



## YEAR IN REVIEW

### Part One

#### January

##### Dr. Karl Kranz retires from Cascade Medical

BY: MARLENE FARRELL

One of Cascade Medical's finest providers, Dr. Karl Kranz, is retiring after almost 28 years as a family practice physician. Kranz was pivotal in helping Cascade Medical (CM) out of a crisis in the nineties. "In July of 1998, when I was hired as the new CEO, Cascade Medical Center was dangerously close to closing its doors," said Doug Williams, former CM CEO. "Many thought that it had no hope, including the state auditor. But in reviewing its strengths, I found that we had a visionary board, a supportive community, a quality staff, and Dr. Karl Kranz.

"However, the reality was that, without Dr. Kranz, none of the other positive factors would have been enough to keep us afloat."

##### America Has Lost its Soul

BY: BILL FORHAN

President Trump was impeached for the second time two weeks ago. Beyond the fact that the action was truly pointless, it is also un-American.

Throughout our history we have stood for fairness. We have held that an individual is innocent until proven guilty. Trump was accused by the media and the House of Representatives of inciting an insurrection that led to an assault on the Capitol Building.

As a 40-year veteran of the news community, I am deeply disappointed in the depth to which our Media has fallen. Their job is to help keep government honest. They are not king makers although they seem to have collectively decided that is their role.

#### February

##### Upper Valley Empty Bowls Goes Virtual in 2021

BY: DIANE PRIEBE

2021 marks a significant year for our Upper Valley Empty Bowls (UVEB) Festival in many ways—first of all it's our 25th anniversary! It is also a year impacted by the pandemic, where our Community Cupboard food bank needs our support more than ever. The UVEB Festival typically raises over \$15,000 each year, which funds 50 percent of the yearly Community Cupboard's food budget each year. This donation helps to stock its food shelves and provide food boxes to over 1000 local households annually. Sadly, due to the pandemic, for the first time ever we will not be able to gather together with our community to paint bowls during Glazing Days, or to share a community soup supper in March.

##### Big Step in ending Housing Shortage

BY: BILL FORHAN

"We have been working on housing issues trying to come up with ways to make housing in town more affordable for years. We've done it in a kind of a haphazard way in retrospect. Some of the ideas we've tried haven't gone anywhere. Some of the ideas we've put into place sounded very good, but they didn't place and nobody missed them. I'm excited to have a list to help us move forward." Andy Lane, Planning Commission Chair.

The planning commission heard a report from the state Department of Commerce last Wednesday on an 8-month study of Leavenworth's issue of affordable housing. It is a topic that has been on the minds of city leaders for several years. Mayor Carl Florea campaigned on the issue and has been pushing it ever since his election.



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**Jan 13.** Dr. Kranz has an easy rapport with his patients, including, pictured here, Faith Smith.



**Jan 27.** Sarah Butruille standing on a table in a scene from Brigadoon. Drama is one of the programs funded by the EP&O levy.



**Feb. 24.** The Leavenworth Haus Apartment Homes on Ward Strasse behind Safeway is scheduled for completion in early September. This is the largest housing project ever constructed in Leavenworth. It will add 200 housing units. Building A is currently open and Chris Fullerton, Community Director says the company has leased approximately 35% of the units some of which are not ready for occupancy.



PHOTO BY HEIDI SWOBODA

**March 3.** Penelope (Penny) Carpenter Ressler

##### March Penelope (Penny) Carpenter Ressler honored to serve again as Royal Lady

BY: BILL FORHAN

Being named Royal Lady is a unique Leavenworth honor. No one has earned that honor twice - until now. Penelope (Penny) Carpenter Ressler was chosen and accepted the nomination again for 2021 because COVID-19 essentially shut down the Northwest Festival circuit in 2020.

Penny did not earn the honor a second time just because she missed her opportunity for her day in the sun. She earned her second chance at the honor because her record of community service is tough to match. Locally she is a Past President of Leavenworth Rotary, The Leavenworth Nutcracker Museum and the Washington State Autumn Leaf Festival Association. She was a founding board member of the Upper Valley Museum, Barn Beach Reserve, P.E.O. Chapter JF and Icicle Center for the Arts. She has served on the Cascade Education Foundation Board, was a member of the Leavenworth Women's Exchange and served on the Parish Council of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church.



FILE PHOTO.

##### April 28. Wildfire season

##### Rodriguez and Mitsuyasu Win Staff of the Year Awards for Cascade School District

BY: MARLENE FARRELL

Every year, one teacher and one non-teaching staff member from the Cascade School District are recognized with an award of excellence. This year's awardees, band director James Mitsuyasu and bilingual secretary Miriam Rodriguez, have proven to be true champions at combining educational opportunity with compassionate understanding in the face of the unprecedented challenges of COVID-19.

#### April

##### Should the election threshold change for passage of school bond tax votes?

BY: SEN. BRAD HAWKINS

The Washington State Constitution states that education is its paramount duty. As a result, education policy and taxes have always been of significant importance in our state. You may remember that the Washington State Supreme Court issued its McCleary Decision on education funding in 2012.

This was a landmark case that required the state to significantly increase its funding for K-12 education. In response, over several budget cycles,

the Legislature took steps to address this decision and the high court determined the funding had been achieved in 2018 and closed the case.

##### Kodiak runners win big in shortened season

BY DAYLE MASSEY AND BILL FORHAN

Cascade High School's boys and girls teams had strong finishes to the season. Both teams won the CTL League Championship on March 25, and then on April 5 the boys team won the North Central Washington Regional Championship and the girls team placed 2nd behind Wenatchee.

Senior Landon Davies placed 2nd overall in the boys race, running the 5k course at Walla Walla Point Park in 16:29. Following him were team members Junior Owen Bard, sophomore Aiden Tuttle, junior Derek Richardson, sophomore Anthony Villalobos, and senior Jerome Jerome.

