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Honored Citizen 2021: Mayor Knauss receives prestigious award last week



Chewelah Mayor Dorothy Knauss was surprised to receive the Chamber's Honored Citizen award at last week's candidate meet and greet.
K.S. Brooks photo

GEND LUDWIG
Chewelah Independent

Debbie Akers delivered the most startling speech at last Tuesday night's Candidate Meet and Greet when she invited unsuspecting retiring Mayor Dorothy Knauss to say a few words to the packed civic center

and then presented her with the Chewelah Chamber of Commerce "2021 Honored Citizen Award." No one was more surprised than the mayor. As president of the chamber, Akers welcomed the political candidates and

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Extreme conditions prompt land closures in region: DNR-managed lands east of Cascades closing

While visiting the Red Apple Fire on Tuesday, July 20, Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz announced that, due to extreme fire danger and ongoing drought, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources is temporarily closing all recreational and public access to DNR-managed lands in eastern Washington beginning 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 23.

This temporary closure will apply to DNR-managed state lands, conservation areas, community forests and any associated roads, trails, campgrounds, recreational sites or recreational facilities.

The Red Apple Fire alone has burned over 12,000 acres. Across our state, over 900 fires have burned more than

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Hancock forest managers close lands

Hancock Forest Management announced on July 9 that due to increasingly dry conditions leading to greater danger of wildfire, and in the interest of protecting forest resources and public safety, its lands will be closed in NE Washington to public access beginning July 12, 2021.

The company noted that while this type of restriction is not needed in most years, this year is extraordinary in terms of wildfire risk for Washington and all neighboring western states. Hancock Forest Management is working closely with state officials at the Washington Department of Natural Resources. For inquiries about the closure, contact our office in Colville, WA (509)-685-2561.

"Our highest priority is the safety of people and property," said Scott Ketchum, General Manager of Hancock Forest Management's Northern Inland Division. "This precautionary closure is in the best interests of the community and the environment, and we appreciate everyone's cooperation with this request during these highly unusual times," he said. Hancock said they will continue to evaluate the situation including weather, fuel conditions and firefighting resources and will rescind this closure as soon as it is appropriate to do so.

FARMING

Drought impacting the last drop on area farms

Historic drought pushes farmers in multiple ways as crops dry up, feed becomes hard to find and water rights get curtailed due to low water sources



Dry conditions in the spring and summer have area farmers choosing which crops to water.

Brandon Hansen photo

BRANDON HANSEN
Contributor

"Pray for rain" That's what farmers are feeling right now as drought grips 70 percent of Washington. Last week, the Washington State Department of Ecology declared a drought emergency for most of the Evergreen State after a dry spring was followed by the beginning of summer's record-setting heat.

A drought emergency means the water supply is projected to be below 75 percent of average levels.

The Chewelah area is no exception. The Colville River, which snakes up the valley and is a source of water for several farmers, is currently running at 32.3 cubic feet per second which is markedly below the average of 139 cubic feet per second. The height of the river currently sits at 4.9 feet, and some longtime area residents say it appears to be the lowest level they have seen.

For farms like Hagen Cattle and Hay, this summer has been more troubling than just worrying about the necessity of turning the A/C up. "The water supply is dwindling," farmer Lorren Hagen said. "The Department of Ecology notified me last week that they would be shutting the water off on two of our water rights in about ten days. This means there won't be a third cutting of alfalfa which is another big economic hit."

For dryland farms like the Clover Mountain Dairy in Blue Creek, Washington, the soil is fully depleted at this point. "According to WSU's AgWeatherNet station on our farm, soil moisture is currently at four percent," Stacy and Virginia Thomas of Clover Mountain Dairy said. "Looking back at the data from previous years, we typically didn't reach that number until late August or September, if ever."

In southeast Washington, it's considered an exceptional drought area - the worst category - and dating back to



Front Porch Farms considers themselves to be blessed with water rights and the ability to irrigate, while dryland farmers have seen soil conditions that match up with late August. *Brandon Hansen photo*

2000, the drought monitor for the state has never classified anything in exceptional drought until this year.

An issue too, is not only have this year's yields been lacking, but next year's could suffer too. Farmers usually plant between late August and late September, but they will need rain to moisten the ground to allow the 2022 crop to establish itself.

While the statewide drought declaration excludes Seattle, Tacoma and Everett, that is because their water is well supplied from snow-fed reservoirs. The Department of Ecology has already restricted 392 agricultural water-rights holders in eastern Washington and 93 in western Washington in the Chehalis basin. The drought declaration allowed for applications to drill emergency wells and transfer water rights.

Front Porch Farm, a mainstay of the Chewelah Farmers Market and a very prominent farm along Highway 395 near Arden, said they had to prioritize what crops they could keep watered since there has been so little rainfall.

"We are fortunate in that we have water rights for our farm, but this year nothing is certain as far as the water supply," Front Porch Farm's Merritt Acheson said. "We

are trying to focus on getting water to the crops that need it and prioritizing getting those covered in an efficient way. We have utilized our big reels more in the hay fields this year as they can cover more acres much more effectively than the older wheel lines and hand lines do."

When the record-setting temperatures hit at the end of June and beginning of July, there was little farmers could do to escape the heat. Acheson said it's always a challenge for farmers to balance their health and do chores, so a lot of the strenuous work or "work that needs to be done is usually pushed to the cooler parts of the day in the early morning or evening. This results in short nights.

"Not only was this hot spell record-setting, but it came during some of the longest days of the year, which meant we had several 18-hour work days during that week," Acheson said. "We also have had to cancel or move some of our market hours to accommodate the heat. We have been spending more time down on our stretch of the Colville River, and we are so thankful that we do get a bit of a reprieve most nights from the heat. That's one reason we love this area."

Acheson said their farm's production of hay is

significantly down, not only because of the heat but because of late freezes in May that hit fields hard. "I would say we are running between 20 percent and 75 percent depending on the field, irrigation, soil, etc.," Acheson said. "We are doing our best to keep things alive and produce all the hay we can as there will be many animals depending on it this winter."

Front Porch Farm also has an extensive farm garden where some crops enjoy the heat and some don't. Luckily they have a drip tape and raised bed system that handles hot weather well and limits evaporation during extreme heat.

Farmers also have to worry about the health of their animals as well as their own. Clover Mountain Dairy's small herd could use the barn for shade, and Stacy and Virginia Thomas supplemented that with fans and water misters. "We fed hay so they wouldn't have to go out and graze in the heat of the day, and always ensured they had access to lots of clean, cool water," they said. "On the worst days, we were watering down the cows every hour which greatly increased our workload and stress level."

Feeding more hay and

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Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 13	99	53	0
July 14	100	51	0
July 15	99	46	0
July 16	93	51	0
July 17	88	51	0
July 18	88	46	0
July 19	94	48	0

*Precipitation is not recorded weekends/holidays. Data gathered from City of Chewelah Weather Station



THURSDAY, JULY 22
Sunny
High 88
Low 45



FRIDAY, JULY 23
Sunny
High 92
Low 48



SATURDAY, JULY 24
Sunny
High 93
Low 50



SUNDAY, JULY 25
Sunny
High 94
Low 56

TRACKING THE SUN
SUNRISE - 5:10 a.m.
SUNSET - 8:42 p.m.



Howard and John Forney. Forney's Auto Service, Springdale, Stevens County, 1925.

Volunteers needed to prioritize investments in Washington's outdoors

HELP WANTED: *State RCO office has 45 advisory spots to fill*

STAFF REPORTS

Chewelah Independent

The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office is recruiting 45 volunteers to fill positions on advisory committees that

help determine how the state invests in the outdoors.

The 18 committees evaluate grant proposals for parks, trails, boating amenities, firearm and archery ranges and other outdoor recreation facilities. They also evaluate proposals to conserve wildlife habitat and working farms and forests.

"These grants really shape the recreational and

conservation landscape in Washington," said Megan Duffy, director of the recreation office. "We want volunteers with a variety of outdoor interests, so we ensure we are representing all of Washington. We count on these volunteers to prioritize the many worthy projects requesting grant funding."

The roughly 200 volunteer advisory committee members help the agency

evaluate about 500 grant applications every two years.

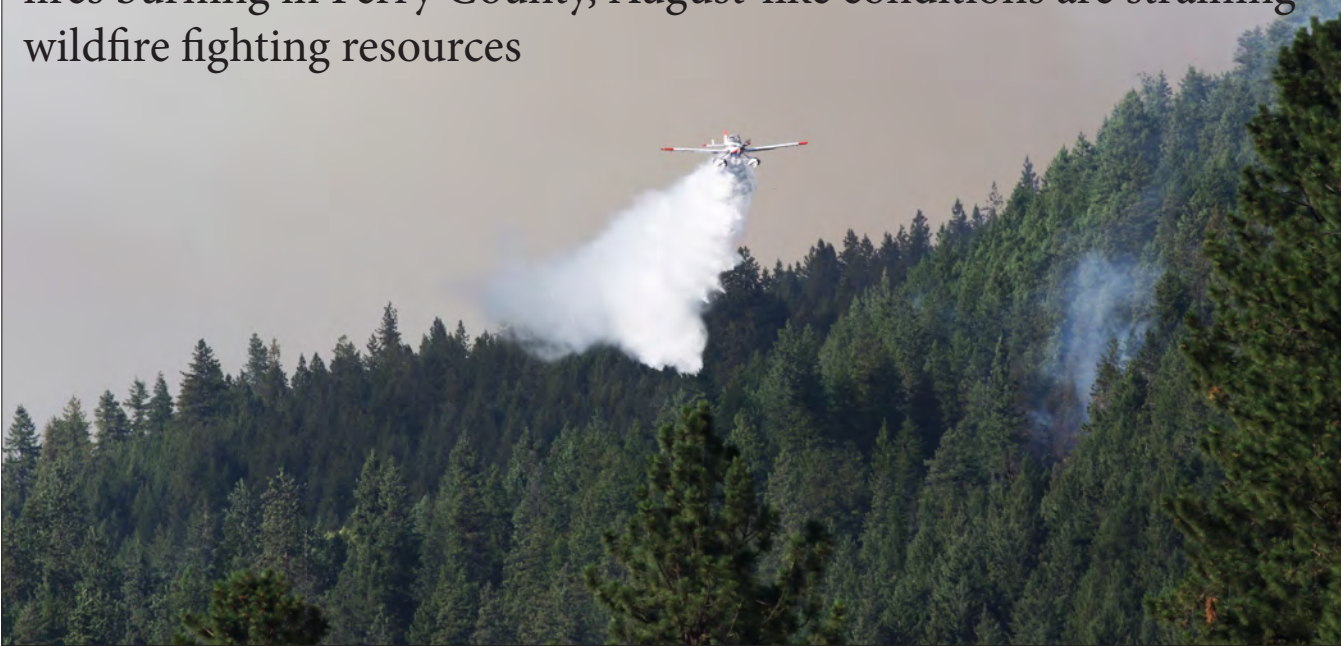
The office is looking for volunteers with interest in recreating on or protecting public land, experience buying and developing land or experience conserving forests and farms. Advisory committee members must be available to spend up to a week every two years

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BURN NOTICE

Fire activity continues to grow

With the Goddard Fire burning in Stevens County and several large fires burning in Ferry County, August-like conditions are straining wildfire fighting resources



A Fire Boss airplane drops water on the Goddard Road Fire near Rice over the weekend. *KS Brooks photo*

BRANDON HANSEN

Contributor

With lightning forecasted for Tuesday and Wednesday, conditions for wildfires continue to worsen for Washington. Last Sunday there were 17 large fires burning 117,958 acres. To put this in perspective, in 2020, there were six large fires burning 19,239 acres.

