



## In a twist of process, Assistant Principal Rudy Joya Named Interim Principal of Cascade High School for 2022-23 school year



Left to right are, in front Elayna, (8 years old), Rudy, Gretta, (5 years old) baby Gianni being held by mom Bethany, (7 weeks old) and Adelynn (3 years old).



2022-23 CHS Interim Principal, Rudy Joya

were provided by the district. Joya, who did not apply for the opening at CHS when applications were being taken last winter, has been Assistant Principal at CHS for the last five years under Elia Ala'ilima-Daley, the latter of whom is leaving for an executive position in the Olympia School District. Prior to joining CHS, Joya was a dean of students and a math teacher at Wenatchee High School.

A resident of Cashmere and a native of Dryden who attended schools in the CSD for nine years, Joya said that he "immediately said yes" when Superintendent Beckendorf-Edou offered him the position last Monday. He wryly admitted, though, that he subsequently took the advice of Beckendorf-Edou's to "check with his wife and family first, all of whom turned out to be in agreement."

Joya feels that because he knows CHS students and staff so well, and that the corner office, to which he will be moving on July 1, is currently occupied by his mentor, colleague and friend Elia Daley, his promotion "will be a comparatively smooth one," requiring much less time for adaptation and acclimation than someone from without the school might need. "Mr. Daley has been a huge influence on me both professionally and personally," related Joya. "He has shown me so much that I can take with me. More than anything else, he taught me to be myself - to be authentic - because

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## Leavenworth and Cashmere Farmers Markets merge into "Cascade Community Markets"

SUBMITTED BY CALI OSBORNE  
CCM Executive Director

Last summer, Leavenworth Community Farmers Market partnered with a team of Cashmere residents to establish and manage the Cashmere Community Farmers Market. Now, these two unique markets have come together to form Cascade Community Markets, a unified organization that will strengthen both markets' management and provide a consistent market experience for customers and vendors.

The merger takes place after a successful first season for Cashmere. The Cashmere market supported local vendors, along with new customers, including those who use SNAP, EBT, Senior and WIC FNMP checks. The Leavenworth market is well-established and brings a seasoned staff and board of directors to the team, while the Cashmere market brings new vendors, an expanded service area, and an increased capacity for staffing. Operating multiple markets under one umbrella allows for resource-sharing and to serve a broader and more diverse population. "The change in our business name and relationship with the Cashmere market is primarily a formality since our staff were already contracted to run the Cashmere market last year. That being said, I am thrilled that the board is making this transition that will improve our ability to equitably represent both the Leavenworth and Cashmere areas. These two communities have a great deal to offer one another, and we are proud to support a valley-wide alliance," said Cali Osborne, CCM Executive Director.

The Cashmere Community Farmers Market opens on Mother's Day, May 8, in its new location at the Cashmere Museum's Chief Harmelt Park and Pavillion. Leavenworth Community Farmers Market opens the first Thursday of June and takes place at the Cascade School District Office play field in Leavenworth, near Osborn Elementary. Farmers, artisans, prepared food vendors and organizations from around the region will gather in the valley twice a week all season long to enrich and nourish our communities.

Cascade Community Markets will promote health, equity, and sustainability by creating vibrant markets in our valley that foster community connection and support local farmers and artisans. The staff of two and board of directors are made up of Leavenworth, Cashmere, and Plain residents. For more information, contact cali@cascademarkets.org.

SUBMITTED BY CAROLINE MENNA

On Tuesday, April 19, Cascade School District (CSD) was to announce the new Cascade High School (CHS) principal from one of its two finalists - Icicle River Middle School principal, James Swanson, or Haller Middle School (Arlington, WA) principal, Trevor Summers. Instead, early on the 19th, an email was sent by CSD Superintendent,

Tracey Beckendorf-Edou, to District staff announcing the interim appointment of CHS Assistant Principal, Rudy Joya, as principal for the 2022-23 school year.

According to Beckendorf-Edou's email, Friday, April 15, one of the Cascade High School principal finalists unexpectedly withdrew from the hiring process. Considering the disruption of the

process, the overall difficult school year with the disruptions due to COVID-19, and the best interests of students and staff in the district, the Cascade High School principal hiring committee decided to stop the process for the time being . . . [In addition,] the search committee was unable to reach a consensus for recommendation currently." No further details, as to the process,

## Leavenworth Icicle Bicycle



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY AVA NORTHRUP  
The Icicle Bicycle team



Ava Northrup  
CHS

The community of Leavenworth offers endless outdoor opportunities, providing an ideal location for many extreme sports from rock-climbing to kayaking. One alternative sport loved by many locals is mountain biking. Icicle Bicycle is a team of nearly forty athletes from both Icicle River Middle School and Cascade High School born

out of this love. This team utilizes the beautiful outdoors of the North Central Cascades while growing and connecting the mountain bike community in Leavenworth. The Icicle Bicycle team exemplifies many qualities that any supportive and mountain-based community should celebrate.

Icicle Bicycle is instructed by several different volunteer coaches with experience in the sport. The team was started over eight years ago by Travis Blue, a Leavenworth teacher, community member and parent of two. Blue decided to create the team with a vision to get students outside more, prepare athletes to ride with their families and get kids out on the trails and enjoying the

exhilaration of riding. Blue also hoped that the program would help to grow and strengthen the mountain biking community.

"The families make connections and ride together. Then, thanks to riding bicycles, more families are spending time together, growing a stronger, larger community, all because we are getting a few kids out on bikes!" said Blue.