##### Mayor Carl Florea weighs in on affordable housing legislation

BY: BILL FORHAN

It seems every politician has jumped on the band wagon pushing programs for affordable housing. The legislature just passed a bill allowing local cities to use part of their sales tax receipts to fund affordable housing programs. Senator Maria Cantwell and Representative Suzan DelBene recently introduced a bill in Congress to build millions of affordable housing units across the country.

Leavenworth Mayor Carl Florea campaigned for office on the issue back in 2019 and won election with 55 percent of the vote. Florea then pushed for a measure in the state legislature that would allow the city to put a tax on lodging to be used to subsidize housing in the city. Florea's plan was built on the concept of the Lodging Tax that places a tax on hotels, motels and bed and breakfasts that currently funds promotion to keep Leavenworth's tourist economy going strong. That lodging tax generates over two million dollars per year. Florea's plan was to capture a similar amount to fund subsidized housing that would allow families who work in the tourism industry to be able to afford to live here.

##### Wildfire has finally caught the attention of the state

BY: BILL FORHAN

Living in the foothills of the Eastern Cascades we are all keenly aware of the danger and devastation of wildfire. Over the last month I have been inundated with press releases and information about wildfires and their effect on Washington state. The impacts go far beyond the costs of fighting the fires and the loss of private property when homes are destroyed.

As Senator Brad Hawkins has said, "the state has paid hundreds of millions in recent years reimbursing the costs of wildfires. And that does not even factor in the negative long-term economic impact that wildfires have had on communities in our district, including the impact on our all-important tourism or recreational opportunities. There are also emotional costs and losses that cannot be quantified, as courageous firefighters from our area have sadly lost their lives or been severely injured battling these blazes. Finally, there is a quality-of-life impact caused by wildfires, as smoke can blanket a region, making it dangerous

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### A note from the Publisher of NCW Media Inc. Newspapers



#### Greetings to our Upper Valley Communities,

Thank you so very much for your continued support of our weekly community newspapers and our monthly Wenatchee Business Journal. It has been a month since my husband, business partner and Publisher Bill Forhan suddenly passed away. I will continue to be at the helm of all our papers, print and online that we had grown together over the past 21 years.

I still have a wonderful staff of reporters, correspondents, advertising sales, graphic and layout people on board. We will all continue to provide local and regional content suited to our collective and individual communities.

Feel free to call or write your letters, editorials, and advertising to support our local community and economy. May you have a safe and blessed New Year.

Sincerely,  
CAROL L. FORHAN, PUBLISHER

### USPS Working 12-hour Days to Bring Christmas Presents

BY: MEGAN SOKOL

Residents have been routinely greeted with gifts this holiday season. Although that in itself is not newsworthy, the fact that any presents have been delivered is astounding given the extenuating circumstances that have been placed on United States Postal Service workers.

When contacting the Chelan USPS station, the postmaster could not even give a comment due to how short-staffed and busy they were this season. The Leavenworth USPS station's postmaster was out on delivery every time we tried to reach out.

Thankfully, Cashmere USPS Postmaster Scott O'Dell was available to comment on his team, who detailed his team's 1,400+ parcel daily load and nearly 13-hour long work days.

"This is the heaviest I've ever seen in my whole career, and I've been in the post office for almost 20 years, so 17 years."

Last season, the station had averaged almost 800-900 packages per day. Now with the increased accessibility to online shopping to rural areas, the Cashmere USPS station has seen a surge in orders.

Although O'Dell is thankful for residents' patience during the

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**Contact the listed organizations or events for updates on the Covid-19 regulations.**

**MEETING SCHEDULES FOR AA, ALANON, CELEBRATE RECOVERY**

**AA Meetings:**  
Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AA meetings: 541-480-8946  
Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AlAnon meetings: 509-548-7939  
509-548-1627, 548-4522, 664-6469, 206-719-3379  
Sunday 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.  
Tuesday, 7 p.m., Light in the Valley, 8455 Main Street, Peshastin  
Wednesday, 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.  
Thursday, 1 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.  
Friday, 7 p.m., St. James Episcopal Church, 222 Cottage Ave.  
**Alanon Meetings, call 509-548-7939**  
Monday, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, 418 Evans St.  
**Renewed Celebrate Recovery, Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene. 111 Ski Hill Drive. Come experience God's grace for all of life's hurts, habits and hang-ups. For more information: CelebrateRecoveryLCN@gmail.com or 509-596-1510.**

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Wednesday**  
**Children and Youth Program, 6:30-8 p.m., 4th-12th grade, Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene, 509-548-5292.**  
**Leavenworth Rotary Club, Zoom meetings, Noon. For more information email, President Joel Walinski, jtwalinski@gmail.com**  
**Alpine Water District: meets at Chelan Fire Department #9, 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.leavenworthmasons.org. (1st Tues.)**  
**Cascade Garden Club, 1 p.m., at a member's home or other venue. Call President Claudia, 509-662-7706. (3rd Tues.)**

**NCW Libraries**  
Libraries will continue to offer a wide variety of resources and programs online at ncwlibraries.org and its Facebook page. Go to NCWLIBRARIES.ORG or 1-800-426-READ (7323) for more information, and updates.  
**Leavenworth Public Library.** Located at 700 Hwy. 2, Call 509-548-7923 or online Leavenworth@ncwlibraries.org  
Open: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. Closed Sunday.  
**Peshastin Public Library.** Located at 8396 Main St., Peshastin. Call: 509-548-7821 or Peshastin@ncwlibraries.org  
Open from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday.

**Other events**  
**The Greater Leavenworth Museum, formerly known as the Upper Valley Museum, is open Friday-Sunday, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. Please check our Facebook page or our website at www.leavenworthmuseum.org for updates and information.**  
**Leavenworth Fish Hatchery, 509-548-7641. Trails and grounds are open every day to the public. Please park outside the gate. All animals must be on a leash.**  
**Note: Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.**  
Please note that if your organization changes dates, or hours please send us your updates to reporter@leavenworthecho.com or call 509-548-5286. Otherwise we are not responsible for any misinformation.

