



CHS Knowledge Bowl Team wins state for the first time in 30 year history



From left to right, Coach Dayle Massey, Chase Runions, Quentin Farrell, Haakon Scheibler, Price Schubert, Evan Butruille and Olivia Cappellini celebrate their win.



The team in action in one round, conferring on an answer. The yellow bar draped across the desks are used for buzzing in.



Marlene Farrell
Correspondent

Cascade High School's (CHS's) Knowledge Bowl team went to the state competition on March 19th after a strong three-month season, and they were hopeful. "At state, there are always some very strong teams. We only compete against local teams during the regular season," explained coach Dayle Massey. "In the beginning of the season, we lost to Moses Lake, the top local team, but then went undefeated the rest of the season, including about six more times against Moses Lake (who got 6th in state in 4A). So, I knew we had a chance at state, but you just never know."

Each Knowledge Bowl tournament, including state, is made up of several rounds. The first round is a written team test. The teammates divvy up answering the pages of questions and then swap pages, answering as many as they can before time is up. For the remainder of the rounds, a team of four goes head-to-head against one or two other teams for fifty oral questions. Buzzing in gives a team the opportunity to answer and win a point, but it's a balance. Buzzing in early also means not always hearing the end of the question and giving the other teams

time to ponder and guess the right answer if the first team's answer is wrong. Knowledge Bowl is popular at CHS, with lots of students coming to lunchtime practices in Massey's classroom. There were often enough students to field three teams at a tournament. It soon became apparent that certain students were "varsity" in terms of knowledge depth and dedication to the program. Junior Haakon Scheibler served as team captain, and he admits there's a strategy to building a strong team. "I think we had a good mix of experience and general knowledge this year," said Scheibler. "Price, Evan, and I all have a lot of experience with Knowledge Bowl while Quentin, Chase and Olivia were newer but still had plenty to contribute. As for each person's specialty I would say: myself = history, geography, current events, and mental math; Price = geography, ecology, mechanical type stuff (cars/motors) and pop culture, also the most nonacademic random knowledge. Chase = astronomy, physics. Quentin = conceptual math, light, technology. Evan = animals, cars. Olivia = language, literature."

Scheibler went on, "I was pretty confident going into state; we only lost one round all year and I knew our 'A team' of Price, Quentin, Chase and I could beat just about any other (public) school in the state. We definitely got a lot of confidence playing and beating 4A schools earlier in the year." Six students went to state because one teammate can sub in and out.

Thus Scheibler, Price Schubert and Chase Runions always competed, while Quentin Farrell, Olivia Cappellini and Evan Butruille subbed in for the fourth position. A state win was far from guaranteed, and it took grit and confidence to keep trying to control the overall points. "In the semifinal round, we had a really slow start and were down by about six points 25 questions in," recalled Scheibler. "I rang in early and got a question about James Polk, one of my favorite presidents, and we definitely all got a big morale boost and did way better in the second half of the round after that question." They beat Deer Park only after a tie-breaker to make it into the final round. "We also had a bad start in the final and were down three or four points against two decent teams (Port Townsend and Chimacum), so we had to do some serious work to catch up," said Scheibler. "About 30 questions in, Price got a question about a Dutch Tilt—it was really obscure."

"They again came from behind to win 13 to 12 to 9," said Massey. "It was definitely a nail biter!" Knowledge Bowl questions skitter across such a vast plain of knowledge that one can't possibly expect to know all the answers, but students have their academic specializations and some are pop culture trivia hounds. A sample question from the semifinal round was, "What will the suffix be in the acid name if the anion name ends with -ite?" The

answer was "-ous." Other questions at the end of that round touched on ecology, calculus, photography, Russian novels and Californian geography. And one must wonder how many know what is referenced by a Dutch Tilt, as mentioned above? Winning state is a big deal. "This is the first time ever that Cascade has won the Knowledge Bowl state championship," said Massey. "Cascade has been competing in Knowledge Bowl for about 30 years; I've been the coach the last 23 years. We've made it to state since I've been here about ten times, and the best we've done at State before Saturday was third place in 2013 and 2017."

Like school sports, there is no national competition beyond winning state, but instead, one winner for each district size (Cascade School District is 1A). "Many times, the more competitive divisions are actually the smaller schools," said Massey. "You can be competitive with only a few top kids, plus many of the very competitive private schools are in the smaller divisions."

The winning team is three seniors and three juniors, so there's a good likelihood that the team will be strong again next year. When asked about "training" for Knowledge Bowl, Scheibler said, "I personally don't study for Knowledge Bowl specifically; I just happen to like reading biographies (especially of heads of state) and watching history or political documentaries. I also read the news. I don't do these things to study for Knowledge Bowl, but they end up being pretty good preparation."

Community Development releases new short-term rental statistics

Data shows some parts of Chelan County have reached STR caps

SUBMITTED BY JILL M. FITZSIMMONS

After reviewing hundreds of short-term rental applications from existing operations, Chelan County Community Development has a better picture of which areas of the county have hit caps set on short-term rentals and which areas still have room for growth. The Short-Term Rental Code, passed last year, established caps in most areas of the county's unincorporated and urban growth areas (UGA). Most caps are set at 6 percent of the total housing stock. The exception is in the Manson UGA, which has a 9 percent cap. The caps apply only to residential zoning districts. "The caps were a key discussion point with the Short-Term Rental Task Force, which met in 2021 to help us develop the code. The task force was made up of short-term rental owners and people representing the interests of residential neighborhoods and housing affordability in our county," said Chelan County Commissioner Tiffany Gering. "The caps were included in the new code to strike a balance between the two interests now and into the future."

By March 15 of every year, Community Development must determine the share of short-term rentals to the overall housing stock and whether any new short-term rental applications will be accepted for the following year in each zip code and urban growth area where the cap is not exceeded, according to the code. The numbers show that all of the 98826 zip code area (Leavenworth, Lake Wenatchee and Plain) is over the cap as well as the urban growth area of Peshastin. Numbers also show that the Manson and Manson UGA area, which have 6 percent and 9 percent caps respectively, still have room for new short-term rentals. The current numbers, which will be updated monthly, are posted on the county's website at www.co.chelan.wa.us/community-development/pages/short-term-rental-statistics. Community Development has granted 657 provisional permits so far and has about a dozen more applications from existing businesses that are in the partial phase of being approved for a provisional permit, said Kirsten Ryles, manager of the Short-Term Rental Division for the department. In addition, the department is reviewing about 185 new applications that have been submitted so far, she said. "By June 30, we expect to have full reviews completed of those provisional permits and the new Tier

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Leavenworth bomb threat makes state news

False alarm may bring federal charges to unknown caller
BY MEGAN SOKOL
Staff Writer

Leavenworth residents were ordered to evacuate the downtown sector as Chelan County law enforcement tried to neutralize reported bomb threats. Three separate bomb threats were called in on March 24, ranging around 5-6:30 p.m. The first call reported a "suspicious package" dumped in a garbage can near Rhein Haus with an "analog clock" attached to it, with the second and third calls alluding to bombs inside Icicle Brewing Co. and

