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Weidner Apartment Homes Buys Meadowlark for \$2.7 mil.

BY: MEGAN SOKOL

Upper Valley MEND sold the Meadowlark property to Weidner Apartment homes for \$2.7 million. After several years of litigation and financial upheavals, MEND hopes to reinvest the proceeds towards future affordable housing ventures.

MEND started buying the 26-acre property between Titus Road and Chumstick Highway in 2001, and had started production on it after MEND finished building 10 homes for their Aldea Village project. It was only after March of 2016 that the group concluded that Meadowlark was financially out of their hands after construction costs started to skyrocket and the Washington State Housing Trust Fund Grant, that they were counting on, fell through.

"Once we shut down the planning on that, we determined that it really wasn't feasible for us to restart development on that

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Weidner Apartment Homes builder of the Leavenworth Haus apartment homes behind Safeway has just purchased the Meadowlark property from Upper Valley MEND. Details of Weidner's construction plans were not available at press time.

Think Pink: Businesses Work with Cascade Medical **Foundation** to Fund Free Mammograms



Marlene **Farrell** Correspondent

The 5th Annual Think Pink Campaign is back for the month of October. In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness month, Cascade Medical Foundation is collaborating with local businesses and with you to raise funds specifically to cover free mammograms for uninsured or underinsured women in our hospital district.

Medical's radiology Cascade department is accredited and FDA certified to utilize 3D mammography to assist in early detection of breast cancer. "3D mammography provides more accurate detection and earlier diagnosis of tumors compared with 2D," explained Scott Mitchell, Director of Radiology at CM. "There's vastly improved visualization of dense breast tissue."

Who should schedule a mammogram, knowing that cost doesn't have to be an issue? "We follow the US Preventive Services Task Force recommendations of screening mammograms for women aged 50 to 74; outside that age range is based upon a case-by-case personal discussion between women and their primary care clinician," said Mitchell.

A mammogram appointment takes about thirty minutes, and same week appointments are usually available.

How can you support this great cause? Visit these businesses who are proud partners: The Bubblery, Schocolat, Obertal Inn, Oil & Vinegar Cellar, Polish Hair & Nail Salon, Tumwater Bakery, Black Swan, Benchmark Jewelers and Watershed Café.

For instance, need a laugh? The Black Swan has t-shirts, coffee cups, coasters, doormats and more that will leave you chuckling.

Tumwater Bakery's pink frosted cookies and Schocolat's delicate heartadorned Harlequin chocolates will satisfy your sweet tooth.

Ask for Jessica Mahugh at Polish Hair & Nail Salon for a haircut or coloring, and check out some of the beautiful, artisan jewelry at Benchmark Jewelers.

come enjoy Leavenworth resplendent in fall colors, and also offers fresh assorted strudels for visitors and locals alike.

Obertal Inn welcomes visitors to

The Bubblery has soaps and bath fizzers in shades of cherry blossoms to flamingo to help you unwind after a long day.

The garlic chili olive oil from The Oil & Vinegar Cellar will spice up your evening's meal, or you can choose to feast on gourmet local fare at Watershed Café.

Additionally, you can give directly to Think Pink: www. you can give cascademedicalfoundation.org/ support/donate

Mary Thresher from Benchmark Jewelers explained why she wanted to

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It's Pumpkin Fever in Chelan County!

By Barbara Washburn

You might have seen the sign outside driving by: "Come and in and get your glass pumpkin!" Well, it made this reporter somewhat curious. Plus, all the amusing remarks I have heard about the many different colors and design a glass pumpkin can have. However, seeing them being made in action was really something to write to all of you about. Our local area glass blowing studio has been described by visitors as a magical place.

Boulder Bend Glasswork off Hwy 2 in Peshastin is a lively location during the autumn season. Actually, it is pretty much full of life every time I drive by. Once you get inside you can

quickly see why. There are always new, often seasonal and bright items that are being created.

The owners, Craig Sorensen and Jori Delvo who spend their days working with very large torches and glass blowing instruments, have been local residents for some years and are excited for many more of their design ideas to take on their physical form. The name Boulder Bend was chosen for the set of rapids on the Wenatchee River, and the owners love for their scenic display and salmon watching.

They had met each other in 2005 at a Leavenworth restaurant. Jori developed a passion for the glass



CONTINUED TO PAGE A10 Craig Sorenson and Jori Delvo prepare to finish one of their glass pumpkins.

Leavenworth City Manager resigns



By BILL FORHAN

Anna Cortez submitted her resignation as of October 31, 2021. She immediately went on vacation. Attempts to contact her for comment received no response other than an email message that simply said she no longer worked for the city. A more detailed report will follow after we have completed interviews with Mayor Florea.

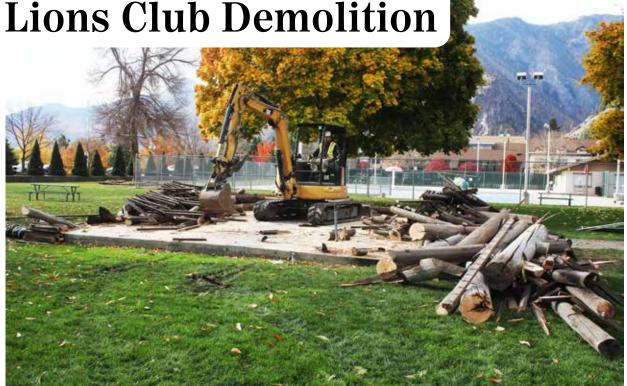


PHOTO BY MEGAN SOKOL

Construction worker Johnny Melvin operates a Caterpillar Electric Rope Shovel to demolish the Lions Club Park pavilion that resided next to City Hall on the North side of Highway 2, on October 21, 2021.