Blue described the club as being for absolutely any rider, no matter how skilled or how much of a beginner. "If you don't have the money to join Washington Student Cycling League we've raised money for scholarships, if you don't have a mountain bike, we can find one in the community for you to use during the season," Blue explained.

One of the current head coaches, community member and mother Courtney Feeny works to not only coach and strengthen the riding skills of athletes, but to organize the structure of the team. Feeny started coaching for Icicle Bicycle after she had spent summers coaching for the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance and had her own kids on the team. She explained that the team strives to get kids outside, and specifically outside riding. Feeny emphasized the idea that biking "instills confidence" in these young athletes, eventually leading them to live lives taking advantage of the joy the sport has to offer and carrying their confidence

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*Harriet Bullitt*

PHOTO BY SLEEPING LADY

Harriet Bullitt, longtime philanthropist who was also passionate for the arts, environment and community passed away Saturday morning, April 23, 2022 in Leavenworth, WA.

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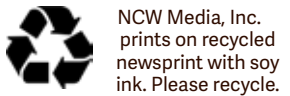
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**Leavenworth Rotary Club, Zoom meetings, Noon.** For more information email, President Joel Walinski, jtwalinski@gmail.com  
**Alpine Water District: meets at the YMCA Camp 1 p.m.** Contact: Anne Mueller, muellers5@msn.com (2nd Wed. each mon).

**Thursday**

**Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce, 8 a.m.** Call Chamber, 509-548-5807. Everyone is invited to attend as a guest. Email Troy@leavenworth.org for Zoom meeting information. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)  
**Leavenworth Lions Club, For more info. email President Anita Wilkie at leavenworthlionsclubwa@gmail.com**  
**Peshastin Community Council meeting, 7 p.m.** Peshastin Memorial Hall. (2nd Thurs.)  
**The Wenatchee Valley Doll Club, 11:30 a.m.** Call Yvonne, 509-663-7991. (2nd Thurs.)  
**Caregiver Support Group, 2-3:30 p.m.** For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Cashmere. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)

**Friday**

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**Saturday**

**Old favorites music at the Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St. No cover charge, 1-3 p.m.** Call Steve, 509-548-7048. (2nd and 4th Saturdays).

**Monday**

**Upper Valley Free Clinic, open every Monday to evaluate urgent health needs. Downstairs at Cascade Medical, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.** Call Terri (509)393-8271 for more information.  
**Leavenworth Mosquito District board meeting 7 p.m., via ZOOM link posted at leavenworthmosquitodistrict.com or call 509-548-5904 (1st and 3rd Mondays).**  
**Cascade School board meetings, 7 p.m., Agenda can be found at https://www.cascadesd.org/Page/166. (2nd & 4th Mon.)**  
**Chelan Douglas Republican Women, Meetings at Red Lion, 1225 N. Wenatchee Ave. Please, RSVP if you want to have lunch. Cost for lunch is \$18; Cost for meeting with beverage only is \$7 (no outside food please). Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at Noon. Call Ellie: 425-319-9869. (1st Mon., monthly).**

**Tuesday**

**Peshastin Water District, 5:30 p.m.** For meeting location, contact Steve Keene, 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.)  
**Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts Meeting Current meeting time 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Tony Jantzer, cell, 509-433-4064, or 509-782-2561 or tony.iid.pd@nwi.net, (2nd Tues.)**  
**Cascade Medical Board Meeting, 9 a.m.** Call Cascade Medical, 509-548-5815. (4th Tues.)  
**Cascade Education Foundation. Contact: CEF@cascade.org**  
**LWSC Alpine Committee, 7 p.m., Ski Hill Lodge. Call 509-548-5477. (1st Tues.)**  
**Leavenworth Masons, 7:30 a.m., Zarthan Lodge No. 148, Leavenworth Senior Center upstairs. www.leavenworthmasons.org. (1st Tues.)**  
**Cascade Garden Club, 1 p.m., at a member's home or other venue. Call President Claudia, 509-662-7706. (3rd Tues.)**

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**Peshastin Public Library.** Located at 8396 Main St., Peshastin. Call: 509-548-7821 or Peshastin@ncwlibraries.org  
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**Other events**

**The Greater Leavenworth Museum, formerly known as the Upper Valley Museum, is open Friday-Sunday, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.** Please check our Facebook page or our website at www.leavenworthmuseum.org for updates and information.  
**Leavenworth Fish Hatchery, 509-548-7641.** Trails and grounds are open every day to the public. Please park outside the gate. All animals must be on a leash.  
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**Local band to play at 'Rake the Spring Twigs' Event**

By ANN (OSBORNE) PEAVEY

The Saddle Rockers, a bluegrass band with members Chris Rader and Bruce McWhirter, will entertain volunteers at 11 a.m., at the Old Leavenworth North Road Cemetery's 'Rake the Spring Twigs' Community Event on Saturday, April 30, starting at 10 a.m.-noon. All are welcome to rake, or just come for the music.

