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Leavenworth Community meeting with Commissioner Bob Bugert



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Correspondent

A two-hour Leavenworth community meeting with County Commissioner Bob Bugert was held at the Wenatchee River Institute's Red Barn on March 31. Between in-person and Zoom, about 95 people attended the meeting. Rachel Bishop, WRI Community Programs Manager, opened the meeting with a land acknowledgement crafted in partnership with the p'squosa (Wenatchi) tribe. Mayor Florea welcomed the audience and, speaking about the partnership between the city and the county, said, "I appreciate how closely we can work together. We don't always have the same approach, but we have the same interests, like protecting the environment and getting access to trails, connectivity."

There was an emphasis at the start and end of the meeting, that, for some of these topics, these are beginning conversations, and the county and city want to continue engage with the public as how to best to proceed.

Bugert, with the assistance of Public Works Director/County Engineer, Eric Pierson, who was on Zoom, updated the residents about the Cascade Orchard Bridge Deck Renovation project. This is the bridge about one mile out of town on Icicle Road that spans the Wenatchee River. This is a high priority project that will involve resurfacing the bridge deck and adding cantilevered extensions to allow for a 23-foot-wide road and vastly widened sidewalks on each side. A four-foot-high railing will also be added. Secured grant funding will cover the majority of the expenses, with an estimated cost of \$2.3 million. The County Commission is set to approve the 60-day project, which will begin in July. The bridge will require a 30-day closure with a detour via East Leavenworth.

Bugert mentioned the brush drop off site at the corner of Icicle and East Leavenworth is opening on

April 1 (open Fridays, 9am to 3pm) and recommends residents to take their yard debris there for chipping and processing, since it must stay in the apple maggot quarantine zone.

Kirsten Ryles, Chelan County Community Development Program Manager, next gave an update about the Short Term Rental program implementation. Her office allocated 660 provisional permits to those owners who had STRs before the code was enacted. Now they're reviewing the new Tier 1 applications. The deadline for either granting or denying all new and provisional permits is June 1. It takes a while because some applications are missing critical pieces. Ryles said the county tries to work with owners, but denies the permit if issues aren't resolved.

The housing cap for STRs in most areas of the county is 6%, which is used to determine the actual number of STRs allowed, how many currently exist and the ones available for new permits. For the 98826 zip code, the availability is negative, so no new permits will be granted until that is no longer the case.

There was a brief discussion about having a way for residents to look up whether a neighboring property is a legal STR or not. The county plans to balance that need with the need for owner privacy. The county recently hired a code enforcement liaison and is tracking infractions.

Mike Kaputa, Director of Chelan County Natural Resources Department, gave an update about the Chelan County Multimodal Pathways Plan, which is part of a larger park and recreation plan. This plan refers to, as Kaputa described, "interurban pathway connections" throughout the county, including connecting Leavenworth toward Plain and toward Peshastin, and also connections north toward Entiat and Chelan and south toward Malaga. The County received 1400 public survey responses that showed a strong interest in expanding multimodal pathways. Kaputa stressed that there will be more public engagement opportunities throughout this year about pathway location and design.

Kaputa also talked about the growing concern over tubing popularity along the Wenatchee River and Icicle Creek. The numbers



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of tubers, and, to a lesser extent, other water recreationalists, has vastly increased in the past few years (data collected in 2020 showed 1600-1700 individuals floated by a point location during a six-hour peak time frame), and there's been land use impacts particularly near the put ins and take outs.

Solutions to an overuse problem are not simple. Troy Campbell, Executive Director of the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce, explained how the new recreation ambassador program has been able to help encourage good tourist behavior. The ambassadors are volunteers from nonprofits that receive service grants in exchange for their time. The ambassadors receive training appropriate with their location, be it river access point or popular trailhead. The ambassadors host and monitor the specified locations on weekends from early July until Labor Day. The ambassadors collect data that could be useful for better management in the future.

A resident was upset about how private property owners have to pay the price of commercial and noncommercial tubers hurting their riverfront property and leaving trash. Bugert said this issue is analogous to the one with the STRs, how most are abiding by the rules, but a few are irresponsible.

Solutions, Kaputa explained, need to involve public and private entities

and cannot just become a matter of regulation. If you restrict access to put ins, people will find another access point. Emphasis should be on restoration and education about responsibility. In the future regulation might come into play, with a permit system, but Kaputa said it would require bureaucratic efforts. Illegal parking also needs to be addressed, and the county would like to consider shuttle bus options and have increased parking fines from \$35 to \$105.

Several residents voiced concerns about fish habitat, and Kaputa said, that while agencies with that expertise and jurisdiction have not weighed in as much as he'd like, there was a response on Zoom from someone affiliated with Washington State Fish and Wildlife who said they've so far seen no negative impact on salmon at the population level.

The final presentation about the Wenatchee River whitewater park study was presented by Kaputa's colleague, Erin McKay, Senior Resource Specialist at the Office of Natural Resources. McKay explained that during the county's 2017 comprehensive plan update, they received public feedback showing interest in a whitewater park or feature. Such a park is built by modifying the riverbed to create hydraulic features, including waves, eddies and chutes, for the sake of kayakers, surfers and paddle

boarders.

The county performed a study of potential sites with the help of two consulting firms, one specializing in salmon habitat restoration and the other an engineering design firm. Of six sites, the Dryden Dam site and the Leavenworth Historic Mill Dam site (next to Barn Beach), were ranked the best candidates. However, due to the challenges associated with relocating the brood stock collection facility at the Dryden Dam, the Leavenworth site became the first choice.

McKay mentioned, along with the conversations around tubing impacts in Leavenworth, this is an appropriate time to talk about the feasibility of adding a whitewater park feature. One thing to consider, she said, is that whitewater activity is popular during the shoulder seasons (when flows are over 1500 cfs), whereas tubing is popular when the river is low and slow.

The next step will be an alternatives analysis, with one alternative being no action. The site was also chosen because there's potential for more restoration and structure removal to occur, even if the whitewater modifications do not happen.

The meeting closed with Bugert again stating that the county wants to, as he said, "deeply engage the public about these sensitive issues." These are projects that are years in the making, and public input is helpful every step of the way.

IRMS Technology Students Association Members win State and head to Nationals

BY MARLENE FARRELL

Technology Student Association (TSA) is a nonprofit national organization whose mission is "to inspire its student members to prepare for careers in a technology-driving economy and culture." Nationally, over 2000 middle schools and high schools participate.

TSA is thriving at both Cascade

High School (CHS) and Icicle River Middle School (IRMS), with student memberships of fifteen and 23, respectively. The clubs meet regularly throughout the year, structured around researching and devising projects in a wide array of technology areas. Some technology categories have a distinctly creative

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The CHS TSA members, from left to right, front row, Mia Dreis, Savanna Rowles, Danielle Totman, Quentin Farrell, Ethan Flansburg, advisor Teara Dillon. Back row, advisor David Harvill, Antonio Aurilio, Evan Butruille, Haakon Scheibler, Tillie Leroy, Chase Runions, Madison Fish, Cyrus McKee, Anthony Villalobos.