Wok About Grill. Chelan County Chief Adam Musgrove was one of the law enforcement officials who were called on to the scene. Washington State Patrol, Leavenworth Fire Department, WSDOT, and two WSP teams from Marysville, also responded to the bomb threat. "They did not tell us that it was a bomb," Chief Musgrove states, "but they very much alluded to the fact that it was." After hours of searching all three reported bomb locations, the The Washington State Patrol Bomb K-9 unit confirmed them to be false alarms. "It sounds like the caller had an ex-girlfriend that was working in or

around the Rhein Haus, and he had made comments that she had cheated on him," Chief Musgrove reports. "This was kind of the reason behind these threats, but not knowing if the threat was formidable or not, we took it very seriously." Law enforcement is currently investigating the identity of the caller. The sheriff will be enlisting help from the FBI in order to charge him federally. "We're not playing around with it. It's just not a game." Residents who live near Division to 8th Street and Front Street to Hwy. 2 were advised to evacuate or take shelter. US-2 was blocked from 5 p.m. and was reopened around 10 p.m. The blockage was set on Hwy.2 and Chumstick Hwy. to Icicle Road, with eastbound traffic

diverted towards East Leavenworth Road and westbound using Chumstick Highway. On March 25 at 7:14 p.m., a second



Leavenworth Fire Department arrive to the first bomb threat made by Rhein Haus Restaurant on Highway 2.

bomb threat was made towards Icicle Brewing Co. Since this is an ongoing case, Chelan County Sheriff's Office could not speak more on the matter.

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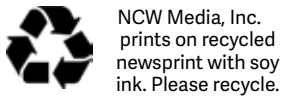
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Leavenworth Rotary Club, Zoom meetings, Noon. For more information email, President Joel Walinski, jtwalinski@gmail.com

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

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.

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Wenatchee River Institute events

What's the buzz? Invite more native pollinators to your backyard. The Wenatchee River Institute (WRI) is hosting an event with Cascade Garden Club and Knox Cellars Mason Bees to learn just that. This event is happening on Saturday, April 9, 10-11:30 a.m. in the Red Barn at WRI. Jim Ullrich of Knox Cellars Mason Bees will be discussing our native pollinating Orchard Mason Bee, a solitary, docile, and very effective pollinator native to the Pacific Northwest. You'll also learn how to establish a population in your own backyard. Whether you are new or a veteran of providing shelters and housing for this native bee, you are sure to learn something new. This is a FREE workshop, but registration is required.

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April is a great time of year for cleaning up the rivers.

You can remove garbage that has accumulated over the winter before the snow melts and the rivers rise to wash things downstream. The Wenatchee River Institute (WRI) has organized two opportunities to help clean our rivers on Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m.- noon come clean up trash along the Wenatchee River by foot with WRI. You will meet at the WRI parking lot at 10 a.m. and you may leave whenever you like. From 1-4 p.m., WRI partners with Waste Loop to offer a river clean-up by raft. This activity is sponsored by Orion Expeditions. You will be floating 3 miles via raft along the Icicle and Wenatchee Rivers. You will stop along the way to pick up litter from the banks. Due to logistics, this clean-up activity is limited to 30 participants and registration is required. Visit the website to find more information and registration: https://wenatcheeriverinstitute.org/. Visit the website to find more information and registration: https://wenatcheeriverinstitute.org/. Contact: Randee Zergerrzger@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org 509-548-0181 ext. 7.

Regional

Studded tire removal deadline is March 31

Plan ahead to avoid the rush and possible fines

The arrival of spring brings a reminder to drivers in Washington to remove studded tires before the end of the day Thursday, March 31. By planning ahead drivers can beat the rush at tire service shops and avoid a potential fine of \$136, starting Friday, April 1.

The Washington State Department of Transportation encourages drivers to remove studded tires prior to the deadline, if possible. Studded tires damage pavement, so removing them promptly after winter has passed helps preserve state roadways.

State law gives WSDOT the authority to extend the deadline when circumstances call for it, most commonly when a forecast indicates widespread snow and ice. While late season storms are possible in the mountain passes, there are no forecasted statewide conditions that would call for an extension of the deadline. More information about studded tire regulations in Washington is available online.

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March 18	Smallwood's	March 20	March 22
02:15 Traffic Offense, 10461 Stemm Rd, Smallwoods, Peshastin	12:54 911-Call, 9587 E. Leavenworth Rd.	13:03 Suspicious Circumstance, 17458 US Hwy. 2, Nason Creek	17:19 Disturbance, 100 Ward Strasse Rd.
13:13 Public Assist, 18130 Sunland Dr., Lake Wenatchee	14:13 Suspicious Circumstance, US Hwy. 2 and Winton Rd., Lake Wenatchee	15:07 Alarm, 708 US Hwy. 2, WAFF Bank	15:18 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 18430 Winton Rd., Coles Corner
18:43 Alarm, 16752 Fir Dr., Lake Wenatchee	15:21 Suspicious Circumstance, Saunders and Otis Rd.	17:05 Alarm, 10461 Stemm Rd., Smallwood's	17:25 Welfare Check, 214 Park Ave.
22:15 911-Call, 100 Ward Strasse	20:50 Theft, 15361 US Hwy. 2, Lake Wenatchee, 59er Diner	19:29 Suspicious Circumstance, 11190 US Hwy. 2	21:33 Harassment/ Threat, 9820 Eagle Creek Rd.
05:59 Noise Complaint, 18226 Chumstick Hwy.	22:26 Alarm, 175 Deep Powder Ln., Lake Wenatchee	09:10 Scam, 9189 Anderson Canyon Rd.	10:02 Agency Assist, 18430 Winton Rd., Coles Corner
09:02 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 9501 Jeske Rd., Big Y	23:56 Domestic Disturbance, 22105 Appaloosa Ln., Plain	10:07 911-Call, 301 Ward Strasse, Hampton	11:54 Property, 820 Front St., Gazebo Park
13:11 Hazard, US Hwy. 2, 59er Diner	12:16 Suspicious Circumstance, Coles Corner, Lake Wenatchee	13:06 Property, 700 Us Hwy. 2	15:43 Non-Injury Accident, 1038 Front ST.
15:22 Public Assist, 22744 Lake Wenatchee Hwy.	12:43 Alarm, 2649 Sumac Ln., Lake Wenatchee	17:12 911-Call, 309 8th St. Post Hotel	18:16 911-Call, 590 US Hwy. 2, Enzian
19:19 Juvenile Problem, 225 Central Ave., Osborn Elementary	12:46 Trespassing, 1329 US Hwy. 2, Dan's Food Market	18:47 Harassment/ Threat, 18690 Alpine Acres Rd., Plain	
20:50 Juvenile Problem, 829 Front St., Mozart's			
22:09 DUI, 10461 Stemm Rd.,			

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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Sunday 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
Tuesday, 7 p.m., Light in the Valley, 8455 Main Street, Peshastin
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Monday, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, 418 Evans St.

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A big black bear in the North Cascades

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The Washington Outdoors Report

State Fish and Wildlife Commission kills the Spring bear hunt

By JOHN KRUSE

The Washington State Fish and Wildlife Commission, on a 5 to 4 vote, made a final decision to kill the 2022 spring bear hunt, a hunt that has taken place since 1999. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife staff recommended the hunt take place as usual, citing not only a healthy population of 20,000 to 30,000 bears, but also the facts that the hunt would help reduce human-bear conflicts, reduce damage to trees on commercial timber lands, and reduce the mortality of elk calves and deer fawns that bears prey on. This is a permit only hunt, with 664 permits issued resulting in an annual harvest of some 150 bears.

