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Who Are You Talking To?



By Carl Munson

Frederick Forsyth's excellent short story, *The Veteran*, tells of an older man with a pronounced limp attacked by London thugs; one big with a shaved head, and the other of average size with lank, greasy hair. The attack occurred in a part of London that came alive only at night when gangs, "unemployed and unemployable," roamed "grim residential blocks crusted with filth, slick with urine."

The limping man looked to be an easy target. The thugs just wanted his wallet. The location was a large, public housing project, a "grey, poured concrete gulag commissioned by a borough council that flew the red flag of world communism above the town hall." Most former shop spaces had windows boarded up.

The limping man unexpectedly fought back. That the victim had something extraordinary in his past was evident from how hard he fought back. The two booted thugs finally dropped him, and kicked him repeatedly in the body and head. They took his wallet and left him to die. However, when found and hospitalized and in a coma, he wouldn't die, at least not as expected. After six improbable days, he finally breathed his last.

Investigators knocked on doors. Residents said they saw nothing. A lone convenience store owner, however, saw the attack, described the perpetrators, and agreed to tell what he saw. The two thugs were eventually located, taken into custody, and given a public defender. The identity of the murdered man had not yet been established.

Then things got interesting. One of London's most prominent barris-

ters became aware of the homicide and volunteered to defend the two thugs pro bono. Counterintuitive. And the reader is not told why. Forsyth does a masterful job of credibly portraying court testimony and cross examination. Enough doubt of guilt is raised and the two thugs are declared not guilty. The reader, who knows they are, wonders what's going on.

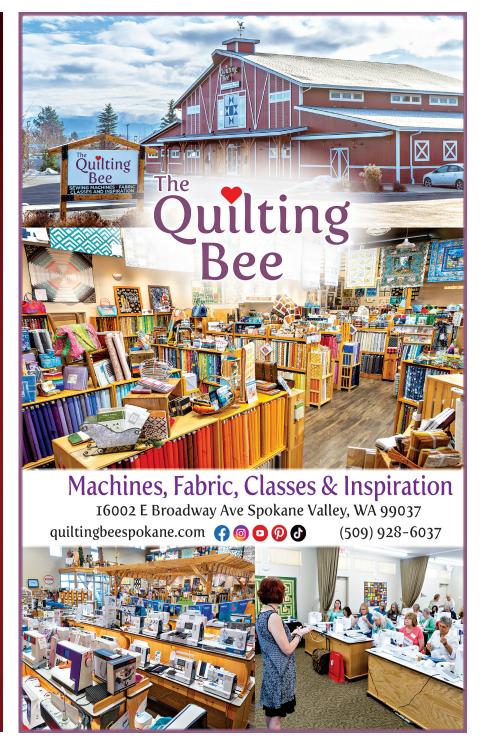
The thugs contemptuously believe they are free. But are they? The high-powered barrister knew that if he did not defend them, they would be convicted, spend a few years behind bars, and be released. The justice served, however, would be that of the Old Bailey, not the Old Testament. If found not guilty, they would be back on the streets immediately. So how was justice served?

In Forsyth fashion, the last page of the story puts it all together. The murdered man is finally identified. When inspecting the murdered man's modest flat after the trial, inspectors see an old photo of the deceased, smiling as he kneels in front of three other soldiers: a corporal, a sergeant, and a young officer, men with whom he served in combat decades earlier. Although the officer in the photo is now much older, the inspector recognizes him as the high-powered barrister.

The other inspector wonders what might happen if the corporal and sergeant should ever find the two murderers. That question is answered in the last paragraph of the story. "That evening, two bodies were recovered from a lake near Wanstead Marshes, east of London ... the file on the case was opened but never closed."

I summarize *The Veteran* because the thugs knew nothing about their continued on page 2...





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victim – who he was, where he'd been, what he'd done, who he knew or, more to the point, who knew him. It's fiction, but the lesson is real. When speaking with an older man I don't know, in the back of my head weighs the question: who am I talking to?

My ball cap indicates I was in the Navy. Few people know what the stuff on the cap means.

Sometimes I wear the cap on appropriate occasions, e.g. Memorial

Day, Fourth of July, Veterans Day. Otherwise, I don't. When I occasionally wear the ball cap, I am told, "Thank you for your service," which is appreciated. There was a time when I would have been castigated. Fortunately, we – the country and most Vietnam vets – are beyond that. Pretty much.

Without the cap, my service is not evident, and it's that way for all unmarked veterans. Fine with us. But still, in the back of my head when talking to a man of my age with whom I am unfamiliar, I silently consider the question: who am I talking to?

Below are some interesting examples of men who others would never guess went through what they went through.

