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A friendly reminder to speed demons



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The city of Tonasket has purchased three speed-monitoring signs to help remind motorists to slow down.

Local fire resources take over as Cold Springs Fire nears full containment

THE GAZETTE-TRIBUNE

OMAK — The Cold Springs Fire, which burned nearly 190,000 acres on the Colville Reservation and in the Omak, Bridgeport and Mansfield areas, is now 95 percent contained, according to the final update from the Northeast Washington Interagency Incident Management Team Type 3 Team 2.

"Yesterday (Friday, Sept. 18) firefighters continued their progress on repair work. Repair work is done to mitigate the damage that happened during initial attack and any other operations during the fire," said in the Team's final update "Dirt road repairs will continue today on the roads that have been driven on several times by fire apparatus. Chipping operations on the northeast portion of the fire continued yesterday and will continue today. Most of the resources fighting this fire are being released home or to another incident."

NW Washington Interagency Incident Management Team Type 3 Team 2 transferred command of the Cold Springs Fire back to the local agencies on Saturday, Sept. 19. A Type 4 Incident management Team made up of local resources is taking over the fire.

"As crews near full containment of the fire, fuel will continue to burn within the interior, although they are not expected to spread outside the perimeter of the containment lines. The public may notice some smoke within the perimeter over the next several days. Firefighters will continue to work to mop up all hot spots inside the fire area which is a safe distance



DNR PHOTO

The Cold Springs Fire, which burned nearly 190,000 acres, is listed as 95 percent contained and has been turned back over from the Department of Natural Resources to local fire agencies.

in from the containment line," states Saturday's update.

The fire started on Sunday evening, Sept. 6 and covers 189,923 acres and is now 95 percent contained. Approximately 78 primary residences and 60 secondary buildings were lost or damaged during initial attack operations. There are approximately 110 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 a one-year-old and serious injury of the child's parents who were found Wednesday Sept. 9 within the fire perimeter.

All evacuation orders have been lifted. For current evacuation orders visit www.Okanogadem.org. Click on the incidents tab and locate the specific incident. Road closures remain the same. Okanogan County Emergency Management asks people that do not live in the area to "please stay out."

Fire information and the incident command post is located at Omak Stampede grounds in Omak. Fire information contact is Jeff Sevigney 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.nwgc.gov/incident7161>.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Death toll spikes as county numbers drop

THE GAZETTE-TRIBUNE

OKANOGAN — The weekly numbers for those showing positive test results for COVID-19 in Okanogan County seem to be continuing on a downward trend, however, the number of deaths has jumped up to 13 from nine in recent weeks.

The county now has a cumulative total of 1029 people who have tested positive for the virus. In the latest update, Tuesday, Sept. 22 (as of press time) no test results showed positive, according to Public Health. The number of cases reported in the previous 14 days was nine. That brought the two-week incident rate to 21.5 per 100,000, less than half of the previous week's update where it was 44.1 per 100,000 and about one sixth of the week before that when it was 131.1 per 100,000. Based on the county's approximate population of 42,000, that's a rate of nine people infected per capita.

Brewster leads 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 595 and eight total fatalities (up two). The next

highest cumulative positive test total is in Omak, 164; followed by Tonasket and Okanogan, with 54 each; Pateros and Oroville, 49 each; Malott, 22; Nespelem, 16; Coulee Dam, 10 (up four); Riverside, eight; Winthrop, six; unidentified, six; Elmer City, four; Loomis and Carlton, two apiece and Twisp, one. In addition to the eight deaths in Brewster, the towns of Omak, Okanogan, 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 422 and two deaths. The next highest age group is for people 40-59, who have returned 308 positive test results and have a total of one death in that age range. Next is ages 0-19, with 176 testing positive, but no fatalities. Ages 60-79 have returned 128 positive tests and the highest number of deaths at nine. 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 563, while females tested positive 434 times. The overall case count includes 45 listed as gender unknown.

NVH names John McReynolds as CEO

BY LAURA KNOWLTON
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TONASKET — North Valley Hospital named John McReynolds as its new Chief Executive Officer, during a board meeting in August. The decision came after former CEO Scott Graham gave his resignation.

McReynolds began his new role as CEO, following Graham, who filled the position for two years.

"As COVID impacted Three Rivers very severely, Scott felt he needed to have his full focus there, and recommended that I take over as CEO at NVH. The Board agreed and appointed me at their regular meeting in August," said McReynolds.

John McReynolds joined the NVH team in August, 2017 in the COO role. John's wife was excited to return back to her hometown of Tonasket, and John was excited to raise his two children in this community. He has completed a MBA of Healthcare Management from Western Governors University, a BS from Chapman University in Business Administration, and views himself as a lifelong learner. He is licensed as a Certified Nursing Assistant and Pharmacy Assistant. John currently serves as the North

Valley Community Associate Vice-President and enjoys spending this time outdoors hiking, fishing, and hunting.

"I grew up in Puyallup and completed my undergrad in California and eventually moved to Bellingham, where I met my wife, Alisa Weddle. In

Bellingham, I worked for ten years as manager of a pharmacy while I completed my MBA in Healthcare Administration. Alisa and I decided to start a family and have been so blessed by the children we've brought into our lives," said McReynolds.

As much as the family loved Bellingham, McReynolds said they were drawn to return to Alisa's hometown of Tonasket to be closer to family and to be in a community that felt more connected and close-knit.

"Alisa's parents, Norm and Diana, and her brother Jordan and his family, are all in the area and played a big part in our decision to move here. As many of the NVH employees are fond of pointing out, I'm going to be a "Coastie" for another couple of decades, but we are happy to be in our new home," said McReynolds.

"I joined NVH in 2017 as the

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Tonasket City Council holds public hearing to surplus equipment

BY LAURA KNOWLTON
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TONASKET — The council held a public hearing, during their Tuesday night meeting on Sept. 15, for the purpose of surplusizing a utility purchased piece of equipment, a John Deere grader.

"What we are going to do, if we go forward with this, we are going to put it up as surplus. The surplus will start out with the grader and the minimum bid will be \$15,000 for the grader," said Mayor Marylou Kriner.

