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Passerby interrupts attempted arson fire

By MIKE MALTAIS
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CHELAN - A motorist driving in the Chelan Falls area is being credited with interrupting an attempted arson and extinguishing the small fire before reporting the incident to authorities last Tuesday afternoon, August 23, Chelan fire chief, Tim Lemon said.



Tim Lemon
Chelan Fire District Chief

"He was heading down the old gorge road from Chelan Falls when he saw a white, four-door sedan with some damage to the passenger-side rear fender," Lemon said of the unidentified motorist. "There was a driver in the sedan and the passenger was outside lighting the side of the hill."

Lemon said when the driver of the white car saw the oncoming motorist he honked at his passenger who jumped back into the car and the pair sped off in the direction of Chelan Falls.

"He stomped the fire out and called 911," Lemon said of the approaching motorist's subsequent actions. "Our guys arrived and made sure the fire was out."

Lemon said that while there was no wind at the time of the fire, early detection certainly helped with containment.

"There was an upslope in that area and the fire would have grown substantially," Lemon said. "I imagine it would have gotten much larger before someone reported it to us."

Lemon said his department takes a couple of actions in cases like this involving a deliberate fire.

"We put out a memorandum out to all of our personnel to keep an eye out for the vehicle," Lemon said. "We also do a statistical search to see if we've had any similar fires."

In the case of the Tuesday arson, there was an earlier unexplained fire Friday evening, August 19, in the Chelan Falls area.

"It was a 50-by-20-foot area that burned with no evidence of a heat source," Lemon said. "Our personnel were called because it right along the main road."

Both fires remain under investigation.

Chelan County PUD hears from residents at North Shore substation update

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CHELAN - Residents living in or near one of the two primary areas identified by Chelan Public Utility District (PUD) as a potential site for the new North Shore substation made their objections known to PUD officials during a meeting at city hall Wednesday, August 24.

The site, labeled Area 9/10 at 454 Boyd Road, includes the Franzen Orchard, a leading candidate for the future substation.

PUD officials played to a full house when it hosted a board meeting and community update to bring the public current on the latest developments on its efforts to find a site for the new North Shore substation.

John Stoll, Managing Director of Customer Utilities,

reminded the group that the PUD has been working for about a year to find the right spot and described the process as "a real unique effort for Chelan PUD."

"We engaged a group from this area to represent the community as we worked with the community and through the community to find a suitable substation site," Stoll said.

Stoll said that while the final site remains to be determined, the search has narrowed to two primary parcels. Those are Area 9/10 at 454 Boyd Road, and Area 14, south of the Boyd Loop Road and Wine-sap Avenue intersection.

No formal commitment has been made to either site and Stoll said that when that step is completed it will require another two years for the necessary engineering, design,



John Stoll, Managing Director of Customer Utilities

permits and construction to get the site ready.

Chad Rissman, Director of Engineering and Asset Management, delivered an



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overview of both the site selection process and the need for a new substation in the North Shore area.

"I truly believe that the solution to the siting of this station is in this room right now," Rissman said.

Rissman also disclosed that almost every substation he was involved with building for Chelan PUD "never ended up where I thought it should have ended up."

Rissman began by explaining that both the Union Valley and Wapato substations have reached 80-percent capacity. He also identified the "electrical middle" between the two existing substations as the ideal location for the new substation.

Rissman assigned the substation site criteria to four categories: statutory requirements, PUD standards, Site variables and design variables.

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Hospital board meets and remains focused on community

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CHELAN-The Lake Chelan Community Hospital (LCCH) Board of Commissioners met on August 23, at LCCH. During this regular board meeting, several subjects were discussed, including:

Rural Health Clinic Annual Evaluation.

State of the Hospital Reports (Operations Management, Quality and Patient Care Services, Financial Report, and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Administrator's Report).

Financial and Business Office Report.

One of the other topics discussed at the meeting was the results from six community focus groups held on August 10 and 11. Four of these groups were held in Chelan,



Jody Carona, of HFPD, explains results from community focus groups, to LCCH Board of Commissioners and Chief Officers.

and the other two took place in Manson. Approximately 40 members of the community

attended each focus group, according to the report prepared by Jody Carona, of Health Facilities Planning and Development (HFPD), who conducted the focus groups.