CHS Fire Science Classes, in partnership with Fire District 3, now earn college credit

BY MARLENE FARRELL

It's third period at Cascade High School, and ten students walk across Chumstick Highway to Fire District 3. They have to be timely because they first change into department shirt, pants and boots, as befitting their cadet status. Marcus Wells is ready to start a lecture on causes of wildland fires.

The first semester class ended with Level I certification for successful students, who can then earn a red card at the end of this second semester

wildland-focused class. A red card allows them to work seasonally on a fire crew.

And now, for the first time, the students can receive college credit. Thanks to a soon-to-be-completed articulation agreement with Wenatchee Valley College, Brautaset said, "The cadets will be able to obtain 14 college credits for the program which can be applied toward their fire science degree." The program's rigor met state college board standards, and the teachers gained certification. That's cause for celebration!

Back in class, the students, one female and the rest male, spread out at the district's community hall tables and listen as Wells talks about lightning strikes and wind, and human-made causes, like the exposed rim of a car with a blown tire, or a dragged chain from a trailer. Wells peppers his lecture with true stories like the Monitor fire started by a hot exhaust pipe that fell off a car. He emphasizes observing and recording what one sees, especially if first on

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Wednesday

Children and Youth Program, 6:30-8 p.m., 4th-12th grade, Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene, 509-548-5292.

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

Veteran Service Office: For information contact Tony Sandoval, 509-664-6801 or email: Tony.Sandoval@co.chelan.wa.us

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.

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.pid@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.leaveworthmasons.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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Open: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. Closed Sunday.

Peshastin Public Library. Located at 8396 Main St., Peshastin. Call: 509-548-7821 or Peshastin@ncwlibraries.org
Open from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday.

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.

Note: Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.

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Leavenworth Casual Square Dancing

For beginners, join us at the Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St., on Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.
Singles and couples and spectators welcome. Call Dave Lundin, 509-548-6124

The Greater Leavenworth Museum Tours

The walk will start at Lions Park on Hwy. 2 next to City Hall. The guided walk is the RR/Mill in RiverFront Park along the Wenatchee River. Cost is \$8/ person which includes a ticket for the museum visit. It is about

2 hours on sidewalks and trails so wear good walking shoes and bring water. Call 509-548 0728 or www.leavenworthmuseum.org for more information.

Survey Birds and Support Biodiversity

Calling all bird enthusiasts! The Wenatchee River Institute (WRI) is announcing their newest program: monthly eBird Surveys at WRI. All skill levels are welcome on these beginner level walks and surveys. There will be one eBird Survey a month starting in March, going throughout the year. You will join knowledgeable WRI naturalists to conduct four 15-minute stationary bird counts for an hour of birding. This is a great opportunity to learn about eBird, the largest biodiversity-related

community science project in the world. WRI will record your observations of local wild birds on eBird. Upcoming eBird Surveys are happening on Wednesdays, April 13, May 18, June 15, and so on. Participants will meet outside River Haus at WRI at 8am and will be finished by 9:30 a.m. There is no registration required for participation.

Come prepared for the weather and bring your binoculars if you have them - if not, WRI can supply you with a pair for the survey. Total walking distance is ½ mile, over a gravel path with two moderate hills. Visit the website to find more information: https://wenatcheeriverinstitute.org/. Contact: Rande Zergerrzger@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org 509-548-0181 ext. 7.

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March 25

06:34 Vehicle Prowl, Snow Lakes Trailhead
12:31 Suspicious Circumstance, Coles Corner, Lake Wenatchee
13:28 Harassment/ Threat, 263 Mine St.
13:49 Miscellaneous, 10190 Chumstick Hwy.
14:07 Suspicious Circumstance, 10773 US Hwy. 2 area
16:03 Fraud/ Forgery, 17057 Chumstick Hwy.
16:12 Suspicious Circumstance, Blewett Cutoff and US Hwy. 2
17:22 Non-Injury Accident, Price, and Birch St.
19:14 Bomb Threat, 935 Front St., Icicle Brewing
20:19 Property, 707 US Hwy 2, Whistlepunk Ice Cream

Hwy. 2, Icicle Village Resort
16:35 Traffic Offense, Titus, and Ski Hill Dr.
17:41 Diversion, 22744 Lake Wenatchee Hwy.
19:28 Agency Assist, US Hwy. 97 MP 184, Peshastin

March 27

07:19 Malicious Mischief, 15361 US Hwy. 2, 59er Diner
08:08 Malicious Mischief, 405 US Hwy. 2, Howard Johnson
08:19 Malicious Mischief, 980 US Hwy. 2, Cashmere Valley Bank
10:07 Public Assist, US Hwy. 2, MP 87, Lake Wenatchee
11:23 Malicious Mischief, 190 US Hwy. 2, Der Ritterhof
12:41 Juvenile Problem, Beaver Valley Rd., MP 13, Plain
19:38 Theft, 833 Front St., Pavz Cafe

March 28

08:37 Attempt to Locate/ Contact, Dragontail Peak, Leavenworth Forrest Service
08:45 Alarm, 565 US Hwy. 2, Alpine Spine
09:46 CPS/ APS Referral, 3631 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin
10:09 Scam, 6020 Campbell Rd., Peshastin
15:08 Harassment/ Threat, 9820 Eagle Creek Rd.

15:34 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 7575 Peshastin Creek Rd., Peshastin
16:23 Harassment/ Threat 3135 Allen Ln., Peshastin
17:58 DUI, 3192 Allen Ln., Peshastin
23:34 Domestic Disturbance, 8333 River View Rd., Peshastin

March 29

08:51 Non-Injury Accident, 90 A Mill St.
10:03 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, Chiwawa Loop Rd. & Pine Tree
10:26 Public Assist, 10907 Merry Canyon Rd.
10:34 911-Call, 309 8th St., Post Hotel
11:02 Public Assist, Nason Ridge Trailhead
11:19 Civil Dispute, 9638 Merry Canyon Rd.
12:01 Domestic Disturbance, 11140 Wending Lane, Lake Wenatchee
16:10 Unknown-Injury Accident, 18300 block Beaver Valley Rd., Plain
16:49 Property, Derby Canyon Rd., Peshastin
17:19 Extra Patrol, Chumstick Hwy. MP 5
18:54 Non-Injury Accident, 116 River Bend Dr., Safeway
20:30 Suspicious Circumstance, 18226 Chumstick Hwy.

March 30

10:17 Assault, 22 Lazy Days Ln., Plain
10:32 911-Call, 11225 Eagle Creek Rd.
11:30 Alarm, 920 Front St., Wok About Grill
11:43 Civil Dispute 11140 Wending Ln., Lake Wenatchee
14:59 Public Assist, Ingall's Creek Rd., Peshastin
20:50 Attempt to Locate/ Contact, Coles Corner, Lake Wenatchee
20:54 DUI, Chumstick Hwy. and North Rd.

