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Ground gained on 188,852-acre Cold Springs Fire

State Department of Health warns of smoke hazards.

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OMAK — The Cold Springs Fire, which started on Sunday evening, Sept. 6, grew to 188,852 acres and burned several structures and outbuildings on the Colville Reservation and Omak area, is now listed as 60 percent contained, according to the incident team fighting the fire.

Last Monday, the crews made additional progress on the fire line.

They continued to secure the northeast portion of the fire, worked in the area of the Omak Wood Products plywood and veneer mill which was burned, and secured in from the containment lines, according to IMT Type 3 Team 2, under Incident Commander Dean Kiefer.

"There are several areas of the fire that are in patrol status and those areas are looking good. The repairs to fencing and roads that were damaged during initial attack are being looked at and repaired. Crews will continue assisting

the power companies with hazard trees near the power lines to make their work areas safe," said the team in the Sept. 14 update.

Commissioner of Public Lands, Hillary Franz, visited the Cold Springs Fire command post in Omak. The Commissioner met with Tribal, federal, state and local officials. She also met with Tribal Natural Resource Enforcement Officers who responded to the fatality that occurred on the fire earlier in the week. Commissioner

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Number of positive tests in county dwindles

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OKANOGAN — While the number people who have tested positive for COVID-19 in Okanogan County now stands at 1020, the infection rate has started to slow in the last 14 days, according to data from Okanogan County Public Health.

In the three-day period between Sept. 11 and Sept. 13, only two people showed positive tests, according to Public Health's Monday, Sept. 14 update. The number of cases reported in the previous 14 days was 19. That brought the two-week incident rate to 44.5 per 100,000, less than third of the previous update where it was 131.1 per 100,000. Based on the county's approximate population of 42,000, that's a rate of 19.1 people infected per capita.

The latest two positive tests were in Omak, according to Public Health. Brewster, which has been the hot spot for the virus, continues to lead the county in the number of people who have been infected, as well as the number of deaths from the virus. The city's number of people who have tested positive since testing began is 592 and six total fatalities.

The next highest cumulative positive test total is in Omak, 160; followed by Tonasket, 54; Okanogan, 53; Pateros, 50; Oroville, 49; Malott, 22; Nespelem, 14; Riverside, eight; Winthrop and Coulee Dam, six each; unidentified, five; Carlton, four; Elmer City, three; Loomis, two and Twisp, one. In addition to the six deaths in Brewster, the towns of Omak, Oroville and Pateros have each had one death attributed to COVID-19.

The 0-39 age group has had the most people who have tested positive, with 488 and two deaths. The next highest age group is for people 40-59, who have returned 307 positive test results and have a total of one death in that age range. Next is ages 0-19, with 173 testing positive, but no fatalities. Ages 60-79 have returned 123 positive tests and the highest number of deaths at five. Only eight people in the 80+ group have tested positive, up two from last week, with one death attributed to the virus.

Okanogan County males appear to remain more susceptible to COVID-19 with a cumulative case count of 553, while females tested positive 431 times. The overall case count includes 45 listed as gender unknown.

Child dies and parents suffer severe burns while trying to escape fire

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OKANOGAN — On Wednesday, Sept. 9, Okanogan County Search and Rescue located a couple and their deceased child who perished while trying to escape the Cold Springs Fire.

On Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020 at about 3:30 p.m. the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office received a call to attempt to locate a family in last known to be in the area of Cameron Lake Rd. and Paxton Canyon Rd., according to Okanogan County Sheriff Tony Hawley.

"The deputy was advised the vehicle had been located wrecked and had been burnt but was not occupied. The family was attempting to leave their property to get away from the Cold Springs Fire," said Sheriff Hawley.

Okanogan County Search and Rescue was called upon to search the area to locate the missing family. On Wednesday at about 9:56 a.m. the sheriff was advised the three had been located along the river bank of the Columbia River. "I was advised all three were burn victims and were being transported by boat by the Colville Tribal Department of Resources to the Bridgeport State Park. Brewster Ambulance responded to transport the victims to Three Rivers Hospital.

Jacob Hyland, 31, and Jamie Hyland, 26, both from Renton, Washington, were later flown to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle due to the third degree burns they suffered. Their one-year-old son was deceased when the family was located by the search crews. "Okanogan County Sheriff Office



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Locals respond and give their thanks to firefighters and their many hours of hard work to keep them safe.

Detectives and Colville Tribal Police Detectives are investigating his death. Investigators are still working to determine the cause of the fire. We are asking

anyone with information on the cause of this fire to contact the sheriff by calling 509-422-7183 or 509-846-6001 or by email at thawley@co.okanogan.wa.us.

'Awakening From Fear' Goal of Tonasket resident's new book: Help relieve anxiety

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TONASKET — Stef Skupin, a local Tonasket resident, has written a book, "Awakening From Fear," which was released in June.

Skupin and her family have made their home in Tonasket for the past five years. They moved from South Africa in 2015 and enjoy the local community.

Her husband, Alex Eppel works for TRIO Upward Bound, at Tonasket High School. The couple have twin girls, Maya and Amber, who are now in sixth grade. Skupin said she worked at Alpine Vet as a veterinary technician until Jan 2020 and



Stef Skupin

recently moved to being 100 percent self employed.

"The community welcomed us. There were so many people who were checking on us and asking what we needed. It was very positive and it still feels like that being here. This is a community that looks out for others," said Skupin.

According to Skupin, her business, The Leaders Work, was created to help

professionals in leadership positions excel through developing their soft skills and people practice.

"We've been looking for an intentional community on a permaculture farm. We now live in Tonasket. We haven't yet found the farm but found a wonderful community here and the girls love school," said Skupin.

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Job No. 1 for new top cop in Oroville: Rebuild department

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OROVILLE — Oroville's new police chief, Michael Langford, has been on the job three weeks now and is getting settled into the new job.

Langford, who comes to Oroville from the Chelan County Sheriff's office where he served as a deputy for 17 years, is familiar with his new beat, having been on the Oroville Police force in the early 2000s.

"I was with the Chelan County Sheriff's office as a deputy. The highest rank I got achieved was corporal, but was an acting sergeant for awhile," said Langford. "I was in Oroville under Chief Randy Carlson in 2002 and served here for almost two years."

