



Leavenworth Rotarians Volunteer at the Festhalle



Leavenworth Rotary Club members volunteer to set up Village of Lights decorations in the Festhalle area. **Front row:** (left to right) Royal Lady and Past President, Penny Carpenter, Village of Lights Ambassadors Diana Zumini and Mahala Martin. **Back row:** (left to right) Doug Walter, President Elect, Mike Worden, and Pamela Brulotte

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Cashmere Valley Bank Named One of the Top PPP Lenders for Chelan County

Overdue Reconciliation for Cashmere Valley Bank

BY: MEGAN SOKOL

Back in April of 2020, late NCW media editor and publisher Bill Forhan wrote an article titled “Small Business relief drowning in the swamp,” detailing Cashmere Valley Bank’s (CVB) perceived neglect for small businesses and refusing to process PPP loans. After three rounds of (PPP) loan disbursement and over \$42 mil. in relief funds, Mr. Forhan wanted to give CVB the credit they were due.

As of September 30, 2021, over 2,881 PPP loans were submitted to Chelan County, totaling to \$249,719,603; Douglas County with 807 loans totaling \$67,072,478; Okanogan County with 1,110 loans totaling \$69,274,369; and Grant County with 2,108 loans totaling \$174,150,726.

“By the time that the third round of funding had all been used up, we have done over a thousand PPP loans and over \$109 million worth of PPP lending between the four counties that we operate in Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas and Yakima,” Cashmere Valley Bank’s Chief Lending Officer Steve Vradenburg stated. “We went from five SBA loans to over a thousand in less than six months; less than nine months by the end of the third round of funding.”

Out of all of these loans, Cashmere Valley Bank had delivered 835 loans totaling \$69,921,593 in round 1 and 2 alone. They were listed as one of the top 50 lenders in Washington State. CVB collaborated with local banks like North Cascades Bank (NCB) on loan disbursement.

“This is not a thing where we were competing to see who could do the most. We were working together very closely sharing, information as it [came] up,” Vradenburg explained. “The PPP was a challenge for the banking industry. It was money that was desperately needed by those businesses, and this was a situation where whatever rivalries we may have had were set aside. We genuinely tried to help each other out.”

Vradenburg explained that some of the bank’s initial hesitancy in processing PPP loan applications stemmed from CVB’s inexperience with SBA loans. Their former car insurance agents were retrained to process SBA loans and were tasked with keeping up with the ever-changing PPP loan rules.

“To be an SBA lender each and every one of our loan officers has to be registered with the SBA. And that’s a process that takes a little bit of time to get them enrolled and approved to actually work with the SBA.”

One factor that was frequently miscommunicated with media was the bank’s “refusal” to accept applications. This perception stemmed from ill-communicated timing on when PPP loan applications would officially be made available and the general lack of infrastructure CVB had at the time.

Vradenburg went on “The small business administration had not even developed a form for me to give them

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Proposed Zoning Amendments Met with Community Backlash

City of Leavenworth Given 900+ page Agenda on Nov. 23 General Meeting

BY: MEGAN SOKOL

Leavenworth council members were prepped with a hefty 906-page council packet for the Nov. 23 which included a public hearing session regarding the Comprehensive Plan Amendments. The proposed Comp Plan Amendments on multiple changes to the City’s Comprehensive Plan was the main focus for the City Council’s public hearing that evening, the residents in attendance though were focused in on the Comp Plan amendments for future housing zoning amendments and they let their concerns be known to city government.

City members were met with multiple criticisms and suggestions from the community regarding how housing zoning amendments were communicated to the public and what those proposed changes would mean to the community.

The amendments involve converting both RL10 and RL12 zones to RL8 zones (RL translates to the minimum number of square footage for a given lot, RL8 means 8,000 sq. ft.). They are

part of the council’s Housing Action Plan (HAP) that was published back in April of 2020. The plan illustrates a higher-density housing plan with reduced lot space.

Development Services Manager Lilith Vespier stated that the new RL8 zone would be used to help Leavenworth reach their 110 housing developments goal based on results from their 2040 anticipated growth plan. The HAP states that 110 developments need to be reviewed based on income and cost burden. Vespier noted that State guidelines are still pending.

Vespier addressed the residents’ questions on the required housing per population growth with the Land Capacity Analysis.

“Too often, subjective items come down to fear of change or the unknown which I can definitely appreciate and try to address,” Vespier said. She added regarding the multiple letters and concerns that were emailed to her in regards to the HAP, “occasionally, they come down to a sense of entitlement and unfortunately I had seen some of that in the discussions.”

She also said that the city’s growth plan does not require any additions to

the urban growth area if the existing available land is zoned appropriately and that growth is planned to occur within city boundaries and existing urban growth areas (UGA).

Vespier commented that the zoning change was to help reduce incentives for urban sprawl and understands the residential concern about utility usage and changes to neighborhood character. She later assured them by noting that the projected growth is within the projected water and sewer capacities as reported from Public Works Director Tom Wacholder.

Planning Commissioner Andy Lane residents’ previously presented concerns with upzoning areas where R12 and R10 have been identified in the UGA. He further clarified that those zones had been defined as UGAs since the 90s. Lane also explained how the Planning Commission’s position on the zoning amendments were based on the idea of creating developments for middle-income residents so that they don’t buy cheaper plots better used for low-income residents.

He noted how there has been a significant issue with hiring middle-class employees, describing an example of Cascade District’s difficulty

in recruiting teaching staff in lieu of lack of housing for educators.

“What we’ll hopefully get out of this is a more diverse availability of cost of homes to fit with the diversity of incomes.”

During the public comment portion of the meeting, multiple residents resumed ongoing concerns that included increased population, potential build-out vs. need for housing, infrastructure, traffic, density types of housing (townhomes, duplexes, triplexes, cottage homes) and impacts to quality of life.

Lilith Vespier received a large number of written comments which included letters from Paula Stroyk, City of Tacoma Planning Department, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington State DOT, Bob Fallon, Alison Miller, Kim Tobiason, Marty Fallon, Ann Crosby, and Marcia Patten.

Kim Tobiason sent multiple letters to Vespier in the past year. She raised concerns over ADU applications being used for AirBnB’s and short-term rentals, rather than for affordable housing, which the changes in code language was intended for. She also

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Washington Supreme Court Declines to Make New District Boundary Maps

BY: MEGAN SOKOL

After the Washington State Redistricting Commission submitted their unfinished redistricting plan with the Congressional District Boundary Map and the Legislative District Boundary Maps moments after their November 15 deadline, commissioners knew that their late submission would require a final decision from the Washington

Supreme Court. On Dec. 3, the court decided to decline making new boundary maps and accept the commission’s late submission.

The redistricting commission had narrowly missed their Nov. 15 deadline due to technical difficulties and the delayed 2020 census results. Democratic commissioners Brady Piñero Walkinshaw and April Sims, along with Republican commissioners Paul Graves and Joe Fain, agreed on

the framework of the redistricting plan but did not come to an agreement on the final plan itself. The plan and redistricting maps were subsequently sent to the Washington Supreme Court.

“After reviewing the submissions and considering the constitutional and statutory framework as a whole, we conclude it is not necessary for the court to assume responsibility for adoption of redistricting maps under

the present circumstances.”

The court further wrote, “This is not a situation in which the Supreme Court must step in because the Commission has failed to agree on a plan it believes complies with state and federal requirements. The court concludes that the primary purpose of achieving a timely redistricting plan would be impeded, not advanced, by rejecting the Commission’s completed work.”