Dennis "Spider" Johnson wasn't always called "Spider." Nothing about him suggested what he went though. He didn't talk about it. His Vietnam Ranger company commander, later killed in action, said Spider was afraid of only one thing, spiders. Hence, the nickname.

People talking to Spider wouldn't know he was a POW twice (having escaped but then eventually recaptured) and had three purple hearts. He said American interrogation of captured Iraqi jihadis was soft because north Vietnamese masquerading as indigenous Viet Cong never wrote a book on the subject. Bamboo spikes. Use your imagination.

Spider died three years ago from a brain tumor precipitated by Agent Orange. When he died, most people who thought they knew Spider, didn't. Like many veterans, while Spider left Vietnam, Vietnam never left Spider. He never reverted to Dennis. He stayed "Spider." Most never knew why.

Ken Knox was an older gentleman who had led a hard life. I took him to lunch years ago and in conversation he mentioned a purple heart. I asked where and when he was hit. He reflexively responded, "Which time?" Then he clammed up; he didn't want to talk about any of it. Who would understand? I pressured him. I was a vet. So, he told the story.

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When he was 16 in southern Oregon, he tried to enlist. There was a war going on, World War II. He was rejected by the Army. Too young. He and two friends went to Vancouver, B.C., lied about their age and background, and began training to be fighter pilots for the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Great Britain was rapidly losing pilots. England asked Canada if any Canadian pilots would volunteer to fly for the RAF. Ken volunteered.

The kid from southern Oregon was in the Battle of Britain. Who would

know? Shot down three times during the war. He said the worst was over France. He was scared. He thought he would be captured and killed. After evading Nazis, he managed to get back to England through the French underground.

Sitting across the table from me was a man I thought I knew. After his story, I knew him much better. Previously, I and most others didn't know him at all.

Bryce Lilly and I were driving along the highway between Mt. Vernon and Anacortes, chatting about this and that.

Bryce was an older gentleman, slender, pleasant. I suggested we stop for lunch at a new restaurant down the highway.

"If you don't mind," he said, "I'd rather not. I have stomach problems." He continued to drive and said nothing else. Okay, I thought. Perhaps it was none of my business, but the way he said it and the fact that he did not elaborate made me curious.

"What's wrong with your stomach?"

"I was a prisoner of war. I lived on rice soup for several years." He told me his weight went from 195 to less than 100 pounds. Decades later his stomach was still screwed up. He added that, toward the end of the war, the POWs were glad to hear the Doolittle bombers come, and just as glad to hear them go.

That was a thorough explanation, and I certainly knew much more about Bryce Lilly than before. But after a few moments I had to ask another question.

"Where were you captured?"

"Bataan."

That ended the questions and the conversation. "Bataan." That one-word answer spoke volumes.

I got to know Bryce Lilly. He spoke at high school assemblies, telling the students a little about his ordeal, but mostly why it was justified, and about the greatness of the United States.

Bryce Lilly has passed away. I hope those students' memories are strong and, if they haven't already, that they'll come to truly appreciate both the man who spoke to them and what he said.

At the Spokane VA, I see Vietnam vets in varying states of disability. A few are in wheelchairs. Some wear prostheses. Some wear identifying veteran's hats or jackets. Most don't. As with Spider Johnson, Ken Knox, and Bryce Lilly, what most went through would never be apparent

Veterans Day – or any day – when you speak to an older man, someone who you suspect might be a veteran, keep in mind the question: who am I talking to? If you wish, ask. While the answer will likely be succinct, keep in mind that the story behind the answer could fill volumes.

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Celebrating Innovation: Global Entrepreneurship Month



by Mark Pond, MILS

I always get excited for November to roll around. It's not just the turkey and stuffing talking, it's also because November is Global Entrepreneurship Month.

Each November, the entrepreneurial spirit comes alive in full force as Washington embraces Global Entrepreneurship Month (GEM), a celebration of creativity and economic growth. This month-long event serves as a catalyst for both aspiring entre-

preneurs and established businesses alike, offering a unique platform to connect, learn, and thrive.

Sure, businesses launch all year round, but there's something affirming in joining a group of people doing the same thing at the same time. Just as you could perhaps go outside right now and run a marathon, it's a radically different thing to join tens of thousands of other runners and tackle the challenge together. There's an element of encouraging each other and gaining strength from the folks around you. That's the spirit of GEM.

Genesis of Global Entrepreneurship Month

GEM is an extension of Global Entrepreneurship Week, an international initiative that began in 2008. Recognizing the importance of fostering entrepreneurship beyond just a week, Washington state expanded the celebration to encompass the entire month of November. This decision underscores the state's commitment to supporting new businesses.

