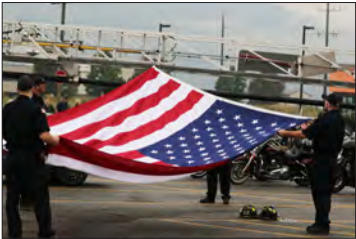




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LATEST ON COVID-19

Hospitals strained under patient load

TROUBLE IN HEALTHCARE: *Patients face long time for much-needed care as hospital beds are scarce in Spokane area, the state and the nation*

BRANDON HANSEN
Contributor

Rural hospitals are seeing their highest totals of COVID and non-COVID patients, and with the Spokane regional hospitals full, the state hospitals full and the national hospitals full, it's becoming harder and harder to transfer patients.

The result is, in rural areas like NE Washington, if a person gets a stroke or heart attack, response times and waiting for an open bed in a more capable hospital could mean critical care is not applied in time.

"The ER is stretched to capacity, and if you show up and are not critically injured at that moment, you're going to sit a bit, up to hours, for evaluation and treatment," NE Tri County Health Officer Dr. Sam Artzis said.

Currently there are 341 COVID-19 patients in the Spokane regional hospital system and 77 are in the ICU.

The Colville ambulance service is now making several runs a day down to Spokane, meaning it will be delayed in responding to accidents and other emergencies.

"We have people from Stevens County in hospitals in Montana, Idaho and Seattle," Artzis said. "I had one local gentleman who lost his wife and never was able to say goodbye. More and more, we know people who have died from this."

Meanwhile, after several large public events in Stevens County and the spread of the Delta variant of COVID-19, case counts are the highest they have ever been in NE Washington. Stevens County has had 565 reported cases in the past two weeks, while Pend Oreille has had 151 and Ferry County has had 61. To further complicate things, testing labs are now being overwhelmed with the workload and there is a shortage of tests.

"This has been a tremendous week for our health district, our hospitals and our healthcare workers," NE Tri County Health Administrator Matt Schanz said, pointing to significant community spread of the virus - now much higher than the winter surge and a case count per 100K of 1255.

Colville has had 190 active cases in the past two weeks, while Kettle Falls has had 86, Nine Mile Falls has had 59 cases and Chewelah has seen 56 cases.

"We're seeing COVID precautions that are seldom applied and that has been a challenge with school back in session," Schanz said, warning of difficult weeks ahead.

Schanz told people to mask up, stay home when sick and get vaccinated.

Deaths have also increased, with 15 deaths alone reported for the county since August. The 866 new cases in August were also the highest the area has seen since the pandemic began.

"If you have symptoms, it's not allergies, it's not the common cold, treat it like COVID-19 and get tested," Artzis said, pointing out that the area's COVID tests are coming back positive 58 percent of the time which shows an incredible saturation of virus activity in the area.

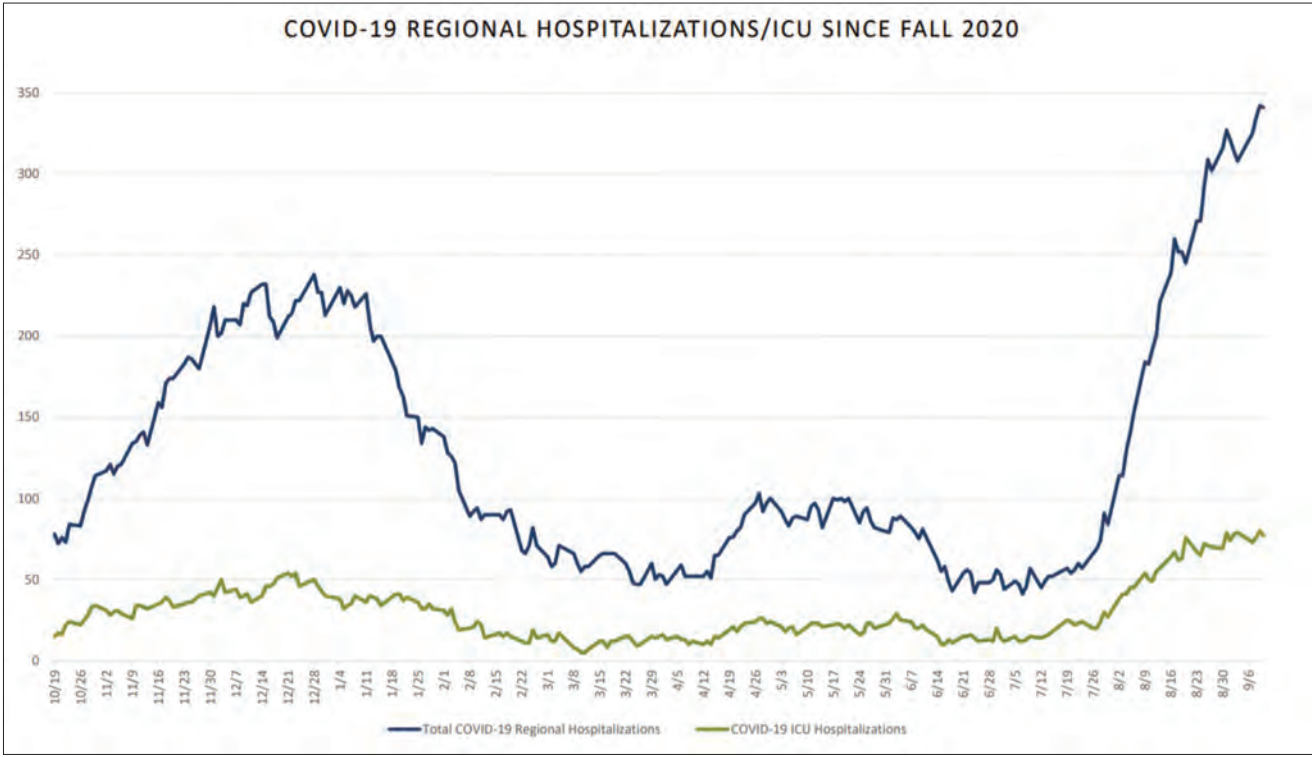
Artzis railed against the disinformation about the

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REMEMBERING 9/11



Above: The Colville Fire Department leads the 9-11 motorcycle memorial ride through downtown Colville last Saturday. Below: Stevens County Commissioners Wes McCart, Mark Burrows and Greg Young break ground at the future site of the 9-11 memorial at the county courthouse (See more photos of the events on Page 10) K.S. Brooks photos



ECONOMY

Job growth sluggish in August but unemployment drops

SLUGGISH ECONOMY: *Prices increase, employers can't find workers and unemployment drops in a weird summer for the U.S. and NE Washington*

BRANDON HANSEN
Contributor

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CHEWELAH WEATHER HISTORY

Date	High	Low	Precip.
September 7	91	43	0
September 8	87	47	0
September 9	88	46	0
September 10	72	48	.09
September 11	73	53	.10
September 12	78	49	0
September 13	71	47	0

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



Hunters, Stevens County, WA – The Old Hunters School prior to 1900. (Crossroads Archives/ Hunters Museum)



THURSDAY, SEP. 16
Sunny
High 68
Low 37



FRIDAY, SEP. 17
Cloudy
60% Chance Showers
High 61
Low 39



SATURDAY, SEP. 18
Mostly Cloudy
70% Chance Showers
High 63
Low 35



SUNDAY, SEP. 19
Partly Sunny
50% Chance Showers
High 62
Low 35

TRACKING THE SUN
SUNRISE - 6:25 a.m.
SUNSET - 7:03 p.m.