The hunt was initially voted on in November. In a public comment period prior to that vote, a huge number of anti-hunting activists argued against the hunt saying it was inhumane, that the bears were lethargic coming out of their dens in the spring, and that the hunt targeted lactating female sows that orphaned young cubs. WDFW biologists pushed back on this, stating there was no indication the latter two assertions were true. In spite of that, the Commission, which consisted of only eight members at the time, voted 4 - 4 regarding the annual continuation of the bear hunt. Without a majority vote to go forward with the hunt, it was postponed.

Hunters, who had not previously commented in large numbers during a public comment period, became energized. Several petitions were submitted to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to reinstate the hunt. One petition, submitted by the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council, would automatically renew the hunt on an annual basis instead of having it come up to a vote by the commissioners

every year. The proposed new rules would prohibit the harvest of cubs or female bears accompanied by cubs. Cubs (or offspring) were defined as bears less than a year old. The Commission opened public comment again and agreed to vote on this issue.

In the end, some 26,000 comments were received by the Commission from the public. The hunting community generated a large number of comments between November and March, as did the anti-hunting side. On March 19th the Commission voted on the bear hunt but before they did several of the Commission members explained their positions.

Lorna Smith said she read through most of the comments, including ones received after the comment period ended before voting "no" on the hunt. Smith is a controversial pick for the Commission based on her pro-carnivore stance and her comments about the declining Blue Mountain elk herd which she felt could be managed as a smaller herd with reduced hunting. This after an elk calf mortality study there showed cougars and to a lesser extent bears, had killed the vast majority of calves radio collared during the study.

All three of Governor Jay Inslee's most recent appointees, Tim Ragen, Melanie Rowlands and John Lehmkuhl, voted "no" as well. Rowlands, Ragen and Lehmkuhl questioned the science relating to our bear populations, cub mortality and harvest data though Lehmkuhl and Rowlands agreed the hunt would likely not affect the statewide population.

Rowlands, whose stance on hunting was unknown prior to this meeting, showed her cards when she stated in light of climate change, she "Calls for a new assessment of how the department looks at conservation to include hunting of animals." She also went on to say she believes, "A spring bear hunt is not a

responsible way to manage wildlife."

Lehmkuhl, who says he is a lifelong hunter and fisherman as well as a career wildlife scientist for 30 years, bristled at some of the public comments he read and said "please do not question my integrity on this commission or my dedication to wildlife management or hunting traditions." Regarding his "no" vote he said, "This is by no means the end of bear hunting, their remains a generous, two bear, three-month season in the fall in which 94 percent of the annual harvest occurs. Lehmkuhl went on to question the need for a spring bear hunt. Lehmkuhl continued saying, "From my perspective cancelling the spring bear hunt is not the slippery slope of ending the hunting tradition in Washington. My vote addresses the concerns of a large part of our constituency who oppose the hunt."

The final "no" vote was from Barbara Baker, a political attorney from Olympia who also voted "no" in November. In other business, Baker was elected as the Chairman of the Commission for the next year during this meeting.

Commissioners Kim Thorburn, Jim Anderson, Don McIsaac and Molly Linville all voted for the bear hunt as they did in November.

Despite Commissioner Lehmkuhl's assurances, hunters should be worried about the future of hunting in the Evergreen State. When the social values of a vocal group of anti-hunters and the apparent bias of certain commissioners trumps the WDFW mandate of, "Preserving, protecting, and perpetuating the state's fish, wildlife, and ecosystems while providing sustainable fish and wildlife recreational and commercial opportunities," there is cause for concern.

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Leavenworth- Icicle Creek Center for the Arts (ICCA) is pleased to announce that it has selected Philip Lacey as Executive Director, following a wide-ranging search in the fall of 2021. Phil began his tenure at the beginning of 2022. Phil is a well-known member of the regional arts community and a demonstrated proponent of artistic excellence and societal awareness. Phil also has a history of helping arts organizations attain long-term financial stability. Since 2013, he served various roles of increasing responsibility at Leavenworth Summer Theater (LST), including the position of Executive Director, and since 2017, as Managing Artistic Director of Seattle Gilbert & Sullivan Society. In addition to greatly expanding both programming and support from the community, he inspired welcomed transformational changes in the areas of community partnerships, donor, and member outreach, as well as implementing fiscal, administrative and artistic processes and standards. During the pandemic, being keenly aware that art engagement is a source of comfort and strength, Phil helped Gilbert & Sullivan pivot to virtual performances and wisely coordinated actors, directors, and staff to safely bring LST's "Sound of Music" performances to over 8,000 attendees. Phil has a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, in Non-Profit Administration, and a bachelor's degree from Whitworth University in Theatre Performance and Creative Writing.

Phil could not be more excited to join the team at ICCA. "I first visited the ICCA

campus in 2007. Astounded first by its gorgeous location, it was learning of Harriet Bullitt's mission to create a world-class destination for arts education and performance that was truly impactful," said Phil. "Since then, I hoped that someday I would have the honor of becoming Executive Director here. ICCA has a reputation of excellence and I look forward to working with the board, staff, and artistic directors to safeguard Harriet's vision for future generations."

In making the announcement, ICCA Board President, Ellen Beardsley said, "Among the many candidates, Phil stood out for me as the most qualified candidate for the Executive Director position. Phil's passion for all art forms, along with his leadership and strategic and financial expertise, placed him at the forefront of the intersection of arts, education, and organizational sustainability. After the pandemic disruption of the last two years, Phil is the ideal leader for this exciting new chapter for ICCA."

As with all live arts organizations, the pandemic has presented a major challenge for ICCA, but it also provided a wonderful opportunity. "When the pandemic hit, ICCA quickly became a leader among performing arts centers, mastering high quality virtual concerts and performance at a time when we all really needed art in our lives," says Christine Morgan, Executive Director of the Icicle Fund, a partner nonprofit to ICCA. Phil echoes that thought. "Augmenting in-person experiences at the awe-inspiring ICCA campus with live-streaming and virtual performance potential will play a major role in the growth of our arts education and

performance efforts, allowing us to connect with students and audiences of all ages across rural Washington and beyond. We have only scratched the surface, and I will be exploring that potential with the local and international artists and visionaries who continue to contribute so much to ICCA." "The Center will continue to inspire, support, and challenge the creative spirit of our region as we again are able to gather for concerts, performances, and retreats," finished Morgan. "I have watched ICCA evolve over the years and, with Mr. Lacey at the helm, it will continue to expand and blossom for the good of our region." Located in Leavenworth, Washington, at the foothills of the Cascade Mountains, ICCA seeks to inspire and educate artists and to entertain audiences on its 13-acre campus. The arts facility boasts: Snowy Owl Theater, a LEED-Silver certified multiuse performing arts center, Canyon Wren Recital Hall, Meadow Stage, an outdoor performance venue, Cabins for artists, students and guests, rehearsal spaces, and practice huts.

