



The ChapLine

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One of Our Own

The phone rang early shortly after midnight. As I attempted to clear the sleepiness from my mind, I tried to imagine who would be calling in the middle of the night. Dispatch came quickly to mind, and I happened to be right.

"We need a Charles unit at the Morton hospital," they said. And then it got worse. "A fire chief has died."

I thought of which chaplain would be closest and gave Mel Lyon a call. This turned out to be the terrible night that Chief Matt Hadaller died unexpectedly from a medical issue. Mel responded and spent time with the Hadaller family as the reality began to sink in.

I had known Matt since he became Chief at Mossyrock. He called me more than once when he had concern for either his firefighters or citizens who were hurting. I was always impressed with the concern he had for his crew and others. He might request a debriefing or maybe just someone who could visit with a citizen for a while.

Matt was well respected for bringing the department forward and updating equipment and appa-

ratus. He was the one who always had time to talk to a crew member who seemed to be having a bad day.

The next morning I received a call from Doug Fosburg, the assistant chief of the department. The deaths that emergency responders deal with are always heavy calls, but when it is one of your own, it becomes especially hard. Doug was concerned for his members, and I responded and spent part of the day with the department. As they supported each other throughout the day, the pain was obvious, but so was the love that they all had for Matt.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Matt's wife and children, family, and department brothers and sisters.

Kevin Curfman, LCCS President

Frogs have it
made.....
They eat what
bugs them.



Kevin Curfman

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Our Mission

Chaplains serve victims at emergency scenes, fires and other traumatic events such as death notifications. Chaplains are able to stay with victims or their families until friends or family members can be contacted. Chaplains further assist emergency personnel by providing a confidential and caring person to speak with while working through a difficult time.

For more information, see our website at: www.lewiscountychaplaincy.org

Meet Your New Editor

You may notice that the newsletter has a new look this issue—and a new editor.

My name is Terri Kistler, and I've been a technical writer/journalist for over 32 years. Graduating from Oregon State University with degrees in Technical Journalism and Animal Science, I worked for a variety of publications and newsletters,



Then I married the love of my life, Grant, and began working as a technical writer for a company that contracted with the US Navy. I edited manuals on aircraft carrier operation and supervised a staff of 7 editors.

After the second of our many moves, I became an independent contractor, starting my own technical writing business. It has been a good career for the last 25 years, allowing me to work with many fine companies, including Weyerhaeuser, Longview Fibre, and Hewlett Packard. And just to keep my hand in at journalism, I write and edit a few newsletters for various organizations.

In addition, I have many hobbies: spinning fiber into yarn, knitting, reading, shooting sporting clays and raising Pygora goats.

I look forward to being a part of The ChapLine. Please feel free to contact me if you have story ideas, calendar items, photos, etc. or any suggestions on what you'd like to see in the newsletter at:

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Terri

Thank you to Mel Lyon for serving as the former editor of The ChapLine.

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Benefit Held For Twins

Twin boys were born prematurely to parents Patrick Jacobson and Ashley Estep. Patrick is a firefighter/EMT at the Winlock fire station. The boys, Jackson and Kameron, were born more than 3 months early on June 12th, and weighed 1.7 and 1.8 lb. The babies are up to 4 lb. each and doing very well.

Fellow firefighter/EMT Vikki Bolden and friend Becky Thornton sponsored a fundraising dinner and auction on July 30th at the Winlock Elementary school. Entertainment during the event was provided by the bluegrass group Alder Creek. Becky is a member of the group.

The benefit, which ran from 3-8 pm, was a successful event with over 200 attendees. It raised \$2905 with some money still trickling in from pledges.

If you wish to contribute, ask for the benefit account for Patrick and Ashley at the Anchor Bank inside Wal-Mart.

Chaplain Honored at Sheriff's Volunteer Appreciation Banquet



Chaplain Grant Kistler receiving his award from Sheriff Steve Mansfield

On March 26th, the Sheriff's Department held their annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. Designed to recognize the contributions of the many volunteers that assist the Sheriff's Department, the banquet was held at the Veteran's Museum in Chehalis.