Councilwoman Teagan Levine asked the mayor

if the John Deere Grader has been assessed.

"I have a friend who does all of this heavy duty equipment, he rebuilds, fixes and buys and he also uses his own. We have also heard from another person who used to work for us, even though the grader is a 1978 to a 1985, it has a few little issues, but not a whole lot, it can be fixed pretty easy, we feel the value should start out at least \$15,000. So, that's how we came up with it," said Kriner.

Funds from the sale of the grader would go into the Public Works Department for other equipment.

"Hopefully we can buy a dump truck," said

Kriner.

"I've thought about this lot and my gut feeling is still that we should not get rid of this grader. A grader is an awful handy piece of equipment to have around at times and I know they don't use it very much but there may be a time they need a grader and they're going to have a hard time finding someone that has one," said Councilman Jeff McMillan.

McMillan said he is not at all in favor of surplusizing the John Deere grader.

"The grader, we have not had in our possession for the last year and a half, nor will they ever use it," said Kriner.

Superintendent of Public Works, Darren Johnson said the main place the road grader could be used is behind Public Works, or going into Chief Tonasket Park but the grader is too big for the city's alley ways.

"I have only seen the road grader used, I think twice on the street to break ice if the ice got built up," said Johnson.

Johnson said the equipment is something the city doesn't use very much, if at all.

"I think you have summed it up for us," said Kriner.

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Oroville Schools to open to in-class learning

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OROVILLE — In light of recent Okanogan County COVID-19 incidence rates, Oroville School District announced their goal to begin in-person learning in October.

Starting on Tuesday, Oct. 6, students in Kindergarten through sixth grade will have the option of in person learning at the school. Then, on Tuesday, Oct 13 in-class learning will be available for students from Seventh through 12th grade.

Oroville School District students and families are asked to look for a personalized letter that will be sent to this week containing information about the in-person learning transition and State health and safety requirements.

THS Class of 1970 reunite



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Tonasket High School Class of 1970 Fifty Year Class Reunion was held at Bonaparte Lake on Sept. 12, 2020. Those attending included (l-r) Frank Jones, Joanne Kuhlman, Cathy Payne, Allen Fisher, Tim Hanson, Jim Weddle, Danny Gratrix, Bruce Thornton, Rick Krell, Ken Bell, Steve Thornton, Terry Clarkson, Eddie Perry, Kassie Pruitt, Steve Lorz, Marianne Pariseau, Gary Leese, Jeannie Riggan and Scott Fancher.

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NVH

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Operating Officer but quickly transitioned into the Interim CEO role to fill an unexpected vacancy. I learned a lot from that experience, but I was excited to bring Scott Graham from Three River's Hospital into NVH as the CEO. Scott was, and continues to be a great mentor and made a significant impact on North Valley. During Scott's two years here, I spent time again as the Operating Officer and focused on running the day to day operations," said McReynolds.

McReynolds said he is most excited about the growth of the hospital's new primary care

practice, Tonasket Family Medical Clinic.

"This was a strategic initiative of the Board, and we are only a few weeks away from opening the new space in the Verbeck Building. Access to primary care has been a need in our community and should position NVH well to address any future changes to hospital payment methodology," sai McReynolds.

According to McReynolds, there is a growing momentum to move towards different ways of compensating healthcare providers.

"The most popular idea seems to be incentivizing providers to keep patients healthy instead of treating them when they are sick. This subtle change may have the power to control the

rising costs of healthcare in the United States. For North Valley operating a primary care clinic provides us the opportunity to engage with the care of patients before they reach the Emergency Room or Hospital," said McReynolds.

Aside from following our Facebook and website, McReynolds said the public is always welcome at NVH Board Meetings.

"Although we aren't able to meet in person, the virtual meetings allow anyone to listen in, make a comment, or ask a question from home. The details are on our website at nvhospital.org. Additionally, I am available to answer questions or address any concerns that anyone may have," said McReynolds.

Council

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Councilman Matt Alexander asked Johnson that if in the unlikely event a grader was needed could the city leasing one for the day be a possible solution.

"I think you could do that," said Johnson.

Johnson said the Tonasket School District has a dump truck that comes with a plow they would like to get rid of.

"It would be nice to see in writing what the appraisal is. That's my only comment," said Councilwoman Alisa Weddle.

In a three to one vote, the council approved the extension of Resolution 2020-06 water/sewer late fees.

"This is just for the late fees. The bills are not going away. This is something that I hope people understand because I would hate for someone to come up at the end of September and go, I didn't know I had to pay you back," said Levine.

The council unanimously voted to approve Resolution 2020-19 the surplusing of a Ford Taurus.

Also approved during Tuesday night's meeting, a contract with Kelly Connect for a Kyocera Taskalfa 4053 ci printer, copier, scanner for City Hall.

The council tabled Resolution 2020-18, the surplusing of the John Deere grader discussed earlier that evening, until the next council meeting.

The council set the Fall Clean Up day for Saturday, Sept. 26, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Proof of physical address within city limits is required. The clean up effort will be hosted at the Tonasket City Shop, next to Chief Tonasket Park. Items which will not be accepted are: wet paint, oil, tires, care batteries, hazardous materials, appliances. Only burnable waste will be accepted at the city brush pile. There will be no exception. For elderly, or disabled assistance, city residents are asked to call 1-509-486-2132.

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held virtually.

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Prosecutor: Armed groups at protests could be arrested

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OKANOGAN – A letter from Okanogan County Prosecutor Arian Noma to Sheriff Tony Hawley saying that bringing guns to Black Lives Matter protests on the pretext of protecting property in downtown Omak could be thought of as intimidating and a violation of Washington State law.

“As you are aware, some months ago after the death of George Floyd, members of our community attempted to peacefully protest. At the same time, members of our community attended the protests armed. The armed citizens claimed to be exercising their Second Amendment rights and to protect the community in the event of violence. To this office’s knowledge their was

no violence during the protest,” writes Noma.

Noma went on to say that after the protests his office received a number of complaints based upon RCW 9.41.270 and potentially, RCW 38.40.120.