This event will be the first-time live music will play while volunteers spend two hours raking, trimming bushes, and sweeping markers and headstones. When asked about the music, Matt Cade, board president of the Greater Leavenworth Museum, said, "music and gardening are two activities that many people enjoy. Combining these two activities with the teambuilding exercise of cleaning up and 'beautifying' the cemetery will be an entertaining community event." Cade agreed that the addition of a musical band performing at a 'cemetery clean-up' work party is "a little out there." He added that "we think adding musical entertainment adds a bit of uniqueness to the event." Every volunteer will receive lunch from Dan's Food Market. Volunteers need to fill out the sandwich order on-site before 10:15 a.m. for noon delivery. If the grounds are dry, and everyone can sit on the grass. If not, you may want to consider bringing a chair. The Greater Leavenworth Museum and Cade are

delighted to announce that Sabrina Westbrook has 'joined the party' as the chair of the Cemetery Committee. Sabrina and her husband Bill have been residents of Peshastin for over twenty years. After driving past the cemetery's gravel roadway and gate on North Road three to four times every day for twenty years, Sabrina finally got out of her car and walked around the cemetery. Said Westbrook, "I saw pine needles, tree limbs, and twigs

everywhere. I thought that the cemetery needed someone to care for it." Westbrook wanted permission before she did any work at the cemetery, so she checked in with the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce, the City of Leavenworth, and the Greater Leavenworth Museum. The North Road Cemetery, where the story behind the unique spelling of "cemetery" in the roadside sign will be revealed. Thank you, Community!



SUBMITTED PHOTO.

**Sheriff/Fire/EMS**  
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<b>April 15</b>	12:57 Theft, 10461 Stemm Rd., Smallwood's, Peshastin	17:55 Public Assist, 22744 Lake Wenatchee Hwy.
08:24 Domestic Disturbance, 100 Ward Strasse	16:11 Property, 707 US Hwy. 2, A Book For All Seasons	20:01 Domestic Disturbance, 100 Ward Strasse
09:13 CPS/ APS Referral 505 Ski Hill Dr.	17:16 Public Assist, 22744 Lake Wenatchee Hwy.	20:09 Agency Assist, US Hwy 2, MP 91
11:58 Burglary, 10215 Country Shop Rd.	17:42 Civil Dispute, 315 Benton St.	<b>April 18</b>
15:31 Vehicle Prowl, 22308 Shetland Rd., Plain	21:35 DUI, 1329 US Hwy. 2, Dan's Food Market	06:37 Suspicious Circumstance, 9312 E. Leavenworth Rd.
18:07 Property, 12144 Detillion Rd.	22:28 Assault, 213 9th St., Post Office Saloon	08:17 Suspicious Circumstance, Leavenworth area
20:04 Disturbance, 10415 Titus Rd.	<b>April 17</b>	09:19 Traffic Offense, 617 US Hwy. 2
22:54 Suspicious Circumstance, 10300 block Simpson Rd., Peshastin	01:30 Alarm, 18451 Camp 12 Rd., Plain	10:02 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 11737 Chumstick Hwy.
23:28 Hazard, Chumstick Hwy. and Spromberg Canyon	05:31 Alarm, 200 8th St, Los Camperos	11:50 Trespassing 321 9th St., Loge
<b>April 16</b>	07:32 Traffic Offense, 198 Commercial St.	12:53 Vehicle Prowl, 9140 Lone Pine Orchards Rd.
09:33 Property, 707 US Hwy. 2, Rhein Haus	14:53 Alarm, 565 US Hwy. 2, Alpine Spa	16:29 911-call, 309 8th St., Post Hotel
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		07:36 Theft, 10189 Merry Canyon Rd.

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Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AlAnon meetings: 509-548-7939  
509-548-1627, 548-4522, 664-6469, 206-719-3379  
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Tuesday, 7 p.m., Light in the Valley, 8455 Main Street, Peshastin  
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Thursday, 1 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.  
Friday, 7 p.m., St. James Episcopal Church, 222 Cottage Ave.  
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Monday, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, 418 Evans St.  
**Renewed Celebrate Recovery,** Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene, 111 Ski Hill Drive. Come experience God's grace for all of life's hurts, habits and hang-ups. For more information: CelebrateRecoveryLCN@gmail.com or 509-596-1510.

**Go online at Cascadesd.org or all menu updates.**





PHOTO SUBMITTED BY AVA NORTHRUP.  
Cascade High School senior Tobin Walker

**Leavenworth Bicycle**

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into any other life activity. In addition, Feeny explained that Icicle Bicycle has become a tradition for Leavenworth and is an incredible resource helping students to fully appreciate the opportunity that is already present in Leavenworth's backyard. To join the team, any current IRMS/CHS student can sign up via the Washington Student Cycling League website; registration is open annually from January to March.

Cascade High School senior Tobin Walker started racing for Icicle Bicycle as soon as the opportunity was available. "I remember being in fifth grade seeing the kids on the team and being jealous that

I couldn't join yet," Walker explained. Currently Tobin is racing competitively at the national level and plans to take his racing career to the international level next year. Walker will be attending the World Cup at Mont Sainte in Quebec, Canada, this coming August. Depending on his results from nationals he will then race in the world championships in France. Walker's racing career is one rich in success and excitement and he acknowledges that much credit is due to Icicle Bicycle: "I think more than anything joining the team gave me the base I needed to start racing. Without the understanding of my fitness and training the team gave me, I would not be on the path I am now." Community members

interested in supporting Walker in his biking endeavors can find updates on his YouTube channel under Tobin Walker.