A Statewide Celebration of Innovation

What sets Washington's GEM apart is its statewide reach. From the tech hubs of the westside, to the wheatfields of the Palouse, to the cedar groves of northeastern Washington, the event touches every corner of the state. This inclusive approach ensures that entrepreneurs from diverse backgrounds and industries have the opportunity to participate, learn, and grow.

Throughout November, a kaleidoscope of events unfolds across Washington:

- Workshops and Seminars: industry experts and successful entrepreneurs share their knowledge on topics ranging from start-up basics to advanced business strategies.
- Networking Events: gatherings that provide invaluable opportunities for entrepreneurs to connect with peers, mentors, and potential investors.
- Pitch Competitions: aspiring entrepreneurs showcase their ideas to panels of judges, competing for funding and recognition.
- Hackathons: tech enthusiasts collaborate intensively on software projects, often resulting in innovative solutions to real-world problems.
- Youth Entrepreneurship Programs: special events cater to young minds, inspiring the next generation of business leaders.
- Industry-Specific Showcases: sectors like biotechnology, clean energy, and aerospace all vital to Washington's economy receive focused attention.

Spotlight on Diversity and Inclusion

A hallmark of Washington's GEM is its emphasis on making sure that everyone is welcome. The state recognizes that innovation thrives when diverse perspectives come together. Special efforts are made to ensure participation from underrepresented groups in entrepreneurship, including women, minorities, veterans, and rural communities.



Initiatives during GEM often include:

- Targeted workshops for minority-owned businesses
- Panels discussing the unique challenges and opportunities for women in tech
- Resources and events specifically designed for veteran entrepreneurs
- Outreach programs to engage rural communities in the entrepreneurial conversation

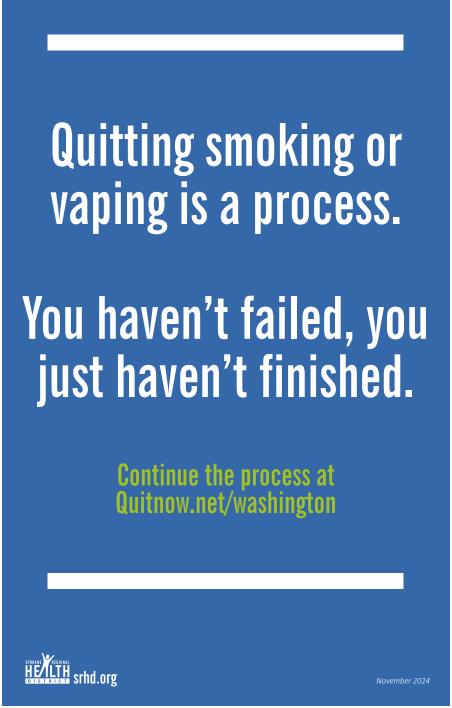
Conclusion

So where does one go to tap into these GEM events? First, for state-wide coverage, I'd point folks to the Washington State Department of Commerce. You can find that content here: mystartup365.com/global-entrepreneurship-week. Pro tip: make sure to check out their "Entrepreneur Academy," a free, 11-course program designed to get you up and running. This free course is available on-demand so it can mesh with your schedule, rather than the other way around.

For the more local, Spokane regional scene, StartUp Spokane has a community business events calendar available here: startupspokane. com/events. From networking events to business classes, the StartUp calendar is the go-to for finding what's happening business-wise in the greater Spokane region. I'll also be teaching an online entrepreneur bootcamp, hosted by Whitworth University, on November 16 from noon-4 p.m. You can find the details on that here: learn.whitworth.edu/entrepreneurship-bootcamp.

Hope to see you there and let's raise a glass to the startups out there!

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The Polly Bemis Apple and the Woman Behind its Name



I started researching the history of apples in the Inland Northwest for an article on The Lost Apple Project, in which apple sleuths search for varieties of heritage apples that are in danger of becoming lost (whitmancountyhistoricalsociety.org/projects). As I dove down the rabbit hole of lost apple research, I stumbled upon a surprising and fascinating individual of Inland Northwest history – Polly

Bemis.

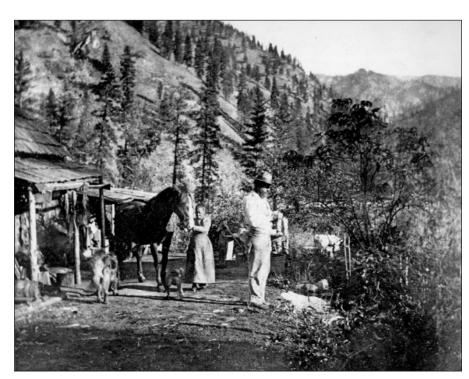
How did Polly Bemis go from a poor, farm girl, with bound feet, in China in the 1800s, to having a lost apple found in Idaho named after her? It's quite a story, one that inspired several books as well as the 1991 film, Thousand Pieces of Gold.