Drought conditions and high heat have put a strain on firefighting capabilities, and crews are as busy as ever compared to other historic metrics. With fire season beginning much earlier, many crews weren't ready for the flare up.

"The conditions firefighters are facing on the line are what we would expect to see later in the season," the Chuweah Creek Fire Public

Information Officer Liv Stecker said. "Extremely low relative humidity makes fuels (trees, grass and shrubs) readily available to burn."

The largest fire in the region is the Chuweah Creek Fire on the Colville Indian Reservation. Just 35 percent contained, it has burned 35,591 acres. There are more than 300 firefighters working on that blaze, which is located near Nespelem and has burned several structures. Stecker said crews are making good progress on problem areas of the fire in difficult terrain.

Also in Ferry County, the Summit Trail Fire has burned 2,031 acres 17 miles west of Inchelium. Reported last week, crews have been working long hours with limited resources. It continues to burn to the Northeast at a moderate rate of speed and picked up

intensity on Sunday.

More locally, the Goddard Road Fire has burned 674 acres and one structure 11 miles southeast of Kettle Falls. It currently stands at 25 percent contained, and 231 firefighters are working on the blaze. On Saturday, crews worked along the fire line and monitored heavier fuel. Small spot fires were still present in the north section, but were quickly attacked by crews and put out.

The Cub Creek 2 Fire five miles north of Winthrop in Okanogan County has burned 4,690 acres and has caused the evacuation of many residents, including pack animals and mules which are used to traverse the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The north flank of the fire is still uncontrolled but air resources are on the scene and dropping retardant and water

onto the blaze. Winthrop is flanked northwest by another fire, the Cedar Creek Fire, which is burning 4,080 acres and is very close to Highway 20. There are 256 firefighters currently staffing the fire. The fire has moved into areas with sparse fuel and has slowed down.

Near Yakima, the Burbank Fire is now 98 percent contained and has burned 13,000 acres. The Red Apple Fire near Wenatchee is 78 percent contained and has burned nearly 12,000 acres.

There is some good news as the Silcott Fire near Lewiston has been 100 percent contained and stopped at 8,633 acres burned. Still, the Lick Creek Fire (71,512 acres) is just 40 percent contained, and the Green Ridge Fire (1,569 acres) is 15 percent contained in the Umatilla National Forest. Because of

SPOTLIGHT ON EVENTS

IN SOUTHERN STEVENS COUNTY

WHAT IS UPCOMING

THURSDAY, JULY 22

- Chewelah Food Bank open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Kettle Falls Community Chest open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Al-Anon meeting at Colville Community Church, 6 p.m., at 887 S. Walnut

FRIDAY, JULY 23

- Down River Days in Lone, 8 p.m.
- Chewelah Farmers Market at Chewelah City Park, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Clayton Rodeo at the Clayton Fairgrounds

Clayton Rodeo July 23 and 24 at 7:30 p.m. both nights 13 and up \$10, 6-12 \$5 and under 6 free with an adult. Great family fun. Put it on your calendar. We're excited to be back after last year. We have amazing contestants and spectators and volunteers. Don't miss this.

Sway Wild! Playing at Republic Brewing Company

Internationally acclaimed indie folk-rock duo Mandy Fer and Dave McGraw are back at it with a new sound, and a new name: Sway Wild! They'll play at Republic Brewing Company at 7 p.m. Their exceptional vocal harmonies, coupled with Fer's pioneering electric guitar work, have

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these fires, that national forest is currently closed.

Local authorities continue to have issues with people using drones near fires, which cause air resources to be grounded. They are also trying to remind boaters to clear the middle of the lake when fire aircraft are getting water.

Six wildfires have popped up in Stevens County in just the last week with most contained, but the Goddard Road Fire is still the most dangerous and threatening fire this side of the Columbia River.

The Department of

Ecology, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Natural Resources said they are seeing signs of stressed fish, stymied farmers and ranchers and are trying to deal with wildfires burning through crispy vegetation.

There is no relief around the corner as forecasts are predicting above normal temperatures and below-average precipitation for the entire state through September.

So, pray for rain.

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A trail of mist follows a helicopter's bucket as it fights the Goddard Fire near Rice over the weekend in Stevens County. *K.S. Brooks photo*

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OUR FALLEN HEROES

Green Beret soldier's life honored with Lake Gillette monument

REMEMBERED:

Monument, dock dedicated in honor of SFC Wyatt Goldsmith

K.S. BROOKS
Chewelah Independent

Sometimes in life, people can see something that stays with them and changes them forever. This happened to Eric Weatherman about ten years ago, when he was heading home to Colville on Highway 395 and ended up on the same path as the procession for fallen Green Beret Wyatt Goldsmith. Residents lined the sides of the highway to welcome Sergeant First Class Goldsmith home.

"I saw 'Maw and Paw Cattle Farmer' on the side of the road – he's saluting because he's a WWII vet, and she's got a quilt that she made that looks like a flag – they were from the generation where everybody made sacrifices in times of war," Weatherman recounted in detail, as if his experience happened yesterday.

It took nearly ten years, but Weatherman finally got up the nerve to contact SFC Goldsmith's parents. "Death, mourning: those are my kryptonite, and what do I say?" Weatherman explained. "It didn't take very long to find them because they were so well received in this community. I might have been the only person who didn't know them. They both had law enforcement backgrounds, and everybody kind of knew them."

Weatherman wanted to reach out because he had an idea – he wanted to place a memorial for their son Wyatt. "I talked to Lori [Wyatt's mother] first actually – I'd taken my drone and flew it over the area and I sent her pictures on email that day – here's what it would look like – do you think this is something you could bless for honoring Wyatt?" he recalled asking her.

"My initial reaction – I knew who Eric was, but I did not know Eric," John Goldsmith said. "I was kind of mystified – he wanted to come all the way down to



Mr. & Mrs. John Goldsmith stand with the monument built in their son's honor on the shore of Gillette Lake. K.S. Brooks photo

Post Falls where we are now. We were caught by surprise – a little stunned, really. We were very pleased and not sure exactly how it was going to go. We told him that we were good with it and to go ahead and we would do whatever we could to help."

The efforts culminated in a dedication ceremony on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 1 p.m., on the tenth anniversary of Wyatt's death. "We were very surprised, a lot of old friends showed up. We had an alpaca ranch up there [in Colville]," Goldsmith explained, going on to say that due to some health issues, they sold the ranch and moved to Post Falls. "It was fun to see people we had gone to church with and old friends. There were lots of ski patrol folks from 49 Degrees – when he was home, that was his second home. He'd drop his bags at the house and head for the hill."

The ceremony was held on the public beach at Gillette Lake, at the camping area. A large number of people were in attendance, including Green Berets from SFC Goldsmith's unit.

Weatherman donated a floating dock, and designed the memorial for Wyatt. Pat Callan of Dodson's Paint made and donated the shadow box, and Bart Nelson of Bart's Welding built, painted and threaded in the anchor points on the cross.



The dock inside the swimming area at Gillette Lake was donated by Eric Weatherman in memory of Goldsmith. K.S. Brooks photo

Weatherman and his sons Cameron and Josh installed the memorial, with assistance from Cody Heater and Alex Pond. It turns out that Cameron Weatherman is himself a Green Beret.

"I've gained so much strength from them [the Goldsmiths] – they believe in Wyatt and what he was doing," Eric Weatherman said. "It's not about us – it's about supporting him. They should be teaching classes for parents with deployed service members."

The U.S. Forest Service was a partner in making this happen, and they were in attendance, and spoke, at the dedication. Weatherman lives across from the beach, and took the time to groom it so that kids could enjoy it like he did when he was a kid. "I want to be able to look across and see kids having a good time and safely." That also means that he can keep an eye on it. "I watch it like an old hen," he admitted. Referring to people taking care of the dock and area, Weatherman said, "I believe in the public, and I believe in the whole thing, and so far I'm right."

"What we hope is that the giving that was demonstrated through Eric and Wyatt's history continues because that's how we really become the society we want to be," John Goldsmith said.

Weatherman said of Wyatt, "This is a tribute to his legacy and his leadership, and he continues to serve. Just as he watched over his men and his detachment and his country – he will watch over this."



An undated photo shows SFC Wyatt Goldsmith with a mug from his beloved home ski area, 49 Degrees North. Courtesy photo

NEWS BRIEFS

32 cases of COVID-19 in the past two weeks

While the United States is seeing a spike in cases again due to the Delta variant hitting unvaccinated populations, Northeast Washington is seeing virus activity that is flat and steadily dropping. In the past two weeks, Stevens County has seen 25 new COVID-19 cases, while Pend Oreille County has seen six and Ferry County has seen one. Chewelah has had four cases in the same time period, and Colville has seen seven cases. The Spokane hospital system has remained flat in terms of numbers with 52 hospitalized because of the virus and 18 in the ICU which is on point with the previous month's numbers.