Younger riders, hoping for success like Tobin's or simply developing a love for the sport/outdoors are currently participating in their Icicle Bicycle season. The group of over forty 11 to 16-year-old riders and over 15 volunteer coaches meet at the base of Ski Hill daily to develop their skills. The practice begins with the head coach lining up athletes for a head count, then the high school students break off as leaders for smaller groups of five middle school kids for bike checks and warmups. Having the high schoolers lead the younger athletes creates an

inner team bond and molds the older bikers into role models for younger riders. The team works on connecting riders from groups of different ages, helping grow and join the mountain bike community as one. "It is fun, because the younger kids on the team look up to you and ask questions. I enjoy sharing my passion for the sport with them," said Cascade freshman Trail Heyl.

After starting in small groups, the team is divided into groups of similar riding abilities where they work on drills. More experienced riders will loop a trail as many times as they can in a practice, preparing for the similar structure of a race. Weaved between the riding time is learning racing techniques and growing an appreciation for the trails being used. Through Icicle Bicycle riders learn how trails are created and help to develop the trails in the area. Many Icicle Bicycle members chose to participate only in the training, but some choose to race throughout the season. During the season, races are held throughout Washington. Normally, races are one to three laps, ranging between eight to ten miles. Most races have over three hundred racers from across the state, making for an extremely competitive environment. Usually, this small-town team is highly ranked, with Icicle Bicycle nearly always having

kids on the podium. Getting to and from the races is the individual responsibility of the rider and their family, but these races illustrate the community bond that Icicle Bicycle creates. Each race takes many volunteers, and often all the athletes' parents to take an active part in a race. At most of the competitions, the parents, families, and athletes all camp together and support fellow racers. This year the team will be racing in Gig Harbor, Roslyn, Winthrop, and Spokane. "People can support verbally on the trails or donate money through Leavenworth Ski Hill Heritage Foundation," said coach Courtney Feeny.

Cascade freshmen Trail Heyl and Jackson Feeny spend their spring as part of the mountain bike team. Both athletes enjoy the races and

explained that practices keep them in incredible shape, all while they get to spend time with their friends. "Icicle Bicycle keeps you in pretty good physical shape and gets you outside," said Heyl. Feeny has raced for over four years on the team and has finished first twice. He explained that the sport correlates much to his personal goals and that he can aim for accomplishing a personal record with each opportunity given.

Perhaps the strongest communities are those built around common life passions and loves. The shared love for mountain biking by all the team riders and parents of Icicle Bicycle has built a strong foundation for the future and growth of what this small town's mountain bike community will grow and foster into.

**The Leavenworth Lions Club**



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Leavenworth Lions Club was excited to resume their annual Easter Egg Hunt. We thank all of the community members who were able to come out and enjoy a beautiful Easter Sunday afternoon. Motivated egg hunters scooped up nearly 800 eggs in just over 5 minutes. The gentleman in the photo with the Easter Bunny (Lion Dorothy Nilles) is Lion Joe Nilles.

**Former Bethlehem Construction worker is awarded \$327k from discrimination lawsuit**

By MEGAN SOKOL  
Staff Writer

A five-year legal battle between construction company Bethlehem Construction and former employee, Uriel Sanchez, comes to a close on April 19. Sanchez will be awarded \$77,360 for lost wages and \$250k for other damages after a jury trial found Bethlehem Construction guilty of discriminating Sanchez because of his race.

Bethlehem was charged with wrongfully terminating Sanchez's employment back in 2016, while he was working on a construction site in Quincy. The water at this site was

described to be dirty for a majority of the time, with a visible sediment layer at the bottom of their jug. One incident involved a co-worker spitting up blood and later drank from the same dirty water supply.

Sanchez reported to his supervisor, Greg Neal, that their jug of water was dirty. Neal said that they would work on it, however he later said that Sanchez was "s\*\*\* out of luck."

He was suspected of making an L&I claim regarding the poor water quality and was fired shortly after. The HR manager for Bethlehem did not reach out to Sanchez for

his recollection of events.

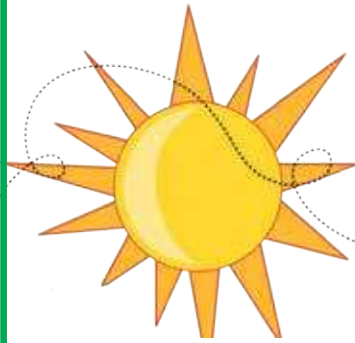
Sanchez's attorney Corey M. Kane made the case that Bethlehem Construction had discriminated against him due to him being Mexican American. They state that the defendant treated Sanchez unfavorably compared to the other workers and for making a discrimination complaint. Kane states that his client is grateful for how the case turned out.

Bethlehem Construction can still make a motion to appeal, however the date for if/when that may be is still undetermined. Bethlehem Construction declined to comment.

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## Cascade vs. Cashmere Baseball and Softball



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**1.** Cascade player Jesse Gunter is up to bat with one strike.  
**2.** Cascade player Autumn West is up to bat.  
**3.** Cascade player Jones Duncan hits fourth base before Cashmere pitcher Logan Pesta tries to strike him out.  
**4.** Cascade player Giselle Navarro slides to the second base but is tagged by Cashmere player Jenna Reeder.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Response to Route 22 changes for Peshastin

[I am] Impressed that [Link Transit] tried to implement all the concerns of their customers and presented it well. I understand the need to work with the traffic issue on Wenatchee Ave., but they failed to mention that the "traffic issue" has a lot to do with the Leavenworth traffic in the afternoon, especially on weekends and Festivals.