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



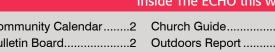
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The Leavenworth Echo regrets any errors. If you see an error, please call 509-548-5286. We will publish a correction on this page in the next issue.

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, 548-5292. Leavenworth Rotary Club, Zoom meetings, noon. For more

info. call President Joel Walinski, jtwalinski@gmail.com

Thursday

Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce, 8 a.m. Call Chamber, 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 wilkieam2015@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

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

Young Life Club, 6:30 p.m. All high school age students welcome. TJ Kaapuni, 509-679-3247. (2nd & 4th Mon.) Cascade School board meetings, 7 p.m., District Office board room. Call 548-5885. (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).

Leavenworth Mosquito District Board Meeting 7 p.m. via ZOOM link posted at leavenworthmosquitodistrict. com Contact: Jenny Mullins,548-5904. (1st & 3rd Mon.)

Tuesday

Peshastin Water District, 5:30 p.m. Meeting now in the Park behind Peshastin Library. Contact Steve Keene, 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 782-2561 or tony.iid.pid@nwi.net, (2nd

Cascade Medical Board Meeting, 9 a.m. Call Cascade Medical, 548-5815. (4th Tues.)

Cascade Education Foundation. Contact: CEF@cascade.org LWSC Alpine Committee, 7 p.m., Ski Hill Lodge. Call 548-5477. (1st. Tues.)

Leavenworth Masons, 7:30 a.m., Zarthan Lodge No. 148, Leavenworth Senior Center upstairs. www.leaveworthmasons.

Cascade Garden Club, 1 p.m., at a member's home or other venue. Call President Claudia, 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 548-7923 or online Leavenworth@ncwlibraries.org Open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Saturdays. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Fridays, 3 p.m.- 7

p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Peshastin Public Library. Located at 8396 Main St., Peshastin. Call: 548-7821 or Peshastin@ncwlibraries.org Open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10-2 p.m. and 3-7 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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, 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 548-5286. Otherwise we are not responsible for any misinformation.

Leavenworth

Upper Valley Empty Bowls Volunteers Needed

Comebea part of this amazing yearly event, which raises food for Leavenworth's Community Cupboard Food Bank. What a great cause. Volunteers are needed for a variety of positions. First meeting is Wednesday, November 3. For more information, contact uvemptybowls@gmail.com

Light the Night Carnival Returns

The Nazarene Church in Leavenworth is once again holding the FREE Light the Night Community Carnival at 111 Ski Hill Drive, Sunday, October 31 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. (This is a revised time). Fun for the entire family including hot dogs, candy, popcorn, hot apple cider, music, games and the fire truck. Children

must be accompanied by an adult. Costumes welcome. For information call the church office at 548-5292.

Cascade High School Actors Guild presents

Little Women,the play, on October 29, 30 and November 4-6 at 7 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Mask and distancing required. Free admission.

Halloween Photos

Are back at Mike West Leavenworth Realty at 940 Hwy. 2. Stop by on Sunday, October 31 for photos and treats from 3-6 p.m.

A New StoryWalk® Book is Up

The next StoryWalk® book is up. It is called Hiking Day by Anne Rockwell. Visit the kiosk in the WRI parking lot to start reading. Students on Field Days enjoyed reading the last book, Salmon Stream by Carol Reed-Jones, and participating

in the activities. Contact, Wenatchee River Institute (509)548-0181 or http://

NCW Libraries

partnering Humanities Washington to offer the live, virtual program Diamonds in the Rough: The Gentrification of Rural Washington. The free program will be at 7 p.m. Nov. 2 and held on the Zoom platform. Register $\,$ for this event at www. ncwlibraries.org. Click on News & Events and find it on the events calendar. A Zoom link will be sent by email.

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05:26 Trespassing, 817

Commercial St.

700 US Hwy. 2.

18:15 Extra Patrol, Icicle Rd.

21:36 Trespassing, 901 Front

22:47 Disturbance, 213 9th St.

23:33 Welfare Check, 585 US

01:45 911 Call, 590 US Hwy. 2.

05:02 Trespassing, 932 Front

13:31 Traffic Offense, Chiwawa

Loop and Lake Wenatchee

15:18 Traffic Offense, US Hwy.

Contact, Leprechaun Lake.

18625 Beaver Valley Rd.,

Contact, Coles Corner, Lake

20:43 Domestic Disturbance,

21:15 Disturbance, 843 Front St.

23:47 Disturbance, 820 Front St.

01:07 Assist Agency, 13646

03:18 Trespassing, 180 US

07:43 Disturbance, 116 River

11:10 Injury Accident, 8420

Washington St & Ford St

11:21 Traffic Offense at

22:35 Disturbance, 221 8th St.

10:40 Welfare Check, 172

15:12 Diversion, 14391

2 and 12th St. W.B.

15:28 Attempt to Locate/

17:10 Harassment/Threat,

18:26 Attempt to Locate/

Chumstick Hwy.