“The complainants felt that the law was violated and that protesters were intimidated and alarmed by the persons armed at the protests,” said Noma, adding that his office researched both statutes along with any case law.

“Upon further reading and research of the statute, it is this office’s position that RCW 9.41.270 can be violated in two ways. First, if one manifests and intends to intimidate another the law is violated. Second, the statute is also violated if there is a situation that

warrants alarm for the safety of other persons regardless of intent,” Noma writes.

Citing recent events that have occurred nationwide, specifically, the shooting of protesters in Kenosha, Wisconsin and the shooting of a man in Portland, Oregon, the prosecutor said his office was writing to inform the sheriff that it is the position that if there are any future protests, “any organized group of armed individuals should be prohibited.”

He went on to explain, “If the protesters complain RCW 9.41.270 is violated by the presence of persons with guns because through the current social context, this office believes that an environment would exist that would ‘warrant alarm for the safety of others.’”

Noma said his office condemns violence and to ensure that no violence occurs, the law should be enforced so that much more severe laws are not violated and all persons in the community are protected.

“Furthermore, the Second Amendment does not protect armed groups, it is an individual right. Any persons in groups that are armed for whatever purpose are not protected by the Second Amendment and those groups would be violating RCW 38.40.120. That statute makes it a crime for groups to parade in public, organize or associate together as a military company with firearms, unless they are recognized militia of Washington State, the are part of the armed forces of the United States, they are a bona fide veterans

organization, or they are military education students that are part of the course of instruction. This law is applicable to the situation at hand.”

Noma said his office would not ever want to see a situation like the tragedies in Kenosha and Portland.

“This office would like to be clear that any arrests that are made will be taken seriously and will be prosecuted. The last thing we would ever need would be armed groups or armed protesters in the same space as the potential violence is too high and the First and Second Amendments do not protect violence. This office believes that this scenario could be a recipe for disaster and all of the lives of the Okanogan County citizenry deserve to be protected,” writes the prosecutor.

The Oroville Initiative working with city on dog park plan

BY GARY A. DE VON
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OROVILLE — The Oroville City Council discussed The Oroville Initiative’s proposal to set up a dog park in the empty lot north of the Warehouse Gym on the corner of Ironwood and Central at their Sept. 15 meeting.

The TOI has offered to speak with the owner of the lot to use it for a downtown dog park. The managers of the Camaray Motel, which is across the street, have said they will help to take care of the park.

“I would like to know what your thoughts are. I know it at this point that chunk of property does not have an active water connection. It was disconnected, so that would have to be established at somebody’s expense,” said Mayor Jon Neal to the council.

The mayor said the city was running into the fact that the city cannot gift facilities on and on.

“We can’t gift public funds,” said Neal.

Clyde Andrews, manager of the Camaray, asked if there was a way to

make it like Prince Heritage Park.

“Where we would bring in the funds to do what needed to be done,” said Andrews.

The mayor said that was a possibility, but would need to see more of an outlined proposal.

“We’d need to know what your expenses would be and what our expenses would be. And, a longevity agreement, a lease or something like that,” said the Mayor.

Andrews said the TOI would have to speak with the property owners.

“We would like to do it in such a way that there is zero expense to the city. So, unlike Prince Heritage Park where you guys had to come up with the funds to do what you needed to do there. The only thing that you would ask is that you would provide the water. And, even if there is a cost of hooking up the water we would throw that into the budget,” Andrews said.

The mayor said he and staff had some brief discussions and the big issues were water and long term maintenance.

Andrews, with the TOI, said what they had was kind of a pre-proposal

and that the mayor had given him some thoughts to carry the thoughts on.

“If it is in The Oroville Initiative’s name and was basically the city taking on the park that had no expense to them then it sounds like you could provide the water just like you do down at Prince Heritage Park,” said Andrews.

The mayor said that was his understanding but he would have to clarify that with the city attorney.

“The council can correct me if I’m wrong, I don’t think anyone on the council has a problem with this, it is just a matter of getting through the hurdles and figuring out what directions we need to go to make it happen,” said the mayor.

Public Works Superintendent Steve Thompson said he did not have a problem with the Unger Development Proposal for a subdivision.

“I told them my only thing is that water will be delivered to the right of way, not to their property,” said Thompson.

Councilman Ed Naillon made a motion to approved the development agreement and the motion was seconded by Councilman Mike Marthaller and carried.

Neal said the city had received a letter regarding the Fung Guy rezone for a mushroom growing operation in an old apple warehouse off Main Street. Neal asked that the item be tabled until the



GARY DEVON / STAFF PHOTO

The Oroville Initiative has proposed turning this empty lot on the corner of Ironwood and 14th into a downtown dog park. The lot is owned by the Prince Family and the TOI is seeking permission to develop the park. The city seems to have no objection as long as long term maintenance and water issues are addressed.

city planner was available to discuss the rezone, which will require a public hearing.

The Oroville Housing Authority asked for some leeway in when the city collects the sewer connection fees as the OHA has not yet received the funds from a state Department of Ecology grant which will pay the fees. The authority is bringing sewer lines to the farmworker housing and emergency shelter using a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award. However, the CDBG funds can only be

used for construction, not for connection fees. That’s where the Ecology money comes into play.

The grant is supposed to be available in October, but Councilman Marthaller said he felt there should be a deadline for when the fees are paid.

Thompson said he felt the fees should be paid to the city on or before the end of the year.

Naillon made a motion to give the OHA until the end of the year and Councilman Walt Hart seconded it the motion and it carried.

Public Power Week celebrated with free energy efficiency kits

SUBMITTED BY SHEILA CORSON
OKPUD Community Relations

OKANOGAN — Okanogan County PUD has made free energy efficiency kits available for customers, as well as a coloring contest for K-5 leading up to Public Power Week.

The free energy efficiency kits

include eight LED light bulbs (75-watt equivalent), two showerheads and two faucet aerators. Customers can order the kit online and have it shipped directly to their address. Links can be found on both the district website and Facebook page, or go to <https://okanoganpud.gpfulfillment.net>. The

kits are part of the PUD’s energy efficiency program, funded through Bonneville Power Administration. They are available while supplies last.