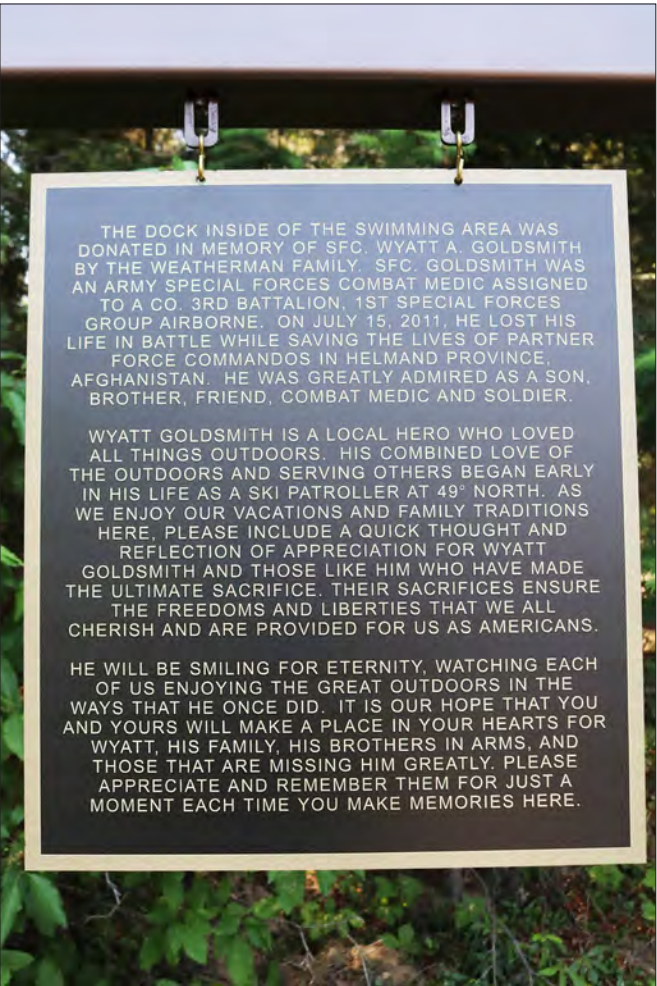
Avista warns about scammers

Avista has sent out another warning about scammers prowling the region. "We don't want you to fall victim to fraud and are contacting you now to make you aware of this recent activity," Avista said in a media release. "Scammers target all utility customers – residential and commercial. They've figured out ways to duplicate or 'spoof' our logo and contact information, perfected their impersonation skills and are becoming increasingly convincing. The good news is that there are tell-tale signs of a scam attempt."

You can usually spot a scammer because they threaten immediate service disconnection, request payment via prepaid cash cards and show up on doorsteps demanding attention to a past-due bill or want entry into your home. Avista said this is not how they operate, and do not fall for these scams.

If something sounds odd, it probably is. Give Avista a call at (800) 227-9187 or visit them online at myavista.com to verify the status of your account, get answers to any questions you may have or learn about payment and assistance options.

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The plaque on the monument can be seen at the public beach on the shore of Gillette Lake. K.S. Brooks photo



Eric Weatherman speaks to the crowd gathered at the dedication ceremony. K.S. Brooks photo



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Theater announces fall play schedule



With the relaxing of social restrictions, the Chewelah Center for the Arts (PACA) is in the process of scheduling a full agenda of events for the remainder of this year. Some are already written in indelible ink on the calendar, although times and dates may change. Others are still in the planning stage. More will be added as the season progresses.

StageTime Theatre, along with director Janet McLaughlin, will start classes and rehearsals in September for its production of Newsies that will open in December. Newsies was in its final week of preparation over a year ago when the COVID-19 pandemic struck. It will return to rehearsals with most of the same actors back in costume and the addition of new cast members. StageTime’s last production was Elf in 2019.

Also in September, there will be a Magic, Music and Comedy Night featuring Eric Stevens, Debbie McConnell, Kathrine Patton and Joe Wulczynski.

At the same time in September, the Park Avenue Players will hold auditions for The One-Act Play Festival that will go onstage in November. The Players most recently presented Molly Sweeney and The Odd Couple.

In October, Nothing To Lose Productions will present Little Shop of Horrors with rehearsals beginning in August. Nothing to Lose (NTL) is the local theatrical trio (Chris Carpenter, Jessica Sety and Janet McLaughlin) that brought the 60s musical Beehive and The Singer Series to the Center’s stage. In addition, NTL’s Sety will be teaching a workshop for directors in October.

The Park Avenue Players will have auditions in October for Dixie Swim Club in preparation for its January opening night.

Former StageTime Theatre actors will come together again to present the annual The Alumni Showcase during winter break in December.

Other events and dates are penciled on the calendar but have not yet been solidified. New events will be posted on the Chewelah Center for the Arts website as they are scheduled.



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OBITUARIES

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Maida Marie Van Dissel



Maida Marie Van Dissel
November 28, 1928 -
July 4, 2021

Maida Marie Van Dissel passed away peacefully in her granddaughter’s home on July 4, 2021. Maida was born on November 28, 1928 to C.D. and Hazel (Munsel) Bell in Ione, WA.

She spent her early years on the Palouse of Washington state, then moved with her family to Spokane in 1937 where she attended grade

school and then graduated from North Central High School. After graduation, Maida enrolled in classes at Washington State College in Pullman, WA. In 1947 in Spokane, she married Norman Hawkins, a sailor at the Farragut Naval Training Station at Pend Oreille Lake. They later moved to Michigan and had three children before divorcing.

After returning to the Spokane area, Maida met and fell in love with E.D. “Bud” Van Dissel. They later exchanged vows on June 23, 1962. While raising their blended family, the couple owned and operated the Silver Beach Resort at Waitts Lake, as well as developed the surrounding land. After retirement, they spent time at their home on the Chewelah Golf Course and snow birding in Boulder City, Nevada.

Maida loved her community and serving others. Humility along with a quiet and sarcastic sense of

humor were her cornerstones. Throughout her life, she shared her love of fishing, hunting, golfing and wood carving with the many people who adored her.

Maida is preceded in death by her husband, E.D. “Bud” Van Dissel and her daughters, Janet Bessey and Laureen Heilman. Maida is survived by her children, David and Marji Hawkins of Spokane, WA, step-daughter Kay Hatfield of Chewelah, WA and sons-in-law Donald Bessey of Spokane, WA and Dennis Heilman of Indiana; and grandchildren Rachel and Tyson Baker of Clayton, WA and Cori and Nick Turpin of Meridian, ID.

Currently, there are no services for Mrs. Maida Marie Van Dissel. In lieu of flowers, please have memorial contributions sent to Habitat for Humanity or Hospice of Spokane. Danekas Funeral Chapel has been entrusted with her care.

BRIEFS

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Female grizzly captured and collared near Metaline Falls

The first female grizzly has been captured and collared in Washington. Federal wildlife managers captured and collared a female grizzly bear with three clubs near Metaline Falls in the Selkirk Mountains. Biologists said they believe the grizzly is a resident of Northeast Washington and not from outside the area.

While Grizzly bears are known to inhabit the area, this is the first time that one has been collared to be monitored. The bear was released and will be tracked and monitored. Four adult male grizzlies were captured in 1985, 2016 and 2018.

Woodland Theatre looking for storytellers

Calling interested Storytellers! Woodland will be piloting a story-telling series on Friday, September 10th. Stories must be true, personal, related to the chosen theme and told within a six-minute timeframe without notes or props.

The theme for our initial event is “The Times They Are a-Changin’”: Stories of progress, growth, senescence, metamorphosis, or other marked departures from the status quo.” As summer comes to an end, in a year where we have collectively entered “a new normal” following many unprecedented times, these stories reflect on the moments when one realizes that their life will not be the same.

If you are interested in sharing one of your stories at this live event, please contact Allison Ginn at algin@ginn@gmail.com for additional information.

Hubble Space Telescope working again after switch to backup hardware

After being offline for more than a month, the Hubble Space Telescope is functioning again after engineers switched the telescope to backup hardware. A previous issue that cropped up with Hubble required a repair mission by the space shuttle in 2009. Currently with the space shuttle retired, such a space mission is not possible by NASA. Luckily the redundant system allowed Hubble to continue to peer into the cosmos.

WDFW Trout Derby going on until Oct. 31

The 2021 state-wide Trout Derby is on now through Oct. 31 at more than 100 stocked lakes. The free annual event features over 70 participating businesses offering more than 1,000 prizes valued at over \$38,000. A great feature of the derby not everyone knows about is that anglers can see in real-time how many prize fish remain at derby lakes. By visiting wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/contests/trout-derby/lakes, you can see the complete list of the stocked derby lakes and navigate to the one you have your eye on.

There you’ll be able to see how many tagged prize fish have been caught so far in that lake — and what those prizes are — as well as how many are still in the water waiting to be landed. You’ll also find convenient links to filling out the prize claim form or recovering your prize details from a winning fish you already caught. For more on how the derby works, visit the derby information page at wdfwderby.com/.

Timothy Joseph Hirsch



Timothy Joseph Hirsch
December 22, 1951 -
July 1, 2021

Timothy Joseph Hirsch was born on December 22, 1951 in Colville, WA to Mike and Mabel (Reed) Hirsch. He died July 1, 2021 due to heart and diabetes complications.

His main career in life was construction. He loved building everything from homes to furniture, cabinets and wooden toys, and spent hours in his woodshop.

Tim’s residence for most of his life was Stevens County, but he also resided on Vashon Island, WA in Cutbank, Montana and Bonner’s Ferry, Idaho.

Friends were very important to Tim. He kept up with many of his high school friends, the crew down at the fairgrounds, neighbors and his coffee group which he thoroughly enjoyed. There was never a dull moment.

Tim is preceded in death by his parents. Tim is survived by his brother, Jeff (Theresa) Hirsch of Colville, WA, his sister Mary (Fran)

Baumann of Chewelah, WA, numerous nieces and nephews and their families. Tim also had a favorite dog named Corky who died about 6 weeks before him.

A special “Thank you” to all of you who knew, loved and invested your lives into Tim. It is very appreciated by the family. Tim will be missed, but the memories of Tim and good times together will remain.

At this time, no services will be held for Mr. Timothy Joseph Hirsch. Memorial donations can be placed of one’s choice. Please visit the online memorial and sign his guestbook at www.danekasfuneralchapel.com. Danekas Funeral Chapel has been entrusted with his care.