Langford recently moved his family, his wife Bonnie and their 10-year-old daughter, over from East Wenatchee where they were living. His wife most recently was a teacher at a private school in Chelan and before that was a clerk for the City of Rock Island, according to Langford.

He said his daughter has enrolled in the Oroville Schools and is going to school remotely until the in-person classes are allowed.

"I did like it up here when I was with Oroville before and when the opportunity arose I remembered I had fond memories of Oroville," said Langford, who is 49-years-old.

Currently the Oroville Police Force has four members, with three on patrol, himself and two officers, Chris



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Oroville's new police chief, Michael Langford, has been on the job for three weeks now.

Patterson and Jeremy Cantrel. The fourth officer, Randy Taft, is currently at the Police Academy.

"I hear he is doing well," said the chief.

Langford agrees with the council that to have a full compliment and cover the city 24-hours a day, there

needs to be five officers. A second officer was at the academy, but has since decided he won't be joining the force "for personal reasons," according to Lanford. So, the hunt for another officer continues.

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Palmer Fire survivors discuss rebuilding homes, lives

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OROVILLE — Several survivors from the Palmer Mountain Fire gathered at the Oroville Grange Hall to have dinner and discuss what help there is available to begin to rebuild their lives after losing their homes and property on Palmer Mountain.

"Time is very short to get done what we need to before winter. Soon there will be a lot of competition for the limited resources that will be available," said Howard Floyd, president of the StoneSeekers Gem & Mineral Society, which hosted the dinner and discussion.

He said at the first dinner and meeting the group was able to collect a lot of information that is necessary to get the funding, donations and cooperation to get the Palmer Mountain Community back on their feet.

Floyd said Ginger Downs was the group's treasurer and she was seeing to it that the money was going to the volunteers who are helping to get things cleaned up and ready to rebuild homes lost in the fire which burned over 18,000 acres in August.

The goal of the second dinner was to "include more of the survivors and help them organize into a single group that will help each other with the monumental task of rebuilding. Secondly we need to help them to take charge of their own destiny," adding that the survivors were already taking over and doing what needs to be done.

"We're now concentrating on bringing them together with the groups that can and really want to help them reach their goals. It's not our intention to tell them what to do or how to do it. And we can't do it all for them," said Floyd.

The StoneSeekers hope that by joining forces and working with Habitat for Humanity, The Tonasket CCC, The Okanogan Highlands Fire Watch, The Oroville Grange, Storehouse Ministries, a Carlton Complex Recovery Project Manager, local businesses, groups and individuals they can make a difference.

"And by working with others we can accomplish a lot more. I have no problem with helping those who have done this before. They have the knowledge and experience along with the resources and contacts to make it happen," Floyd said. "Basically we are building a team for your team. We are here to help."

After thanking those that prepared the dinner, Floyd introduced some of the guests that were invited to speak about help that was available for the survivors.

He said Stacy Storm, manager of the Community Cultural Project of Tonasket had been heading up the efforts. However, she wasn't there on Sunday. Cindy Nelson from the Oroville Grange

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StoneSeekers Gem & Mineral Society president

was representing that group and Daniel Pratt, founder of the Okanogan Highlands Fire Watch was lending his experience with past fire recovery. Also present were Bruce Townsend Cook, Resource Manager for Habitat for Humanity and Joseph Enzensperger, Oroville Grange President and member of Habitat for Humanity. Jessica Rounds, Program Manager, Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Group also lent her knowledge.

First to speak was a member of a Christian disaster relief group named Ted. His group has already sent volunteers from his church to help clean up properties in preparation for survivors to rebuild.

"We use volunteers from our church and can draw from other churches that are from farther away," he said, asking those that wanted help to fill out a form allowing his group to work on the property.

"We were up on the mountain yesterday (Saturday) and took six trailer loads away," he said. "I had never been on the mountain before and it would be easy to get lost up there."

The church group doing the cleaning is made up of volunteers who do the work when they have time between their own jobs.

Another church member said, "We can pull from our resources all over the nation. Normally we could also pull from churches in Canada, but not right now as the border is closed," he said.

Floyd said he wanted the church members to know how much their help was appreciated.

"I'd like to say thank you. You got my driveway clear and I can almost go down it again," said one of the survivors who had lost her home.

Floyd next introduced Enzensperger and Cook from the local Habitat for Humanity.

Cook said they had a partnership with Vaagen Brothers Lumber in Republic and that they were willing to deliver lumber to the mountain.

"I talked with Joseph and we are looking at sheds that can be converted to single or two person places to live at least temporarily," said Cook.

"We also have plans for three different types of foundations that people can chose from. If we can get rocking with

volunteers we could get the foundations poured before winter. We would pour three foundations then folks can get started on building while we are pouring more on other properties," Cook said.

"We want to build houses that are solid and pass building codes so we expect to be working with the county," said Enzensperger.

Both emphasized the need to get the foundations poured before winter. Some of the survivors suggested building needed to take place before winter because once the snow falls it would be hard to bring in building supplies.

Platt, with Okanogan Highlands Fire Watch said, "I reached out to the director of the Community Action for about an hour and a half and she said there was money available for many different things and one of those was generators. We'd like to see what we can pull together to get some of the wells operating again."

Pratt suggested that it would be important to find plastic barrels to transport water.

"We need a couple of hundred barrels to do the job. We are also looking for propane tanks," he said.

Some suggested that Akins will exchange burnt tanks for new and someone else said that Wilbur-Ellis might have barrels. Other needs include water pipes and tarps.

Jessica Rounds, with the Long Term Recovery group spoke next. She said that a national non-profit had reached out to the group to offer their help to anyone that lost their primary residence.

"They are willing to give an ATM card worth \$250 to \$1000 to those who have lost their primary residence," she said.

She also said that there was a survey being done of those that were impacted by the Palmer, Cold Springs and the Pearl Hill fire to form an Okanogan County resources support list.

She also emphasized the need for those who had losses to "give themselves a break" and to "please self-care."

"If you can't find that connection, please let me know and I'll help you find that," said said.

After the meeting, the Gazette-Tribune spoke with Robert Phillips, who said he lived at the 3000 foot level of Palmer



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Robert Phillips lost nearly everything in the Palmer Fire, but he and his dog were able to get out before the fire took his house and burned most of his timber on his property, which is at 3,000 feet.

Mountain and had lost not only his house, but also much of the timber on his property.