**Republican State Chairman Heimlich to speak at luncheon in January**

Caleb Heimlich, Chairman, WA State Republican Party, will be the guest speaker at the 2022 kickoff of the Chelan Douglas Republican Women's Club. The luncheon event will be held on Monday, January 10 at the Wenatchee Red Lion Hotel (1225 N. Wenatchee Ave.). Reservations are required and "yes" men are invited as well. The cost of the buffet lunch is \$18, and dessert & beverage is \$8. For reservations, please contact Mona at 425-269-8537. Reservation deadline is Thursday, January 6. Check in and social time begins at 11 a.m., buffet opens at 11:30 a.m. and our guest speaker is introduced about 12:10 p.m.

Caleb grew up in Puyallup, WA graduated from Hillsdale College, Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Political Economy. Caleb is known for his integrity, hard work and intelligence, and has dedicated his life to serving people through politics. During his tenure as Chairman, the Washington State Republican Party has grown in all areas: fundraising, training, and recruiting over 6,000 new grassroots activists, and expanding their reach through traditional and social media. Caleb will instinctively know what to speak about, however, we have asked him to include

what the Republican Party is focusing on as far as getting the right people elected to turn things around, what our plan is for the new Legislative and Congressional District divisions and, talk a little about the candidates to the congressional districts 4 & 8, as well as the legislative districts 12 and what we can do to get on board. We are also excited to announce that Tiffany Smiley, Candidate running against Patty Murray, will be our keynote for our February 7 luncheon meeting. Ellie Ownbey, President Chelan Douglas Republican Women's Club

**USPS Working 12-hour Days**

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pandemic, he was surprised by how early holiday shopping started this year. "I think a lot of people are just realizing the amount of stuff that the post office actually can deliver and the number of products that we actually will take. We're taking them all the way up to rural routes and up canyons." O'Dell's team decreased

from 10 full-time employees to 7 people. He states that although he has gone to job fairs whenever time was available, most prospective employees were stumped by some of the job's requirements. "The main issue we're having like here is for the rural carriers is they have to have their own personal vehicle to actually do the job. That's one of the parts that we're having a hard time with that because a lot of people

don't know that." He states that increasing staffing would greatly relieve some of the workload stress for next year. He is grateful for his current staff and hopes that conditions will improve in the future. "If I had a change, I would try and make sure everybody got days off and all that stuff, that would be my main goal for next year is to just make everything a little bit nicer for everybody. Make it a little bit easier on everyone."

**Sheriff/Fire/EMS**  
The sheriff's report is compiled from public records as provided by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office. The publisher cannot certify the complete accuracy of the information provided.

<b>December 17</b>	Scholze St.	17:01 Property, 1000 A Front St.
08:04 Alarm, 920 Front St.		19:47 Animal Problem, 8475 Larson Rd., Peshastin.
08:17 Harassment/Threat, 215 W. Webster Ave., Chelan.		19:47 Parking/Abandon, 920 Front St.
10:35 Vehicle Prowl, 922 Commercial St.		20:37 Assist Public, Dry Creek Rd.
10:46 Welfare Check, 22116 Appaloosa Ln., Plain.		23:06 Malicious Mischief, 116 River Bend Dr.
10:51 Traffic Offense, 228 Chumstick Hwy. #A.	<b>December 19</b>	<b>December 21</b>
12:5 Vehicle Prowl, 321 9 th St.	00:52 Unknown Accident, 8200 E. Leavenworth Rd.	00:15 Vehicle Prowl, 810 US Hwy. 2.
13:10 Vehicle Prowl, 810 US Hwy. 2.	00:59 Assist Public, 12801 Spring St.	01:29 Disturbance, 455 Ware Rd., Lake Wenatchee.
14:33 Welfare Check, 13995 Brae Burn Rd., Lake Wenatchee.	07:37 Hazard, Lake Wenatchee Hwy. MP 9, Lake Wenatchee.	16:21 Animal Problem, 416 Evans St.
15:34 Suspicious Activity, 8250 E. Leavenworth Rd.	07:53 911 Call, 100 Enchantment Park Way #6.	17:13 Parking/Abandon, 9th St. & US Hwy. 2.
15:54 Assist Agency, 8189 E. Leavenworth Rd.	08:24 Non-Injury Accident, Entiat River Rd. MP 1, Entiat.	17:48 Assist Public, Leavenworth.
16:55 Assist Public, 22744 Lake Wenatchee Hwy., Lake Wenatchee.	09:11 Non-Injury Accident, 8721 North Rd., Peshastin.	19:25 Assist Public, 817 Commercial St.
<b>December 18</b>	10:30 Property, 639 Front St.	20:00 Assault, 829 Front St. #A.
11:00 Miscellaneous, 820 Front St.	10:38 Non-Injury Accident, Chumstick Hwy. MP 6.	21:26 Welfare Check, 24603 Spur St., Plain.
12:39 Vehicle Prowl, 211 W. Benton St.	10:53 Assist Agency, Freund Canyon Trail.	<b>December 22</b>
13:38 Hazard, Cedar Brae Rd. MP 3 to MP 4, Lake Wenatchee.	11:30 Suspicious Activity, 323 Price Ave.	08:29 Weapons Violation, 10461 Stemm Rd.
14:17 Parking/Abandon, 617 Front St.	13:32 Disturbance, 585 US Hwy. 2.	08:33 Assist Public, Leavenworth.
15:24 Scam, 9991 Beecher Hill Rd., Peshastin.	14:38 Assist Agency, 500 Pine St.	11:31 Suspicious, 1552 Alpanse Strasse.
15:33 Non-Injury Accident, 17458 US Hwy. 2, Manson.	14:44 Trespassing, 900 Front St.	16:47 Welfare Check, Icicle Ridge Trailhead.
16:15 Non-Injury Accident, 690 US Hwy. 2.	16:20 Property, Ski Hill Dr. and Wheeler St.	16:54 Assist Public, Chumstick Hwy. MP 6.
16:29 Hazard, Commercial and 8th St.	16:57 Assist Public, 9615 North Rd., Peshastin.	18:49 Non-Injury Accident, Chumstick Hwy. MP 12.
17:05 Hazard, Sumac Ln. and Larch Dr., Lake Wenatchee.	17:55 911 Call, 429 Evans St.	
17:42 Assist Public, 307 Pine St.	18:26 Welfare Check, 2324 Kinnikinnick Dr., Lake Wenatchee.	
18:19 Alarm, 15470 Cedar Brae Rd., Lake Wenatchee.	18:42 911 Call, 245 River Valley Ln., Plain.	
18:56 Trespassing, 265 US Hwy. 2.	19:56 911 Call, 3000 Camas Creek Rd., Peshastin.	
19:38 Welfare Check, US Hwy. 2 MP 99.	20:17 Assist Public, 185 US Hwy. 2.	
20:15 Property, 820 Front St.	<b>December 20</b>	
22:43 Civil, 19651 Chiwawa Loop Rd., Plain.	00:54 Domestic Disturbance, 185 US Hwy. 2 #111.	
22:53 Assist Public, Chumstick Hwy. MP 10 to MP 11.	01:10 Alarm, 10461 Stemm Rd., Peshastin.	
22:57 Noise, 200 block	08:18 Traffic Offense, Chumstick Hwy. MP 4.	
	10:27 Civil, 639 Front St.	
	12:28 Civil, 185 US Hwy. 2.	
	13:53 911 Call, 11777 US Hwy. 2.	
	14:56 Traffic Offense, Chumstick Hwy. MP 1.	
	16:32 Extra Patrol, 12700 block of Ranger 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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for people to be outdoors and difficult for many to breathe.”