Woodland Theatre will play animated Gulliver’s Travels

Give the youngsters a taste of the Golden Age of animation, songwriting and storytelling with Gulliver’s Travels, and take the time to enjoy it with them. It has spies, love, learning, comedy and all of the other light-toned

elements we look for in children’s entertainment. You want a nice story with a good message, well done animation with pretty music, something to just relax with and enjoy? Travel with Gulliver!

Showing at Woodland

Theatre Kettle Falls Saturdays July 24 and 31 at 7 p.m., and Sundays July 25 and Aug 1 at 2 p.m. Fully fun, and fully air conditioned! Donations are accepted at the door.

Local SFCC students make spring 2021 honor roll

Spokane Falls Community College lists 972 students on its honor roll for spring quarter 2021, which ended in March. Students must have a grade point average of 3.0 or above to be listed on the honor roll.

The following students from Chewelah have made honor roll for the spring quarter: Carl Oman, Joshua Norris

and Victoria Greer.

Community Colleges of Spokane (CCS) is a dynamic, 12,300-square-mile state community college district that includes Spokane Community College, Spokane Falls Community College and six rural education sites, serving residents in Pend Oreille, Stevens, Whitman, Ferry and

parts of Lincoln counties.

CCS offers high-quality academic transfer, career-technical and eLearning degree and certificate programs; business and community training; and adult literacy programs throughout north-eastern Washington, enrolling approximately 34,000 students a year.

Chewelah School District serving up summer meals

The Chewelah School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for children. Meals are available at no charge to children 18 years of age and younger.

Meals will be served at the Chewelah City Park, 3rd and Lincoln, Chewelah, WA 99109. Meals will be served June 14 through August 20, 2021, Monday through Friday. Grab and go breakfast and lunch is available from 11 to 11:30 am. For any questions, contact Pam Hergesheimer at 509-685-6800 ext. 84126.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries: JULY 22 - JULY 28

Happy Birthday: 7/22-Madisyn Trampush, Kathy Wellman, 7/23-Max Hadlock, 7/24-Susan Rose, Trisha Washington, 7/25-Lisa Jensen, 7/27-Brad Nixon, Steve Schalock, David Jensen, Mackensey Thomason. **Anniversaries:** 7/22-Owen & Erin Biancardi, 7/26-Mitch & Cheri Freeman, 7/27-Keith & Sara Cochran, Paul & Brooke Rapet, 7/28-Walt & Chris Carpenter, Evan & Amanda Schalock.
(Birthdays & Anniversaries courtesy of the Chewelah Valley Lions Club Birthday Calendar)

REMEMBER WHEN

BY GENO LUDWIG

90 years ago – July 16, 1931
Local heavyweight boxer Dee Richmond has signed to fight a four-round exhibition bout with former heavyweight champion Jack Johnson at the Dickman Arena in Spokane. Richmond is considered one of the foremost heavyweights in the Northwest and has lost only one fight in five years. (Note: Dee began a horseracing stable here in Chewelah after ending his boxing career. Chewelah fans would travel to watch Dee’s horses run at the Playfair Race Course, now the site of the Spokane Interstate Fairgrounds and Spokane Indian Baseball Park.)
Scouts from the Chewelah Boy Scout Troop left Sunday for Camp Cowles on the shore of Diamond Lake to demonstrate the scouting skills they have learned over the winter months. They are George Foos, Thomas Bowers, Clarence Zeihen, Joe Hutchinson, Lloyd Buckley and Douglas Acorn.

70 years ago – July 19, 1951
A capacity crowd of horse racing fans were treated to an exciting venue of races last Sunday afternoon at an event sponsored by the Jolly Wranglers Riding Club of Chewelah. Approximately 1,000 spectators crowded the grandstands and bleachers to watch the races. (Note: Chewelah’s race track was located at what is now known as Snyder Field. The dirt race track surrounded the old football field and softball field before the athletic complex was totally restructured in 1964 into what it is today. The large covered grandstand stood approximately in the eastern corner of what is now the south endzone of today’s football field, facing northeast. The softball/baseball field was right in front of it, oriented in the same direction. The race track was immediately in front of the grandstand, separating it from the softball field. Chewelah had a large adult softball league for many years, starting in the early 1900s. The land was originally owned by Civil War veteran Colonel David Jenkins, who later donated it to the Chewelah School District.)

60 years ago – July 20, 1961
Following an SOS put out by the Chewelah Kiwanis, Jim Culverwell is happy to announce that he has found a piano stool that is round and can be adjusted up and down to suit his mood.
In a sale finalized last Wednesday, the Chewelah Enco service station was sold by Reichenberg to Gus Girmus, Jr. who has been working at the station for three-and-a-half years. Girmus is a graduate of Jenkins High School and the University of Idaho.

50 years ago – June 22, 1971
Specialist Terry L. Chalmers received the Army Commendation Medal during his service in Vietnam while assigned as a generator mechanic in the 610th Main Support Company.

EVENTS

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become a vehicle to carry them around the world, sharing stages with the likes of Iron & Wine, Lake Street Dive, Gregory Alan Isakov and Mandolin Orange. Sway Wild’s infectious sound explores the corners of rock, pop, funk, prog, worldbeat and folk, but at its nucleus it is undeniably a music full of joy. It can squeeze the heart in your chest, it can draw tears from your eyes, and it can force you to get up and move your body; over and over, it somehow manages to do all three at once.

4th Friday at the Cutter
July 23 and August 27 will see four 20-minute acts for the entire family to enjoy, dinner for \$4, on every fourth Friday of the month. That is how the name for this event - 4x4x4 is derived. Continuing with that theme, the schedule reflects is as well. Dinner is at 5:34 p.m. The four acts begin at 6:04 p.m. For more information, call 509-446-4108.

SATURDAY, JULY 24
-Newport Farmers Market at 236 S. Union Ave. in Newport, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
-Northeast Washington Farmers Market located at Astor and Oak Street in Colville, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Clayton Rodeo at the Clayton Fairgrounds
Clayton Rodeo July 23 and 24 at 7:30 p.m. both nights 13 and up \$10, 6-12 \$5 and under 6 free with an adult.
Stars and Stripes Paint and Sip
Come enjoy a Patriotic Project at 6 p.m. at Shore Acres Resort on Loon Lake, as you enjoy local wines while taking in lake

views and a beautiful summer evening. 15 tickets will be available. Cost: \$30

SUNDAY, JULY 25
POPA Community Mixer and Annual Meeting
Join The Pend Oreille Players for their Annual Meeting and Mixer on July 25 at 1 p.m. The players would love to have all of their past & present volunteers, season supporters & theater fans join them for an afternoon at the Playhouse. The players will be featuring a presentation in their updated auditorium, a meet & greet with snacks in their refreshed lobby and tours of their full facility (don’t forget to stop by the Pend Oreille Playhouse’s newly remodeled concessions area where you can order one of Kris’ delicious signature drinks!), including a peek backstage and in the newly updated costume shop! Find out more about Pend Oreille Players Association, talk to them about your favorite moments from past shows, and get to know your community theater better.

MONDAY, JULY 26
-Valley Food Pantry open, 12-3 p.m.
-Loon Lake Food Bank open, 8 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
-Kettle Falls Community Chest open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 27
Jezebel’s Mother will play at Fired Up Pizza
Jezebel’s Mother (the duo includes former Chewelan, Janis Carper) will play at Fired Up Pizza, 206 E. Main Ave. in Chewelah, 6-8 p.m.
Jezebel’s Mother is songwriters Carolyn Lochert and Janis Carper, who blend their talents to form a unique

Wallace “Stitch” Miller and his wife Kathryne will celebrate the grand opening of their Western Auto store on Thursday. The Millers have been in Chewelah for 21 years, planning for their new store over the past four years and now look forward to serving the community. (Note: The building that housed the Chewelah Western Auto store was later destroyed by fire. The current Aaron Huff Memorial Cultural Center now stands in that location on East Main Street.)

40 years ago – July 23, 1981
In a spectacular slugfest that spectators only dream of, the Sportsman Tavern team came up with the “must have” hits and runs late in the game to unseat Seafirst Bank as the Chewelah Softball League post-season tournament champions by an 11-10 final score.

30 years ago – July 23, 1991
Community Celebrations officials estimated the crowd for Chataqua 1991 at over 50,000 people who enjoyed the parade, the food, the craft booths, the carnival and the Center Stage entertainment, along with the other activities like the golf tournament, the little league baseball tournament, the fun run and the dance festival that accompanied the annual event. (Note: Chataqua came to an end after the 2019 community celebration, ending a nearly 50-year run as Chewelah’s main event.)
The Chewelah Golf and Country Club approved increased rates.

20 years ago – July 19, 2001
Shelley (Taylor) Redinger, a 1985 Jenkins High School graduate, has been hired as the superintendent of schools in the Spotsylvania County School district in Fredericksburg, Virginia.
Brenton Harting made the highlight shot at the annual Chataqua Golf Tournament when he dropped a 312-yard hole in one into the cup on the par-4 number 12 hole. He and partner Brett Sweet won the championship flight of the event. Both are former Chewelah Cougar golfers.

10 years ago – July 23, 2011
Army Special Forces Staff Sergeant Wyatt A. Goldsmith from Colville died of wounds sustained in combat in Afghanistan. The Green Beret was part of a unit that was attacked by enemy forces using rocket-propelled grenades. He will be buried in his hometown.
The Chewelah Cougar baseball team ended its summer season with an 8-4 loss to North Central when they were unable to hit with runners on base. Ty Curtis led the Cougars with three hits. Dillon Bigler and Ryan Finley each had two. Nic Naccarato, Derek Smith, Calvin Connall and Bigler also played for the Chewelah Forty-Niners.

SATURDAY, JULY 31

-The Jenkins High School Senior Class of 2022 will be holding a fundraising car wash on Saturday, July 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Body Shop Gym parking lot in Chewelah.

sound; swirling with rhythms and harmonies, sentiment and smiles, tight but spontaneous, each performance a musical adventure that reveals the bond of best friends. Whether they’re belting out blues on a big concert stage or crooning in the corner of a cozy coffeehouse, these two seasoned musicians entertain with soul and style--Rootsy-bluesy-lively-lovely.

