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CHEWELAH CENTER FOR THE ARTS

“Newsies” opens this weekend



“Newsies” will start Friday night at Chewelah Center for the Arts. *Courtesy photo*

STAGETIME IS BACK!
After over a year of delay due to COVID, StageTime Theatre is ready to present Disney’s “Newsies”

PRESS RELEASE
StageTime Theatre

In 1899, the citizens of New York City got their news from an army of rag-tag orphans and runaways

called “newsies.” Newsies sold the newspapers of Joseph Pulitzer, William Randolph Hearst and other great publishers of the time, often competing for street corners and city turf. When Pulitzer and Hearst decided to raise the distribution price one-tenth of a cent per paper, the struggling newsies cried foul and organized a strike. StageTime Theatre School will bring this historical event

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RECREATION

49 Degrees North will have a new look for 2021

LET IT SNOW: Chewelah ski resort gets ready for ski season like no other with many modernized features added

BRANDON HANSEN
Contributor

While the snow has been late arriving, this ski season is looking to be one to remember for 49 Degrees North outside of Chewelah.

The resort has just finished putting in a \$7 million high-speed quad chairlift that has every hardcore local skier doing the math on how many trips down the mountain they can fit in a day. New snow-making machines mean the resort can make conditions more favorable when Mother Nature doesn’t agree.

The ski resort has also cut five new runs on the mountains and finished a new 7,000 square foot maintenance facility, and there are plans to remodel the lodge as well.

All that is missing right now is a ski-able amount of snow, but things are looking up after the white stuff began to fall last Saturday.

“We’re going to make snow as much as we can with the cool weather moving in,” 49 Degrees North Eric Bakken said. “We just need a little help from Mother Nature.”

A ski resort is much like a farm as it relies on the weather, and the resort is just playing the waiting game for the La Nina winter to kick in.

“People are really excited



Things looked a little more like winter on Saturday after a snow storm dropped a few inches on Chewelah Peak and 49 Degrees North, which is hoping the ski season begins soon. The hill’s new high-speed quad chairlift “Mountain Spirit” can be seen in the center of the picture. *Courtesy photo*

in how we have modernized the resort, and the feedback has been great,” Bakken said.

The snow-making equipment has about 12,000 feet of pipe and 25 fan guns. “Combined with the fans, we only have enough water storage to make snow on chair 3, the base area, Silver King and lower Silver Ridge, so we will need some help from Mother Nature to open up. Many years, the lack of snow on the lower mountain is what keeps us from opening early, so we think the new system will help us open more reliably,” Bakken explained. This means while the rest of the area could be bare, guests could enjoy some skiing over on chair three.

Now once Mother Nature turns Chewelah peak into a winter wonderland, people can take a ride on the high-speed quad which spans 6,644 feet and rises up 1,850 feet to the summit of Chewelah Peak which sits at 5,774 feet (because, we have actual mountains here in NE Washington).

“It’s the longest lift in Washington and state of the art,” Bakken said. “Which is pretty cool. You can now take a ride to the top of the mountain in just seven minutes.”

New additions and upgrades to the lodge await skiers.

Since the same ownership group that purchased Silver Mountain purchased 49 Degrees North a couple of years ago, upgrades have been made to the resort outside of Chewelah.

According to OnTheSnow.com, 49 Degrees North is ranked as the No. 5 small ski area in North America and the No. 1 resort for beginner terrain in Washington.

January is usually the best snow month for 49 Degrees North with an average of 56

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Knauss honored at farewell

Chewelah’s mayor Dorothy Knauss was honored last Friday afternoon, December 3, with a celebration for her decades of service to the city and especially her last eight years as mayor. The event at the Civic Center was filled with friends, family, employees and local and state elected officials. City Administrator Jim Caruso led the event which included speeches by Washington State Senator Shelly Short, Stevens County Commissioner Wes McCart, Mayor-elect Greg McCunn, WSU Extension director Debra Hansen and Spokane Tribe chair Carol Evans.

Organizers created a wall display highlighting photos of major initiatives and projects that Knauss has championed in her two terms as the city’s top official, including her work on expanding broadband internet in Chewelah and Stevens County and working to secure the airport for future development.

(Right) Mayor Knauss stands with city employees and thanks them for their work and for organizing the farewell event. Knauss will leave office at the end of this month and hand over the gavel to incoming mayor Greg McCunn. (Below left) Photos show some of the projects Knauss championed in her two terms. (Below right) Fun (and cake) was had by all.

Brandon Hansen photos



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CHEWELAH WEATHER HISTORY

Date	High	Low	Precip.
November 29	55	36	.35
November 30	51	36	0
December 1	52	45	0
December 2	60	42	0
December 3	53	25	0
December 4	37	27	0
December 5	35	22	0

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



Kettle Falls, Stevens County, WA - Kettle Falls School van. Irene Marty, driver. Herman Mellenberger on the tongue of van. Students standing beside the canvas covered van pulled by two horses. (WA Rural Heritage/ Kettle Falls Public Library)

 THURSDAY, DEC. 9 Partly Sunny High 35 Low 16	 FRIDAY, DEC. 10 Partly Sunny High 33 Low 22	 SATURDAY, DEC. 11 Snow Likely 70% chance rain/snow High 41 Low 26	 SUNDAY, DEC. 12 Partly Sunny 30% Chance rain/snow High 39 Low 24	TRACKING THE SUN SUNRISE - 7:27 a.m. SUNSET - 3:55 p.m.
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RECREATION

Lake Roosevelt winter access opportunities

SOME AREAS STILL OPEN:
Services are limited but there are still some campgrounds open during winter months

PRESS RELEASE

National Park Service

Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area invites you to come and enjoy the great outdoors no matter the season. With reduced staffing and resources during the winter, facilities and services are limited.

During the winter season, camping is only available in the Kettle Falls, Fort Spokane and Spring Canyon campgrounds. Campsites are limited to Kettle Falls loop

1, Fort Spokane loop 1 and Spring Canyon lower loop.

Reservations are required but can be made in advance or from the campground upon arrival with adequate cell phone service. Reservations must be made at recreation.gov or by calling 877-444-6777. Individual campsites are available for winter camping at \$11.50 per night.

There is no water service

at Lake Roosevelt during the winter months. Vault toilets are available but will be cleaned on a limited basis. Please plan accordingly for water and restroom facilities.

Snow removal and sanding procedures run from November 1 to March 31 once two or more inches of snow have accumulated.

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FRAUD ALERT

Beware of fake fundraisers and false charities; "Give Smart" this holiday season

WATCH FOR SCAMS:

Washington Secretary of State gives tips for charitable giving during the holidays

PRESS RELEASE

Wash. Secretary of State

'Tis the season — for happy holidays, charitable giving ... and scammers.

The Office of the Secretary of State is encouraging people to "give smart" this holiday season to help ensure their charitable donations go to their intended causes.

GIVESMART!, a collaboration between the Office of the Secretary of State's Corporations and Charities division and the state's Attorney General's office, empowers people to make informed and educated giving

decisions. GIVESMART! offers resources that can help Washingtonians, as well as senior centers, retirement communities and civic and nonprofit organizations, protect themselves from being victimized by fake charities and fundraisers.

Resources include an info sheet and trifold brochure for quick and easy pointers; telephone questions guide and charities contact info magnets; a questions for telephone solicitations checklist; and others.

Also available is a new Guide for Online Giving, which helps people understand how online charities and donations work, and how best to ensure their donations go directly to their designated charities or nonprofits. To request hardcopies of the guide and other GIVESMART! resources at no charge, or to request an in-person presentation for your organization,

call the Charities division at 800-332-4483 or visit sos.wa.gov/charities/givesmart.

The Office of the Secretary of State offers these GIVESMART! tips for people to consider before they donate to any charity or fundraiser.

- Do not give in to high-pressure solicitations demanding an immediate commitment.
- Check the Washington Corporations and Charities Filing System before donating.
- If an organization is registered, review its annual registration, including its federal tax-exempt status and financial information. If the organization is not registered, contact the Charities division at 800-332-4483.
- Check the organization's Better Business Bureau rating at Give.org.

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Chewelah Chamber online auction ends Friday

FUNDRAISER: Chamber's major fundraiser will be online through Dec. 10 at 10 a.m.

Starting November 26, 2021, the Chewelah Chamber of Commerce is hosting their annual auction online. The auction will run through December 10 at Chewelah.org/auction.

The fundraising auction will feature 41 different items, including a Back 9 Season Pass package at Chewelah Golf & Country Club, a giant eagle statue, hockey tickets, vehicle detailing, guided pheasant hunt, decorative rock and much more! Bidding will take place online.

More information is available at Chewelah.org/auction.

SPOTLIGHT ON EVENTS

IN SOUTHERN STEVENS COUNTY

WHAT IS UPCOMING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 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
- Pickleball at the Republic High School Gym, call 509-775-2425 for more information
- Loon Lake Food Bank open 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
- Dungeons and Dragons Group, 3-7 p.m., Newport Library

NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 15

Chewelah Artists' Co-op

The Chewelah Artist Co-op is holding its Second Annual Holiday Craft Fair at chewelahartistcoop.com from 11/26/21 to 12/15/21. You can find local holiday shopping of one-of-a-kind items made by your local artisans! Jewelry, paintings, books, candles, bath melts and more are available for purchase. Go to chewelahartistcoop.com to shop!