Avista customers in Addy and Gifford areas to experience planned power outages

UPGRADES:
Shutdowns required for system upgrade project

STAFF REPORTS
Chewelah Independent

Approximately 2,663 Avista electric customers in Addy, Gifford and the surrounding area will experience two more planned power outages over the next month. The first outage occurred on Sept. 11 and the remaining two outages will last for approximately six hours and will occur on Sept. 25 and Oct. 9. The same Avista customers will be impacted each time. No road closures will occur during these outages. Impacted customers will be notified before each outage occurs.

The next planned power outage will occur on Sept. 25. The outage will start at 9 a.m. on Saturday and will end at 3 p.m.

The last planned power outage will occur on Oct. 9. The outage will start at 9 a.m. on Saturday and will end at 3 p.m.

Avista's contractor, Potelco, will be replacing the existing wood poles with new steel structures and upgrading distribution equipment, strengthening the infrastructure to prevent and reduce the impacts of wildfire.

While the majority of the work on this project is done while the system is energized, the crews need three 6-hour power outages

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Center for the Arts announce one-act play auditions

It's been a long haul. A majority of us have been stuck in the house for over a year with little more to do than household chores. During that time, many have made promises to themselves of things they are going to do once things returned to normal. And here at the Center, we know that one of the things you promised yourself was to become involved in our productions. To help honor that promise, the Chewelah Center for the Arts and Park Avenue Players are proud to announce a weekend of one-act plays the 12th to 14th of November.

You are invited to come to auditions on the 23rd, 24th or 25th of September, at the Center starting at 6 p.m. I know. What a breakthrough moment to accomplish one of the many things on your bucket list. You may not be able to visit the String Museum, but you are welcome to join us. Don't miss this opportunity to knock a goal off of your bucket list. It may help build your courage for an adventurous trip to the String Museum.

*It's Coming!
It's Coming!
It's Coming!*



JOBS
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Economists are beginning to worry as case rates and hospitalizations skyrocket, while federal unemployment benefits are ending for millions of Americans.

Consumer spending slumped in October and fell to its lowest since February. Goldman Sachs cut their estimates of this quarter's spending to a .5 percent decline, while they reduced consumption growth from six percent to 3.5 percent.

Another issue - inflation - is also affecting the U.S. economy as the U.S. Department of Labor said that its Producer Price Index saw prices jump 8.3 percent from August of last year. This is the biggest jump since they started tracking the metric in 2010.

The national unemployment rate dropped from 5.4 percent in July to 5.2 percent in August. The civilian labor force was still short 2.9 million workers from Feb. 2020 and a net total of 5.3 million jobs have been lost since the start of the pandemic.

Stevens County has been experiencing some of the lowest unemployment levels in recent memory, although there are also fewer people in the labor force. Stevens County had a five percent unemployment rate in July, well below the rate in 2020 (11.5 percent), 2019 (6.3 percent) and 2018 (six percent).

In July there were a record 10.9 million job openings in the nation, and the summer has been marked by a continuation of supply shortages.

Some area businesses - like Backyard BBQ in Kettle Falls, have announced they're closing due to a lack of staff and a difficulty in finding supplies.

New jobless claims in Stevens County had dropped to just 24 in the middle week of August, but have since grown to 47 last week.

SPOTLIGHT ON EVENTS

IN SOUTHERN STEVENS COUNTY

WHAT IS UPCOMING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- Republic Chamber of Commerce meeting, 12-1 p.m. Republic TEDD Office
- Pickleball at the Republic High School Gym, call 509-775-2425 for more information
- 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
- Loon Lake Food Bank open 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- Chewelah Chamber of Commerce meeting, 7 a.m., Chewelah Casino
- Chewelah Farmers Market at Chewelah City Park, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- A Taste of Greece at the Newport Library, 3-5 p.m.

Junk Drunk Vintage and Shopping Market
Enjoy the Vintage & Shopping Market "Junk Drunk" which will be held in Colville, Washington at the N.E. Washington Fairgrounds Ag-Trade Center and Dairy Barn from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Join everyone and a wonderful group of vendors with all their wares and amazing treasures! You are sure to find some great "Junk"! Vendors will be selling vintage items, jewelry, home decor, home goods, salvage, art, handmade items, bath items and more! Admission \$5 – Good Both days – KIDS FREE!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
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- Newport Farmers Market at 236 S. Union Ave. in Newport, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Romp N' Roar Golf Tournament, Chewelah G&CC
- Eagle Track Raceway in Republic • Cheater Day, Fever 4 Enduro - hot laps begin at noon.

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NEW BEGINNINGS SALE!
Sept. 24th & 25th,
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JHS Cheerleaders are selling Chewelah Cougar gear. For every garment you buy the cheerleaders get \$5. This will help with buying safety mats, uniforms, camps, and much more. GO COUGS 🐾

SALE ENDS OCT 1ST AT 11:59PM. LINK/WEBSITE IS BELOW!

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Thank you letters should relate to a public event, organization or official. Personal thanks to individuals, for help through an illness for example, should be handled as a "Card of Thanks" in the Classifieds or as a display ad. Please limit submission to one letter every two weeks. Mailed or faxed submissions must be signed. All submissions become the property of The Independent.

■ CHEWELAH ATHLETICS

Chewelah cheerleaders head to Pullman

ON THE BIG STAGE:
Chewelah cheerleaders perform for over 22,000 fans at WSU game

BRANDON HANSEN
Contributor

As the Washington State Cougars put the hurt on the Portland State Vikings in college football action last Saturday, they had a little bit more support in the stands.

The Jenkins Junior Senior High School cheerleaders were attending the game and a day-long event called “Spirit Day” which was put on by Varsity Spirit and the Universal Cheerleaders Association.

“The experience was

awesome for the girls and really cool for them to feel the crowd’s energy,” JJ-SHS Cheerleading Coach Amanda Katzer said.

The Cougar cheerleaders left Chewelah at 5:30 a.m. to get registered at 9:30 a.m. for the day.

They then started practicing routines on campus and got to go over to Martin Stadium to do a rehearsal on the field.

After lunch, the WSU cheerleaders and Crimson Girls performed for all the cheerleading squads there - a highlight for everybody from Chewelah.

“We then took pictures with them,” Katzer said.

“We then went to the game and watched to almost half-

time, then they performed.”

Perform, that is, in front of a crowd of over 22,000 fans.

“It was so awesome to get to see them perform at a college game and have them experience it,” Katzer said.

“After they performed, we went back and watched the rest of the game.”

Katzer said the cheerleaders enjoyed the whole day and while it was more intense than a cheerleading camp, it was definitely something they will not be soon forgetting.