## May

### A Leadership Transition at IRMS

BY: ISABEL MENNA

CHS Publications Staff

A transition in the principal's office is coming to Icicle River Middle School this summer. On July 1, Mike Janski will retire and James Swanson will take the reins of IRMS as its new principal. Janski has been at IRMS for 26 years, the last six as principal. Swanson, a Central Washington native, is currently principal at South Whidbey Middle School. Both were math teachers before becoming principals.

Mike Janski began working at IRMS in the mid-90s as part of the sixth-grade team and took the school helm in 2015. While he has seen a lot of change at IRMS and in the greater community over the last quarter-decade, Mr. Janski feels that it has “almost always been toward the positive and that the school right now has as great a group of kids as we’ve ever had, with equally great parents who have been and are so supportive of both their children and our school.”

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**June 2**  
Mr. Kodiak,  
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**May 26** Leavenworth Farmers Market



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**June 9** Leavenworth Welcome sign refreshed with new paint.



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**June 23** Seventh grader, Kean Morris-Keithley, who was biking by during the installation, stops to check out the new sculpture.



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### Community Members,

As we head into this busy, crazy, wonderful time of holidays and quickly approaching New Year, it's good to reflect. To pause, look back, and evaluate where we've come from, so that we can look again to the future with fresh eyes. Too often it

is easiest to keep our nose to the grindstone and plod ahead without realizing where we are heading.

What has this past year brought us? Certainly, it has felt like a yo-yo year. It started in the darkest moments of the pandemic, then bounced forward with the wonderful promise of a vaccine available to all - and hope that we could return to normal and abandon our masks for good. I remember how we briefly took off our masks at City Hall and got ready to open our doors... only to be pulled back by a new surge of Covid-19 that caused masks to reappear and the decision to open our doors back up to be delayed. Hope

dimmed, then brightened as the number of cases dropped dramatically. YEA! We would finally get beyond this! Then Delta, then Omicron, and now we are back up in the air, and for many gatherings the masks are back on. I'm not sure if the yo-yo feeling is dizziness, or whiplash, but it hasn't been all that pleasant! I'm sure you also wish the up and down, back and forth movements brought on by this pandemic would end once and for all.

I believe that for the foreseeable future we are looking at the new normal. We are learning to ride the waves and adjust. Our community is finding new ways to connect,

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# Death: Its Tragedy and Redemption



## A WALK WITH PASTOR

John Smith

Death always takes us by surprise. Of course, we all know that death comes for every person, but when it does come to those we know and love, the news hits us suddenly, and we are in a state of shock right before we are overcome with grief.

It is no surprise that I am well acquainted with death as a pastor. I have preached numerous funerals and have been at the bedside of those

on the edge of passing into eternity. However, in every instance, death always stuns me. Even when I know that they have but moments left on this earth when they breathe their last, it is gut-wrenching, and no amount of seminary training can prepare you for the sudden end of an individual's life.

Death has a way of exposing us like no other. It reveals the frailty of life but also shows us that try as we might, there are simply things outside of our control. Ultimately, we cannot control the timing of our death is reserved within the providence of God.

Which leads us to ask, why is death a reality in this world? If God is good, why does he allow death to continue, given how tragic it is and how much pain it causes?

As creatures, we should not dare to impugn the Creator, but questions surrounding death are natural considering that death is all around us. Furthermore, those questions surface even more when death hits close to home, and a loved one is gone.

Biblically speaking, God hates death. God takes no pleasure in the death of people—even the wicked (Eze. 33:11). Death is described as a “curse” throughout the Bible, coming into this world through the fall of Adam. When Adam sinned in the Garden of Eden, that sin brought the consequence of death to all of creation (Romans 5:12). From the animal that died to cover Adam and Eve's nakedness in Genesis 3:21 to their eventual death later and to every

death that creation has ever experienced is the result of sin. Sin has radically broken this world, and therefore “the wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23).

As much as death is a curse, there is a mercy present within it that is incredibly powerful and redemptive. But isn't it like God to take that which is tragic and hopeless and redeem it for his glory? God always flips the script, and death is no exception.