FRIDAY, DEC. 10 - SUNDAY, DEC. 12

Newsies

StageTime Theatre presents Newsies on Friday, December 10, at 7 p.m., Saturday, December 11, at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Chewelah Center for the Arts, 405 North 3rd St. East. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door and may be purchased at Akers United Drug, Valley Drug or online at

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StageTime Theatre School Presents

Music By Alan Menken Lyrics By Jack Feldman Book By Harvey Fierstein

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Originally produced on Broadway by Disney Theatrical Productions

Orchestrations by Danny Troob Incidental Music & Vocal Arrangements by Michael Kosarin Dance Arrangements by Mark Hummel

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Saturday, December 11th 10am, 2pm, 7pm
Sunday, December 12th 2pm, 7pm

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Disney's Newsies is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

Chewelah Chamber of Commerce

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November 26th - December 10th

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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 ARTS

Chewelah author’s Mr. Pish ready for the new year

PISH-TASTIC: *Local author K.S. Brooks releasing new Mr. Pish books, continuing popular children series*

BRANDON HANSEN
Contributor

Chewelah-area author and photographer K.S. Brooks wasn’t really a small dog person, but Mr. Pish wormed his way into her heart.

The spunky terrier and Brooks became inseparable after his eighth birthday in 2005. Together, the two ended up creating nine children’s books, an all-ages activity book and 13 years of calendars along with a learning app for kids.

And next year, there are more books planned, and the 2022 calendar has already been released.

The terrier was named Mr. Pish, a name derived from the Yiddish word pisher which basically means “little troublemaker.”

“He was named by his original owner who didn’t have him long, so she would never learn that the name didn’t really fit the pooch,” Brooks said.

Mr. Pish, however, had a big-dog attitude, so Brooks added the “Mr.” to his name.

And hence, a career that spanned 41 states and Canada began.

“Every place he went was the best place ever,”

Brooks said. “We’d step out of the car at a new place, and he’d have a fresh sense of discovery that never seemed to wear off. I try to maintain that philosophy, and I think it has made me a much happier person.”

Mr. Pish became the subject of many books and, during his journeys, he ended up on KHQ News with Shelly Monahan, CBS’s Wake Up Alabama in Birmingham and was featured heavily in the Wisconsin media.

“They love him in Wisconsin,” Brooks said. “There were numerous articles about him coming through, and even radio spots. It was really great.”

Mr. Pish also got to meet the mayor of Virden, Manitoba, Canada as he went through in 2011, was welcomed to Regina by a Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officer and, in Dayton, Ohio, he got special permission to tour Carillon Historical Park.

“He would get invited to all sorts of places. No one ever invited me anywhere,” Brooks said with a laugh, mentioning one time that Parkin Archeological State Park in Arkansas asked Mr. Pish to stop in, and even coronated him as an official “Mound Hound.” He received a special bandana, backpack and frisbee, then went on a guided, private tour of the park and got to take part in an archeological dig. “They rolled out the red carpet for him.”

Mr. Pish would get



Mr. Pish was a spunky terrier who lives on in a popular children book series by local author K.S. Brooks. Here he is seen along Chewelah Creek. *Courtesy photo*

recognized during his travels by people who had read the books as well.

A lover of swimming, Mr. Pish also enjoyed running, exploring and eating, as he claimed his favorite color was food.

Mr. Pish liked riding in between the front seats to look out the window, so Brooks designed a little ramp and pulpit that sat in her vehicle’s center console.

“He’d stand there like he was the captain of the Pishmobile. He was adorable,” Brooks said.

At the time, the Pishmobile was a Honda CR-V, but it’s now a Mazda MX-5 which has been seen in various parades in the area,

sometimes covered in fur.

“Kids and adults loved seeing Mr. Pish in parades. He always made them smile,” Brooks recalled. “Now that he’s no longer with us, I just figured – what is something people won’t expect to see? A car covered in fur was the answer a few years ago. I try to honor his legacy and do what I think will make people happy.”

He passed away in 2013, but still lives on as the subject of children’s books. You can follow Mr. Pish on Facebook at [Facebook.com/MrPish](https://facebook.com/MrPish), or learn more at his website, MrPish.com. All of Mr. Pish’s books and calendars can be found on Amazon at tinyurl.com/MrPishbooks. You

can also get a calendar for Mr. Pish for the 2022 year.

“Parents and adults love Mr. Pish, so I figured why not give them a treat with a calendar that will make them laugh? I’ve migrated to spoof movie posters, most of which people recognize and get a chuckle from,” Brooks said. “This year we’ve got Pup Fiction, Mission Impawssible and Raiders of the Dog Park, to name a few.”

Brooks will be at the Oak Street Artisan Market, 157 N. Oak St. in Colville, on Sunday, December 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. selling and signing books and calendars.

THE LATEST ON COVID-19

COVID-19 cases down in NE Wash., rising nationally

BRANDON HANSEN
Contributor

While attention lately has been focused on the new Omicron variant, the COVID-19 Delta variant is still very active as a winter

surge is pushing up the country’s new case numbers above 140,000 new cases a day. Northeast Washington is seeing different trends as the

region has some of the lowest case numbers in several months.

As of last Friday, there were 103 active cases of COVID-19

in Stevens County which is down considerably from 261 active cases on Nov. 1.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Santa Run Food Drive set for next week

The Chewelah Fire Department will ride through the streets of Chewelah with Santa Claus collecting food for the Chewelah Food Bank beginning at 6 p.m. each night on Thursday, Dec. 16, Friday, Dec. 17 and Saturday, Dec. 18! See the color-coded map at the bottom of this page to see when Santa and the firefighters will be in your part of town.

Kiwanis Operation Santa has a winner for the Santa Christmas Tree

The Kiwanis Operation 2021 Santa Christmas Tree/Gift Card/Gift Certificate winner is Jorja Davenport. She won the fully decorated Candycane-Express themed Christmas tree along with over \$600 in gift cards from Operation Santa. This contest will be held every year and continue as an annual fundraiser, so look for next year’s drawing starting in October. The Chewelah Kiwanis currently host the Operation Santa program.

Supreme Court upholds redistricting maps

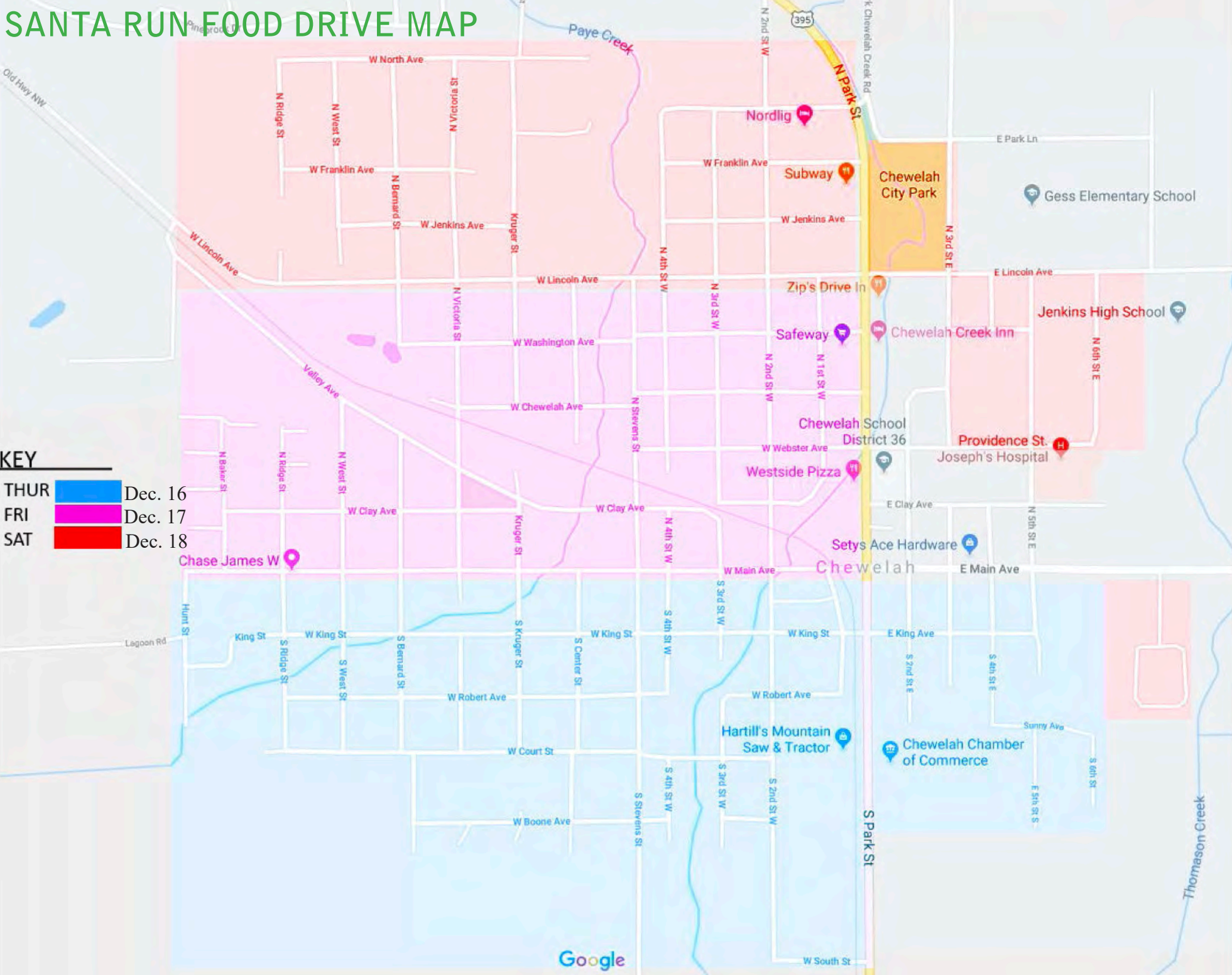
After the Washington Redistricting Commission missed the Nov. 15 deadline for the state’s new redistricting maps by the slimmest of margins, their proposed

