



“Once a Kodiak, always a Kodiak”



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Cascade Says Farewell to beloved Principal Daley

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After thirty-six years of considering Leavenworth home and twenty-seven years of serving the Cascade School District community as a dedicated educator, Elia Ala-ilima-Daley is moving on to become the Executive Director of Secondary Education in the Olympia School District. Recent additions to the Cascade District know Daley as the principal at Cascade Senior High School; however, long-established residents will remember him first as a high school student, then as a teacher, Athletic Director, and Assistant Principal.

Daley first moved to Leavenworth in the fall of 1986 and enrolled at Cascade High School as a junior. While at Cascade, Daley played football and basketball and met his soon-to-be wife: then Christie Housten. After graduating from Cascade, Daley attended the University of Idaho and played football. There he earned an undergraduate degree in science and social studies. He and Christie lived in Hawaii until 1995 when they returned home to Leavenworth to raise their own children. Both of Daley's children attended Cascade Schools. Eliana graduated in 2015 and is currently a content editor for Worldwide Group in Spokane; Makenna graduated in 2018

and will be graduating from Cal-State Fullerton with a degree in biology.

“[Leavenworth has] always felt like home,” Daley said. “The staff at Cascade High School is very much like the staff was when I was a student here: always welcoming and a huge part of helping me grow as a young man.”

Upon returning to Leavenworth, Daley began his teaching career as a History teacher. “I decided to go into teaching due to all the great mentors I had while I was a student as Cascade,” said Daley. In addition to teaching, Daley coached the golf team at CHS and joined the coaching staff for the high school football team. “I played football from third grade until college. And since the pros didn’t come knocking, I decided to coach. I love the game and it was a great way to connect with students,” he explained.

For most of his career at Cascade, Daley has taught and worked alongside math teacher Mr. Davies. Davies expressed nothing but kind words and fond memories when asked to explain what he will miss about Daley. “Everything. He’s an amazing man, intelligent, and he cares about kids. He’s got his heart in the right place because he loves kids and protects his staff. He’s funny, he’s fun to get along with, [and] fun to goof off with,” said Davies.

Mr. Davies isn’t the only staff member Daley has worked with for over two decades. Mr. Barnes, the current administrative assistant for Cascade, has had the opportunity of working alongside Daley since 1998. During these two decades together, Barnes has appreciated how Daley “creates an amazing atmosphere for the staff” adding that “it will be hard to replace him.” Barnes shared a fond memory of his time with Daley: “He has always made me laugh, but



Principal Elia Ala-ilima-Daley, who has served the Kodiak community for over almost three decades as an educator, administrator, coach, and friend, will be moving on next school year.

one of the funniest times was when he helped trap Mr. Joya in his office during COVID.”

One of the greatest testaments to a teacher’s influence is when their students pursue a career in the field of education themselves. Two current employees of the Cascade School District have done just that: Sports Medicine Teacher John Betz and Athletic Director Dominick Coffin.

“When I was in high school, he’d just become the high school football coach. He was a teacher. I took his CWCW class; played football for him. I’ve known Daley a long time, [he’s] very good friend of mine. And now I get to work with him in a different way, and that’s been really cool to be able to experience,” said Betz.

Carl Haberberger, the current Cascade culinary teacher, shared that despite never having Daley as a teacher, he was lucky enough to have him as a football coach. “[Daley] was the football star we looked up to when we were little kids. He made football practices fun.”

Mr. Coffin had Mr. Daley as a CWCW teacher and football coach all throughout high school. Now that they are coworkers, he explained that Daley’s efficiency is what makes him a great work partner. “If I need help with anything, he doesn’t put it off until later, he gets it done right away. He also is someone that does a great job of building strong relationships

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Stakeholders Respond to Hawkins’ Affordable Housing Bill Progress

By MEGAN SOKOL

Staff Writer

Sen. Brad Hawkins’ affordable housing bill has reached the Governor’s office and is pending final approval. Those who testified for its approval expressed their excitement for the bill’s progress.