While we know "Polly" was born in China in 1853, no one seems to know the name she was given at birth. At this time in China, daughters were often considered a burden and it was common for poor families to sell their daughters into slavery when they needed money. Such was Polly's fate. At around the age of 16, her family sold her to an American woman in Hong Kong. The woman promised that Polly would work in gold-mining camps. That's not what happened.

Polly was smuggled into Portland, Oregon, where an older, wealthy, Chinese businessman bought Polly for \$2,500 and took her to Warren, Idaho on horseback. While there's no proof, historians believe she was bought to be his concubine, but to be treated like a wife. Upon arrival, Polly received her American name when she dismounted from her horse and a stranger proclaimed, "Here's Polly."

Warren, Idaho was a mining town with a large community of Chinese immigrants. Unfortunately for Polly, most Chinese immigrants spoke Cantonese. Polly spoke Mandarin. She was one of two Chinese women in the entire town.

We know little of Polly's life in Warren before 1880. We do know the 1870's were a bad time for Chinese immigrants in the U.S. as discrimination grew. In Warren, two Chinese men were lynched for allegedly stealing from a white man. Anti-Chinese attitudes led to the 1882



Chinese Exclusion Act, prohibiting Chinese immigrants from entering into the United States.

The first government record of Polly is an 1880 U.S. census, listing her as living in Warren with a white man named Charlie Bemis. Her Chinese owner had either died or returned to China. Local lore suggests that Charlie won Polly in a poker game, but historians doubt this. The myth was so persistent that one of the books about Polly's life is titled The Poker Bride: The First Chinese in the Wild West.

Charlie Bemis came to Warren from Connecticut to mine for gold. He opened several businesses, including a saloon. Charlie Bemis was shot in the face in his saloon during a gambling brawl in 1890. The bullet missed his eye, but shattered his cheek. A doctor traveled from nearby Grangeville to treat Charlie, but he was in bad shape and in danger of dying from his wounds. The doctor gave up on him. Polly didn't; instead, she was able to nurse him back to health, saving his life.

When Charlie opened a boarding house in 1892, Polly's job was to manage it. She was known as an assertive businesswoman with a gift for humor. Later in life, Polly reflected on her role at the boardinghouse. She recalled that when boarders complained about her coffee, she jokingly threatened them with a butcher knife.



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Polly married Charlie in 1894 and they moved to their new farming

they raised cattle, chickens, and ducks. They hunted for animals and one of Polly's favorite pastimes was fishing. They also grew a variety of vegetables and fruits, including apples.

Despite the remoteness of their home, Polly and Charlie had many visitors. They befriended the local farmers, welcoming them for dinner, and became especially good friends with their neighbor, Charlie Shepp.

The couple went on to become legends in the Salmon River country. Tales of their adventures and lifestyles spread on the river. Some of which told about Charlie catching a young mountain lion and raising it as a pet. Charlie nailed a tin plate to the table so the cougar could eat with them.

Polly was never allowed to become a U.S. citizen, but she obtained the required Certificate of Residence which allowed her to stay in the country. While Charlie was alive, Polly rarely left their farm. In 1922, they lost their home to a fire. Two months later, after years of

At the time, the only school in the region was in Warren. Families who lived too far away would send their children to live with residents of Warren so they could attend school. Despite never having children of her own, Polly loved children and allowed several of them to live with her.

declining health, Charlie died and Polly moved back to Warren.

In 1923, Polly traveled with friends to Grangeville to buy new glasses. This was her first experience of the modern world – her first ride in a car, her first movie. She saw her first train. Upon her return, her trip became front-page news. "I have (sic) the best time in 50 year (sic)," she said.

Polly moved back to her farm in 1924 after her friend, Charlie Shepp, rebuilt her house. Charlie also gave Polly a radio. She loved listening to music, living alone until she died of a stroke on November 5, 1933.

In 1987, Polly's log cabin was restored and made into a museum. The property outside (pictured left) of Warren on the Salmon River. Here Polly Bemis Ranch is a designated national historic site. Her 26-acre

> estate lies within a 2.2 million-acre protected area; the largest protected wilderness area in the continental United States.

According to Boise State Public radio, the Polly Bemis apple was named as a result of the Lost Apple Project detective work. In 2018, E.J. Brandt, a co-founder of the Lost Apple Project, received a tip that there were some "strange apples" on an old farm near his home. He went to the farm and sure enough, he found an apple he'd never seen before.

"I took a bite of the apple and it was just delicious and I did not know what it was," he said.

Brandt sent the apple to the experts who told him he'd found a variety of apple thought to be extinct. Years of DNA testing proved this theory correct. Another lost apple had been discovered and saved. This apple was named Polly Bemis, in honor of this adventurous, tenacious pioneer of the Idaho frontier.