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OBITUARIES

To place an obituary, call 935-8422 or email theindependent@centurytel.net



Willard Edwin Lundquist
April 14, 1943 –
September 15, 2021

Willard Edwin Lundquist passed away peacefully on September 15, 2021, with his wife by his side. Willard was born April 14, 1943 in Portland, Oregon to Edwin Willard and Mava Edna (Seabrandt) Lundquist. Willard attended the Addy grade school and graduated from Jenkins High School in Chewelah in 1961. Willard married Carol

Willard Edwin Lundquist

DeHart on July 21, 1962. They had 59 memorable years together. Willard worked at Avey Brothers sawmill in Kettle Falls for six years, then went to work for Stevens County on the survey crew and eventually in the office doing road design on the computer until he retired. Willard enjoyed fishing and hunting. He enjoyed bottom fishing off the Oregon coast and fishing at the local area lakes and camping with family and friends. Willard enjoyed elk

hunting in the Blue Mountains for several years. He thoroughly enjoyed deer hunting camp in the local area and enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a good dad and grandpa. Willard was preceded in death by his parents, infant daughter Tanya, grandson Chad Olson. He is survived by his wife, Carol; son, Cletis (Jen) Lundquist; daughter, Mava (Mike) Olson; grandsons, Justin Lundquist, Mike (Yvonne) Lundquist, Nick Olson (Michelle), Josh

Olson; granddaughter, Crystal (John) Naff; eleven great-grandchildren; step-grandsons Ryan (Jen) Power, Todd (McKenzie) Power; four step great-grandchildren; his brothers, John Lundquist and Merle Lundquist; brother-in-law, Dan DeHart; sister-in-law, Joyce Thompson; Aunt Verna Rosenberg; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. A memorial will be held at a later date.

BRIEFS

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maps were upheld by the Washington State Supreme Court. The Washington State Supreme Court issued their decision on Dec. 3, finding the votes made by the commission complied with the intent of the law. The commission took their vote in the final few minutes of Nov. 15 just before the deadline, but this vote was questioned for a variety of reasons and considered a missed deadline as the new maps weren't presented until after the deadline.

State may delay long-term care payroll tax

Washington Governor Jay Inslee and lawmakers are in talks to delay the long-term care payroll tax, which is set to take effect on Jan. 1. This comes after some Democratic leaders in the state senate urged the governor to delay the new tax until the beginning of January of 2023. The long-term care payroll tax creates a 0.58 percent payroll deduction that would pay for things like home care, meal delivery, assisted living and other needs. When people became eligible due to age, they could start claiming up to \$36,500 in benefits. Critics of the new tax said too many people would pay the tax but not receive the benefit and the inability for people to opt-out after the deadline this year. Inslee said he couldn't delay the tax alone, but that talks are underway to find a way to delay it.

FEMA offers funeral assistance to those who have lost loved ones to COVID-19

The Federal Emergency Management Administration has a program to provide financial funeral assistance to those who have lost a loved one to COVID-19. To access the COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Helpline, people are asked to call (844) 684-6333 Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pacific time. To be eligible for the assistance, the death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19 and the death occurred after May 16, 2020.

More than 2.6 million people have enabled the state's COVID-19 exposure notification app on their phone

The Washington State Department of Health is celebrating a successful year of WA Notify, the state's exposure notification app. More than 2.62 million people have enabled it — accounting for more than 43 percent of all smartphone users in the state. With disease transmission still high, it's important that people continue adopting this key technology. "WA Notify has been a very successful innovation for our state, and we're proud of the team at the Department of Health that helped create a tech-based solution which contributed to the greater good as we fought — and continue to fight — this pandemic," said Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, Secretary of Health.

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inches of snow covering the 89 runs and the 2300 acres of skiable terrain served by seven lifts. To keep updated on mountain conditions and when you should call in sick and go skiing at 49 Degrees North, go to ski49n.com or follow the resort on Facebook at facebook.com/ski49n



Patricia Anne Mahony
February 7, 1950 –
November 14, 2021

Patricia Anne Mahony, age 71, passed away with her loving husband by her side on November 14, 2021, in Addy, Washington. Patricia

was born in Wichita, Kansas to Arthur and Louise (Ayers) Bowers on February 7, 1950. Patricia (Pat) and her family relocated throughout eastern Oregon and Washington, ending up in Wilbur, WA early on in her childhood. She attended school at Wilbur Elementary and graduated from high school there before relocating to Spokane, WA in 1970. It was there that she would begin attending Spokane Community College for data entry. She worked at numerous companies in Spokane (Spokesman-Review, Bureau of Mines, Cominco American, to name a few). While working in Spokane, she met her first husband, Stan Elwonger.

Patricia would meet the love of her life, Michael (Mike) Mahony, because Stan was a military member who died in a motorcycle accident. The military assigns another military member to take care of affairs of the deceased. Mike was assigned Stan's case. Once the case was resolved, Mike asked Pat out on a date. Eighteen months after Stan's death, two would be wed in Spokane, WA on March 19, 1982. Pat followed Mike in his military career. As such, the couple would relocate to RAF Chicksands in Bedfordshire, UK, the following year. During their time there, Patricia and Michael were blessed with the ability to travel throughout Europe and the British Isles. At one point, Patricia was able to take a solo trip to visit Russia. The next assignment brought them to Dayton, Ohio, so Mike could attend the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT). Pat kept busy by working in data entry for numerous businesses and helping Mike write his thesis. Upon graduation from AFIT, Mike was assigned to Norton AFB, CA. Three years later they relocated to Bedford, MA. Mike separated from the

Air Force there in 1992 and took a job as a contractor in Los Angeles, CA. This time, they settled down in La Habra. In 1995, they were reassigned to Albuquerque, NM, where they worked and lived until Mike retired in 2014. Since Pat followed Mike all over the world, upon retirement the couple moved back home to Pat's home state of Washington. They bought a farm in Addy, WA, where they leased the tillable land to a neighboring farmer. The couple, with the help of Pat's brother Bob and his wife Sandie, raised feeder steers and pigs for self-consumption. Pat also helped Sandie raise her American Cream Draft horses. Upon returning to Washington, Pat became active in the American Cream Draft Association, Camas Valley Grange (Springdale, WA), Springdale Women's Club, Springdale Frontier Days Association and the Christians United for Israel organization. During all the military assignments they traveled throughout the U.S. and Canada, St. Croix and Aruba. She loved to travel by various modes of transportation. She

traveled by train in Russia (St Petersburg to Moscow), Europe (Orient Express), British Isles (London to Edinburgh-numerous times) and U.S. (LA to Chicago and Fairbanks to Anchorage). The couple took back-to-back cruises from Seward Alaska to Vancouver, British Columbia, then from Vancouver to LA. During these travels, Patricia would get to try parasailing at Lake Tahoe and off the coast of Aruba. She also rode in hot air balloons in Del Mar and Albuquerque NM.. Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Louise Bowers and her son Todd. She is survived by her loving husband of 40 years, Michael Mahony of Addy WA, and her brother, Robert (Sandie) Bowers of Addy, WA. A celebration of life for Patricia will be held at a later date. Please visit the online memorial and sign her guestbook at danekasfuneralchapel.com. Danekas Funeral Chapel and Crematory is entrusted in care.

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(Birthdays & Anniversaries courtesy of the Chewelah Valley Lions Club Birthday Calendar)

REMEMBER WHEN

BY GEND LUDWIG

100 years ago – December 9, 1921

The Chewelah PTA held an informative meeting at the grade school on Monday evening for the beginning of American Education Week. Among other things, the program demonstrated modern teaching techniques including the new phonetic method of reading in the first grade.

The new Edgar Rice Burroughs jungle film “The Revenge of Tarzan” is showing now at the Empress Theater.

70 years ago – December 6, 1951

The Chewelah Chamber of Commerce unanimously decided that they favor placing Chewelah on Mountain Standard Time rather than Pacific Time. Chamber president Phil Skok pointed out that the greater length of daylight on the coast is noticeable and stated that the Pacific Time zone was 180 miles wider than the Mountain Time zone.

Stevens County sportsmen went on record favoring a reduction of the daily trout limit from 20 to 15 fish and requiring a fishing license for all food fish caught in Washington state.

60 years ago – December 7, 1961

George Washburn was elected president of the Chewelah Chamber of Commerce. Phil Skok and J. L. Billings will serve two-year terms on the board of directors. (Note: Washburn owned and operated a laundry and dry cleaning business here in Chewelah. Billings was the manager of the Anthony’s Clothing Store.)

The Wendell Tadlock family of Addy was presented a trophy for having the outstanding dairy program in the state.

Judy Davis is Chewelah’s new Junior Miss.

Gottlieb Salzman of Chewelah was selected to the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association Hall of Fame. He has been a longtime breeder of Brown Swiss cattle and a 4-H Club leader.

50 years ago – December 9, 1971

The Dr. Karl J. May property east of town was annexed into the city, and his additional 19 acres was the first expansion of the city in 25 years.

Al Day presented a proposal to involve the city in reactivating the Sand Canyon airport.

Being a driver education instructor can be a dangerous occupation as Mr. John May can attest after his student driver hit a tree near the corner of Stevens and Webster streets. The car was traveling only 12 miles per hour and every passenger was wearing a seatbelt, so there were no injuries

40 years ago – November 25, 1981

United Security Bank, with branches in Chewelah and Colville, has applied for another branch to be located in Kettle Falls. USB opened its first bank in Chewelah in 1974 and added the Colville branch in 1977. (Note: Banner Bank now occupies the original building built by USB.)