"I heard a sound that sounded a little different. I went outside and looked at the house and there was a red-orange glow. Me and my doggy just made it out. We drove out at 12:30 a.m. and it had already begun burning in the driveway," said Phillips.

"I lost a lot of memories and things from my deceased wife. I lost all my paperwork," said Phillips, who adds that he worked as a contractor for 30 years and has experience building.

He plans on rebuilding and will be selling some of the timber that he has left to try and get buy.

The fire burned east of Palmer Lake and northeast of Loomis and the cause was listed as unknown.

Jessie Rounds, case manager with the Longterm Recovery Group can be contacted at jessicaocdcm@gmail.com. Joseph Enzensperger with Habitat for Humanity is reachable at jgenz4@gmail.com. Daniel Pratt can be messaged at the Okanogan Highlands Firewatch Facebook page. Howard Floyd with the StoneSeekers is at 509-476-3563.

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Chief

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“Yes, traditionally there are five for a full compliment,” said Langford. At the Tuesday, Sept. 1 council meeting Langford put in a request to purchase a used patrol car from Tonasket. He said while the department’s aging vehicles are one of its greatest needs he doesn’t feel that’s the biggest issue when it comes budget

time for next year. “Possible the biggest item is to bring salaries to a level at least comparable to other city’s our size,” he said, adding that doing the budget over the phone, due to COVID-19 will be a “challenge.” He said by increasing officer’s salaries, Oroville isn’t just a training ground for other agencies like it has been in the past where the officer gets in his academy, works for the city for a short while then gets hired away by a department that can pay more. Langford will try and address the salary

issue as the department’s budget is discussed over the next couple of months. “I wouldn’t be here taking on this endeavor if I didn’t think I had the full support of the mayor and the council,” he said, adding that he’s been putting in a lot of free hours for the city even though he doesn’t get overtime. “Everybody is excited to have the police department taking shape again. I’m surprised the mayor was able to keep it going as long as he did. It’s a hard job, especially when you’re not

trained for it,” said the chief. “Everyone on the council I have met with are very pro police.” Chief Langford said Officer Patterson went above and beyond when he was the only officer patrolling the city for awhile. “The city owes Chris a big debt of gratitude for virtually handling the duty by himself while they were trying to rebuild the department,” he said. Langford feels Oroville made the right decision on keeping their police department, rather than contracting

with the county, as some other towns have done. “They made the right decision keeping the police department, because once you let it go it is awfully hard to get one back,” Langford said. As far as what Langford likes to do in his free time, he points to target shooting and off roading as his hobbies. “Perhaps mostly I like attending my daughter’s sporting events,” he said. “She was a competitive swimmer and that’s only done in the summer, so she will be looking for a new sport I think.”

Book

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Most of Skupin’s book, she said, was written between 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., before work, or before the family woke up on the weekends as well as late at night. Skupin said the book describes a process in detail which anyone can use to combat anxiety and fear. “It describes how I was dealing with anxious, angry or other uncomfortable moods by using inquiry. So, a lot was written when I was in a funk, then I got myself with inquiry to feeling much better. Later, I’d put those inquiries into context. It’s one of those books that basically wrote itself. Towards the end it was a strong pull that got me out of bed really early without any problems, and that writing impacted my day very positively every day,” said Skupin. “Inquiry helps us act from a place of inner strength, rocksolid, but also understanding and open minded. It’s such a beautiful mindset to develop.

I use Inquiry and mindfulness for my programs,” said Skupin. Skupin, a woman who said she has dealt with her own issues of anxiety, said the process outlined in her book, helps readers deal with fear and insecurities with four helpful steps. “There are two parts of my personality. One is actually quite fearful and the one is highly judgmental of that fearful part, telling myself not to be silly. So I do sports like rock climbing, solitary hikes, I started my own business and then there’s the other part that gets freaked out and scared. With the process of inquiry, I learned to listen to those fears and what they were whispering in my mind. I learned to look at them with reason, wisdom, and compassion for myself,” said Skupin. Over time, Skupin said the tool of inquiry has made her a lot more comfortable in the physical world, and connected to herself in a loving way. “From that place I can interact with family and friends with more love and compassion as well,” said Skupin. Last year, Skupin experienced a car

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— Stef Skupin

crash that left her with deep anxiety. “The practice of inquiry helped me not to panic and be really present in my body. I’m convinced that had a lot to do with not getting injured at the time,” said Skupin. A chapter in the book describes her experience. “It also helped me with post-traumatic stress. The other definite change, other than a baseline of comfort in my everyday life, is that I’m no longer scared of swimming far out in a lake, or of bear attacks when I bike in the forest. My husband Alex is very supportive of me

using this technique because it means we hardly ever fight. It makes me easier to live with. I used to be really prone to anger,” said Skupin. Skupin hopes publishing her own process through inquiries will help other people look at their fears. “Fears can be really debilitating, and inquiry can help with that. A lot of our everyday anxieties however we are barely aware of but they deeply influence the choices we make in our lives. Regarding those subconscious fears, inquiry can give us a lot more freedom and peace of mind. And it’s a simple technique that

anyone can learn,” said Skupin. At first, Skupin said her book wasn’t intended to be a book but a collection of inquiries into fearful thinking. “Before I knew it, I had half a book written,” said Skupin. The book is available on Apple Books only as an ebook. “People can contact me for a promo code next week at stef@theleaderswork.com. With that code, they can download it for free and maybe commit to writing a short review. There are more chapters to dive in on my blog (website www.theleaderswork.com),” said Skupin.

Fire

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Franz and Chairman Cawston of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation went on a tour of the area to see the impact of the fire to the communities. There are approximately 300 firefighters from local agencies and from around the region that are engaged in firefighting operations. The Okanogan County Sheriff’s Office is investigating the death of an infant and serious injury of two individuals that were found Wednesday, Sept. 9, within the fire perimeter. The air quality across Washington has the potential to reach extremely unhealthy levels and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) wants people to be prepared. It’s not just the smoke, either: with COVID-19 as an ongoing factor, people need to know how to stay safe from smoke and fire while preventing the spread of disease.