March 31

06:39 Non-Injury Accident, 216 14th St., Leavenworth
09:56 Civil Dispute, 11140 Wending Ln., Lake Wenatchee
12:58 Miscellaneous, 10190 Chumstick Hwy., Cascade High School
13:29 Fraud/ Forgery 3601 Old Blewett Rd., Peshastin
20:27 Unknown Injury Accident, Chiwawa Loop Rd. and Chiwawa
21:37 Public Assist, 3262 Allen Ln., Peshastin

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. (1st Wed.)
City Council Study Session, 8:30 a.m. (2nd Tues.)
City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (2nd & 4th Tues.)
Design Review Board, 3:00 p.m. (2nd & 4th Wed.)
For more information, visit the city website CityofLeavenworth.org for Zoom meeting information. Call 509-548-5275. Email hello@cityofleavenworth.com

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AA Meetings:
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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
Sunday 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
Tuesday, 7 p.m., Light in the Valley, 8455 Main Street, Peshastin
Wednesday, 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
Thursday, 1 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
Friday, 7 p.m., St. James Episcopal Church, 222 Cottage Ave.

Alanon Meetings, call 509-548-7939
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.

Free chipping service for Chelan County residents

Deadline to register is April 30

Firewise Communities in Chelan County can take advantage of a free chipping event, that is free to Chelan County residents. This event is co-sponsored by Cascadia Conservation District, Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources and Firewise Communities.

Stacking piles for Chipping:
 • When stacking the debris, please place all the stems of trees and brush pointing in

the same direction with the cut ends toward the road. This makes the pile easier to pull apart to feed the chipper.

- Maximum pile height is 5 feet.
- Individual cut pieces must not be thicker than 8" in diameter.
- Stack similar sized items together in piles. Please pile items by hand.
- Debris should not be blocking any traffic.
- Chipping will occur in mid to late May.

Please track your hours

preparing for the chipping crew. Proof of landowner contribution is required for this program. Record your time raking, pruning, thinning trees, and other activities to make your home better prepared for wildfire.

Register by April 15 at: bit.ly/2NpALJP (or via the link at www.cascadiacd.org)

For questions or additional information contact Joe Hill with Cascadia Conservation District at 509-436-1601 or joeh@casadiacd.org



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What is allowed: Trees and limbs up to 8 inches in diameter - trimmings and brush. RIGHT: Not allowed: noxious weeds, sod, animal waste, garbage, plastic bags, root balls, pine needles, or leaves.

Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue lock down design contract for new fire station

By MEGAN SOKOL
 Staff Writer

The Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue (LWFR) team has locked down a prework design contract in late February to build a new fire station. LWFR has partnered with Carletti Architects based in Mount Vernon and will build on their property behind the Beaver Valley Elementary School.

"It's honestly overdue for replacement, and then about three years ago we purchased several acres behind that station with the idea of making

it a master station and being central to the district and serving the region," LWFR Chief David Walker explained. "We are just now getting to the point, coming out of COVID-19 and everything and are financially stable enough that we can actually hire an architect."

Chief Walker reports that the prework phase will cost around \$65k and will be coming from money they received from the state capital budget, with construction costs being finalized once the design

process is finished. "That's going to be another question of how we fund that because you're talking multiple millions of dollars ultimately to build a modern fire station. We're a small department and trying to work through how you do that can take you down several different paths."

The team hope to have prework done by the end of this summer. The new fire station should be built to last for the next 20-25 years.

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In many cases this means there will be money left over in the IRA once the owner passes away. These assets can be passed on to the next generation, but at a cost, as IRA assets are taxable to a beneficiary and may face additional estate taxes depending on the size of the owner's overall estate.

By making a qualified charity the beneficiary of an IRA, the owner can deduct the amount from their overall estate, and the balance will pass to the charity free of taxation. This allows the IRA owner to not only make an impact on their community, but also gives them the flexibility to pass on other, more tax efficient assets to their heirs. This same strategy can also be applied to qualified and non-qualified deferred annuity contracts.

LIFE INSURANCE

Permanent life insurance policies are another asset that can easily be updated to create a legacy gift. Life insurance is put into place as a form of protection. Policies are purchased to protect our families from a premature death where the death benefit is intended to provide income replacement and the liquidity to pay off debts.

If you have had the good

fortune to live a long life and find you no longer need the insurance policies for their original intent, updating the beneficiary to your charity of choice will provide a legacy gift at your passing. Life insurance death benefits are generally paid tax-free, and this would certainly be true if a charitable organization were the beneficiary of the policy.

It is important to note that the owner of a qualified retirement plan, deferred annuity contract, or life insurance policy may name more than one beneficiary. If the owner would still like some money to be passed on to their heirs, they can name both the heirs and a charity.

While these beneficiary updates are as simple as completing a form or two, an owner should still consider any estate planning that may already be in place and ensure the changes would still coordinate with that existing planning.

Remember that your named beneficiary can be as broad or as specific as you choose.

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Spring open burning

Use precautions if you will be burning natural debris this spring

If you are planning to burn natural debris on your property, remember that last year's grass is very flammable right now.

While open burning is allowed until June 1, consider such factors such as the weather and wind conditions, your surroundings, and if you can hold off until conditions green up in our area. Also consider where you live. The burning of yard waste in urban growth areas is prohibited.

The Chelan County Fire Marshal's Office asks that you keep these outdoor burning guidelines in mind:

- Before burning, call the Washington Department of Ecology's Daily Burn Decision for general guidance at 800-406-5322 (press Option 1 then Option 2 for Chelan County). No burning is allowed if wind speeds exceed 10 mph.



- Attended recreational campfires are allowed at dispersed camping sites, private residences and hosted campgrounds in approved campfire rings or pits. The campfire area must be clear - 36 inches in diameter around the campfire - of combustible material. Always have a shovel and water readily available on site to suppress a fire.
- Burning of natural vegetation is allowed on your property; however, no burning of garbage or building debris is allowed. The maximum pile size is 4 feet by 4 feet. An area of 10 feet around the pile must be clear of combustible material. Again, always have water and a shovel readily available on site to suppress the fire.
- No household trash or garbage can be burned outdoors at residences at any time. If your property is not in an urban growth area, only natural vegetation can be burned.
- Burn barrels are illegal and are not permitted.
- Always have at least one person attending the burn pile and provide them with a means (hand tools and water) to control the fire or put out spot fires.
- If you have an orchard,

agricultural operations do not need a permit from Ecology to burn prunings or fire-blight if they are just limbs and a few whole trees. However, if an orchard is removing whole blocks of trees or multiple acres, then it needs an agricultural pile burn permit from Ecology

Contacts: Stephen Rinaldi, Fire Marshal: Stephen.Rinaldi@co.chelan.wa.us, cell (509) 630-9259 Bob Plumb, Deputy Fire Marshal: Bob.Plumb@co.chelan.wa.us, cell (509) 630-4823 ** Note: Use Rivercom's nonemergency number to report illegal fires: 663-9911**



Commissioners appoint Deanna Walter as Community Development's interim director

WENATCHEE - Chelan County commissioners appointed Deanna Walter as the interim director of Community Development on March 21, 2022. Walter, who has been the Chelan County assessor since 2011, will serve in the position until a permanent director is hired to lead Community Development, the county's planning and building department. She is taking on the role while continuing to serve as Chelan County assessor. Walter, who has more than 27 years of land use experience and is certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners, has served in the interim director's position for Community Development in the past. Commissioners appointed her to the position in March 2020. She continued as interim assistant director when former director Jim Brown, who left Community Development at the end of January, was hired in April 2020. And she was the assistant director of Community Development from 2002 to 2005 before being appointed county assessor.

