

Photo by RuthEdna Keys

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## 15 Wooden blocks are transformed into Art

By DIANA PINON  
STAFF WRITER

CHELAN - Concie Luna walked past the four by four wood blocks stacked in her garage day and night, back in mid-winter. Luna, with the help of Gelle Courtney soon had a great idea to get rid of the blocks. They decided to donate the blocks to the people in the Valley and for them create art.

Luna and Courtney reached out to local people, gathered the blocks and got the project started. In total there were 15 blocks given to different people who would use their imagination to create art pieces.

The only requirement for the project was to "do something to the [blocks]."

Once the finished pieces were ready, Luna contacted the Chelan Public Library, located on Emerson St. and arranged a public viewing for the pieces. The 15 pieces are currently on display and will be there until June 20.

The display features pieces such as: "Fawn on the Rocks," a hand-painted baby deer on the block, adorned with

branches and rocks.

Ardyth the creator of this piece claims, "I was given a piece of wood, this is what happened!" Betty Pettit's "Sew Much Love" was put together by different unique buttons and can also be found in the library.

Local art teacher, Sue Clouse also contributed to the project by assembling pottery pieces, scraps and fossils. Which all formed the "Evolution Elevation." After being on display the pieces will go back to their owners, who worked hard to build the remarkable pieces.

Luna is willing to collaborate in future art projects, "if somebody has a bunch of something, let me know," she says. This opportunity is open to everybody in the community who wants to participate, all one needs is inspiration. At the end of the day Luna states, "Art is anything and it can be done by anyone."

If you are interested in participating in future projects contact the Lake Chelan Arts Council at lakechelanarts@gmail.com. All contact information given, will be passed down to Concie Luna.

## Flag Disposal Ceremony June 15



VFW Post 6853 will host a flag disposal ceremony on Friday, June 15, at 6 p.m. to retire worn American flags. They will be assisted by Chelan Fire & Rescue. Anyone with worn American flags can drop them off at Lake Chelan Lighting Center, 917 E. Woodin Avenue in Chelan.

## City gets green light to award Woodin Avenue Bridge restoration project

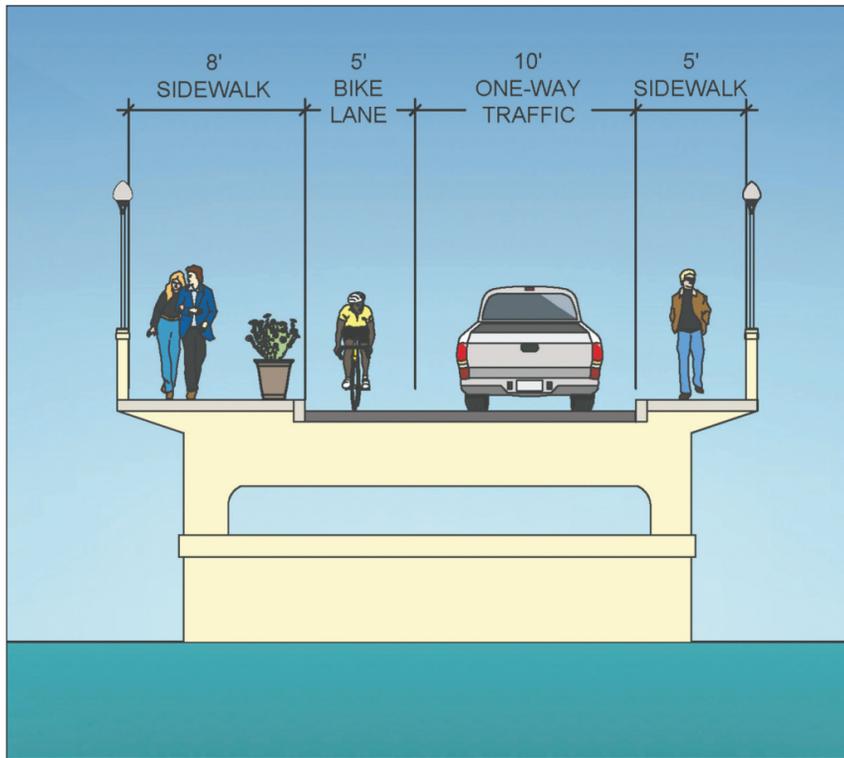
By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

CHELAN - In a special workshop on Tuesday, June 5, the City Council addressed several issues including the State Route 97A paving project with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), water safety rules, lead and arsenic with the Department of Ecology and the pending Woodin Avenue Bridge renovation.