Last year, the PUD hosted its first coloring contest, working with schools to provide coloring sheets to third and fourth graders. This year, with most schools remote-only, the district will provide the coloring sheet in their print newsletter, which will arrive in all residential mailboxes later this week. Other

copies of the coloring sheets will be in PUD offices.

Any K-5 student in the PUD service area can enter. Completed entries should be placed in drop boxes at any PUD office by Sept. 29. Winners will be announced during Public Power Week, Oct. 5-9.

Public Power Week is observed annually, the first full week of October. This year, the PUD plans on drive-through only booths in a few communities with kids’ activity packets, energy savings information for adults and more. A drawing will also be held that week

for additional goodies — more information to come on those festivities.

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Are cops racist?

OPINION BY WILLIAM COOPER

Answering the question of whether there is systemic racism in US police departments requires two steps. First, you must define racism in this context. Does mere stereotypical thinking about people of another race suffice? Or is animus or hatred required?

The second step is to investigate and analyze the facts. There are roughly 800,000 police officers in the United States. Some portion of them are racist. And a thorough analysis of the relevant facts (including disciplinary records, academic studies, whistle-blower reports and litigation dockets) will yield insights about the percentage of cops who are racist.

Instead of performing this rudimentary and necessary analysis, however, most commentators do little more than hurl ill-defined and conclusory assertions in competing directions.

Police brutality is widespread. Police brutality is rare.

There is systemic racism in police departments. There is not systemic racism in police departments.

Black lives matter. Blue lives matter.

And so on.

It's time for people to start showing their work. The extent of police racism is an empirical question. Assertions should have facts — and not simply cherry-picked data — backing them up.

Moreover, an important part of determining the percentage of police who are racist is eliminating extreme positions that are self-evidently false.

Everyone should acknowledge that our nation has a profound and deeply troubling history with racism. Slavery was embedded into our founding document and survived for a century. It took a civil war to end it. And Jim Crow followed. The outrage in response to police brutality must be looked at in this historical context. And both sides should acknowledge that at least some police are no doubt racist — under any definition.

Likewise, everyone should acknowledge that there has been some progress with police departments over the decades. Current American police are not the Jim Crow police. There are more laws protecting people from the police than there used to be. And meaningful reforms have occurred. While we have a long way to go, we have come a long way. And both sides should acknowledge the simple proposition that many police officers are not racist.

The question of how racist the American police are is a factual one. The answer does not reside in the subjective mind of any individual, no matter how loud she or he screams. It lies in the empirical world, somewhere in between the extreme (yet commonplace) assertions from each side.

This important debate would be enriched by acknowledging this, by defining racism, and by sorting out the facts. As in other contexts, unsupported conclusory assertions ring hollow and therefore only harden the entrenched views of each side.

The facts matter, too.

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Everyone should acknowledge that our nation has a profound and deeply troubling history with racism. ... It took a civil war to end it.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Decisive cherry picking?

Dear Editor,

Ironic the editor claims I was cherry picking and twisting facts to contribute to a devious society while ignoring the numerous examples of behaviors I gave that are not only divisive, but actually creating the second Civil War! A devious element in society are all the politically motivated alleged fact checkers spewing disinformation, in addition to politically motivated social sites and media outlets. One of the most recent egregious examples is conservative Dan Bongino placing a video of Nancy Pelosi saying the Chinese would prefer Biden on Facebook fact checked false, despite the words actually coming out of her mouth!

It appears the editor is quoting Snopes, notorious for misinformation and partial truths while masquerading as a truth source, which refers to Alinsky's words as a third epigraph on the page:

"Saul Alinsky wrote an epigraph describing the rebellious angel Lucifer as "the first radical known to man" in his book "Rules for Radicals."

Alinsky did not dedicate "Rules for Radicals" to Lucifer."

Meriman Webster: epigraph: 2. a quotation set at the beginning of a literary work or one of its divisions to suggest its theme

There are in fact two epigraphs/quotes

on the same page as the words in question:

"Where there are no men, be thou a man." —Rabbi Hillel

"Let them call me rebel and welcome, I feel no concern from it; but I should suffer the misery of devils, were I to make a whore of my soul..." —Thomas Paine

By comparison, Alinsky's words clearly are not an epigraph or quote:

Let us forget at least an over-the-shoulder acknowledgment to the very first radical: from all our legends, mythology and history (and who is to know where mythology leaves off and history begins — or which is which), the first radical known to man who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he at least won his own kingdom — Lucifer. —Saul Alinsky

Merriman Webster: dedication: 3. a name and often a message prefixed to a literary, musical, or artistic production in tribute to a person or cause

By definition, a tribute/dedication, despite Snopes flimsy effort to make you believe otherwise.

Lucifer is indeed mentioned in the bible. Being familiar with the book since Social Studies in high school, the purpose of the book according to Alinsky is: "The Prince was written by Machiavelli for the Haves on how to hold power. Rules for Radicals is written for the Have-Nots on how to take it away." Clearly not part of Christian teachings!

To compare Trump's and Clinton's relationships to Jeffrey Epstein is at the very least apples and oranges. At worse, absurd. Trump and Epstein were practically neighbors and he did frequent Mar-a-Lago until he was banned for hitting on the teenage daughter of another member in 2007. Trump, being the most scrutinized public person in history has never been placed on Pedophile Island. Clinton, based on unsealed court documents, stayed in Epstein's private residence on the island, where "orgies were a constant thing that took place": <https://nypost.com/2020/07/31/jeffrey-epstein-hosted-bill-clinton-on-private-island-court-docs/>

Factor in defiling the Oval Office with an intern, losing his law license for repeatedly lying under oath and paying an \$850,000 settlement for sexual harassment, it's an insult to any President to compare them to Clinton.

With the death of Justice Ginsberg and the President choosing a replacement as prescribed in the Constitution, what are some responses? Speaker Pelosi threatening another baseless impeachment. A mob at Majority Leader McConnell's house all the way to threats to actually "burn it all down," referring to American cities and Washington DC itself! Better examples of divisiveness in our society.