“Chelan Valley Housing Trust is very grateful for the efforts of both representative Mike Steele up here in Chelan County and of course, Senator Brad Hawkins,” Chelan Valley Housing Trust Executive Director Steve Wilkinson said. “They’re really highlighting the need for creative legislation to address the housing crisis we have got here in Chelan County and Senator Hawkins demonstrated great resolve and flexibility to sponsor Senate Bill 5868 for the purpose of expanding that eligible use of the existing rural sales and use tax for funding housing.”

SB 5868 is targeted towards expanding the use of rural county public facilities sales and use tax to include affordable workforce housing, generally used for economic development or building infrastructure. This is a 0.09% sales remittance tax that is coming out of the 6.5% state sales tax. If signed into law, this would not increase tax rates and will be eligible for those who do not make more than 120% over the median income within their county. It would be designated for nonprofit housing so that it remains affordable after a resident or developer sells their property.

“There is a major growing issue with housing affordability especially in our areas,” Sen. Hawkins said “Places like Leavenworth, Lake Chelan, the Methow Valley, and all throughout the state.”

The bill traversed both House and Senate floors March 7-9 and was finally placed on the Governor’s desk by March 11.

“Passing any bill in Olympia is difficult but housing bills have proven to be especially challenging, so I’m just really grateful to the many local stakeholders who supported this effort and who helped advocate for it. This bill would not be where it is without their support.”

Those who testified for the bill’s approval include Upper Valley MEND, Chelan Valley Housing Trust, Chelan County, Leavenworth Mayor Carl J. Florea, Leavenworth City Councilmember Zeke Reister, Wenatchee Valley Chamber, Confluence Health, and Cascade Medical.

Those who testified against the bill include the Washington Public Ports Association due to the bill’s last minute change to fund workforce housing through the state sales tax rather than through lodging taxes. Chelan County Housing & Economic Development Director Sasha Sleiman recalled that the Port’s concerns were based in the funding stream becoming too thin down the line.

“I think everybody kind of understands the importance of it, but anytime you expand use of funding, that means hypothetically, other people won’t be able to get as much funding. The funding is limited, there’s a set amount of money,” Sleiman explained. “If you’re allowing for more people to apply for that funding, people who are existing recipients of that funding may get nervous, so I think that’s where we’re seeing that from the statewide port association.”

Many proponents for the bill

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City Council Reflects on Emergency Management after ‘Snowpocalypse’

Residents Comment on Remanded Zoning Amendments Afterwards

By MEGAN SOKOL

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The agenda for the city’s March 8th meeting had only one discussion item scheduled, a brief on the snow storm that hit Leavenworth on Jan. 6. However, the public comment period was swiftly turned back to the ongoing saga of the remanded zoning amendments from December, as discussion for their status edges closer to the March 22 meeting.

The March 8th meeting began with Jason Lundgren abstaining from confirming the minutes due to his absence from the previous city council meeting on Feb. 21.

Duane Goehner was the first speaker during the public comment portion of the meeting, commenting on the remanded rezoning of areas RL 8 and RL 10 amendments from December, stating that he is not confident that the city will ever be able to meet the housing demand, citing the development of the Weidner apartments as an example.

“If you have a never-ending demand, you will never be able to meet that,” Goehner stated.

He claimed that there has been a growing tension between the Planning Commission and the Leavenworth community.

“It was troubling to me when sometimes I heard people who live on larger lots being referred to as ‘land barons, elitists, Not in My BackYard (NIMBY), people with big green lawns, and the elite white voice.’”

Goehner stated that community members no longer wish to attend the Planning Commission meetings due to these comments and a feeling that the Planning Commission has an agenda.

“They (community members) don’t feel listened to and they feel actually like second-class citizens.”

After hearing the public comments, the Council moved on to a presentation on the January 2022 Snow Emergency Debrief. Public Works Director Tom Wachholder introduced Pertee’s Director of Central Washington

Services and Preparedness Program Kirk Holmes. Holmes explained that a debrief after an emergency is the best way to reflect on how to better prepare for the next one.

According to a survey conducted by Pertee, which was shared with the Mayor, City Staff, Chelan County Emergency Management, the School District, and the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce, Holmes reported that people commended the city for their teamwork, solid leadership, successful snow removal, good communication both inter-

departmentally and community wide, inclusion of the National Guard, and the use of private contractors.