“I was very impressed with the girls and how they handled the day,” Katzer said. “It was a lot of fun.”



The Chewelah cheerleading squad stands in front of Martin Stadium last Saturday in Pullman.
Courtesy photos



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■ NEWS BRIEFS

Officials positive about the Danville Mine in Ferry County

Belmont Resources CEO George Sookochoff said he believes the Lone Star Copper-Gold Mine west of Danville is showing promise, reports the Ferry View.

Sookochoff said he believes new technology used by the company will make the Ferry County mine and three other British Columbia ventures produce in the future.

The Lone Star Mine was an underground mine in the early 1900s and open pitted in the 1970s.

Federal unemployment benefits expiring could mean more cost for employers

After the Federal Pandemic Unemployment assistance ended on Sept. 4, employers could see higher unemployment charges as more former employees transfer to regular unemployment benefits.

If an individual has worked 680 hours in four of the last five quarters then they are eligible for unemployment benefits.

Washington State bounces back against Portland State

The WSU Cougars bounced back from an opening week loss to Utah State to defeat Portland State last Saturday 44-24 at Gesa Field. The Cougars were led by running backs Deon McIntosh and Max Borghi, who combined for 123 of WSU’s 162 rushing yards. Quarterback Jayden de Laura went 21-of-29 passes for 303 yards and three touchdowns. The Cougars now move onto Pac-12 play against USC next week. Meanwhile, the University of Washington lost to Michigan 31-10 to drop to 0-2 on the season.

Eastern Washington downs Central at home

The 18th-straight win at Roos Field was a dominating one for the EWU, as the Eagles downed Central Washington in a 63-14 victory.

It was the 11th highest scoring game in EWU history. In a balanced attack on the ground (323 yards) and through the air (322 yards), the Eagles totaled 645 yards and eight touchdowns. The yardage total was the 19th-most in program history. Quarterback Eric Barriere was 20-for-30 for 264 yards and three touchdowns.

The win improves the Eagles to 2-0 on the year.

COMMUNITY



Birthdays & Anniversaries: SEPT. 16-SEPT. 21

Happy Birthday: 9/16-Steve Deal, Eleisha Martin, Susan Burmeister, Adam Gray, 9/17-Jim Culverwell, Eric Chalmers, Blaze Smith, 9/18-Robby Bendixen, Justin Danford, Madeline Barlocker, 9/19-Everett Peters, Easton Peters, 9/20-Grayce Fuller, Daniele Bradley, 9/21-Tom Rancourt, Oliver Scott Gurash, Cherie Gieseke. **Anniversaries:** 9/16-Cliff & Sheri Hoagland, 9/18-Steve & Carmen Deal, 9/19-Dave & Debra Pohto, 9/21-Barbara & Hoss Murray, Dennis & Lori Poore. (Birthdays & Anniversaries courtesy of the Chewelah Valley Lions Club Birthday Calendar)

REMEMBER WHEN BY GEND LUDWIG

90 years ago – September 10, 1931

The drilling of exploratory test holes to a considerable depth will continue in the valley in search of oil. Five temporarily unemployed workers from the Northwest Magnesite plant have volunteered their time to carry on the drilling. Thermax insulation board, manufactured by the Northwest Magnesite Company south of Chewelah, is receiving coverage from the Spokane newspaper. Thermax was a heat, cold, fire and noise resistant material. About 40,000 square feet of Thermax was used in the construction of the Fox Theater and John Rogers High School in Spokane. The local plant is capable of producing 20,000,000 square feet of Thermax annually. (Note: The abandoned remains of the old Thermax plant can still be seen at the northern end of the old Northwest Magnesite Company site.)

70 years ago – September 13, 1951

The auditorium of the Avalon Theater was brightened this week with a new interior paint job. The Thermax walls and ceiling have been painted an aspen green color. (Note: The Avalon Theater was located in a building that existed where the Washington Federal Bank now stands. The building faced east and included the theater and a small business on the bottom floor, and the Empress Hotel above on the second floor. The theater had ground floor and balcony seating.) Summit Valley School opened on Tuesday with 42 students in two classrooms. Mrs. Carlson and Mrs. Johnson will be the teachers, while Mrs. Zbinden will again teach at Sunnyside.

60 years ago – September 14, 1961

The Chewelah Cougars defeated Kettle Falls and Mead to capture their ninth Merry-Go-Round football title. This was Chewelah’s third MGR victory in a row. The Cougars were powered by runningback Dean Frizzell. (Note: The football merry-go-round was played at the beginning of the season. It has been replaced by the jamboree. In 1961, Mead was only a small high school. Now it is a 4A school.)

50 years ago – September 16, 1971

Ronald Meadows left for Lackland Air Force Base in Texas to begin his military service. He is a 1971 Jenkins High School graduate. Mark Carpenter shot a black bear weighing nearly 300 pounds on the hill behind the Jack George place above Cottonwood Road.

40 years ago – September 17, 1981

Gene Schalock announced that the \$270,000 needed for the St. Joseph’s Hospital remodel and construction has finally

been raised.

30 years ago – September 12, 1991

School opened in Chewelah last week with 47 more students than the district had planned for. New teachers are Mike Brown, Marcella Brooke, Elizabeth Ballinger, Christine Odden, Terri Kassa and Sergio Fossa. The nurses at St. Joseph’s Hospital have decided to unionize. It will now be represented by the Nurses Union. Chamber of Commerce President Brian Comer is asking for donations to the annual Chamber Auction, which is the main fundraiser for the organization.

20 years ago – September 13, 2001

The banner headline on the front page of The Independent read, “Thousands feared dead in terrorist attack!” following the destruction of the twin towers at the New York Trade Center on September 11. (Note: It is believed that 2,996 citizens were killed in this attack.) A Colville Junior High School teacher has submitted his resignation after being charged with second-degree and third-degree rape in connection with an adolescent girl. The Chewelah mayoral race is heating up with three candidates vying for the position. Clancy Bauman, Gene DeCharme and incumbent Ron McCoy were interviewed, and their remarks were published by The Independent.

10 years ago – September 15, 2011

The Chewelah City Council introduced a draft of the new Off-Road Vehicle Ordinance with more than 50 citizens in attendance to give public input. Chewelah City Administrator Curt Kelling resigned on September 13 after the City Council in the wake of a “no confidence” vote by the council. Mayor Clancy Bauman, Secretary Tracy Ferrell and city employee Mike Frizzell will share the responsibilities of the CA until a new one can be hired. Jason Pitt and Payton Norvell won the championship division of this year’s Chewelah Open Best Ball and Scramble Golf Tournament at the Chewelah Golf and Country Club. A total of 72 two-man teams competed in several flights. Nearly 400 riders from the Colville American Legion Riders drove their motorcycles through Chewelah to commemorate the lives of those who died in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack at the New York World Trade Center. Chewelah residents lined Park Street to honor the victims. Bob and Joy Gardner of the Ebony Mule Ranch hosted a small gathering to pay tribute to the lives lost in the attack with veteran Clyde Miller hoisting the “Stars and Stripes” on the new commemorative flag pole. The flag once flew over the United States Capitol.