Didn't appreciate the gentleman who indicated that when he rode route 22 inbound that there were no customers picked up in Peshastin. Today when I caught my normal bus, there were 3 getting on the bus into Wenatchee and one waiting for the outgoing bus. Interestingly, there were no customers picked up in Cashmere, some could say this statement could apply for Cashmere as well. I didn't see him on the bus, so by his observation standards, he doesn't ride the bus either. All observations by the general public are a "picture in time" and they do not see the customers throughout the day. I live in Peshastin, I regularly see the bus stop and the customers waiting there.

The outgoing buses in the afternoon are on an interesting schedule which does not sync with regular office hours of 8:00 - 5:00 or 7:30 - 4:30. There is an extended wait time for these customers. I am able to adjust my working hours, my worry is that others may not, and have the extended wait time to go home. Believe me, even 15 minutes of additional wait time at the end of a workday is not appreciated. The customer's time is valuable as well.

My concern for the "On Call" buses is that some customers run out the door to the stop at the last minute, then realize it was in vain because they should have called at least 15 minutes prior to the non-scheduled stop. Some customers drive from Leavenworth when they missed their bus at their usual stop and pick it up in Peshastin. This is due to the bus leaving the Leavenworth Safeway Park and Ride earlier than scheduled to keep their "schedule" on time, making it uncertain if they are able to reach the bus in time. This is an issue and should be addressed.

**Melissa Reuter,**  
Peshastin resident

## Obertal Inn's painted windows unveil community strife

BY MEGAN SOKOL  
Staff Writer

The growing discontent towards the city of Leavenworth finally came to a head, all because of some flowery painted windows. Discussion of alleged city government overreach on Obertal Inn's spring-themed decor quickly escalated to threats and harassment towards city employees, a possible side effect of the community's growing discontent with local governance.

On April 18, Obertal Inn owner Hans Mulders posted on the Leavenworth, WA., Facebook page an email he received from the city on April 16th. The post includes a photo of the Obertal Inn windows, along with a copy of the city's email asking him to remove the paint before April 19th.

"These windows that have been painted every single season with a different motif, and there's never been an issue made out of it," Mulders said.

According to Mulders' Facebook post the email stated the following:

"City staff has found unpermitted signage at Obertal Inn, 922 Commercial 241712662150. All changes to the exterior of the building, including window paintings, are required to go to the Design Review Board and meet the Bavarian Alpine Theme per LMC 14.10. Please remove the window paintings as soon as possible. City staff will do a site visit to confirm the removal of the painting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022."

Communications Coordi-

nator Christie Voos said that the email was not intended to be as serious as it read but did require legal language in order to enforce the aforementioned changes.

"The email seemed more formal, and it gave a very short deadline for removal of window coverings that hadn't been passed through the Design Review Board, which is our current process for evaluating decorations on the outside of buildings."

Before he made the post, Mulders had contacted the city regarding the short notice for paint removal and admitted that he was upset when he contacted Voos. Initially, he felt that the city had overreached their control on his business.

"The city does not take responsibility for their obligations in maintaining the authentic Bavarian town field. They are the biggest violators of their own rules, yet they enforce myopic, tiny little rules on the business community that are expensive, that are time consuming, and it needs to change," Mulders said. "They need to fix their roads, they need to fix their sidewalks, they need to fix the alley, they need to fix the green spaces. They need to take responsibility for what they are responsible for and until then, they should stop enforcing minor small infractions on city codes."

Mulders received over 200 comments on his post, resulting in several calls made to the city. Voos said that some were respectful, but other calls included targeted threats and harassment towards the

Mayor, the Design Board employee, and Voos herself. Mulders' post was later edited, imploring people to be more respectful when contacting the city.

"I believe in civil discourse, I also believe that you can be loud, and you can be opinionated and strong in your opinions," Mulders explained. "But threatening people with violence, that is just completely unacceptable in any scenario here, and there is no need for it either. There shouldn't be a place for it, anybody who has threatened with a call ought to be ashamed of themselves. Nicole is just somebody who was doing her job and it is not her fault."

Overwhelmed with the harassment and calls, Voos later wrote a statement regarding the situation and reflected on the relationship between the city and its community.

"Leaders and governments are often called upon to think in a way that is [unen]countered [by] emotion and that's really hard," Voos said. "When we're thinking about the future of how we communicate, or how we approach any of the topics that are hot right now, we are called upon to step back and approach it from a logical position that does not include our own personal feelings. I think that's sometimes seen as being stone-faced and it's just not received very well."

As of now, Obertal Inn can keep their windows painted this year. The issue lied between a miscommunication of design code and protocol for outdoor decoration. Mulders

agreed that this situation could have been handled differently but is still apprehensive of current city code.

"I have no issue with [the] government. I'm not one of those lunatic right wing nut jobs that thinks everything [the] government does is wrong, but I do expect a government to function in service of its citizens and this is not in service of anybody," Mulders said. "I think that that's myopic, I don't think that that feeds a sense of community. I don't think that that feeds an environment where businesses can thrive."

With the recent acceptance of the controversial zoning and duplex amendments, along with recent changes like Oktoberfest and Adventure Park, and public safety threats such as bomb scares and snow in January, passionate outcry from the Leavenworth community has only grown.

"Our people have passion, and passion can be in any form, but it means that they care," Voos said. "The strategy that I think is most unique to Leavenworth, [at least] for communications, is really trying to harness that passion so that we can come to an understanding."

The main takeaway that both Voos and Mulders wish to communicate is that nothing gets done with violence or harassment. Voos states that it is hard to communicate effectively in her position if the other party is continuously adversarial.

No one deserves to get death threats over a painted window.