Notably known as a destination for chamber music, ICCA also plays host to world class arts education programs, summer camps, and numerous collaborations with local artists and performance groups. Dozens of local and international artists work with the organization annually, providing once-in-a-lifetime experiences for hundreds of students and attracting thousands of audience members for unforgettable experiences. To learn more about Icicle Creek Center for the Arts and upcoming programs and events, please visit icicle.org. Contact: Phil Lacey, phil@icicle.org, (509) 548-6347



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Still having fun, playing games from left to right current residents, Gloria Bergren and Carolyn Dorisdorfer enjoyed playing a floor version of Monopoly at Mountain Meadows Assisted Living Campus. Bergren won \$2,901 and Dorisdorfer won \$1,969 (in Monopoly money).

Link TRIP-Link and TranCare

SUBMITTED BY CINDY ABOUAMMO
Triplink Outreach Coordinator

Link Transit has designated funding for a unique volunteer driver mileage reimbursement program, called TRIP-Link. It is for residents in Chelan and most of Douglas counties, who have no other means of transportation, are 65 + years old or disabled. This program is specifically for people living outside Link Transit (and Link Plus) current service area.

How does TRIP LINK work? TRIP-Link is different than most transportation services because it does not recruit drivers, schedule rides, own vehicles, or charge fees. The involvement of both the rider and volunteer driver result in self-management and increased

self-esteem. The rider recruits an eligible driver who is a friend or neighbor and familiar with the rider. Mileage is reimbursed to the rider which is then given to the driver. The rationale is that riders will be more likely to ask for a ride if they are not asking for charity. The exchange gives the rider the promise of giving something in return and promotes a sense of independence at the same time meeting a critical need. Drivers are then reimburse allowing them to provide assistance to their friend or neighbor in need.

The organization administering the program benefits from lower costs and liability. TranCare is a 501c(3) was established in 1969. TranCare currently acts as the subcontractor Medicaid broker

for non-emergent medical transportation for Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan counties and now houses the volunteer driver program, TRIP-Link, a pilot volunteer driver program in partnership with Link Transit. TranCare's mission is to improve people's lives by providing safe, low cost and efficient volunteer transportation throughout the northwest. TranCare also administers TRIP-Link, a pilot volunteer driver program in partnership with Link Transit.

TRIP-Link is for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities living in Chelan or Douglas counties, who are unable to get where they need to go in any other way and living outside Link Transits service area. Potential riders could include people that: miss medical appointments, unable

get their groceries, are very ill or disabled without family to help, are medically compromised, no other means of transportation, unable to use public transportation. How to apply, call TRIPLINK (509) 664-7630. 300 South Columbia 1st Floor Wenatchee, WA 98801. Phone: (509) 664-7630, E-mail: triplink@trancarerides.org or on the Website: Trancarerides.org

¿Cómo trabaja TRIP-Link?

TRIP-Link es diferente a comparación de otros servicios de transporte porque no recluta choferes, hace citas de viajes, es dueo de vehiculos o cobra tarifas. La participación mutual del chofer voluntario y pasajero resulta en un manejo apropiado y aumenta el autoestima. El pasajero recluta

un chofer eligible quien es amigo o vecino y es conocido del pasajero. Las millas del chofer son reembolsadas al pasajero y entregadas al chofer. El razonamiento es que los pasajeros seran más inclinados a pedir un viaje sin pedir favores. El intercambio le da al pasajero independencia y la promesa de poder dar algo a cambio al chofer y al mismo tiempo ayudar con una necesidad. Los choferes luego son reembolsados por proveer asistencia a sus amigos o vecinos en necesidad. La organización ofreciendo el programa se beneficia de los costos bajos.

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Community Development

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1 applications,” Ryles said. “The provisional permits are not a guarantee that a business will be permitted, so those numbers in each of the areas may change, potentially opening up spots in some areas.”

In those areas where the cap is exceeded, an operation that was classified as “existing” during the provisional phase will continue to be allowed to operate, as long as they meet final permitting criteria.

New applicants who have applied to an area where the cap has been reached can

re-apply in 2023 for a 2024 permit if room opens in that area. If room opens in an area that has reached its cap, Community Development will open an application window annually June 1-July 31. Applications from this year will not be rolled over to the new year.

The provisional permits also show that the majority of applicants, more than 80 percent, are categorized as Tier 2. As a reminder:

- Tier 1: These short-term rentals are owner-occupied, are allowed no more than 8 people and do not fall under any caps. They also are not counted in any caps.

- Tier 2: These short-term rentals are non-owner occupied, are allowed no more than 12 people and are subject to the limits set in some areas.
 - Tier 3: These short-term rentals can be owner or non-owner occupied, are allowed no more than 16 people and are subject to the limits set some areas.
- In other short-term rental news, Community Development recently hired a code enforcement liaison who will work with the Short-Term Rental Division. The new office employee begins April 1.

Update: Chelan County to Comply with State Board on Short-Term Rental Code

Growth Management Board Find Error Within Public Process in 2021

By MEGAN SOKOL

Staff Writer

Chelan County has been reprimanded by the Washington Growth Management Board after failing to give current short-term rental (STR) owners a yearlong grace period in order to adjust to restrictions made in 2021.

The Growth Management Board (GMA) ruled that “the County failed to comply with the GMA’s public participation requirements” and mistakenly labelled a material revision as a “scrivener’s error” and adopted the final ordinance into STR code back in the summer of 2021.

A group of 60 petitioners titled the “Community Lodging Operators of Chelan County” filed a petition for review back on Sept. 29, 2021.

The final decision and order was made on March 24, 2022.

Chelan County has until September 26th to comply

with the GMA’s decision.

Chelan County declined to comment at this time, due to this being an ongoing issue.



Commissioner Tiffany Gering

Area	Count	%	2021	2022
Peshastin	588	6%	35	17
Peshastin UGA	280	0%	0	5
Plain	1,566	6%	94	128
Cashmere	2,618	6%	157	11
Cashmere UGA	316	6%	19	1
Chelan	4,467	6%	268	63
Chelan UGA	210	6%	13	1
Chelan Falls	137	6%	8	0
Dryden	168	6%	10	0
Entiat	1,050	6%	63	1
Entiat UGA	3	6%	0	0
Lake Wenatchee	885	6%	50	108
Leavenworth	2,907	6%	174	215

Leavenworth Ski Hill Lodge hit by two robberies

By MEGAN SOKOL

Staff Writer

The Leavenworth Winter Sports Club is seeking donations to help replace stolen equipment from the two robberies in February and March.

LWSC report that three of their buildings were broken into and robbed of about \$9000, including electronics, LWSC merchandise, personal

belongings, food and alcohol, cash, and their pass printer.

From their newsletter:

“Reports were filed and the authorities are doing their best to identify the perpetrators. If you have any information about these events please contact the Chelan County Sheriff’s Office at (509) 667-6851.”

Donations will go towards replacing the items that were

stolen and not covered by insurance and to invest in a security system.

About LWSC The LWSC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of health, fitness, and fun through skiing and other winter sports by providing quality facilities, education, and activities to the community.

Appleaires offer music scholarship

The Wenatchee Valley Appleaires women’s choral group is offering a \$2000 scholarship for entering (first year) college students who wish to pursue a field of music, either professionally or in their education. This year’s scholarship is open to high school seniors living in the greater Wenatchee area of

Washington State and who are U.S. citizens.