Sherry Stumpf was named Cougar volleyball Most Valuable Player. Chewelah defensive captain Tim Murphy was awarded the Hardest Hitter trophy for football. Suzi Frownfelter was presented her state cross-country participation award.

EVENTS

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OUR.SHOW/CHEWELAH/NEWSIES. Seating is limited due to COVID protocol and masks are required regardless of vaccination status.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

-Fertile Valley Grange #1094 meeting in Elk, 6 p.m.

-Comedy Night at the Lakehouse Bar and Grill in Loon Lake, 6:30 p.m.

-Valley Grange Bingo, prime rib dinner, 5-6 p.m. Games begin at 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

-General Federation of Women’s Clubs in Springdale, 9 a.m. at Springdale Community Center

-Camas Valley Grange meeting in Springdale, 5:30 p.m.

Build a snowman in Republic

Do you want to build a snowman by the Republic

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

-K.S. Brooks book signing at Oak Street Artisan Market, 157 N Oak St., Colville, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

-Amtgard live action role playing at Chewelah City Park, 12 p.m.

Christmas Caroling in Loon Lake

There will be 15-20 horses and a wagon going around singing carols. If you would like more information, message the Legacy Farm Facebook page or call or text 509-690-2489 if you would like to join or get on the schedule to carol.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

-Springdale Town Council meeting, 6 p.m. at Springdale Town Hall

-Valley Food Pantry open, 12-3 p.m.

30 years ago – December 5, 1991

Santa Claus arrived by helicopter on Friday to open Chewelah’s annual Festival of Lights events.

It was a busy week for the Stevens County Sheriff’s Office as several small-time crimes were reported to have been investigated, including several burglaries, minor traffic accidents and a tavern brawl in Springdale.

20 years ago – December 6, 2001

The StageTime winter production of “A Christmas Carol” was in the final week of rehearsals for its opening night this coming Friday. Bob Cratchit will be played by Reece Potter and little Tiny Tim will be Zach Schneider.

After a slow start, the Chewelah boys came from behind to defeat the Priest River Spartans last Friday night in a non-league basketball game. The Cougars were led by Jess Trampush, Aaron Puthoff and Andy Belzer who combined for 29 points.

A stolen CenturyTel bucket truck that had been pilfered over the weekend was reported found by the county sheriff. The \$75,000 vehicle that contained \$40,000 of equipment was found in a ditch four miles up Burnt Valley Road with minor damages. CenturyTel is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the thief.

A front page photo captured Alexis, Matthew and Elizabeth Chalmers with Santa Claus. They are the children of Rob and Jill Chalmers.

Defending state wrestling champion Seth Weatherman won his weight bracket at Mead High School’s Panther Classic tournament last weekend. He pinned every opponent he faced on the mat.

Tessa Hoffman’s three-pointer tied the score of last Friday’s basketball game at 54-54 with only seven seconds remaining in the game. However, the Lady Spartans from Priest River were able to hit the final shot before the buzzer to win 56-54.

10 years ago – December 9, 2011

John May, Nick Lasko and Nicole Bowe were elected to the Chewelah City Council.

Abby (10) and Bailey Fuller (7) were pictured on the front page with Santa Claus at the annual Community Celebrations “Santa Social.”

StageTime Theatre is preparing for its opening night of “The Hobbit.” Cedar George will play the role of the hobbit Bilbo Baggins, Kale Ross-Koler will be Gandalf the wizard, Alison Stevens will be the creature Gollum and Donavin Schader will be the dwarf Thorin Oakenshield. The director will be Michael Barone.

The Cougar boys blitzed a young Kettle Falls basketball team 67-16. Ben Johnstone and Andrew Pugh each scored 14 points for Chewelah. However, the Cougars lost 63-56 to Deer Park.

Colton Watson, Calvin Connall, Dylan Long, Ben Johnstone and Derek Smith were named to the Northeast A League’s all-conference football team.

The Lady Cougars scored a 63-32 win over the Lady Bulldogs from Kettle Falls with Katelyn Garner scoring 14 points along with Ryann Richmond and Brittney Wuesthoff each contributing 13.

-Loon Lake Food Bank open, 8 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

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

-Search and Rescue meeting at 10 15th St W in Republic, 6-8 p.m.

Children’s Book Giveaway by FLLL

The elves of Loon Lake Library have been hard at work this year! Since they are busy keeping Santa healthy, they’ve asked the library to share some NEW BOOKS with the kids in our community. Stop by the library during open hours of 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and choose a book for Christmas, starting Monday, Dec 13! The elves will have picture books, easy readers, chapter books, and more ready for a new home this Christmas.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

-Pickleball at the Republic High School Gym, call

509-775-2425 for more information

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

-Chewelah City Council meeting at Chewelah City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

-Chewelah Kiwanis at Chewelah City Hall, 12:15 p.m.

-Chewelah School Board meeting at various locations, 6:30 p.m.

-Valley School Board meeting at Columbia Virtual Academy, 6 p.m.

-Springdale Food Pantry at Springdale Community Center, 3:30 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

-Cabin Fever Quilters, 4 p.m., Valley Fire Hall

Q&A with the WDFW:

What are some things I can do outside this time of year?

Staff at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) office in Colville get many questions from the public. One received recently is- it’s cold and gloomy outside and is going to get worse. I need some exercise and fresh air. What are some things I can do outside this time of year?

Fortunately, cold, wet weather doesn’t mean the outdoors shut down.

Two winter-only fishing lakes in the area opened on Black Friday: Hatch and Williams lakes. Both have been stocked with trout lately; some weighing up to three pounds!

A couple other area lakes are still open including Lake Roosevelt - known for its great winter trout fishing, Curlew Lake in Ferry County and Waitts Lake in Stevens County.

If you want to try hunting, harvest a wild turkey for the holidays rather than buying one. It will make for a more memorable holiday for you and your guests. Resident game bird seasons are still open and you can hunt not only turkey, but also pheasant, quail and chukar this winter.

Waterfowling is also great in northeast Washington. There are some good duck and goose hunting opportunities on the Pend Oreille River and in area valleys.

If you prefer to watch migratory birds, the area has many great birdwatching spots to see ducks, geese, swans and other bird species. For information on when they will pass through our area, check out the online real-time bird migration map at bird.info.

There are two wildlife areas managed by WDFW in northeast Washington - the Sherman Creek and Rustler’s Creek wildlife areas - that offer thousands of acres to explore. These are great birdwatching areas, as well as great places to view other wildlife, from deer to elk, moose, coyotes and other animals.

You may also find some late-season mushroom harvesting opportunities on these and other public lands in the area. As always, make sure you know what you are harvesting before eating any mushroom.

Information on all these activities and more can be found on our website. Go to wdfw.wa.gov and type the subject you are interested in into the search box in the upper right-hand corner.

If you have a question for the Washington Department

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WHEN WEATHER BECOMES THE DECIDING FACTOR

Out-of-area-buyers often only look at property during seasons of the year when there are not adverse weather conditions. Knowing how weather might affect a certain property or certain types of structures could be a vital deciding factor. Since there are many micro-climates in our region, there should be much research done and information gathered before making the decision to purchase.

In my area, which is an extreme snow belt, many folks from warmer regions have come and gone, usually only lasting one winter before deciding that it just isn't for them. If you have the fortitude to handle areas that accumulate such snow levels, then care should be taken to look for proper construction methods that not only can physically handle the snow loads and other weather related issues, but also have styles that allow less impact when conditions are adverse, such as covered porches and metal roofs that slide away from doors and driveways.

Manufactured Homes typically have a sticker inside the home (kitchen cabinet or electrical panel) that indicates what the insulation factor is, along with the engineered roof load and whether it is sufficient for the area you live in. How is the road getting in and out? It may be fine now, but just wait until February or March! Does the road have steep grades, shaded areas, or narrow passages? Who maintains the road? Is there a written road maintenance agreement? Is there flooding in the spring and is the runoff properly ditched?

Some years ago while viewing a manufactured home that I was attempting to list for sale, I noticed that there were exposed pipes underneath the home that were not insulated and were exposed to the elements. Upon further investigation I noticed that the pump house was also un-insulated but that there was a tiny wood stove installed which I assumed had been there from past attempts to thaw out frozen pipes or to keep them from freezing. Some inexperienced buyers may overlook situations like this until they find out the hard way!

When looking for your next home in the country, choose a local real estate expert who will be aware of the factors involved in owning rural properties in all seasons of the year, not just in the summer time when most folks look.

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McMorris Rodgers, Murray call for more housing for Fairchild AFB families

Eastern Wash. Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-05) and Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) today urged Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall to reevaluate the housing needs at Fairchild Air Force Base (AFB) with the goal of building more housing on and around base. In a letter to the secretary, the lawmakers requested a complete and thorough Housing Requirement and Market Analysis (HRMA) to assess the Fairchild local housing market and its ability to meet military housing demand. Following is their full letter:

*The Honorable Frank Kendall
Secretary of the Air Force
1670 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330*

Dear Secretary Kendall:
We write today with great concern regarding the availability of affordable housing for servicemembers at Fairchild Air Force Base (AFB) in Spokane, Washington, and to request Air Force completion of a full Housing Requirement and Market Analysis (HRMA) for the installation.

The Spokane and Airway Heights communities have long supported and partnered with Fairchild AFB and continue to help ensure its servicemembers thrive. In recent years, however, the local housing market has changed dramatically, making it difficult for Fairchild military families to find suitable and affordable housing in the area. The Spokane region's apartment vacancy rate has been at or below 2.1 percent since the spring of 2019, falling to as low as 0.6 percent this past spring. According to the Washington Center for Real Estate Research, the apartment vacancy rate is currently just 1.4 percent. Further, housing prices have increased by 28.2 percent in the last year, and the population continues to grow with another 48,000 residents anticipated by 2030. Off base economic growth, including the addition of an Amazon Fulfillment Center, is expected to create even more competition for apartments and townhomes. The current and projected low vacancy rates and increasing rental costs are incredibly concerning and will continue to significantly impact Airmen and their families at Fairchild.