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Arden Old Timers Kids Day

The Arden Old Timers Rodeo Association is hosting the “Arden Old Timers Kids Day” on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Arden Rodeo Grounds. Sign up from 9 to 11 a.m. on the day of. The rodeo will go from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Events start at Noon and go until finished. BBQ will be available. Donations are always appreciated!

Autumn Community Craft/ Yard Sale in Springdale

Beginning at 8 a.m., space is available at the Camas Valley Grange. 10x10 space for \$5 includes one table, setup begins at 6 a.m. Must remove what you don’t sell. The Grange will sell food and drinks. Pay for space on sept. 18. To reserve, call Shannon at 509-227-9881. Town residents who wish to set up at home may have their address added to a map to be given out at the Grange. Contact Elisanne 509-258-4625.

Junk Drunk Vintage and Shopping Market

Enjoy the Vintage & Shopping Market “Junk Drunk” which will be held in Colville, Washington at the N.E. Washington Fairgrounds Ag-Trade Center and Dairy Barn from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Join everyone and a wonderful

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Horseman clinic in Nine Mile Falls

Horsemanship clinic with roping, trail and sorting hosted by RD Ranch Versatility Horses in Nine Mile Falls. This clinic will be an intro to the Working Ranch Challenge buckle series to be held in the summer of 2022. Know what to expect and get your practice in over the winter to be competition ready in the spring. This clinic is also for overall horsemanship. At RD Ranch Versatility we strive to take performance style trained horses and apply them to practical everyday situations. Clinic starts at 8:30 and goes until everyone has accomplished what they came to accomplish. Bring your own lunch and water. ***\$50 holds your spot, 10 riders only***

SEPTEMBER 17-19

-Fort Colville Grange #533 Flea Market. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 17-19, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.. 156 Hwy 20N, Colville (across from High School).

SUNDAY, SEPT. 19

-Clayton Grange Breakfast, 8 -10:30 a.m., For more info, call 509-276-2694. -Amtgard live action role playing at Chewelah City Park, 12 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 20

-Republic City Council meeting, 5-6 p.m. -Mary Walker School District Board meeting at Mary Walker High School Library, 6:30 p.m. -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, SEPT. 21

-Pickleball at the Republic High School Gym, call 509-775-2425 for more information -Kettle Falls Community Chest open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22

-Ferry County Business and Professional Women meeting, Esther’s Restaurant in Republic, 12-1 p.m. -Kettle Falls Community Chest open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. -Springdale Frontier Days Committee meeting at Camas Valley Grange, 7 p.m. For more info call 258-4548 or Sandie 258-7105 -Al-Anon meeting at Colville Community Church, noon, at 887 S.

Walnut

THURSDAY, SEPT. 23

-Ferry County SAR meeting at Republic LDS Church, 6-8 p.m. -Ferry County Fair Board meeting at FC Fairgrounds, 6-7 p.m. -Pickleball at the Republic High School Gym, call 509-775-2425 for more information -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 -Loon Lake Food Bank open 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Tax Structure Work Group webinar

This presentation from 1-2 p.m. via webex is about the effort of the Tax Structure Work Group to update Washington’s state tax structure and gather feedback from individual taxpayers and businesses. This interactive presentation will include: -Background information about the current tax structure -Explanations of different scenarios for changing the tax structure to improve fairness, adequacy, stability and transparency -Time for questions -Opportunities for participants to share their opinions You can find more information at taxworkgroup.org.

AVISTA

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to complete everything safely. During these outages, crews will be erecting critical corner poles that will be very close to the existing, energized wires. Handling the poles and wires in these tight spaces is dangerous without an outage.

“We thank you for your patience,” said David Howell, Avista’s director of operations. “Maintenance to

the electrical system is critical to providing dependable service. We understand how impactful power disruptions can be and we will work as quickly and safely as possible to restore your service.”

Avista customer service representatives have a variety of resources and information available to aid customers in need. Customers who have questions or concerns can contact Avista at (800) 227-9187 for assistance and reference outage numbers 2115683, 2115684, and 2115686.



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Deferred Maintenance

Most homes have some degree of deferred maintenance, but let’s talk about those items that are worn out or broken that you have procrastinated because you are too lazy...or because you don’t really want to invest money into those items right now, especially since they still work,...sort of,... or they are not really pressing. Someone asked me to offer a guess as to the value of their home awhile back, which I reluctantly did. They gasped when I blurted out an approximate value because it was much lower than they expected. Out of kindness, I did not elaborate the reason for my low evaluation, but it was simply because the property was run down in almost every way. Sure, it was a solid structure, but the siding had not been painted for many years and was droopy because of moisture damage. There were signs of water damage on interior surfaces because of a leaky roof. It had not seen new paint for many years and the landscaping and yard were a mess. I could go on, but to say this property needed a major renovation will suffice. If the siding on this house had been properly caulked and painted in a timely manner, the siding may not have needed total replacement. Instead it may have just needed a fresh coat of paint. Regular routine maintenance can save thousands of dollars in the long run! When you notice spots of peeling paint, take care of that immediately instead of waiting until the trim boards are weathered or rotten and need replacement. My point in telling this story is that it pays to keep up on the up keep! In a recent sales transaction the seller was repeatedly surprised by the high cost of repair bills for work requested by the buyer. The seller could not afford to pay for these items all at once so he maxed out credit cards to accomplish the required repairs. If it had failed to close, the owner may have been in serious financial jeopardy. If the seller would have continually maintained the property, they may have been less stressed at point of sale. Items that are frequently called out on inspection reports for repair are; peeling paint, broken seals or broken glass in windows, cracked chimney liners, failed septic systems or well pumps, double tapped or loose wiring and uncovered electrical boxes, etc, etc. Don’t wait until you sell to fix it! Lenders and buyers don’t like “as is”! Do it now!

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Most Americans believe government employees work less

President Joe Biden has promised a pay increase for federal employees, but most Americans think government workers already have it made. The latest Rasmussen Reports national telephone and online survey finds that 59% of American adults believe private sector employees work harder than government workers. Only 13% disagree, while another 28% are not sure. That's just slightly changed from 2018, when 62% said private sectors outworked their government counterparts. Fifty-nine percent (59%) also say government workers have more job security than workers in the private sector. That number has ranged as high as 70% in surveys since 2010. Only nine percent (9%) think government employees have less job security than private sector workers, but 19% say they have about the same amount of job security, and 12% are not sure.