-Kettle Falls Community Chest open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

-Al-Anon meeting at Colville Community Church, noon, at 887 S. Walnut
-Kettle Falls Community Chest open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
-Northeast Washington Farmers Market located at Astor and Oak Street in Colville, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 29

-Chewelah Food Bank open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
-Kettle Falls Community Chest open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
-Al-Anon meeting at Colville Community Church, 6 p.m., at 887 S. Walnut

FRIDAY, JULY 30

-Chewelah Farmers Market at Chewelah City Park, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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This photo shows a section of the tram carrying ore from the quarry to the magnesite plant south of Chewelah. *Courtesy photo*

Museum display highlights Chewelah’s war effort

With the help of Chewelah Windermere Real Estate staff, many thanks, the magnesite exhibit has been moved to the front of the museum, next to the military display. If you’re new to the area, that sounds strange, and if you’re an old timer, you think it’s about time the mining efforts were given their importance in winning two world wars.
When the United States entered WWI, we needed more planes, and that required more high grade steel. At that time, steel was made in open-hearth furnaces, which were lined with magnesite. Prior to the war, most of the magnesite came from Austria, but with the war raging, that was no longer an option. The government put out an emergency request for geologists to find magnesite, and it was found in the Huckleberry Mountains, just west of Chewelah.

Mining began, and several stages of work were involved. Getting it out of the mountain is obvious. Getting it to the processing facility was done most successfully by a company that used a tram that delivered it quickly and cost effectively to Chewelah where it was crushed and then burned to give a pure ore that was transported out.
The photo displayed is from an album assembled by Walt Goodman, founder of the museum, showing all the details of the mining and processing. The museum display also has a scaled, working model of the tram, specimens of magnesite in different stages of its burn, and many other items of interest.

The museum will be open every Friday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Labor Day. It is located at 301 East Washington, one block east of 395, between the city park and municipal building. Per state directive, unvaccinated people will be required to wear a mask.

REAL ESTATE TRENDS & ADVICE

By
Jim Palmer Jr.
Owner/Broker

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"From Spokane to the Canadian Border"

Aerial Photos Are a Great Tool

Some time ago one of my agents brought a new listing into my office to get my opinion. I scrutinized the listing data and then turned my attention to the plat map and aerial photo and immediately noticed something that indicated that this owner did not know where his property lines were located. This fact manifested itself by the visible “cut line” of the timber which was obviously outside the lines of the plat map. In other words, we could see by that map that when they cut the timber they had erred by a significant margin. When the agent consulted with the seller they admitted that they had referred to a survey marker that was shown to them when they purchased it. The agent advised them to seek the services of a surveyor.

The subsequent survey confirmed our suspicion that the seller had never known the correct property boundaries, but had erroneously assumed that the boundary marker they had referred to was theirs, when instead it was a corner marker for a property on the opposite side of the road. This seller had cut approximately 5 acres of timber from the adjoining property by mistake. This is not a rare or isolated incident!

In other recent case, a quick glance at the aerial photo revealed evidence of recent excavation that exceeded the boundaries of the property. A survey confirmed that the recently installed septic system was almost entirely encroaching on the adjoining property. Of course a survey should have been completed before that installation in order to avoid the very negative consequences that followed as the two owners resolved this dilemma.

One of the best tools for land owners is the aerial photo. I’m not talking about the photos you can get from an airplane or drone that cost a small fortune. I’m talking about the satellite version that local counties have made available to the public on their websites with superimposed plat maps. Keep in mind they don’t guarantee the accuracy of the plat lines, but it is accurate enough that you can easily detect some issues. If you have not seen your property from this perspective, you should go to your county webpage and take a look. Be prepared to enter your parcel number or address in order to access your property profile and aerial photo. Maybe you’ll discover something new about your property from that angle!

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LETTERS

TO THE PUBLISHER

Be a responsible pet owner

Dear Editor,

I'm writing regarding the very sad article of July 7 concerning Morgan the cat that was shot and is now deaf and blind in one eye. Animal abuse is always a tragedy and people who commit it are wasted space on the planet but in reality, though we love our pets, not everyone else does and it's up to us pet owners to protect them from those who would do them harm by keeping them on our own property (unless supervised) at all times and keeping cats indoors with hopefully an enclosed outdoor area for cats.

Some people want to feed the birds and don't want cats coming and killing the birds or they are tired of cleaning up their flower gardens from cat deposits. I don't blame them, but animal abuse is never the answer and it's the animals that pay the price for the pet owners who let their pets wander.

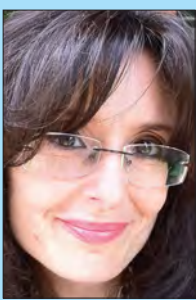
The solution is: Be a responsible pet owner, spay and neuter your pets to combat the terrible over-population of cats and dogs and keep them home safe. Be a part of the solution and not the problem. Our pets are worth our loyalty to them.

Shannon Taylor
Loon Lake

We shouldn't have to beg workers to work

I was down the shore this weekend, enjoying the sea, the sun and the sweeping panorama of people without masks. Honestly, that was even more beautiful than the sunset over the Atlantic.

One of those sunsets was observed from an outside patio at a fantastic pizzeria just outside of Atlantic City. My Sicilian Square with "Momma's" sauce was so good, I had to tell "Momma's" son how much I loved it. He replied, with an almost wistful expression in his eyes: "Thank you, I only wish I had Momma here with me to help out."



By Christine Flowers

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What I thought was a poignant reference to his deceased mother turned out to be the lament of a small business owner.

This wasn't the first time that I'd heard a similar complaint from small business owners. It seems as if everyone who used to work in service industries prior to the pandemic either found better jobs elsewhere, preferred getting the extended monthly unemployment checks or left the job market altogether.

Pretty much the only people you see in the kitchens, on the scaffolding and hunched over cleaning offices and homes are the immigrants who don't have the luxury of seeking unemployment benefits.

I'm not an economist, so I can't offer an intelligent reason as to why this is happening from a financial perspective. I'm sure that businesses themselves were either forced to close or severely reduce their staffing during COVID, and then decided that they didn't want to go back to pre-pandemic payrolls.

But I think there's something else at play here, and I see it in the rhetoric on TV and in the media: "We deserve better." It's the idea that some people are too good for the jobs they were doing at wages they didn't like. Granted, the food service industry is notorious for underpaying their employees and unfairly expecting customers to make up for the miserly wages in generous tips. I'm no fan of the "slave" mentality

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THE INDEPENDENT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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Trump deserves more credit for COVID-19 vaccine, voters say

While most voters approve of President Joe Biden's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, they give former President Donald Trump more credit for the coronavirus vaccine program.

A new national telephone and online survey by Rasmussen Reports finds that 51% of likely U.S. voters think Trump deserves more credit for the COVID-19 vaccination program. Forty-one percent (41%) believe Biden deserves more credit.

Fifty-six percent (56%) of voters approve of Biden's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, including 34% who strongly approve. Forty-two percent (42%) disapprove of Biden's handling of the pandemic, including 29% who strongly disapprove.

POLITICAL CARTOON OF THE WEEK: Critical Erase Theory

By Steve Sack, The Minneapolis Star-Tribune, MN

Thanks for the wonderful days, Jack

Every night, just before bed, he'd thank his bride of 70 years for giving him another wonderful day on Earth.

That was the sweet-hearted nature of Jack Krieger, my family's next-door neighbor, for more than 30 years.

I first met him as a very young boy, shortly after my growing family moved to our brand new suburban house in 1964.

As I grew up, I knew him as the dad of five children, a good neighbor and an usher at our church.

Jack and his wife, Mary, would become lifelong friends with my parents, but I didn't know the full story of his life until last week.

He was born in 1927, the youngest of four sons, to a homemaker mother and an accountant father.

Baby Jack's future looked promising — until the economy collapsed and the Great Depression hit his family hard.

His father lost his accounting job at the now defunct Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, then the house and then the family had to separate and move in with relatives. It took years of struggle before his family was reunited in its own home.

In 1939, when Jack turned 12, the nun who taught his seventh grade class at St. Canice elementary school changed his life when her seating arrangements paired each boy and girl in her class from the best students on down.

Jack was the second smartest boy in his class, so he was seated next to Mary Schertzinger, the second smartest girl.

Jack and Mary's lifelong friendship commenced and in the 12th grade — after being prodded by the parish priest — Jack finally overcame his shyness and asked Mary on a date.

After high school, Jack entered the Army just as World War II was winding down. After serving two years, he used the GI Bill to pay for an accounting degree. He

joined a large aluminum maker in Pittsburgh, and he and Mary got married.

Richie arrived a year later, followed by Billy, Nancy, Donny and Linda.

To provide well for his family, Jack worked harder and harder at his job. At his peak, he had more than 30 people reporting to him. Sick or not, in 30 years he never missed a day of work.

His parents had died young, as did all three of his older brothers, who died in their 60s. All suffered fatal heart attacks.

He and Mary lived frugally, which gave him the opportunity to retire at 53 and enjoy the rest of his life.

Jack and Mary spent time with family (10 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren), traveled, played cards, went bowling and golfing and, almost every month, met old friends like my parents for lunch or dinner.

"He always had a smile on his face and brought joy everywhere he went," my father told me. "He was one of the most decent men I ever met."

Jack Krieger lived until a few days shy of his 94th birthday. He wasn't famous or rich.

He was devoted to his surviving wife and his family, paid his bills on time, generously supported charities and his church and never missed an opportunity to vote.

Our country has flourished because of giants like him — people whose sense of duty, selflessness and example make it possible for the rest of us to enjoy wonderful days on Earth.



By Tom Purcell

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Credit card rewards are in political peril

The same politicians who mostly killed free checking and debit card rewards programs through government price controls are setting their sights on credit cards — and that means miles, cash back and other rewards are now in jeopardy.

That's a potential political earthquake, because a recent study found that 84 percent of all credit cards are rewards cards, and 70 percent of cardholders who make less than \$20,000 a year have rewards cards. Many small businesses also rely on rewards cards — especially cash-back cards.

Those individuals and small businesses need to engage quickly to stop efforts underway by Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) to build support from his colleagues to extend his 2010 price-control and network-routing regulations on debit cards to credit cards.

The debit card experience should be seen as a cautionary tale.

Rushed to the Senate floor with no committee consideration as part of the Dodd-Frank Act, the Durbin Amendment placed price caps and network routing mandates on debit card transactions, benefiting the biggest retailers but disrupting the business models of banks, credit unions and stores selling smaller-ticket items. When banks and credit unions were squeezed, they had to cut expenses, and that meant cutting free-checking accounts to customers with lower balances and ending nearly all debit rewards programs.