Death is merciful because it ends suffering. Can you imagine a life where suffering is perpetuated, and there is absolutely no end to it? Think of an individual with a terminal diagnosis, whose body is eaten up by disease and yet has to live eternally in that state, or a wicked tyrant whose reign

of terror never ends. What we have just described sounds a lot like Hell!

Even more merciful than just ending suffering, God used death to bring about the redemption of people. Without death, there would be no cross or shedding blood to forgive our sins. If Christ didn't die, we would be eternally condemned—hopeless and without a way to be saved. Yet God did send his Son to die for his people, and through that sacrifice, heaven is open, and salvation is given to all those who believe. The death of Christ is the greatest demonstration of God's love to the world (Jn. 3:16).

Without death, there is no resurrection. On the one hand, death is an end to suffering, as mentioned earlier but is it

not the ultimate end. On the other hand, for the Christian, death is merely the door we walk through, or the river we cross to reach the glory promised to us in and through the gospel.

Death is a tragedy that pulls the rug out from underneath us. We feel disjointed and at a loss, because we have lost ones that we care about. However, God has redeemed death by Christ taking upon its curse and triumphing over it. Those in Christ, too, share in that triumph, and although we grieve, we grieve as ones with hope (1 Thess. 4:13-18).

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# Commissioner Overbay steps away from RiverCom board

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**WENATCHEE** -- Chelan County Commissioner Kevin Overbay has decided to step down from the RiverCom Administrative Board, with Commissioner Tiffany Gering set to fill the seat beginning in January.

The decision follows concerns raised last week by the mayor of Wenatchee over a potential conflict with RiverCom's recent hiring of the agency's finance manager.

At Monday's meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, Overbay said that while several members of RiverCom's governing board have asked him to remain on the board, he would step down if either Commissioners Bob

Bugert or Gering were willing to take the seat.

“I wish to make it very clear that there was no wrongdoing when RiverCom hired my daughter, and I do not appreciate how this issue was dealt with,” Commissioner Overbay said. “A one-on-one conversation with me, raising these concerns, would have been more appropriate. I had already decided to step down from a leadership role on the board but was not afforded the opportunity to say this at RiverCom's meeting last week.”

The RiverCom Administrative Board requires its board membership to include one county commissioner from both Chelan and Douglas counties. Because of his extensive background in law enforcement and communications, Overbay

was appointed to the agency's governing board in 2019. He was elected chairman in 2020 and 2021 by the board members.

“I would never bring discredit to the county or to RiverCom,” Overbay said. “I don't want to be a distraction to the good work that RiverCom's board and employees are doing. And for that reason, I will step down because one of my peers is willing to take the seat.”

In October, RiverCom's then executive director made a conditional offer of the finance manager's position to Mihkaela Overbay. After an extensive background check and the vetting of her application, Ms.

Overbay was offered the position by Lowell Porter, current executive director. The administrative board, including Commissioner Overbay, had no influence or involvement in the hiring process of Ms. Overbay. Hers was the only application received by RiverCom for the position.

“There wasn't like a

laundry list of people for the position,” Porter explained. “In my opinion, with the way we handled the hiring, there wasn't a conflict. First of all, we followed all the policies and procedures.”

Porter added, “Secondly, to make sure that because she was Kevin's daughter, but to just follow good employment and hiring policies and procedures, we had her education training and experience reviewed by two people that help with doing our financials and our budgeting look at the resume and say [that] she [was] qualified to do the job and their opinion was extremely high or high.”

Beginning in

January, Gering will represent Chelan County on the RiverCom board. Gering, whose father was a police officer and EMT and whose mother was a nurse and EMT, has an interest in the board and is excited for the opportunity.

During the commissioners meeting, Commissioner Bugert thanked Overbay for taking a leadership role with RiverCom. “Kevin has done tremendous work in bringing stability and strength to RiverCom these last three years,” Bugert said.

Overbay said it has been a joy to serve on the RiverCom board and to see the agency make great strides. “With the agency's new director in place, I am very comfortable stepping away and will watch RiverCom continue on this great trajectory it is currently on,” he said.



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Sunday School, 9 a.m.,  
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Worship 11 a.m. • Fred Smith • 509-860-3997

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PHOTO BY MEGAN SOKOL  
Cascade player Braeden Parton with the ball and Cascade player Jaden Niemela in the background.



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Cascade player Kai Lewman chases after Cashmere player Landon Baker.



PHOTO BY MEGAN SOKOL  
Cascade player Kaston Dillon dodges Cashmere players.



PHOTO BY MEGAN SOKOL  
Cascade Player Jaden Niemela launches himself to the net amidst Cashmere players.



PHOTO BY MEGAN SOKOL  
Cascade player Kai Lewman shoots a free throw shot.

# Kris Kringle Rings in Christmas Cheer for 35th Anniversary

BY MEGAN SOKOL

Customers were greeted with a good stomping exercise outside the Kris Kringle doors and an offer to have one's feet swept by co-owner Carl Evans. The sidewalk was sprinkled with "crystals" by his grandson that morning. Once inside, past the multiple Santa figurines and ornaments, guests can gaze on the two-story tall pine tree dubbed "35 years of cheer," decorated with little notes of gratitude and positivity. "It means a lot to have folks say thank you and to say how much the store has meant to them over the years," co-owner