23:47 Assist Agency, 7900

Mountain Home Rd.

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.

October 15

06:06 Assist Agency, 280 US Hwy. 2. 06:52 911 Call, 505 Ski Hill Dr. 07:36 Suicide Threat, 18380

Nason Ridge Rd., Lake Wenatchee. 08:47 Attempt to Locate/

Contact, Rat Creek 11:19 Property, 940 US Hwy.

2 #B. 11:21 Traffic Offense, US Hwy. 2 and Chumstick Hwy.

13:18 Runaway, 6410 Campbell Rd., Peshastin.

13:34 Extra Patrol, Lions Club Park. 17:03 Assist Agency, 11007 US Hwy. 2, Peshastin.

17:16 Theft, 10461 Titus Rd. 18:24 911 Call, 100 Ward Strasse #A107. 18:33 Vehicle Prowl, 9501 Jeske

Rd., Peshastin. 18:35 Parking/Abandon, 34491 US Hwy. 2, Lake Wenatchee. 18:49 Noise, 600 Blk. Front St.

20:07 Parking/Abandon, 1016 Commercial St. 20:52 Welfare Check, 917

Commercial St. 21:09 Suspicious Activity, 13015 Bayne Rd. 22:48 Assist Public, 18480

Nason Ridge Rd., Lake Wenatchee. 23:10 Disturbance, 900 Front St. #C.

October 16

01:41 Assault, Black Lake, Lake Wenatchee.

08:52 Malicious Mischief, 810 US Hwy. 2.

09:26 Malicious Mischief, 990 US Hwy. 2.

11:54 Suspicious Activity, 185 US Hwy. 2. 12:50 Suspicious Activity, 228

Chumstick Hwy. 13:27 Burglary, 820 Front St.

13:54 Parking/Abandon, 4804 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin.

14:27 Welfare Check, 9838 School St., Peshastin.

17:27 Hazard, E. Leavenworth & Icicle Roads.

18:50 Animal Problem, 9215 Icicle Rd. 19:18 Suspicious Activity, 12413

Chumstick Hwy. 19:51 Suspicious Activity, 7567 Ranger Rd.

20:04 Noise, 321 9th St.

10:22 Assist Public, 132 Wheeler St.

Blewett Cutoff Rd., Peshastin.

Ln., Peshastin.

17:25 Malicious Mischief, 940 US Hwy. 2.

Contact, Coles Corner, Lake Wenatchee.

October 18

00:20 Assist Agency, 11645

North Rd. 01:47 Attempt to Locate/

09:44 Assist Public, 2632 Kinnikinnick Dr., Lake Wenatchee.

Camp 12 Rd., Plain.

11:04 Civil, 7073 Icicle Rd.

Eagle Creek Rd.

US Hwy. 97, Peshastin. 15:29 Assist Public, 590 US

Hwy. 2. 19:31 Disturbance, 817

21:30 Suspicious Activity, 111 Ski Hill Dr.

October 19

Commercial St.

12:24 Property, Leavenworth. 13:41 Parking/Abandon,

09:07 Assist Public, 301 Ward Strasse.

13:32 Property, 709 Front St. Division and Commercial





Kathy Z. Smithson 720 Valley Mall Pkway



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Jennifer Sherman, professor of sociology at Washington State University, will discuss the glaring and hidden effects of rapid change in Washington's

Old Bridge Rd. 14:31 Property, Fish Lake, Lake

October 17 07:18 Unknown Accident,

11:23 Vehicle Prowl, 9860

13:07 Domestic Disturbance, 8487 Lake St., Peshastin. 13:24 Scam, 3669 Cottonwood

15:09 Disturbance, 100 Ward Strasse, #A107.

18:29 Property, 520 Pine St. 21:36 Attempt to Locate/

Contact, 116 River Bend Dr. 09:44 Assist Agency, US Hwy. 2 and Jack Pine Ln.

10:14 Property, 935 Front St.

10:42 Suspicious Activity, 18451

13:38 Assist Public, 213 9th St. 13:52 Assist Agency, 10210

14:36 Assist Public, 520 Pine St.

15:15 Suspicious Activity, 7550

Commercial St.

09:00 Trespassing, 817

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WEBSITE: CASCADESD.ORG

■ CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. (1st Wed.)

cityofleavenworth.com

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@

Community **Action Council** Reduce Requirements for Rental Assistance

By: Megan Sokol

After hearing feedback from the State Department of Commerce, the U.S. Treasury Department has relaxed certain requirements for the Eviction Assistance (ERAP) financial assistance program, resulting in an increased applicancy pool for the Chelan-Douglas Community Council.

In just one week, the council distributed over \$401k in rental assistance funds. In the first two weeks of October, they provided support to 142 households, with a total of 825 qualifying households since January, 2021. The dramatic increase in applicants has prompted the council to hire 14 new staff members.

"There is a strong need in our region and our staff is working very hard to meet that need. It's exciting to see the change in eligibility requirements. This allows us to offer financial assistance to individuals and families that need it, but were having difficulty meeting existing criteria," explained Chelan Douglas Community Council Executive Action Director Alan Walker.

The change was made possible after the State Department of Commerce listened to the testimonies of the council and other providers on the challenges they were experiencing with the previous requirements.