"The State of Washington has an office of community and rural health that receives funds from the government every year, and have to be used in rural communities," Carona explained, "and at the end of the fiscal year this year, they had some extra funds and were soliciting community and rural critical access hospitals that wanted to do some community engagement work. They provided a \$5,000 Rural Hospital Flexibility (FLEX) grant, and using that grant on behalf of your hospital [LCCH], we conducted six focus groups over the course of a couple of days." Carona said

that participants in this focus group were selected using a calling list of land lines that was purchased from a national source, as well as a list of phone numbers provided by LCCH, after signing a Business Associates Agreement (BAA)."

The HFPD, with input directly from LCCH, developed a set of topics to guide the discussion, and included informing and receiving input on the status of health care delivery and health care transformation nationally, and rural health care generally and in the community; understanding the Community's vision for healthcare and healthcare delivery; discussing the community's perspective about the types of programs and scope of services that LCCH should provide in the future;

and understanding the role that facilities (hospital, Clinic) play in their vision.

Carona stated that seven themes emerged from the groups, as follows:

1) A broad consensus that Chelan needs more providers - wide perception that the District is struggling to recruit and retain providers, in large part because of the age and condition of the Hospital building.

2) Attendees were, by a large, highly satisfied with the Hospital's services, quality, and "first class" staff. Great appreciation for walk-in clinic and its extended hours.

3) For attendees, attributes of great health care include "access to what I need, when I need it", "better retention of

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Council receives Woodin Avenue Landing Project design

By MIKE MALTAIS
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CHELAN - The Historic Downtown Chelan Association (HDCA) presented the conceptual design for the Woodin Avenue Landing Project to the Chelan City Council at its regular bi-monthly meeting Tuesday, August 23.

The Landing Project represents phase one of the HDCA's multi-phase Gateway Project and will involve the north end of the bridge next to Campbell's Resort.

HDCA president, Linda Van Lunsen, Executive Director, Jessie Simmons and Larry Hibbard of Hibbard Architecture and Planning in Manson requested Council's review and support the design to allow HDCA to proceed with construction

drawings.

The project will be pursued in conjunction with the city's repair and upgrade of the Woodin Avenue Bridge. The project schedule calls for work to begin three weeks following acceptance of the design by Council and HDCA. Landing plans are projected to be completed and ready for bid by January 2017.

Lake Chelan Community Hospital (LCCH) Chief Executive Officer, Kevin Abel delivered a special PowerPoint presentation regarding the hospital's current operations and future plans.

Abel discussed the hospital district and its services, LCCH's financial performance, healthcare reform, regional partnerships and

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Drawing courtesy of HDCA

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Guild B Home Tour Sept. 17



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Whaley Mansion - As you walk through the Whaley Estate, please don't forget that you are walking through a home that has years of history in the community. Diane Wainhouse has breathed new life into the Whaley Mansion and she did it with great care and tenderness. The mansion sits proudly in South Chelan surrounded by 54 rose bushes.

SUBMITTED BY LAKE CHELAN HOSPITAL-CLINIC GUILD B

The Lake Chelan Hospital-Clinic Guild B sponsors a Home Tour and Art Show the third Saturday in September. This year the ever popular event is held on Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We have four stunning homes for the public to enjoy including the historic Whaley Mansion.

The increasingly popular Art Show is held at the Tsilian Cellars Winery and features artist from the Northwest selling everything from jewelry to fine art.

All proceeds from the Home Tour and Art Show will be used to purchase much needed equipment for the hospital and clinic.

Tickets (\$20) may be purchased through the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, The Culinary Apple, Allisons of Manson or any Guild B member.

Beautiful homes, lovely art, delicious food and wine and vistas to take your breath away, will make your day in Chelan a wonderful event, but, even better, you will help support the medical community and hospital.



Lakeside Retreat is like stepping into the pages of Coastal Living magazine. You instantly feel the serenity that this home provides to the family. This home and three other homes are on the home tour on Sept. 17 Meer Huis (Dutch for Lake House) Lakeside Manor and Whaley Mansion.

CORRECTION

The first day of school for Manson School District is Tuesday, Sept. 6. The date in the August 24 issue of the paper was incorrect. More Manson back to school information can be found at <http://www.manson.org> For the 2016-2017 school calendar, go to <http://www.manson.org/domain/38>

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Lake Chelan Car Show Sept. 10

The Lake Chelan Car Show will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. in Riverwalk Park in Chelan. The show is put on by the Lake Chelan Car Club. In on conjunction with the car Show Historic Downtown Chelan Association is putting on a bridge dance at 7 p.m. For more information call Mark Cook, 425-308-6721.



