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LCCHC brings back renewed, expanded Walk-In Clinic services

SUBMITTED BY LAKE CHELAN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & CLINICS

CHELAN - Lake Chelan Community Hospital & Clinics (LCCHC) has made the difficult decision to discontinue offering primary care services and bring back a renewed and expanded walk-in clinic, as well as expand specialties offered in our community. The new Express Care Clinic that is expected to open by the end of 2020 will offer in-person and telehealth evening and weekend services, including select holidays, Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Data has shown us that Lake Chelan Valley would greatly benefit from an expanded Express Care Clinic that will provide access to care after hours and on weekends. We understand many patients have been with Lake Chelan Clinic since its inception and finding a new primary care provider may be an emotional process. We are here to help you through the transition and answer any questions you may have.

The Express Care Clinic will be staffed by two Certified Advanced Nurse Practitioners. With the closure of primary care, 15 staff are being laid off, as the job descriptions are changing to fit the Express Care model. With Express Care and expansion of Specialty Care Services, there are 18 new job descriptions that the staff can be apply for.

Providers will continue to see patients in the primary care clinic located on 219 E. Johnson Avenue through the end of October 2020. In its place, Specialty Care Clinics will provide services at this location, including Orthopedics, General Surgery, Podiatry, and Anticoagulation (INR). We are excited to expand our services to include Infusion Therapy, Wound Care, Gynecology, and Ophthalmology. LCCHC is also exploring the addition of Cardiology, Chronic Pain, and Dermatology. Our goal at Lake Chelan Community Hospital and Clinics is to save you time by bringing the services you need to you.

If you have established care with one of our providers at the clinic or seen a provider only once, you will receive a letter in the mail notifying you of their last day with Lake Chelan Clinic. Once you establish care with a new primary care provider, please call the Health Information Management department at 509-726-6013 to transfer your medical records, free of charge.

We are here to help you through the transition and answer any questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Administration at 509-682-8501.

Lake Chelan Valley Events, Meetings

Manson Farmers Market:
August 26, 29

MANSON - The Manson Farmers Market is open for their summer season and will hold markets each Wednesday and Saturday through September. Sales begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until approximately noon. All required safety procedures will be followed- hand sanitized at entrance, social distancing and masks recommended for shoppers. All vendors will be wearing masks and using hand sanitizer.

Chelan Evening Farmers Market:
August 27

CHELAN - Chelan Thursday Evening Farmers market is open now thru the end of September, 4-7 p.m. There will be handwashing stations for customers and vendors. CEFM customers are asked to: Send only one person per household to the market, when possible. Leave pets at home. The market is located on the corner of S. Emerson and Wapato Streets, between the Riverwalk Inn and Riverwalk Park. For info: www.chelanfarmersmarket.org

Chelan Saturday Farmers Market:
August 29

CHELAN - The Chelan Saturday Farmers is now open for its 2020 season. It is located at 112 E. Johnson Avenue, and opens at 8 a.m. You will find locally grown organic food and crafts.

Lake Chelan Food Bank
food distribution: Sept. 1, 5

CHELAN - The Lake Chelan Food Bank food giveaway has changed to their Saturday and Tuesday distribution days, 9-10 a.m. Distribution will continue to be drive-thru. The Lake Chelan Food Bank is located at 417 S. Bradley Street. They can use pet food, and fresh fruits and vegetables. See page 4 on where you can donate these items.

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Car washes raises \$4,975 for veterans family



RuthEdna Keys/LCM

A group of local veterans teamed up to bring awareness to veteran suicide and bless a local family that has been affected by veteran suicide. According to Cole Soreano, one of the organizers, and a veteran, they raised \$4,975 from the car wash held on August 22 at Chelan Fire & Rescue on Wapato Avenue and the Go Fund Me page is currently at \$2,775. To donate go to: <https://gf.me/u/yqsujp> The money raised will go to the family of Josh McAlvey, a husband, father, son, brother, and Marine lost his life to suicide on March 2. He left behind his wife Kendal and three children. The goal of the event was to bless the McAlvey family in this difficult time, because the last thing a widow should have to worry about is how to pay their mortgage, car payment, or how to buy school clothes, according to Soreano. "This is close to my heart because being a veteran myself I have seen friends and family go through unimaginable loss that cannot be replaced. Any amount of money cannot bring our veterans back, but it is my hope that this small amount of money can relieve some stress and allow the McAlvey family to focus on what is important during this time," Soreano stated in the FB posting promoting the car wash. The group washed approximately 200 cars during the afternoon event.

Affordable homes, community center, land donation advance in three way deal

Chelan Valley Housing Trust, Seven Acres Foundation and the Lookout reach agreement

SUBMITTED BY CHELAN VALLEY HOUSING TRUST

CHELAN - The perfect location for a community center, ample property for future affordable homes, and a significant donation to the Chelan valley were all recently accomplished in a three-way real estate transaction, report representatives from the Seven Acres Foundation, the Chelan Lookout LLLP and the Chelan Valley Housing Trust.

"We're thrilled," says CVHT Executive Director Mike Cooney. "We're ending up with nine acres of wonderfully suited property to build a planned



Courtesy Chelan Valley Housing Trust

Chelan Valley Housing Trust President Tim Hollingsworth and Executive Administrator Rachael Goldie consider the housing trust's recently acquired 9-acre property along Anderson Road in Chelan. The property will accommodate up to 35 affordable homes.

neighborhood of affordable homes. This property will fulfill our property needs for years to come."

Ben Williams, Board President of the Seven Acres Foundation, explained that the Foundation and Real Life Church initial-

ly planned to build their community center on Anderson Road, on property the church owned. Over the course of the year, discussions for swapping property with the Housing

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Trust ensued. "There were a lot of moving parts, with coordination and cooperation necessary by all involved for this

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Land acquisition for Community Center at Lake Chelan is officially completed

SUBMITTED BY SEVEN ACRES FOUNDATION

CHELAN - In a move of major significance, the Seven Acres Foundation has announced that the multi-faceted transaction to acquire six acres of land below the Lookout housing development has now officially been completed. This enables Seven Acres to commence with groundbreaking next month for construction of the Community Center at Lake Chelan, a large multi-purpose facility designed to meet the needs of a wide range of Chelan Valley

residents.

In making the announcement, Ben Williams, Board President of the Seven Acres Foundation, said "we can really look at this closing as a quadruple win, where four separate entities got together in a spirit of cooperation to enhance the future of our area." Williams went on to explain the history of the transaction, saying that initially the Foundation and Real Life Church planned to build a Community Center along Anderson Road on property purchased by Real

Life Church. At roughly the same time, the Chelan Valley Housing Trust and the Lookout were planning an affordable housing project on property to be donated by the Lookout. Then toward the end of last year, the parties started discussing swapping locations, where the Housing Trust's affordable housing project would end up on Anderson Road and the Community Center would be situated just below the Lookout. The culmination of the agreements to trade locations resulted in multiple transactions that closed

simultaneously, with each transaction conditioned on the other transactions occurring. "Bottom line," said Williams, "is that there were a lot of moving parts, with coordination and cooperation necessary by all involved for this to occur. Everything really turned out very well, and we can't thank Real Life, the Chelan Valley Housing Trust and the Lookout enough."

Mike Cooney, Executive Director of the Chelan Valley Housing Trust, is also quite pleased with how

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During this difficult time support your neighbors

Most local businesses offer curbside service or delivery

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