"The America Recovery Plan Act that passed earlier this year is the funding stream for this round of funding and it originally started out being managed by the U.S. Treasury Department, who interestingly enough had never managed a rent assistance program before," Walker explained. "They established eligibility requirements and reporting requirements, both of which really caused a difficult situation to get the funding out act in the first place and so it kind of created a bottle-neck."

The new requirements for the ERAP financial assistance program only require that your income is at or below 80% of Area Median Income (AMI), meaning that you have had a missed/past due rent payment that hasn't been paid or has been partially unpaid since March 1, 2020 for the place you currently live in.

"There is not a limit as to what an individual is eligible for so theoretically we pay rent all the way back to March 1st of 2020, and in some cases perhaps forward as well," Walker explained.

"If someone comes in and is eligible for the program and has a missed back rent payment, we can get them caught up and then we can also pay up to 3 months forward for rent and/or utilities."

United States citizenship is not an eligibility requirement, so those who may be undocumented citizens are in the process of applying for citizenship can apply. The council also pays the landlord directly, so they can be assured that the money is used only for rental assistance.

"The landlord has to sign off that they are accepting the funds for rent that is due and so therefore we know that the rent is being caught up." Walker then added, "If they have mortgages or repairs that they haven't been able to do because rent hasn't been coming in, it's really an opportunity for the landlords as much as it's for the renters."

The Action Council Press Release states the following:

"Several regional nonprofit organizations are again supporting the effort, including Hand In Hand Immigration Services, Community for the Advancement of Family Education (CAFE), and Children's Home Society of Washington.

To apply, contact the Chelan-Douglas Community Action which was the purpose of the to schedule an appointment and ask for 'Rent Assistance."

Think Pink

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be involved. "One of my dearest friends has had breast cancer twice (two different kinds, 20 years apart) both caught by mammogram. She is now 67 and going strong! She had access to screening services, and they saved her life. I am acutely aware that not all women or men have these lifesaving diagnostic tests available to them, and, in a country like America, that is just not acceptable!

"Benchmark Jewelers is proud to do our part in making a difference in the lives of our neighbors, by donating a portion of our sales in October to Cascade Medical Foundation's Think Pink campaign.'

Cascade Medical Foundation thanks you, our caring community, for funding this month-long campaign. You can feel good knowing that mammograms enable majority of breast cancer cases to be diagnosed before they spread. This helps save lives!

Chelan-Douglas | Fire near Eagle Creek off Chumstick Hwy

By: Megan Sokol

Fire spread behind a residential home off the Chumstick Hwy near the Eagle Creek drainage area on October 18th. The fire is now 100% contained, with the total damage settling at approximately 5.4 acres.

A Level 1 evacuation alert was sent through the Chelan Sheriff's Department alerting all who were in proximity to the fire.

Deputy Chief of Support Services and Prevention Dave Nalle states that the location of the fire made putting it out more difficult.

"It was on a steep slope, so it was moving faster than we could put out," Deputy Nalle said.

The Chelan County Fire District #3 had contacted multiple agencies and crews to the scene including those from Methow and Cle Elum to help

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October Breast Cancer Awareness

Month. 10% of all ad proceeds

will be donated to Wellness Place

State Farm Insurance- Bruce Cheadle- Cashmere

Allstate Insurance- Heidi Huddle-Wenatchee

contain the fire.

By the end of the evening, crews had put up hoselines on both sides and had containment lines all around the area of the

Nobody was hurt, nor were any structures damaged during the blaze. Deputy Nalle confirmed that the fire was human caused but is still under investigation.

"We're not out of the woods yet," Deputy Nalle states. "We're pretty close to being out of fire season but we're still right at the tail end of it. We still can have

He reminds residents to have water and a shovel onsite while burning and to postpone any burning if weather is windy.

You can contact the Chelan Fire District #3 at (509) 548-7711, or visit their administrative offices at 228 Chumstick Hwy, Leavenworth.

Cascade Medical-Leavenworth

Munchen Haus - Leavenworth

Wellness Place-Wenatchee

Aging & Adult Care-East Wenatchee

Confluence Health-Wenatchee

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site. It's a very large and complicated site," Upper Valley MEND Executive Director Kaylin Bettinger explained. "It needs a lot of infrastructure. There's a lot of roads that need to go through there, water and utility connections, things like

After listing the property in 2017, many developers pitched their concepts to MEND, some wanting to create more secondhomes and others wanting to capitalize more on vacation rentals.

"Vacation homes, overnight rental stuff in Leavenworth [...] it's challenging to do overnight rentals outside of the rental zones in town," Upper Valley MEND Board President Andrew Lane explained, "They can be done, but it is more like an AirBnB-type situation."

The best offer came from Weidner Apartment Homes, the same developers behind Leavenworth Haus Riverside 9 in Wenatchee. Both Bettinger and Lane agreed that Weidner's business model and commitment to long-term rentals were the best fit for the Meadowlark property.

"Not only do they build them, but they continue to own them and manage them," Lane said. "Some developers will build something, sell it, then leave, but Weidner has a business model where they stay and operate, they're connected to the community, so we were kind of excited about that possibility."

The Weidner homes will be priced at market rates, meaning the units themselves will not be used for affordable housing. Upper Valley MEND has no comment or knowledge on how the units will be designed or sold.