## City of Leavenworth Communication

BY CHRISTIE VOOS

Communication is so important, isn't it? And how something is intended isn't always how it's received. No matter how much we, as humans, try to do the 'right' thing, it's not seen that way from all perspectives.

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# Local and Regional News

## OBITUARY

### Marlene Marie Calsbeek

August 13, 1935 - April 15, 2022

The angels took Marlene Marie Calsbeek home to be with her Lord on April 15, 2022. At 86, Marlene lived a full life with family as her most valued treasure. Knowing Jesus was her greatest comfort. She was born in Tacoma, Washington on August 13, 1935, to Donald and Helen Drake.

She graduated from Aquinas Girls School in 1954 and married Robert T. Sonneman in 1954 (divorced in 1970). They raised four children, Robert L. (Melanie), Bradley D., Brian M. (Lisa) and Brenda L. (Dan Sizemore). She worked as a manager in a medical office in Fircrest, Washington; a bookkeeper for

a Leavenworth, Washington fruit company and owned a restaurant, 'Mom's First, Frank's Last stand', on Blewett Pass until the death of her husband Franklin J. Calsbeek, in 1990. From there, she was a nanny to her grandchildren, had an adult family home in Spokane, Washington and worked as a

caregiver most of her later years.

Marlene's greatest joy was being involved in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren's lives; from childcare to cooking and following their sports activities, she was a busy lady. Her hobbies included watching the Zags, Seahawks, and Mariners on TV; baking pies, cooking, and playing pinochle.

She was preceded in death by her husband

Frank, her parents and her son, Brian. She will be missed by all who knew her generous heart.

Marlene leaves behind three children, Bob (Melanie), Brad, Brenda (Dan) Sizemore, daughter-in-law, Lisa, three stepchildren, Frank (Ellen) Calsbeek, Cindy (Gary) Ladd, Laurie (John) Bourgeois, 27 grandchildren and 51 great-grandchildren, one cousin Ginger Kennedy and many nieces,



nephews and friends.

A celebration of her life will be April 30, 2022, 2 p.m. at the Community Log Church in Brewster, Washington.

### Rudy Joya

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without that, success always would be elusive and failure always around the corner." To that end, Joya says that he will "take a lot that Daley taught me, but also make the job [his] own, with [his] own leadership style."

Despite the breakdown of the CHS hiring endeavor, which began with more than a half dozen candidates, and which Beckendorf-Edou described as a "complicated process with many opportunities to get input from the district and high school communities, including screenings, interviews and forums," she has confidence in Joya's leadership and agreed that the coming transition

should be smooth. In fact, Beckendorf-Edou stated "there is a possibility that Mr. Joya will be offered the chance to stay on, but we won't know that for a year from now."

Joya and Beckendorf-Edou share a similar vision for CHS, which the superintendent described as "a focus on what high school students will do after they cross the stage. Our job is not just to help them graduate, but to set them on a path toward success, whether that be college or technical school. We aim to help them create the future they want for themselves; Rudy and I will continue to be focused on ensuring that our students are prepared for the world, including the job market in our area."

Joya stated that essential to his vision are "strong relationships between students and staff and students to make sure we meet each kid where they are and give every student the opportunity to be prepared for college, should they choose that path. At the time, I didn't plan for or think I was a good fit for college, but one person changed all that. They told me they saw that potential in me and that person's belief in me changed me. The brains of kids mature over time. We see things differently over time and I want to make sure that all our kids are as prepared as they can be to seize any opportunity they would like now and in the future."

Joya continued by revealing that similarly to his views on

college, he "had not always planned to be an administrator," but that administration was suggested to him by two people he respected at different times. "So, [he] listened." Joya intends to bring to the principal's desk his "personal relationship, camaraderie and culture building style," which he developed while a dean of students in Wenatchee, and as assistant principal at CHS since 2017. When asked if he would seek to retain the interim position permanently after next year, Joya enthusiastically answered "yes!"

That sentiment seems to have traction in the halls of CHS. Senior, and Associated Student Body Secretary, Olivia Cappellini, said that they were

"pleased to hear that Mr. Joya was named to the position. He's great, has the experience and, while I will be graduated, I'm happy for my brother who will be a sophomore next year." Freshman Savannah Rowles echoed Cappellini, assessing that "Mr. Joya will be a good fit. He gets along with all the students and knows what he is doing."

Daley's last day at CHS is June 30 and Joya takes the reigns on July 1. As to that passing of the guard, Beckendorf-Edou expressed what appears to be an all but universal feeling in the CHS community: "I'm going to miss Daley a lot, but I really enjoy working with Joya and know that CHS will be in good hands."

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**DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: April 27, 2022**  
**ADMINISTRATOR:** Matt Douglas Hickey **ATTORNEY FOR ADMINISTRATOR:** David A. Kazemba  
**ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: OVERCAST LAW OFFICES 23 South Wenatchee Avenue Suite 320 Wenatchee, WA 98801**  
**COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSE NUMBER:** Chelan County Superior Court, No.: 22-4-00180-04  
**OVERCAST LAW OFFICES**  
By: David A. Kazemba, WSBA No. 48049 Attorneys for Administrator.  
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By WILLIAM H. TIMMERMANS Personal Representative  
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By EVAN M. MCCAULEY, WSBA NO. 44285  
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# New nose spray coming out soon

Last week, 66-year-old Betty confided, "This year, my allergies are really bad. I have a nose spray, Flonase® to take care of my stuffy nose and sneezing, but this year, it isn't helping. What else I can try? Do you think I need to see my doctor?"