With the COVID-19 restrictions relaxed, take time to visit our local businesses for Shopping, Dining and Events

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WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW

Cascade Boys Basketball



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Boys Basketball 2021-22 Team

Jaxson Groby, Jonas Johnson, Ethan Davis, Jackson Feeney, Artie Northrup, Ben Jerome, Trenton Holland, Ivan Alejandre, Julian Rivera, Erick Giles, Ramiro Ledesma, Julian Valdez, Ryan Denega, Alejandro Romero, Roberto Fernandez Ramirez, David Fernandez Santiago, Edward Herrera, John Castro, Bryan Songer, Oscar Perez, Alex Castillo, Kaston Dillon, Kai Lewman, Fernando Tovar, Braeden Parton, Hunter Stutzman, Hunter Rogers, Jaden Nemela. *Dane Lewman could not make a comment before publishing deadline.*

Cascade Girls Basketball



PHOTO BY MEGAN SOKOL

Girls Basketball 2021-22 Team

Top row: (left to right) Emily Reyes Torres, Danielle Totman, Teyva Dillon, Maizy Groff, Xitlali Espinosa, Cassidy Gillespie, Rayen Blue, Autumn West, Angela, Mackenzi McLeod
Bottom row: (left to right) Jimena Ramirez, Emma Warmen, Natalie Sanchez, Chloe Killon, Grace Redman

BY MEGAN SOKOL

Alisha Lewman, (Coach Love) is the Girls Basketball coach for the 2021-2022 season. She has coached basketball for eight years, but this was her first year as Head Coach at Cascade High School. She

recently spent six years as Coach Lewman's assistant for the program. Assistant coaches this season are Christy Davies and Katie Kiele.

This season brings 10 returning players, of which we have four seniors, two juniors and four sophomores.

Our new players bring four freshman and one junior to the team, which are consistent with previous years numbers. Last year was a challenging year with a COVID season but we only lost one senior, so we are hopeful for a great year.

"Cascade has a long rivalry with Cashmere and sees them as always being a tough team to beat, with talented, experienced players. Stand out players this year are sophomores Rayen Blue and Cassidy Gillespie, freshman Teyva Dillon, and seniors

Xitlali Espinosa and Autumn West," said Coach Love.

The team is excited and ready to play. They have been putting in the work, getting better every day, and have bought in to the program. We have high expectations of what this season will bring,

and confident the girls will deliver! We have great team chemistry which is important to our success this year.

The full game schedule can be found on the Cascade Athletics school website, and the Cascade Kodiaks Girls Basketball Facebook page.

Hats off for a great game!
Go Kodiaks!

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WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW

Cascade Wrestling



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Wrestling 2021-22 Team

First row:(left to right) Cole Slette, Carson Curry, Damian Sandoval, Leo Garcia, Angel Sandoval, Alex Warman, Mya Herrera, Conner Reyes. **Second Row:** (Left to right) Rhone Goodfellow, Talen Johnson, Franky Rosario, Will Burgess, Ashtin Oropeza, Cole Warman, Axel Pacheco, Deakin Blanchard, Rally Baker, Jeffrey Palacios, Noah Rybka, and Victor Lopez. Not in the picture Kamil Sarabia.

BY MEGAN SOKOL

Jesus Sandoval is the Cascade Wrestling coach for the 2021-2022 season and has been coaching for nine years. Returning to the team are two seniors, two juniors and four sophomores. Numbers are up compared to last year, with a big group of seven freshman new to the Kodiaks team.

Last year was a COVID year. We had to wear a mask to wrestle and test each wrestler before matches, therefore our numbers were down. Last season was very different as they combined the region with teams that aren't usually in our league.

When asked who they saw as the toughest team to beat this year, Omak held the spot. "They have a lot of solid wrestlers

who have state experience from two years ago," said Coach Sandoval.

They have a few stand-out wrestlers who will do well this year with seniors, Cole Warman at 285 .lbs and Rally Baker at 152 .lbs and three sophomores who stand out as well, Mya Herrera at 105 .lbs, Angel Sandoval at 106 .lbs, and Axel Pacheco at 220 .lbs. Last

year junior, Victor Lopez, was undefeated before fracturing his finger. "I'm sure he'll do well this year, and I have a freshman who is looking very promising, Damian Sandoval at 120 .lbs," said Sandoval.

"It seems like this year will be like a restart for us. Last year, my numbers went down because of COVID and it seemed like we lost what

we had going for years," said Sandoval. The match schedule can be found on the Cascade

Athletics school website, and the Cascade Kodiaks Wrestling Facebook page.

Cascade Schedule

BOYS BASEBALL	
Dec. 9	Cascade vs. Cle Elum-Roslyn; 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 14	Cascade vs. Chelan; 7:15 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Dec. 9	Cascade vs. Cle Elum-Roslyn; 5:45 p.m.
Dec. 14	Cascade vs. Chelan; 5:45 p.m.



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BOYS BASKETBALL	
Dec. 2	Cascade 53, Tonasket 73; Loss
Dec. 3	Cascade 41, Naches 71; Loss

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Dec. 2	Cascade 26, Tonasket 66; Loss
Dec. 3	Cascade 23, Naches 65; Loss

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Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AlAnon meetings: 509-548-7939
509-548-1627, 548-4522, 664-6469, 206-719-3379
Sunday 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
Tuesday, 7 p.m., Light in the Valley, 8455 Main Street, Peshastin
Wednesday, 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
Thursday, 1 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
Friday, 7 p.m., St. James Episcopal Church, 222 Cottage Ave.

Alanon Meetings, call 509-548-7939
Monday, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, 418 Evans St.

Renewed Celebrate Recovery, Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene. 111 Ski Hill Drive. Come experience God's grace for all of life's hurts, habits and hang-ups. For more information: CelebrateRecoveryLCN@gmail.com or 509-596-1510.

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.)

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Leavenworth Fish Hatchery, 509-548-7641. Trails and grounds are open every day to the public. Please park outside the gate. All animals must be on a leash.
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Leavenworth
Red Barn Events: Lowell Skoog
Wednesday, December 15 we will host Lowell Skoog, author of "Written in the Snows" for an evening of Northwest ski culture from past to present. Doors open at 6:30 pm for a community social with local beer and wine available for purchase and the presentation begins at 7 pm. As a skier, climber, writer, and photographer, Lowell Skoog has been a keen observer of Northwest mountaineering since the 1970s. He is a Washington ski legend. Red Barn will also host Dan Namankin - k'oup lus inim k"la (Thunder and Lightning), a member of the Colville Confederated Tribes. Thursday, December. Doors open at 6 p.m.

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.

November 26
02:06 Domestic Disturbance, 20752 Chiwawa Loop Rd.
03:13 Disturbance, 10216 Titus Rd.
08:23 Animal Problem, 10913 US Hwy. 2.
12:18 Assist Public, 700 US Hwy. 2.
14:01 Theft, 18380 Nason Ridge Rd., Lake Wenatchee.
14:23 911 Call, 505 US Hwy. 2.
16:58 Parking/Abandon, 342 Whitman St.
17:27 Welfare Check, 20752 Chiwawa Loop Rd., Lake Wenatchee.
20:49 Disturbance, 829 Front St.
22:04 Vehicle Prowl, 246 Division St.
22:12 Stab/Gunshot, 3981 Old Blewett Rd., Peshastin.

