

Weather Channel on February 7, 2025

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Alan Melani, co-owner, in front of digital photo booth. Photo by Brenda Melani.

home, and when I rent them out, I have a team ready to set the booth up and take it down. I use my other business to have customers come in and sign the contract.” Brenda and Alan Melani have also owned Chewelah Flooring, located at 214 East Clay Avenue, since 2019. They said that they love the store, but after be-

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started her first retail store when she was 14 years old,” said Alexander. “The store was her life.” With her best friend and partner gone, Alexander has made the decision to downsize Zaddy’s. “Once I get rid of all the retail, I can spend more time sewing and visiting my kids who are in other states,” said Alexander. “Now, I’m the only one who works here, and I have a life outside of the store. As I transition, the hours between Feb. 17 and March 22 will be erratic. Customers should call or text first before coming to the store.” Alexander added, “I’ve appreciated all the customers we have served over the years, I am sorry that I won’t be continuing the retail section.” For more information, call 509-685-7434.

Recovery Café Opens

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Rural Resources Community Action opened the Recovery Café in Colville last month, which aims to provide peer-to-peer support in a drug, alcohol, and judgment-free environment for individuals focused on recovery from addiction and substance use disorder. The Recovery Café is located at 576 North Wynne Street, and is open Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Since its opening, 20 people have already signed up to become members of the Café; membership requirements include being substance-free and judgment-free in the Café; contribute to the café community; and participate in a weekly “Recovery Circle,” which are meetings between members to check in on each other’s recovery and overall well-being. The members can visit the café whenever it’s open and contribute to the space, whether it’s cooking meals or washing dishes. “The hope is for this to feel like it’s their café,” said Hillary Hogan, Program Development Manager at Rural Resources.

The Café currently has games, puzzles, art supplies, and laptops that members can use in the café, and the vision continues to grow. Hogan said that she wants the members to help facilitate the direction of the café and eventually hold peer-to-peer classes for members to learn new skills. “The Recovery Café model provides community support and connection, fosters accountability, and empowers individuals to develop resilience, which we hope will have a positive impact in our community,” said Hogan. Michael Bales, Colville Recovery Café’s first member, said the Recovery Café has helped him stay sober by forging healthy connections with those in similar situations. “Being around like-minded people that are trying to make life better, it helps me get out of the house and it’s a safe place [at the café],” said Bales. “Mentally wise, I was struggling, not with using [drugs], but with my mental health. When you’re not around people like you, you think you’re crazy or something and when you’re around like-minded people, it helps you out. It helps you see that you’re doing right; you’re going forward in a good way,” Bales added.

Weston Ruand, who works at Colville Eagles across the street from the Recovery Café, shared his hesitation about welcoming the café, “For me, it’s kind of 50/50. I am a CPC (Certified Peer Counselor) for individuals that are recovering. I think [the café] is a great program. It’s good to have these types of things. I know that is put on by Rural Resources, and it’s something that is definitely needed.” Ruand continued, “The other side is it being right across from businesses. Everybody’s gonna have their issues. Not knowing who could be across the street and maybe have a bad day, it’s tough.” Shelly Gagnon, another employee at Colville Eagles, said, as a woman, she has felt nervous about people hanging around when she is opening or closing the establishment. “We’ve had instances where people have just walked in [through the back door] and it’s freaky. We’ve had some weird happenings,” Gagnon said, and then clarified that she did not know if those people were part of the Recovery Café or not. For more information, you can connect with the Recovery Café team at 509-685-6134.

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