Jessica Evans said. "I think it's a big testament to my dad's hard work for 35 years." After 35 years of Christmas cheer, Kris Kringle weathered COVID-19 obstacles with warmth and mirth. Kringle owners Carl Evans and eldest daughter Jessica Evans hope to ring-in the year-round Christmas store into a new era, having learned how to weather supply-chain issues and low staffing. "It's important that people feel joy and love and peace when they walk in the doors here," Jessica Evans said. "I think despite all the challenges, the Kris Kringle team has rallied together

really well to bring those feelings about and make everybody feel that, especially this time of year." Carl Evans is a described "Winter Solstice baby," which explains some of Carl's zeal for the holiday. His birthday is on Dec. 20, just five days before Christmas. Recently, Carl has reduced his role within the business and has handed the reins to Jessica. "For as long as basically I could see up to the counter, I liked tissue wrapping ornaments and handing people bags and running for things in the basement and tagging ornaments," Jessica said. "It felt a lot actually like

coming back, but I did grow up here. I went to high school here. I went away for college and then I worked in Seattle, in London for a bit, before moving back with my family to Leavenworth and joining the Kris Kringle team." Recently, the Kringle team, along with multiple Downtown Leavenworth businesses, have been battling with minor flooding due to snowmelt, lack of staffing and part-time employees, and supply-chain delays. "We have a very good crew here that has been willing to step up during these busy times and work some extra hours for us and that has helped a lot," Carl explained. "I think that our inventory is probably the lowest it's been at this time of the year ever. So that is something that with our designer, Laura Hansen been challenged with, making the store look full and redesigning sections when we're lacking product."

Thankfully, these challenges did not dampen the Evans family's Christmas spirit, nor has it affected business with their store. Customers come in multiple times a week during the holiday season to peruse new items that arrived mere hours to their arrival. "It's a unique year where, because of the supply chain issues, we received orders a lot later than we normally would, and so even today we're bringing new product into the store," Jessica explained. "Typically, that would never happen in December, we're all set and we're ready for our busiest time of year, but it's made it in some ways, extra exciting when people are here for a whole week." Even after the holiday season is over, the Kringle staff still sees traffic throughout the year. Both Carl and Jessica are proud of their team and hope to stay prepared for next holiday season. We thank our customers, especially our repeat customers, that come in and I can't count the number of people who come back in and say, 'I am so glad you're still here; this is my favorite store. I was afraid that you weren't going to be here and this just made our trip,' Carl said. "It's exciting to hear those things because I know that there's a lot of stores out there that aren't making it and I'm really super proud and pleased that we are." If you want to learn more about the Kris Kringle store, you can visit them at 907 Front Street, Leavenworth.



PHOTO BY MEGAN SOKOL  
Kris Kringle's "35 years of cheer" tree in the middle of the store.



PHOTO BY MEGAN SOKOL  
Kris Kringle co-owners Jessica Evans and Carl Evans pose in front of the "35 years of cheer" tree.



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Jan. 4:	Cascade vs. Quincy; 5:45 p.m.

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On the 14th day of December, 2021, the City Council of the City of Leavenworth, Washington passed the following ordinances and resolution. A summary of the contents provides as follows:  
**Ordinance 1639:** An ordinance of the City of Leavenworth, WA, affirming and adopting the City of Leavenworth's Hearing Examiner recommendation amending the zoning district map.  
**Ordinance 1641:** An ordinance of the City of Leavenworth, WA, adopting the City of Leavenworth Comprehensive Plan amendments, including amendments to the land use designation map and its appendices.  
**Ordinance 1642:** An ordinance of the City of Leavenworth, WA, amending certain revenue and expenditure appropriations in the 2021-2022 budget and ordinance #1623 for the City of Leavenworth.  
**Ordinance 1643:** An ordinance of the City of Leavenworth, WA, amending chapter 2.01 Mayor  
**Resolution 23-2021:** A resolution of the City of Leavenworth, WA, amending rates and fees.  
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**CITY OF CASHMERE SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1307**  
On the 20 day of December, 2021 the City Council of the City of Cashmere, Washington passed Ordinance No. 1307. A summary of the content provides as follows: **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CASHMERE, WASHINGTON, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.** Effective date of this ordinance is five days after publication. A copy of the full text of this ordinance is available at Cashmere City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer, City of Cashmere, 101 Woodring Street, Cashmere, WA 98815. Published in Cashmere Valley Record/ Leavenworth Echo on December 29, 2021. #3270

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY**  
In the Matter of the Estate of LANNY SCOTT QUAST, Deceased. No. 21-4-00471-04 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's Resident Agent who is also 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: **December 29, 2021** Personal Representative: Alisha Michelle Quast Attorneys for the Personal Representative: Thomas D. Overcast, WSBA# 14486 Address for Mailing or Service - Overcast Law Offices Attn: Thomas D. Overcast 23 S Wenatchee Ave, Suite 320 Wenatchee, WA 98801 (509) 663-5588 Court of probate proceeding and cause number: Chelan County Superior Court Cause Number: 21-4-00471-04 Presented by: **OVERCAST LAW OFFICES** By: **/s/ Thomas D. Overcast,** WSBA No. 14486 Attorney for the Personal Representative. Published in The Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on December 29, 2021 January 5, and 12, 2022. #3259

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In the Matter of the Estate of JEFFREY S. SPEIDEL, Deceased. No. 21-4-00444-04 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: **December 15, 2021** Personal Representative: Russell J. Speidel Attorney for the Personal Representative: David J. Bentsen 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: County Superior Court Cause No. 21-4-00444-04 RUSSELL J. SPEIDEL Personal Representative Attorneys for Personal Representative: SPEIDEL BENTSEN LLP By: **DAVID J. BENTSEN** WSBA No. 42107 7 North Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 600 P.O. Box 881 Wenatchee, WA 98807. Published in The Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on December 15, 22, and 29, 2021. #3223

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In the Matter of the Estate of CARLA SUE MUSGROVE, Deceased. No. 21-4-00424-04 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's Resident Agent who is also 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: **December 15, 2021** Personal Representative: Shawna L. Smith Attorneys for the Personal Representative: Thomas D. Overcast, WSBA# 14486 Address for Mailing or Service Overcast Law Offices Attn: Thomas D. Overcast 23 S Wenatchee Ave, Suite 320 Wenatchee, WA 98801 (509)663-5588 Court of probate proceeding and cause number: Chelan County Superior Court Cause Number: 21-4-00424-04 Presented by: **OVERCAST LAW OFFICES /s/Thomas D. Overcast,** WSBA No. 14486 Attorney for the Personal Representative. Published in The Leavenworth Echo/ Cashmere Valley Record on December 15, 22, 29, 2021. #3209.