To garner the support of a handful of Republicans in 2010, Senator Durbin pitched his regulations as a boon to both retailers and to consumers. This is what actually happened:

- 77 percent of retailers kept prices the same and 21 percent actually increased prices because of the Durbin regulations, per the Richmond Federal Reserve.
- Free checking dropped from 60 percent of all accounts to only 20 percent, according to a University of Pennsylvania study.
- The Durbin Amendment cost the average low-income American about \$160 per year, per a Boston University study.
- The number of unbanked Americans increased by

about a million, according to the same study.

Durbin considers this a success — because his only real purpose was to push down transaction costs for the biggest retailers. And just as debit regulations hurt consumers, imposing Durbin-style price and routing controls on credit cards will result in rewards programs disappearing — particularly for lower income customers who are less valuable to banks.

Is that worth it to relieve influential big box retailers of what they claim are excessive transaction fees? If the costs are really so high, why have "cash only" stores almost completely disappeared?

Electronic payment costs vary, but average around 2 percent. But the average cost of cash across all retail sectors is 9 percent in a recent study. Grocery stores are on the low end of cash costs at 5 percent, while bars and restaurants are on the high end of cash costs at 15 percent. The study defined the cost of cash as managing cash drawers, interacting with their banks with deposits, reconciling cash flows and "shrinkage" from cash that goes missing from loss, theft and fraud.

Aside from their transaction-cost savings from using cards, retail merchants know that most of their customers prefer using cards and spend more per transaction when they use cards than when they use cash.

Of course retailers want to cut their costs, and they already drive hard bargains with payment networks. Having government step in with price controls and routing rules, however, would enrich them by disrupting a well-functioning market and harming consumers.

Before signing on to Durbin's latest bad idea, senators should ask themselves how they will defend their vote to constituents who as a result stop earning miles, cash back and other rewards with every purchase.



By Phil Kerpen

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FLOWERS

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some employers have.

But I honestly believe that the problem this time around is not with the demand, but with the supply. Or to put it differently, the lack of supply. Workers became accustomed to a few things this past year: Staying home, getting paid to stay home, getting told that they were right to stay home, getting warned that if they didn't stay home and wear masks, they were unpatriotic and getting used to having their egos stroked.

It's really a generational thing, and I don't mean age. There are some wonderfully

motivated young folks out there looking for work and juggling multiple part-time jobs, and then there are people my age and even older who are content to take three or four Zoom calls a day (hopefully not a la Jeffrey Toobin) and think that's enough until quitting time.

I even have friends who said that if their employers require them to return to brick-and-mortar buildings, they'll quit. One said her health is more important than her paycheck (funny how she doesn't think that paying for doctor's visits involves having a paycheck) and another said that she finally realized that there was more to life than the grind of her nine-

month job as a teacher.

I remember my father, who worked three jobs during the day while going to law school at night. I remember my mother, who took the overnight shift as a bookkeeper, riding the subway from Logan into Center City and back again in the early morning hours. I remember stories about my grandfather Mike, who drove a trash truck for 20 years in Philadelphia, fell off, broke his back, was out of work for months and then went right back to the job. While he was in bed recovering, my grandmother took odd jobs while raising three young kids. My other grandmother drove a trolley while her husband worked in

different restaurant kitchens.

I was privileged. I never had to work, and this is probably why I recognize the unique character of people who did. My few jobs while in school were vanity adventures, things I did so I could say I was "working." One involved serving burgers at the old Roy Rogers at 54th and City Line. That job ended after I told a customer Happy Trails, as ordered by management, and was told "f--- you" by the customer. I also worked at the Valley Forge Music Fair as an usherette one summer, where I managed to run into Paul Anka and knock him down backstage while rushing to deliver show programs.

Again, I had it easy.

But I'm aware of how easy I had it, and I never thought that I deserved kudos just because I showed up for work. These days, that's exactly what a lot of people think, and COVID has only made it worse. To be fair, it seems that the applicants for unemployment payments have decreased, ever so slightly, since the worst moments of the pandemic. But it's the exception that proves the rule.

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JOHN C. PILLEY,

Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this Estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or their 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 latter of: (1) Thirty (30) 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 (4) 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 non-probate assets. **Publication Dates:** July 8, 2021; July 15, 2021; and July 22, 2021

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF STEVENS NO. 21-4-00103-33 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In the Matter of the Estate of:

CHARLOTTE T. BROGAN

Deceased

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF STEVENS NO. 21-4-00104-33 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In the Matter of the Estate of:

DEBORAH L. HEAL

Deceased

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF STEVENS NO: 21-4-00102-33 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In the Matter of the Estates of:

FRANK R. THOMPSON and REAH L. THOMPSON,

Deceased

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of these Estates. Any person having a claim against the Decedents 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 their 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 latter of: (1) Thirty (30) 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 (4) 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 non-probate assets.

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99 LEGAL NOTICES

Town of Springdale Ordinance 471 Septage Receiving

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE ESTABLISHING SEPTAGE RECEIVING POLICIES BETWEEN TROUTMAN BEQUEST FUND AND SEWER FUND.

THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE DO ORDAIN AS THE FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS The Town of Springdale Town Council is establishing partnership of the Troutman Bequest Fund and Sewer Fund for the Septage Receiving. Troutman Bequest Fund will purchase the equipment that is required to complete the Septage Receiving for disposal usage to the Springdale Sewer System with agreement of inner fund loan with three-year payback of initial cost in joint venture of future revenue; And

WHEREAS The Town Council will budget over the three-year inner fund loan payment based with costs of overhead and maintenance in mind of the Septic Receiving with written contract with a Septic Company to utilize the Springdale Septic Receiving area with minimum of 1 truck load daily five days a week over a three-year period of time: And

WHEREAS The Town Council will pledge that all future revenues from the Septic Receiving will be shared between the two funds at a percentage of 40% Troutman Bequest Fund and 60% Sewer Fund: And

AND THEREFORE, costs analysis of annual revenues to expenditures will be performed in the Budget adoption thereafter.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

1st Read: June 14, 2021
2nd Read: July 12, 2021
3Rd Read: July 12, 2021

Mayor Stefany Smith

Attested Clerk Treasurer Lisa Sheppard

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF STEVENS NO. 21-4-00099-33 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (R.C.W. 11.40.030)

In the Matter of the Estate of:

KEITH ROBERT DELL

Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the 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 non-probate assets. **DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:** July 15, 2021 STEVEN ROBERT DELL, Personal Representative, c/o McGrane & Schuerman MICHAEL D. WATERS, WSBA 46497, ATTORNEY AT LAW 298 South Main #304, Colville, Washington 99114, 509 684-8484 **Published:** July 15, 22, 29, 2021

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Published: July 15, 22, 2021

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF

RICHARD R. SPHULER; SANDRA E. SPHULER; and DONNA LEE LEE,

Deceased.

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COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING TO ADOPT BUDGET

The Board of Directors, Columbia School District #206, will hold a Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m. on July 27th, 2021 in the Columbia School Library and via ZOOM, for the purpose of fixing and adopting the 2021-22 school district budget and the four-year budget plan with enrollment projection. Please call or email the school at (509) 722-3311 or jlclintworth@columbia206.com for the ZOOM link. Prior to the adoption of the budget, the Board will hold a hearing for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the 2021-22 budget. Any person may appear at the hearing and be heard for or against any part of such budget, the four-year budget plan, or the proposed changes to uses of enrichment funding under RCW 28A.505.240. The Board shall fix and determine the appropriation from each fund contained in the 2021-22 budget by resolution during the regular monthly school board meeting that will be held immediately following the public hearing. Budget information will be available July 10, 2021 at the School District Office in Hunters, WA or on the school website at www.columbia206.com. A copy of the budget will be furnished to any person who might request it.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Call for Bids

The Columbia School District #206 is accepting bids to be opened on July 23 at 9:00 a.m. in the District Business Office for the following supplies: 1) **Heating Fuel** for boilers; 2) **Card Lock Fuel** for school buses and other school vehicles. Bids must be marked “Bid for Supplies” and mailed, faxed, or delivered to the Business Manager or emailed to mnelson@columbia206.net. Visit the website at www.columbia206.com or call (509) 722-3311 for more information. Columbia School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids

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Clover Mountain Dairy at Bluecreek has experienced diminished hay production for their grass-fed milk cows. Courtesy photo

DROUGHT

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reducing grazing during the hottest days means the dairy will have to buy more hay for the winter. While their pasture grazing had supplemented their dairy cows’ diet to the point where they would only need to buy about a quarter of their winter supply, the Thomases said they’ll be buying all their hay for the winter. They’ll be in the same boat as some farmers who saw a loss in their pasture yields and they will have to deal with the difficulty of finding feed for their livestock in a market that has seen farmers lose 50 percent of their crops.

“As a 100 percent grass-fed dairy, our farm revolves around our pasture health,” the Thomases said. “This year we only had a third of the hay production and grazing with stunted plants. The farm looks like it normally would in late September. For the first time, we will have summer sacrificial paddocks and feed hay.”

The conditions, in other words, are terrible. Like Front Porch Farm, the Thomases do their chores earlier in the morning and when the sun goes down. “We try to not work outside in the extreme heat unless absolutely necessary,” they explained. “It is easy to suddenly be dehydrated and need to rest.”

Hagen Cattle and Hay said conditions were terrible as well for their dryland crops. They said there is no regrowth in their family farm pastures and production is about 25-35 percent of normal. While the farm has 20 acres of spring barley, they didn’t cut it because there was no crop.

On the irrigated parts of the farm, they’ve had to water a third more than a typical year. The Hagens also soil tested and made two applications of fertilizer about six weeks apart to maximize growth on irrigated ground to make up for the lost dryland acres. “The heat wave stunted the dryland crops. In our area, the late frost killed the terminal buds on alfalfa and grass shoots which also reduced yield,” Lorren Hagen said. “The weevils pretty much finished off the first cutting alfalfa eating the leaves.”

The Hagens have a handline, wheel line and center pivots to water their fields, but they can’t move the handlines and wheel lines fast enough to keep up with the amount of water the crops need. Luckily the center pivot can keep up with the water demand and the second cutting of alfalfa looks good.

Still it’s appearing that many farmers are facing the same problem during this extremely dry summer. What is troubling is how early it still is in the year, and it will only get drier. Washington has received a little more than half of its precipitation, and the only year that was drier was 1924.