"Commissioners recognize that finding a permanent director is going to be a longer process than we originally thought," Commissioner Kevin Overbay said. "We are grateful to Deanna for again stepping up in this role at what is a very busy time for Community Development."

Walter replaces Chelan County building official Chris Young, who was appointed as interim director in January. Last week, Young informed commissioners he was stepping down from the interim director position to focus on his building official duties. Summer is typically peak season for building permits.

In early April, commissioners will have a workshop with the county's human relations consultant to discuss a job description and salary for the director's position. Commissioners hope to have a new Community Development director in place by mid-summer.

Contact: PIO Jill FitzSimmons, jillm.fitzsimmons@co.chelan.wa.us 509-667-6545

OBITUARY

Inez E. Lee

November 27, 1956 - March 22, 2022

Inez E. Lee, 65, of York, NE passed away March 22, 2022, in Lincoln, NE. Born November 27, 1956, in Leavenworth, WA. to Norman and Dorothy (Kennedy) Phippen.

Inez was a loving mother, to her daughters, and son, an amazing aunt to Jeff, and Kevin who described her as like an aunt and sister, and an adoring grandmother to her three grandchildren by her daughter Kathryn. Inez loved spending time with her neighbors in York, and playing with her dogs Peanut and Ruby, she loved watching birds, and feeding animals in her backyard with her grandchildren. She will

be remembered most by her ability to make the most out of everything she had in life, and always positive mindset no matter what life threw at her, she is now at Peace and Rest with her Heavenly Father, her Father Norman, Mother Dorothy, Brother Gary, and Daughter Anna.

Inez is survived by her daughters Kathryn (James) Lyman, York; Rebeka Lee, York; Esther Lee, York; son Jeremiah Lee, Sioux Falls, SD; grandchildren Brodie, Bentley, and Theodore; brother Darryl (Getty) Phippen; sister-in-law Linda Phippen. Interment of cremains will be by her parents in Washington State. Condolences online at Roperandsons.com

OBITUARY

Thomas H. Boyd

April 29, 1946-March 26, 2022

Thomas Huntington Boyd, age 75, died at home on March 26, 2022, from metastatic cancer of an unknown source. Tom was born April 29, 1946 to Mary Lou (Bunting) and H. Huntington Boyd in Yakima, Washington. Tom's growing up years included skiing at White Pass and spending time at the family cabin at Lake Wenatchee. He graduated salutatorian of his class from Leelanau School, a college prep boarding school in Glen Arbor, Michigan where he was a member of the football, baseball, and ski teams. He attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to study Naval Architecture and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. Tom left college his junior year and enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve. He served his active duty on the USS O'Callahan during the Vietnam War, providing fire support off the coast of Vietnam. Upon completion of his active duty, Tom returned to the University of Michigan and graduated in 1972 with a degree in Business Administration.

Tom met his wife, Mall Kiirats, at the University of Michigan. On October 4, 1969 they were married in Grand Haven, Michigan. They lived in Long Beach, San Diego, and Ann Arbor before moving back to the Pacific Northwest. Although their plan was to move to Seattle,

Tom learned that Cascade Lumber, a retail lumberyard on Highway 2 in Leavenworth was for sale. On October 1, 1972 it became a subsidiary of the family business and he began his career in the lumber business. In 1980 a buyer was interested in the property and Cascade Lumber closed.

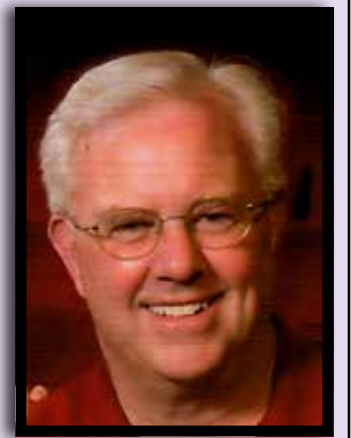
With the closure of the lumberyard, Tom worked as a wholesale hardware buyer in Seattle while enrolled in the MBA program at the University of Puget Sound, Seattle campus. In 1983 he passed the CPA exam and worked as Chief Accountant for Chelan County and later as Controller at Dolco Packaging in Wenatchee. In 1993 he joined Marson and Marson Lumber in Leavenworth, first as Controller and then as General Manager. He worked at Marson's and with the Marson family for 25 years. Tom, his brother Lyman, and their families are partners in the family business, Boyd/Cascade, which includes the Bavarian Lodge in Leavenworth.

Tom is a past president of the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce, and a past member of both the Leavenworth City Council and the City and County Planning Commissions. He was a longtime board member of the North Central Workforce Development Council. He served on the Advisory Board of the Washington State Economic Development Commission, on

the board and the executive committee of the Western Building Materials Association, and on the board of North Cascades Bank. He is a past member of Wenatchee Rotary, and was a charter member and past president of the Rotary Club of Leavenworth.

Tom and Mall raised their family in Leavenworth and the four of them enjoyed traveling together and spending time at the family cabin at Lake Wenatchee. Tom was an integral part of Michael and Katie's love of skiing. For many years they explored back roads in America and abroad. They took road trips with their adult children to the United Kingdom, Estonia, Patagonia, and most recently New Zealand. At some point Tom and Mall discovered river cruises that led them to travels on European and Southeast Asian rivers, and they sailed in the Greek Islands and the Galapagos. Some of Tom's favorite trips were those with friends on canals and rivers in France and Ireland where three or four couples rented and operated their own boat. Tom was always the boat captain on these trips while the rest of the 'crew' operated the locks and rode bikes on the canal paths, with everyone enjoying the scenery, the culture, the food, and most especially the camaraderie.

Tom's demeanor was that of a



logic-forward problem solver, but one who could certainly enjoy plenty of hearty laughs as well. He cherished his involvement in the Leavenworth community, was a dedicated mentor to a few, and a trustworthy and reliable friend to many. He was an avid reader, having an ever present paperback tucked in his back pocket. He loved everything nautical, and possessed a mind that was rarely at rest. He was loved and will be missed as a husband, father and friend.