Breathing in wildfire smoke can cause symptoms that are relatively minor, such as eye, nose, and throat irritation, and also more dangerous symptoms like wheezing, coughing, and shortness of breath, according to DOH. The best way to protect yourself from smoky air is to stay inside and keep your indoor air clean by improving filtration and creating a clean air room in your home. To reduce the intake of smoke into your home: Close windows and doors when it’s smoky outside, and open windows to let in fresh air during times when there’s better air quality outside. Set air conditioners to re-circulate. Avoid burning candles/incense, smoking, broiling/frying foods, and vacuuming, as these can add to indoor pollution. Use a portable air cleaner with a HEPA filter - Air Cleaner Information for Consumers - California Air Resources Board. Build your own box fan filter - WA Department of Ecology’s video on how to make your own

clean air fan. “This wildfire season is especially challenging during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you’re considering leaving the area to escape smoke or fire, consider the COVID-19 restrictions in the county you are traveling to, and the people you are visiting. This is especially important if they are at high risk for severe COVID-19. For those taking in people trying to escape fire or smoky conditions: please keep your circles small, wear masks indoors, and continue washing your hands often,” says the Department of Health, adding these steps alone are not enough to protect someone from COVID-19: Wearing cloth face coverings to protect oneself and others is still critical. “Cloth face coverings generally do not provide much protection from wildfire smoke, but they are still crucial in a pandemic,” said Secretary of Health John Wiesma. “We want people to continue to wear cloth face coverings to slow spread of COVID-19.”

Okanogan County Fairgrounds is open for livestock and has areas for RV campers. Those that need assistance with shelter can contact the Red Cross at 509 670-5331. Long term recovery inquiries can be done by email at (JessicaOCDCM@gmail.com) or phone 509-846-5101. For current evacuation orders please see www.Okanogandem.

org. Click on the incidents tab and locate the specific incident. All level 3 evacuation levels have been reduced and are now level 2. Level 2 means you need to be ready to go at a moments notice. Roads in the fire area will remain closed except for local traffic. Motorist should use extreme caution due to the hazards within the fire area. If you do not

live in that area, please stay out. Fire information and the incident command post is located at Omak Stampede grounds in Omak. Fire information contact is Jeff Sevigny at 509-993-2946 or Don Malone at 509-822-8125 or you can also follow us on Facebook at NEWIMT3, and Inciweb at https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/.



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Communities coming together to lend a hand

While I was not looking forward to leaving the house because of the smoke last Sunday evening, I did attend the meeting at the Oroville Grange set up by the StoneSeekers Gem & Mineral Society to discuss how to best help Palmer Fire survivors who lost their homes and property in August.

While there have been some notable efforts to get the folks clothing and other necessities, now is the time to start rebuilding, before the snow flies this winter. The StoneSeekers are making an effort to bring together various groups to try and aid in the process. There were representatives from a church group that has already begun cleaning up and hauling away what is left after the fire raged through peoples' properties. While many of the church's volunteers have jobs and families of their own they have to take care of, they are offering their help whenever they can.

Joseph Enzensperger and Bruce Cook are trying to figure out the best way that Habitat for Humanity can help out. They've discussed converting sheds into single and two-person temporary housing, while planning for more permanent rebuilding. Cook said that Habitat had three foundation types that could be poured to lay the foundation, so to speak, of the process of rebuilding.

Daniel Pratt, who many of us follow on his Okanogan Highlands Fire Watch Facebook page, suggested the need for barrels to transport water until wells can be rehabilitated. He also mentioned the need to find propane tanks and generators.

And, Jessica Rounds, with the Okanogan County Longterm Recovery Board, offered advise on making sure the survivors not forget to take care of their spiritual needs as well as their physical needs. "Self-care" she called it.

While one might not think of a gem and mineral group as your go to for fire recovery, but the StoneSeekers are doing a good job at trying to organize several factions to help these people, many of them who have lost nearly everything, get their lives back together. They aren't taking over, just lending a hand.

It's unfortunate that this is becoming almost a yearly occurrence where fire impacts members of our community who just happen to be living in its path. Think Carlton Complex and the Okanogan Complex and you know what I mean. Now, with the Cold Spring Fire we have experienced more loss, including the death of a one-year-old child.

We give up a lot living in a rural area, but the rewards can be beautiful, not only in the views, but in the communities willing to help out their neighbors. Let's hope for this year at least, that we won't be adding any more people who have lost their lives or homes due to fire.

On a totally different subject, I hate responding to a letter writer the same week he writes, but Dave speak of facts. It took 30 seconds to find out "Rules for Radicals" by Saul Alinsky was not dedicated to Lucifer, rather, the author wrote an epigraph describing the rebellious angel Lucifer as "the first radical known to man." How does this vary from Biblical teachings? He mentions former President Clinton's connection to the late Brian Epstein, while leaving out our current president. Trump used to party with Epstein, calling him "a lot of fun" saying Epstein liked beautiful women as much as he did and many were on the "younger side." It is this kind of cherry picking and twisting of the facts that contributes to the decisiveness in today's society.



Out of My Mind
Gary A. DeVon

Regarding factual politics

Dear Editor,
A recent letter allegedly discussing factual politics contained a lot of assumptions. Some facts. Democrat President John F. Kennedy would think Khrushchev won. From, "Ask not what your country can do for you but what can you do for your country," to free healthcare, college and a guaranteed monthly income. From "a rising tide lifts all boats" and that strong economic growth would not continue without lower taxes, to getting rid of the Trump tax cuts, which included all income brackets, particularly raising women and minority employment to the highest levels in American history. California implementing "the Green New Deal." Blackouts because solar panels don't work at night and horrific fires because proper forest management and trimming around lines might disturb endangered rats. These are a few items in the 110 page Biden/Sanders Democrat platform that to traditional Democrats more resembles the Communist Manifesto!

Regarding comments. "Spawn of Satan?" The rule book of Hillary, Obama, the DNC, etc, is "Rules for Radicals" by Saul Alinsky, actually dedicated to Lucifer, the first radical! A typo? Blame your opponent for what you're actually doing, separate people by race, gender, etc, and pit them against each other are in the curriculum! Random vicious assaults of predominantly older white people. BLM and ANTIFA leaders actually advocating violence against police and the right to loot, destroy and confiscate private property. In Rochester, officer's names are being Googled off name tags and their families are being threatened! In Los Angeles, two deputies shot and BLM celebrated and blocked the hospital wishing for their deaths! What else do you call all this? Trump calls for death penalty. Biden doesn't dare criticize his supporters! "Pedophilic?" Democrat elder Bill Clinton and others doing frequent flyer miles to Jeffrey Epstein's "Pedophile Island." California just passed a law redefining pedophilia and sex offender registry.