On base housing availability is extremely limited as well. Fairchild AFB Privatized Housing currently has a 97.8 percent occupancy rate, with 621 out of 635 available houses occupied. Of the 14 units currently unoccupied, 13 have already been pre-leased. There are currently 149 military families on a waitlist for base housing, with wait times ranging anywhere from one to nine months. There are even reports of Airmen living in recreational vehicles on base. This is unacceptable - our servicemembers and their families need safe, affordable housing to live in, and Air Force action is needed.

The last full HRMA for Fairchild AFB was conducted in 2005. Though a validation of that HRMA study was conducted in 2019, a complete and thorough analysis of the Fairchild local housing market and its ability to meet military housing demand has not been conducted in over 16 years. The Spokane region's housing market has changed significantly in recent years and, as such, a new assessment of the local housing market and potential need for additional military family housing is required. Local housing market conditions demand renewed attention from the Air Force in order to ensure Fairchild AFB families have access to the affordable and dependable housing they deserve.

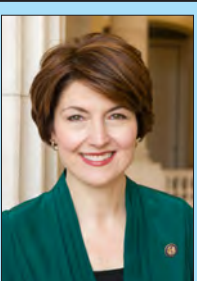
A new HRMA is necessary to thoroughly assess the availability of suitable and affordable housing in the local area, as well as the needs of the Fairchild AFB military population. This must be done as expeditiously as possible to ensure we are supporting our servicemembers to the best of our ability. We know you understand the importance of providing for our servicemembers who have sacrificed so much for our country. We appreciate your attention to this important issue and look forward to our continued work together on behalf of all servicemembers.

Sincerely,
Patty Murray
United States Senator

Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Member of Congress



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(D-WA)



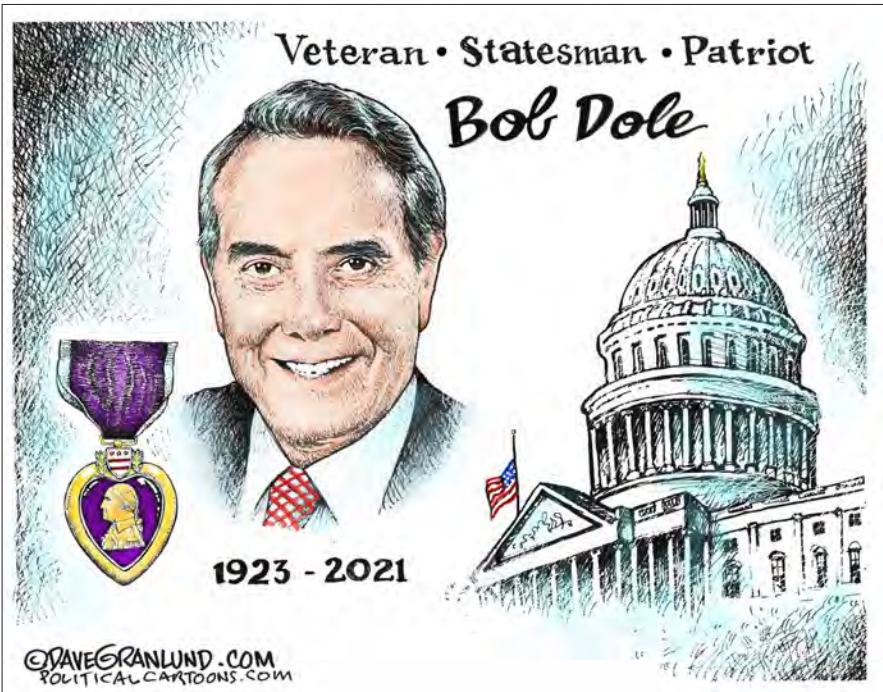
Congresswoman
Cathy McMorris
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(R-WA05)

Most Americans worried others use credit cards too much

With the holiday shopping season underway, most Americans believe they've got their own credit card spending under control, but are concerned that other people are less responsible. The latest Rasmussen Reports national telephone and online survey finds that 72% of American adults have at least one credit card, including 30% who have three or more. Those findings are down from November 2017, when 82% said they had at least one credit card and 39% had three or more. Only 33% say they personally need to cut back on how much they use credit cards, while 62% say they don't. Four years ago, 25% said they needed to cut back on credit card use. 68% believe most Americans need to cut back on how much they use credit cards, down from 74% in December 2018. Just 8% now think most Americans don't need to cut back on credit card use, while 24% are not sure.

POLITICAL CARTOON OF THE WEEK: Bob Dole Tribute

By
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America's Recovery Hinges on People Returning to Work

To "Build Back America" people must return to work!
In a U.S. Chamber of Commerce poll released in early December, the findings spell trouble for America's employers whether they are in the private or public sectors. It found that over 60 percent of the respondents are in no hurry to return to work and over a third of the unemployed are not actively going after a job or looking at all.

The problem is growing worse. A large number of respondents feel they can get by for at least another six months before they have to find employment. The survey discovered that one-sixth of the jobless say the amount of the money they are receiving from unemployment benefits and government programs makes it "not worth looking" for work, the Chamber added.

Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports there are 10.4 million open jobs and people are quitting at an all-time record high. Bottom line: there were 2.3 million fewer workers in the workforce last October compared with the same month in 2019.

Covid has changed work and workers. People, who traditionally commuted to the office, worked remotely. A Harris Poll in October found that 76 percent of employees want to make work permanently flexible.

"The desire for work flexibility is being met with a conflicting message - about three-quarters of their employers think they (workers) are more innovative and work harder in the office or on-site," Harris found.

Not all work can be done remotely or with a flexible schedule. An obvious example is a utility line worker. Whereas, electric grid engineers can connect remotely to plan projects; however, when electric transmission line goes down, it is a whole other story. Sorting out jobs which can be remote is a challenge, but all jobs need people willing to work.

Employers are raising wages and benefits to recruit workers, but find it troubling when someone is hired and doesn't show up on the first day or interview just to fulfil obligations to continue receiving unemployment check.

In Washington, Gov. Inslee and the legislature suspended

the job search requirements at the start of the pandemic. With the economy recovering, job search requirements were reinstated. This means the jobless must look for work and document at least three approved job search activities each week in order to remain eligible for unemployment benefits.

On the employer side, Harris found that a lack of concern for people's work/life conflicts is a problem. Roughly two-in-five people quit because the employer did not take their concerns into consideration during the pandemic.

Employer attitudes make a difference. Among those who work fully remotely, 40 percent who implemented practices and policies since the pandemic resulted in people staying on the job.

Looking ahead, here's what needs to happen.

First, President Biden and Congress need COVID recovery programs which encourage return to work; however, they cannot make it more worthwhile for people who are employable to continue to postpone returning to work.

Second, those providing jobs need to tailor worksites and jobs to fit into the post-pandemic economy. For example, commuting daily into the inner city is expensive and time consuming. Monthly parking rates are high, the price of gasoline is skyrocketing and pre-COVID traffic congestion is not only time consuming, but frustrating.

One answer is to lease office space outside the city's core for meeting and internet connectivity space. People can come together and meet while still working remotely.

Finally, people must realize COVID is not a temporary inconvenience. It is permanent. Finding ways to put people back to work is essential to our post COVID survival.



By Don Brunell

Don C. Brunell is a business analyst, writer and columnist. He can be contacted at theBrunells@msn.com.

The best Christmas gift is time

Our time is the best gift we can give to our friends and family this Christmas.
Nobody knows how much time we have on Earth - nobody knows when our time will end.

We all have friends and loved ones who were claimed way too early.
Hopefully, you are blessed, as my family has been, to have loved ones who have lived long and fruitful lives.

Such family members have an abundance of wisdom to share - wisdom cultivated over time.

I particularly enjoy the pearls of humorous wisdom my 88-year-old father has shared:

"Getting old ain't for cowards!"

"At my age, never buy green bananas."

"When life serves you a lemon, make lemonade - but crack open a Pabst Blue Ribbon first."

My mother has long been a source of positive energy, hope and inspiration. She is forever forging ahead, forever looking for a silver lining.

So many times as a child - and later as an adult - she corrected me when I got lost in the moodiness of my self-perceived failures and pushed me to keep on going.

Life is hard for everyone at times. It is not easy to maintain my mother's stubbornly positive mindset, but she powers on, demanding the rest of us to do likewise.

Hopefully, your extended family is also as equally blessed as mine is by young family members who offer their own kind of innocent wisdom.

Children are filled with a natural sense of wonder, joy and hope. They especially love visiting Grandma and Grandpa - my mom and dad.

That makes perfect sense to me. Kids and old folks

have a natural connection.

It's those of us in the middle of time - from our teens up through middle age - who are caught up in the seriousness of a worldly world.

It's easy to fall into the trap so many of us are stuck in. We seek success, praise, financial security, nicer houses and more and more stuff.

What we don't see is that while the youngest and the oldest members of our families spend their time on wonder, hope and laughter, we are wasting too much of our precious time on acquiring worldly things.

Nobody ever said on his deathbed, as the old humorous saying goes, "I wish I'd spent more time at the office!"

According to Lifehack, here are some other common deathbed regrets:

- "I wish I had kept on going." Refer to my mother's guidance, above, on how to avoid having this regret.

- "I wish I told others how much I love them." Add to this, "I wish I'd spent more time with those I love."