He is survived by his wife, Mall Boyd; son Michael of Denver, Colorado; daughter Katie of Whitefish, Montana; and brother Lyman of Leavenworth. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Per his request there will be no service. Those wishing may make a donation in his name to the Community Foundation of North Central Washington, 9 S Wenatchee Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98801 (CFNCW.org) or Rotary International, c/o Leavenworth Rotary, PO Box 532, Leavenworth, WA 98826. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee & Cashmere

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CHS Fire

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the scene. Wells talks about psychological readiness even before arrival, to avoid what's known as "tone syndrome," an unnecessary hastiness that verges on panic when the alarm goes off.

The class pays close attention as Wells recalls the infamous Yellowstone fire, which started as six small fires. Left a little too long for ecological reasons enabled them to merge into four huge complexes, which required thousands of firefighters, and it was hard to control as fire blew across lines in the wind.

In a typical week, half of the class time is spent on PowerPoint presentations and associated materials, and the other half is for hands-on practice. Cadets learn the tools and equipment of the trade. There's a first aid component too, learning basic first aid and CPR, how to apply pressure, take vitals and all the different roles working with a cardiac patient.

Pre-COVID, cadets could go on calls. "Getting to participate in real life scenarios is when it

really clicks for some students that this is the direction they want to go after graduating," said Mike Smith, the lead teacher for the first semester. Smith hopes to reinstate that part next year.

Unique to this program, cadets will also practice two live burns, one a structural simulation on district property, and the other a wildland burn, this year scheduled for a hillside property up Clark Canyon. Both are done with many precautions in place, including safety officer oversight, back-up lines and teams standing by to help.

How did the program get to where it is today, with so much popularity that it's restricted to seniors and warrants an interview process to pick the best candidates for next year's class?

Brautaset explained the evolution. "About fifteen years ago, it started as a study program, fairly informal. Then it became more formalized with two semesters of classes, one and half hours every day." Next came industry standard certifications.

Some of the students most

attracted to the fire science courses felt less at home in the core academic courses at the high school. "Parents would say, 'I don't even recognize my child anymore,'" said Brautaset about the effect of the fire science classes on certain teens. "They get engaged in school. They see they need English and public speaking—writing reports after calls and doing education events.

"I've lost count of how many have used this program to springboard into high paying jobs. We give them a prescription: do this, this and this." For those that listen, it can really pay off.

One such example is Carson McMahon, a 2015 CHS graduate, who took the fire science courses in his senior year. He had a hunch firefighting was for him because he'd already been on a day shift ride-along with his baseball coach and fulltime firefighter, Nate Dillon, who works for Lake Stevens Fire.

McMahon spoke highly of the program in Leavenworth. "Jordan Folden [the teacher at the time] knew the training manual cover to cover. I am so thankful for that class. I was

contemplating other things, like law enforcement. But this solidified what I wanted to do." McMahon combined these classes with a directed study of an EMT class, a clear example of a student craving "real world job" training opportunities.

After graduating, McMahon earned his fire science degree through Everett Community College, saying, "We went through the same program." Having the foundation of the high school program allowed McMahon to excel. "It was a great resume builder." The proof is that when McMahon applied to work for Woodinville Fire and Rescue (now merged with Eastside Fire and Rescue), he was one of three offered a job out of 500 applicants. While most are hired in their late twenties, McMahon had a jumpstart, getting hired at the age of 22.

Three years in, McMahon is a firefighter EMT serving out of Issaquah. He's been able to move back home and build a house with his wife off Blewett Pass Highway. What he loves about his career choice includes a decent living, a cool schedule, the camaraderie with

his fellow firefighters. Also, he said, "We help people on their worst day."

Of the current cadets, two already have their next steps figured out. Brodie Ward applied for wildland firefighting positions in multiple districts in December. He received four offers, and has decided to stay semi-local, working on a hand crew for the Forest Service's Entiat Ranger District.

Josh Schafer was offered a resident firefighter position with Fire District 3, which is a two-year contract. He'll stay at the fire district overnight like the other residents. In exchange for shift coverage, the residents have access to ongoing training and college credits, get a stipend and free housing. They walk out with an associate degree and with job counseling about what to do next.

Both Schafer and Ward are currently volunteering with Fire District 3, with probationary status. Smith said that cadets that serve as volunteers bring an energy and inquisitiveness to their work, which is a good reminder to the veterans for whom it can feel very routine. "Cadets are

really observant. They're fresh from all the studying. They'll ask good questions."

"It's a win, win, win," said Kirk Sunitsch, CSD Career and Technical Education Director, speaking of the benefit to the student and their family, the fire district and the community at large. Students get advice within an industry and exposure to many career options. "It's really like an apprenticeship," said Sunitsch. "The students understand the pathways possible to become an EMT, firefighter or wildland firefighter." Additionally, the fire district gains motivated volunteers.

"Our relationship with the fire district is unique." There are other programs, like one in Quincy, and one in Wenatchee through Skill Source, but the close proximity of the fire district to the high school is ideal.

"It's great to see kids getting interested in college and future pathways," said Brautaset. "A college education is an absolute necessity to get hired onto a fire department. We love to see kids succeed and follow in our footsteps."

IRMS Students

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bent, like fashion design, music production, board game design or children's stories, while innovation still plays a role in categories like CAD, coding or robotics. There's something for every student.

Projects are completed and submitted for competition at the state level. The recent state conference is where projects are judged after students give professional presentations to a panel of judges. A few other areas of competition occur live at the conference, such as problem solving, on-demand video and coding challenges.

Most of the CHS and IRMS students attended the conference on March 16-19, held at the SeaTac Doubletree Hotel. IRMS advisors Jodie Tremberth and Kim Gilreath (both science teachers) and CHS advisors Teara Dillon (art teacher) and David Harvill (CTE teacher) accompanied the students.

Tremberth explained the preparation involved for the IRMS students. "Most of these students started working on their projects as early as December, but the real grunt work began in February. For the final weeks leading up to the state competition, students worked in my classroom during their lunch, their academy class, and often afterschool. This doesn't even include work they did with their teams on

the weekend. Once the teams and/or individual students get momentum on their projects and the state competition deadlines loom over them, then they really start to dive in and refine their projects."

The CHS students are a little more familiar with the competition structure, so they start preparing even earlier, knowing there is stiff competition at the high school level.

"We meet every week on Thursday during Flex and our rooms are open for students to work anytime from 7:30 to 3:30 daily," said Dillon. "We began as soon as the school year started with researching and choosing potential events. In November, we started working toward getting a draft created for the deadline in January. After January we refined the entry, checked rubrics, and collaborated as needed. At the high school level, we do depend on the students to plan their time with guided checkpoints from us advisors. There was some last-minute creating and printing the week before State. Everyone completed all needed components to present at State."

Everyone was thrilled to have an in-person state event again, after two years of lackluster virtual variations. "A highlight from the trip is seeing the joy, satisfaction and sense of pride expressed by these hardworking students," said Tremberth, speaking of

the middle schoolers. "For many of them it is their first time on a trip without family or even staying in a hotel! When we walk through the hotel and take the glass elevators to our rooms, the anticipation of 20 middle schoolers for this new experience just makes me giggle!