The Department of Ecology, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Natural Resources said they are seeing signs of stressed fish, stymied farmers and ranchers and are trying to deal with wildfires burning through crispy vegetation.

There is no relief around the corner as forecasts are predicting above normal temperatures and below-average precipitation for the entire state through September. So, pray for rain.

DNR

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140,000 acres.

“This summer is smashing all our records and leaving the state bone dry, leaving eastern Washington to face an ongoing, tremendous risk of wildfire,” said Commissioner Franz, the elected official who oversees DNR. “Over the past year-and-a-half, we have been reminded just how important our public lands are, so closing them is not a decision we take lightly. But with the drought leaving the region as dry as ever, we must do all that we can to prevent human-caused fires.

“Our firefighters are already stretched thin fighting major fires across our state. We must take reasonable steps – and make sacrifices – in order to protect them and our communities.”

DNR decided to close recreational and public access to its managed lands in eastern Washington based on a number of factors, including current extreme hot and dry conditions, a forecast that shows no meaningful precipitation in the near future, current fuel loads and a concern for public safety.

After a late-June heat wave that shattered many all-time temperature records across Washington, the vast majority of the state is currently in a drought emergency. Additionally, the number of fire ignitions in the state is approximately double the 10-year average, with months of fire season still to go. In all areas of eastern Washington, fire danger is at very high or extreme levels.

DNR staff will continually monitor conditions, and a reopening date for recreation access will be determined once these factors improve.

The decision to close recreation and all public access on DNR-managed lands east of the Cascades is in addition to the burn ban that Commissioner Franz enacted earlier this month on the 13 million acres of forestlands under DNR fire protection. The burn ban will remain in effect through at least September 30. Campfires also remain banned on DNR-managed lands statewide due to ongoing fire danger.

“Restricting recreational access is something we only do in the most serious of circumstances,” said Angus Brodie, deputy supervisor for state uplands. “However, safety is always our top priority and right now it’s not safe for people to be out on the landscape. We look forward to reopening as soon as the danger recedes.”

DNR joins the Umatilla National Forest and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation in closing lands in eastern Washington to public access.

Anyone who spots a wildfire should call 911 to report it as soon as possible. To get updates on recreation openings and closures, visit dnr.wa.gov/open.

CHEWELAH

Proud to B-American in Chewelah

Serviceman Bruce Nupp opens hot dog stand that will be mainstay at Chewelah City Park

BRANDON HANSEN
Contributor

Hot dogs and sausages can be traced back to the 9th century B.C. when they were mentioned in Homer’s Odyssey. They’ve now taken another big step in their evolution, becoming a lunchtime mainstay in Chewelah as Bruce Nupp III has opened Company B-American Eats. As a local who served

in the Washington Army National Guard from 2013-18 and is now serving in the Air Force National Guard, Nupp wanted to create a meal that a family could afford to go out and enjoy together. “This led me to start my company and create my \$5 family meal deal,” Nupp III said. “I am still getting things up and going, but so far I have gone through all the proper channels to do things the right way.” Being mobile means

extra preparation, and Nupp has had to make sure that everything he serves is readily available. Along with this, he needs to make sure he has enough propane, water and ice to keep things running smoothly. Nupp said he went through a variety of different products while testing and was looking for something on par with the quality of Longhorn BBQ. He now serves Longhorn all-beef and

Longhorn German sausages. While the main meal deal Longhorn all-beef dog comes with chips and a drink, you can also upgrade to the Longhorn Special which includes a sausage with sauteed onions, Coney Island mustard and local BBQ fixing. The chili cheese dog is an all-beef dog with nacho cheese and sauteed onions, while the Crunch Dog is an all-beef dog with nacho cheese, pickled jalapenos and Fritos.

With his portable stand, he has become a fixture at the Chewelah City Park and, while hours are still being fine-tuned, Nupp III said he would be there Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. B-American Eats can also be rented out for events. “The response has been overwhelmingly positive,” Nupp III said. “Many people are excited to have a new place to enjoy lunch.”

While first starting as cash only, Nupp can now accept cards at his stand. So if you’re looking for a new lunch vibe in Chewelah, head on over to the park and help support a Jenkins High School and Eastern Washington University Graduate and current military member. You can check out B-American Eats on Facebook at facebook.com/B-American-Eats-111565494526672/.



Nupp serves Longhorn all-beef dogs and sausages. Brandon Hansen photo



Bruce Nupp III serves up hot dogs during the Chewelah Creative District ribbon-cutting two weeks ago in front of Chewelah City Hall. Brandon Hansen photo

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



What causes wildfires?

Wildfires can be devastating but they’re usually far from naturally caused

BRANDON HANSEN
Contributor

As we are in the grip of another dry and active wildfire season in Northeast Washington, one question that comes up is: How are these fires started? While it would be easy to assume all are naturally caused since they generally begin in forested, uninhabited areas, the truth is - most fires are human caused. According to the National Park Service, human involvement triggers about 85 to 90 percent of wildfires. Three combinations are needed: heat, fuel and oxygen. This year, heat has been something we’ve

experienced since Spring, and the drying effect has turned the foliage and trees into a tinderbox. Throw in winds, and you have an explosive combination. Red flag warning days are announced when the weather is forecasted to be hot and windy - which means fires become fast moving and hard to contain. But there needs to be an ignition source. Escaped embers is the most common cause of wildfires which is why burning debris or dead vegetation is one of the quickest things banned by local and state-level burn bans. Unattended campfires are also one of the leading causes of wildfires. It’s always

recommended that campers use proper fire safety when extinguishing campfires - but that currently doesn’t matter, as campfires of any kind are currently banned. Another big spark is fallen electrical power lines. In California, over 1,500 wildfires have been caused in the past six years by fallen power lines. Locally, several fires were sparked because of them. Other causes can include discarded cigarettes, sparks from equipment both hand-held and driven, vehicle crashes, lightning and arson. Since the year 2000, an average of 72,400 wildfires burned seven million acres of U.S. land each year. The number of acres burned has doubled since the 1990s.

2 Man Best Ball tournament results

Chewelah held its biggest golf tournament on July 10 and July 11. The tournament used to be called the Chataqua Golf Tournament but is now called the 2 Man Best Ball tournament. There were 98 teams participating this year. Teams come from all over the United States from places such as Florida, Arizona, Texas, Montana, California as well as Washington, Idaho and Oregon.

2021 FLIGHTS RESULTS

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT GROSS

1st – Brenton Harting - Gary Hentges, Jr. - 131 - Chewelah & Spokane (Won 3 Hole Playoff)
2nd – Payton Norvell – Randy Kirby - 131 – Chewelah & Spokane
Tie – 3rd – Clark Brunkow-Mather - Robert Fastle - 137 - Tacoma, WA & Garrison, CA
Tie - 3rd – Preston Roth - Brent Salas - 137 - Rathdrum, ID & Spokane
5th - Kyle McGuire - Ryan Pitkonen - 140 - Spokane - Both

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1st – Dave Park - Keith Kirsch – 126 – Chewelah & Clayton
2nd – Dr. Cameron Stroyan - Dr. Ryan Hanks – 128 – Puyallup, WA & CleElum, WA
3rd - Kris Herda - Dana White –131– Spokane Valley & Caldwell, ID
4th – Glen Anderson – Shawn Gumke – 132 – Chewelah & Spokane
Tie – 5th - Matthew Cronin - Bob Bailey - 134 - Spokane & Colbert
Tie - 5th - Cody Youngblood - Luke Sheppard— 134 - Deer Park

& Chewelah

1st FLIGHT GROSS

1st – Lindsay Baxter - Tony Souther - 139 - Chewelah & Snohomish, WA
2nd – Scott Reynoldson - Brooks Christensen - 140 – Fruitland, WA & Sun City, AZ
3rd – Marty Landry - Kevin MacDonald - 142 - Newport, WA & Spokane
4th - Marc Mowder - Chad Everhart - 143 - Spokane Valley - Both
5th - Joe Burns - Shane Douglas - 149 - Priest River, ID - Both

NET

1st – Ben Park - Kent Dowding - 127 - Chewelah - Both
2nd – Craig Roth - Doug Smith - 128 – Chewelah - Both
3rd – Larry Gibson - Mike Sapp - 129 – St. Maries, ID & Chewelah
4th – Dave Tupek - Jack George - 130 - Chewelah - Both
Tie - 5th – John Norvell - Dave Wallner - 136 – Chewelah - Both
Tie - 5th – Monte Smith - Terry Filler - 136 – Chewelah & Metaline, WA
Tie - 5th – Aron Heartburg - Larry Solnes - 136 – Otis Orchards, WA - Both

2nd FLIGHT GROSS

1st – Mike Kampmann Don Redding— 150 – Post Falls, ID & Nine Mile Falls, WA
Tie - 2nd – Gregory Butler - Eugene Burgess - 152 – Spokane - Both
Tie - 2nd – Chad Dinkins John Palmier— 152 – Ritzville, WA & Spokane
Tie – 4th – Pat Davisson - Danny Vassar - 155 – Tonasket, WA - Both
Tie – 4th – Rod Smoldon

- James Martin - 155 – Colville & Kettle Falls

NET

1st - Barry Meyer - Dave Pohto - 132 – Chewelah - Both
2nd – Jerry Hamilton - Kyle Hamilton - 133 – Juliaetta, ID 7 Moscow, ID
3rd – Jim Smith Josh Smith— 135 – Chewelah & Medical Lake, WA
Tie – 4th – John Franks - Dave Haskell - 136 – Chewelah - Both
Tie – 4th – Mark Naccarato - Terry Dearing - 136 – Chewelah & Deer Park
Tie – 4th – Roger Williamson - Ray Mathews - 136 – Boulder City, NV & Las Vegas, NV

3rd FLIGHT GROSS

1st – Scott Manes - Mike Ozark - 157 – Plummer, ID & St. Maries, ID
2nd – Jack Charbonneau - Pat Eggers – 158 – Chewelah - Both
3rd – Steve Brown - Bob Brewer – 159 – Spokane & Covington, IN
4th – Brian Bofenkamp - Ron Pelton – 162 – Spokane - Both
5th – Luke Keogh - Tim Edwards - 165 - Usk, WA - Both

NET

1st – Steve DeCook - Dell Baker - 128 – Chewelah - Both
2nd – Jim Paterson - Jason Chavez - 129 - Colbert, WA & Hayden, ID
3rd – Don Bachman - Sam Johns - 131 - Chewelah - Both
4th – Rex Grover - Gary James - 132 – Chewelah & Wenatchee, WA
5th – Steve Hansen - Grant Dotts - 135 – Colville - Both



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Cougars conclude season, beat G-Prep

GENO LUDWIG
Chewelah Independent

Is there any better way to end a baseball season than by defeating Gonzaga Prep on their home diamond? Chewelah’s 18U American Legion team does not think there is. The Cougars concluded their summer schedule last Monday evening with a 9-5 victory over the Bullpups, one day after splitting a doubleheader at Ephrata. They finished the season with a 6-6 record, with most of their losses coming from encounters with teams sponsored by much larger schools.