"Anarchy loving?" Advocating defunding police. ANITA and BLM rioters assaulting and killing people, destroying private and public property. George Soros elected DA's refusing to prosecute. Democrat mayors and governors allowing it, pathetically blaming Trump.

"America-hating Democrats?" Congresswoman Ilhan Omar, saved from Somalia, openly advocating for a Marxist government incompatible with the Constitution along with her "squad." No condemning the violent and destructive riots at the Democrat Convention, mentioning it later only because it was hurting their polls! Predominantly minority athletes making millions practicing a skill worthless to anyone else claiming America is systemically racist while condoning persecution and murder of Muslim Uyghurs in China.

Adding adjectives. "Murderous." Four Democrat governors who sent infected COVID patients to nursing homes, killing thousands. Over 50 million abortions, almost 20 million black. So much for black lives matter!

"Seditious" and "treasonous." The Obama-Biden administration coup on Trump before and after the 2016



election. Fabricated FISA warrants and manufactured evidence. Nonsense? Mueller team lawyers erased all their government issued phones. What are they hiding? The 2018 mid-term was actually the trial run for this 2020 Presidential race. First, eliminate voter I.D. A 2005 bipartisan panel including Pres. Jimmy Carter concluded, "that voter identification was a key to preventing cheating." Motor-voter laws automatically registering voters. Flood the polls with provisional ballots. "Ballot harvesting," going around and "helping" people fill out their mail in ballots and get them to the polls. Orange county Republicans solidly ahead election night then getting creamed after "all" the ballots counted. Florida Agricultural Secretary up 50,000 votes election night to lose by about 50,000 votes a few days later.

Apparently, with streets on fire, etc, the powers that be realize Trump is going to win by a landslide so go full blown coup! Insist on mail in ballots for safety while mass protests and riots are okay? Mail in ballots are secure?

<https://nypost.com/2020/08/29/political-insider-explains-voter-fraud-with-mail-in-ballots/>
Washington state is secure? Nope:
<https://www.kuow.org/stories/it-s-easy-to-commit-election-fraud-in-washington-state>

A Bloomberg funded group predicts a Trump landslide election night, which changes to a Biden landslide after "all" the mail ballots are counted. This sounds familiar:

<https://www.axios.com/bloomberg-group-trump-election-night-scenarios-a554e8f5-9702-437e-ae75-d2be478d42bb.html>

Hillary, still whining about getting cheated in 2016 ordering Biden not to concede "under any circumstance." "We need to get our people on the streets." The paid rioters?

The Transition Integrity Project funded by George Soros did a war game scenario and threatened only a landslide for Joe Biden resulted in a relatively orderly transfer of power. Every other scenario looked at involved street-level violence and political crisis. Media being ordered not to call on election night unless Biden wins. Facebook already promised mention of a win on election night would be blocked.

Freely expressing and debating differences of opinion is what our

Constitution was built on, contrasting the muzzling in public and by social media. Getting to vote after election day is called election fraud, not disenfranchisement! The integrity of the vote and peaceful transition of government set us apart from banana republics till 2016. Verify everything I said. As for lumping all Democrats together, that's their choice. Do you agree with these Democrats claiming to represent you by condoning their behavior with your silence?

David Wolosik
Oroville

Why Climate Change now?

Dear Editor,
How can the Governor tie these fires in Washington and on the west coast to Climate Change when we have experienced these conditions in the past, with no fires? If in one day fires ignite in various places around the state spontaneously, why has the wrath of Climate Change missed so many opportunities in the last 40 years to express its anger with mankind in some sort of predictable manner?

Has Climate Change caught the Trump Derangement Syndrome, like Democrats, the Media, Hollywood, elitist Republicans, the CIA, the FBI, the Black Lives Matter movement, ANTIFA, major corporations that try to be "woke," and so many other groups and individuals that have "suffered" from the infection or election of Trump?

Governor Inslee needs to remember that Democrats embrace the Environmental Movement that impedes timber harvests, rangeland grazing, land use and development, a movement that looks on man as the problem. Was it Climate Change that started the fires in the cities around the nation earlier this year, Jay? You seem to have dismissed the causes of that destruction, so why do you bring out the club of Climate Change and beat the state with it now?

If the Climate Change rhetoric that you reign on this state could be changed into rain, what a blessing that would be! We do hope that brother Jay is not suffering from the same mental confusion that uncle Joe is dealing with.

Steve Lorz
Tonasket

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The art of giving political speeches

OPINION BY LEE H. HAMILTON

I was talking to a friend not long ago who was pretty down on politics in all its forms. "I actually find real enjoyment in politics," I told him. He asked if I was nuts.

No, I said, there's a lot of pleasure — even joy — to be found in participating. Case in point: getting the chance to listen to gifted speakers.

For many years, I was fortunate to have a seat on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, which gave me a chance to observe some of the best orators in the nation.

For instance, there was Hale Boggs from Louisiana, the outstanding Democratic leader who tragically disappeared on a plane flight in Alaska in 1972. He was, in many ways, like an actor — he spoke with complete confidence, enjoyed commanding a crowd, and reveled in the performance; you could listen and relax in the knowledge that you were in the hands of a master.

I also remember Carl Albert, from Oklahoma, who was House Speaker in the 1970s. He never referred to notes; he always appeared to be speaking extemporaneously — though I sometimes thought he must have practiced a great deal. One of his great gifts was that he had an impressive grasp of many different pieces of legislation and so could speak knowledgeably and cogently on any of them.

John Lewis, the Georgia congressman and civil rights icon, had a marvelous, booming voice. People couldn't help

themselves: when he took the floor, they stopped whatever they were doing to listen. He had a gift for elevating any particular issue to a higher plane that called on people to remember the best in their nation and in themselves, which may be why, whenever he came into the House well to speak, young staff members would gather in the back of the chamber to listen to him.

Republican John Anderson of Illinois took a different approach. He wasn't so much an orator as a debater, a politician of high intelligence who enjoyed the intellectual challenge of politics. As a result, he was a superb debater, with a great fondness for the verbal give and take as he faced off against an ideological opponent. He mastered every subject he took on and defended his positions with wit and verve.