Those recognized were awarded a certificate and a commemorative coin and included ham radio operators, civil air patrol, law enforcement explorers, the sheriff's posse, ATV patrol and chaplain Grant Kistler, 2C12.



Cathy (2C15) and Brian Compton at the Sheriff's Volunteer Appreciation Banquet



Lewis County Sheriff's Office Receives WASPC Accreditation Award

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office was awarded accreditation by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) on May 25th at a WASPC conference in Yakima. The Accreditation Program provides law enforcement agencies an avenue for demonstrating that they meet commonly-accepted standards for efficient and effective operation. The program is voluntary and is open to all general law enforcement agencies having primary responsibility for the enforcement of Washington criminal and traffic laws.

Only approximately 50 agencies statewide hold the accredited agency status. The process occurs in seven phases: Interest and Contract; Self-Assessment; On-Site Assessment and Evaluation; Accreditation Commission Review; Executive Board Review; Award; and Re-Accreditation and takes considerable time, effort and determination to complete (it took the Sheriff's Office over a year).



"This formal Accreditation is something our office and the community should be very proud of. The men and women employed by this office continually strive to make a positive difference in our community. The accreditation is another way to show members of this community how truly professional and progressive our office is. The formal accreditation does not change the standard of excellence I have always expected from members of the Lewis County Sheriff's Office, but it does prove to the public that we are following the best practices and models set forth by Washington State Law Enforcement", said Sheriff Steve Mansfield.

Speaking at New Directions Counseling

Kevin Curfman, 2C1, and Cathy Compton, 2C15, have been speaking to convicted DUI folks at New Directions Counseling about the consequences of driving while intoxicated, either from drugs or alcohol. Other chaplains expressed an interest in sitting in to see what the talks were like and then being available at times to present a talk.

The counselor Scott Dickenson indicated that the talks are required to be related to DUI situations. Good topics include doing a death notification on a DUI-related situation or the effects of DUI crashes and deaths on emergency personnel. Kevin has spoken on both of these topics and was well received. Some speakers have lost loved ones to DUI situations while other speakers are fire, police or chaplains.

New Portable Radios

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office has donated eight new portable radios to LCCS. They are a great help to upgrade our equipment and to have better communication when needed on calls.

Our special thanks to Sheriff Mansfield and his staff for obtaining them for us.



Concert Fund Raiser



The musically-gifted Voetbergs

On February 19th, a benefit concert was held to raise money for the Lewis County Chaplaincy Services.

The concert, held at the Bethel Church, featured the award winning Voetberg Family: a local family with 10 musically-talented kids. The kids range in age from 9 to 22 years old. The family very generously put on the concert for free so that all funds raised could be used for the Chaplaincy program.

The well-attended concert had a near-capacity crowd of 300. After the musical portion of the evening, Kevin Curfman, 2C1, chaplaincy president, gave a presentation on the Lewis County Chaplaincy Services and chaplain Cathy Compton, 2C15, talked about how she became involved with LCCS.

An offering was taken after the concert. \$3700 was donated by the appreciative crowd. The money will be used to purchase needed equipment for the LCCS program.

The Voetberg Family Band did an incredible job of performing and provided wonderful entertainment. We appreciate their willingness to help us to serve the community.

