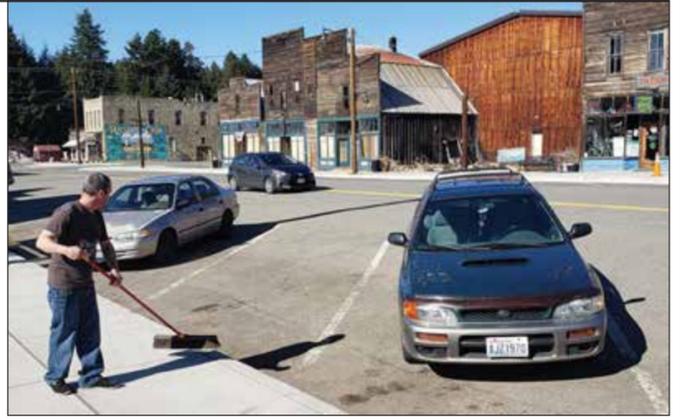
FAMILIES STICKING TOGETHER. With school closed, sisters and moms Staci Russell (left) and Sarah Conner (right) with youngsters in their laps, started gathering their clans at Staci's home in Cle Elum where the kids play together during the day in Staci's fenced, front yard. Not shown: a flotilla of toys spread about the lawn.



SCHOOL LUNCH DELIVERY BY BUS for kids is ongoing at Cle Elum-Roslyn School District with administrative staff, teachers and volunteers working as the backbone of the operation. Shown here is Superintendent Michelle Kuss-Cybula (left) and Elementary School Principal Matt Chase (right) loading the food just before the noon hour. Not shown: Walter Strom Middle School Principal Lara Gregorich-Bennett and Cle Elum-Roslyn High Principal Brett Simpson.

Buses provide lunch for the day and breakfast for the following morning. On Fridays the COAL Center in Ronald loads food for weekend consumption onto the buses.

Contact the school district for details with an e-mail to abrahamj@cersd.org or communityrelations@cersd.org.



FEWER CARS in Roslyn and Cle Elum downtown districts. Photos taken Wednesday, March 18, in Roslyn around noon, and at 8 a.m. in Cle Elum on Friday, March 20. It should be noted that traffic picked up a little in both cities on Saturday and Sunday, March 21-22.



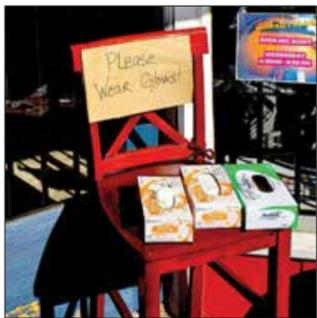
NO SHORTAGE OF HAND SANITIZER FOR RESTAURANTS. Last week a short survey of local restaurants revealed they're not short on hand sanitizer, as this giant bottle at Mike's Tavern illustrates. In photo: co-owner Shannon Weaver who said she's keeping employees busy with takeout service and deep cleaning the tavern.



TAKE-OUT SERVICE IS THE NEW NORMAL. Roslyn pizzeria owner Carla Blum carries a pizza to the curbside so the customer didn't have to enter the building. She and other restaurants offering take-out in the Upper County, such as the Old No. 3 in Ronald, are doing the same. "I keep the doors propped open to keep the fresh air circulating," she noted.



AND FINALLY, what with all the gloomy coronavirus signs displayed in storefronts detailing restricted services or closures, the sign posted on the door at Ronald General Store stood out as a Rockwellian moment to remind us we're still a smalltown community – a strategic and tactical advantage against a virus because for the most part we all know each other by name, by face or by way of the Pine Cone Express (rumor mill), as Roslyn's Stan Georgeson would tell you. Meaning: help isn't far away.



FREE RUBBER GLOVES. Roslyn Grocery Store owner Amanda Heins thought this one up. She said she's had no trouble keeping her shelves stocked.



HOARDING IS AN UGLY WORD and these two photos illustrate the impact of hoarding. The photo showing shelves emptied of bread was taken around 7:30 a.m. at the Cle Elum Safeway on Thurs-



day, March 19. The photo with stocked shelves was taken at 2:30 p.m. the same day.

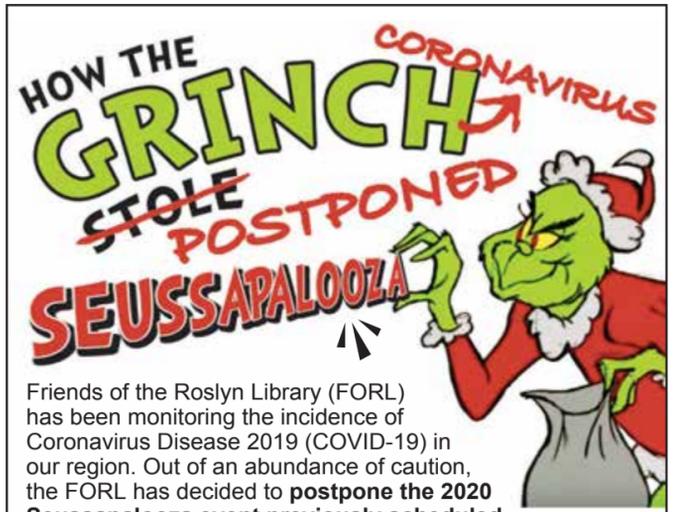
Although customers have noted fewer items in various areas of the store, over a week's time those areas were restocked to some level, indicating the store's resupply trucks are still providing.

As Everett native Richard Finlayson, a builder working at Suncadia put it, "People are worried to the extreme, like this hoarding thing. There's no reason to hoard. Supply trucks are still making it in, yet the shelves are emptied quickly as can be."

"Everybody needs to realize we're all in this together and stop taking everything when there's someone else who will need toilet paper or something else."

"If you have enough to get through the next week or two you should be fine. Don't hoard a month or two months worth of paper just because you're panicked."

"Use some common sense. Have a little decency. That's what's lacking in our country right now. It's also selfish. Have some patience. Have a little understanding. We'll get through this. Just keep your distance from others and keep your hands sanitized or washed."



Friends of the Roslyn Library (FORL) has been monitoring the incidence of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in our region. Out of an abundance of caution, the FORL has decided to **postpone the 2020 Seussapalooza event previously scheduled for April 18 until sometime late spring or summer.**

There are many great resources, from national to local sites, to learn more about how to protect yourself against the virus. Please see the following sites for more information:

- www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
- www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus
- www.kvhealthcare.org/coronavirus/

WE'RE STILL MOVING: The Roslyn Library is still going forward with the move to a temporary location to support the upcoming library renovation. **Please consider donating** to the FORL to support this endeavor. Please contact our librarian Brenda (email: Librarian@ci.roslyn.wa.us, phone: 509-649-3420) or our Treasurer Lynn (email: lynnkoki@aol.com)

TICKET INFO: If you would like a refund for tickets you have purchased, please contact the individual who sold you the ticket. Please also consider using the ticket for the re-scheduled event or as a donation to the library.

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