He reported that people commented that city emergency planning needs improvement, along with some comments on equipment issues and their lack of indoor storage.

“There’s a feeling of overall lack of planning that led to a delay in response time,” Holmes stated.

General consensus reports that there wasn’t a clear outlook of

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Community

War is Hell



A WALK WITH PASTOR

John Smith

With the news about Ukraine streaming in and the images displaying the horrific violence at the hands of the Russian military, Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman's words are devastatingly accurate. War is hell, and it has arrived in Ukraine.

It is hard to cut through all the spin and propaganda surrounding this conflict. Political posturing and the virtue-signaling coming from both the Left and the Right are nauseating and only distract from the reality that in war, both sides lose. Ukrainians will die, and so will Russians, and the suffering will extend beyond the borders of these two nations.

Please do not misunderstand me that we should allow a despot and tyrant like Putin to invade sovereign nations, bomb innocent civilians, and threaten nuclear war if any country attempts to intervene. But, as the United States of America, in large part, we are duty-bound to promote the cause of freedom. Ronald Reagan, borrowing from John Winthrop's sermon preached in 1630, described us as a "city on a hill," and so, therefore, the light of God-given liberty should shine into every corner of the world.

However, as Christians, our perspective is beyond border disputes between nations transcending upward to a vantage point with Christ—a position of peace. Unfortunately, peace has always been in short supply. Peace, as the world gives, is temporary and fleeting. For as long as I can remember, we have always labored for peace in the Middle East, but what invariably happens? Some situation rises to the surface, violence, and mayhem ensue, and ultimately reveal that peace is too delicate of a thing to endure. I fear the same will happen with Ukraine and

Russia. There may be peace in Ukraine—a temporary cease-fire and a halting of Putin's invasion—but it won't last. In other words, as long as wicked men rule, there will always be bloodshed.

True and everlasting peace must come from a true and eternal source, and the only source that fits that criterion is Jesus. He says in John 14:27, "Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives." In this passage, Christ is speaking to individuals who were afraid and distraught. The disciples' lives were being turned upside down and facing the absence of their beloved Messiah only made matters more difficult. Yet Christ reminds them that the peace he speaks of is eternal and that he has the authority to give it because he, himself, is the "Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6).

What Ukraine and Russia both need is Jesus.

What Vladimir Putin and Volodymyr Zelensky need is Jesus.

What the world needs is Jesus.

Ultimately, Christ is the only one that can put a stop to the animosity. By the shedding of his blood on the cross, he annihilated the hostility between God and man (Eph. 2:14) and, as a further consequence, destroyed the barriers that separate people. Bombs, tanks, even economic sanctions can adequately do what Christ did on the cross. They may restrain or stop the conflict for a season, but only the gospel can give permanent peace.

We have many Ukrainian contacts—personal friends who are actively ministering in the middle of conflict. Huddled in bunkers as the shelling continues above, they say that they are more than comforted in the Christ that promises peace and that this Christ is not just for them but also for their enemies. They repeatedly urge us to pray for peace, not just to end the war but also for peace of the soul.

War is hell, but Christ can deliver people from it and give peace.

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OBITUARY



Freeman Moore, Sr.

November 30, 1936-February 22, 2022



Freeman Moore was born on November 30, 1936 in Strawberry Plains, TN. to Geneva and Clarence Moore. The family of 9 moved to Leavenworth in 1946 in support of the WWII effort. Freeman joined the Navy in 1954. Following Boot Camp, he was assigned to the USS Bremerton. He proudly served for 22 years with a tour in Vietnam where he was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V. Following

his tour in Vietnam, Senior Chief Moore, and his family moved to Brussels, Belgium where he served for 5 years on the International Military Staff for NATO Headquarters. Upon retirement from the Navy the family settled back in Leavenworth where he drove semi-truck for Parton Trucking delivering lumber from mills to yards all over the state. The he started a Tom's Vending business. Freeman completely retired,

except for marshaling at the Leavenworth Golf Course in 2000. Freeman married Kathryn Tanner of San Diego, CA in 1956. Freeman and Kathy were blessed with two sons, Freeman "Skip" Jr., and Curtis Roy. Kathy unexpectedly passed in 1986. Freeman remarried Jolene Slechta of Cashmere. Freeman is survived by two sisters and their spouses, Gail and Charles Lowe, and Joyce and James

Monsmith of Leavenworth. Two sons and their spouses, Skip and Carrie of Cashmere and Curtis and Brenda of Seattle. Two stepdaughters Jana Slechta of Gig Harbor and Tammy and Mike Mangus of Cashmere and 8 grandchildren. Freeman passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on February 22, 2022. Services will be held at the Cashmere Presbyterian Church on March 18 at 11:00 a.m.