**Choosing a combination cough, cold medicine**

Last month, my husband came home, complaining, "I can't find Nyquil® at the store. They've got everything except plain Nyquil® on the shelf. There's Nyquil® this and Nyquil® that. I just want the stuff I've always used!" My hairdresser grumbled, "I went to the grocery to get some Theraflu®, but did they have that? No! Instead, there were all these other types of Theraflu®. When you feel crummy and go to the store to find something to help, you have to figure out which Theraflu® to get. Why can't it be simple?" Years ago, cough, cold and flu remedies like Nyquil®, Theraflu®, and Robitussin® had just one or two options available, like the green and red flavors of Nyquil®. These days, with 5 or more different formulas of each brand, choosing the best one for you can be frustrating. The most common product lines with multiple entries vying for your attention include Nyquil®, TheraFlu®, Robitussin®, and Mucinex®. Nyquil® liquid is the oldest product, followed by powdered packets of TheraFlu® and liquid Robitussin®. My husband wants to keep taking the old formula of Nyquil®. It helped him sleep through the night whenever he had a stuffy head, fever, or body aches. He liked Nyquil® because it was simple to take and really helped him get a good night's rest, helping him recover much more quickly. The original Nyquil® had 5 active ingredients. It had Tylenol® (acetaminophen) for fever and aches, dextromethorphan for cough, the antihistamine doxylamine for runny nose and sneezing, pseudoephedrine as a decongestant for stuffy nose and sinus pressure, and 25% alcohol. Today, Nyquil® liquid still contains alcohol, but only 10%. The simple formulas of NyQuil and Theraflu disappeared in 2005 when all non-prescription (OTC) products containing pseudoephedrine were required to change. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) restricted access to pseudoephedrine because it was diverted into making methamphetamine. Pseudoephedrine became available only with appropriate identification, sold at pharmacies "behind the counter." Phenylephrine was substituted for pseudoephedrine in OTC cough and cold remedies. Unfortunately, it's not a very effective decongestant. The FDA limited phenylephrine's dose to one-third of its proper adult dose because full doses of phenylephrine have caused strokes. The products used in combination cough and cold products include Tylenol® (acetaminophen) for fever and aches, dextromethorphan for cough, phenylephrine for stuffy nose, and an antihistamine to relieve sneezing and runny nose. The antihistamines used in nighttime cough and cold formulas usually cause drowsiness, which will usually help you sleep. Nyquil® contains doxylamine, which is available as the non-prescription sleep aid Unisom®. Theraflu®



nighttime formula contains Benadryl® (diphenhydramine), which is effective as a cough suppressant and for sneezing and runny nose. Dextromethorphan for cough is also found in multi-symptom cough and cold remedies. Triprolidine is an older antihistamine that is newly available in Mucinex® Nightshift™ products. Triprolidine is part of my personal favorite cold medicine, the original formula of Actifed® that contains the decongestant pseudoephedrine, available from the pharmacy "behind the counter."

To help you navigate this dizzying array of choices, first decide which symptoms are causing you misery and choose a product that covers those. Here Are 5 Suggestions for Selecting a Combination Cough and Cold Nighttime Product:  
1. **Avoid phenylephrine if you take blood pressure medicine.** Phenylephrine is not as effective as the older decongestant pseudoephedrine, but they both can elevate your blood pressure. I recommend you avoid phenylephrine entirely.  
2. **Avoid products with Sinus or Severe in their name.** These products often contain the decongestant phenylephrine, which doesn't work, and the older product, pseudoephedrine. For best relief of stuffy nose, I recommend taking a different product that contains pseudoephedrine in addition to your cough and cold medicine.  
3. **Keep track of your acetaminophen (Tylenol®) dose.** Tylenol® (acetaminophen) is in most cough and cold combination products. If you take additional medicines containing acetaminophen, it's easy to get too much. The maximum dose of acetaminophen for healthy adults is 4000mg daily, 3100mg daily for older adults. Those with liver problems or who drink alcohol regularly should check with their doctor before taking acetaminophen products.  
4. **Avoid Nyquil® if you take medicines that should not be combined with alcohol.** Nyquil® contains 10% alcohol. You should select a different liquid cough and cold product if you take narcotic pain medications or certain prescription medications for anxiety or sleep.  
5. **Choose between adult and children's formulas.** Many liquid combination products have both adult and children's strengths. When selecting a product, check the label closely.

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy, is a 42-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.* ©2021 Louise Achey

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# Opinion

## Working together to find housing solutions



COMMUNITY VOICES  
**Brad Hawkins**

As you likely know, many areas in North Central Washington and our entire state have been experiencing affordable housing challenges. Having stable housing is so fundamental to success in other areas of life, including successful careers and family stability. Washington state has an increasing number of programs focused on homelessness and very low-income housing, but very few on “workforce” housing.

Workforce housing programs are programs that support people in our communities earning 60 percent to 120 percent of the area’s average income, often involving people owning the homes but not the underlying lands to maintain affordability. The workforce helps provide key services to our communities to keep our economy strong. Many of these individuals and

families, unfortunately, are unable to afford to live in the communities where they work. This is particularly true for the communities of Leavenworth, Chelan, and some larger communities.

I am proud to be partnering with Leavenworth Mayor Carl Florea and others like the Chelan Valley Housing Trust on a bill to secure a reliable revenue source to address local workforce-housing challenges. My Senate Bill 5513 would provide municipalities in Chelan County flexibility to use up to 1 percent of their existing lodging-tax revenues on “workforce” housing projects.

The lodging tax, also known as the “hotel-motel tax,” was first implemented by cities and counties years ago and varies from a 3-to-5 percent surcharge on overnight stays. Permitted uses of these tax revenues include tourism marketing, special-event promotion, or capital expenditures of tourism-related facilities as well as some limited uses for very low-income housing. My bill would allow Chelan County and its cities to dedicate up to 1 percent of their existing lodging tax revenues to “workforce” housing for the next 10 years, if

approved by commissioners or a city council.