"It's not something just like if you sell a home on the open market or if you sell it to someone, we don't know what the exact details are, what they're going to do with it," Bettinger explained.

Bettinger describes how affordable housing calculates their cost based on a tenant's income and works backwards from there.

"Affordable housing is kind of a difficult concept sometimes for people to understand because housing affordability is going to be different for everyone, depending on how much they earn," Bettinger explained. "This isn't going to be classic affordable housing. Weidner, doesn't do affordable housing. But the apartment units may be affordable to

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Weidner Apartment certain people who work in Leavenworth."

Part of the \$2.7 million will go towards paying back Meadowlark's property debts and paying back investors. There are no final figures as of yet, however MEND hopes to divert any proceeds towards future affordable housing projects, including more development on Community Land Trust (CLT) homes. similar to those in Aldea Village and Alpine Heights.

"We're hoping that we'll add three new affordable home ownership homes to Leavenworth on Cedar Street," Bettinger said.

MEND's press release describes the process of CLT homeownership in greater

"In a Community Land Trust, all homes are owned by individuals who live in the homes full time. The owner purchases the home at an affordable price. If the homeowner decides to sell the home, they must sell for an affordable price, so all subsequent homeowners have the opportunity to own an affordable home too."

Andrew Lane, who is also on the Planning Commission for the City of Leavenworth, explains their current workforce housing proposition for the City of Leavenworth.

"The city has a grant available for \$400k and we applied for that grant and we're working with Borealis Builders in town. It would be kind of a partnership between MEND and Borealis Builders and the city."

Essentially MEND would put up \$500k, the city would put up \$400k, and Borealis Builders would build and sell the land at a reduced rate cost to them, enabling them to afford the construction of CLT homes with the current state of construction costs.

No final decision has been made on whether this will progress further. If the grant falls through, MEND hopes to reserve the funds for an affordable housing project for the future.

"We're going to honor that commitment that the community made," Lane states. "We kind of know big picture stuff at the moment, but we don't have like exact numbers and things yet.'

If you are interested in getting involved with the Community Land Trust, call Upper Valley MEND at (509) 548-0408.

This is an ongoing story, so make sure to look for more developments in future issues.







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Are we the only ones?"



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John Smith

That question has often crossed my mind as of late. Whether it be ministering at our local death mill called "Planned Parenthood" or standing on the sidewalk with those who are resisting medical tyranny, it always seems that we are too few in number. For example, with the thousands of individuals who have lost their jobs because of a draconian mandate from Olympia, why aren't the streets flooded with people in opposition? Where is the outcry with so many families and businesses affected, and why is it so difficult to rally people to action?

Is it fear? Possibly. We are afraid of losing our respectability, reputation, or our comfort. As our neighborhoods burn to the ground, we don't want to be considered fanatical by trying to put out the flames. However, as William Wilberforce put it, "If to be freelingly alive to the sufferings of my fellowcreatures is to be a fanatic, I am one of the most incurable fanatics ever permitted to be at large.'

Or maybe it is apathy? We just simply do not care. Regardless, if it is the plight of the unborn, the business owner that has lost his business, or the nurse who is fired because she made a personal decision about her own body, that's their problem, not ours. So, like the scribe and Pharisee of Luke 10:25-37, we step over our neighbor's body because we simply do not want to be bothered.

It is frustrating and disheartening to see so very few rise to the occasion, but the question is, are we really alone?

I am reminded of the Prophet Elijah in the book of 1 Kings. Elijah stood against the rampant idolatry and wickedness that was pervasive in the nation of Israel. He opposed the tyrant king and queen to their face and spent much of his ministry in their crosshairs. Yet, as brave,

unyielding, and full of the Spirit as Elijah was, when we come to 1 Kings 18:22 and 1 Kings 19:10, we see that he struggled with discouragement.

"I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left...' (1 Kings 19:10).

"I am the only one left," Elijah says, and again, we can all sympathize with him to a certain degree.

However, if we were to read further in chapter 19, God is quick to remind him and us of an important truth. God says verse 18, "Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." God, in effect, has reminded Elijah that he isn't alone but 7,000 others who have stood and will continue to stand against the immorality in Israel. So, although to Elijah, it seemed that he was the only one doing anything, there were others that God was raising up. It may seem that we are in the Prophet's shoes-the only ones out there, standing for righteousness—but there are many others that God is awakening and moving to

Yet, what if we were the only ones? What if God didn't providentially preserve 7,000 men in Elijah's day? Would that make much of a difference? No. God is not impressed with numbers like we are. We see in the Bible that God shrunk Gideon's army of 32,000 to 300, and they crushed an army of over 100,000 Midianites. Furthermore, Christ used 12 ordinary men and turned the world upside down, bringing forth a message and establishing the Church that still endures to this day.

If you feel discouraged that you're the only one out there, don't be. There are many others out there who are standing with you and who think precisely as you do. But, also, remember, as John Knox said, "A man with God is always in the majority." You're not alone, God is standing with you.

Pastor John Smith of Evergreen Baptist Church in Cashmere can be reached at pastorjohnsmithebc@gmail.com.