For more information on the Voetberg Family, see <http://www.voetbergfamily.com>



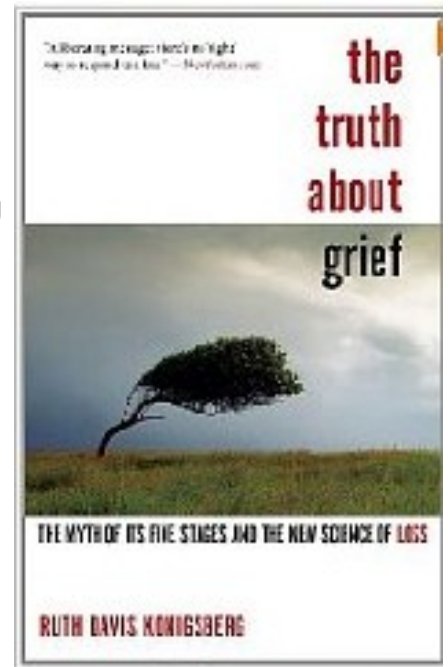


Book Review—The Truth About Grief

By Grant Kistler, 2C12

In 1969, Elisabeth Kubler-Ross wrote a book entitled *On Death and Dying* in which she argued that all people grapple with the end of life by traversing denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. She actually was writing about the experience of dealing with one's own death, not someone else's. However, other practitioners started applying the five stages to all situations involving grief and the five steps became the model for dealing with grief.

In *The Truth About Grief—The Myth of Its Five Stages And The New Science of Loss* by Ruth Davis Konigsberg, Konigsberg challenges the five steps, stating *"We have been misled by the concept that grief is a series of steps that ultimately deposit us at a psychological finish line, even while social science increasingly indicates that it is more of a grab bag of symptoms that come and go and eventually lift. There is no validity to the five stages"*



This book draws on history, culture and science to cover the subject from various aspects, using real-life examples. Konigsberg points out that current research shows that people grieve in a very different way. According to her, people are well programmed to deal with loss. It should not be a strictly-regimented process.

I read the book twice. The first time through, I thought it quoted too much research from other sources (there are 197 credits at the back of the book). It made the book a bit confusing. I felt the subject could have been covered more effectively using case studies and more real-life examples instead of all the references.

The second time, I was only going to reread the introduction, but found myself reading the entire book again. I liked the part where Konigsberg discussed the differences between men and women in their grief – for example, how widows are expected to be devastated and grieve forever while men are expected to move on. I also liked her discussion of cultural differences in grieving (for example, the Chinese and their response to suicide). Konigsberg pointed out that we can learn from different cultures on their grieving processes. I feel that this part of the book would be useful to chaplains to help us avoid potential mistakes when dealing with other cultures.

I would have liked a recap at the end of the book, summing up the ideas scattered throughout. The end of the book left me hanging; a 'so, now what?' feeling.

I would recommend this book to anyone and especially those of us who face grieving people frequently. It would be a useful reference for the Chaplains' Training Academy.

[Did You Know?]

The word "news" was coined from the fact that early daily papers carried images of globes on their mastheads and boasted that their reports came from all directions: **n**orth, **e**ast, **w**est, and **s**outh. (Source: unknown)



Recent Responses

From January 1, 2011 to the end of July 2011, chaplains have answered 37 calls through central dispatch, including death notifications and responding to incidents. Many of the calls generated follow-up visits with the victims.

I have been doing mainly PR work for LCCS, including

- Invocation Prayer for the DUI Task Force's 25th-anniversary awards ceremony
- Child Safety Check event with the Lewis County Sheriff's department
- McTake-Over at the Chehalis McDonald's with the Lewis County Sheriff's department and law enforcement
- W.F. West High School mock-DUI crash acting as chaplain with Chaplain Brian Carter, 2C14
- District 6 visit where I shared my testimonial of how the LCCS helped me and I became a chaplain because of that experience
- serving on the DUI panel at New Directions Counseling as a support person during the first visit and sharing my testimonial at the second visit
- Speaking about the LCCS at the United Way of Lewis County's Power of the Purse event, which was a huge women's networking event.



I'm very fortunate that my full-time job puts me in contact with many of the same circles as the LCCS so it's a great way to get the word out about LCCS!

Blessings, Cathy, 2C15

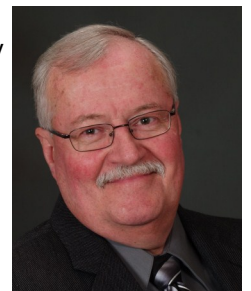
Recent Training

Training in July was on conducting memorial services. Chaplains sometimes are asked to perform a memorial service for the families that they work with in the community.

The chaplains shared ideas and experiences on how to conduct memorial services. We discussed basic principles on gathering information about the deceased person, how to perform the service and how to follow up with the family after the service.