David Wolosik
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Apple picking in the 'Promised Land'

I 974. I had graduated university with a degree in Biology and a military draft number of 365. I was a free man in a free country. I read Jack Kerouac's *On the Road*, and with visions of the proverbial West calling, I stuck out my thumb an amazingly made it to LA in five days.

After some hiking in the Sierras I thumbed north to Pullman Washington to visit relatives, where I met a man, Michael Blair, who was heading to the little town of Tonasket to pick apples. Being a free man I decided that was where I was headed too.

Michael struck me as the quintessential "hippie" with his homemade shirt bearing the likeness of Jesus and the words, "Was this man a mushroom?" I never quite got that, but I quickly came to realize that Michael was very knowledgeable in many subjects including music, history and literature. (He later went on to earn two PhDs in English and in American Studies.) We hit town, did a little shopping at Al's IGA, which was located where the coffee and licensing place is now, and walked over to an abandoned orchard down near the river. Under the shade of an apple tree I had my first and last cheese and jalapeño sandwich—every bite was fire.

With no job and no place to stay someone pointed us to History Park where you could camp for three nights no charge and without permission. I think this was because the town helped people who



Guest editorial
Rob Thompson

were looking for work in the orchards. The "Harvest" was sort of a community effort, with most orchards being small, family affairs. At that time, the schools would shut down for a two week "harvest vacation" in order to allow students to help.

We lined up a job with Billy and Becky Allstot to start picking in a few days in one of the first "organic" orchards in the valley. They provided us with a cabin with real beds and a bathroom —thus we were "moving up in the

world." With three free days before their start, we got a job picking for Gerald and Pat Green at their orchard on Pine Creek: \$5 for a bin of reds and \$6 for a bin of goldens. They were nice to me and ribbed me about my Tennessee accent. I was young and enthusiastic and had a hard time being careful enough with the goldens. It is certainly a skill to be able to "pick clean" and to pick fast.

Apple picking was not quite as romantic as I had envisioned. It was hard work, and the Greens expected you to pick every last apple hanging on the tree. "Oh, I see you missed one way up there." One day Gerald offered me a sugar plum. Not being a big fruit eater, I had never had a sugar plum, but this was a magical experience and the start of my love of tree fruits: cherries (First time eating too many cherries—what a lesson), apricots (easy to dry), peaches, pears, and a seemingly endless variety of apples: common delicious, Winesap, Jonathan, and Macintosh to mention a few. An

apple was no longer an apple.

September morphed into October. There was a break between the last of the reds and the start of Winesaps. The mornings were crisp sometimes with frost. The light was changing, the days shorter, the number of orchard workers thinning out, maybe returning to California or New Mexico for the winter. The work thinned out too. There was picking up props and the start of working in Bill and Dorothy Allstot's packing shed, a small, family operation compared to the dominant Regal and Chief sheds.

Activities in Tonasket included "rounding them up," i.e., breakfast at the Roundup Cafe (run by Hazel Stevens) and going to the Tiger football games on Friday evenings. I remember one warm October night walking at halftime along Joseph St. and getting to the far north end of the street and having this lonesome, sad feeling that, "Wow, this is all there is to Tonasket? Of course, I have come to greatly love "little Tonasket." What a good place this has been for me and my family: good, honest, hard-working, welcoming people in a most beautiful place—for me it was the Promised Land.

Thompson is originally from East Tennessee and has lived in the Tonasket area for many years with his wife Melanie Thornton. Thompson worked as a teacher in the Tonasket School District. He serves on the board of the Community Cultural Center of Tonasket and says he enjoys the mix of cultures in our area and is happy to live in this wonderful and fragile part of the Earth. In addition, he enjoys skiing and hiking.

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You must realize, smoke no longer gets in your eyes

Our theme song, here in the valley for the past several days, has been "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes." But, on Sunday morning, the 20th, glory be, we can see the mountains on both sides of the valley and all in between. Hopefully that is the end of the smoke cover.

Soon the great garden produce will be out of the picture, until next season.

Trick or Treating is being canceled in some parts of the country and Macy's annual Thanksgiving parade will be on a smaller scale.

Nov. 3rd will be the election and the "mud-slinging" can slow down a bit. Then, "Turkey Day" and soon Christmas. Are our fragile bodies up to all this? Do people still draw names for giving gifts for Christmas?



THIS & THAT
Joyce Emry

October is the birth month of my mother. For many years we ended the summer season by having the last picnic of the year, taking a drive into Canada and coming home by way of Republic and the next year alternating the route. Mom always looked forward to that little jaunt. That was our way of putting summer to bed and "sorta" welcoming winter. Oh! the good memories!

I've heard no discussion of when the border might reopen. How many can remember when Marc Kiser and Johnny Lee were the two U.S. Border Patrol officers on horseback? I can. Remember when we used to jump in the car and go up to Osyoos for dinner and a glass of Baby Duck wine?

This year on Sunday, Nov. 1 we will

"fall back" and set our clocks back an hour.

My guide for checking the amount of smoke in the valley, was Mt. Hull and there were several days it could not be seen from my house behind Prince's Center.

Living alone, as many of us do, it's difficult keeping track of the days. If we didn't have a doctor's appointment once in a while, we'd really get mixed up.

I have had a lot of phone calls and if we can't go visit folks, that is second best. Use yours. Call someone you haven't talked to in a while. They get lonely, too, you know!

Now it's football season and there are so many pros and cons. Some excited, some angry and those in between. Where I went to high school we didn't have a football team, therefore I never learned the rules. The one year I went

to school in Oroville was my first experience with the game. On Nov. 11th each year a game was played between Oroville and Tonasket. It was a big deal. The winner got to keep the big Victory bell in their possession for the coming year and then the process was repeated again the next season. As time was drawing near for the game, I was asked to go to the game with Gene Harnasch, Sr. and he assured me he'd teach me the game. Although it didn't usually snow that early, it did that year and the game was played just the same. The day had warmed a bit and the snow was slushy, but they'd run back and forth, fall down and the snow and slush would just go flying and I could never tell who had the ball. I was shivering and freezing and I determined right then and there that I didn't care for the game. I didn't understand it at 19 and at 90 plus I still don't. I wonder who got possession of the bell?

I like basketball. Indoors and warm and no concealing the ball.