Books and movies about the life of Polly Be-

- Idaho County's Most Romantic Character: Polly Bemis, by Sister M. Alreda Elsensohn
- Thousand Pieces of Gold, by Ruthanne Lum McCunn: The novel was adapted into the 1991 film Thousand Pieces of Gold
- Polly Bemis: A Chinese American Pioneer, by Priscilla Wegars
- The Poker Bride: The First Chinese in the Wild West, by Christopher Corbett
- Wild Women of the Old West, edited by Glenda Riley and Richard W. Etulain

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Joan's Rustic Chicken, Bacon & Leek Pie



by Chloe Thompson

Nothing says fall quite like a beautifully golden chicken pie, and this is one I do on an almost weekly basis, since the weather has cooled down.

This recipe was originally made by my mum in Scotland and is great for using simple and cost-effective ingredients that we often already have in the pantry.

Over the years I've made slight tweaks to it, but it's a versatile dish that can easily be adapted to suit your personal taste.

With it almost hitting the one-year mark since seeing my mum — or as I like to call her, "my Joany" or "Joany-bug" — compared to my multiple weekly visits and sleepovers before moving to Stevens County, I thought this would be a great way to celebrate her amazing cooking and warm, generous spirit. I'm so looking forward to seeing her again soon. I miss her like crazy! So, in the meantime I'll just be trying to recreate her famous family recipes as best I can...

This recipe is super easy, warming, filling and comes together oh so quickly. When in season, I love to add mushrooms to the filling to add even more flavor, and make it go just a little further.

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As with any recipe, all the ingredients are adaptable; if you prefer a more protein-heavy meal, add in additional chicken or meat alternatives, and adjust the sauce where needed. If you don't have any fresh herbs to hand, dried ones are a perfect alternative – just be sure to initially use around half of the amount as they can be quite punchy!

Serve alongside buttery mashed potato and honey glazed carrots for the perfect fall dinner. Leftovers not guaranteed.

Ingredients

- Tbsp oil
- Tbsp butter
- 1 large chicken breast, diced
- 2 rashers of smoked bacon, diced
- 1 medium leek
- 1-2 cloves of garlic
- 1 can of cream of chicken soup
- 300ml whole milk
- Chicken bouillon (optional)
- ½ tsp chopped fresh rosemary
- ½ tsp chopped fresh thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 sheet of puff pastry

Method

- In a large pan, gently fry your chopped bacon in a teaspoon of oil until the fat has rendered and the bacon has nice color. Remove once cooked to your liking and repeat the process with your chopped chicken breast. Be sure not to remove the excess bacon fat as this adds great flavour to the dish. Add more oil or butter to chicken as needed.
- Once your chicken has cooked, remove this and set to the side whilst preparing the vegetables.
- Fry off your chopped leeks in butter for 3-4 minutes before adding in your chopped garlic and continue to cook until fragrant. Be careful not to have your heat too high – you don't want to add any color to your vegetables, just soften them.
- Once your vegetables have softened nicely, add the cooked chicken and bacon back into the pan, along with the cream of chicken soup, whole milk, chopped thyme and rosemary and one bay leaf.
- Allow this mixture to come to a gentle simmer whilst stirring periodically. I prefer to let this cook for around

20 minutes or so. If your sauce appears too thick, add in a little more milk until you're happy with the consistency.

- Check for seasonings, I like to use a small amount of chicken bouillon powder in place of salt, as well as fresh cracked pepper.
- Once you're happy with the consistency and flavor, remove from the heat and allow to cool in an ovenproof pie dish whilst preparing your puff pastry.



Chloe (right) with her mom, Joan, in Glasgow, Scotland, 2022.

Remember to remove your bay leaf before baking.

- Preheat oven to 350° F.
- To a lightly floured surface, roll out one sheet of thawed puff pastry to around ½ inch thick. Try not to handle it too much or let it get too warm as this can affect how it rises.
- Gently place the pastry over your cooled pie filling and press down the edges to seal. Use a sharp knife to cut a hole in the centre of the pie. This allows steam to escape and encourages a more even crust.
- Beat 1 egg and brush over the pastry before baking in the oven for around 35 - 40 minutes, or until your pastry has risen and is beautifully golden.

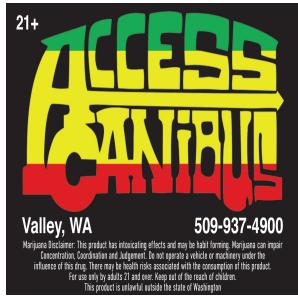
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Taste Budz Review: Leaven Bakery and Patisserie



By Zack & Brooklyn Bolin, Facebook: Taste Budz, Instagram: tastebudz_spokane

New! New! New! Leaven Bakery is located on the corner of the Olsen building in Deer Park, but you'd think you were walking into a cafe in Paris.