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Sports/Regional News

Cascade vs. Eastmont Soccer game



Cascade defensive player Vincent Slette collides with Wenatchee player.



Cascade midfielder Kevin Castillo Herrera races to the ball.



Cascade defensive player Ryan Denega races with Wenatchee player.

Pickleball season starts in Leavenworth

Adult Play begins Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6-7 p.m. or until it is dark and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

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This spring, youth play will begin.

To manage the number of players, a sign-up sheet will be provided via a Facebook link over the next week or two.

The youth training is pending

U S A P A (U n i t e d States of America Pickleball Association)

approval which is expected to come soon.

Youth training will be for children aged 5-17. Children 5 to 10 need to be accompanied by an adult.

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See you on the courts. Becki Subido, U S A P A Ambassador



Sports Schedule

BASEBALL	
March 17:	Cascade vs. Cle Elum-Roslyn, Away; 4:30 p.m.
March 18:	Cascade vs. Liberty Bell Jr./Sr. at Recreation Park; 4:30 p.m.
March 22:	Cascade vs. Lake Roosevelt at Peshastin-Dryden Sports Complex; 4:30 p.m.
SOCCER	
March 17:	Cascade vs. Prosser, Away; 4 p.m.
March 19:	Cascade vs. Brewster, Away; 11 a.m.
March 22:	Cascade vs. Omak at Cascade Upper (Bus Garage); 4 p.m.
SOFTBALL	
March 17:	Cascade vs. Cle Elum-Roslyn, Away; 4:30 p.m.
March 22:	Cascade vs. Lake Roosevelt at Rich Rice Memorial (Dryden); 4:30 p.m.

Kodiaks Scoreboard	
SOCCER	
March 10:	Cascade 0, Wenatchee 0; Tied
March 12:	Cascade 5, Ephrata 1; Win

Emergency Management

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roles and responsibilities, along with confusion on the City's relationship with the county and unclear on what to expect from either entity. There were also some comments on communication but complimented the City's communication of status during the storm.

Holmes presented the next steps that the council could take to improve these areas. Recommendations included training with Chelan County on how to better understand the incident response process, develop an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Manual, and training internally on a new EOC manual and emergency procedures.

"The City does have some homework they need to do,"

Holmes commented. "This requires taking a step back, not a giant step forward."

He also suggested setting up a local planning team and to develop a gap analysis, so as to better identify where they are lacking and to review the EOC Manual as a team. He also recommended developing financial reports so that they are prepared to give an accurate estimate for future state funding.

"There is no need [for why] a city does not have an operations center of its own."

Councilmember Marco Aurilio applauded Holmes for his presentation and recommended to include an assigned emergency management position and team, so that an emergency management could go much more smoothly in the future with proper communication

channels.

Discussion wrapped up with Councilmember Zeke Reister asking when the next meeting would be with both the Chelan County Emergency Management Center (CCEMC) and Chelan County Fire District #3, which Wachholder confirmed would be on March 9.

Holmes reminded the council that the CCEMC is only partnering with the city and not doing the emergency training for them, which Aurilio added that Fire District #3 has the same type of agreement with the city.

After all councilmembers reported on their subcommittee meetings, resident Paula Strozyk also commented on the remanded zoning amendments. She agreed that there was a perceived tension between the Planning Commission and the Leavenworth community and

wanted to remind the council as to why they remanded the amendments back in December.

"The Planning Commission does seem to have a firm decision on moving forward with very minimal changes addressing the issues that you all remanded, and the concerns of the community still remain and the Planning Commission has not addressed those concerns proficiently."

Resident Nancy Benson suggested that the council slow down on the zoning amendments, and suggested that they instead attend an affordable housing summit with other cities.