"Other highlights include their participation in the cardboard boat races—Allie and Georgia took their boat across the pool not once, but twice. Also, telling each other dad jokes while they wait nervously for interviews or presentations and interacting with other teams and sharing their projects, such as robots and video game designs. It is an amazing experience that I wish more students were a part of."

As for the high schoolers, Dillon recalled, "The On-Demand Video team had to plan, film, and edit their production in 36 hours at the event. It was exciting watching them make this happen.

"Also, the Coding event went really long, and I coaxed the lunch food service to stay open a bit longer so Quentin and Haakon were able to eat. The fashion show was fun as Tonio modeled the outfit. The kids were great representatives of our school."

Of course, the students want to see how they compare to other schools from around the state, including private schools and magnet schools. IRMS



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The IRMS TSA members, from left to right, front row, Parker Pobst, Elliot Tiegel, Adan Vargas, Georgia Holm, Allie Ward, Kyrianna Ross, Soph Babiar, Nola Strand, Julie Schettler. Back row advisor Kim Gilreath, Alex Hills, Kai Krejci, Xareny Guzman-Perez, Cordelia Freeland, Olivia Melton, Avery Houghton, Jewel Leroy, Kikkan Brine, Nevada Allen, Diana Onate Panilla, advisor Jodie Tremberth.

racked up three first place finishes and a second place in the categories of Community Service Video, On-Demand Video and Silent Film. "Our Community Service Team will advance to Nationals in Dallas, Texas," said Tremberth. The other two events are state-only events, and thus do not advance to Nationals.

The team of Cordelia Freeland, Avery Houghton, Jewel Leroy and Olivia Melton will spend a week in Texas in June to compete at the national level and experience many other technology learning opportunities. Their winning video was an overview of the sustainability efforts at IRMS. "We filmed around the school, showing our ways of being more sustainable," said Melton. "Our whole team filmed and was in the video."

"When we were called up [during the award ceremony], we were so nervous that this project that we worked on so hard wasn't going to make it to the top three, but when they called our name for first, we were so happy and excited because we get to go to Nationals," said Houghton. "Texas is going to be so fun, and we get to meet many new people. It will be so cool to see projects from all over the country."

Overall top Washington State results included, at the middle school level: Community Service Video, 1st place for Cordelia Freeland, Avery Houghton, Jewel Leroy and Olivia Melton; On-Demand Video, 1st place for Soph Babiar, Julie Schettler, Jewel Leroy and Avery Houghton; Silent Film, 1st place for Allie Ward,

Georgia Holm and Kai Krejci and 2nd place for Nola Strand, Kyrianna Ross and Elliot Tiegel; Children's Story, 6th place for Soph Babiar and Julie Schettler; Coding, 6th place for Jaden Parker and Elliot Tiegel; Essay on Technology, 6th place for Kyrianna Ross; Prepared Speech, 5th place for Parker Pobst; Robotics Challenge, 4th place for Nevada Allen, Kikkan Brine and Kai Krejci. For the high school level: Fashion Design, 4th place for Danielle Totman and Madison Fish; Children's Stories, 4th place for Mia Dreis; Dragster Design, 6th place for Antonio Aurillio; Board Game Design, 8th place for Quentin Farrell, Haakon Scheibler, Chase Runions and Anthony Villalobos; Music Production, 10th place for Quentin Farrell and Tillie Leroy.

The North Central Education Foundation announces new board member



The North Central Education Foundation (NCEF) is delighted to welcome new NCEF Board member Henry Hettick from Leavenworth. Dr. Lois Davies, NCEF President, shared, "Henry has a rich background in education, science, and the theater. He is a respected educator who has been a teacher in our region and is a former North Central ESD employee, working as a Science Specialist for the 29 districts in NCW. Henry will be a great asset to the work of the North Central Education Foundation. He brings strong connections to our extended community and a wealth of knowledge of ways to fully engage learners and teachers."

Henry is a professional actor, director, set designer, and playwright and is currently Theater Department Chair for Wenatchee Valley College and the Artistic & Executive Director of River's Edge Productions. Prior to that he was the Artistic Director of Theater at both Icicle Creek Center for the Arts and Leavenworth Summer Theater.

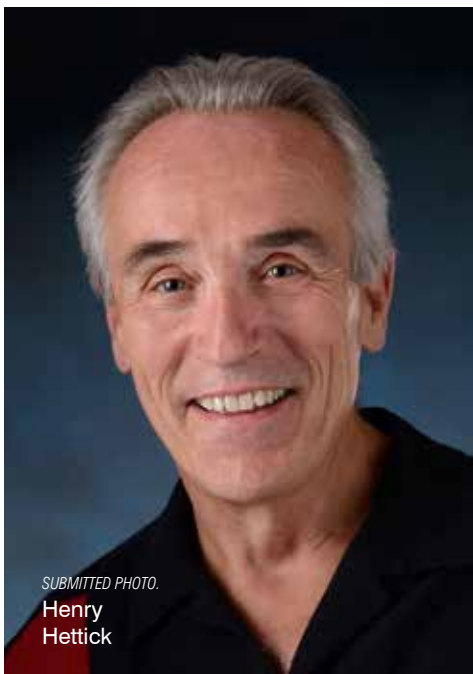
Henry's international experience includes K-12 Theater teacher/director in Cap Cana, Dominican Republic; Science/Theater Teacher for Korea International School, Jeju Island; former head of Upper School/Theater Director at the American School of Tangier, Morocco; Theater Instructor/Director at Escuela Campo Alegre, Caracas, Venezuela; and former Science, English and Theater Teacher at Hangzhou International School in Hangzhou, China.

Henry is excited to join the NCEF Board since he has learned, after working with many schools in Washington State and around the world, that, in Henry's words, "American

education is very highly valued and that students, teachers, and schools succeed when they are praised, supported, and given the means to excel by their communities. Positive school cultures and great teacher/student relationships flourish where excellence is rewarded and recognized and teachers feel valued."

The NCEF Teacher Classroom Grant Program, which began 11 years ago to benefit teachers in the North Central ESD region that includes Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan Counties, has seen a twenty-fold increase in awards of these grants that spur classroom innovation and creativity. Grants have funded activities in the areas of Arts, Humanities, Music, STEM, Robotics, environmental education and technology, to name a few.

This North Central Education Foundation program has proven to be an invaluable tool in making an impact on teachers, students and their classroom projects. The grants go to the most innovative and creative teachers who figure out how to impact student learning with a relatively small amount of money – teachers who need our help now, more than ever!