So did John McCormack from Massachusetts, who was House Speaker during the 1960s. Very quick on the draw, he would turn to his adversary in debate and say something like, "I hold the gentleman in minimum high regard," to the amusement of everyone around. He, too, loved being in the fray: he would readily relinquish the Speaker's chair so he could go down to the floor and throw himself into verbal combat.

Edith Green, from Oregon, had been a schoolteacher and then a lobbyist for the state education association before coming to Congress, and she carried those skills with her to the House. In a sense, she made the House her classroom, and when she had the mic, she was engaging but

firm as she battled to advance women's issues and social reform.

Mo Udall of Arizona took a different approach: He always spoke with humor and tried to make his listeners see the lighter side of things. He believed you should have a good time while you participated in serious subjects; he had a memorable ability to come up with just the right anecdote to illustrate the points he wanted to make. He made you want to listen because it was so enjoyable to do so.

Despite their different approaches, these people — and other great speakers — were articulate, spoke fluidly and clearly, and showed great confidence and ease. They obviously enjoyed it. They were people who strove to make themselves understood, without showing the effort involved.

So, while oratory may come in different packages, the chance to watch great communicators at work gives you a better sense of who they are, why they have succeeded, and why our multi-faceted political system is so interesting, engaging, and important.

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Catching up with the news after the power outage

This is what I would have written last week, but due a power outage, and complete shutdown of “things” at my house I couldn’t do anything. We don’t realize how handicapped we are until we have this problem. So I will begin with this and then go from there.



THIS & THAT
Joyce Emry

Writing on a holiday, Labor Day, thinking back several years ago, I wouldn’t have spent the day, alone, doing absolutely nothing. We would have done something fun and exciting and came home tired out and ready to start getting ready for fall and the winter months ahead. But the years do catch up with us and I certainly can’t complain.

I’ve had good times with a great granddaughter, from Issaquah and her family I hadn’t seen since last Christmas. Adults don’t change so much in that length of time, but little ones do. Mia is so much more mature and started her first day of

kindergarten, while here with her mom on hand as her teacher. And I have a second great granddaughter in Kent, who also started kindergarten. She will be going three days one week then home schooled two days... sounds so complicated just keeping track of what to do next.

Well, I have been counted in the census, officially. Have you?

I’ve lived in town almost 16 years and my closest neighbor was Myrtle Wood. Death took her a few months ago and it is official, I will have new neighbors, as there is a real estate “For Sale” sign. I refer to my location as “Widow Lane” but we do have two couples now and time will tell who the new occupants will be.

Many are awaiting the opening of the Brick House, owned by Brick Wall as he’s moved from the Hornet’s Nest. All are wishing him the best of luck

As I was sitting in my favorite rocker (which I do a lot of), I looked out to a most spectacular sight of probably fifty or sixty GIANT white birds, heading south. They were so beautiful against the clear blue sky. Possibly Pelicans? Maybe swans? I think maybe they were moving too swiftly for swans.

For the issue of 09/17/2020: A power outage on any day is troublesome but on an extremely hot day really shows us how spoiled we are, with no air conditioning.

I was raised without the luxury of electricity, until I moved to Washington and survived, but that doesn’t mean that I enjoyed it. The skies on that day were clear but a horrific fire was rampant south of Oroville. All were scurrying around finding flashlights and candles because we had no idea how long we’d be in the dark. The next day, Sept. 8th, the tricky wind shifted and we had “smokey blue” but no fires. We truly were reminded how dependent we are on a few buttons, levers, bells and whistles to live through a so-called routine day. And, as we often say, “This too shall pass”

Remember to be extra careful when driving in burnt out areas as wildlife is on the move, lost and scared, as their homes have been destroyed.

My Seattle daughter came, as I’d had a health issue. While here we took a drive into the Highlands. It was so good to have both daughters home and we so enjoyed the drive in the hills, coming home through Tonasket and ending the

drive with a delicious soft ice cream cone. Thick smoke engulfs our valley although the fire is a distance away, but Mt. Hull cannot be seen from downtown Oroville.

In 1974 the first “Little House on the Prairie” TV show was aired. Why don’t we have good things like that on the air now?

I think we’ll all be glad when the next few weeks are over and “things” will settle down a bit. A reader board sign, “Gonna ask my mom if that offer to slap me into next year, is still on the table?”

The Borderlands Historical Society Museum, like many other places, is finding a shortage of funds, since the bills keep coming and yet there was no revenue, due to the Coronavirus causing the building to not be open. One of the supporters of the Museum has the idea of selling three pound packages of local, homemade pork sausage for those folks who wish to help the group by donations as they go into the winter months, with still no income and the customers want to enhance their breakfast menu. This is being done in October and more information will be forthcoming, as to where and when.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Oroville Senior News

Hoping fires will be gone - We hope that all seniors are doing well. We miss the interaction that we would normally have at the Center. We run into one or two at the store or Post Office on occasion.

We hope that the fires and accompanying smoke will be gone by the time you read this.

Same lunch procedure: To have your lunch picked up at the Center you must order by phone on the day of the lunch by 9:15 a.m. at (509) 476-2412.

The menu for Thursday, Sept. 17 - BBQ Chicken; Friday, Sept. 18 - Fish and Chips; Tuesday, Sept. 22 - Chinese Almond Chicken and Thursday, Sept. 24 - Beef Stew.

Check out our website at: <http://seniorcenter98844.com> maintained by Dave Alloway or see our Facebook page at: Oroville - WA Senior Citizens.

Until next week.

— Raleigh Chinn
Senior Center Reporter

Hilltop Comments

Sad time for those displaced - This is sure a sad time for a lot of people who have been displaced by the fires. I wonder if this is the last of them. The smoke is so thick and we are all recommended to stay at home but some people cannot do that. But, we all have masks, don’t we?

I’ve been given boxes and boxes of apples so we have been busy making applesauce, apple juice, apple butter and drying them. We still have four boxes. I have run out of jars for the first time ever. I still have pears to can but they can be dried too.

The pinochle card parties and bingo are still on hold at the Molson Grange Hall. Quite a few people have surely missed these activities. Pinochle card parties usually start in October, but not this year. We’ll let everyone know when we can resume them..