November 27
03:21 Welfare Check, Leavenworth.
04:20 Domestic Dispute, 301 Ward Strasse.
08:49 Hazard, 10395 Chumstick Hwy.
12:20 911 Call, Enchantment Park Way.
13:59 Juvenile Problem, 19651 Chiwawa Loop Rd.
16:47 Civil, 21013 Lower Chiwawa River Rd.
17:23 Juvenile Problem, 20752 Chiwawa Loop Rd.
18:34 911 Call, 34316 S. Nason Rd.
23:43 Domestic Disturbance, 7306 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin.

November 28
00:03 Suspicious Activity, 208 9th St.
00:31 Vehicle Prowl, 330 Evans St.
06:21 Trespassing, 1213 Front St.
10:30 Welfare Check, 22116 Appaloosa Ln., Plain.
13:20 Property, 100 Enchantment Park Way.

November 29
06:18 911 Call, 12640 Shore St.
08:40 Suspicious Activity, 18380 Nason Ridge Rd. #A, Lake Wenatchee.
09:36 Fraud/Forgery, 11190 Meadow Dr., Lake Wenatchee.
12:02 Assist Agency, 330 Prospect St. #5.
14:38 Trespassing, 3003 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin.

15:39 Assist Public, 100 Ward Strasse #E362.
15:56 Assist Public, 22744 Lake Wenatchee Hwy., Lake Wenatchee.
16:04 911 Call, 8278 US Hwy. 2, Peshastin.
18:58 Traffic Offense, US Hwy. 2 MP 93.

November 30
04:31 Vehicle Prowl, 905 Commercial St.
07:22 Hazard, Evans and Sherbourne Sts.
07:31 Non-Injury Accident, Evans St. and Summit Ave.
07:57 Vehicle Prowl, 480 Alpine Pl.
08:14 Vehicle Prowl, 405 US Hwy. 2.
09:30 Vehicle Prowl, 500 Alpine Pl.
10:10 Vehicle Prowl, 505 US Hwy. 2.
11:42 Domestic Disturbance, 10415 Titus Rd. #G.
11:54 Hazard, Chumstick Hwy. MP 9.
18:16 Sex Offense, 124 Cross Creek Ln.
19:19 Welfare Check, 9500 Blk Derby Canyon Rd., Peshastin.
20:13 Domestic Disturbance, 100 Ski Blick Strasse #D2.

December 1
06:32 Hazard, White River Rd. MP 1, Lake Wenatchee.
08:43 Suspicious Activity, 6410 Campbell Rd., Peshastin.
15:33 Civil, 8392 Lake St., Peshastin.
18:07 Hazard, Chumstick Hwy. MP 8.
19:35 911 Call, 590 US Hwy. 2.
20:02 Civil, 3985 Old Blewett Rd., Peshastin.
22:46 Domestic Disturbance, 20752 Chiwawa Loop Rd.

December 2
03:50 Burglary, 6296 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin.
08:34 Civil, 13913 Brae Burn Rd., Lake Wenatchee.
09:55 Vehicle Prowl, 990 US Hwy. 2.
15:47 Assist Agency, 12790 Fish Hatchery Rd.
16:05 Vehicle Theft, 11700 Blk Duncan Rd.
18:23 Parking/Abandon, 9700 Blk Mountain Home Rd.
20:27 Warrant, US Hwy. 2 MP 102, Peshastin.
21:14 Suspicious Activity, 920 US Hwy. 2.

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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.)
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to apply on their behalf. All of this took a lot of time and that's where some of this misinformation early in this process happened." Several months of technical difficulties and bureaucratic juggling later, banks nationwide were able to deliver the third round of PPP loans for new and returning recipients, simultaneously forgiving loans from round one and two. The question as to how PPP loans will be labelled on 2021 tax returns, SBA spokesperson Garth MacDonald states "If small businesses meet specific criteria established for the program, their loans may be wholly or partially forgiven as part of the statutory guidelines for this pandemic relief SBA program." Recently in Dec. of 2020, the CARES Act was amended to make business expenses paid with forgiven PPP loans deductible. Insight into how PPP loans will be marked on this year's tax return remains to be a question for the IRS. For more information on PPP loans, click on these links (<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/covid-19-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program>, <https://data.sba.gov/dataset/ppp-foia>)

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What Do We Know About Omicron?

NATHAN WORCESTER

It's been just days since a new strain of COVID-19 made headlines across the planet.

While the World Health Organization (WHO) has warned that the new Omicron variant presents a "very high risk," other scientists, including some with WHO, have stressed that we still have much to learn about the new CCP (Chinese Communist Party) virus strain.

Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), told CNN's "State of the Union" that Omicron is likely "more contagious" than its predecessors. He said there isn't yet any information indicating it causes worse disease than earlier variants.

Following Omicron-related upheavals in the stock market on Black Friday, investment banking giant Goldman Sachs pushed back against widespread anxiety, arguing that existing treatments will likely keep the new variant in check.

In South Africa, where some of the earliest cases of Omicron have been identified and treated, Dr. Angelique Coetzee of the South African Medical Association told The Daily Telegraph that patients with Omicron have had relatively minor symptoms, albeit ones atypical of COVID-19.

"It presents mild disease, with symptoms being sore muscles and tiredness for a day or two not feeling well," Coetzee said. "So far, we have detected that those infected do not suffer the loss of taste or smell. They might have a slight cough. There are no prominent symptoms. Of those infected, some are currently being treated at home."

Origins, Spread, and Severity

The earliest reports of Omicron came from southern Africa. On Nov. 25, a statement from Botswana's COVID-19 Task Force announced that a new variant, B.1.1.529, had been detected in four travelers.

A statement on Nov. 26 from the country's Ministry of Health and Wellness noted that the four individuals, who are foreign diplomats from an unnamed country, initially tested positive for COVID-19 on Nov. 11. Genomic sequencing later revealed that the travelers had the new variant.



A group of tourists in Bordeaux, southern France, on Nov. 27, 2021.

That same day, the WHO announced that B.1.1.259, or Omicron, was a variant of concern (VOC). The WHO cited the variant's large number of mutations, adding that "preliminary evidence suggests an increased risk of reinfection with this variant, as compared to other VOCs."

In the days since, Omicron has been detected across the world, reaching at least 24 countries as of Dec. 1, according to Forbes.

Recent analyses have suggested it was circulating long before early- to mid-November.

Notably, Nigerian scientists have identified the variant in a sample obtained in mid-October, from a traveler who had returned from South Africa.

While the variant may be contagious, so far it hasn't been associated with greater illness or death.

All 44 cases detected in Europe were mild or asymptomatic, according to reporting from Bloomberg.

This has led some experts to criticize the media and governments across the world for stirring up fear over the variant.

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Angelique Coetzee, chair, South African Medical Association

Coetzee, of the South African Medical Association, has led the charge against what she sees as the over-hyping of Omicron.

"Let me be clear: nothing I have seen about this new variant warrants the extreme action the UK government has taken in response to it," she wrote in The Daily Mail.

"No one here in South Africa is known to have been [hospitalized] with the Omicron variant, nor is anyone here believed to have fallen seriously ill with it."

In a Nov. 29 Twitter thread, Dr.

Nicholas Christakis of Yale University noted there had been "no reports, yet, of deaths" from Omicron. "We will see such deaths before long," he said.

So far, even as the Omicron variant reportedly swept South Africa in November, COVID-19 deaths in the country have fallen from recent highs during the country's winter in July and August.

On Dec. 1, however, WHO's COVID-19 technical lead, Maria Van Kerkhove, noted an increase in hospitalizations in that country, according to CNBC. The country has simultaneously dealt with a small surge in the Delta variant, which may account for some of the increase in hospitalization.