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Henry Hettick

Cascade HS Students learn about forest health with CWSC

By BARBARA CARRILLO,
Director, Chumstick Wildfire
Stewardship Coalition

CWSC Director Barbara Carrillo and Steering Committee member Lloyd McGee enjoyed the opportunity of working with the Natural Resource students at Cascade High School recently to enhance their understanding of forest health. The students, led by teacher Eric Bard and CWSC staff, participated in a forest health assessment of their small forest plot of land located on the northeast corner of Rattlesnake Hill behind the high school to determine the health of the forest and how it should be managed for health and fire. CWSC and the class climbed the hill and learned about the health of the forest in a thicker and unmaintained area and checked for various conditions such as tree density, fuels loads on the forest floor and tree circumference. Tree health was also addressed and students learned about diseases such as Mistletoe, root rot, needle cast and beetle infestation and learned that a healthy tree will "pitch" out bark beetles to prevent infestation. The students also learned about a chemical called pheromone that stressed trees

emit that attracts bark beetles. The students then learned about the application of traps and pheromone used as an integrative pest management tool to capture bark beetles and protect trees. CWSC staff led the students to a section of the small forest where the elements of a healthy forest were reviewed. The students learned to compare the spacing of trees in a "managed" section where trees were spaced appropriately approximately sixteen feet apart, limbed and exposed to direct sunlight to grow. The positive impact of native trees were discussed such as the native Ponderosa Pine and their natural resistance to fire and drought on the eastern slopes of the Cascades under healthy conditions. Climate change was also discussed and its impact on managing for hotter and drier conditions in the future. The students also learned about several methods of restoration and fuel reduction such as mechanical thinning, limbing, prescribed burning, fuel breaks, and clearing with hand tools.

The day ended in the classroom discussing careers in natural resource management and forestry with several students expressing

interest in pursuing those careers after high school.

The CWSC will be assisting Mr. Bard and his class in the spring with tree plantings and additional learning segments on forest health with his students. If you would like to volunteer for upcoming education and restoration days in the forest, please contact the CWSC at info@chumstickcoalition.org.



SUBMITTED PHOTO.

Lloyd McGee (left), CWSC Steering Committee member and Eric Bard (middle), Cascade HS Natural Resource teacher lead a discussion on forest health with students

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In the Matter of the Estate of VIRGINIA E. CLARKE, Deceased. NO. 22-4-00160-04
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The personal representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as personal representative of this estate. Persons having claims against the decedent must, prior to the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, serve their claims on the personal representative or the attorneys of record at the address stated below and file an executed copy of the claim with the Clerk of this Court within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or within four months after the date of the filing of the copy of this notice with the Clerk of the Court, whichever is later or, except under those provisions included in RCW 11.40.011 or RCW 11.40.013, the claim will be forever barred. This bar is effective as to claims against both the probate assets and nonprobate assets of the decedent.
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If your yard could talk: 6 things it wants you to know

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TurfMutt Foundation Offers Tips to Help Homeowners

Backyarding is the trend born out of necessity during the pandemic as people moved indoor activities including working, entertaining, exercising and vacationing into their family backyards. Homeowners invested in their outdoor areas in record amounts, spending time, sweat equity and money to ensure they utilized every square inch of their yards for expanded living space and an oasis for relaxation and stress relief. According to the recent "Yards Study" Harris Poll, more than two-thirds of Americans who have a yard (69 percent) say doing yard work – either maintaining it or adding/updating features – is one of the ways they like to de-stress these days. This is especially true among parents of kids under 18.

"Over the last few years, families have used their yards more than ever before, and the Harris Poll indicates a vast majority of those who have a yard plan to invest even more in their yard in the coming year," says Kris Kiser, president & CEO of the TurfMutt Foundation. "Since backyarding is now part of our everyday lives, we have some advice – from the yard, if you will – for families to take into account this spring."

The TurfMutt Foundation offers these messages from your yard – if your lawn and landscape could talk.

Plant more, early and often. Adding trees, bushes, grass and flowering plants is a good yard investment, but they often take time to grow. Plant as early as recommended to enjoy the benefits faster. Remember the Golden Rule of

backyarding: "right plant, right place." Location, maintenance, sunlight and watering needs should all be considered, as well as your climate zone.

You work on me, and I work for you. The more time you spend in your yard, the more health and well-being benefits gained. Backyarding means exploring, appreciating and spending time in your own personal patch of nature, which reduces stress, improves memory, boosts heart health, and offers a host of other benefits for our minds and bodies.

I have environmental superpowers. Family yards are environmental superheroes – producing oxygen, absorbing carbon, and capturing and filtering rainwater. By becoming a steward of your living landscapes, you can have a positive impact on our environment and help mitigate the effects of climate change on a micro level.

You're not the only one who depends on me. Your yard is an important part of the connected ecosystem, and adding flowering plants, trees and shrubs give wildlife and pollinators food and shelter. Check your climate zone for landscaping options that support the birds, bees, butterflies and other wildlife that call your neighborhood home.

Please care for me properly. Only water when necessary. Over-watered grass gets lazy, growing roots in a horizontal pattern. With less water, grass sends its roots deeper – vertically – seeking water. By working harder, grass does a better job of sequestering carbon and releasing oxygen. Install watering solutions – like smart controllers on irrigation systems – that

helps conserve water while maintaining your backyard. Additionally, find the just-right length to cut your turfgrass (typically between 2-3 inches).

Sign up for Mutt Mail, a monthly e-newsletter with backyarding tips and all the news from the TurfMutt Foundation. To learn more about creating the yard of your dreams, visit TurfMutt.com. Media contact Debbi Mayster, Four Leaf PR on behalf of the TurfMutt Foundation, 240-988-6243, debbi@fourleafpr.com

About TurfMutt

TurfMutt was created by the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute's (OPEI) TurfMutt Foundation and has reached more than 70 million children, educators and families since 2009. Through classroom materials developed with Scholastic, TurfMutt teaches students and teachers how to "save the planet, one yard at a time." TurfMutt is an official USGBC® Education Partner and part of their global LEARNING LAB. TurfMutt is an education resource at the U.S. Department of Education's Green Ribbon Schools, the

U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Green Apple, the Center for Green Schools, the Outdoors Alliance for Kids, the National Energy Education Development (NEED) project, Climate Change Live, Petfinder and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In 2017, the TurfMutt animated video series won the coveted Cynopsis Kids Imagination Award for Best Interstitial Series. TurfMutt's personal, home habitat is featured in the 2017-2020 Wildlife Habitat Council calendars. More information at www.TurfMutt.com.