Bush’s 9/11 epilogue needs to be America’s prologue

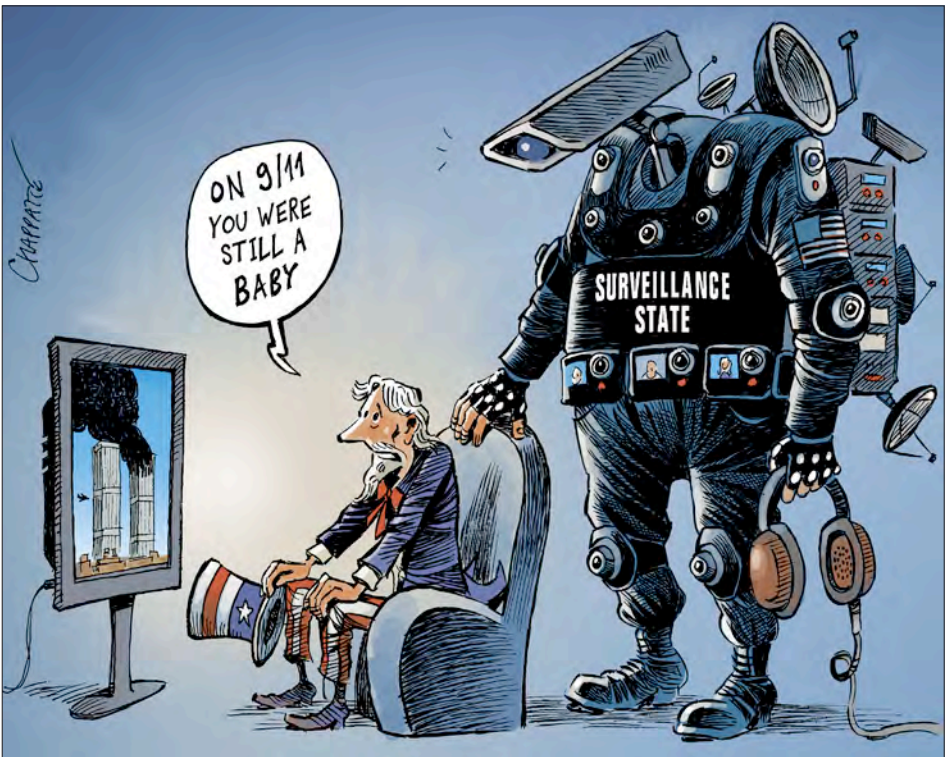
This September 11 remembrance fell at a time when America is bitterly divided. It is also a time when we are more acutely worried about where and when terrorists will strike next. Our hasty withdrawal from Afghanistan – the place where terrorists orchestrated the 9/11 carnage in New York, Washington, D.C. and Shanksville, killing nearly 3,000 fellow Americans – was fresh in our minds. We needed words of reassurance again. We needed to be reminded of the way our country came together after 9/11 – an epilogue – and a hopeful path forward – a prologue. We got it from a somber George W. Bush – the President occupying the White House in 2001. He spoke at Shanksville on September 11, 2021. At “Ground Zero” in New York City on September 14, 2001, a resolute new president grabbed a bullhorn and told the world that America will root out the assassins and take steps to insure it doesn’t happen again. He also promised to bring al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden to justice. It took a decade, but on May 2, 2011, President Obama watched as Navy SEALs took out Osama bin Laden – the mastermind behind 9/11 – in his Pakistan hideout. This year when Bush spoke at Shanksville, a quiet rural Pennsylvania town where 40 passengers and crew on United 93 overpowered al Qaeda hijackers who took control of the jet and crashed it, the field was serene. It is a stark contrast to the first battle of our war on terrorism. That jet was headed for either the White House or Capitol. Bush reassured veterans and people in uniform, the cause they pursued is “the noblest America has to offer. You shielded your fellow citizens from danger...nothing can tarnish your honor or diminish your accomplishments...to you and the honored dead, our country is forever grateful.” He warned there is growing evidence that the dangers to our country can not only come from across borders but from within. “There’s little cultural overlap between violent extremists abroad and violent extremists at home. But in their disdain for pluralism, in their disregard for human life, in their determination to defile national symbols, they are children of the same foul spirit, and it is our continuing duty to confront them.” He spoke of the America he knows. “On America’s day of trial and grief, I saw millions of people instinctively grab a neighbor’s hand and rally to the cause of one another....when religious bigotry might have flowed freely, I saw Americans reject prejudice and embrace people of Muslim faith.... when nativism could have stirred hatred and violence, I saw Americans reaffirm their welcome to immigrant refugees....when some viewed the rising generation as individualistic and decadent, I saw young people embrace an ethic of service and rise in selfless action. That is the nation I know.” When it comes to the unity of American people, those days seem a distant past, Bush added. “Malign force seems at work in common life that turns every disagreement into an argument and every argument into a clash of cultures. So much of our politics has become a naked appeal to anger, fear and resentment. That leaves us worried about our nation and our future together.” As for our prologue – from the beginning, our nation was built upon freedoms and differences of opinion. Political debate historically has been fiery and contentious, but in past times, opponents have found ways to reach agreement for our common good. Hopefully, that is not lost. It is not that way now and acrimony is running through our system like an out-of-control wildfire. Regardless of your feelings towards George W. Bush, his words are wise – and desperately needed.



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POLITICAL CARTOON OF THE WEEK: 20 Years of Counterterrorism

By Patrick Chappatte, NZZ am Sonntag



Save water, shower with a bureaucrat?

If you’re like me, you enjoy few things more than a long, hot shower. Nothing loosens the muscles or washes your worries away better than gradually turning up the hot knob until you’re red as a boiled lobster. Unfortunately, the Biden administration intends to re-enact a federal regulation that will limit my ability to enjoy my daily hot shower in the name of water conservation. I’ve long taken my daily shower for granted — as sort of an unwritten Constitutional amendment — but I was unaware that it’s a luxury that has only been around a couple hundred years. According to the website Amusing Planet, in ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia, only the very wealthy could enjoy showers. They had their slaves pour jugs of hot water on them from above. The first “modern” shower was not invented until the late 1700s by an English stove and heater manufacturer named William Feetham. “His contraption consisted of a basin, where the bather stood, and an overhanging water tank,” reports Amusing Planet. “The bather used a hand pump to pump water from the basin to the tank, and then pulled a chain to dump all the water at the same time over his head. The process was then repeated.” It wouldn’t be until the water heater was invented in 1889 that the hot shower as we know it became more practical. All I know is that by the time I was a kid in the ‘70s, the daily shower was a regular part of American life. There was no need for the federal government to monitor how much water we were using. Our mother did that. My poor sisters sported the Farrah Fawcett shag haircut that was popular at the time. Washing and conditioning their long locks required lots of shower time, which meant high water and heating bills — until my mother found the master shut-off valve. If any of us went one second over our allotted time limit, off the water would go.

Nowadays, we have the federal “mother” limiting our water intake — which is why a crazy showerhead debate is raging in Washington. According to The Hill, the Biden administration’s shower regulators intend to propose a rule reinstating the Obama administration’s 2013 definition of “showerhead,” which the Trump administration had changed to allow more hot water to flow upon America’s tired and groggy heads. In 2013, you see, President Obama’s environmentally conscious shower bureaucrats had classified a “showerhead” as a single entity, regardless of the number of nozzles it had. They decreed that each showerhead must be limited to 2.5 gallons per minute (GPM), but Trump’s showerhead officials wanted to apply the 2.5 GPM limitation to each individual nozzle on a showerhead, not the entire showerhead. A showerhead with four nozzles, then, could allow 10 gallons of water to flow per minute — which is shower Heaven or Hell, depending on which side of the issue you are on. If you like the freedom to choose among hundreds of innovative showerhead options, including options that limit water flow and cost, you’ll want the Trump rule to remain. But if you want the power of the federal government to control how much water and energy every American is permitted to consume, you’ll want the Biden administration to reverse the Trump rule. Whatever your position on the showerhead issue, one thing is for sure: The federal government has gotten so meddling, you can’t even take a shower without it joining in.



