

# YOUR HEALTH

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Moving Healthcare Forward

## Celebrate 75 Years With Us!



Opened August 9, 1948



Opened May 1972



Opened December 5, 2022

Did you know?

After World War II, as veterans returned to the Lake Chelan Valley, a group of local businessmen formed the Lake Chelan Hospital Association, intent on providing hospital facilities to the public. According to the Chelan Valley Mirror, the group said, "It will be a non-profit organization for the social welfare of the area citizens."

The community raised all costs for the first hospital building (pictured below), located on Gibson Avenue below the recently vacated hospital building, through subscription and pledges. The groundbreaking (right) was in March 1947, and the hospital opened to patients August 9, 1948. It was estimated 800 people toured the new facilities at the July open house. Construction cost was \$127,000. Land was donated by Don Mathers.

**Join us for lunch August 9, 2023**  
**Lunch provided!**



**LAKE CHELAN  
HEALTH**

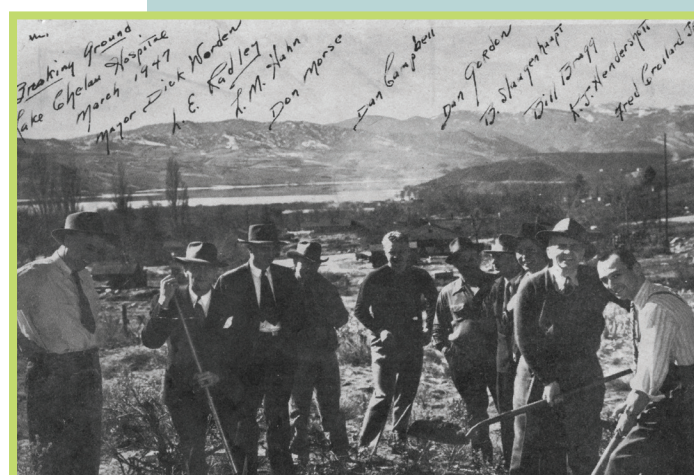
## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Lake Chelan Health Hospital  
75 Years Anniversary Lunch**  
Wednesday August 9, 2023  
11:00am - 1:30pm

Saturday August 19, 2023  
Back to School Fair 1pm-4pm  
Chelan High School

Tuesday August 22, 2023  
LCH Board Meeting 1:30pm - LCH  
Bragg Room or TEAMS





## Staff Spotlight



**Jocelyn Rich, MHA, OTD, OTR/L**

Jocelyn is an Occupational Therapist, specializing in pelvic health, women's health, and mental health. She comes to Lake Chelan Health with experience in the Community Mental Health setting and now works in both outpatient and inpatient settings. Jocelyn earned her Doctorate in Occupational Therapy and Master's in Healthcare Administration from Pacific University in Oregon. She is happy to return to the Lake Chelan valley to be near family, friends, and unlimited outdoor adventures.



**Steven Teeny, MD**  
Orthopedic Surgeon

Dr. Steven Teeny MD is a board certified orthopedic surgeon in Chelan, WA. He received his medical degree from the University of Washington School of Medicine in 1984 and completed his residency at the University of Southern California School of Medicine in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery June of 1989. Dr. Teeny attended a fellowship in Lower Extremity Reconstruction at Johns Hopkins University Department of Orthopedic Surgery Division of Arthritic Surgery. He is an apple, pear and cherry orchardist and enjoys outdoor recreation activities.

## New Member of the Board

Barbara Jensen

### Welcome!

After receiving letters of interest and conducting interviews, the Lake Chelan Health (LCH) Board of Commissioners selected Barbara Jensen, a resident of Manson, to fill the open board member position. Barbara will be completing the remainder of the 2023 LCH Board Member term vacated by Mary Signorelli.

Barbara has a background as a Registered Nurse providing hands on patient care and working in nursing leadership roles in a variety of healthcare settings. She has 25 years of experience and success developing and starting up outpatient clinics, expanding regional cancer services, raising funds and success in seeing quality improvement initiatives come to fruition. We are grateful for Barbara's interest in service and advocating for local healthcare services and initiatives.



# Thank You!

*Mary Signorelli*

for your 11.5 years of service  
as a Commissioner to  
Chelan County Public  
Hospital District #2



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LAKE CHELAN HEALTH

## Orthopedic Services



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YOU ARE INVITED

TO CELEBRATE  
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9, 2023

Lake Chelan Hospital

75 YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY

STOP BY FOR LUNCH BETWEEN  
11AM-1:30PM

HOSPITAL CAFÉ  
110 S APPLE BLOSSOM DRIVE  
CHELAN, WA

*Lunch provided!*



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## Old Hospital Facility Use Update:

Since vacating the previous hospital facility in December of 2022, the question continually asked is what will happen with the 50-year-old hospital district building? Initially, it had been considered to consolidate Lake Chelan Health services including Primary Care, Specialty Care, Express Care and business office into the facility. The hospital Board of Commissioners and administration realized the expense to repurpose the old facility for healthcare services would require a substantial financial investment. Lake Chelan Health's long-term goal has always been to relocate all staff and services to the new campus at Apple Blossom Drive and to sell the Highland Campus. LCH Board of Commissioners and administration explored alternate paths to consolidating to one campus and have decided to move forward with placing the Highland Campus for sale. The old hospital building is currently occupied by Lake Chelan Health EMS Services, eight hospital staff offices and a large part of the first floor and a portion of the second floor is leased to a local private school.