If Omicron is both more contagious and less severe than earlier variants, its emergence could reflect the trade-off between transmission and virulence. According to this scientific hypothesis, pathogens evolve in the direction of spreading farther while also becoming less damaging to their hosts.

Some scientists think existing therapeutics will probably prove

effective against Omicron.

"There's reason to be optimistic current boosted vaccines will provide meaningful protection against #Omicron," wrote Scott Gottlieb, a Pfizer director and former Trump official, on Twitter.

Collins, of the NIH, thinks scientists will be better able to comment on the efficacy of existing vaccines against Omicron after two to three more weeks of field and laboratory testing.

Little Knowledge, Big Government Action

Our understanding of Omicron will improve as we learn more about it.

Thankfully, that knowledge could come sooner rather than later—WHO's Van Kerkhove has said her agency expects to know more about the new variant in days rather than weeks as initially projected, according to Reuters.

Yet despite our limited information on the new variant, as well as early indications that it may not be very severe, the United States and other governments have already reacted strongly, banning travel from southern Africa.

The WHO and other experts have criticized such restrictions, as has the U.S. Travel Association.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, President Joe Biden's chief medical adviser, told ABC's George Stephanopoulos on Nov. 28 that it was "too early to say" whether new lockdowns or mandates would be implemented in response to Omicron in the United States.

"We just really need to, as I've said so often, prepare for the worst," Fauci said in that interview.

More and more experts have voiced concerns about the use of lockdowns and similarly sweeping measures. Economist Donald Boudreaux told The Epoch Times that such shutdowns have "massive, gigantic, maybe even unprecedented" effects.

Writing in The Daily Wire, Dr. Scott Atlas, a coronavirus adviser under President Donald Trump, said that even if COVID-19 deaths stop rising quickly alongside cases during recurring spikes, "it is unlikely the recurring hysteria and mismanagement by those in power will end so quickly."

Florida Prison System in Crisis, State Senator Says

JANNIS FALKENSTERN

Florida is facing a "tsunami of inmates" who may be released from local and county jails due to a critical staff shortage, according to state Sen. Jeff Brandes, a Republican.

As a result of inaction by state leadership, Brandes said, the state may have to release some prisoners because facilities are overcrowded and there are not enough corrections officers.

He said Florida's prisons could house 60,000 inmates appropriately, and manage them adequately, but there are more than 80,000 incarcerated. The total does not include defendants behind bars while their cases are heard.

"I say overcrowded, but it is not because we do not have enough bed space—it is because of the lack of staff," he said, adding that the system currently has one guard for every 250 inmates.

The state senator blamed the state's legislators on both sides of the aisle for the problem.

"The state legislature failed to put any plan in place," he said. "They don't understand the depth of the problem."

In 2016, the Florida legislature commissioned a study on the prison system and asked for recommenda-

tions. The Crime and Justice Institute conducted the study and released a report in 2018.

"The analysis found that Florida is sending fewer people to prison than in years past, but those who do end up there are serving longer sentences, including those convicted of low-level, nonviolent offenses," the report said.

The report found that Florida's prison population stagnated at 100,000 inmates, making it the third-largest in the United States.

In late August 2021, staff shortages caused three Florida facilities to close—Cross City, Baker and New River correctional institutions, all in north Florida.

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Sen. Jeff Brandes

The affected inmates were sent to other facilities, where Brandes said many were sleeping on floors.

Brandes said the incarceration rate is 21 percent higher than the national average. Florida's elderly prison population is rapidly growing and is expect-



Storm clouds pass over the Booking and Release Center at the Orange County Jail in Orlando on July 16, 2011.

ed to reach more than 27,700 inmates by 2023. Most elderly inmates have significant medical needs. In 2015 the FDC spent more than \$366 million on health care for inmates.

Along with staffing issues, programs for the inmates have been cut because of lack of teachers, Brandes said.

"We are just warehousing and not correcting anything," he said. "There may be one teacher to every 1,500 inmates. We just don't have the teachers; you can only cut the grass a few times with a person."

Solutions

According to Brandes, a pay increase for correction officers was a priority—which Gov. Ron DeSantis addressed at a press conference on Nov. 29.

The governor proposed \$400 million in new funding to increase the salaries of all of Florida's law enforcement officers, including correctional officers.

Brandes agreed this was a start, but more needed to be done.

The senator proposed several things for the upcoming January legislative session, but he said the top priority

should be reducing sentences for non-violent offenders.

Other issues such as the aging population of the inmates needed attention, as well as the possibility of releasing inmates who were terminally ill, he said.

"These [terminally ill] inmates, instead of spending their last few weeks, or months, in confinement, they could be at home surrounded by family in their final hours."

Also, Brandes was proposing a "second look" at the inmate's court case.

"This will allow a judge to take a second look at their case and the judge will determine early release based on their prison record," he explained.

"If the inmate has had good behavior, and participated in programs while incarcerated, the judge can reduce their sentence."

Brandes didn't expect a lot out of this legislative session, because similar bills have been introduced in the past.

He said he feared the department of corrections was in crisis mode would stay there for a long time to come if something wasn't done now.

"I think the legislature will continue to punt on this issue because it is an election year," he said. "Everyone likes law and order, but revamping the prison system to where it works is part of that."

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OBITUARY

James "Jim" Donald Willems

February 5, 1942 – November 12, 2021

Jim Willems, 79, of Cashmere, Washington, went home to be with Jesus on November 12, 2021 at Central Washington Hospital.

Jim was born to Isaac and Anna Willems in Reedley, California on February 5, 1942. He and his family moved to Whatcom County, Washington in 1948 where he spent the remainder of his childhood attending Mennonite Church and helping his parents and their neighbors with farm chores and tending to livestock. Jim attended school in Custer and his Ninth-Grade classmates were especially important to him – they reunited each summer throughout their lives. Jim graduated from Ferndale High School in 1959 and moved to Seattle with his older brother where he was employed as a messenger boy, later taking a job with Standard Oil (which later became Chevron Oil Company). Jim served in the United States Army from 1963 – 1969 after which he returned to his job at Chevron and remained with them for the next 38 years. In 1971, Jim became the youngest manager in Chevron history when he moved to the valley

to take over management of the 5th Street Chevron Station in Wenatchee. Jim quickly became part of the Wenatchee community, joining the 20/30 Men's Active Club and the Applarians.