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The ‘rural purge’ of 1971

In mid-1971, I experienced a most distressing visit to the dentist. A TV fan magazine in the waiting room divulged life-changing news. Irene Ryan (who portrayed Granny on “The Beverly Hillbillies”) told an interviewer she was madder than a wet hen – because CBS had canceled the beloved sitcom after nine seasons! TV historians regard this as part of the “rural purge” of the early 70s. “Petticoat Junction” and “The Jackie Gleason” show had disappeared a year earlier, and “Bonanza” and “Gunsmoke” would hang on until 1973 and 1975, respectively. But fall 1971 was the epicenter of a major upheaval in programming. “Green Acres,” “Hee Haw,” “Lassie” and “Mayberry R.F.D.,” as well as variety shows hosted by Red Skelton, Lawrence Welk, Ed Sullivan, Johnny Cash, Jim Nabors and Andy Williams all got the network heave-ho. Part of the change arose because networks were ceding the first half-hour of prime time to local affiliates. Veteran stars pricing themselves out of a job also played a part. But mostly, after two decades of indiscriminately pursuing the largest possible audience, the TV networks decided to cater to the most affluent demographic groups. Yes, the programmers and Madison Avenue would tickle the fancy of trendy, malleable audiences, not the world-weary, tradition-bound consumers who recognized

a snake-oil salesman when they saw one. This emphasis on being edgy, hip and relevant to urban young adults spelled bad news for programs that attracted too many children, seniors and country folks. I will grudgingly admit that this network disdain for kids, codgers and Cletuses – while producing only a handful of “city slicker” hits in the autumn of 1971 – would eventually make room for crowd-pleasers such as “M*A*S*H,” “Maude,” “The Bob Newhart Show,” “Sanford and Son,” “Rhoda” and “Barney Miller.” Still, as a former youngster, a current senior, a lifelong small-town resident and a father apologizing that all the DVDs chronicling the porcine misadventures of Arnold Ziffel have been exhausted, part of me resents the elitism of the bicoastal TV executives. True, over the years they have occasionally tossed the hicks in “flyover country” a bone (“Dukes of Hazzard,” “Sheriff Lobo,” “Lonesome Dove,” etc.). But they’ve never really apologized for five decades of forgettable “sophisticated” shows that fizzled with critics and Nielsen ratings families alike. Sure, I have enjoyed my share of risqué programs in recent years; but I still yearn for the corny values of TV seasons past, such as Red Skelton ending his show with



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“Good night and may God bless.” The snooty network execs who cringed at the Clampetts taking a dip in the “ce-ment pond” have no qualms about doing the backstroke in a cesspool.

Granted, the last half-century has produced an embarrassment of riches with upscale sitcoms and dramas; but I can’t help but think that a little dash of the bucolic life would make them even better.

All those police forensics shows could be trimmed to the length of TikTok videos if Opie Taylor would confess to having accidentally killed the victim with his slingshot.

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CORRECTIONS DEPUTY (entry-level testing, no experience required) – Begin an exciting and rewarding Career as a Corrections Deputy with the Stevens County Sheriff. Stevens County Civil Service will establish an eligibility list of candidates to fill current and future open Corrections Deputy positions in the Stevens County Jail. Corrections Deputy is a full-time position with employer-paid training provided. Starting wage is \$18.50/hr., plus a generous benefit/insurance package. Applicants must pass a physical ability test and complete written and oral exams. The application, Dr. release form, official announcement (with test details) and other important documents are available at www.stevenscountywa.gov (under “Job Openings” and on the Civil Service page). You can also reach us by email at agarringer@stevenscountywa.gov or request a return call by Civil Service Staff - 509-684-3751. Don’t delay – the deadline to apply and submit other required documentation is 4:30pm, Tue. October 5th, 2021. D9/30


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PARENT/CHILD EDUCATOR
EARLY HEAD START (EHS)
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EWU seeks to fill two (2) full-time Parent/Child Educator positions, located in Stevens County or Ferry County. EWU Early Head Start Parent-Child Educators (PCEs) are early childhood home visitors who help parents prepare their child for Success in School and in life by engaging and equipping parents in their roles as primary nurturer, most influential teacher and child advocate. PCEs develop and maintain helping relationships with parents/children and guide individualized, home-based comprehensive child health and developmental learning experiences. Ninety-minute home visits are scheduled on a weekly basis, year round, with a minimum of 2 socialization experiences each month. Caseloads per PCE include 10 to 12 infants, toddlers and pregnant women. While PCEs are the primary service provider for the home-based EHS program option, they work collaboratively with parents, other EHS staff, volunteers, community partners and other providers to plan and implement the full range of EHS services. Candidates for the PCE position must have knowledge and experience in:

- Child development and early childhood education;
- Principles of child health, safety, and nutrition;
- Adult learning principles; and
- Family dynamics.

PCEs must be skilled in communicating with and motivating people, and must have knowledge of community resources and the skills to link families with appropriate agencies and services.

Don’t Delay! Screening begins September 16th. For complete position information, qualifications, and application instructions, visit our jobs website: <https://jobs.hr.ewu.edu>. Position is listed under Exempt jobs, posting 2021057EP.

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15 HELP WANTED

STEVENS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, Colville, Washington. Will be accepting applications with resume for the position of Solid Waste Attendant I, to work at the Stevens County Landfill. The starting hourly wage is \$15.05. Applications will be accepted beginning September 13th and will be open until filled. You must have a valid Washington State Driver’s License when applying. Application and job description are available on line publicworks@stevenscountywa.gov or call 509 684 4548 to have an application and job description mailed to you. May also pick up an application at the Stevens County Public Works Department, 185 E. Hawthorne, Colville, Washington. STEVENS COUNTY MAINTAINS A DRUG FREE WORK PLACE. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. C9/30

STEVENS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, Colville, Washington. Will be accepting applications with resume for the position of Road Technician I, this is a continuous recruitment and will be used to generate an open list of applicants. Qualified applicants will remain on the eligibility list 6 months. Recruitment will be used to fill open positions in all of Stevens County’s various shops (Colville, Northport, Pleasant Valley, Chewelah, Hunters, and Williams Valley) currently we have 2 open positions in the Stevens County Williams Valley Shop, near Deer Park, Washington. Openings in other locations will be available soon. The starting hourly wage is \$20.16. You must have a valid Washington State Commercial Driver’s License class “A” when applying. Application and job description are available on line publicworks@stevenscountywa.gov or call 509 684 4548 to have an application and job description mailed to you. You may also pick up an application at the Stevens County Public Works Department, 185 E. Hawthorne, Colville, Washington. STEVENS COUNTY MAINTAINS A DRUG FREE WORK PLACE. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. D10/7

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Apply online at www.valleysd.org/employment via Fast Track. Contact our Human Resources department with any questions. (509) 937-2791. C9/16

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Or visit our website to complete a contractor application <http://www.spokesman.com/open-routes/> C9/23

15 HELP WANTED

F/T cook position, preferably with experience, wage DOE. Sycamore Glen at Quail Hollow Assisted Living. Send resume to childressjulee899@gmail.com. C9/23

Community Connections LTC, LLC is currently recruiting for an experienced Social Services Professional, in the Tri-County (Stevens, Ferry, and Pend Oreille) area. Community Transitions specialists provide navigation and support services to participants maneuvering through Long Term Care programs, Housing services and a variety of community based social and entitlement programs. Areas of focus include housing stabilization, homelessness prevention, stabilization of medical services in current setting and relocation assistance. As a Transition Specialist, you will work from your secure home office. You can expect to spend time in participants homes and working with other organizations in the community.