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The person named below has been appointed Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
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The Washington Outdoors Report

Outdoor Roundup

By JOHN KRUSE

FIVE WAYS TO CATCH TROUT THIS SPRING:

- 1. TROLL 'EM UP** – Trolling for trout allows you to cover a lot of water to find schools of fish in your favorite lake. Many anglers use some sort of reflective flasher and then tie on a fly or lure on a leader behind it. I prefer a Mack's Flash Lite troll with mylar blades as opposed to the heavier Cow Bell or Pop Gear troll flashers. Popular offerings behind the flashers include Mack's Wedding Ring spinners, lite weight Dick Nite spoons, or trolling flies.
- 2. CAST A SPINNER** – Spinners like Worden Rooster Tails, Mack's Promise Keepers and the tried-and-true Mepps Aglia are overlooked but effective offerings for trout whether cast from shore or a boat. Try chrome blades if the water is colored or if it's a cloudy day. If the sun is shining on the water try a spinner with a brass, black or copper blade.
- 3. TOSS A SPOON** – Spoons, like spinners, are deadly on trout. Eppinger Dardevle, Acme Kastmaster and Luhr Jensen Krocodile spoons are three of my favorites and they are all weighted in a way that allows you to cast them further than a spinner or fly.
- 4. USE BAIT** – Berkley PowerBait in various colors, as well as salmon eggs, marshmallows and worms or night crawlers all work well. If you are fishing off the bottom use a sliding egg weight above a swivel and tie on two to four feet of leader below the swivel to the bait hook. If there are weeds on the bottom of the lake consider using a slip bobber and suspend your bait offering

above the weedy bottom for bites.

5. TIE ON A FLY – Fly fishing enthusiasts can do as well as bait anglers (if not better) by matching the hatch. You can fish below the surface with streamers or nymphs and if you see trout rising to the surface tie on a dry fly. No matter what you use you'll do best by matching the insect hatch going on above or below the water at the time you are fishing.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

In a sign of returning normalcy, several events and fundraising banquets are taking place this month in Central and Eastern Washington. They include:

THE GOLD SHOW – Put on by the NCW Prospectors at the Chelan County Fairgrounds in Cashmere April 9th and 10th. Doors open at 9 AM both days.

ROCK ISLAND KID'S FISHING DAY – Pit Pond,

Rock Island, April 16th. The City of Rock Island teams up with the Wenatchee Sportsmen's Association and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for a fun day of fishing focusing on the kids! Loaner rods and fishing tackle are available and both catchable size and larger trout are being stocked in the pond for this event. Additional trout have been stocked in the adjacent Putters Pond, where adults are allowed to fish as well as youth anglers.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION BANQUET – The Columbia Basin Chapter of RMEF will be having a fundraising banquet at the Best Western Lakefront Hotel in Moses Lake on Saturday, April 23. Doors open at 5 PM. Tickets can be purchased online at www.rmef.org/events

MULE DEER FOUNDATION BANQUET – The North Central Washington Chapter of MDF will host

their annual banquet at the Chelan County Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 30th from 5 to 10 PM. Buy tickets at www.muledeer.org/events

DUCKS UNLIMITED BANQUET – The other fundraising banquet going on April 30th is the DU banquet hosted by the Goldendale Chapter of this well-known conservation organization. Like the other fundraising banquets, there will be dinner, drinks, raffle prizes, games, live auction and silent auction items available for purchase. This fundraiser takes place at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds in Goldendale and the doors open at 5 PM. Tickets can be purchased at www.ducks.org/events

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A rainbow trout caught on a Promise Keeper spinner

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help ban sale of animal-tested cosmetics in the U.S.

Dear Editor,

While there are many wonderful cosmetics companies that do not test on animals, there are still some companies that use these cruel and unnecessary tests for their products. Non-

animal test methods and thousands of safe ingredients already exist for companies to use for their cosmetics products, making the animal tests unnecessary. As Washington residents, we can encourage our U.S. Senator Patty Murray to support and cosponsor the Humane Cosmetics Act (S.

3357/H.R. 6207), legislation that will ban the manufacture and sale of animal-tested cosmetics in the United States.

This vital bill is endorsed by more than 370 independent companies in addition to the approximately 600 members represented by the Personal Care Products Council. It is

time for the United States to align our nation with the 41 countries and eight states that have already passed similar legislation.

I hope readers will join me in contacting U.S. Senator Patty Murray to make this change happen.

Thank you.
Peri Gallucci, Chelan

Governor signs Hawkins' bipartisan housing bill



Brad Hawkins

the affordable housing crisis in Leavenworth, Chelan, Methow Valley and other communities throughout the state.

"Many critical employees are really struggling to live in some of our communities," said Hawkins. "Areas like Leavenworth and Chelan are losing their workforce and gradually their sense of community over time. It's a real problem for us and local governments need more options. I'm excited this bill will provide counties more flexibility with their revenues to address the issue."

The bill is supported by many groups, including the city of Leavenworth, Chelan County, Chelan Valley Housing Trust, Upper Valley MEND, Wenatchee Valley Chamber, Confluence Health, Cascade Medical Center, TwispWorks, Washington Hospitality Association, and others.

What supporters are saying:

"This bill will help Leavenworth take its first, significant steps to slow the loss of workforce housing which threatens the very soul of our community. I am very grateful to Sen. Hawkins for sponsoring this bill and understanding what is truly at stake for communities like ours!" -Leavenworth Mayor Carl Florea

"We are grateful for Sen. Hawkins' tireless efforts on SB 5868, which will assist rural counties with the housing crisis. No area of the state is immune to our housing

inventory shortage, and the impacts are far reaching – further crippling the hospitality industry and our ability to recruit and maintain a skilled workforce in rural areas. This new allowance will give an additional tool to local governments to make housing more affordable for our industry's most valuable resource - our employees." - Julia Gorton, Washington Hospitality Association

"Upper Valley MEND is thrilled that Senate Bill 5868 was signed into law this week. The Leavenworth region is in desperate need of more housing for our local workforce. Funds made available by this bill will allow workforce housing to be built. We are grateful to Senator Hawkins for being a champion for workforce housing in Chelan County." - Kaylin Bettinger, executive director of Upper Valley MEND/Share Community Land Trust

"Lack of workforce housing impacts the well-being and economic health of the communities we serve in many ways, including access to critical medical services. Cascade Medical has struggled to recruit enough health care workforce to meet our communities' needs, in part due to the lack of affordable housing in our region. SB 5868 is an important first step in helping communities like ours begin to address the housing crisis. I am grateful to Senator Hawkins for his hard work on the workforce housing bill and

appreciate the Legislature's vision in passing it." - Diane Blake, chief executive officer of Cascade Medical Center

"The passage of Senate Bill 5868 will provide improved opportunities for counties across Washington. In Chelan County, we will leverage these dollars toward much needed workforce housing. I am pleased that Senator Hawkins sponsored the bill and the governor signed it into law. Our housing trusts and housing authorities will be able to leverage these funds to not only aid working families but also bolster the regional economy." - Chelan County Commissioner Kevin Overbay

"Infrastructure to available land where attainable homes can be built is key to making progress on the housing crisis. This is a huge win for housing and we are extremely appreciative of Senator Hawkins' efforts to expand the use of these funds." - Rachael Goldie, executive director of Chelan Valley Housing Trust

"Chelan Valley Housing Trust is grateful for Senator Hawkins' leadership sponsoring Senate Bill 5868. Senate Bill 5868 is a creative legislative piece that immediately advances the ongoing cumulative regional efforts and activities to provide workforce housing to local wage earners who provide important services in our local communities." - Steven Wilkinson, incoming executive director of Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce



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