What we enjoyed:

- ~Almond Croissant
- ~Classic Croissant
- ~Ham & Cheese Croissant
- ~Pain Au Chocolat
- ~Cinnamon Roll
- ~Latte
- ~Americano

Clint, one of the owners, brought us a little bit of everything to try and, oh my goodness, we were blown away! The layers of the croissant were so light and flakey, it absolutely melted in your mouth with each bite. I had never tried an almond croissant before, but I now have a new favorite item. The glaze on top gave it a subtle crunch; when you bit into the center, there was a sweet and nutty filling. The fresh sliced almonds and powdered sugar topped it off perfectly.

Clint's wife, Christie Janson, was always told by the family that she made the best cinnamon rolls but now there's evidence to back it up. They sell out of them daily and we can see why. The roll is smothered in sweet, creamy frosting, and every layer is packed with ooey-

gooey cinnamon. The ratio of dough, frosting, and filling was spot on. Zack devoured it!

Don't worry if you weren't sure what *Pain Au Chocolat* is, it's just the French name for chocolate croissants. These croissants are the real deal, a cylinder chocolate center gets rolled in layers of dough and is baked to a golden perfection. Once baked, each layer opens up to create an airy center and the chocolate adds just the right amount of sweet.

If you are more into savory goodies, the ham and cheese croissant is a must have! The center oozes cheese and the ham is thinly sliced, complementing the layers of the dough just right. The lattice work on top adds a beautiful and crunchy touch.

Obviously you can't enjoy baked goods without a good cup of coffee. In fact, Clint and Christie tried out all the local roasters to make sure they had their favorite coffee. They decided on Wackers and the rich smooth roast guette to take home, but it didn't make it that far. We ate it in the car. Their baguette dough is primarily made with traditional yeast, but they do use a bit of sourdough. They had gorgeous loaves of jalapeno cheddar sourdough available and we will definitely be back to try some.

Deer Park is truly lucky to have such a beautiful and delicious bakery in their downtown. Clint and Christie have poured a lot of hard work into this establishment. Clint even took a master class to learn how to make Parisian croissants. They are open Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. They make everything from scratch daily and they sell out quickly, so make sure you stop in early. You won't want to miss this spot!

7 S Main St. Unit B, Deer Park, WA 99006, leaven-bakery.com.

sure they had their favorite coffee. They decided on Wackers, and the rich, smooth roast love showcasing all the fun places to play and



pairs perfectly. You can even buy bags of the coffee there.

Not only do they serve the best coffee and treats, but they also make sourdough loaves and baguettes from scratch. We received a ba-

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After 5 long years of studying, a student comes rushing into Einstein's office shouting, "Sir, Sir, I finally understand your theory of Special Relativity!" Einstein rolls his eyes. "It's about time."

What bites with no teeth? Frost!

What do you call a dog that gets frosting all over its fur? A pupcake.

Cold weather is here. Had to scrape ice off my windscreen this morning. Used my supermarket loyalty card. Only got 10% off.

My friend stopped talking to me after I lost 3 of my toes to frost bite. I didn't know he was lack toes intolerant.

When I grow I come closer to the ground. What am I? An icicle.

Two campers are walking through the woods when a huge brown bear suddenly appears in the clearing about 50 feet in front of them. The bear sees the campers and begins to head toward them. The first guy drops his backpack, digs out a pair of sneakers, and frantically begins to put them on. The second guy says, "What are you doing? Sneakers won't help you outrun that bear." "I don't need to outrun the bear," the first guy says. "I just need to outrun you."

Looked like frost in the forecast so I left my money outside. I wanted cold hard cash.

There was a frost warming last night and I was worried about my garden. I ended up losing everything except the iceberg lettuce.

Why did the cranberry blush? It saw the turkey dressing.

Did you hear about the turkey that plays baseball? He covers first baste.

What kind of music do Pilgrims listen to? Plymouth rock.

A Husband and Wife at Custody court. The judge looks sternly at the ex wife. Judge: "Why do you think you deserve custody of the child?" Ex wife: "I brought him into this world so I should have custody of him." Judge: "That is a simple yet good reason." Then the judge looks towards the ex husband. Judge: "Why do you think you deserve custody of the child?" The ex husband thought long and hard about his response, and then says, "If I put money into a Pepsi machine and a Pepsi comes out. Is it mine or the machine's?"

What is a turkey's favorite dessert? Peach gobbler.

What do you call rain on Turkey Day? Fowl weather.