A completed copy of the application is required in addition to the applicant’s high school transcript, and one letter of recommendation from a high school principal, music teacher, private teacher, or school counselor. All applicants will participate in an audition before

a panel of judges from the greater Wenatchee music field. Applications are available from area high school music teachers and counselors or by requesting an application via e-mail from peg@ronhovde.com. Deadline for applications is April 22, 2022. CONTACT: Pat Whitfield Chalkduster1@yahoo.com (509) 470-8804

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Obituaries and Memorials need to be typed and emailed as a Word Document. They can be placed in one or more papers - all publish weekly on Wednesday.

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SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW

Baseball team



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Back row: (from left to right) Coach Todd Gilbert, Jesse Gunter, Braeden Parton, Jones Duncan, Trenton Holland, Gunnar Balzer, Hunter Stutzman, Coach Brett Isadore. **Front row:** (left to right) Tim Johnstone, Connor Schoenwald, Jaxon Coble, Gavin Pulse, Dawson Chase, Cole Ennis. **Not Pictured:** Jaden Niemela.

Cascade Sports Schedule

BASEBALL	
April 2:	Cascade vs. Omak, Home; 11 a.m.
April 2:	Cascade vs. Omak, Home; 1 p.m.
BOYS' SOCCER	
March 31:	Cascade vs. Chelan, Away; 4 p.m.
SOFTBALL	
April 2:	Cascade vs. Omak, Home; 11 a.m.
April 2:	Cascade vs. Omak, Home; 1 p.m.
BOYS' TENNIS	
March 31:	Cascade vs. Chelan, Away; 4 p.m.
GIRLS' TRACK	
March 31:	Cascade at Bridgeport High School; 4 p.m.
April 1:	Eastmont Invite 2022 at Eastmont High School; 3:30 p.m.
BOYS' TRACK	
March 31:	Cascade at Bridgeport High School; 4 p.m.
April 1:	Eastmont Invite 2022 at Eastmont High School; 3:30 p.m.

Kodiaks Scoreboard

BOYS' SOCCER	
March 19:	Cascade 8, Brewster 0; Win
March 22:	Cascade 7, Omak 0; Win
March 24:	Cascade 2, Royal 1; Win
March 25:	Cascade 1, Toppenish 1; Tie
BASEBALL	
March 22:	Cascade 6, Lake Roosevelt 5; Wi
SOFTBALL	
March 22:	Cascade 11, Lake Roosevelt 9; Win
March 24:	Cascade 16, Brewster 15; Win
March 24:	Cascade 24, Brewster 2; Win

Cascade Baseball Coach Brett Isadore Comments

Cascade's Head Baseball Coach Brett Isadore has been coaching for seven years. Their number of players have decreased from previous years. Last season, they placed third in the league.

Coach Isadore states that Chelan may be their toughest team to beat this year. "Chelan always has great depth and are a very solid team."

You can see the schedules at ctlathletics.com

2022 CASCADE BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	TIME	OPPONENT	Dismiss/Departure	Single or Double
3-17-22	Thursday	4:30pm	Cle Elum	1:30/1:45	Single
3-18-22	Friday	4:30pm	Liberty Bell @ Wenatchee	2:15/2:30	Single
3-22-22	Tuesday	4:30pm	Lake Roosevelt	2:15/2:30	Single
3-26-22	Saturday	10:00am	Quincy		Double
3-29-22	Tuesday	4:30pm	Chelan	2:15/2:30	Single
4-2-22	Saturday	11:00am	Omak		Double
4-8-22	Friday	1:00 pm	Meridian		Single
4-9-22	Saturday	11:00am	Montesano		Double
4-16-22	Saturday	11:00am	Cashmere	9:00am	Double
4-19-22	Tuesday	4:30pm	Quincy	1:30/1:45pm	Single
4-23-22	Saturday	11:00am	Okanogan	7:00	Double
4-26-22	Tuesday	4:30pm	Omak	12:15/12:30	Single
4-30-22	Saturday	11:00am	Chelan	8:00am	Double
5-3-22	Tuesday	4:30pm	Cashmere	2:15/2:30	Single
5-7-22	Saturday	11:00am	Districts (3vs4) @ Higher seed		
5-9-22	Monday	TBD	Districts @ Ephrata		

BOLD = HOME MATCHES *Will get out 2 hours before game time Varsity Coach: Brett Isadore, JV Coach: Todd Gilbert

Council finally accepts remanded Zoning and Duplex Amendments

By MEGAN SOKOL
Staff Writer

Leavenworth has been at the center of Washington's statewide housing crisis. A year has passed since council published the Housing Action Plan (HAP), with city government officials introducing higher density housing. After multiple workshops and public hearings on rezoning and duplex code, the city council has finally passed both amendments.

"This is the first step of the first step," Mia Bretz said.

Discussion of rezoning RL 10 and RL 12 into R8 and amending the duplex code has a fierce vocal opposition, which led to both amendments getting remanded back to the Planning Commission in December. City Council argued that they were not hearing support from the community.

However, during the March 22 city council meeting, former City Councilmember Mia Bretz published a call to action for Leavenworth, or aspiring Leavenworth residents and current Leavenworth workers, to come to the meeting and share their housing story.

"When you see data, the numbers make sense," Bretz said, "but when you see somebody's face, it's harder to look them in the eye and say, 'No, you can't live here.'"

There were at least 65 attendees at the meeting. Returning speakers who oppose one or more of the remanded amendments include Duane Goehner, Ann Crosby, Paula Strozyk, Scott Schimelfeng, Polly McIntyre, Nancy Benson, Bob Fallon, and Kim Tobiason. New public speakers who either support the amendments or shared their housing story include Kirby Pratt, Kaylin Bettinger, David Morgan, Christine Morgan, Tom Derpack, Kyra Skaggs, Carrie Kingsley, Anne Ouwerkerk, and Ryan Carrasco.

The remanded amendments

include two separate amendments regarding the duplex code and combining RL 10 and 12 into a residential R-8 zone. The duplex amendment would allow duplexes on any residential lot, granted that it meets the minimum lot size requirements of that particular zoning district. The rezoning amendment is actually a two-part action item, the first being to accept the zoning amendment into the 2021 Comprehensive Plan, and the second being the actual zoning amendment itself.

The public comment session began with Development Services Manager Lilit Vespier's presentation on how the Planning Commission (PC) has addressed some of the community's concerns with infrastructure, space, and parking. She reiterated that combining RL 10 and 12 into an R-8 would bring an additional 33 lots, which would still take into account parking and lot space.

After Vespier's presentation, a few community members shared their housing stories along with their support of the duplex amendment. Some of the stories included struggles with paying rent, finding housing for medical staff and educators, and housing costs skyrocketing.

"We moved here 15 years ago, at that time, it was primarily an issue for lower to lower-middle income people. Now, it is a huge issue for even upper middle class members of our community," Christine Morgan explained. "We take a pause now and we can talk about it again in the same way in 15 years, at that point, we probably won't have a school here, we may not have a hospital here, and lose some of the vital components of being a thriving community if we don't make decisions now."