- "I wish I had laughed it off." This third regret is particularly helpful now, as so many of us are so angry constantly about politics and other matters that, in the end, are not deserving of the high importance we have granted them.

The Christmas season is upon us and time is the very best gift we can give.

Rather than material goods or money, why not write up a series of IOU's (I owe you time) to give to others:

- I'll make you your favorite dinner.

- I'll help you clean your gutters twice a year, then join you for tea.

- I'll go walking with you once every week.

Our time is priceless. This Christmas, let's share it like the fleeting treasure that it is.



By Tom Purcell

Tom Purcell is a Pittsburgh Tribune-Review humor columnist and is nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons Inc. Send comments to Tom@TomPurcell.com.

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Wells Fargo Bank N.A. vs. Lisa Jensen. Commercial.
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George Francis Taylor, Robert George Taylor, petitioners, Mike Posey, respondent. Harassment.
Estate of Barbara Ann Miller, deceased, Randall W. Miller, Stanley A. Miller, petitioners. Estate.
Department of Licensing vs. Michael A. McNitt dba McNitt Family Trucking. Tax warrant.
Department of Revenue vs. Virture Construction & Design LLC. Tax warrant.
State of Janice A. LeCaire, deceased, Gary V. LeCaire, petitioner. Estate.
Renelle Nicole Wicken, petitioner, Scott William Wicken Jr., respondent. Domestic violence.
Sharayah Leona Kretschmer, petitioner, Jerad Allan Denison, respondent. Domestic violence.

Holly Rose Presho, petitioner, Ryan James Presho, respondent. Dissolution.
Joseph Lee Kaliman, petitioner, Kristin Karole Joanne Ayers, respondent. Dissolution.
Anjela Lynn Forsman, petitioner, James Dean Forsman, respondent. Dissolution.

ON THE RECORD

IN STEVENS COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

Judge Gina A. Tveit

Jerrod A. Konkler, \$543.00 Fine, Restitution, 34 Days Jail, 24 Months Supervised Probation, Harassment
Jerrod A. Konkler, \$3,300.50 Fine, 184 Days Jail/Secure Continuance Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM), 24 Months Supervised Probation, Reckless Endangerment, Driving Under The Influence, Driving While License Suspended 3rd Degree, Operate Vehicle Without Ignition Interlock Device

Andrew E. Matney, \$2,145.50 Fine, 34 Days Jail/56 Days Secure Continuance Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM), 24 Months Supervised Probation, Driving Under The Influence
Jayson T. Piccolo, \$1,043.00 Fine, 15 Days Jail Converted to Community Service, 24 Months Supervised Probation, Assault 4th Degree & Minor Possession And/Or Consumption
Matthew J. Stillings, \$550.00 Fine, 90 Days Jail/With 89 Days Converted to Secure Continuance Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM), 24 Months Supervised Probation, Reckless Driving
Anthony S. Vick, \$893.00 Fine, 1 Day Jail, 12 Months Supervised Probation, Reckless Driving

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In the Matter of the Estate of:

EUGENE C. KENNEY, SR.
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: November 24, 2021
Eugene Curtis Kenney, Jr. Personal Representative
c/o McGrane & Schuerman, Alison K. McGrane, WSBA #37417
Attorney at Law
298 South Main #304
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509 684-8484

Published: November 24, December 2, 9, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF WRIA 59 WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT BOARD WRIA 59 Water Banking Implementation

December 15, 2021, 10:00AM to 12:00 PM, Chewelah Municipal Center (Conference Center-east of Library) 301 E. Clay Street, Chewelah, WA

WRIA 59 Water Bank Planning & Implementation: The WRIA 59 Water Resource Management Board has scheduled a meeting to conduct a vote on the final WRIA 59 Water Bank Implementation Plan. The WRIA 59 Water Resource Management Board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Chewelah Municipal Center located at 301 E. Clay St, Chewelah, WA. The Board will be conducting the final vote for acceptance of the framework for the development and implementation of the WRIA 59 water bank and voting on amendments to the WMP bylaws for operation of the water bank. A presentation will also be provided on a project seeking to assess water rights owned by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources within WRIA 59.

Stevens County believes stakeholder input is an important part of the success of this planning process and we encourage water resource stakeholders to attend the meeting. For information regarding the ongoing assessment, please contact: Gene St.Godard with the WNR Group, Inc., PO Box 28755, Spokane, WA 99228, stgod@comcast.net. If participants would like to view the meeting remotely, please contact Jessica Kuchan at kuchan@confluencelaw.com for information.

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CITY OF CHEWELAH
ORDINANCE 964
(SUMMARY)

An ordinance amending Section 13.04.040 of the Chewelah Municipal Code regarding Utility Hook-Up and Connection Fees. EFFECTIVE January 1, 2022. Full text of this ordinance may be obtained at City Hall, 301 E. Clay - Room 104 or will be mailed upon request.
Pamela McCart, Clerk/Treasurer
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CITY OF CHEWELAH
ORDINANCE 965
(SUMMARY)

An ordinance amending Section 15.04.040 of the Chewelah Municipal Code regarding Administration of the Building Code. Full text of this ordinance may be obtained at City Hall, 301 E. Clay - Room 104 or will be mailed upon request.
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CITY OF CHEWELAH
ORDINANCE 966
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An ordinance adopting the budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022. Full text of this ordinance may be obtained at City Hall, 301 E. Clay - Room 104 or will be mailed upon request.
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ECONOMY

United States adds 210,000 jobs in November

DISAPPOINTING NUMBERS: *Jobs report lower than expected, but United States, Stevens County are adding to their labor force*

BRANDON HANSEN
Contributor

The COVID-19 pandemic caused 22.4 million jobs to be lost in the United States. Since then, a slow recovery has filled all but four million of those jobs, although the economy continues to wrangle with a labor shortage and fears of new variants of the virus.

In November, the United States added 210,000 jobs which is a lower amount than originally expected by economists. Still, the unemployment rate dropped from 4.6 percent to 4.2 percent as the labor force added another 600,000 people.

Economists had expected 545,000 new jobs but said ris-

ing COVID infection rates could be causing a drop in hiring. Restaurants and bars added just 23,000 jobs last month, while retail shed 20,000 jobs.

Meanwhile, professional and business services added 90,000 jobs while warehousing grew by 50,000 jobs and construction and manufacturing each added 31,000 jobs.

In 2021, the U.S. added an average of 555,000 jobs a month and under President Joe Biden, the unemployment rate has dropped a full two percentage points. Three months ago, the federal government’s enhanced benefits expired for 11 million people, so this could further the rise of people returning to the work force.

While the November numbers are not out for Stevens County, from September to October, the county added 199 people to the workforce of 19,062, while the number of people employed grew by 205 people to 18,186. The



While job creation continues in the United States, numbers are lower than expected. Unemployment for the United States is currently at 4.2 percent, while Stevens County has a 4.6 percent unemployment rate. *File photo*

number of people on unemployment dropped from 882 to 876.

Stevens County’s unemployment rate currently sits at 4.6 percent which is down considerably from 2019’s 5.1

percent rate and 2018’s 5.6 percent rate, before the pandemic. It’s the lowest number seen for the county for any time during 2018-2021 and probably beyond that as well.

The numbers show that

NE Washington bounced back much faster than the country to now below pre-pandemic levels while economists expect U.S. payroll numbers to reach pre-COVID levels by the second half of next year.

COVID

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Chewelah has just eight active cases, while Valley has three and Colville has 41. This comes after the Delta variant and low vaccination numbers have made the area a very active hotbed for virus activity.

But as the good news hits for northeast Washington, bad news is beginning to crop up nationally. Last week, daily case counts rose above 140,000 a day. This is still be-

cause of the Delta variant, and large surges are happening in the upper Midwest and New England where winter brings colder temperatures and drives people indoors where the virus can spread more easily. Over 7,700 people died last week in the United States due to COVID-related reasons.

In November, 12 people died in Stevens County from COVID-19 related reasons, while 16 people died in October. It appears hospitalizations

are going down in the Spokane hospital group. There were 110 people hospitalized because of COVID in the Spokane region on Dec. 3, which is down from 234 hospitalizations on Nov. 2. ICU patients with the virus have dropped by half from 62 on Nov. 1 to just 31 on Dec. 3.

While the Delta variant is the root of all these numbers, the news of the Omicron variant is quickly gaining volume. While much is still unknown about Omicron, the highly

mutated COVID-19 virus has health officials concerned. The variant, originally detected in South Africa, was detected in Washington state on Saturday with three new cases in Thurston and King counties.

At least 12 other states have had cases of the new variant with many of the people who tested positive being fully vaccinated. All of those people have had mild cases of COVID from the variant without the need of hospitalization.

The World Health Organization said that Omicron is more contagious and has a higher rate of re-infecting people that have already had COVID.

U.S. health officials said that the fact people have had just mild cases so far after being vaccinated means that the vaccines do provide protection against serious illness and urged people to get vaccinated and get their booster shot.

LAKE ROOSEVELT

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NEWSIES

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to life in the heartfelt Disney musical, Newsies. After a 20-month COVID pause just two weeks away from opening

night, Newsies is back with much of the original cast and some new faces as well.

The heart of Newsies beats in the character of Jack Kelly (Nate Larsen). Jack and his cadre of friends take on the rich and powerful. As the

organizer of the strike, Jack is torn between a cause worth fighting for and his dream of a life in the open spaces of the West, specifically Santa Fe. Complicating the narrative is a budding romance between Jack and the fearless reporter, Katherine Plumber (Kailee Parrot). The story would not be complete without villains and scalawags who keep the suspense high and the newsies looking over their shoulders one step away from the House of Refuge.