Mayor Florea reached out to me with sincere and deep concerns about Leavenworth’s ongoing affordable-housing struggles, especially the city’s “workforce” housing issues. I share those concerns. We developed a bill idea that does not create a new tax, but rather provides the city with additional flexibility for use of existing tax revenues. The city of Leavenworth is in a unique situation because, in many ways, it isn’t struggling to attract tourists. The real struggle now is that people providing essential services in the city cannot afford to live there and any available houses are quickly being purchased as second homes or short-term rentals.

The circumstances are becoming increasingly more urgent. With every passing month, Leavenworth – and other communities throughout our state – are essentially losing their sense of community. That’s heartbreaking. While my bill doesn’t create a new tax and would be a local option for city councils to decide, I expect the bill to have some opposition because the existing lodging tax revenue stream has been

enjoyed fully by the tourism promotion industry for many years. Those organizations do very important work and should be supported but both tourism and housing are critical to our region’s success. The challenge will be to find creative ways to invest in both so that we can support each other.

Working on this workforce housing bill won’t be the first time I have partnered with Leavenworth and others on legislation. You may recall that back in 2018, the Legislature approved and the governor signed my Senate Bill 6055, which provided Leavenworth expanded ways to dispose of brush and yard waste following boundary changes to the state’s apple-maggot quarantine area. I am hopeful that we will have similar success this legislative session with Senate Bill 5513. Along the way, passage or not, we plan to continue to urge the legislature to develop creative ways to solve this growing challenge.

*Brad Hawkins is our 12th District state senator representing North Central Washington in Olympia. Contact info: 360-786-7622 or brad.hawkins@leg.wa.gov.*



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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The unexpected arrival of three members of the Krampuslauf at the Christmas Lighting Show in Leavenworth was a momentous event in recent history of our town. For the uneducated, Krampus is the patron saint of Lienz, Austria at Christmas parades, that feature men wearing grotesque costumes, representing a mythical creature that is part of a half goat and half devil parading through the town, known as Perchenlauf, and is several hundred years old. (Pre-German paganism.) The purpose of the parade was originally to disperse the “ghosts of winter”; however, Krampus has been known to participate in Mardi Gras style parades preceding Lent. Usually, he tags alongside of Saint Nicholas with a switch of birch in one hand, and a cowbell in the other hand, on the 5th of December, scaring small children and reminding them to be good during the year. In one instance I personally observed in Lucerne, Switzerland, Krampus sent a child screaming when he approached from the rear. His father flattened Krampus with a blow to the jaw but broke several bones in his hand. There are several Krampus groups in the USA that love to mar the Christmas celebration as occurred in Leavenworth, which I understand was not approved in advance by the infamous, world-renowned City Council

and mayor. Krampuslauf is discouraged by the Catholic Church in Austria, and not encouraged elsewhere in northern Germany. My family in Hamburg Port in North Germany had our own “Nicholas” where we put out a shoe on December 5th, and if we were good children, we received a nice gift from St. Nicholas, who was accompanied by Knave Rupprecht his elf, who left coal in the shoe for misbehaving children and also carried a symbolic tree branch as a symbol of punishment...

Lienzhasmade Krampuslauf a non-religious holiday, that attracts thousands of visitors. Previously, it was known as attracting a student painter in 1914, Adolph Hitler, who had far more visitors ever seen in that city. However, both are symbolic of the times. Watching TV in Oxford, England on December 6th, there was a character painted on the breast plate of Krampus that featured Joe Biden, which was an entire blank rectangular space. Hmm... Krampus had a sense of humor. He caught Joe at his best!

I would suggest that the Leavenworth City Council send a welcoming letter to Krampus Seattle and inviting a National Convention of Krampus participants to come on December 5th to obtain more parking meter revenue, from those in Seattle and Wenatchee, offering them space to demonstrate at the city parking lot rather than the

gazebo. Of course, that would trigger legal 1st amendment challenges, however I would suggest a ballot initiative as to whether our Leavenworth residents want Krampus or Parking Meters, a true evil. I have no doubt how that election would turn out! Bye, bye meter maids.

Most sincerely, **Robert L. Schneider** Leavenworth

*Robert Schneider is a satirist in print and is well known among those over age 60 in Leavenworth. “I’m back!” 2022 will be a great time for political satire.*

Dear Members of Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce,

We were totally dismayed and taken aback by the changes made to the Christmas Lighting Ceremonies this year in Leavenworth.

We as a family have always enjoyed Leavenworth and always made a point to visit your lovely city when we visited family in Wenatchee.

Several years back we had the privilege of spending a week in Leavenworth during the Christmas season and always have looked forward to returning in the future to spend Christmas there again. Now that we have a grandson, we were especially thinking about taking him to the awesome Christmas celebrations in Leavenworth.

Unfortunately, with the changes made this year, we wouldn’t even consider exposing our grandson to

the demonic presence of Krampus. It even scares me to see the images and makes me sick to my stomach. Why would you as members exchange a beautiful family celebration of Christmas based on joyous celebration of light and love and peace on earth for something so demonic? It seems as members you have exchanged the truth of Christmas for a lie. It also defies common sense in that the changes made you also hurt your local businesses. Most families will not expose their precious children to something so demonic that it would produce nightmares. As stated previously, Christmas is supposed to be a time of joy and celebration.

We as a family will not return to Leavenworth and we have also made known to other family and friends what has transpired in Leavenworth. Those we have contacted feel exactly as we do. I think the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce owes the Leavenworth business owners, residents, and visitors a tremendous apology for such a degrading decision to expose them to satanic influences.

We fervently hope that the Chamber of Commerce will make a future decision to celebrate the Christmas Season in the joyous traditional manner that made Leavenworth so popular in the past.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Nicholas & Jerene Metrokas** Vancouver, WA

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