Many who opposed either amendment argued that the council and PC needed to pause and wait until the community could come together in person and discuss these changes as a community.

"There are multiple people that have come to the PC either in writing or by meeting and said we have concerns over pack em' up stack em' in kind of dwellings. That's not what we want our small rural community to look like," Paula Strozyk stated after the meeting. "That's not what we want the community to have. We want affordable, but it needs to also honor what the current neighborhood looks like. It needs to ensure that there's ample parking and it needs to ensure that it's not so tall and tight, that there's not space around the dwelling."

Some community members felt that the housing stories were off-topic and inappropriate to the discussion, with others feeling like their perspective was vital but came too last minute.

Strozyk ultimately believes that council needs to focus on the current infrastructure of the city rather than build out and to look into lot diversity.

"We've had more construction in our community in the last two years (than) in decades and that furor of building, it's not going to be satiable because folks want to come and live here. We have to be mindful and careful about how that development happens."

After the public comment session ended, city councilmembers delved into discussing amongst themselves. Marco Aurilio, Zeke Reister, Jason Lundgren, Anne Hessburg, and Clint Strand noted their support for the remanded amendments.

Both Councilmembers Reister and Strand clarified their hesitancy to accept the amendments back in December. Reister had repeatedly asked about placing a height limit for duplexes, and Strand asking if there would be a guarantee that more lot spaces would equate to more affordable housing. Both were reassured by Vespier's presentation, who stated that

these amendments would be some of the first steps before they start tackling more of those components.

Councilmembers Sharon Waters and Carolyn Wilson stated that they would not accept the amendments, believing that the public needed more time to discuss some of the changes and needed time to see the bigger picture.

The duplex code amendment was passed with a 6-1 vote, with Sharon Waters being the only one voting against it. Both the 2021 Comprehensive Plan and the zoning code amendment were passed with a 5-2 vote, with Sharon Waters and Carolyn Wilson voting against both actions.

After the meeting, Mia Bretz stated that she had mixed feelings about the meeting itself. She was excited for the community turnout, but disappointed that many community members still misunderstood the amendments.

"I feel really excited about how many of our community showed up, how many people are engaging in this process and really wanting to be a part of it and tell them why it's important," Bretz said. "I'm disappointed that after such long conversations, and deep conversations about the issues over the last six months, there's still so much comment that's inaccurate."

Strozyk said that she and other community members are disappointed with the council's decision and that trust between the community and the council and PC has been broken.

"There's disappointment that the council and the PC really didn't listen to the strong voices of the community that were attending those meetings, that were representing a portion of the community. We kept being told those voices that are there aren't representing everyone and we were called names like 'elite,' 'white,' and 'entitled.'"

That last portion was in reference to Mia Bretz's comments that were published in the Leavenworth Echo's 49th issue in 2021. Some of Bretz previous comments struck a chord with community members, who received multiple emails from community members who were offended by her comments.

"I really don't want people to come away with insults from me, because I really appreciate everybody's input, as long as they're respectful and they're accurate," Bretz explained. "I'm really not trying to hurt anybody. If I say you're wealthier, you have housing security, you're white, like, if I say those things, I'm not criticizing. Those are just facts, and those facts inform your bias."

Bretz was also frustrated with some of the perceived discriminatory comments that she heard during the meeting, with some aimed towards low-income residents.

Following the meeting, the Planning Commission will divert their focus onto setting height limits for small lot structures. They will be introducing the height limit amendment in April-May and will present their recommendation to the council in June.

"That height question is part of an overall restructure of our zoning code where we take all of our development standards, height, setback, lot coverage, and we're pulling it into one chapter, so it'll be easily referenced. Similar to what we did with our district use chart just last year," Vespier explained. "There may be an opportunity to talk about some of those other development standards at the same time, but the primary focus will be the height, as our duplex regulation required that to be addressed or discussed with the planning commission over the next four months, so we're aiming to get that done."

Vespier also hopes to continue engaging with the public during PC workshops, hoping that

more public engagement and that the next set of amendments will go smoother.

"I believe that we've stated what we're aiming for repeatedly. Some people support the idea of housing and everyone wants to encourage a home for people. But when it comes to changing regulations, and making other amendments that even affect their property or their sense of value of their property or value of neighborhood, that's where it can get scary for people and when they get scared, they stop listening."

Strozyk also does not agree with the narrative placed upon her and some of the other opponents, claiming that they refuse to accept change.

"It has nothing to do with being afraid of change in the community. It has to do with having a different perspective of what we want our community to look like," Strozyk said. "Triplexes would be a great addition to our community with a code that keeps them smaller and not taller. That's also what they're not hearing that we are agreeing with them with this piece that goes with it."

Strozyk does not believe that the planning commission has done their due diligence in engaging with the Leavenworth community. She states that communication would have been smoother with the Planning Commission if they gathered the community together to brainstorm.

"There never has been a two way back and forth. It's either been the community talking at the PC trying to convince them or the PC telling us that they're the ones that are in charge, because they're the trained professionals. There's never really been a let's sit down and figure this out together, Strozyk said. "It wasn't until fliers were put out by community members, that folks actually took attention in the community and we're beginning to recognize that these decisions were being made."