A new prescription nose spray will soon be available over the counter (OTC). Prescription strength Nasonex® 24HR Allergy (mometasone) was approved last month to become available without a prescription, and may help Betty.

There are several types of nose sprays and drops available OTC to relieve symptoms of seasonal and year-round allergies. These include saline, decongestant, and anti-inflammatory products.

Pollens and animal dander can trigger sinus pressure, nasal congestion, watery eyes, runny nose or sneezing. Doctors call plant-based allergic reactions allergic rhinitis, but years ago, symptoms like Betty's were called "hay fever" because they were more common during the late spring and summer, when hay was harvested.

Saline nose drops or spray can help liquefy mucus and relieve stuffiness. To make your own saline, add ½ teaspoonful salt to 1 cup of distilled water or boiled tap water. I like to add a pinch of baking soda to make it sting less.

Decongestant nose drops and sprays such as Afrin® (naphazoline) and Neo-Synephrine® (phenylephrine) relieve nasal congestion by rapidly shrinking the blood vessels in your nose, reducing swelling. There's a catch, however; they often stop working after several days of continuous use, called rebound.

Some people use decongestant nose sprays for months without getting rebound stuffiness while others have problems after only a few days of frequent use. Because they can increase blood pressure, if you have high blood pressure or a heart condition, you should avoid decongestant nose sprays completely.

Steroid nose sprays like Betty's Flonase® are a very effective way to treat allergy symptoms. They decrease inflammation and help ease sneezing, sniffing and stuffiness. Use the highest dose until you get full relief, then lower it to a dose that still controls your symptoms.



**Ask... Dr. Louise**  
Nasalacrom® (cromolyn) nasal spray is a type of anti-inflammatory agent that can stop an allergic reaction even before it gets going. Available without a prescription, Nasalacrom® works best when you start several weeks BEFORE being exposed to what you're allergic to, and is used 3-4 times daily for best effect.

**7 Tips for Getting the Most Out of Your Nasal Spray:**

1. Try a steroid nasal spray first.
2. Betty could switch from using Flonase Allergy Relief® (fluticasone) to Nasacort Allergy 24-Hr® (triamcinolone), Rhinocort® (budesonide), or the new OTC Nasonex® 24HR Allergy (mometasone).
3. Start your steroid or Nasalacrom® nose spray 1-2 weeks before exposure.

It can take several days to weeks before you get the maximum effect from a steroid nasal spray or Nasalacrom®, so starting them before you are exposed to your allergy trigger will help them work much better for you.

3. Limit decongestant nasal spray use to 5-7 days.

Decongestants like Afrin® work fast, but for more extended relief you should switch to a steroid nasal spray to avoid rebound stuffiness. You can use both steroid and decongestant sprays together at first.

4. Shake steroid nasal sprays well and "prime" them before using.

Before you use it for the first time, first shake the spray bottle gently and then, while pointing

it away from you, use the sprayer over and over until you see a fine mist appear. This usually takes 6-10 actuations. The bottle may be stored unused for up to 1 week without needed to be primed all over again.

5. Watch where you point it.

To avoid irritation, aim the tip of the sprayer toward your ear, away from the tissue between your nostrils. Breathe in gently while spraying. Snorting can carry the medicine down the back your throat, instead of where it is needed.

6. Try a different nose spray.

There will soon be four different steroid nasal sprays to choose from. If at first you don't get relief, or experience side effects like having a nosebleed, try a different one. Betty's friend, Sally got nosebleeds using Rhinocort®, but is having no trouble with Nasacort Allergy 24-Hr®.

7. Use saline nose drops for infants and small children.

Using saline nose drops to relieve stuffiness is safer than decongestants or steroid nose sprays, and nearly as effective. Place 1-2 drops in each nostril, wait 15 minutes, and then suck out the liquified goo with a small bulb syringe. For more severe symptoms, Nasacort Allergy 24-Hr® is safe for children as young as 2 years old.

*Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy, is a 43-year veteran of pharmacology and author of Why Dogs Can't Eat Chocolate: How Medicines Work and How YOU Can Take Them Safely. Get clear answers to your medication questions at her website and blog TheMedicationInsider.com. ©2022 Louise Achey*

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15. Mercantile establishment  
16. Chemistry Nobelist Hahn  
17. "Deborah Guarino's "Is Your Mama a \_\_\_?"  
18. Manner of controlling yourself  
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21. Willow twig  
22. Nutcracker's distinguishing feature  
23. Like a longer route?  
26. German white wine  
30. "Mom's little one  
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34. Knock about  
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38. Binary digits code  
40. Northern peat bog  
42. Modern address  
43. Analyst in a chemical lab  
45. Smooth, as in surface of the lake  
47. Gangster's pistol  
48. Eyelid infection  
50. Wafting emanation  
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26. Actor Wahlberg  
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# The Washington Outdoors Report



Camp Host at Pacific Beach State Park

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## Volunteering as a State Park Host

By JOHN KRUSE

Do you love to camp? Do you own an RV? Are you a people person? Are you up for a volunteer experience that's both fun and meaningful? If the answer to all of the above is "yes" and you find yourself with some time on your hands this year you should consider becoming a park host at one of Washington's 140 State Parks.

Washington State Parks is actively looking for volunteer park hosts and the application period is open now. Essentially, you will live (rent free) at a Washington State Park in your RV for 30 to 90 days and do at least 28 hours of volunteer service a week, working five days and enjoying two days off.

