

COMMUNITY

Tribute to the late Terry Bland, a grandfather of another sort

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CLE ELUM – Surrounded by family in his home, Terry Bland, five-time chief of the department and grandfather of the Cle Elum Fire Department's annual Easter Egg Hunt, passed away on Monday, Jan. 17.

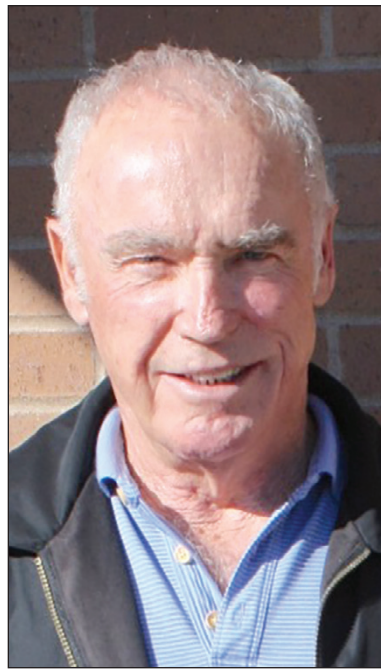
Bland created the hunt when he was fire chief a half century ago. As he said in a story written back in the day, "There hadn't been an egg hunt in town for years. So, in

1972 we started one. We dyed the Easter eggs in our home." From that point dyeing eggs and lemon pepper became firmly rooted in the department's tradition.

For instance, on a Friday evening in 2018, the night before the hunt at the Fireman's Park gazebo behind the city's ballfields at Memorial Park, kids gathered at the fire station to dye some 1,440 eggs. As usual, plenty of lemon pepper was on hand for hungry firefighters to sprinkle on boiled eggs that didn't make the cut.

Another 500 plastic eggs containing tickets for prizes were added to the lot and on Saturday morning some 200 kids arrived at tables stacked high with prizes and eggs lying about everywhere you looked. For adults, it was a joy to watch kids of all ages equipped with all manner of Easter baskets – store bought or Safeway make-do – dash from their starting lines and literally vacuum the grass in minutes. One year I believe the time was four or five minutes – or less.

That Bland founded the egg hunt is the historical footnote that will be re-read for a long, long time after he is gone – but what will resonate with generations to come is the pure joy this event brings to the Upper County, a joy that doesn't take any more effort than the boiling of a few eggs.



THE LATE LESLIE T. "TERRY" BLAND, July 28, 1939 - January 17, 2022.

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TERRY, THIS EGG'S FOR YOU. Thanks for a half century of memories your hunt created – and the half century of memories to come.

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You may have unclaimed money

WASHINGTON – Nearly 33 million people in the United States have money out there just waiting to be claimed – and there's a good chance you could be one of them.

It takes less than 30 seconds to check if you have money from uncashed checks, forgotten utility deposits, or old bank accounts being held by the Department of Revenue's Unclaimed Property (UCP) program.

Each year, banks and other holders turn over money, tangible property, and securities to the state's UCP program after having lost contact with the owners for an extended period of time. Revenue holds the "abandoned" property in perpetuity until it is claimed by the rightful owner.

The Department of Revenue administers Washington's Unclaimed Property program as a free public service and has paid \$221.5 million to more than 471,240 individuals, businesses, and organizations over the past three years.

Revenue's Unclaimed Property program launched a new website last year to make finding and claiming property even easier. It includes a FastTrack process for instant approval of some unclaimed property claims, an expanded search function, help videos in English and Spanish, the ability to check the status of a claim, and more.

To check whether you have unclaimed property, visit claimyourcash.org and search your name, a maiden name, or the name of a business or nonprofit. Every search is free and easy. To search for unclaimed property in other states, visit Unclaimed.org/search

OBITUARIES

Barbara Ann (Eberle) Cook

April 29, 1947 - January 24, 2022

Barbara Ann (Eberle) Cook, 74, died January 24, 2022, at Madigan Army Medical Center, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. She was born on April 29, 1947, in Little Falls, Minnesota. As a young child, Barbara lived in Auburn, Easton, Martin, Stampede, and Ellensburg (Washington) where her father, Claude, worked as a telegrapher for the NP Railroad. The family then settled in South Cle Elum, Washington in 1954. Barbara was a cheerleader at South Cle Elum Elementary School and was a member of the local Camp Fire Girls group. She attended the Ursuline Aspirancy in Belleville, Illinois before graduating from Cle Elum High School in 1965.

After high school, Barbara attended Yakima Valley Community College before enlisting in the United States Marines Corps in May 1966. After boot camp in Parris Island, South Carolina she was transferred to San Diego, California to work in communications where she met a fellow Marine, Roy Cook, in 1968. They were married on June 21, 1969, at St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Cle Elum, Washington.