What is stuffing's favorite song? "Hit Me, Baby, One More Thyme" I love telling Thanksgiving puns. That's just how eye roll.

Did you hear about the turkey who lost his left leg? He's all right now.

400 passengers but only 200 meals were loaded onto a flight from Delhi to New York City. It was only discovered after take off, when the flight attendants started going through their preparations for the meals. So, the airline had bungled, and the crew was in a fix. However, one smart flight attendant had an idea. A couple of hours into the flight she nervously announced, "Ladies and gentleman; we don't know how this happened, but we have over 400 people on board, but only 200 dinners. Anyone who is kind enough to give up their meal to someone else, will receive unlimited free liquor for the duration of the flight!" Her next announcement came some hours later: "Ladies and gentlemen, if anyone wants to change their mind, we still have 180 dinners available."



What do math teachers eat on Thanksgiving? Pumpkin pi.

What's the best way to stuff a turkey? Serve it pizza and ice cream.

What does the turkey do on the computer? Google, Google!

What do you call a turkey the day after Thanksgiving? Lucky.

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims.

What did the Pilgrims use to make cookies on Thanksgiving? May flour.

It's the World Cup Final, and a man makes his way to his seat right next to the pitch. He sits down, noticing that the seat next to him is empty. He leans over and asks his neighbor if someone will be sitting there. "No," says the neighbor. "The seat is empty." "This is incredible," said the man. "Who in their right mind would have a seat like this for the Final and not use it?" The neighbor says, "Well actually the seat belongs to me. I was supposed to come with my wife, but she passed away. This is the first World Cup Final we haven't been to together since we got married." "Oh, I'm so sorry to hear that. That's terrible... But couldn't you find someone else, a friend, relative or even a neighbor to take her seat?" The man shakes his head. "No," he says. "They're all at the funeral."

I had visited a cafe one day with my friends. The waiter recommended that we try their special coffee. We agreed and soon the coffee arrived. As we drink the coffee, we realized that it tasted like dirt and mud. Disgusted by the fact, all of us complained immediately. The alarmed waiter rushed over and said, "Well Sir, it was freshly ground coffee!"

What smells the best on Thanksgiving? Your nose.

What do you call a sad cranberry? A blueberry.

What did the autumn leaf say to the tree? "I'm falling for you."

If Pilgrims traveled on the Mayflower, what do college students travel on? Scholar ships.

What did the scarecrow wear to Thanksgiving? A har-vest.

What's the best way to fix a broken pumpkin? Use a pumpkin patch.



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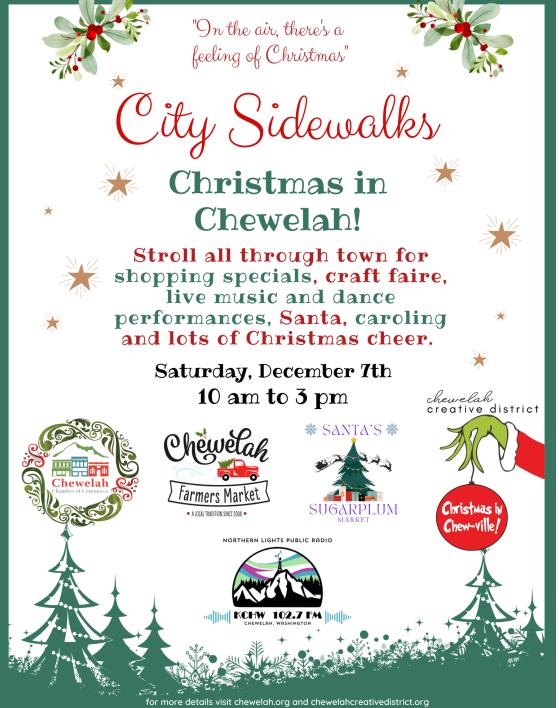
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Family Adventures Out!

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By Gretchen Cruden

iddle time! What five-letter word does this represent: HIJKLMNO? If you guessed water, you must know that water is made of H₂O – pronounced H two O. This is a molecule made of two hydrogen atoms and one oxygen atom. Water is almost everywhere you look!

As a matter of fact, water covers more than 70 percent of Earth's surface. Most of the water is, of course, in oceans – a whopping 97 percent, in fact. A little less than 2 percent is in ice caps and glaciers. Water can get trapped in the form of ice for a long time. Scientists have discovered ice that may be 8 million years old! This is about the time *Homo sapiens* began evolving from their primate ancestors. That is some old ice.