My daughter and family who are moving in with me want to bring their chickens. When my husband died, that was one of the first things I got rid of. Now, the grandkids are building a chicken coop. They are doing a great job but I sure hope that when they find their own place they can take them with them along with the coop.

— Joanie Emry Raymond
Highland Correspondent

NCW Library News

New Library Hours - NCW Libraries is expanding hours and locations for its curbside pickup service starting Sept. 14.

All libraries in Chelan and Douglas counties will begin curbside service and all libraries in North Central Washington will start offering a mix of morning and late afternoon hours each week to accommodate the needs of its patrons.

The new updated hours and expanded locations will start the same day that the popular Mail Order Library service will



LAURA KNOWLTON / STAFF PHOTO

Tonasket City Hall is giving away free KN-95 masks to the community to help aide in smoke relief. Masks are available while supplies last and can be picked up from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.. Call Marylou at 509-634-0820 with any questions regarding pickup.

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To find the more information on your local library visit www.ncwlibraries.org/locations.

— Michelle McNeil
NCW Libraries

UPCOMING

Tonasket Farmers’ Market

TONASKET — The Tonasket Farmers’ Market is Thursday, Sept. 17 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Triangle Park. Due to COVID-19, the Market will follow state and county rules and best practices. There will be a curbside program for those who do not want to come into the park. Park by the cement building on Western Ave. near the “Curbside Order-Pickup” sign, phone number to call for service. A Market rep will come and take customers written list of what

they want with quantities, fill the order and bring the food and bill to the car; customer pays one total amount and the Market reimburses the various vendors.

Oroville Farmers’ Market

OROVILLE — The Oroville Farmers’ Market is Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendors are set up along the sidewalks. The Market is at Madeline Wells Park, behind the Oroville Public Library.

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LRFC face mask project helps local businesses

Nearly 8,000 homemade masks created.

SUBMITTED BY SALLEY BULL
NVH Long-Range Focus Committee

March 20, 2020 seems like a long time ago. On that day, the

North Valley Hospital's Long-Range Focus Committee, aware of the nation-wide shortage of face masks for medical use, began their own face mask making project. The immediate goal was to provide NVH with 500 cloth face masks for their staff's use.

Molson Grange members and the Highland Quilters quickly responded, as did many individuals, to sew masks for the medical staff, clinics and senior centers. It soon expanded to cover the two food banks' patrons plus grocery, building supply stores, pharmacies and convenience gas stations; places where the daily volume use by the public was high.

It is known that more than 50 volunteers — men, women and teens — sewed face masks. Some even branched out and began businesses, selling theirs locally in stores and online.

Other businesses, like Vicki's Unique Boutique and Cindy's Love them More Thrift, donated sheets and elastic. They weren't the only ones helping as concerned donors dropped off sheets, fabric, elastic and money for this public health project. More than 160 sheets were used, 2,500 yards of elastic, and several thousand nose clips and bags. As if that wasn't enough, 65 examination gowns were made and donated to the medical field and barber shops, too.

At their last meeting, Sept. 2, Salley Bull reported that a whopping 7,852 cloth face masks had been made and donated. All were available for free use by the public. To supply more to businesses, NVH was temporarily able to get 4,533 cloth and disposable masks through CARES emergency funding. This makes a total of 13,385 masks for use by the North Okanogan County residents.

The face mask project is now considered ended, even though many businesses would like to have more free masks available for their unmasked shoppers. It eases the stress that business owners and patrons, alike, experience as they each deal with a completely unfunded state mandate.

According to the state, it is the responsibility of the businesses owner to ensure everyone in his store wears a mask during this COVID pandemic time.

The offer of a free mask at the store's entrance is accepted as a friendly invitation to protect everyone's health. As there appears to still be a need to have free masks available for public use, the LRFC is seeking support through the business portion of the CARES Act.

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OBITUARIES

RICHARD ELDON BLANCHARD

Richard Eldon Blanchard passed away peacefully at home on September 4th, 2020. Family and friends were at his side as his long, heroic battle with pulmonary fibrosis ended.

Richard was born in Tacoma, Washington on January 23rd, 1934, to Georgia J. Blanchard and Eldon L. Blanchard. He graduated from Lincoln High school in Tacoma then attended Reed College in Portland Oregon, then CPS in Tacoma. He concluded his education at the University of Washington Dental School in 1960 and enjoyed a long career as a dentist practicing in; Lakewood WA (1960-1969), Quesnel BC (1969-1980) and East Wenatchee WA ((1980-1995). He passed both the Washington State and British Columbia dental boards which was no small feat. He proudly served in the 6255th Army Reserve dental corps from 1960-1969.

Richard married the love of his life, Margaret E. Cluchey, on June 19th, 1965. They had a daughter, Jennifer, in 1968 while living in Tacoma and a second daughter, Ann Marie, in 1971 while living in Quesnel. Richard was always a lover of anything outdoors. He loved to hunt, fish and spend time with Margaret going on adventures. This led to him and Margaret moving to their ranch in Quesnel, BC, Canada. Along with hunting and fishing, they raised Black Angus cattle. They found the farm was an idyllic place to raise their daughters.

Richard and Margaret both obtained their pilot's license in 1976 and purchased a float plane. Richard loved flying and did so for 40 years. Many of the adventures he took his family on involved camping and fishing trips to places not reachable by any other vehicle.

Richard moved his family



Richard Eldon Blanchard



back to the U.S. in 1980 due to increasingly severe winter weather and to be closer to he and Margaret's aging parents. Once their daughters were off to college, Richard and Margaret travelled extensively throughout the U.S. and Canada. They created many memories along the way. One of their favorite trips was to Alaska. After retiring from his dental practice, he and Margaret moved to the beautiful Okanogan where they built their dream log home. Richard loved being surrounded by nature and being able to just walk outside to go fishing. They made many good friends in their community including; Bill Godwin, Betty Roberts, neighbors Doug and

Kathy Scheideman, Art and Barb Pringle and so many others.

Richard's church family at the Oroville Free Methodist Church was a very important part of his life and he was so grateful for Pastor Rod and Kathy Brown. His church family members were there for he and Margaret whenever needed up until the very end and continue to provide Margaret with support and comfort.

Richard is survived by his wife of 55 years, his two daughters, his son in law, three grandchildren and numerous cousins.