Bachelor's degree and/or minimum 3 years' experience working with the Aged, Blind and Disabled population required. Independent living skill facilitation and supportive housing experience helpful. Apply with updated resume, 3 professional references, and a cover letter expanding on your knowledge, experience, and philosophy for providing transitional services. Please visit our website to apply directly WWW CommunityConnections LTC.Com C9/23

17 GARAGE SALES/ AUCTIONS

Moving Sale, Saturday, September 18th, 1259 East Glen, Colville, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Miscellaneous items, Small Kitchen Appliances, Desk, Table & 6 chairs, 2 Recliners, Side Table, Lamp, new Food Processor, Microwave, and lots more! A9/16

Fri & Sat., Sept. 17th & **CANCELED** bikes, lots of misc. A9/16

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99 LEGAL NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF WASHINGTON, SPOKANE COUNTY NO. 21-4-01729-32 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of:

Larry J. Dixon,
Deceased.

The General Administrator named below has been appointed as General Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner provided by RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the General Administrator or the General Administrator's attorney of record, 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 General Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: September 2, 2021

GREGORY S. MORRISON, WSBA #15123
Attorney for the General Administrator
Address for Service: 921 W. Broadway, Ste. 302
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GREGORY S. MORRISON
General Administrator

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF STEVENS NO. 21 4 00128 33 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In the Matter of the Estate of:

THOMAS PHILLIPS, JR

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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.

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Thomas E. Phillips, III,
Personal Representative
c/o McGrane & Schuerman, Logan A. Worley, WSBA #48121
Attorney at Law
298 South Main, #304
Colville, Washington 99114
509 684-8484

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR SPOKANE COUNTY NO. 21-4-01735-32 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

In the Matter of the Estate of:

CRYSTAL DAWN LOFTS,

Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the deceased 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 Decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: September 9, 2021

P E R S O N A L REPRESENTATIVE: KAYLA M. HULL

ATTORNEYS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE LUKINS & ANNIS, P.S.

By DAVID P. WEBSTER
WSBA #41047

ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE
DAVID P. WEBSTER
Lukins & Annis, P.S.
717 W. Sprague Ave., Suite 1600
Spokane, WA 99201-0466

COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSE NUMBER: Superior Court, Spokane County, Washington

Cause No. 21-4-01735-32

Published: September 9, 16, 23, 2021

SUMMONS 60 DAYS SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR STEVENS COUNTY Case No. 21-2-00208-33

THOMAS A. MASSIE, an unmarried man, Plaintiff vs. JOHN HUTKOI and ALETHA M. HUTKOI, husband and wife, and heirs, successors and assigns, Defendants. THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO: JOHN HUTKOI and

99 LEGAL NOTICES

ALETHA M. HUTKOI, husband and wife, and heirs, successors and assigns.

You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the August 26, 2021 and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff THOMAS A. MASSIE, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for plaintiff, Spencer A. W. Stromberg of Lucent Law, PLLC, at the office address below; and in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court.

This action is to quiet title to real property with a street address of 3784 Red Cedar Road, Loon Lake, WA 99148 and that is legally described as follows: Lot 7, Block 1, Second Addition to Gardner Acre Tracts, according to plat thereof recorded September 11, 1959 under Auditor's File No. 329741, in Stevens County, Washington. Tax Parcel No. 0534900. DATED this 26th day of August, 2021.

Attorney for Plaintiff: Spencer A. W. Stromberg, WSBA# 23014; Lucent Law PLLC
Address for Mailing or Service: 1403 S. Grand Blvd. Ste. 201-S, Spokane, WA 99203
Stevens County Superior Court Cause No. 21-2-00208-33

Published: August 26, September 1, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2021

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF STEVENS No. PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of:

JIMMY DOUGLAS CLOUD a/k/a JAMES D. CLOUD

Deceased.

Tran Thi Diep Cloud 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 Co-Personal Representatives or the Co-Personal Representatives' attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (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: September 9, 2021

Personal Representative: Tran Thi Diep Cloud

Attorney for Personal Representatives: Steven Schneider

Address for Mailing or Service: Steven Schneider
Attorney at Law, P.S.
621 W. Mallon Ave., Ste. 505
Spokane, WA 99201

DATED __7/14/21__

Signed by DocuSign
Tran Thi Diep Cloud
Personal Representative

STEVEN SCHNEIDER, ATTORNEY AT LAW, P.S.
Steven Schneider, WSBA No. 22622
Attorney for Personal Representative Steven Schneider
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621 W. Mallon Avenue, Ste. 505
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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF STEVENS NO. 21 4 00125 33 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In the Matter of the Estate of:

WAYNE L. FARRELL, JR.

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.

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Laura Buckley,
Personal Representative
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Attorney at Law
298 South Main #304,
Colville, Washington 99114
509 684-8484

Published: September 9, 16, 23, 2021

Notice of Decision

Project Number: LLA-07-2021 (Rech-Park)

Proposal Description: Divide the 10' x 130' strip between lots 14 and 15 on Palmer Lane between the two lots.

Date of Application: 06/25/2021

Determination of Completeness: 07/20/2021

Location: Parcels Nos. 0294398, 0294366, and 0294367; Address Palmer Lane, Chewelah, WA 99109; Further described as a portion of Section 34, Township 33N., Range 40E., Stevens County, Washington

SEPA Threshold Determination: The proposal is categorically exempt pursuant to WAC 197-11-800 and Section 16.04.270 of the City of Chewelah Environmental Ordinance.

Action by Review Authority: Approval

Appeals: The approval is final unless an appeal is made by 4:30 pm, September 30, 2021, fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of this publication. An appeal may be made by the applicant or a party of record in accordance with Section 18.20.050 of the Chewelah Zoning Ordinance.

Affected property owners may request from Stevens County a change in valuation for property tax purposes notwithstanding any program of revaluation.

Published: September 16, 2021

Notice of Decision

Project Number: LLA-04-2021 (Bardwell)

Proposal Description: A-1 Fireplace shop currently 3 lots, remove two parcel lines to make one large parcel.

Date of Application: 08/17/2021

Determination of Completeness: 08/18/2021

Location: Parcel Nos. 0242900, 0248905, and 0248910; Address N. Park St. Chewelah, WA 99019

SEPA Threshold Determination: The proposal is categorically exempt pursuant to WAC 197-11-800 and Section 16.04.270 of the City of Chewelah Environmental Ordinance.