About 1 percent of water is in lakes and rivers. Some is also found underground in aquifers, in flora (plants) and, of course, in fauna (animals). Most of the water that exists today is the same water that existed billions of years ago. Yes, you read that correctly. When you drink a glass of water, it could be made of the same water molecules that were in the body of a dinosaur or the leaf of

a tree that a pioneer cut down to build a cabin. This is because water travels through the oceans, rivers, ground and atmosphere and is always recirculating. When water falls from the sky, it is called precipitation. This can be in the form of rain, hail or snow. Precipitation that falls on the land is either absorbed into the soil, where it percolates through to an aquifer, or travels to streams, rivers and lakes as runoff. A portion of the water that reaches lakes and oceans is turned into a gas by the sun and forms clouds. This is called evaporation and is how the cycle starts all over again.

This is a dynamic time of year for watching water on the move. When

evaporate. In the late winter and spring you can watch water evaporate directly from ice. This is called sublimation and is a neat natural phenomenon to see.

Water is a renewable resource because of the water cycle, but since it does not re-create itself, it is also a limited resource. All animals and plants require water to live. Because humans are not able to drink or use most of the water on Earth – it is in the ocean or frozen – we need to take



care of the water that we have by not wasting it (such as needlessly running the faucet while we brush our teeth) and not polluting it (such as allowing oil to run off from our cars into the ground).

Want to see some water in action? A great family hike can be had on the Jungle Hill trail, which runs along Sherman Creek on Sherman Pass. The creek is just a short hike off the parking area and the trail follows the

creek for quite a distance. There is a wide variety and a huge amount of moss and lichen, making the hike feel like a fairytale trail, especially if done on a misty morning with the sun peeking over the mountain.

Kids will love skipping along the well-marked dirt path and having lots of great views of the creek and small waterfalls. This is also the perfect time of year to do this hike, as there are postings about "monkshood," a poisonous plant that blooms in summer that would make the hike a little less inviting.

To get to Jungle Hill Trailhead from Kettle Falls: Follow U.S. Highway 395 to state Route 20. Follow state Route 20 for 22 miles to the Albian Hill Road 2030. Travel north on road 2030 for 0.5 miles to the trail sign and west 0.2 miles to the trail

For more information about family adventures in the Colville National Forest, visit https://www.fs.usda.gov/colville.

Gretchen Cruden has long loved nature, science, and teaching others about the world around them. No wonder she teaches an entire middle school at the Orient School and, in her free time, often finds herself outside, playing in nature with her family!



you go out early on a sunny day, you might easily see a mist forming over water. This water is in the process evaporating. You can tell where rivers are on a fall morning just looking where low clouds are forming and winding about in the forest. When temperatures get to 32° F and lower, as they will this month, water

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will fall as snow instead of rain. The snowflakes that fall may stick around all winter, compress in time and form ice, melt and be absorbed into the soil, or

SCIENCE TIP

Water is one of the few substances that expands when it freezes, by about 9 percent!

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MLS# 43832

This is parcel #2 of 3 parcels, 20 +/- acre parcels being listed. All will have an access road building pad and each parcel has been witched for a well/water. Parcel #2 has a spring that had been used in the past. Parcels #2, #3 and #4 have tillable land as well as timber. Parcel #2 (this listing) has numerous fruit trees including several varieties of apples, pears, and two kinds of plum trees. Parcel #2 (this listing) has the remnants of a spring water system, tillable land, and lots \$200,000 of game animals. Including deer, elk, and turkeys. Beautiful views and easy access. Hard-to-come-

by retirement, recreational, or hunting land. The seller has decided to leave the old homestead buildings for the new owner to either add on/re-build or tear down. Pics added. Lots of potential.

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kitchen space. Don't miss the root cellar just before going upstairs to outside from basement. Garden/greenhouse and small tack shed along with partial fencing. Some finish work still needed, but the square footage and usable 2 acres right outside city limits is outstanding.



MLS# 43504

\$450,000

Well-built 2-bedroom home on 80 acres of pristine property. Beautiful flower gardens as you enter this rustic but modern cabin-style home. Wood stove and mini split keep this home warm and cool all year. Tile floors, newly remodeled bathroom and open kitchen living concept. Tongue and grove woodwork, bedrooms on the second level with pleasing views. New siding, metal roof, on-demand hot water, cellular blinds and a 2-car garage with a full-length attic for storage or living area. Fenced garden, gravity fed water system, outdoor root cellar, woodshed. A wonderful deck that's shaded by a healthy willow and English walnut trees. This is your peaceful and private living with beautiful pastures, trees and mountains.

A little country acreage offering fenced pasture area with a barn, garden area, outbuildings, a garage/shop with loft for storage and a cute house. The floor

plan is a little unusual because the house was added on to. There is a large room that currently does not have any windows that could be made into another bedroom (for a total of 4) or would be great storage. Total sq ft with the additions is 1,100+ per seller. Lots of potential here for a hobby farm, or just comfortable living.



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