Daniel Charles Miller

January 29, 1937- September

Daniel Charles Miller became a statistic at age 18. He was one of the last acute cases of Polio in the State of Washington. That was July 1955, the Salk Vaccine reached the small town of Pateros a week too late. Polio delayed Dan's dreams and goals of going to college, becoming a PE teacher, a pilot, a better golfer, playing a guitar, marrying the perfect girl and raising a Dan was born in Bridgeport,

Washington on January 29,1937 to Herb and Bodell (Tanneberg) Miller. His soul left his body on Saturday, September 18, 2021, in La Conner, Washington. He is now in Heaven, running, jumping, and clapping his hands with Jesus. He has a new body and no more pain! Dan's early years were spent on his parent's wheat and cattle ranch near Mansfield. He attended school at Bridgeport, then Mansfield until 1953 when the family moved to Pateros. He graduated from Pateros High School in 1955. Dan was set to attend Eastern Washington University that fall, but the Polio virus had left his legs 80% paralyzed, his right arm 100% paralyzed, and his left arm almost useless. So instead of college, he entered Physical Therapy 101 and Rehab 102 at the old Deaconess Hospital in Wenatchee.

Dan never gave up on his goals and dreams. In his words, inch by inch, muscle by muscle, day by day, I will work my way back". Dan entered college a year later. He continued Physical Therapy while in college. 1956 was long before any federal laws mandated public facilities be accessible to handicapped people. He could barely walk with a crutch, let alone navigate stairs to most of the classrooms. His weak left arm could not pull him up a stairway by the handrails. Soon word got around campus, and by some "miracle", a group of college athletes became Dan's human elevator throughout his college days. His love of music and playing a guitar came true in college. Dan and his friends formed a band called "The Stompers". They played throughout the area and around NCW. He also met that perfect girl in college and they were married in July 1959 in Pateros.

Dan graduated from Eastern in1960 with a degree in Education and a major in PE. He taught school in Spokane and Coulee Dam. He received a Master's degree in PE from EWU in 1965. They moved to Bellingham, where Dan was hired as a PE Specialist to teach teachers new and innovative PE activities in the Bellingham School District. In 1968, the family moved to Prosser where again Dan was a PE Specialist and then a principal. In 1984, Dan was hired to be the principal at Osborn Elementary School in Leavenworth, Washington. While there, he received two Washington Distinguished Principal awards and the Excellence in Education Award from the governor. Osborn Elementary was also featured on the Seattle TV program called Evening Magazine highlighting many of Dan's fun and unique styles of leadership. During these

years, Dan was also an adjunct professor for Central Washington University. He taught many classroom teachers throughout NCW his ideas for teaching PE that included all children, not just the skilled and athletic ones. In 1992 Dan left Education to become a public speaker for the next 22 years. Encouraged by his friend and former doctor, Ed Cadman of Wenatchee, Dan started telling his story of life with polio to groups all over the country. In the first six years, he ended up speaking to more than 250,000 people in 25 different states. Last count he had spoken to over 750,000 people all over this country. Thousands more have heard his story on Focus on the Family radio program. He was a guest speaker on the TV program Hour of Power. Most of Dan's dreams and goals came true. He became a very good one arm golfer and even had a hole in one at the Village Green Golf Course in Port Orchard, Washington. He became a licensed pilot, flying from the copilot's side, flew 900 hours pilot in command. Dan played guitar and sang gigs with his friend Perry Buster. He played and sang with the Country Gospel singers The Gaither's on one of their TV programs. When speaking, audiences would hear him laugh at himself telling stories about all the things he would try and fail at. He would just say "Well, that didn't work, or let's try it a different way" or "let's see what you can do." He would laugh & tell how people would react when his legs would suddenly give out and he would fall. His sense of humor was contagious. Dan wrote his



life story in a book called "Living, Laughing, and Loving Life". It has sold over 70,00 copies and is still available on Amazon. It gives encouragement and laughter to those who may not have a perfect body or are afraid to take a chance and go for their dreams. He encouraged people to be dream makers for others, and to pursue their own dreams. You can enjoy Dan speaking at Dan Miller Living, Laughing and Loving Life on YouTube.

Dan is survived by his best friend, his dreammaker and love of his life, his wife of 62 years, Judy in La Conner, Washington. He is also survived by his son Sky Miller (Pam) in Pasco, Washington, daughters, Danica (Geoff) Almvig, Mt. Vernon, Karmen (Brent) Harris, Scottsdale, Arizona, eight grandchildren and five greatgrandchildren. A sister, Marlene Miller Kaucher, Chelan. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Bonnie Rae Miller

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A celebration of Dan's life will be held in the Spring in Prosser,

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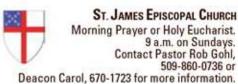


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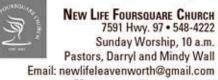
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Recreation

The Washington Outdoors Report



Rob Endsley, host of The Outdoor Line on ESPN 710 in Seattle, tagged out opening weekend on this massive Okanogan County buck



Dave Kilhefner caught this salmon in the Columbia River Gorge fishing with guide Brianna Bruce

Hunting And Fishing Roundup

By John Kruse

Trout Derby Finale

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's annual trout derby ends after Halloween. This year 100 lakes were stocked with tagged fish and if you catch one and report it, you'll be eligible for a nice prize. Over 70 businesses provided prizes this year valued at \$38,000. So why are we bringing up this derby so late? Because more than half of these tagged fish have not yet been caught and this is a great time to fish for trout as they put on the proverbial feedbag before winter. You

can find a stocked lake near you and more details about this program at https://wdfw. wa.gov/fishing/contests/trout-

Columbia Gorge Coho

Brandi Jo Moore At Gorge Outfitters Supply says the coho salmon fishing is really good on the Columbia River at the mouth of the Klickitat. In Moore's words, "There are lots of anglers there and lots of salmon being caught." At the mouth of the Deschutes Moore says, "It's slower, there are less anglers, but it's still producing." As far as how anglers are catching these coho salmon Moore suggests casting Blue Fox spinners or trolling Brads Wigglers. Moore

said they are also still catching Chinook salmon at the mouth of the Klickitat River as well and hover fishing with salmon eggs remains an effective way to catch the Kings.