Due to the fair booth we will not have training in August. In September, we will have a speaker from New Directions Counseling to discuss addictions and their effect on families.

I was called out to a hit-and-run on I-5 that killed an 88-year-old female. I met her family in the Rib Eye parking lot (husband, two daughters, son-in-law and granddaughter). The very somber, 7-year-old granddaughter was clutching a stuffed animal that she had been given by Trooper Neil Weaver.



Two days later I received a call from the family asking if I would do a graveside service. During the conversation, the mother of the little girl said that her daughter had not let the stuffed toy out of her sight and she slept with it every night.

It is a blessing to be able to be with families in their time of need, to serve them in whatever capacity I can, and to work with all the dedicated professional-agency folks who display great respect, understanding and compassion to the victims and survivors.

Grant Kistler, 2C12



Matthew Morgan "Matt" Hadaller III (1963-2011)

In the evening of June 27th, 2011, Matthew (Matt) Morgan Hadaller III, also known as Butch by his family, passed away at Morton General Hospital of natural causes. Matt was born on Nov. 7, 1963 at St. Helens Hospital in Chehalis, WA, to Matthew and Marge Hadaller of Ethel, WA.



Matt began his local community service in 1985 as a volunteer firefighter. He became the assistant fire chief in 1997 and became the full-time fire chief in 2003. During his time of service, he was involved in many aspects of the community ranging from providing fire and traffic safety awareness to students, providing ambulance services at our home football games, organizing and providing Easter Egg hunts, 4th of July parades and fireworks, as well as send-off parades for local athletes on their way to state.

Some of Matt's favorite past times involved coaching pee wee football and baseball as well as attending any sporting events that his children were participating in. As a family, he worked with them on restoring a '66 mustang. He loved to hunt with his children and go on many camping outings with family and friends.

Matt is survived by his loving wife of 11 years, Loranda, 3 sons, Austin, Brayden and Wyatt, and his daughter, Robin, as well as grandson Matthew Ashton Hadaller. He is also survived by his mother Marge, father Matthew, brothers Mike and Marcus and sister Melinda, as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Mathew is preceded in death by Clarence Hawkins- brother-in-law, Lenora Collette Thompson- grandmother, Jeff Collette- grandfather, Mathias Hadaller – grandfather, Elizabeth Kirpes Hadaller – grandmother.

An account has been set up for the family at the Twin Star Credit Union under The Chief Hadaller Fund. Donations can be made at any Twin Star Credit Union Branch.

Apple Crisp

4 apples, peeled and thinly sliced

$\frac{3}{4}$ C. oats

$\frac{3}{4}$ C. packed brown sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$ C. flour

$\frac{1}{2}$ C. butter

Layer apple slices in bottom of dish. Mix topping ingredients and sprinkle on apples. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 min.