"Things are going to change," Benson said. "I'm not anti-development, but how I'm interpreting it is that [the amendments are] a permanent change."

Leavenworth Stormwater Nightmares: Case studies on infrastructure planning carelessness

GUEST COLUMNIST: DUANE GOEHNER

The historical tone deafness of the City to Leavenworth's stormwater issues have repeatedly "bubbled up" across the City's residential areas, creating nightmares for property owners and the environment. Leavenworth has often ignored residents' concerns of insufficiently addressing fundamental infrastructure matters before pressing ahead with half-baked plans. There are a couple stormwater case studies that exhibit the ongoing pattern of carelessness with very troubling local cause-and-effect consequences:

Leavenworth Haus Apartments: Willkommen Village has been fraught with stormwater problems. It began when the City's 2016 Stormwater/Wetland Management Plan conveniently eliminated using the rain-on-snow data for stormwater system impacts. During the Weidner (Leavenworth Haus) Apartments' 2018 SEPA comment period, dozens of residents expressed concern that the SEPA should be re-done to properly address the actual traffic, environmental, parking and stormwater impacts of the proposed development. The City ignored those concerns, approving the DNS (Determination of Non-Significance) in March, 2018, stating, "No offsite mitigation is recommended." Moreover, per the City's original Zeltstrasse 2017 plans, the increased stormwater was to run from Zeltstrasse to the Wenatchee River under a County Road, trespassing through private property downstream to the river.

In April 2019, the City approved the apartments' Excavation Permit, with no stormwater plan included. River Bend Park Association (RBPA) filed an appeal since they were concerned that major impervious surface development would cause property flooding in their neighborhood. The Hearing Examiner validated RBPA's concerns but denied the appeal because both the City and Weidner developers assured him that no occupancy permits would be issued before the stormwater system was properly functioning. In December 2020, fully aware that the system was not retaining storm water from well-documented evidence of flooding during rain events, the City issued the first building occupancy permit anyway, and continued to do so as buildings were completed. Finally, after a year of requests from the community for testing the new systems that were overflowing, on July 8th 2021, both Zeltstrasse and the apartments' engineer tests failed. Recent assurances from the City of secured building bonds has not garnered trust of residents as their basements and property have continued to flood. To date, no actual plans have been submitted by the developer to the City to solve the issues. Neither has the City kept the developer's feet to the fire.

Even more concerning is that the past patterns of Development Services minimizing and dismissing real problems brought up by the community will perpetuate issues as more condos, hotels and shops are built in Willkommen Village. Additionally, with Weidner's disregard for the community members' concerns, their new plan to fully develop even more

rental units on the Meadowlark Property has the real potential for creating even more stormwater problems in that new geographical area.

Pinegrass: Anyone who has been around Leavenworth for more than 5 years is keenly aware of the wetland/surface water issues around Pinegrass. There was a valid reason that land did not have apple orchards and remained undeveloped. In approving the new developments, the City closed their eyes to the endemic problems with the land, apparently being blinded by the need for more housing, maintaining a contextually unsupported theory that simply building more houses would equate to more affordable houses in a town with endless demand. As with Leavenworth Haus, the City again claimed that engineering experts had mitigated the ground water issues by digging retention ponds. In fact, since the development opened, the new homeowners in Pinegrass are dealing with significant surface water issues, flowing under their homes, filling crawl spaces, etc. Moreover, as more houses are built upstream, the increase of impervious surfaces will only increase downstream runoff and flooding, even into areas that may not have experienced surface water previously.

Unfortunately, failing to address the elementary infrastructure matters before giving approval to potentially good ideas can lead to huge problems that are extremely hard to solve thereafter. Prudence requires putting the horse before the cart... the infrastructure preparation before the grand building plans.

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Since January 1, our teams of volunteers have responded to at least 175 home fires across the Northwest region. And we've seen hundreds roll up a sleeve to donate, as every day hospital patients in the U.S. needed lifesaving blood to

battle illness and injury.

In March, the Northwest Region is honoring the people who make its mission possible every day during our annual Red Cross Month celebration — a national tradition started nearly 80 years ago when President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued the first national Red Cross Month proclamation recognizing those who give back through the American Red Cross. Each U.S. president has issued a proclamation ever since.