Public Notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. 108 1st Ave South, Suite 202 Seattle, WA 98104 Trustee Sale No.: WA-19-869580-BB Title Order No.: 191110974-WA-MSW Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 2488741 Parcel Number(s): 222129880125 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: ANDREA C BROOKS AND TRISTAN A BROOKS, WIFE AND HUSBAND, AND CYNTHIA M ST VINCENT, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, ALL AS JOINT TENANTS WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP AND NOT AS TENANTS IN COMMON, AND NOT AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: Quality Loan Service Corporation of Washington Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 4/8/2022, at 9:00 AM At the Main Entrance to the Chelan County Courthouse, located at 350 Orondo Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of CHELAN, State of Washington, to-wit: LOT 3, BLOCK 2, THREE LAKES COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES DIVISION NO. 3, CHELAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME 7 OF PLATS, PAGE 23 AND 24 More commonly known as: 3168 Monterey Dr, Malaga, WA 98828-9731 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 11/29/2018, recorded 12/3/2018, under Instrument No. 2488741 records of CHELAN County, Washington, from ANDREA C BROOKS AND TRISTAN A BROOKS, WIFE AND HUSBAND, AND CYNTHIA M ST VINCENT, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, ALL AS JOINT TENANTS WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP AND NOT AS TENANTS IN COMMON, AND NOT AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY, as grantor(s), to CENTRAL WASHINGTON TITLE SERVICES INC., as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR FINANCE OF AMERICA MORTGAGE LLC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 2499719 II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: \$73,181.01. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$281,502.21, together with interest as provided in the Note from 1/1/2019 on, and such other costs, fees, and charges as are due under the Note, Deed of Trust, or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 4/8/2022. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 3/28/2022 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 3/28/2022 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s) by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of 10/22/2021. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS – The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. 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Request for Proposals For Analysis of Street Closure and Conceptual Design Plans
The City of Leavenworth, pursuant to RCW 39.80, is seeking qualified consultants to perform a detailed analysis of potential street closures and conceptual design plans for closed areas and related impact site throughout the community. The city has estimated a budget of \$70,000 for this project, depending on the level of data collection and determination for final scope of work. This project is expected to take no more than six months to complete. The full Request for Proposals may be obtained from the city's website, see News & Notices, or by contacting City Hall at (509)548-5275.
Posting Date: March 22, 2022
Proposals Due: April 21, 2022 by 5:00 pm
SUBMIT QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSAL TO:
Attn: Chantell Steiner, City Clerk
700 US Hwy 2 / P.O. Box 287
Leavenworth, WA 98826
Phone 509-548-5275
financedir@cityofleavenworth.com
Questions regarding these services should be directed to: Liliith Vespier, Development Services Director, (509)548-5275, Ext. 131, dsmanager@cityofleavenworth.com
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CITY OF LEAVENWORTH
On the 22nd day of March, 2022, the City Council of the City of Leavenworth, Washington passed the following ordinances. A summary of the contents provides as follows:
Ordinance 1640: An ordinance of the City of Leavenworth, WA, adopting amendments to the LMC regarding duplexes, amending Chapter 18.20 residential low density 6,000 district, Chapter 18.21 residential low density 12,000 district, Chapter 18.23 residential low density 10,000 district, Chapter 18.52 Conditional Uses, section 18.36.045 Supplementary Regulations-Duplex Dwellings; and, Chapter 21.90 Definitions.
Ordinance 1650: An ordinance of the City of Leavenworth, WA, adopting the City of Leavenworth comprehensive plan amendment remanded items regarding residential 8 (R-8) land use designation map and associated appendices.
Ordinance 1651: An ordinance of the City of Leavenworth, WA., amending 18.12.010 adopted districts established official zoning map that shall be on file in accordance with 18.12.050, retitling Chapter 18.21 from Residential Low Density 12,000 District (RL-12) to Residential 8 (R-8) amending sections 18.21.010, 18.21.040, 18.21.060, 18.21.070, 18.21.080 and 18.21.090 consistent with that retitling, repealing chapter 18.23 and amending LMC 18.25.030 District Use Chart by adopting a new use chart.
A copy of the full text of the ordinances is available at Leavenworth City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to Chantell R. Steiner, Finance Director/City Clerk, City of Leavenworth, PO Box 287, Leavenworth, WA 98826. Published in The Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on March 30, 2022. # 3819

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STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT
Determination of NonSignificance
March 25, 2022
Proposal: The proposal includes the construction of six (6) buildings totaling approximately 52,920 gross square feet, (building A-E). The applicant is proposing 174 units of mixed secured, temperature-controlled RV and self-storage, ranging in size from 60 square feet to over 630 square on 2.86 acres, zoned Commercial / Lt. Industrial. Location: 120 Whitefish Dr., Cashmere, Chelan County Parcel # 23-19-03-320-130
Proponent: Rivers Edge Real Estate LLC, Brian Thorpe, 509.670.6519, GCCGEM@gmail.com
Lead Agency: City of Cashmere
Agency Contact: Tammy Miller, Tammy@cityofcashmere.org 509.782.3513
The lead agency for this proposal has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the environmental checklist and other information on file with this agency. This information is available to the public at: Cashmere City Hall, 101 Woodring St., Cashmere, WA 98815
This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and the comment period will end on April 13, 2022. Email comments should be directed to tammy@cityofcashmere.org
Responsible Official: Tammy Miller, Director of Planning & Building.
Address: 101 Woodring St., Cashmere, WA 98815
Email: tammy@cityofcashmere.org
Phone: 509.782.3513
Appeal process: You have the right to appeal this decision and such appeal shall be in writing per the Cashmere Municipal Code Sections 14.09.040(A) (5) and (B)(1) and (2) and 18.04.210. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Any person aggrieved by a threshold determination may appeal the SEPA determination. Every appeal to the hearing examiner shall be filed with the city within 10 days after the date of the decision of the matter being appealed. If the 10-day period ends on a weekend or a holiday, the following working day shall be the tenth day. Every appeal to the hearing examiner shall be accompanied by the applicable appeal fee established by resolution of the Cashmere city council. Failure to pay the appeal fee within said 10-day period shall subject the appeal to summary dismissal by the hearing examiner. For more information contact Tammy Miller, at (509) 782-3513 to read or ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals. Published in The Cashmere Valley Record /Leavenworth Echo on March 30, 2022. #3820

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 - German POW camp, slangily
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Are you getting enough sleep?



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March is National Sleep Awareness Month, the same month that we move our clocks forward to Daylight Savings Time. Adjusting to a new time can disrupt our sleep cycle.

Fourteen years ago, my 78-year old father got a knee replacement. In the final year of World War II, Dad injured it serving on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific. Fortunately, it didn't really bother him until his early 70s.

When the doctor confirmed that Dad's left knee needed replacing, he kept putting it off because he took care of my mother as her dementia worsened. It was only after she passed away that he had the surgery.

As he lived alone, two of my sisters and I stayed with him around the clock, making sure he took his medicines and did his daily physical therapy. I covered Dad's first 3 weeks home from the hospital and monitored his medications and exercises. I also drove him to his physical therapy appointments and errands until he was medically cleared to do it himself.

On his first night home from the hospital, I noticed that he'd slept for only three hours.

Pouring him coffee the following morning, I mentioned it.

"Dad, you only slept for 3 hours last night. Are you SURE you're not in pain?"

"The pain pills work just fine, Lulu. Three hours is pretty typical for me; I've had trouble sleeping for years."

"Well, we'll need to do a little better than 3 hours a night, or it will take you a long time to recover from your surgery. People who don't sleep well don't heal well."

My father took only two prescription medicines, and at 6 foot one and 270 pounds, he'd never been susceptible to pills. On the way home from his physical therapy appointment, we stopped at his favorite grocery store to look for something to help him get more rest.

We purchased a bottle of 25mg diphenhydramine capsules rather than the 50mg maximum strength. Taking one at bedtime didn't make much difference, so we increased the dose to two pills the next night.

The following day I found Dad smiling over his morning coffee.

"I slept for five hours straight before waking up. It's been years since I've slept

that well."

Several non-prescription products can help us go to sleep. These include antihistamines like diphenhydramine and doxylamine and melatonin, a hormone that encourages sleep.

As we age, our body makes less melatonin, a hormone we produce from tryptophan, an amino acid.

Diphenhydramine (Benadryl®) is available in two places in a typical grocery or pharmacy. You'll find 25mg tablets or capsules in the allergy section and 50mg tablets in the sleep aid aisle marketed as Sominex®, Nytol®, and zzQuil®. Doxylamine is available as 50mg Maximum Strength Unisom®.

The effects of diphenhydramine last about 6 hours. It is considered safer in older adults than doxylamine, which works longer, up to 10 hours.

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The most common side effects of diphenhydramine and doxylamine include dry mouth, dry mouth, constipation, confusion, and urinary retention. These are more problematic if you take medicine for bladder control, depression, or insomnia.

Here are 5 Tips on Taking Non-prescription Sleep Aids:

- 1. Avoid alcohol.** Although alcohol may be relaxing, it can interfere with staying asleep. Drinking alcohol while taking narcotic pain medicines, prescription



anxiety medicines, or prescription sleeping pills is a dangerous combination and increases the risk of overdose.