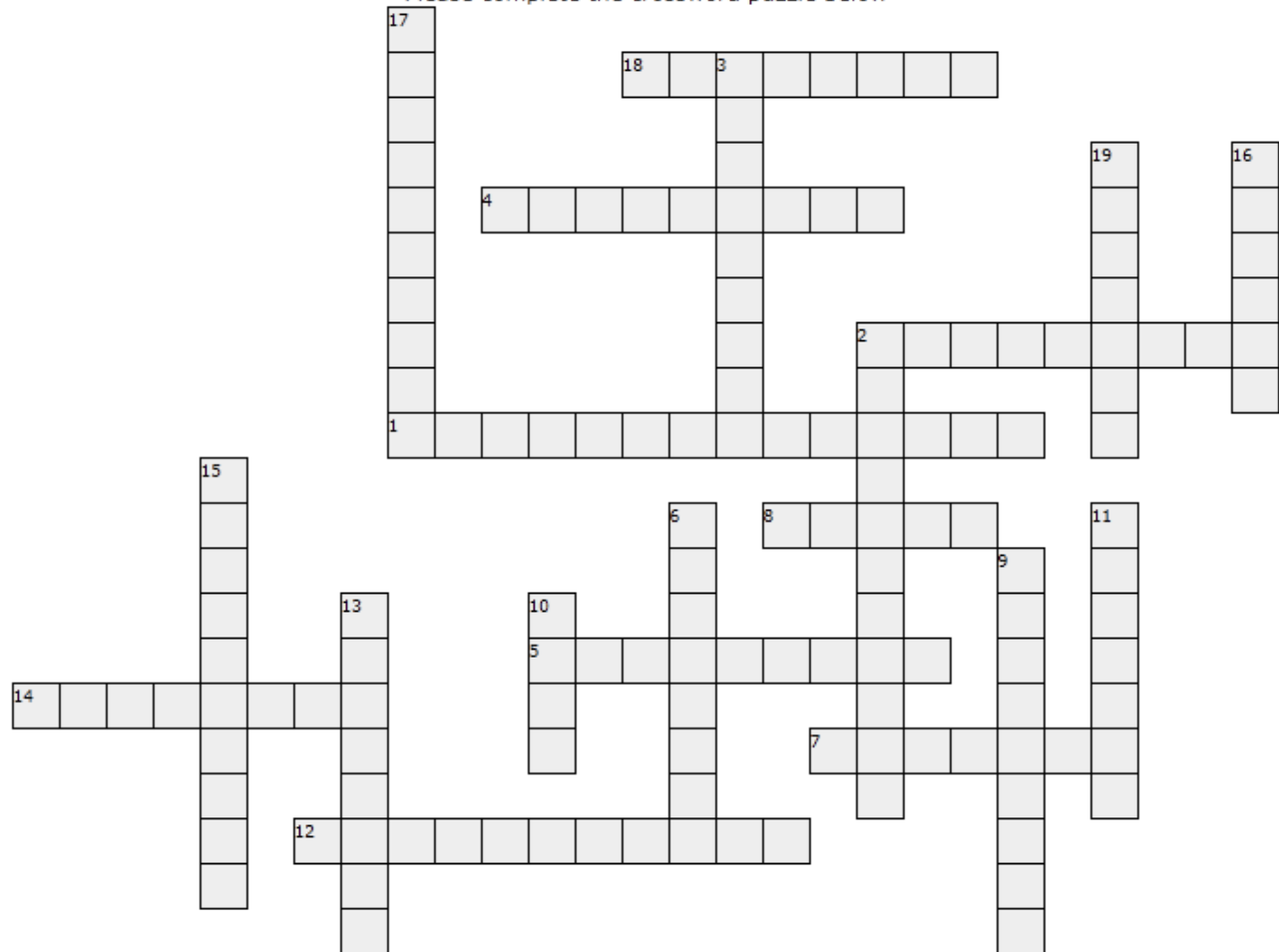


Have a good recipe?
Email or send it to
me, and I'll include it
in The ChapLine.



Qualities of a Good Chaplain

Please complete the crossword puzzle below

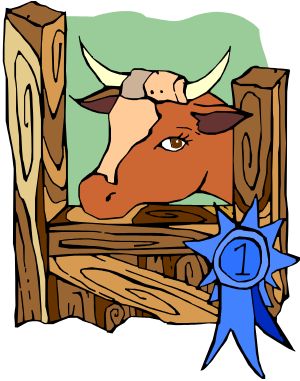


Across:

1. doesn't make determinations on others behaviors
4. ability to coordinate and carry out activities
5. listening to others without distraction
2. concerned with religious values
7. adherence to moral standards
8. Belief in God
12. dependable, worthy of confidence
14. dealing with trials calmly and without complaint
18. skills needed to perform your tasks

Down:

2. Awareness of the needs and emotions of others
3. present or ready
6. understanding of practices different from one's own
9. devoted to a purpose
10. free from agitation or excitement
11. in full view
13. ready and equipped to deal with a variety of situations
15. capability to keep knowledge private
16. not proud or haughty
17. Sympathetic awareness of another's distress
19. understanding of the feelings of another person



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August 16-21



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