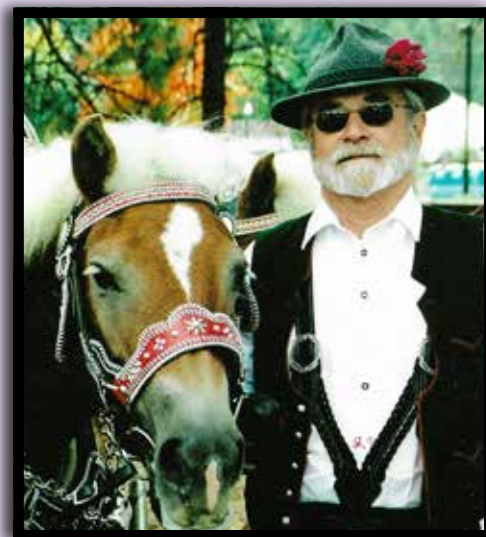
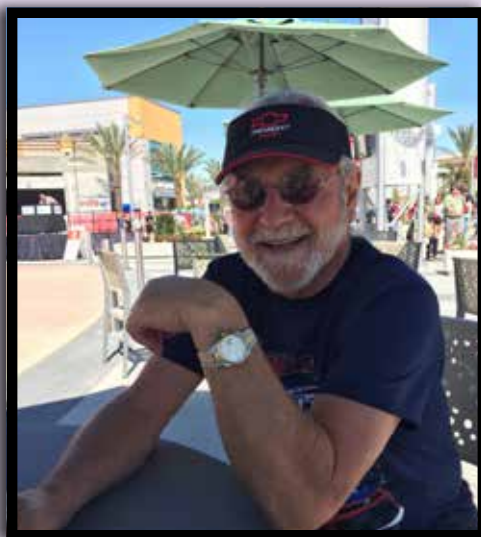
In 1974, Jim married Janet Jennings. Jim purchased the Strohm Farm in Brender Canyon, Cashmere and he moved to the farm with wife and stepson Wes where they grew cherries, planted pear trees, and raised cattle. Jim went on to purchase the Leavenworth Chevron, which was renamed Jim's Chevron Service & Cascade Towing and quickly became an integral part of the Leavenworth community as he actively promoted the Bavarian Village he grew to love. Jim had a servant's heart, meeting needs big and small, near and far for all of his life. He was an active member of Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce, was a founding member of Project Bayern, chaired countless local events and traveled throughout the state with the Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Float. Jim was passionate about community service, so much that he dedicated 45 years to the Leavenworth Rotary Club, acting as Rotary President in 1985-1986. Jim

and Janet were married for fifteen years until her passing in 1989.

Jim enjoyed a variety of hobbies including reading, mapping out trips to new places, Husky football, motorcycling, Nascar, snowmobiling and, most of all, his Corvettes. Jim loved to sing and shared this through the Mennonite Church Choir as a boy and later the First Methodist Choir and the Village Voices. He loved this country and had a deep respect for the American Flag and all it stood for. You'd often see him in his favorite hat - it read Stand for the Flag and Kneel for the Cross. Jim also loved to travel. He traveled all over the world – Australia, Siberia, Bavaria, China, Mexico, and Hawaii with his many friends and colleagues. He loved going to new places, meeting people, and made new friends wherever he went.

In 1997, Jim purchased his first two Haflinger horses, authentic Bavarian harnesses, and his very first carriage. The following year, Jim drove his team in the Autumn Leaf Parade – their first parade of many and began breeding Haflingers.

In 2005, Jim married Siegrid Prey. Jim had always



wanted to live in a new house, so in 2008, he and Siegi designed a new home and barn and had it built further up the Canyon. They spent their years together sharing a love of horses and farming, continuing to drive their horses in Leavenworth Parades year after year. Prompted by his wife, Jim finally went ahead with a long-time dream of driving a four-up in the 2013 Autumn Leaf parade. In 2019 he was awarded the position of Grand Marshal and led the Autumn Leaf parade in a carriage pulled by his four Haflinger horses.

Jim and Siegi enjoy travelling together; they took yearly trips to Daytona during race week, visiting Ukraine, Mexico, Bavaria, Germany, Caribbean, Hawaii, Alaska and Canada, as well as road trips by car and on their Harleys around the United

States and Canada. They made friends wherever they went. Jim was a cowboy that loved Bavarian culture. On trips to Bavaria, he always wore his cowboy hat and he and Siegi were greeted by their Bavarian horse friends with "Hello America!" Perhaps, most of all, he and Siegi shared a love of church, friends, and family. They regularly opened their home for many holidays, special events, and the yearly family campout each fourth of July weekend and enjoyed attending many reunions, birthdays, weddings, and cherished get-together with school friends and festival buddies. Jim will be missed by many.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, older brother Joel, and his first wife Janet. He is survived by his wife Siegrid Willems; Sisters Betty Hassebrock

& Helen Boraker; Wes, Juliana (Marquis) and Reese Jennings; Josie, Gaery, and Athena Rutherford; Aiken, Amber, Kayden, and Emmalyn Peterson; Inga, Benji, Jaeger, and Willa Meder; Kristi, Jeff, John, and Jessica Ehlers; Karen, Francis, Daniel, Alyssa, and Katelyn Spellman; Mark, Shannon, Jake, and Berkley Hassebrock; Tracey, Dianna, Stefanie, and Maddi Whitehead; and Greg and Mari Boraker.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please send memorials to Leavenworth Rotary Ed Cadman Foundation, Cancer Care of Wenatchee, or Lighthouse Ministries. A celebration of Jim's life will take place in the spring. For more information and to share stories and photos please visit www.inmemoryofjimwillems.com.

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PHOTO BY JOHN KRUSE:
Rusty Johnston and John Kruse with their new boat

A BASS BOAT FOR CHRISTMAS

By JOHN KRUSE

Call it an early Christmas or a mid-life crisis dream come true. Rusty Johnston is my best friend and fishing partner of 45 years. The two of us have dreamed of fishing out of a tournament ready bass or walleye boat for much of that time. We have fished several bass tournaments and we know how to catch fish but the small size of his 1994 aluminum Starcraft with a top speed of 29 MPH has limited our ability to compete against much faster and better outfitted boats.

This year we got serious about an upgrade and I began the process of looking for a boat that would fit into a garage (limiting us to under 18 feet) with an out the door price of \$18K to \$25K. The first thing I found out was that demand for boats was at a historic high during this pandemic and inventory, due to both demand and supply chain difficulties, was at an all time low. A case in point, one local boat dealer in Ellensburg literally has only one boat and one outboard motor in its inventory for sale right now.

With that in mind I started looking to order straight from a manufacturer. Unfortunately, I soon found out I would have to wait awhile if I wanted to go this route. Kent Brown, the West Coast Regional Sales Manager for the White River Marine Group, which includes Tracker, Ranger, Nitro

and Triton boats, told me a fiberglass boat could be had within two or three months but aluminum boats would be difficult to come by for some time. This was not because of aluminum production but because certain components like the seats and the foam in these boats are hard to acquire during the current supply chain crisis. In fact, a representative from Xpress Boats, makers of aluminum bass boats in Arkansas, told me in June I would have to wait eight months for a new boat from them.

Another person I spoke to was Steve Rogers, a well-known outdoors media personality, angler and boat owner. As far as getting a tournament bass boat, he recommended getting a boat with at least a 20-gallon livewell, the maximum horsepower I could afford for an outboard and a bow mounted electric trolling motor that would be strong enough to keep the boat on track in a stiff current or strong winds.

With those parameters in mind the search began in earnest for a new or late model boat. Unfortunately, most of the boats I found in my price range were aluminum boats that were only powered by 40 to 60 HP engines, giving them a top speed of 30 to 35 MPH. Eventually though, I got lucky and found what I was looking for.

The boat in question was on consignment at Bob Feil Motors in East Wenatchee. It is a 2018 fiberglass Nitro Z17

bass boat that measured just over 17-feet long, had a 90 hp Mercury four-stroke engine that will get the boat up to 46 MPH, a nice Humminbird 7 fish finder with GPS

mapping and a MotorGuide 70 lb. thrust bow-mounted electric trolling motor. With a 23-gallon livewell, tons of storage and only 17 hours of engine use, the boat is virtually brand new! Better still, the owner was willing to come down off of his sale price, in part because the exact same model year boat became available at the same time for a lower price in Oregon.

Dave Ritter, the salesman at Bob Feil Boats and Motors, gave us a detailed walk through of the boat and guided us through the purchasing process. Boeing Employee Credit Union took care of the financing and gave us a great rate. This week, I'll be picking up our dream boat and taking it to Rusty's house. We'll store it in his shop, located less than a mile away from the boat launch at Potholes State Park.