2. Try melatonin first. Melatonin has very few side effects compared to other sleep aids. Start with 3mg of melatonin 30-60 minutes before bed. If that's not effective, double it to 6mg before bed.

3. Older adults should use diphenhydramine over doxylamine.

The sleepiness from doxylamine may last up to 10 hours compared to only 6 hours for diphenhydramine. Longer-acting sleep aids are not always an advantage because you can feel "hungover" if the effects of your sleeping pill haven't worn off by the time you need to wake up.

4. Start low. The effects of sleeping pills can be unpredictable. When trying a new one, use half a dose at first. If you're not sleepy within 30 minutes, go ahead with the other half.

5. Beware of dry mouth side effects. Saliva keeps food from sticking to your teeth and has critical antibacterial properties. A dry mouth from having less saliva is not just annoying; it significantly accelerates tooth decay.

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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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Council Members,

Last Thursday night's bomb scare in the central part of downtown should give everyone pause, especially considering the recent vote by the Council to approve higher density rezoning for our town.

Several residents who spoke at the March 22 Council meeting clearly outlined that under current zoning codes, over 700 new homes are in the pipeline to be built. When completed, they will house 1,450 new residents, on average. This does not count the increases in density that will come with your vote to up-zone a vast area north, northwest and west of our town.

Thursday night, we learned that from about 5 p.m. until around 10 p.m. our town was cut off from Highway 2 access, effectively cutting us off from the rest of the world. We were told to "shelter in place" wherever we were. Cascade Medical Center's Emergency Department was placed in a lockdown in response to the threat, but remained open to emergency cases. Otherwise, all other medical care was absent from those who certainly may have needed it during that time.

Can you begin to imagine how nearly doubling our population would have made the situation so very much worse? Have you not yet realized what a precarious situation we are already in because of the limited ingress/egress capability in our town? Not to mention the confusing intersections leading onto Highway 2, which back up traffic under daily conditions? Much more so during an emergency? Or the limiting two-lane highways connecting our town with the rest of the world?

Right now, if we had a situation arise where we would have to evacuate, it would cause a massive traffic jam, worsened by cars running out of gas as they sat trying to access Highway 2 or on the highway itself. There could be mass panic with limited solutions available. People in these circumstances can exhibit very dangerous behavior.

We see your vote to continue to increase density as a slowly developing catastrophe for Leavenworth. Can you be certain without further studies that this will be a safe situation for the residents?

Since your first priority as a Council member is to support and enhance Public Safety,

please provide a response as to why you have moved forward prior to properly evaluating the downstream impacts.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Ann Crosby
Leavenworth

Dung In the Dining Room: The Effects of Imperceptions



GUEST OPINION
DUANE GOEHNER
FORMER CHAIRMAN, FRIENDS OF LEAVENWORTH

Last year our 1967 septic system failed. Our first indication of a problem was a slight gurgling sound. Then one afternoon, the septic suddenly backed up into the bathtub near the dining room. Definitely a problem! We risked bigger problems if we remained complacent. I called septic experts who confirmed mitigation was essential. We had two options: 1) Reduce water use and get the whole system upgraded, or 2) Ignore the problem, and risk significant consequences physically, financially, and environmentally.

We chose #1. We acknowledged the verified facts and changed our thinking and behavior: Very brief showers. Two loads of wash a week. And even more difficult: no entertaining of guests until the underlying issues were thoroughly addressed. Finally, several months and \$32,000 later, we had a system that exceeded state requirements. Choosing option 2 would have demonstrated irresponsibility, with horrible consequences!

On Tuesday, the City Council—under encouragement from the mayor, city development staff and Planning Commission—again chose to shove more junk down their drain into an insufficient infrastructure. Five Council members approved the first of many ubiquitous density increases in their "grand" plan, knowing that City's current infrastructure is inadequate already. Instead, they evangelized a fake Supply-Demand narrative about "affordability," using an economic model that crumbles into pieces when there is endless Market Demand like here. Have you seen the

250+ new residential units in Leavenworth in the last year or two creating affordability in Leavenworth? I haven't. Prices continue to skyrocket. In fact, with those units and other residential plans already well into planning, there will be over 600 NEW residences in Leavenworth within the span of ~5 years, including a newly discovered not-affordable Weidner Apartment complex of 244 residences on the former Meadowlark property, conveniently excluded from the public conversation on housing by City staff. When is enough, enough? What is the tipping point of destroying that which we value so much about Leavenworth? Are we expected to house every person who wants to live and work here? Every business that wants to operate here? Moreover, when will the city address infrastructure BEFORE approving more development, having developers pay instead of taxpayers?

Five years ago, this community rose up in outrage over unaddressed infrastructure issues like traffic and floods of tourists from an Adventure Park. People expressed concern and disgust that their quality of life was being degraded further by the decision of a few. Ironically, people who voted on Tuesday to approve this density increase in residential areas were the very ones who opposed business growth without sufficient infrastructure to properly handle it.

Disturbingly, the conversations about more density took place behind the City's safety of the Zoom Wall. The public was held in Zoom jail in both the PC and Council meetings, certainly not an appropriate mechanism for open community visioning dialogue. I finally stopped attending the PC meetings due to the unprofessional behavior exhibited by both PC members and a councilwoman. Rather than the community strategizing together, considering multiple options, the city staff pitched only increasing density—again and again—to "educate" the dumb public. There was extremely minimal support from the public during PC meetings. The PC pushed their agenda anyway, because they felt they were the "experts" as to what the community wants for its future.

For six years I have worked tirelessly to champion community-expressed

concerns about environment, infrastructure, and most of all, future impacts on quality of life. I have spent in excess of 1200 hours a year listening to community members, researching, writing, providing updates, and attempting to build partnerships with agencies, business leaders, councilmembers and staff. The Friends of Leavenworth board has made a few positive impacts for quality of life, but only by climbing up very steep cliffs crafted by the City. I personally have had increasing concerns with the City leadership's direction, along with its hyper-dependency on "theory," while ignoring real contextual facts. Leavenworth is NOT Seattle or Portland, which staff and PC keep pushing as models. People do not live or move here to be in Cement City, packed in amongst towering residential homes that block views and sunlight. A below-average home price of \$500-\$700-million-dollar home—on a small lot—is NOT affordable to the average working person in town. Increasing density in the name of affordability benefits one main group: developers... who obviously build to make a living not to give buildings away.

Without leadership that proactively addresses the deep infrastructure problems—that will be exacerbated by up zoning—the City is on a dangerous one-way road leading to horrible quality-of-life degradation. Tuesday evening, I reached my tipping point. I lost trust in current City leadership and staff to actually address infrastructure problems or to hear the rational voices of hundreds of community members. It is futile to invest energy when leaders ignore facts to pursue fiction. I thus submitted my resignation to the City Residential Advisory Committee and to my fine Friends of Leavenworth board colleagues as their chairman... Not out of protest or anger, but out of utter hopelessness and exhaustion. I feel bloodied by the City processes, as do many others. And committees wonder why there is not broad public involvement??

The only things that will stop the pernicious surge into residential neighborhoods are City leaders who build wide community censuses, base decisions on facts and real data, and hold staff accountable when they blow smoke.