Another species to go after in the Columbia River Gorge is walleye. Moore says, "The walleye fishing is starting to pick up and the hot and heavy fishing for trophies should take off in about a month." Try trolling a Bandit plug, jigging or fishing a spinner-worm harnesses deep for success right now on the Columbia River between Rufus and Boardman. You'll find all of these lures and more for walleye and salmon at Gorge Outfitters Supply in

Opening Weekend Hunting Results

Staci Lehman, the Public Affairs Officer for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in Eastern Washington, said some 300 hunters came through staffed check stations in Northeast Washington during opening weekend, the vast majority of them deer hunters. There were about 50 harvested deer brought in and samples were taken from white-tailed deer to see if any of them test positive for Chronic Wasting Disease. There were no check stations in the Winthrop area this year but there are plans to have it open next October.

Captain Mike Sprecher said

the opening weekend for deer hunters was "fairly typical" but hunter numbers were down a little. Unfortunately, WDFW Enforcement Officers did find several hunters doing things they shouldn't be doing to include trespassing on private lands, spotlighting deer at night and taking some nonlegal animals.

As for duck hunting, Lehman was able to forward me information from three WDFW regulated access waterfowl hunting areas in the Desert Wildlife Area within Grant County. Hunter numbers were down this year, partially due to the drought and a lack of water. A total of 54 hunters were checked with 115 ducks for an average harvest of 2.1 ducks

per hunter. In comparison, 3.1 ducks were taken on average by hunters in the same area last year during the opening weekend of waterfowl season.

Lehman encourages hunters to stop by check stations, even if they aren't successful. The staff members at these stations want to know what you are seeing in the field and answer any questions you have. If you do harvest a deer, biologists can help you figure out the age of your buck and if it's your first deer ever, they'll even give you a certificate commemorating that milestone event!

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A Bike Tour from WA State to D.C.

Luke Astell's Stellar Trip Across the Nation

By: Megan Sokol

From the tender age of five, physical therapist Luke Astell nurtured a sincere love for bicycling. Over three decades later, Astell successfully finished a six week and six day bicycle trek from WA State to WA D.C., raising a total of \$12k for childhood cancer research.

On the Mt. Stuart PT website, Astell is described as "an avid cyclist for over 25 years," and is an expert bike fitter certified by The Fit Institute Slow Twitch in triathlon bike position. But to learn more about Astell and his core fascination with twowheeled travel, you must start from the beginning.

Astell was born and raised in Jefferson, Wisconsin, just 51.3 miles west of Milwaukee.

Astell would watch in started the Northern Tier bike after day." fascination as his cousins would arrive to his family's farm, sweaty and exhausted after biking from Milwaukee to his house.

"I just couldn't believe that you could do something like that," Astell confides.

He was never interested in the racing world of bicycling. The Tour de le France sparked no joy from him. Instead, he looked more towards BMX and road biking, a genre of biking that has little hold over the mountain-biking town of Leavenworth. He took the bike trip as soon as he saw the opportunity to do so.

"The idea of doing something epic on a bicycle in the U.S., it seemed like riding across the country was the farthest thing you could do," Astell explained. "I finally had enough time to do it, so I did." On August 3rd, Astell

route via AdventureCycling. org, going across Montana, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota, then D.C. With his luggage packed on his bike like a mule and a bike that could carry him for hours on end, he was ready to go. He didn't need to physically prepare too much for the trip, just had to gather the right equipment.

'You don't have to spend alot of money. You don't need anything fancy to do it.'

He camped at national parks, friends' places, and hotels to maintain some comfort. When that wasn't available. he would occasionally use the app "Warm Showers," an AirBnB-type of app that rents out showers to strangers.

"If I needed a shower or it looked like it was going to rain, I'd hide from the rain. Just do that over and over, day

Oct. 19:

Oct. 21

A basic day consisted of getting up, having a small snack, riding for 1-2 hours before breakfast. He strived to reach 50 miles before noon. Mileage ranged from 40-120 miles per day and averaging about 75 miles throughout the entire trip.

He states that people always asked him about what he ate after they ask about his trip.

"Eating's pretty easy on a roadtrip. Never underestimate the food you can get from a gas station. Astell later adds, "you can survive pretty simply."

Hours and hours, days and days, all spent on the seat of his bike with one thought floating in his mind. His motivation for riding was not just to achieve personal glory, but to participate in the Great Cycle Challenge, a fundraiser that donates their proceeds to Children's Cancer Research

"I had a brother who died of brain cancer, so that was part of the motivation for the ride was to be able to fundraise for childhood cancer research. My family was very supportive of me going out and doing this. People who know me knew I always wanted to do that."