We are thrilled about getting the boat out on the lake a lot and fishing several tournaments in 2022 and beyond. It's also fair to say we just got ourselves the best Christmas present two middle-aged bass anglers could every hope for. Here's hoping your Christmas is as merry as ours is shaping up to be!

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

OBITUARY

Alma Luz Quick

May 5, 1930- November 22, 2021

Alma Luz Quick, 91 of Wenatchee, WA.

Loving wife, mother, friend, and great-great grandmother, passed away peacefully in her home, accompanied by her family on November 22, 2021.

She was born Alma Luz Carrillo-Fernandez in Guatemala, Central America on May 5, 1930 to loving parents; Francisco Megaña Carrillo, and María Graciela Fernandez Masferrer.

While working on her career as a professional singer, she met and fell in love with a visiting American pilot, Captain William E. Quick and they were married on August 2, of 1954.

They were a happy couple and traveled and enjoyed life in various countries, having 5 children along the way.

She loved people and learning about other cultures. She studied Foreign Affairs and International Law, later

working as a Bilingual Secretary, Diplomatic Protocol Assistant, and Court Translator in the U.S.A. and overseas.

She was appointed Honorary Consul of Guatemala in Nassau, Bahamas by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II of England, and served in that capacity from 1957-1962.

She cherished her family and friends, loved music, literature, art, fashion design, and nature; especially Hummingbirds, which are as colorful and lively as she was.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 34 years while living in Alaska in 1988, and is survived by her 5 children:

Mireya, Richard, Roy, Francesca, and Edgar, as well as son in-law Sterling Bartholomew of Leavenworth, Washington and daughter in-law Yvette Pashia of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

She had 10



grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Alma means Soul in Spanish, and Luz means Light. Alma Luz was the Soul and Light of our family. That soul and light will always live in our hearts, and those of her many relatives, descendants, and friends throughout the USA, Guatemala, and the world over.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

William "Bill" E. Forhan

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Employment

Help Wanted

THREE RIVERS HOSPITAL
RADIOLOGY/ CT TECH Full-time
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Med/ Surg RN Full-time/ Nights
Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Med/ Surg RN to perform general nursing duties in an acute care setting with adequate supervision. Current WA State RN license and must have current BLS/ CPR & obtain ACLS certification within one year. Rotating days and includes some weekends. Sign-on bonus: \$5,000. Interested Candidates may apply in person or by mailing their resume to: Three Rivers Hospital Human Resources Dept. PO Box 577 Brewster, WA 98812 (509) 689-2517 www.threerivershospital.net opportunity@trhospital.net EOE

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OR Circulator Nurse Full-time
Three Rivers Hospital is seeking an OR Circulator Nurse. Current WA State RN license. Two years' experience as a full-time circulator. BLS and ACLS certifications. Basic computer skills. Monday-Friday, 8-hour shifts. No call time. Sign-on bonus: \$5,000. Interested Candidates may apply in person or by mailing their resume to: Three Rivers Hospital Human Resources Dept. PO Box 577 Brewster, WA 98812 (509) 689-2517 www.threerivershospital.net opportunity@trhospital.net EOE

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Three Rivers Hospital is seeking an ER Nurse to provide nursing assessment, treatment and evaluation of ER patients and outpatients. Current WA State RN license required. Current BLS / CPR, ACLS, TNCC and PALS certifications. Two years' Med/Surg experience or one-year ER experience preferred. Rotating days and includes some weekends. Sign-on Bonus: \$5,000. Interested Candidates may apply in person or by mailing their resume to: Three Rivers Hospital Human Resources Dept. PO Box 577 Brewster, WA 98812 (509) 689-2517 www.threerivershospital.net opportunity@trhospital.net EOE

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OR Manager Full-Time
Three Rivers Hospital is seeking an OR Manager to oversee the OR nursing staff and the surgery department. Candidate must have current WA State RN license and ACLS & BLS. Must be proficient in orthopedic, general and OB/ GYN surgeries. Should have 2-3 years of progressively responsible experience in hospital nursing, including leadership assignments. Excellent communication and discretionary skills. Monday-Friday, 8-hour shifts. No call time. Sign-on bonus: \$5,000. Interested Candidates may apply in person or by mailing their resume to: Three Rivers Hospital Human Resources Dept. PO Box 577 Brewster, WA 98812 (509) 689-2517 www.threerivershospital.net opportunity@trhospital.net EOE

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Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Director of Quality to manage our quality program, including risk and compliance. Registered Nurse with a BSN degree is preferred; however, a minimum of a bachelor's degree in Business or related field may be considered. Three to five years healthcare experience is preferred. Strong skills required: organizational, interpersonal, communication, analytical, risk assessment, computer, statistics & math, and problem-solving. Attention to detail and a high moral integrity is crucial. Interested Candidates may apply in person or by mailing their resume to: Three Rivers Hospital Human Resources Dept. PO Box 577 Brewster, WA 98812 (509) 689-2517 www.threerivershospital.net opportunity@trhospital.net EOE

THREE RIVERS HOSPITAL
DIETARY MANAGER Full-time
Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Dietary Manager responsible for directing and assisting dietary staff with food preparation, helps with establishing patient menus and monitors departmental compliance with federal/ state guidelines and sanitary practices. Candidate must have one year food service management experience or a bachelor's degree in related field. CDM and ServSafe Certification, CPR and Food Handler's permit are required. Sign-on Bonus: \$5,000. Interested Candidates may apply in person or by mailing their resume to: Three Rivers Hospital Human Resources Dept. PO Box 577 Brewster, WA 98812 (509) 689-2517 www.threerivershospital.net opportunity@trhospital.net EOE

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Legals

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of: MARK C. ADAMS, Deceased. Case No.: 21-4-00380-04 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 latter 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 non-probate assets. Date of First Publication: **November 24, 2021** Personal Representative: Nancy McMinn Attorney for Personal Representative: Craig Larsen Address for Mailing or Service: 27 Harrison St., Wenatchee WA 98801 Court of Probate proceedings and cause number: Chelan County Superior Court Case #21-4-00380-04 Published in The Cashmere Valley Record/ Leavenworth Echo on November 24, 2021, December 1 and 8, 2021. # 3091

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN

PAUL V. SOUTHERLAND and DEBORAH R. BAKER SOUTHERLAND, husband and wife, SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION NO. 21-2-00480-04 Plaintiffs, vs. WISEACRES, INC., a Washington corporation; ALL DIRECTORS, OFFICERS and SHAREHOLDERS OF WISEACRES, INC., AND ALSO all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described in the Complaint herein.

Defendants. THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO: WISEACRES, INC., a Washington corporation; ALL DIRECTORS, OFFICERS and SHAREHOLDERS OF WISEACRES, INC., AND ALSO all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described in the Complaint herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this Summons, to-wit, within sixty (60) days after the 10th day of November, 2021, and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled Court, and answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff, Paul V. Southerland and Deborah R. Baker Southerland, and serve a copy of your Answer upon the undersigned attorneys of the Plaintiff, Thomas F. O'Connell of Davis, Arneil Law Firm, LLP, at their office below stated; and, in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the Complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. The object of this action is to quiet title in Plaintiff to real estate in Chelan County, Washington, described as: That portion of the NW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 33, Township 26 North, Range 18 East, E.W.M. Chelan County, Washington, described as follows: Beginning at the SE corner of said quarter quarter, thence South 89°21'37" West 277.00' along the South line of the said quarter quarter section, thence North 0°52'22" East 774.45' to the center of Chumstick Creek, thence easterly along the center of Chumstick Creek to the east line of the said quarter quarter, thence South 0°52'22" West along the said east line 758.89 feet to the point of beginning. SUBJECT to easements and restrictions of record or apparent upon the premises, and SUBJECT to matters relating to water and water rights, and rights of way for necessary facilities for the distribution of water and right of entry for repair and maintenance. against the claim of the Defendants and any one of them.