Barbara was honorably discharged from the Marines in May 1969. In 1974, she re-joined the Marines as a reservist. She returned to Cle Elum in 1983 where she and Roy raised their six daughters. Barbara took an active role in supporting



her daughters' school and club activities; she also took an interest in her daughters' friends' activities, many of whom still consider her their "other mother". In addition, she worked as a prep cook at The Cottage Cafe in Cle Elum and The Blue Grouse and Hearthstone Cottage Retirement Home in Ellensburg for several years. Barbara had Polycystic Kidney Disease; she started dialysis in 2004 and received a kidney transplant in 2006. Despite this, she and Roy enjoyed traveling and made numerous road trips throughout the Western United States. During these trips, Barbara was able to indulge in her hobbies of birdwatching and rockhounding, as well as visiting cemeteries for researching family genealogy. In between trips, she worked to keep the family's culinary heritage alive by compiling, publishing, and distributing family cook books to

her daughters and siblings. Barbara's family and friends will miss her "cough syrup" and Roy will miss her pies, but not as much as they will all miss her. Barbara is survived by her husband, Roy; daughters Veronica (Mark) Soderstrom, Claudia (Ivan) Osmonovich, Frances Ryan, Celeste (Jeff Caldwell) Mills, Jessica (Michael) Blake, and Royann (Javier) Mercado Perez; siblings Stephanie Eberle, Frederick (Becky) Eberle, Christopher Eberle, Elizabeth Eberle, and Michael Eberle; and eleven precious grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Virginia (Tretter) Eberle; brother, Joseph Eberle; brother-in-law, Henry Cook; granddaughter, Jasmine; and son-in-law, Paul Ryan. Funeral services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the PKD Foundation (www.PKDcure.org) or to your local food bank.

The public is welcome to attend the next

FREE ADMISSION
(Dinner available for purchase from the Eagles)

ROSLYN, RONALD, CLE ELUM HERITAGE CLUB

MEETING
Wednesday
Feb. 9

at Cle Elum Eagles Club
220 N. Penn. Ave.
Pasta Bar
Dinner: 6PM
\$11/person

SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTATION!
ROSLYN DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION
will be presenting an overview of their work and plans for 2022

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ROSLYN DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION
Presentation at 6:30pm

Academy Mortgage's SUPER PRODUCER of 2021!

The team at Academy Mortgage would like to recognize and congratulate Megan Flowers on a tremendous year of production!

When COVID hit in March of 2020, Megan and her husband Chris had concerns. Since both were self-employed, they were unsure how the pandemic would affect their careers and livelihoods. In April, things felt pretty bleak. They committed to their goals, kept moving forward and Megan ended up with a career high in her mortgage production by the end of 2020.

She anticipated a winter slowdown in first quarter 2021, but never saw it! Her loan volume continued to grow and has exceeded her 2020 production by 58% over her record high in 2020—and that's only the business side of her life.

In addition to growing her business this year, Megan, Chris, and their son Kasen also expanded their family with the addition of Eleanor in September.

Megan and Chris made the decision to return to the Roslyn area a few years ago after living in Western Washington for many years. Megan's husband Chris grew up here and felt strongly they wanted to grow their family in the small mountain town as it had so much to offer.

They also chose to start their careers in the local community and committed to invest their time, energy, and family in Upper Kittitas County.

We couldn't be more proud and thrilled for their continued GROWTH and SUCCESS.

Thank you, Megan, for choosing to grow your career with ACADEMY MORTGAGE!

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REMEMBER BALLOTS DUE BY 8PM TUESDAY, FEB. 8

Kittitas County Special Election

Local School Levy Information Sources

THORP SCHOOL DISTRICT

2022 Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy Election

www.cersd.org
scroll down, click yellow button "Capital Levy Information"

Easton School District Educational Operations Levy

2022 Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy Election

www.easton.wednet.edu
scroll down to click on "Easton Levy Facts" block

Where to turn in ballots:

- Secure Ballot Drop Boxes: Roslyn City Hall/Library, South Cle Elum Town Hall, Cle Elum – Upper District Court, Easton Fire Station, Ronald Fire Station #1
- Thorp Fire Station #1, Central Washington University SURC, Kittitas County Courthouse, Kittitas City Hall
- U.S. Mail: Postmark by 8pm Feb. 8th
- Accessible voting: TouchWriter available in the Auditor's office Vote Center: Mon-Fri 9am-4:30pm, and on Election Day: Kittitas County Courthouse - 9am-8pm

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