The list of repairs, alterations and additions to the Woodin Bridge is an extensive one. Chief among them is changing the vehicle traffic across the span from two-way to a one-way configuration entering the south downtown.

City Administrator Mike Jackson itemized other improvements including "expanding approximately 1,900 feet of sidewalk to increase pedestrian access, incorporating 1,200 feet of new bike lanes, replacing 1,200 feet of water line and improving the Woodin Avenue Landing Park."

Jackson added that the project work will include "clearing and grubbing, roadway and structure excavation, planning existing pavement, temporary erosion and sediment control, stormwater conveyance instal-



Graphic courtesy of the City of Chelan

Among the changes on the Woodin Avenue bridge will be the direction of vehicle traffic across the span going from two-way to a one-way configuration entering the south downtown.

lation, utility adjustments, concrete curb and gutters, concrete ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) curb ramps, colored

concrete sidewalk, pavers, hot mix asphalt paving channelization, temporary traffic control, permanent signing, landscap-

ing, irrigation installation, site furnishing and other work."

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## County Commissioners select Witherbee to Chelan Fire District Board

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

CHELAN - Former Chelan Mayor and City Councilman Jay Witherbee is the choice of Chelan County Commissioners to fill the vacant position on the Chelan County Fire Protection District 7 Board of Commissioners. The Commissioners selected Witherbee from among four candidates at their regular Tuesday meeting, May 29, to fill the seat

vacated by Tom Peters on March 12. He joins commissioners Russ Jones and Phil Moller on the three-member board to complete Peters' six-year term that expires at the end of 2019.

Witherbee was scheduled to be sworn in on Wednesday, June 13.

"I am honored to have received a unanimous vote of confidence from all three Chelan County Commissioners," Witherbee wrote in a

brief statement to the Mirror. He was a candidate along with Nan Bolomey, Karl Jonasson, and Karyl Oules.

The choice of the third board member was referred to the County Commissioners when Jones and Moller were unable to reach a consensus over Peters' replacement during a special meeting held May 23. In accordance with the Revised Code of Washington statute (RCW 42.121.070) the county com-

missioners are authorized to fill nonpartisan vacancies if a replacement is not chosen by other means within 90 days.

Jones was elected to the Board of Commissioners in Nov. 2015. Moller began his six-year term in Nov. 2017. The commissioners meet at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month in Station 71 at 232 E. Wapato Avenue in downtown Chelan.

## Manson Park Board agrees to acquire property at 91 Wapato Way

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

MANSON - In a first for the current Board of Commissioners of the Manson Park and Recreation District, members Robert Campbell, Travis Schoenwald, Randy Reed, Taylor Quigley, and Ross Young agreed in a June 1 Executive Session to tender an agreement to purchase property at 91 Wapato Way.

At the conclusion of the two-hour session the board,

in open meeting, unanimously approved \$25,000 earnest money, \$2,500 of which is non-refundable, and an agreement with DPLP, a friend of the parks group, for purchase of the property also known as Ernie's Gas Station.

"There are no contracts at this point," Parks Director Robin Pittman said.

The price for the target parcel is "around \$650,000," said Pittman, who added that DPLP would loan the money for the transaction. The par-

cel comprises about 19,123 square feet that translates into almost .44 acre.

"We are trying to get grants through the RCO (Recreation and Conservation Office)," Pittman said of the purchase arrangements.

Pittman said the purchase would be the first for this board.

"We haven't done any acquisition in a long time," said Pittman and added that she has found meeting minutes dating to the 1970's that

expressed interest in the property.

While discussions are underway as to how to transition the property from the downtown core, Pittman said there is a "ton of different thoughts" about how to connect the parcel to the park system.

The other most recent improvement involved a small piece of land the county developed on Harris Street where it meets Pedoi and provides another point of water access to the public.