Newsies gets its charm and energy from 33 school-aged students K-12 of Stage-Time Theatre School. Adding to the mix are adult cameos: Medda Larkin (Charlotte Alby), Snyder (Dr. Paul Larsen), Seitz (Geno Ludwig), Bunsen (Joe Wulczynski), Wiesel (Mike Bresnahan), Mayor (Steve Warner) and Theodore Roosevelt (Dave Tupek). The music was written by Alan Menken, lyrics by Jack Feldman and book by Harvey Fierstein. It is based

on the Disney film written by Bob Tzudiker and Noni White. Newsies was originally produced on Broadway by Disney Theatrical Productions. It is directed and choreographed by Janet McLaughlin and Cindy Hogan with piano accompaniment by Janet McLaughlin and Ching Chen. Chen, an accomplished pianist, is a foreign exchange student from New Taipei, Taiwan, living with the Larsen family.

Newsies plays Friday, December 10, at 7 p.m., Saturday, December 11, at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Chewelah Center for the Arts, 405 North 3rd St. East. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door and may be purchased at Akers United Drug, Valley Drug or online at OUR.SHOW/CHEWELAH/NEWSIES. Seating is limited due to COVID protocol and masks are required regardless of vaccination status. Don’t miss this classic tale of David versus Goliath!

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CHEWELAH ATHLETICS

Chewelah’s Ehlert named WIAA athlete of the week

STATEWIDE RECOGNITION:
Jenkins Junior/Senior High School cheerleader Morgan Ehlert honored for hard work and dedication

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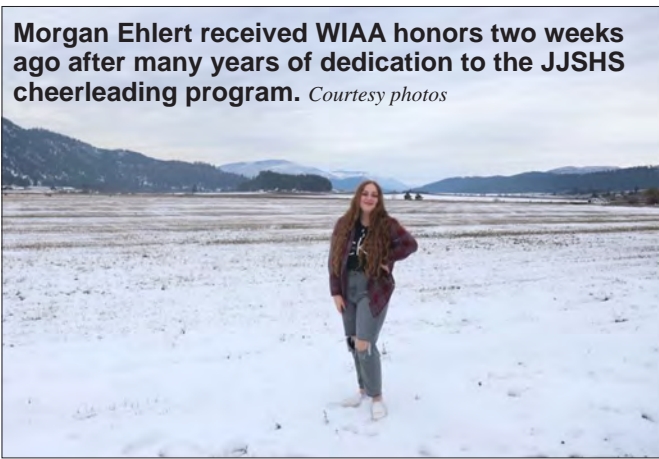
Junior Morgan Ehlert is a staple on the sideline for the Chewelah Cougars. And two weeks ago, the state took notice as the WIAA named Ehlert one of their athletes of the week. “Getting athlete of the week made me feel accomplished of all the hard

work I put into this season and becoming a cheerleader,” Ehlert said. The award, which honors several athletes each month, doesn’t usually have a lot of cheerleaders on the list but Ehlert’s contributions to the sports culture around Chewelah are hard to miss. “Ehlert has grown and accomplished so much this cheerleading season,” JJSJS Cheerleading Coach Amanda Katzer said. “When coaches ask, she is the first one to raise her hand to volunteer to stunt. She is a great leader and

helps with any issues that arise for her squad. She is also very thoughtful of others and works her best to help them.” Ehlert said she really got interested in cheerleading in 2014 after growing up around cheer because her older sisters did it. “I always looked up to them so I decided to try it and I stuck with it,” Ehlert said. She added that she really likes how the JJSJS cheerleaders support other athletes and see the Cougar sports teams work



hard and get to do what they enjoy. “This year’s [cheerleading squad] has some of the nicest people I know, and they all are super



Morgan Ehlert received WIAA honors two weeks ago after many years of dedication to the JJSJS cheerleading program. Courtesy photos

hardworking,” Ehlert said. “Since the beginning of the season, I found it amazing how we all can bond so easily and that we have as much fun at practice as we

can.” After Ehlert graduates from JJSJS, she says she wants to go to college and work on becoming a lawyer.

Lady Cougars defeat Tekoa-Rosalia, 41-19

GENO LUDWIG
Chewelah independent

Coach Don Teegarden found the right inside-outside combination on Saturday night when Sophia Nevarez and Brooke Bennett combined for 30 points in a 41-19 win over visiting Tekoa-Rosalia. Nevarez was strong on the inside, scoring from the paint with several put-backs off rebounds. Bennett scored 15 points for the Lady Cougars from the perimeter and on fast-break layups. The win evened Chewelah’s early record at 1-1 after a disastrous 58-16 loss at class-1A Deer Park earlier in the week when half of the team was not yet eligible to compete. The Cougars took a 7-4 first-period lead on baskets from Kaylin Slaughter, Nevarez and Bennett. They continued to spread their lead through the second period with Nevarez hitting an inside shot off the glass and finishing a fast-break off a pass from Bennett to give Chewelah a 15-6 lead. Keona Ross put back a rebound and Bennett then scored twice in the final minute of the period with a fast-break layup and a driving scoop shot from the paint to widen the Cougar lead to 22-8

at halftime. A layup off a seal by Bennett and a short jumper in the lane by Nevarez extended the Cougar lead to 26-13 to begin the third period. Bennett then added a jumper from the side and a pair of free throws to give Chewelah a 30-14 lead going into the final period. Ross drained a short jumper from the inside to begin the fourth period. Nevarez followed with a put-back off a rebound and Bindi Bennett hit a long three-pointer from the side for a 37-19 Cougar lead. Another rebound bucket from Nevarez and a driving layup by Brooke Bennett finalized scoring with Chewelah bagging the 41-19 victory.

Deer Park 58, Chewelah 16
Brooke and Bindi Bennett were the only Lady Cougars who found the hole in the hoop last Thursday when Chewelah opened its basketball season with a 58-16 loss at Deer Park. Brooke poured in 13 points and Bindi added three as baskets were rare for the shorthanded Cougars who suited up only six players.

Deer Park 58, Chewelah 16
Cougars: 7 - 7 - 0 - 2 = 16
Stags: 24 - 20 - 11 - 8 = 58



Photos by Brandon Hansen



Cougar scoring: Brooke Bennett 13, Bindi Bennett 3.

Chewelah 41, Rosalia 19
Wolves: 4 - 5 - 5 - 5 = 19
Cougars: 7 - 13 - 10 - 11 = 41



Cougar scoring: Sophia Nevarez 15, Brooke Bennett

15, Kaylin Slaughter 4, Keona Ross 4, Bindi Bennett 3.

Crockett, Jeanneret place third at DP invite

RITZVILLE INVITE NEXT:
Cougar wrestlers will take on competition from seven schools at the Brice Williams tourney Dec. 11

GENO LUDWIG
Chewelah independent

State medalists Zeke Crockett and Clay Jeanneret placed third in their respective weight divisions at the Deer Park Invitational Tournament last Saturday.

Both Cougars won four of their five matches at the popular annual event that attracted competitors from 19 teams from throughout eastern Washington. Crockett scored a 6-4 decision over Mead’s Adam Fritz in his final bout of the day. The Cougar 160-pounder defeated opponents from Mt. Spokane, Colville and Deer Park on his way to the consolation finals bout for third and fourth places. His lone loss was to Evan Henry

from Deer Park. Jeanneret won the 170-pound consolation final match by pinning Everett Peterson from Tonasket with 17 seconds remaining in the second round to earn the third-place medal. His other three wins were also by pin against opponents from Ferris, Ridgeline and Shadle Park. His only loss was to Aaron DesRoches from Riverside in the semi-finals. Jeanneret also placed third at the Lakeside Shoot

Out takedown tournament earlier in the week. Also competing in the tournament were Ty Crockett, Nick Carlson and Hunter Stearns, but none made it to the medal rounds. Coach Austin Burgess also has Nolan Jeanneret, Dekota Acosta, Elijah Sheldon, Jasper Mack, Hunter Gilroy, River Rainer, Jon Thompson, Kristen Erickson and Tylean Wnorowski in his stable. Mead won the team championship with 250 points. The Panthers had 26 wrestlers entered in the tournament. Mt. Spokane placed second, Granger third, Tonasket fourth and Deer Park fifth. Granger is ranked first in preseason class-B wrestling polls. Tonasket is ranked third. The Cougars will compete in the Brice Williams

Invitational Tournament at Ritzville this Saturday, Dec. 11, where they will face opponents from seven Northeast 2B League schools. **Deer Park Invitational** 113 - Ty Crockett: Lost to Adrian Alvarez (Granger) by fall (0:24), lost to Franklin Johnson (Lakeside) by fall (1:32). Eliminated. 132 - Nicholas Carlson: Lost to Jose Toscano (Granger) by fall (0:10), lost to Ashton Dunn (Shadle Park) by fall (0:51). Eliminated. 145 - Hunter Stearns: Lost to Jamison Suwanmaneedang (Ferris) by fall (0:57), won by fall over Benjamin Alcaraz (Prosser) (3:33), lost to Evan Henry (Deer Park) by fall (1:41). Eliminated. 160 - Zeke Crockett:

Won by fall over Jameson Lontz (Mt. Spokane) (0:54), won by decision over Ethan Frank (Deer Park) (3-1), lost to Ivan Bogle (Deer Park) by decision (5-3), won by decision over Connor Goff (Colville) (9-3), won by decision over Adam Fritz (Mead) (6-4). Placed third. 170 - Clayton Jeanneret: Won by fall over Lincoln Hughes (Ridgeline) (2:52), won by fall over Brayden Burgener (Shadle Park) (3:05), won by fall over Darius Rappe (Ferris) (1:56), Aaron DesRoches (Riverside) (8-3), won by fall over Everett Peterson (Tonasket) (3:43). Placed third.