"When emergencies strike, our community rallies together to help families and individuals when it matters most," said Alex Dieffenbach, Northwest Region CEO. "We honor this

dedication during our Red Cross Month celebration, and we invite everyone to turn their compassion into action by donating, volunteering, giving blood or taking a lifesaving skills course."

You can join us in celebrating Red Cross Month by visiting redcross.org to give blood, become a volunteer or take a class in lifesaving skills, such as first aid and CPR. On March 23, you can also join our annual Red Cross Giving Day campaign by donating at redcross.org/givingday and help provide shelter, food, relief items, emotional support and other assistance for people affected by disasters big and small.

Link Transit Ambassadors

Link Transit is seeking student applicants for its Transit Ambassador Program. Transit Ambassadors develop job skills and scholarship references through the successful completion of 30 volunteer hours assisting in Link Transit's marketing and outreach efforts. Now in its 15th year, the Transit Ambassador Program is designed to give students a better understanding of the value of public transportation and how Link Transit serves the communities in Chelan and Douglas Counties.

Transit ambassadors gain an understanding of the environmental and financial benefits that public transportation provides to

communities while gaining life skills related to utilizing public transit to access work, school, and recreational opportunities. Additionally, Transit Ambassadors will assist in creating a marketing and promotional campaign targeted at attracting youth riders to public transportation.

Transit Ambassadors may come from any school within Link's service area. The program is open to any student who will be 14 or older by the application deadline of Friday, April 1, 2022. Applications may be made online at www.linktransit.com/ta.

Applicants must submit a photo of themselves and

include an essay of 200 words or less on the benefits of Public Transit. Students selected as Transit Ambassadors must attend orientation on Sunday, April 10, and assist in promoting Link services and student pass programs during school registration events.

Transit Ambassadors will receive training on handling Frequently Asked Transit Questions, and act as a student representative within their school and the community to promote use of public transportation.

For more information on the Transit Ambassador program, visit Link's web site at www.linktransit.com/ta, or call 509-664-7624.



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Wanted

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City of Leavenworth
Attn: Sue Cragun, Executive Assistant
PO Box 287 / 700 Highway 2
Leavenworth, WA 98826
or scragun@cityofleavenworth.com
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Employment

Help Wanted

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The City of Leavenworth, an equal opportunity employer, is now accepting applications for the following position: Three (3) vacancies for a Seasonal Parks / Cemetery Worker - maximum of 24 Hours per week position. This position is a non-union covered position with a starting pay of \$17.00 - \$20.00/hr DOE.
Requirements: Minimum 18 years of age and WA state driver's license with record acceptable to the City; position will require a drug/alcohol screening and physical evaluation. Individual must be able to work weekends, holidays, and required overtime. Duties include: Landscape and turf maintenance, building and restroom maintenance, litter control, irrigation maintenance, operation of light and/or special use equipment (ballfield and turf maintenance equipment), and cemetery maintenance.
Job application and full job description are available at City Hall, 700 US Hwy. 2, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, via our website at www.cityofleavenworth.com, or by contacting us at 509-548-5275. Applicants will be interviewed upon submittal of application. Job will remain open until filled.

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Job application and full job description are available at City Hall, 700 US Hwy. 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., via our website at www.cityofleavenworth.com, or by contacting us at 509-548-5275. Open until filled.

Help Wanted

Employment Opportunities City of Chelan Parks & Recreation
is accepting applications for seasonal employment positions covering General Parks maintenance, night security, parking enforcement and landscaping, RV Park, Marina, and Putting Course attendants, and Golf Course staff. See www.CityOfChelan.us/employment for job application instructions or pick-up application at the Chelan Parks & Recreation Office at 619 W Manson Hwy, Chelan.