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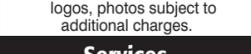
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The city engineer's estimate for the total renovation package was \$2,242,409. The low bid tendered for the project was \$3,159,528, more than \$900,00 above the estimate, from Selland Construction of Wenatchee.

WSDOT Local Programs gave the city the green light to award the contract and that step will be completed pending authorization from the state Transportation Improvement Board. Once that approval is received the contracts will be forwarded to Selland who then

has two weeks to return them, said Jackson.

"Once executed, the City will work with the Contractor to determine the best date for the Notice to Proceed (NTP) to be issued," said Jackson. "Once the NTP is issued, the Contractor will have 105 working days to complete the project."

The contract allows the contractor to impose closures at intervals during the renovation work. Those include six separate one-week closures from 12:01 a.m. Monday through 8 a.m. Friday, and 12 single-day eight-hour closures. The closures will not interfere with pedestrian traffic.



Graphic courtesy of the City of Chelan  
**The latest concept design for the Woodin Avenue Bridge renovation project shows improvements to Woodin Avenue and Columbia Street.**

**Fire destroys house on Howard Flats**

SUBMITTED BY  
CHELAN FIRE & RESCUE

CHELAN - Chelan Fire and Rescue responded to a residential structure fire last night (June 7) around 22:58 p.m. at 258 Apple Acres Road. Engine 71 was first on scene and reported a fully involved single story residential structure fire. All family members were out of the structure and accounted for.

Engine 71 initiated a defensive fire attack to contain the fire to the building of origin. A second alarm was re-

quested for additional manpower and water tenders. There are no fire hydrants in the area so water tenders from Chelan Fire and Rescue, Orondo and Manson were used to establish a water supply. No exposures were damaged and the fire was brought under control around 23:58 p.m., one hour after the initial 911 call was received.

A total of four engines, three tenders and an air support unit with 20 fire personnel responded to the fire. An additional engine with four personnel moved up to cover



Photo courtesy of Chelan Fire & Rescue  
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the city. Three Chelan County Deputies and three personnel from Lake Chelan EMS also

responded to the fire. Editors Note: An account for the family has been set

up at North Cascades Bank under the names of: Dan Ryan & Sarah Molina.

**State disciplines health care providers**

SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON  
STATE DEPT. OF HEALTH

OLYMPIA - The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses,

counselors).

Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

**Chelan County**

In May 2018 the Medical Commission entered an agreement with physician Michael D.R. Travers (MD00028342) that perma-

nently restricts him from prescribing Schedule II controlled substances, Schedule III narcotic medication, and Schedule IV benzodiazepine medication. He must complete compliance orientation, complete a review course, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Travers violated the standard of care in managing patients' chronic pain, creating a substantial risk of harm to patients.

In May 2018 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assis-

tant Brooke Marie Smith (NC60486677) with unprofessional conduct and immediately suspended her credential. Upon finding that Smith neglected a vulnerable adult in her care, the state Department of Social and Health Services will not allow her to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Look up a health care provider license" in the "How

Do I?" section of the Department of Health website (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

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**Free summer meals program**

SUBMITTED BY MAY SEGLE, ADMINISTRATOR  
PROGRAM DIRECTOR ENTIAI VALLEY COMMUNITY  
SERVICES FOOD BANK

summer meals program for all children in the Entiat School District area at five sites, from June 11 to August 22. For site locations, meal types, dates and times meals that will be served call (509) 888-3999.

ENTIAI - The Entiat Valley Community Services Food Bank will be offering a free

**Summer Schedule announced for rifle range**

SUBMITTED BY NORTH CASCADES  
SPORTSMAN CLUB

range is now on a summer schedule due to the risk of fire danger. The gate combination has been changed and shooting is only permitted when a Range Safety Officer is on site. Shooting is limited to 200 yards. The range will be open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to noon (or longer if there is still activity). Please arrive before noon as the Range Safety Officer may close the

range if there are no shooters present. The shotgun range schedule remains unchanged and is open on Sundays. A complete listing or range hours is available at www.chelangunclub.com

Please remember that during the summer, metal targets are prohibited and as always, tracer and armor piercing ammo are not allowed. Keep all shots down-range and within the range boundaries.

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