Had a chat with Evelyn Dull in Utah. At this time both of her sons live there. She was such a gardener and I was the recipient of so much of the good stuff she grew and I'm sure she missed all the good fresh items she grew.

I was pleased to have a visit from Kenai, Alaska from Dorothy (Roberts) and her husband Tom Wagoner.

Still, the Brick House is not open for business. Folks are getting anxious, Brick.

Have you noticed the new paint job on the former office of accountant Steve Smith? Steve has retired and a new business will be opening there.

My younger daughter, Jeril, has moved the final load from storage in Wenatchee and has all her belongings in Kent, Washington. The mother hen is close to her chicks, now.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Oroville Senior News

Sky clear of smoke — As I write this, the sky is clear of smoke! Hurrah! Fall is here, too! Where does the time go?

Also, glad to hear or read that Cal Porter is on the road to recovery. We hope all other seniors are doing well.

We are getting lunch meals out to Senior at a record pace thanks to the kitchen crew. 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. 24 - Beef Stew; Friday, Sept. 25 - Baked Fish; Tuesday, Sept. 29 - German Sausage and Sauerkraut and Thursday, Oct. 1 - N/A.

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

Think of what you can do to help — Yay, the smoke has let up and we can now see mountains, trees and amber waves of grain. We feel so bad for all those families that have lost everything. But, feeling bad isn't doing them any good. Please think of things that you can do to help them. It doesn't have to be money. Household items and clothes would be greatly appreciated.

The same thing could happen up here in our neck of the woods. It has been brought to my attention that there are some people who are carelessly doing things that could cause a fire. It doesn't take much, just a spark from a chain saw or other such things. I know that this is the time of year that people are cutting wood for their winter supply. Please be careful folks.

I'm getting really tired of apples. I am almost finished, just one more batch of dried apples. Thankfully, my daughter's sisters-in-law have loaned me their Excalibur Dehydrator. I can get so much more done with it.

We don't know what will happen in November. Do you have enough toilet paper?

— Joanie Emry Raymond
Highland Correspondent

NCW Library News

Seeking Board Member — NCW Libraries is seeking applications for an Okanogan County representative for the library board of trustees.

Okanogan County citizens with a variety of skills sets, including but not limited to accounting and finance, information technology, construction and facility management, legal, child development, policy review and library science, as well as anyone with a passion for libraries and the role they play in society, are encouraged to apply.

The dynamic seven-member board meets once a month, either in Wenatchee or by teleconference. The board is responsible for the development of library policies and procedures and acts as an advisory board to the county commissioners on matters relating to the library. The board of

county commissioners appoints members to the seven-year term. There is no financial compensation, aside from travel reimbursement, but there is ample opportunity for meaningful public service.

Interested residents should contact Tim Dillman, NCW Libraries Executive Assistant, at tdillman@ncwlibraries.org to obtain an Okanogan County Board of Commission application.

— Michelle McNiel
NCW Libraries

Tonasket Eagles News

Enjoy what's left of summer — Well it looks like we will be having an Indian summer. Hope everyone is enjoying what's left of summer and getting ready for school and what's to come.

The Tonasket Eagles has been open since the first of September. At this time we are unable to

have most of our regular activities. There is no Pool, Shake a Shift, Cards or Bingo.

We are happy to say we do have Tuesday Taco's from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Friday Burgers from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Joker Poker on Saturdays at 6:45 p.m. Don't forget the Name Game and Pull Tabs. There are also hot dogs every day all day.

Come on in we would love to see you. If you were unable to pay your Dues and were late, come in

and pay them. You will not have to pay the Re-enroll fee and will keep your status. (this is only for 2020-2021 dues).

Aerie meetings are the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m. for any questions or comments. The Ladies Auxiliary meetings are the first and third Thursdays of the month at 6:30 p.m.

To those who may be sick or ill, we wish you a speedy recovery to good health.

God Bless you all, the Biggest Little Eagles in the State.

— Sue Wisener
Tonasket Eagles #3002

UPCOMING

Stroke Support Group

OROVILLE — The Stroke Support Group will meet Thursday, Sept. 24 at 10:30 a.m. at

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Veterans Memorial Park. This is a support group for anyone who has had a stroke, no matter how long ago, or brain injury, or, if you just want to find out more information, you are welcome to attend. Discussion from those who have recovered would also be very welcome.

Tonasket Farmers' Market

TONASKET — The Tonasket Farmers' Market is Thursday,

Sept. 24 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. 26 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. 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 Chorus Director Derek Pulsifer in a letter to the board. They will meet each Monday until Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting is Monday, Sept. 28. Chorus Members should follow the Zoom Link [https://zoom.us/j/98404667520?](https://zoom.us/j/98404667520?tojoin) to join. Meeting ID: 984 0466 7520, Passcode: 958153.

Rifle Drawing & Fun Shoot

OROVILLE — The Oroville Gun Club will be finally holding the drawing for the Henry Golden Boy .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.

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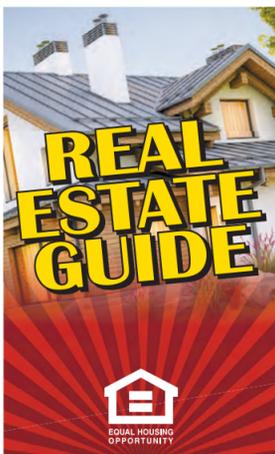


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The co-personal representatives named below have been appointed as co-personal representatives of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the co-personal representative or the co-personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the co-personal representatives served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020 (1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
DATE OF FILING COPY OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS with Clerk of Court: September 15, 2020
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: September 24, 2020.
/s/Krista Irwin
KRISTA IRWIN
Co-Personal Representative
/s/Jana Oliver
JANA OLIVER
Co-Personal Representative
/s/Anthony Castelda
Anthony Castelda, WSBA #28937
Attorney for Oliver Estate
P.O. Box 1307
Tonasket, WA 98855
(509) 486-1175
Pub.: Okanogan Valley Gazette-Tribune
September 24, October 1, 8, 2020
OVG908841