James Macrae was the king of the hill for Chewelah at G-Prep. He threw six innings, yielding one earned run on six hits while striking out six Bullpup batters. Gunner Graves threw the final inning for the Cougars and sealed the victory by notching the last three outs without giving up a run.

Macrae threw five solid innings, pitching Chewelah to a 9-1 lead. Three Cougar errors in the sixth inning allowed Gonzaga to add four unearned runs to their score late in the game.

Clay Jeanneret batted 3-for-4 for Chewelah and batted in two runs to lead the Cougars at the plate. Altogether, the visitors had eight singles and a double to outhit the Bullpups.

Chewelah scored the only run through the first three innings. Clay Jeanneret singled and was batted in by Gunner Graves. It was Jeanneret’s line drive into leftfield that scored Sam Marshall and Dawson Baribault to increase the Cougar lead to 3-0 at the end of the third inning.

The big inning for



Chewelah Cougars 18U – Back row: Josh Whittekiend, Clay Jeanneret, Sam Marshall, James Macrae, Gunner Graves, JD Konold, Coach Luke Jeanneret, Coach Tom Skok. Front row: Logan Link, Nolan Jeanneret, Thomas Dowding, Dawson Baribault, Shade Krausz, Josiah Whittekiend.

Chewelah was the fifth in which they put six runs on their side of the scoreboard. Fueling the rally were singles from Graves, Marshall, Baribault, Clay Jeanneret and Nolan Jeanneret. Going into the bottom of the inning, the Cougars held a 9-1 lead.

The Bullpups were able to add four more runs to their total in their last three at-bats. Three of those runs were unearned because of a sudden outbreak of errors by the Cougars. Nonetheless, Chewelah was able to limit the damage to hold onto its lead to claim the win. A double-play from Baribault to Thomas Dowding and back to Baribault ended the game. It was Chewelah’s second double-play of the day.

Chewelah 11, Ephrata 1

The Cougars traveled

to Ephrata on Sunday for a doubleheader against the Columbia Basin Riverdogs. Chewelah easily won the first game 11-1 on the 10-run rule, but their bullpen was not able to hold onto an 11-6 lead in game two, allowing Ephrata to come from behind to claim a 12-11 triumph.

Five runs in the opening inning and two more in the second frame gave the Cougars an early 7-0 lead. Singles off the bats of Clay Jeanneret and Shade Krausz, plus a bases-loaded three-run double by Dowding, put the first five Chewelah runs in the scorebook. Singles by Josh Whittekiend and Graves were responsible for two more runs in the second Cougar at-bat. Whittekiend also swatted a double in the third inning, but was stranded on third base.

Chewelah did not score

again until the fifth inning when hits by Baribault and the Jeanneret brothers triggered a four-run rally. Singles from Baribault and Nolan Jeanneret were followed by a base-clearing triple from Clay Jeanneret to achieve the 10-run split for the 11-1 win.

Graves, Krausz and Josiah Whittekiend took turns on the bump for the Cougars. Together, they surrendered no earned runs and struck out nine Riverdog batters. Graves started the game and threw two scoreless innings. Krausz and Whittekiend followed, with Krausz earning the pitching win and Whittekiend getting the save.

Ephrata 12, Chewelah 11

A bullpen breakdown in the final two innings turned an 11-6 Chewelah lead into

a 12-11 loss in Sunday’s second game. With Thomas Dowding on the mound, the Cougars held a five-run lead. However, the relief squad was unable to sight-in the strike zone, walking six Ephrata batters and hitting two to give the Riverdogs a steady supply of baserunners that led to the loss. Chewelah out-hit the ‘Dogs by an 11-9 margin.

Chewelah scored three runs in the first inning as Graves and Nolan Jeanneret hit doubles, and Logan Link added a single. The Cougars picked up another run in the third inning off of Dowding’s one-bagger over second base to hold a 4-3 lead.

Chewelah took command of the scoreboard with a seven-run rally in the fifth inning to take an 11-5 lead. Singles from Macrae, Baribault, Link and Josh

Whittekiend, along with a triple by Clay Jeanneret, provided the hits.

Ephrata scored the last seven runs of the game — one in the fifth inning, three in the sixth, and three more in the seventh — to claim the 12-11 win. Only four were earned. The rest came from Cougar fielding fumbles. Chewelah had baserunners in both of the final two innings but could not bring them home.

Still, it was an outstanding and productive season for the Cougars. They finished with an even 6-and-6 record, which was quite acceptable considering the teams they played. The team was coached by Tom Skok and Luke Jeanneret.

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the audience to the evening’s event. She then introduced the mayor and asked her to come to the podium and say a few words. But, instead of handing her the microphone, Akers reached inside the dais, withdrew the Honored Citizen plaque, and announced to the full house that Dorothy had been selected to receive the community’s most prestigious annual recognition.

“I was totally overwhelmed,” admitted the mayor. “It was the last thing I ever expected. I knew that my family was in the audience, but I thought they were there only to hear the candidates speak.

“My service to the city was never about me. It was about my love for our community and its residents. I truly, sincerely care about our city and its people.”

Dorothy’s service in city hall has covered 29-1/2 years. She began as the city clerk in 1979 and later served as the clerk/treasurer and as the city administrator through 22 years.

“Then, Mike Frizzell asked me if I would consider running for mayor,” Dorothy related. “At first, I wanted to run the other way. When I had left the office of city administrator in 1999, I had declared that I would never hold a public office again. I was most concerned about what my family would say but, to my surprise, my kids thought it would be a great idea. Finally, I phoned my pastor and met with him and his wife to seek their advice.

It was only then that I made the decision to run.”

Dorothy will complete her second four-year term as mayor at the end of December, bringing her seasons of service in city hall to 30 years. Her mayoral motto has been: “Every person has worth and deserves to be heard.”

“Dorothy’s compassion and tireless work toward the betterment of Chewelah is unsurpassed in our community,” wrote one of those nominating her for the award. “She works tirelessly behind the scenes for the betterment of our citizens and the unique quality of life in our city... Dorothy has made Chewelah a top priority in her life over the last eight years and has the results to show for it... Chewelah should recognize a rare individual like Dorothy as one of the key people that not only have great visions of what could happen but able to make them happen.”

“Dorothy has been an outstanding mayor,” wrote another citizen. “She is innovative, forward thinking, and able to think of the present and the future in planning for our city... She represents our city well.”

When the citizens of Chewelah elected her to be mayor, Dorothy set three primary goals to accomplish during her tenure.

“First, I wanted to expand broadband internet service in the city,” she said. “We met with seven internet providers at the golf course. Spectrum was the only one who stepped forth to install fiber in both Chewelah North and South.

“Second, we needed to secure the future of our airport. Our airport lease was

for \$700 per month, but that lease ended in 2035, at which time the increased lease amount would have been raised beyond the city’s ability to pay. It was my objective to purchase the airport and make it self-sustaining. The city now owns the airport, and with the addition of airplane and helicopter fuel tanks, the pilots tell me that it will be more than self-sustaining. It will be a money-maker for the city. Some citizens do not realize how important the airport is to our economy with all of the people who fly in to golf or ski or do other area activities. We signed a five-year license agreement with the DNR to locate their firefighting equipment here—normally two choppers. When we get the fuel tanks installed, the DNR has agreed to buy fuel from us instead of having it trucked in, as well as those visiting our area refueling their aircraft.

“Third, we needed housing, and we still do. I met with the Tribal Council of the Spokane Tribe back in 2014 and asked them if they would consider building a motel here next to their casino. It took a long time for this to be accomplished, but the tribe says it is still on schedule to start construction of a 70-unit motel this fall. The mission of the tribe and the casino is to not compete with Chewelah businesses but to enhance the relationship between the tribe and the city.

“We are also



Mayor Knauss speaks to the audience at the candidate meet and greet event after being presented with the Chamber’s Honored Citizen Award for 2021.

K.S. Brooks photo

experiencing a housing boom here within the city. We have issued 12 building permits for houses that are either now being built or will soon be under construction. It is keeping our building official very busy.”

Her Honor believes her success as mayor has come from her ability to put the right people together to plan and complete needed community projects. Her Vision Team has brainstormed several options for improving the city, some of which have been implemented and others that the city council is considering.

“When I first became mayor, the city had a poor relationship with the chamber

of commerce,” Dorothy recalled. “I knew how important it was for the two to be able to work together to make our community prosper. I never joined the chamber or any other organization, but I have attended their meetings as often as my schedule permitted, and I think that has made a difference.”

When she officially retires this winter, Dorothy says she is going to take “a couple of months to reset.

“I am not committing to anything right now,” she said, “other than making myself available to the new mayor if he or she desires my help. However, I am confident that God will have something else for me to do in the future.”

One thing is certain. After being a familiar face in city hall for so many years, her presence there will be missed.



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Scenes from Springdale parade and Showcase in the Park

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Children's Arts Festival in Chewelah Park big hit with kids



Dozens of children enjoyed the session of music and motion with Gina Greenwood and Mo Oliver on Sunday afternoon. *K.S. Brooks photo*



The easel painting station was full of activity throughout the weekend. *K.S. Brooks photo*



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The StageTime kids prepared all week for their two shows on Saturday. *K.S. Brooks photo*



Eric Stevens performed magic for a packed house of amazed kids. *K.S. Brooks photo*

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reviewing grant applications
and providing suggestions to

applicants to help them improve their proposals.
Participation on the committee takes place online and stipends may be provided to eligible members. Visit the Recreation and Conservation Office's web site rco.wa.gov/get-involved/volunteer-advisory-committee/ to learn more about the various advisory committees. Applications are due Aug. 6.