PUD No. 1 of Okanogan County is seeking customer service rep.
The primary purpose of the position is to provide superior customer service to the district's internal and external customers by handling a variety of customer account and billing issues, including answering calls, cashiering duties, and performing account analysis in terms of credit/collections and payment arrangements. Please see www.okanoganpud.org for job description, requirements and submit application with resume. Okanogan PUD is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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Help Wanted



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Help Wanted

Operations Manager Organization: Okanogan County Transit Authority (TranGO)

TranGO is seeking an Operations Manager. Office location is Okanogan, WA. This is an exempt position according to FLSA and Washington Wage Act. Compensation range is \$81,057 - \$87,672 DOE. Benefits include health insurance (including dental and vision), life insurance, retirement, sick leave, vacation). Must have a Bachelor's Degree and five years progressive experience in transit and/or operations with at least five years supervisory experience in both fixed-route and demand response services. Must have a minimum Class B CDL with Passenger Endorsement or ability to obtain within 90 days of hire. Please visit www.okanogantransit.com for full job announcement, required qualifications, application, and job description. A complete application including a resume and cover letter must be submitted in order to be considered for the position. E-mail your completed application to financehr@okanogantransit.com Application Deadline: Application review will begin March 25, 2022 and will continue until the position is filled. Okanogan County Transit Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY
 In the Matter of the Estate of R.J. REILLY, Deceased. No. 22-4-00104-04
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030
 The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative 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 as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative'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 personal representative 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 RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: March 2, 2022
 Personal Representative: Patrick J. Reilly
 Attorney for the Personal Representative: Russell J. Speidel
 Address for Mailing or Service: Speidel Bentsen LLP 7 North Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 600 P.O. Box 881 Wenatchee, WA 98807-0881 Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Chelan County Superior Court Cause No. 22-4-00104-04
 PATRICK J. REILLY
 Personal Representative
 Attorneys for Personal Representative: SPEIDEL BENTSEN LLP By: RUSSELL J. SPEIDEL WSBA No. 12838 7 North Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 600 P.O. Box 881 Wenatchee, WA 98807
 Published in The Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on March 2, 9, and 16, 2022. #3689

Public Notices

Superior Court of Washington for Chelan County

In the matter of the estate of **James D. Willems**, Deceased. No. 22-4-00033-04
Notice To Creditors (RCW 11.40.030)
 The person named below has been appointed as personal representative 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 as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or his 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 personal representative 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 this 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. **Date of First Publication: March 2, 2022.**
Wesley Jennings, Personal Representative
 Attorney for the Personal Representative: Joseph C. Brown, Jr., WSBA# 17991
 Address for Mailing or Service: J.C. Brown Law Office, PLLC 200 Aplets Way, P.O. Box 384 Cashmere, WA 98815 (509)782-1111
 Court of probate proceeding and cause number: Chelan County Superior Court, Cause Number: 22-4-00033-04
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Real Estate

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 All positions are open until filled. Apply on-line: <https://bridgeportjobs.hrmplus.net/Home.aspx>. For further information, please contact the HR office at 509-686-5656 or email jobs@bsd75.org. BSD is an equal opportunity employer.

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 13. Inlet in Greenland
 16. Pharaoh's symbol
 17. Austin Powers and Shrek to Mike Myers
 18. "I developed the theory of relativity
 20. Sailor's hail
 21. Lyric poem
 22. Solar System center
 23. Portable stairs
 26. "I am Sgt. George Baker's inept comic strip character
 30. Mine deposit
 31. Shape
 34. Fairy tale cannibal
 35. Feline sneakers
 37. Lawyer group
 38. "I have a coiled shell and eyes on stalks
 39. Very dark black
 40. Free from obstruction
 42. ___ Aviv
 43. Most buffoonish
 45. Rest or hydration for common cold, e.g.
 47. Hot springs resort
 48. "...he found a crooked sixpence upon a crooked ___"
 50. Japanese stringed instrument
 52. "I am a runaway slave, an abolitionist, and a best-selling author
 55. Email destination
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 57. Food fish
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 26. Fence board
 27. Popular gemstone
 28. Shed tears
 29. "I am an American who became Princess of Monaco
 32. Harangue
 33. Network with an eye
 36. "My TV role became synonymous with a hair style
 38. Perform at the bee
 40. Canada's neighbor
 44. Strong adhesive
 46. Contemptibly small
 48. Dry white Italian wine
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 50. Dr. Seuss: "The more that you read, the more things you will ___"
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The Washington Outdoors Report

Outdoors Roundup

By JOHN KRUSE

MORE SALMON FORECASTS:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has come out with their second round of salmon forecasts and things are looking up for most runs compared to last year.