An example of this work could be volunteering as a campground host at a state park. While on duty you will greet campers, answer any questions they have, possibly sell firewood and ice and perform light maintenance like cleaning up litter, raking campsites or mowing grass.

There are other park host opportunities beyond the campgrounds at Washington State Parks. You can volunteer to work at one of the eleven retreat centers in our state parks, facilities that are often rented out by school or youth groups, non-profit organizations, businesses and also for family reunions. As a retreat center host, you'll help guests check in and orient them about using the facilities.

Like campground hosts, you may also be doing some light maintenance.

Another host opportunity takes place at 10 interpretive centers scattered around the state or one of the museums or lighthouses found within our parks. Volunteer at one of these places and you may find yourself giving tours, working in a gift shop and assisting park staff with interpretive programs. If you enjoy history, science and sharing these topics with the public this could be a very fulfilling experience at places like the Dry Falls Interpretive Center, the Ginkgo Interpretive Center, the Mt. St. Helens Interpretive Center at Seaquest State Park or the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center at Cape Disappointment. There are also interpretive host

opportunities at other state parks that could have you taking visitors on nature walks or bird watching tours.

Another unique hosting opportunity doesn't require an RV but instead, a liveaboard boat. These one-to-two-week hosting assignments occur at Washington's Marine Parks, primarily found on islands in Puget Sound. A typical day will have you assisting boaters as they enter the park, letting them know about available moorage and park facilities and steering them towards unique areas at the park worth exploring. You'll also be keeping track of weather conditions and alerting boaters of any potential dangers.

Valerie Roberts, the Volunteer Programs Coordinator for Washington State Parks, sums it up well

when she says "There's something for everyone" when it comes to park host opportunities. Roberts said there are over 80 parks in need of park hosts right now and as for deciding which one to host at, it really comes down to what your interests are. Roberts went on to say, "We're happy to help find the right volunteer opportunity for each individual host."

Roberts also emphasized that while your stay at any given park is limited to 30 or 90 days, you can actually travel to different parks around the state in need of park hosts and fulfill this function year around. Roberts says all they ask is for a 30-day commitment per park.

Other requirements for park hosts include being at least 18 years old, passing a criminal background check and being fully vaccinated against COVID 19. If you want to find out more about becoming a park host at Washington State Parks go to <https://www.parks.wa.gov/275/Park-Host-Program>. You can also contact Valerie Roberts by email with any questions at [parks.volunteer@parks.wa.gov](mailto:parks.volunteer@parks.wa.gov)

The bottom line is this; if you are retired, on a sabbatical from work, have an RV or boat and want to work with the public in a beautiful setting while enjoying nature or history, becoming a park host could be a great fit for you!

John Kruse - [www.northwesternoutdoors.com](http://www.northwesternoutdoors.com) and [www.americasoutdoorsradio.com](http://www.americasoutdoorsradio.com)



Park Host Kit McCartney at Deception Pass State Park

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# The Chumstick Wildfire Stewardship Coalition welcomes new member Hector Luevano

SUBMITTED BY BARBARA CARRILLO  
CWSC Director

Hector Luevano is a firefighter and lives in Leavenworth about 3 miles up the Chumstick. He is excited to bring his experience as a firefighter and landowner to assist the CWSC, the Chumstick and the Leavenworth community. Hector is currently participating in the CWSC fuels reduction 123 program. He first heard of the program from his neighbor Colin Sternagel, who was also engaging in the 123 program doing work to make his property safer and more resilient to wildfires. Colin reached out to Hector and Hector began learning about the program from Barbara Carrillo, Director of the CWSC, who provided a fuels reduction assessment of his property around his home and hillside. Colin reached out to Hector because their properties border one another and the common goal of decreasing fire fuel loads on their lands could benefit them both. Hector said, "I think it is extremely valuable for neighbors to come together to do this good work to protect our properties, homes and the benefits the 123 program offers for this type of work is very meaningful to me and my family." The 123 program is a Washington Department of Natural Resources cost share program that enables qualified landowners to reduce wildfire risk and improve forest health on their properties. On the ground treatments for qualified landowners include small tree thinning and brush removal, pruning and slash disposal. Hector's fuel reduction and forest

health restoration goals for his property include creating an adequate defensible space to protect his home as well as fuels reduction work to expand an existing fire break and allow easy access for working fire crews on his property. He said, "if a fire impacts our valley, I want to be a part of the solution to protect our homes and not a problem that exacerbates and fuels the destruction."

As the newest steering committee member for the Chumstick Wildfire Stewardship Coalition, Hector's primary goal is to protect our valley from wildfires. He grew up in California, which has time and time again been ravaged by massive fires. He knows the wildfire danger in the Chumstick Valley and the greater Leavenworth area is immense and the reality is that wildfires are inevitable. Hector believes that, "Instead of simply prevention, we need to learn how to help the land to be more resilient to wildfire threats." Hector began attending CWSC steering committee meetings consistently to learn more about what the CWSC is doing in our community to mitigate wildfires. Hector added, "I am happy to be on board for the good work that the CWSC is doing in our community. As the newest member of the group, my personal goals are to continue to learn more and join in with the educational work that CWSC does in the community, especially with young people and students to help shape a future where every single person in the valley is a conscious steward of the land, doing their part to protect our community."



Hector Luevano and his wife Brigitta and their puppy Canyon.

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