Lake Chelan Mirror File Photo

Stop, drop and roll Back to School with the Manson Fire

SUBMITTED BY CHELAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 5

CHELAN - Fire Chief Arnold Baker from Chelan County Fire District 5 in Manson met over 250 enthusiastic Chelan valley students at the 4th annual Back to School Fair on Sunday, August 14 held at Riverwalk Park in Chelan. The Fire District teamed up

with local churches, local merchants and other service organizations to provide school supplies and back packs to area students.

The Back to School Fair was the perfect opportunity to present personal instruction on fire safety to the younger members of our community. The students were given the option to demonstrate the

Stop, Drop and Roll to extinguish the flames on clothing or answer fire safety related questions. Chief Baker reviewed the steps to take in the event of a house fire. The importance of establishing a safe designated family meeting spot located outside and away from the home, to go to in the event of a fire. Students were reminded to never go

back into a burning home. Chief Baker also reviewed the two important pieces of information everyone needs to provide when calling 911, your address and the nature of your emergency. The Districts hope in participating in the Back to School Fair is to support area families and strengthen the bond we share with the community we serve.

SUBSTATION: Public comments taken until Sept. 9



Photos by Mike Maltais

Shaun Seaman, External Affairs Program Manager, coordinated the question-answer session that followed the site selection overview.

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Among design variables are landscaping, lighting, noise control and setbacks.

PUD standards include transformer size, voltage requirements, transmission and professional guidelines.

"We have 1,600 miles of distribution line and 30 linemen to maintain it," Rissman said and explained how a small field crew can maintain such a large network.

"We rely heavily on standards and when we deviate from those standards efficiency begins to drop off," Rissman said of the need to have the substation strategically located.

Statutory requirements encompass permits, zoning, code compliance and state law.

Site variables address land, environment, aesthetic and neighborhood factors along with system considerations such as proximity to service areas and existing transmission lines.

Rissman said the focus group that worked on site selection began with 18 general areas. When the group applied the site criteria to those 18 areas, all but

four were eliminated. Contacts with property owners relative to the preferred sites generated little feedback, Rissman said.

In response to a question about the PUD's power to exercise eminent domain, Rissman acknowledged that PUD had that option but "We don't want to go there; we think we're better than that."

Shaun Seaman, External Affairs Program Manager, coordinated the question-answer session that followed the site selection overview. Among the comments that Seaman recited that have been received so far by the PUD were six claiming that no residents of Area 9/10 were part of the focus group that selected 9/10 as one of the two most suitable substation sites.

Tom Watson, whose property on 410 Henderson Road overlooks the proposed site in Franzen Orchard, objected to its installation based on the effect he claimed it would have on area wildlife including deer, quail, chukars and other species.

Michael Gibb of 610 Boyd Road prefaced his comments with appreciation to many PUD

and focus group officials for their hard work, transparency and responsiveness.

Gibbs described his property distance as "about a nine-iron away" from the Franzen Orchard.

"I represent 17 landowners and families living in the Coyote Hills, Henderson Terrace, Henderson Road, Boyd Road," Gibbs said. "Our opposition is based on degrading property values, visual pollution, health concerns, wildlife...noise, light and construction, etc."

Scott Franzen, half-owner of the 18-acre Franzen Orchard property, said his mother initially turned down a PUD offer to purchase a portion of their orchard as a substation site. Franzen said when they took a second look at the proposal the substation seemed like a good fit.

"Our property is level; it's low in the area," Franzen said. "It (the substation) would be in the middle of our orchard, no one would even see it."

From an economic standpoint Franzen said that by selling a chunk of their property for the substation site "we could probably keep selling apples for a few more years."

Franzen said it was not his family's intent to make enemies



Michael Gibb



Scott Franzen

of neighbors he cares about but wanted those present to appreciate his point of view.

As the designated hour-long meeting neared in conclusion and many more residents were raising their hands to comment. Seaman invited anyone with questions or comments to remain after the meeting to speak with PUD staff

Council member, Ray Dobbs thought it was an interesting meeting.

"The fun part about this is that there's a lot of really good-thinking people that if you give them a chance to talk, they kind of help balance the piece out," Dobbs said. "I love that the PUD has the kind of patience and the wherewithal to keep this process going."

Dobbs said he agreed with an earlier statement made by Rissman.

"The right answer was in that room and we'll get to that."

The PUD will take public comment from until September 9, 2016 regarding the proposed sites under consideration. After September 9, the PUD's consultant will perform a detailed analysis on these proposed sites.

To comment on the proposed sites go to: chelanpud.org/new-chelansubstation

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