Action by Review Authority: Approval

Appeals: The approval is final unless an appeal is made by 4:30 pm, September 30, 2021, fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of this publication. An appeal may be made by the applicant or a party of record in accordance with Section 18.20.050 of the Chewelah Zoning Ordinance.

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Remembering 9/11: 20th Anniversary

Photos by K.S. Brooks



Memorial riders form a human “9-11” monument. Colville Fire Department photo



A local bagpiper played Amazing Grace.



The Colville Fire Department prepares the American flag for raising.



Taps was played at the close of the ceremonies.



The American flag flew over the morning gathering at Super 1 Foods.

99 LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Springdale Town Council in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, 206 N. 2nd, Springdale, WA 99173 on September 13, 2021 5:45 PM

The purpose of the public hearing for Ordinance 437-21 Water Efficiency and Water Conservation Plan

Town Hall is handicap accessible. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving twenty-four (24) hour advance notice. Contact Lisa Sheppard at 509-258-7258, 206 N. Second, Springdale, WA 99173. springdale.townhall@gmail.com

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF STEVENS
NO. 21 4 00131 33
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(RWC 11.40.030)

In the Matter of the Estate of:

LAURA M. HASTINGS

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.

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A gun salute closed the ceremonies at the Stevens County Courthouse.

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Lady Cougars open league season with win at Kettle Falls

NEXT UP: *Cougar volleyball takes on Chesterton Academy Thursday*

GENO LUDWIG
Chewelah Independent

The Lady Cougars opened their league season with a three-set win at Kettle Falls on Tuesday evening as Natalie George hammered 10 kills and Mia Bellevue set 19 assists, hit seven ace serves and added six digs. It was an overall strong performance by the Cougars to begin their 2021 volleyball campaign with the goal of finishing their season among the top teams in the Northeast 2B final standings. Colfax, Liberty and Northwest Christian are again projected to be the other strong teams in the league.

After losing only one player to graduation, Chewelah returns a veteran team with a taller front row of heavy hitters and a multi-talented back row. The Cougars have Abby Miller, Laynie Haskell, Natalie George and exchange student Jikke Stekelenburg at the net. They return Maili Masuda, Bailey Fuller and Bellevue to the back row, along with Brooke Bennett, Trinity Ross, Kelly Macrae and Maddy Kent, so the back row has depth.

“It was a great start to our season,” said Coach Melissa Church. “We are a strong serving team this year, and Kettle Falls struggled to return our serves on Tuesday. We ended up with a dozen aces.

“We played well together as a team. Every player got in on the action, and some great plays developed on the court. The girls were all smiles after the match and happy to be back on the court. All in all, a great start to a new season.”

The Lady Cougars handily won the opening set 25-7 with the starters reserving most of the playing time.

Coach Church started emptying her bench in the second set to see how different combinations of players worked together on the floor, which resulted in a 25-17 Chewelah win. The third set was also won by Chewelah by a 25-19 score as the Cougars notched their first league victory of the season.

Although Chewelah and Colville are no longer in the same league, the traditional rivalry between the schools

still remains, and so the two teams met on Thursday to decide which one has bragging rights for this season. The scores of all three sets were close, but the class-1A Lady Indians swept the match 25-17, 25-17 and 25-23 to remain undefeated.

The Cougars also competed in the Freeman Invitational Tournament on Saturday. They will host Liberty on Tuesday and Chesterton Academy of

Notre Dame on Thursday. Chesterton is a new Catholic high school in Spokane.

Chewelah 3, Kettle Falls 0
Chewelah (1-0) 25 25 25
Kettle Falls (0-1) 7 17 19
Kills – Natalie George 10, Brooke Bennett 6, Laynie Haskell 4, Abby Miller 4.
Assists – Mia Bellevue 19.
Aces – Mia Bellevue 7, Maili Masuda 4.
Digs – Mia Bellevue 6, Bailey Fuller 6, Maili

Masuda 6.
Blocks – Abby Miller 3, Laynie Haskell 1.

Colville 3, Chewelah 0
Colville (2-0) 25 25 25
Chewelah (1-1) 17 17 23

Kills – Natalie George 4, Jikke Stekelenburg 4.
Assists – Mia Bellevue 15.
Aces – Maili Masuda 2.
Digs – Bailey Fuller 10.
Blocks – Laynie Haskell 1, Natalie George 1.



Chewelah's Mia Bellevue slams the ball against Colville last Thursday night in the Cougars' home gym. *Brandon Hansen photo*



Laynie Haskell (3) celebrates a point during non-league volleyball action against Colville. Teammates Mia Bellevue (4), Natalie George (far right screaming), Maili Masuda (2) and Brooke Bennett (11) celebrate the point as well. *Brandon Hansen photo*



Chewelah's Laynie Haskell and Mia Bellevue block a Colville attack during non-league play in Pein-Lynch Gym in Chewelah last Thursday. *Brandon Hansen photo*



Bailey Fuller serves the ball for Chewelah during nonleague volleyball action against Colville last Thursday. *Brandon Hansen photo*

COVID

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vaccine changing your DNA, being dangerous or making you infertile.

“It works and I can’t understand how we got ourselves in this position,” Artzis said.

In the state, 94 percent of hospitalizations are those who are unvaccinated. Chewelah, however, has just 40 percent of its eligible residents vaccinated - well below the state mark. In Washington, 73.9 percent of Washingtonians 12 and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. However, NE Washington has some of the lowest rates in the state.

Meanwhile, it was reported by Providence hospitals in Spokane that everyone on a ventilator in the ICU was not vaccinated.

The strain on the medical system in Idaho was evident when Kootenai Health in Coeur d’ Alene announced it would have to implement crisis standard of care after North Idaho’s care capacity became overwhelmed.

The hospital reached the point of requesting crisis standards even after Gov. Brad Little sent a 20-person medical team from the Department of Defense to North Idaho. Three other hospitals in Idaho have also requested staff.

A crisis standard at a hospital means there aren’t enough resources for everyone to receive a standard level of care, and medical staff will have to evaluate patients needing higher or lower levels of care. This means if two people show up having respiratory failure with one ICU bed, they will treat the person who

has the highest chance of survival.

This isn’t just related to COVID-19 patients but for those in car accidents, or suffering from heart attacks, strokes or whatever other serious issue occurs.

Spokane and surrounding rural hospitals in Washington are not rationing critical care yet but the limit is being stretched.

Okanogan County hospitals announced they had exceeded capacity and asked people to only seek care at emergency rooms if there is an emergency.

Wait times at emergency rooms are extremely long, some patients are not being admitted to the hospital but being cared for in the emergency department and the Okanogan’s

three-hospital system is on the verge of also entering crisis standards of care like North Idaho.

“This means that some patients might not get the lifesaving care they need,” the press release on Sept. 10 said.

Regardless of the actual politics of the pandemic, one thing is for sure - numbers coming from hospitals are showing that the situation for patients is bad and there is no expected end date in sight.

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