PUBLIC AUCTION THOMPSON BEES

1869 HWY 7 OROVILLE, WA 98844 (509) 476-3948
DATE OF AUCTION: 10/02/2020
Viewing Time: 10:00 AM
Auction Time: 11:00 AM
1995 SUBARU IMPREZZA
Lic# 3B55405 (STOLEN)
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September 24, 2020
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PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OKANOGAN
In re the Estate of:
ALLAN LEE LEMON,
Deceased.
NO. 20-4-0003224
AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020 (1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
DATE OF FILING COPY OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS with Clerk of Court: May 6, 2020
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: May 28, 2020.
By: /s/Carol M. Stams
CAROL M. STAMS
Personal Representative
By: /s/Anthony Castelda
Anthony Castelda, WSBA #28937
Attorney for Lemon Estate
P.O. Box 1307
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May 28, June 4, 11, 2020
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PUBLIC AUCTION THOMPSON BEES

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DATE OF AUCTION: 09/29/2020
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Auction Time: 11:00 AM
2006 TOYOTA TUNDRA
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September 24, 2020
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PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
NEGOTIATION OF STATE LEASES WITH EXISTING LESSEES BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2020
EXPIRES: FEBRUARY 2021
10-A72685-GRAZING-NE1/4NE1/4, Section 33: W1/2NW1/4, Section 34, all in Township 36 North, Range 31 East, W.M., NW1/4SE1/4, Section 4, Township 35 North, Range 31 East, W.M.
Written request to lease must be received by October 26, 2020, at Department of Natural Resources, 225 S Silke Rd, Colville, Washington 99114-9369. Each request to lease must include the lease number, the name, address and phone number of applicant, and must contain a certified check or money order payable to the Department of Natural Resources for the amount of any bonus bid plus a \$100.00 deposit. The envelope must be marked "Sealed Bid" and give lease number, expiration date of lease applied for and give applicant's name. The applicant must be prepared to purchase improvements that belong to the current lessee. Persons wishing to bid to lease any of these properties can obtain more details, bid packet, and qualification requirements by contacting the Colville office or calling (509) 684-7474.
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September 24, 2020
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Summary of Ordinance #815
An ordinance of the City of Tonasket, Washington, amending the 2020 Budget Ordinance #809 and amendment Ordinances #811, #812 and #813. For a complete copy of this ordinance contact city hall, 509-486-2132, Tonasket, WA. 98855.
Alice J. Atwood
Clerk-Treasurer
Pub.: The Okanogan Valley Gazette-Tribune
September 24, 2020
OVG909289

STATE OF WASHINGTON OKANOGAN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

In re:
THE ESTATE OF PATRICK LAWRENCE MCMILLAN,
Deceased.
No.: 20-4-00063-24
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent that arose before the decedent's death must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitation, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. 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(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim will be 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

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assets.
Date of First Publication: September 24, 2020
Personal Representatives:
Nicole McMillan
Whitney McMillan Talmage
Attorney for Personal Representatives:
Nicolas A. Daluso
Address for Mailing or Service: Nicolas A. Daluso
Immix Law Group PC
400 Winslow Way E, Suite 210
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
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September 24, October 1, 8, 2020
OVG908933

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF OKANOGAN

Estate of
CARMAN LEROID BLISS,
Deceased.
NO. 20-4-0002624
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
The above Court has appointed Jeannie Weyl as Personal Representative of Decedent's estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must present the claim: (a) Before the time when the claim would be barred by any applicable statute of limitations, and (b) In the manner provided in RCW 11.40.070: (i) By filing the original of the claim with the foregoing Court, and (ii) By serving on or mailing to me at the address below a copy of the claim. The claim must be presented by the later of: (a) Thirty (30) days after I served or mailed this Notice as provided in RCW 11.40.020(1)(c), or (b) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this Notice. If the claim is not presented within this time period, the claim will be forever barred except as provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective for claims against both the Decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
Date of First Publication of this Notice: September 17, 2020
/s/Dale L. Crandall WSBA #32168
Attorney for Jeannie Weyl, Personal Representative
North Cascades Law Group
P.O. Box 173
Loomis, WA 98827
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September 17, 24, October 1, 2020
OVG908412

Sudoku

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

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

ANSWERS

S	9	L	I	E	T	8	6	F
Z	E	8	6	9	F	I	L	S
6	F	I	8	S	L	Z	9	E
L	8	6	S	F	E	9	I	Z
I	S	E	Z	8	9	6	F	L
9	Z	F	L	6	I	E	S	8
F	L	9	E	I	8	S	Z	6
8	I	S	F	Z	6	L	E	9
E	6	Z	9	L	S	F	8	I

Medium, difficulty rating 0.49

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CROSSWORD

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- Bangladeshi currency
- Wet nurse
- Plant again
- Swellings
- Elvers
- 're
- Human social group
- *Yellow and unwanted
- Saints "headdress"
- Movie spool
- *Vegas numbers
- Laura Ingalls' hat
- Make an effort
- Organ of balance
- Sleep disrupters
- *Encroachment and false start, e.g.
- Type of mandarin
- Have a hankering
- *2020 Super Bowl winning coach
- VSCO girls favorite shoe brand
- Geologic period
- Variety show
- *Patriot no more
- Pinta or Santa Maria, e.g.
- Perfect houseplant spot
- * Bowl, college game 1982-2000
- Indicate
- What Dundee and Dunedin have in common
- *Last year's Heisman winner
- Conical dwelling
- Draw a conclusion
- Do like exhaust pipe
- Evil Roman emperor
- What oxen do to plows
- Acne symptoms
- *One of ten needed for first down
- Church echo
- Provoke or annoy
- European sea eagles
- Poetic "even"

- It may be fixed or blank
- Sometimes appears between dogs
- Wild West card game
- Deprived of a limb
- Go wrong
- and tattooed
- Tsar's edict
- Waikiki garland
- Propelled like Argo
- *Last year's Super Bowl MVP
- *Recipient of this year's first pick
- Madame Tussauds' medium
- Jack's legume
- Communications regulator, acr.
- Dry as dust
- Echo
- Yours and mine
- Cold War enemies, slang
- Common candle shape
- Home of the Utes
- Shinbone
- Scotia preceder
- Furiously angry
- Like watching paint dry
- Gulf War missile
- Oozed
- Clump
- Yo
- Common allergens
- Not color but
- The goal
- *Primary football unit
- Boy Scout's badge
- Pod dweller
- Word of mouth
- All worked up
- Poetic "ever"
- Home to largest mammal
- Threads
- *Defensive
- Locomotives
- Millionaire's turf, according to 2009 Oscar-winner

ANSWERS

S	O	N	E	M	D	N	E	S	O	L
N	V	E	O	R	E	E	E	I	V	Y
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OBITUARIES

SHIRLEY MARIE KOEPKE



Shirley Marie Koepke

Shirley Marie Koepke, 88, of Oroville passed away on August 22nd, 2020. She was born October 10th, 1931 to Leroy C. Doyle and Marjory Ruth Costner of Oroville, Washington.