Starting with the Columbia River, some 230,400 “upriver bright” fall Chinook are expected to return above Bonneville Dam, 9500 less than the 2021 return and well below the 10-year average. As for the lower Columbia “tule” Chinook, that return should be similar to last year with 73,000 salmon forecast to return.

The coho run was very good last year with 829,000 salmon and this year is shaping up to be even better with just under one million salmon coming back. If this is true it will mark the best return of coho we’ve seen in the Columbia since 2014.

As for the sockeye run, that is forecast to improve with 200,000 fish expected. This compares to last year’s return of 152,309 salmon. Unfortunately, the endangered Snake River sockeye run continues to struggle and only 200 fish forecast to come back to Idaho. The projection for the Lake Wenatchee sockeye run is to be below the escapement goal of 23,000 salmon. However, it is worth noting that in recent years, WDFW has routinely under forecast the sockeye run for the Upper Columbia River and Lake Wenatchee so don’t count this fishery out yet.

Heading to the coast, coho salmon returns are expected to be much better than last year’s forecast of 241,800 fish. This year, biologists expect 454,693 coho. Many will be heading to Grays Harbor and Willapa Bay but several other coastal rivers will see improvements as well.

In Puget Sound coho returns to the Sound and surrounding rivers should be up around



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Jordan Reeder with two quality walleye caught near the Tri-Cities

eight percent over last year with 666,648 wild and hatchery coho forecast to return. The North Sound stocks are expected to see the bulk of this increase with more coho coming back to the Skagit and Nooksack Rivers. Other areas will likely remain down to include Hood Canal, the Strait of Juan De Fuca and the Snohomish River system. Finally, the Chinook numbers in Puget Sound are expected to be up by about 19,000 this year, with 250,444 salmon expected back. This reverses a multi-year downward trend but low returns to some rivers like the Stillaguamish will likely constrain fisheries.

THE COLD-WATER WALLEYE BITE IS HOT:

The Columbia River Walleye Anglers Association had their first tournament of the year March 5th and 6th in the Tri-Cities. Fifty-one anglers fished the Columbia and Snake River looking to bag a limit of six walleye each day. This being the pre-spawn, there were some real Hawgs caught. The

biggest walleye brought to the scales was a monster 13.5-pound fish and a total of 11 walleye were weighed in that hovered near the ten-pound mark or better.

As for who won this tournament? That would be the dynamic duo of Matt Brown and Jordan Binstock. They weighed in 12 walleye over two days weighing a total of 67.35 pounds. In addition to bragging rights, Brown and Binstock also get to split a \$3,120 first place check.

The walleye fishing is also hot further downstream. During the first week of March WDFW creel checkers contacted 47 anglers who caught 54 walleye in The Dalles Pool and 79 anglers who caught 81 walleye in the John Day Pool.

The fishing is also very good right now at Lake Roosevelt. Launching near Kettle Falls, Steven Morris, the owner of SJM Guide Service, took three clients out on March 7th for a day of fishing and came back with 29 fish. The majority of them were eater-size walleye but there were also some nice

burbot caught as well, a fish also known as the “poor man’s lobster”.

STATE PARK STAYCATION

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John Kruse – www.northwesternoutdoors.com and www.americaoutdoorsradio.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission is considering a proposal to allow a recreational spring bear hunt this year. This hunt has been held in previous years, but in late 2021 the Commission voted to cancel this year’s hunt, due to a lack of scientific justification for it. But after a shakeup of the Commission’s composition, they are one

again considering this extremely controversial hunt.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife refers to the spring bear hunt as a “long-standing recreational hunting opportunity.” This hunt, held from April to June, targets malnourished bears leaving their dens after hibernation. Female bears have young, dependent cubs

during this season. This unethical hunt would only provide “recreation” for a few hundred hunters – an incredibly small proportion of the Washington population, most of whom appreciate living wildlife. The spring hunt of vulnerable bears is also redundant to the annually held fall bear hunt.

This hunt is unnecessary and does not reflect

Washington’s conservation values. Let the Commission know that you oppose the spring bear hunt by emailing commission@dfw.wa.gov by March 18, 2022.

Thank you. Peri Gallucci Chelan

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