With the help of the hospital Board of Commissioners, staff and support from 12th District Representative Mike Steele, Lake Chelan Health EMS was awarded \$11 million from the 12th District capital budget funding awarded in March of 2023. Awarded 12th District project funding primarily will focus on relocating Lake Chelan Health Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to Apple Blossom Drive within the next two to three years. Aside from running EMS calls, LCH EMS are highly trained staff that often assist with patient care needs and critical care assists inside the hospital. The project scope is in early development and expected to include building EMS office space, private sleeping quarters, ambulance housing garage and additional office spaces.





American Heart Association®  
Mission:Lifeline®  
EMS

## 2023 Mission: Lifeline® EMS Recognition

LAKE CHELAN HEALTH



EMS

### EMS Community Programs

- CPR, First Aid & AED training
- Paramedicine
- Paratransit
- Event EMS standby

For more information  
email [cpr@lcch.net](mailto:cpr@lcch.net)

### Lake Chelan Health Board Meetings

#### Monthly Board Meetings

Regular Monthly Board Meetings occur on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm, unless otherwise noted. Meetings are currently held in a hybrid setting, via TEAMS and in person in the Bragg conference room located at the hospital.

Questions email [admin@lcch.net](mailto:admin@lcch.net)

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Lake Chelan Health EMS was nationally recognized for their commitment to quality care for heart attacks and strokes.

The American Heart Association presented the Mission: Lifeline EMS GOLD achievement award for proven dedication to ensuring access to best practices and life-saving care.

LCH EMS has received the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline® EMS-GOLD with Target: Heart Attack Honor Roll achievement award for its commitment to offering rapid and research-based care to people experiencing the most severe form of heart attacks and strokes, ultimately saving lives.

EMS can begin treatment when they arrive — up to an hour sooner than if someone goes to the hospital by car. EMS staff are also trained to provide resuscitation efforts to someone whose heart has stopped.

Mission: Lifeline EMS® is the American Heart Association's national initiative to advance the system of care for patients with high-risk, time-sensitive disease states, such as severe heart attacks and strokes. The program helps reduce barriers to prompt treatment — starting from when 911 is called, to EMS transport and continuing through hospital treatment and discharge. Optimal care for heart attack and stroke patients takes coordination between the individual prehospital providers and healthcare systems.

Lake Chelan Health EMS has been serving the Lake Chelan Valley since 1987.





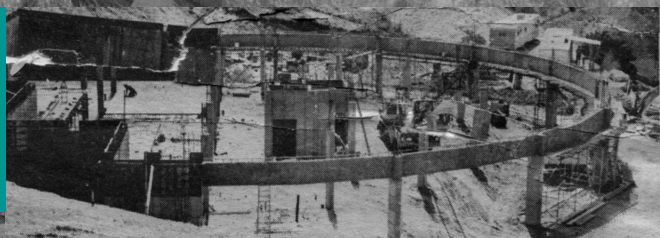


1968 When federal regulations tightened, it became clear the community needed to remodel or replace its original hospital. The hospital guilds collected enough signatures in seven days to place the issue of forming a hospital district on the November ballot, where it passed by 92 percent vote, preparing the way for a hospital construction bond issued the following year.

1970 Mrs. George Gaukroger (pictured right) turned the first shovel of earth at the November groundbreaking for the old highland hospital, acting for Don Mathers, long-time hospital Board member, whose illness kept him from attending the ceremony. Land for both hospitals was donated by Mathers. Commissioner Mel Crowder watches Gaukroger in the photo. Construction began in early 1971, and the finished hospital was open for tours in May 1972.



503 E. Highland Ave  
Hospital Build



In construction  
1971



Opened  
May 1972



1948-1972



1972-2022



December 5, 2022 - present





## Skilled Recovery

GETTING YOU BACK TO YOUR BEST!



What kinds of services are included in Skilled Recovery care?

24-hr Registered Nurse on site

Physician Oversight

Specialized Meals

Discharge Planning

Dietician

Physical Therapy

Occupational Therapy

Wound Care

Pain Management

Supportive Counseling

Paramedicine Program

Recovery

For more information, please call the hospital  
Discharge Planner at 509-745-6444

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# SERVICES SPOTLIGHT

## Skilled Recovery

Lake Chelan Health (LCH) Skilled Recovery (Swing Bed).

What is Skilled Recovery?

Skilled Recovery care, also known as swing-bed care, is a service that rural hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) with a Medicare provider agreement provide that allows a patient to transition from acute care to skilled recovery care without leaving the hospital. This allows a patient to continue receiving services in the hospital even though acute care is no longer required.

What are the benefits of Skilled Recovery at Lake Chelan Health?

Skilled Recovery at LCH allows a patient to stay in the hospital without having to move to another hospital, nursing facility, or go back and forth between home and important appointments. It is an especially important service in rural areas because it increases Medicare patient access to this type of care or recovery closer to home.

Who Qualifies?

To be enrolled in Skilled Recovery you must:

- Have Medicare Part A
- Minimum 3-day hospital stay
- Start within 30 days of your original (3-day) stay
- Requires either skilled nursing care or skilled therapy services

Recover CLOSE TO HOME from a surgery, major accident, stroke, joint replacement, vascular or abdominal procedure near family and friends at Lake Chelan Health. Skilled-nursing extended care includes physical and occupational therapy.