Shirley worked in many apple warehouses around the Oroville area. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Dr. Hugh Charles Maycumber, DVM, was born in Chicago, Illinois on Dec 12th, 1923. He went to join his beloved wife Mae (Lindsey) on September 19th, 2020.

Dad is survived by two adoring sons, Chuck and Pam (Best) of Hayden, Idaho and Peter and Jackie (Hawkins) of Olympia, Washington. Brother David, his only living sibling resides in Spokane, Washington. Uncle Hugh was loved by his many nieces and nephews. Grandpa (Grandpa Doc as Mandi and Carli called him) never missed a chance to tease or a chess or checker match. He truly loved his great granddaughter Sophie (pictures, video, FaceTime) but distance and the Pandemic kept them from meeting in person.

A short time after his birth, Hugh traveled by train from Chicago with his

mother to join his father at the family ranch in Republic, Washington. He was raised there, graduated from Republic High School and played on the football team.

A member of the Greatest Generation, Hugh served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Solace during WWII and served state-side during the Korean War. He was a member of the American Legion for 70 continuous years and served in the Honor Guard at many veteran's funerals throughout Okanogan and Ferry counties. Hugh also worked tirelessly on the U.S. Armed Forces Legacy Project in Tonasket. He processed over 1200 applications that resulted in plaque installations that honor our Veterans.



Dr. Hugh Charles Maycumber, DVM



Dr. Maycumber graduated from the WSU School of Veterinary Medicine and moved to Tonasket, Washington with his wife Mae. Together, they served both large and small animal clients for over 40 years. Dr. Maycumber was appointed to the Veterinary Medicine Board of Governors by Governor Booth Gardner shortly after his retirement and served in that capacity for several years. Upon retirement, Hugh and Mae returned to Republic where they had met when he was serving as the Ferry County Auditor. They enjoyed building their home and being close to their families. At the ripe age of 80, Hugh learned how to send

emails, search the internet and started packing a cell phone. He was always learning and enjoyed challenges when presented.

Hugh's life was one of service to his country and community (school board/city council) and a strong Catholic faith that guided and supported him every day. We will all miss Hugh but we should certainly be glad for his full life and the example he set.

Due to the COVID Pandemic restrictions, a small Catholic service will be held for the immediate family.

Donations can be made on his behalf to the Catholic Church or the U.S. Armed Forces Legacy Project in Tonasket, Washington.

Bergh Funeral Service & Crematory is in care of arrangements.

DIXIE CORRIER BIRGE

Dixie Kay Corrier was born on her Pappy's ranch on the Chewach now known as

Chewuch River near Mazama, Washington on July 21, 1937. Her parents were Dorothy

Rosalie Wilson Corrier and Rollie Gwen (Bud) Corrier.

Her only sibling, Donald Earl, was born three and a half years later and preceded her in death on January 18, 2000. Both their maternal and paternal grandparents had homesteaded in the Methow Valley. They lived on the Methow River in 1948 when a historic flood sent a wall of mud and silt through their home, destroying it and all furnishings. They relocated to Oroville, Washington, where Bud was the head sawyer for Zosel Lumber Mill for 35 years until retirement.

High school years were fun filled for Dixie with lots of friends and school activities. She was a cheerleader, majorette baton twirler, Carnival Queen, and played Ma Belsnickle, in the comedy farce, A Hillbilly Weddin' where she portrayed a mother of six unmarried daughters. Funny, as she later became a mother of four daughters in real life. Her boyfriend at the



Dixie Corrier Birge

time, kept telling her about this "really great guy" who had moved to town from Arkansas. She decided she'd better meet him, Dwight Birge. She thought he was great, too. They went to the Senior Prom together and were married in Oroville on June 25, 1955. Their first daughter, Debra Lyn, was born in 1956, followed by Dana Kim in 1957, Darby Lee in 1960 and Deidre Erin in 1974.

In the summer of 1958, Dwight and Dixie became more interested in spiritual things which led to studying the Bible with Jehovah's Witnesses. They were baptized as members on December 6, 1958. Dixie's entire life was shaped by that decision. She was a devoted Bible student and volunteered as a Bible teacher until her death.

She was a talented pianist and singer with a beautiful alto voice range. She loved the outdoors, both in its natural state and when she beautifully landscaped it herself. She loved all animals

and her many pets, but especially horses and her prized two, Dakota and Kiocho.

In 2006, she and Dwight left their beloved homestead on Chesaw Road and retired to Oahu, Hawaii. She quickly settled in, relishing the weather, vegetation, birds and culture.

With assistance from Hospice, she was lovingly cared for at home by Dwight and her Hawaii daughter, Dana, as she succumbed to heart failure. She peacefully died on August 4, 2020.

Surviving Dixie are Dwight, her husband of 65 years; her daughters, Debra, Dana, Darby and Deidre and sons-in-law, Bill (Debra) and Rick (Dana).

She is Granny to 11 grandchildren, Anna, Chelsea, Anjell, Joel, Tyson, Landon, Erionne, Kirsten, Madison, Reagan and Mason and 10 great-grandchildren.

We will deeply miss her laughter and big hugs until we see her again.

A private Memorial was held.

Condolences may be sent to Debra Hess, P.O. Box 1001, Wenatchee, WA 98807.

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