The family would like to thank all of the physicians and staff of Confluence health that provided Richard with kind and professional care especially Dr. Di Croce. She showed outstanding care and compassion. Richard did not wish to have a service, but he would be honored by donations made to OFMC, Samaritan's Purse or any organization that serves our veterans.

Bergh Funeral Service & Crematory is in care of arrangement

Connect

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Due to COVID-19, the Market will follow state and county rules and best practices. Under Phase 2 of the Safe Reopening plan, the market will now have Arts & Crafts vendors too. For more information, text or call OMA market manager, Maria Corrales-Rubio, 509-557-9747.

OVOC Chorus Rehearsals

OMAK — Okanogan Valley Orchestra and Chorus will be holding virtual chorus rehearsals. Many will find this virtual rehearsal and concert program allows members to participate comfortably from their homes rather than having to drive to rehearsals, states Chrus Director Derek Pulsifer in a letter to the board. Rehearsals will take place each Monday at 7:30 p.m. until Oct. 19. The next meeting is Monday, Sept. 21. Chorus Members should follow the Zoom Link <https://zoom.us/j/98404667520?tojoin=1> to join. Meeting ID: 984 0466 7520, Passcode: 958153.

Tonasket City Council

TONASKET — The Tonasket City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 22 both virtually and telephonically starting at 7 p.m. To join using the Zoom app visit the city's meetings page (https://www.tonasketcity.org/meetings?field_microsite_tid_1=27) for the agenda for the meeting which will have the code to enter. To join by phone dial 1-253-215-8782.

Rifle Draw & Fun Shoot

OROVILLE — The Oroville Gun Club will be finally holding the drawing for the Henry Golden Bow .22 long rifle on Sunday, Sept. 27. They will also do a Fun Shoot with social distancing by three people per squad, as well as cake and ice cream served outside. The club asks that you come join them and see if you won the rifle, shoot a couple of rounds and enjoy cake and ice cream.

Tonasket Food Bank

TONASKET — The Tonasket Food Bank operates every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 101 Hwy. 97 N. For more information, contact Debbie Roberts at 509-486-2192.

Oroville Food Bank

OROVILLE — The Oroville Food Bank operates every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., excluding holidays, in the basement of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. For more info call Sarah Umana at 509-476-2386.

Listing your event

Events can be listed up to two weeks before it occurs. If space allows, it may be included prior to the two week limit. Our online calendar at www.gazette-tribune.com allows events to be listed for longer periods. Calendar items must include day, date, time and location and a contact number and are included at the discretion of this newspaper. Currently our online calendar is undergoing changes and is unavailable. Send written submissions for the print edition to editor@gazette-tribune.com or Gazette-Tribune, P.O. Box 250, Oroville, WA 98844.

Okanogan Valley CHURCH GUIDE

Come join us!

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Faith Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
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Lent Wednesday

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

12:30 p.m. English Mass every Sunday
2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass every Sunday
4 p.m.-4:45 p.m. Adoration and Confession Tuesdays
5:00 p.m. Weekday English Mass Tuesdays
Father Luta Nsubuga • 509-476-2110

Oroville United Methodist

Come Worship with us at 10 a.m.
908 Fir, Oroville
476-2681

Valley Christian Fellowship

142 Eastside Oroville Rd. 509-476-2028
Pastor Randy McAllister
Sunday: 9:15am Morning Prayer
10:00 am Sunday School (Adults, Teens, & Children)
11:00 am Worship & Main Service
11:00 am Children's Church K-6th Grade
6:00pm Sunday Evening Life Groups (Call for more info)
Wednesday Evening:
5:00 to 6:00pm Dinner for Children
6:30pm Service & Children's Classes
Thursday: 2:30pm Cross Class w/Pastor Randy
Friday: 10:30am to 12:30pm Questions & Answers w/ Pastor Randy

Trinity Episcopal

602 Central Ave., Oroville
Sunday School & Services 10:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist: 1st, 3rd, & 5th
Morning Prayer: 2nd & 4th • Healing Service: 1st Sunday
The Reverend Marilyn Wilder 476-3629
Warden • 476-2022

Church of Christ

Ironwood & 12th, Oroville • 509-476-3214
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist

10th & Main, Oroville - 509-476-2552
Bible Study: Sat. 9:30 a.m. • Worship: Sat. 11 a.m.
Pastor Dan Cole • 208-640-1265
Online Services at orvilleadventists.org

Oroville Free Methodist

1516 Fir Street • 509-476.2311
Sunday School 9:15 am • Worship Service 10:15am
office@orvillefmc.org • Pastor Rod Brown

LOOMIS

Loomis Community Church

Main Street in Loomis
9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Service
Pastor Keith Singer Information: 509-223-3542

CHESAW

Chesaw Community Bible Church

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Highlands Vineyard Church

Service 11 am Sunday • Pastors Mike and Beth Bricker
2035 Chesaw Rd (above the mercantile)
In The Upper Room 509-425-2397

TONASKET

Tonasket Bible Church

10 6th East and Whitcomb • 509-429-2948
Pastor Stephen Williams • www.tonasketbiblechurch.org
Sun. Worship Service 9:30 am
Sun. Christian Education Hour 11am • Sun. Eve. Service 6pm
"SANCTIFY THEM IN TRUTH; YOUR WORD IS TRUTH." JOHN 17:17

Holy Rosary Catholic Church

7:30 am English Mass every Sunday
7:00 p.m. Spanish Vigil Mass every Saturday
Father Luta Nsubuga 509-476-2110

Immanuel Lutheran Church

1608 Havillah Rd., Tonasket • 509-485-3342
Sun. Worship 9 a.m. • Bible Study & Sun. School 10:15
"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--not by works, so that no one can boast." -Eph. 2:8-9
"Joining Jesus, we live in God's love, sharing His Word and serving others"

Crossroads Meeting Place

Tonasket Foursquare Church
415-A S. Whitcomb Ave. • Pastor George Conkle
Sunday: 10 a.m. (509) 486-2000 • cell: (509) 429-1663

Tonasket Community UCC

24 E. 4th, Tonasket • 486-2181
"A biblically based, thoughtful group of Christian People"
Sunday Worship at 11:15 a.m.

Ellisforde Church of the Brethren

32116 Hwy. 97, Tonasket.
10 am Sunday School. 10:30 am Worship Service
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