DATED this 29th day of October, 2021. DAVIS, ARNEIL LAW FIRM, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff By Thomas F. O'Connell WSBA #16539 617 Washington Street Wenatchee, WA. 98801 Published in The Leavenworth Echo /Cashmere Valley Record on Nov.10, 17, 24 and Dec. 1, 8 and 15, 2021. #3022.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF CHELAN CHIWAWA COMMUNITIES ASSOCIATION, a Washington public benefit corporation, Plaintiff, vs. KEVAN ARTHURS, a Washington state citizen and resident; BEAVER VALLEY ELECTRICAL LLC, a Washington limited liability company, Defendants. NO. 21-2-00467-04 **SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION (20 DAYS)**

To the Defendants KEVAN ARTHURS, and BEAVER VALLEY ELECTRICAL LLC: A lawsuit has been started against you in the above-entitled court by CHIWAWA COMMUNITIES ASSOCIATION a Washington public benefit corporation, Plaintiff. Plaintiffs' claim is stated in the written Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you with this Summons.

In order to defend against this lawsuit, you must respond to the Complaint by stating your defense in writing, and serving a copy upon the person signing this Summons within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, excluding the day of service, or a default judgment may be entered against you without notice. A default judgment is one in which the plaintiff is awarded what has been requested in the Complaint because of the Defendants failure to respond. If you serve a notice of appearance on the undersigned person, you are entitled to notice before a default judgment may be entered. You may demand that the Plaintiff file this lawsuit with the court. If you do so, the demand must be in writing and must be served upon the person signing this Summons. Within fourteen (14) days after you serve the demand, the Plaintiff must file this lawsuit with the Court, or the service on you of this Summons and Complaint will be void. If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be served on time. This Summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the State of Washington. DATED this 21st day of September, 2021. JEFFERS, DANIELSON, SONN & AYLWARD, P.S. By H. LEE LEWIS, WSBA # 46478 Attorneys for Plaintiff PO Box 1688 Wenatchee, WA 98807-1688 (509) 662-3685 (509) 662-2452 Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror, Leavenworth Echo & Cashmere Valley Record November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021 #3059

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN

ANGELA KROPI, an individual, and LISA KROPI, an individual, jointly and severally as tenants in common, Plaintiffs, vs. MARY A. TROWBRIDGE, an individual; and ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, Defendants

NO. 21-2-00538-04 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION (RCW 4.28.110) THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO THE SAID DEFENDANTS: MARY W. TROWBRIDGE and ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT: You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this Summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 10th day of November, 2021, and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled court, and answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff, and serve a copy of your Answer upon the undersigned attorney for Plaintiff, Daniel E. Pizarro, at his office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the Complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. Plaintiff filed said Complaint to obtain relief against you for quiet title and ejectment concerning your claimed interest in the real property commonly known as 23118 Lake Wenatchee Highway, Leavenworth, WA 98826. Plaintiff seeks court judgment that you have no interest in said real property and that you must return possession of the premises to Plaintiff.

DATED this 1st day of November 2021 at Tacoma, WA. DICKSONFROHLICH, PS /s/ Daniel E. Pizarro Daniel E. Pizarro, WSBA No. 47937 Attorney for the Plaintiffs 1200 East D Street Tacoma, WA 98421 dpizarro@dicksonlegal.com Published in The Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on Nov. 10, 17, 24, and Dec. 1, 8, and 15, 2021 #3036.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Cashmere Hearing Examiner will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 20, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at the Cashmere City Hall, 101 Woodring Street, to review and consider the following consolidated permit applications submitted by Pursuit of Happiness. A major subdivision application to divide two existing lots into 27 separate lots for single family homes. The property is approximately 260,053 sq ft, the lots are proposed to range in size from approximately 7,729 sq.ft. to 20,331 sq.ft. The property is located east of Olive Street and west of Rank Road, south of Cascade Place and north of Mission View Place in the City of Cashmere, Chelan County, Washington. The Chelan County Assessor's Parcel # is 23-19-04-505041 and Parcel # 23-19-04-505-03

The purpose of this hearing is for the Hearing Examiner to review these proposals and take testimony from the public. The Hearing Examiner may approve, approve with conditions or deny the application and shall issue a written decision on the applications within 10 working days of the close of public testimony. The public is invited to attend and to make comment. Published in The Cashmere Valley Record/ Leavenworth Echo on December 8, 2021. # 3177

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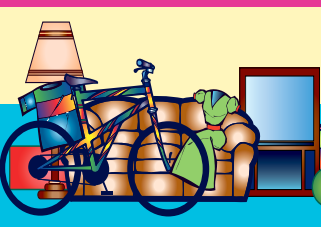
CITY OF LEAVENWORTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Leavenworth City Council will hold a public hearing, December 14, 2021 at 6:45 pm via zoom to review amendments to City of Leavenworth Municipal Code and take public testimony/comment regarding changes to: •Lot Size Requirements, combining land use designations LMC 18.21 Residential Low Density 12,000 and LMC 18.23 Residential Low Density 10,000 into a new LMC 18.18 Residential 8,000 designation which would change the minimum lot sizes from 12,000 and 10,000 square feet to 8,000 (respectively). •Duplex Lot Size Requirements, change the minimum lot size requirement for a duplex from 12,000 square feet to the corresponding zoning district, amending LMC Sections 18.20.060, 18.21.060, 18.23.060, 18.36.045; and removing 18.52.130, conditional use permit - two-family dwelling units (duplexes). See the City Event Calendar: <https://cityofleavenworth.com/your-city-hall/calendar/> for related documents. Interested citizens are encouraged to comment and/or attend the public hearing. Questions may be directed to Development Services within City Hall, phone 509-548-5275 or email dsmanager@cityofleavenworth.com Published in The Leavenworth Echo/ Cashmere Valley Record on December 1 and 8, 2021. #3033

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- *COVID-19, e.g.
- Poison ivy or Poison oak
- International Civil Aviation Org.
- Distinctive smell
- House coat
- Asian cuisine food thickener
- Pelvic parts
- Gallery display
- Self-proclaimed greatest boxer
- Count on

DOWN

- "Monty Python's" broadcaster
- Rioter's take
- Fasteners or holders
- Cover story
- *Suez ____, too tight for Ever Given
- Like custard
- Mythological ship
- Wayside stop
- Thinly spread
- Look forward to
- * ____, Papers, leaked offshore account information
- Banana refuse, pl.
- Exchange for money
- Old World lizard
- *January 20th honoree
- Anti-elderly one
- Those not in favor
- Pita, alt. sp.
- Take without asking
- Gossipier, Yiddish
- *Perseverance landing spot
- Edible tuber
- *Kabul's organization in power
- *The Nobel ___ Prize was awarded to Ressa and Muratov
- Snoop around
- Snowmobile brand
- Give the boot
- "Stronger" by Cindy McCain, e.g.
- Southwestern hut
- Sushi restaurant staple
- ___ gum, food additive
- Leave out
- Home to the Leaning Tower
- Not in use
- One in mattress
- Spot for a facial
- *Actor Liotta, star in "The Many Saints of Newark"

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Zoning Amendments

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believed that high-density housing was not going to provide a solution for affordable housing.