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Scenes from Chewelah City Sidewalks

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Cougars struggle in losses to Deer Park, Rosalia

GENO LUDWIG
Chewelah Independent

Chewelah sent Tekoa-Rosalia players to the free throw line 19 times in the fourth period on Saturday night, and the 10 of those attempts that dropped through the hoop made the difference in the Cougars' 52-46 loss to the visiting Timberwolves. The loss was Chewelah's second after a 75-39 defeat at Deer Park earlier in the week.

This appears to be another year where the Cougars will have to fight their way through the redwoods to

get to the basket with Zach Bowman at 6'2" being the tallest player on their roster. Corban Stearns, Cody Gilroy and Katzer are the only other players barely measuring above the six-foot mark. Gabe Colt, Will Frizzell and Stearns are the only seniors on this year's team. The rest of the roster is made up of juniors Parker Anderson, Titus Tapia, Eli Larson, Cody Gilroy, Zach Bowman and Kruz Katzer. All are good athletes, but they are going to have to find ways to overcome the height advantage of the taller teams they will face down the road.

Most of all, the Cougars are going to have to become better shooters. As at Deer Park, the Cougars played hard, launched open shots at the hoop and had several second-shot opportunities off rebounds. However, they could not get the ball to drop through the net against the Tekoa-Rosalia Timberwolves on Saturday night, resulting in a 52-46 loss.

The Cougars trailed 27-14 at halftime. They returned to the floor and outscored the Timberwolves in the second half, but they could not close the gap. The closest they got

was 36-32 late in the third period on a driving layup by Colt and a three-pointer from the corner by Parker Anderson.

The T-Wolves were able to hold onto their lead at the free throw line through the fourth period. Chewelah countered with a pair of rebound buckets from Katzer and a jumper from inside the paint by Gilroy that narrowed the lead to 44-39. A layup from Frizzell and a three-pointer from the deep corner by Colt late in the game again cut the lead to a four-point spread, but the Timberwolves held on for the win.

Gabe Colt led Chewelah

with 19 points, and Kruz Katzer scored 10, but the Cougars did not have that third double-digit scorer they needed to notch the win, so the Timberwolves took home the non-league win.

Deer Park 75, Chewelah 39

Kruz Katzer was the lone Cougar in double-digits at Deer Park last Thursday night when Chewelah lost its season opener with a 75-39 loss to the homestanding Stags. Eight Cougars contributed to the Chewelah side of the scoreboard, but Katzer's 18 points accounted for nearly

half of them.

Deer Park 75, Chewelah 39
Cougars: 14 – 5 – 10 – 10 = 39
Stags: 20 – 24 – 16 – 15 = 75
Cougar scoring: Kruz Katzer 18, Gabe Colt 6, Cody Gilroy 4, Zach Bowman 3, Eli Larson 3, Corban Stearns 2, Titus Tapia 2, Parker Anderson 1.

Rosalia 52, Chewelah 46
Wolves: 11 – 16 – 11 – 14 = 52
Cougars: 9 – 5 – 18 – 14 = 46
Cougar scoring: Gabe Colt 19, Kruz Katzer 10, Zach Bowman 7, Cody Gilroy 4, Parker Anderson 3, Will Frizzell 2, Eli Larson 1.



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Sunday Night Mixed
11/28/21

League Standings: Hartill’s Saw & Tractor 36-12, The Body Shop 26-22, Pocket Pounders 25-23, Great Balls A Fire 23-25, Valley Drug 19-29, Andrea’s Auto Detail 15-33, Men Scratch Game: Don Durham 230, Drew Kofmehl 195, John Brannock 186, Scratch Series: Don Durham 674, John Brannock 524, Danny Tullar 478, Handicap Game: Harold Flowers 259, Drew Kofmehl 254, Caden McCunn 252, Handicap Series: Don Durham 737, Caden McCunn 686, Harold Flowers 681, Women Scratch Game: Rosa Lehrbas 157, Joann Durham 157, Elyse Tullar 146, Scratch Series: Rosa Lerhbas 406, Joann Durham 397, Virginia Borchers 386, Handicap Game: Elyse Tullar 254, Rosa Lehrbas 243, Joann Durham 235, Handicap Series: Elyse Tullar 688, Rosa Lehrbas 664, Joann Durham 631, Splits Converted” Dean Lehrbas.

Wednesday Night Mixed
12/1/21

League Standings: Sety’s Ace Hardware 29-15, Barred Feather Archery 26-18, Mountain Market on Main 25.5-18.5, Wildflower Skin & Sugar 22.5-21.5, Tomsha Grafixx 19-25, VFW Post 2047 10-34, Team Scratch Game: Wildflower Skin & Sugar 712, Sety’s Ace Hardware 693, VFW Post 2047, Scratch Series: Wildflower Skin & Sugar 2036, Sety’s Ace Hardware 1956, VFW Post 2047 1814, Handicap Game: Sety’s Ace Hardware910, Wildflower Sugar & Skin 889, Mountain Market on Main 886, Handicap Series: Mountain Market on Main 2647, Sety’s Ace Hardware 2607, VFW Post 2047, Men Scratch Game: Ben Rhodes 248, Chris Borders 237, Mark Trudeau 226, Scratch Series: Ben Rhodes 608, Mark Trudeau 603, Chris Borders 539, Tank Watts 539, Handicap Game: Ben Rhodes 287, Chris Borders 271, Caden McCunn 251, Handicap Series: Ben Rhodes 725, Caden McCunn 688, Dakota Bell-Towne 654, Women Scratch Game: Penny Borders 188, Dawn Larkin 176, Donna Kerst 156, Scratch Series: Penny Borders 534, Dawn Larkin 489, Donna Kerst 388, Handicap Game: Kylee Crain 243, Dawn Larkin 242, Donna Kerst 239, Handicap Series: Dawn Larkin 687, Freeda Teller 681, Kylee Crain 675.

Thursday Night Men
12/2/21

League Standings: Interstate Concrete 31-17, Pitt’s Pro Shop 30.5-17.5, West One 25-23, C C R 22-26, Sportys 19.5-28.5, Lane Mt. Silica 16-32, Team Scratch Game C C R 978, Sportys 903, Lane Mt. Silica 837, Scratch Series: C C R 2792, Sportys 2614, Lane Mt. Silica 2476, Handicap Game: C C R 1218, Pitt’s Pro Shop 1107, Interstate Concrete 1101, Handicap Series: C C R 3512, Interstate Concrete 3298, Pitt’s Pro Shop 3269, Men Scratch Game: Andy Miller 267, Payton Norvell 245, Dan Carlson 244, Scratch Series: Andy Miller 734, Ron May 674, Dan Carlson 658, Handicap Game: Andy Miller 301, Dan Carlson 270, Dick Lewis 267, Handicap Series: Andy Miller 836, Kelly Ott 747, Dan Carlson 736, Splits Converted: Kelly Ott 5-10, 3-10, Trever Strutz 6,7-10.

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Hands Across Nations

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In Uganda, we have many people coming to our gate each day for help. One of those is John, who we first met in early 2020 when COVID-19 first hit and people were not allowed to move freely with any type of vehicle, and all were on foot. He and hundreds of others arrived at our gate, hungry and needing food. John stood out due to his haggard and careworn face, his thin body and the crutches on which he leaned forward to balance himself. He appeared constantly angry and never smiled. As we got to know of his situation, we found that his spinal cord had been injured decades ago by a man with a machete while working in a sugar cane field. Since that time, he has been unable to walk unassisted and has lived with his sister and her children very near our home. He frequently dragged his lower limbs to a nearby shack on the road where he could purchase homemade alcoholic brew. He would stay there most of the day and drag himself back to the building at the local Lango Tribal Cultural Center. His sister was the caretaker of the area which was a small arena on a hillside with her “home” at the very bottom of the hill.

One day, John arrived at our gate in a drunken state, complaining of a broken shoulder. He had apparently stood up from a bench at the “brew shop,” lost his balance and fallen back onto the bench, fracturing his upper arm. We had the arm X-rayed, and the bone was completely severed just below the shoulder joint which would require



John was an angry and unhappy man who begged at the HAN gate during the COVID-19 lockdown. *Courtesy photo*

surgery. Knowing that John would then be able to use his crutches soon after, we opted for using a special sling to keep the bones in place and allow it to heal S L O W L Y - that afforded him time to stay at his home at the bottom of the hill, where even a wheelchair could not be used to get him to the “brew shop.”

We made regular visits to ensure John was well taken care of and gently told him about the love Christ has for him. He was willing to have his nieces and nephews read to him from the small Bible booklets we gave to them printed by HAN in the Lango language. All of them came to love their time of reading the books, which brought them together in love. John’s sister was thrilled at his change of heart, and John came to know that he could ask forgiveness for the life he had been living. Christ would forgive him and make him into a new person, alive in Christ! John’s sister has seen a whole new person in John and their life together has become one of friendship, helping each other and joy! What seems impossible to us, is very possible in the Lord. Not only has John’s shoulder been healed, but his heart, mind and addiction have been healed. We are praising God for the gift of new life for John. All of us who have experienced the forgiveness of Jesus celebrate this wonderful time of year of remembering Jesus’s birth, God’s best gift to us all!

As HandsAcross Nations adjusts to the changes in Uganda that the COVID-19 virus has brought, we are continuing to raise funds to



John had to be carried down a steep hill to get to his home at the Lango Cultural Center Amphitheatre. *Courtesy photo*



Nieces and nephews read Bible booklets to John. Because of it, John’s heart softened and he came to believe in Jesus, the son of God, who died for him. *Courtesy photo*

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