"I just think we need to slow down, look if this is really going to accomplish affordable housing," Tobiason said. "We have a hope in place and I think we have a want in place, but I don't know if I can see if this is going to happen"

Paula Strozky claimed that since the HAP has been approved, the council had been working in a vacuum and that it took multiple flyers and letters for the city to see community needs.

"The community does have a vision, and the community's vision needs to be recognized," Strozky said. She later

concluded, "I encourage you to delay making an approval on these proposed changes until all of those side effects can be considered and until all the community input and of those other agencies can truly be really looked at."

UGA resident and retired surgeon Bob Fallon agreed with fellow Friends of Leavenworth member Kim Tobiason on limiting density. He also thinks residents will not agree to an increased urbanization of Leavenworth, stating that people move to Leavenworth to be in a small rural community and to have room to participate in outdoor recreation.

"People want Leavenworth to be Leavenworth."

Mayor Carl J. Florea responded that it will take multiple large measures to solve

affordable housing and that this rezoning amendment would just be a small change towards housing future generations.

"But I also want to just challenge all of us to recognize the fact that we are in a new reality and the idea that you can keep building on 1200 sq. ft. lots indefinitely is not the future. Construction and development costs are too high to house the next generation," Mayor Florea states. "What's also not going to solve [the housing crisis] is continuing to do what's always been done in the past and trying to keep things from trying to get any denser than they were in the past."

Councilmembers Sharon Waters and Zeke Reister raise their own questions about zoning. Councilmember Reister believes that there is reason

to be worried about building heights in the new higher density areas when it came to affordable housing and agreed with those voicing concern for construction on Prospect St.

"I have some real concerns about what we're giving away here to get affordable, or less expensive, housing."

Councilmember Waters thought that creating a visual guide for residents on how the new Leavenworth would look may help with initial hostility towards zoning changes.

The public hearing on the zoning change will continue at the next City Council meeting scheduled for Dec. 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held on zoom at this link (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88576134363?pwd=bHhZMWFHQklsL1ZiZmFtUy9wR3ZHU099success>)

Mountain Meadows Senior Living Campus Feels Staffing Pinch

BY: MEGAN SOKOL

Mountain Meadow Wellness Director Amanda Ledezma has been working in the long-term care industry for over 14 years, but states that things have only been getting worse for over the last five.

"I think that the media is painting a picture that this is a new problem, and this is not a new problem. Staffing has been terrible in long-term care."

Although lack of staffing has been an ongoing problem for long-term care facilities long before COVID, staff finds that the new vaccine mandate and the long-term consequences of the COVID pandemic have only exacerbated problems.

Mountain Meadows has a perfect storm for understaffing. With a booming tourist industry next door and lack of Medicaid funds to reimburse facility costs, the facility has had difficulty attracting long-term employees.

Both Executive Director Nate Oglesby and Ledezma state that they have tried bringing on a marketing agency for job recruitment, \$100/month gas cards, retention bonuses, referral bonuses, and sign-on bonuses to help gain some prospective employees. However, Oglesby doesn't think it's effective.

"We've had a lot of prospects that call, set up interviews, and are no shows, a no call for the interview. I would have to say most of our hiring in the last couple of months have been our own staff, recruiting friends or family to fill some of the gaps for us."

In the past six months, Mountain Meadows had to

halt admissions for two weeks because their staffing numbers were so low.

"We normally have about 56 employees if you include part-time and full-time, I would say during COVID we've slowly been creeping down in that number. Our numbers now are around 42," Ledezma explained. "We're down probably three to four full-time positions in our nursing department, two part-time positions in our nursing department and down one to two positions in our dietary department as well."

To curb yet another admission halt, Mountain Meadows, along with multiple neighboring medical facilities, have been contracting with Omni Staffing Services to fill any caregiver gaps.

"I've been with Mountain Meadows for 16 and a half years, and this is the first time ever we've had to resort to agency," Oglesby said. "Our goal is not to use agency as much as possible because it is very expensive, but the ones that we have used, have been very good and we use them as a last resort."

Ledezma notes that using the agency is not a sustainable long-term solution. "Instead of paying a CNA, maybe \$18 an hour, if you get one from an agency to cover a shift, you're paying the agency \$36 an hour, crazy."

When they don't use the agency, staff work an average of 20-30 hours overtime in a two-week period.

"I think all of my colleagues, and certainly within our own building are working so hard and putting forth just sometimes a ridiculous amount of effort to make sure that people are cared

for and that they have what they need," Ledezma states. "Sometimes that might be working double or triple shifts and working massive overtime."

Both Oglesby and Ledezma hope that an increase in Medicaid can help alleviate some of the financial costs the pandemic has ensued. In the meantime, Oglesby states that they will continue advertising online.

"I just want to say that I think it's really critical that the general public is aware of what is actually going on inside the walls of long-term care and not just what the media is putting out there," Ledezma said. "I

think looking at ways to support long-term care, with legislation and supporting candidates that support increasing Medicaid reimbursement is really a huge component of helping long-term care get back to a point where we're not struggling so bad."

Eplealden Retirement and Assisted Living declined to comment.

For additional information the November 6, 2021 Wenatchee Business Journal, details some sobering facts about the long-term care industry. (<https://www.newbusiness.com/local/staffing-challenges-threaten-long-term-care-facilities-access-care>)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No High Density Rezoning Needed with Leavenworth's Excellent Affordable Housing Numbers

Exactly how is our small, rural town doing in providing low-income housing? A recent inventory by the City reveals that 158 affordable units already exist. For a town our size, Leavenworth can be proud of that number of affordable units. Assuming each unit houses 2 people, then 158 units house 316 people. That is 15% of our City's population of about 2,100 currently living in affordable units! This seems to be a solid, tangible number that City planners are forgetting as they race towards rezoning for much more dense housing.

So who is doing the deciding about this and what are the results? It begins with our State producing a population forecast for each county. Then each county assigns numbers for each City. Chelan County did this in 2015, forecasting our population growth to 2037. Before reading further, take a guess how many new folks the County requires us to house by 2037....? OK, their population mandate for Leavenworth is an additional 110 units to accommodate the projected growth of 175 additional people.

Our Planning Commission has gone way beyond those County numbers, however, and is busily planning to recommend that we need 1,330 more housing units! Now that is TWELVE times what our mandate from the state is! Our planners intend to extend this high-density rezoning deep into our valley with plans to eventually

enlarge the City's boundaries, so that those areas can also be rezoned to multiple-unit high densities.

Our planners are seeing undeveloped lots and calling them "under-utilized", and will be recommending a denser future with much less green space. Some of their recommendations will include reducing lot sizes to just 3,000 square feet so more houses can be built. They will be considering zoning and codes for triplexes and row houses (attached multiple houses).

They are working on proposals that specify exemptions from much of Leavenworth's zoning standards when a new development includes a few affordable housing units. For example, dwellings can cover 75% of the lot, front and back yard setbacks can be shortened and the lots can have minimal parking spaces. All of these density incentives will increase building that will likely reach and surpass their goal of 1,330 more units, more than doubling the size of our town.

So, have you given any thought as to how our water supply might be affected by building 1,330 new units? What about fruit and shade trees and growing food in our vegetable gardens? What about play areas for children? What about snow removal?

Let City Council members know your thoughts before these recommendations become Leavenworth's new zoning regulations! Call the City (548-5275) and ask for zoom instructions to attend their December 14th meeting.

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