His brother passed away from brain cancer at the age of two, Astell never had the chance to meet him.

His family and friends were very supportive of Astell, prompting him to constantly move the financial goalposts for his fundraiser.

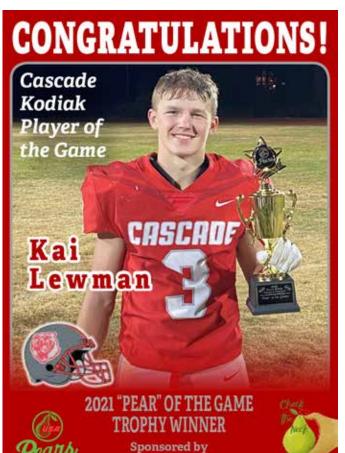
"I thought I would raise \$500, and then all of a sudden I raised \$500 without even trying, and then I raised my goal to \$1000. Before I was done I raised almost \$12k," Astell states. "I'm actually

so grateful and humbled by people's generosity. It's really incredible."

Astell encourages everyone to travel by bike and to not be intimidated by cars or training.

"It's a great way to travel. There's something that is disarming about travelling by bike. People see vou loaded down and all of a sudden people talk to you, so it's a great way to meet people and just talk about everyday things that are going on in their lives '

Now Astell is back to work having returned from his trip in September. He hopes to cycle all the other routes AdventureCycling.org can provide, which include the trans-American route and the southern tier. He just hopes to find the time to do it.



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Cascade 3, Quincy 0; Win

Cascade 0, Brewster 3; Loss



Garland Tells Lawmakers He Missed Leftist Demonstrators' Attack on Interior Department

MARK TAPSCOTT

Attorney General Merrick Garland was caught flat-footed during a House Judiciary Committee hearing when Rep. Greg Steube (R-Fla.) held up two large photographs, one showing Jan. 6 demonstrators breaking into the Capitol and the other of demonstrators assaulting the Department of Interior on Oct. 14.

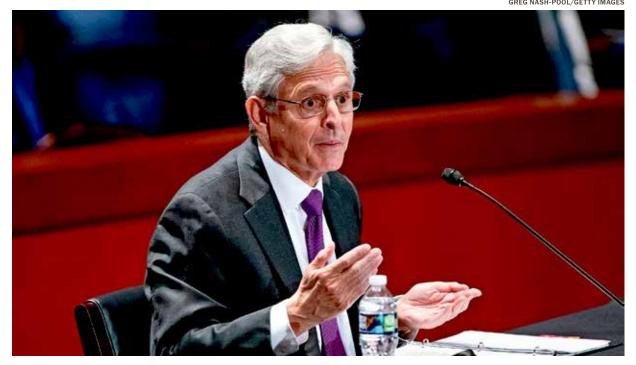
When the Florida congressman asked Garland if the October event was an example of "domestic terrorism," the attorney general demurred in his response.

"I'm not going to be able to reference that specific incident since this is the first I know of it," he said.

Steube was referring to Oct. 14 protesters from an extreme left-wing environmental activist group, People vs. Fossil Fuels, which had organized five days of protests at the Interior headquarters building in Washington. They were seeking to force President Joe Biden to stop approving fossil fuel energy projects.

As happened with the Jan. 6 breach of the Capitol, the October protestors forced their way into the building, and multiple federal security and law enforcement personnel were injured in the resulting confrontation, including some who required hospitalization. Fifty-five of the protestors were arrested.

"They forced their way into the Department of the Interior. They fought with security and police officers, sending some of those officers to the hospital. The extremists violently pushed their way into a restricted government building in an attempt to thwart the work of the department,"



Attorney General Merrick Garland testifies at a House Judiciary Committee hearing in Washington on Oct. 21, 2021.

Steube told Garland.

"Police arrested at least 55 protestors on sight, but others got away. Mr. Garland, do you believe these environmental extremists who forced their way into Interior are also domestic terrorists?" Steube asked.

Steube was surprised to learn that Garland hadn't heard about the incident prior to his question.

"This is the first you've heard about demonstrators who forced their way into a federal government building right here in D.C.?" Steube asked. "You didn't hear about this at all?"

Garland appeared to be visibly irritated by the question.

"Just because I don't know about

I'm not going to be able to reference that specific incident since this is the first I know of it.

Attorney General Merrick Garland

this particular example, it doesn't mean the Justice Department doesn't know about it," he said.

"At the Justice Department, we don't care if the violence comes from the left or the right, or the middle, or from Up or from Down. We will pros-

ecute violations of the law according to the statutes and facts we have."

Noting that "we're mostly all lawyers here," Steube then held up the two large photographs, each showing multiple demonstrators forcing their way into government buildings.

"So looking at these pictures, and I know you say you are not aware of this one, it blows my mind that you aren't aware of violent extremists forcing their way into a federal building right here in Washington," Steube said.

"You see in both of these pictures people forcing their way into federal buildings. Would you call both of these acts domestic terrorism?"

"Look, I'm not going to comment

about particular matters," Garland said.

Steube said he was only asking him about the two photos.

"In one, you very welcomingly called it domestic terrorism," Steube said. "But you are refusing to call groups like this, who committed the same atrocities, domestic terrorists."

Garland insisted that "one I know the facts of, the other I don't know the facts of."

Seeming a bit exasperated, Steube then held the two photos up higher. "Here's the facts," he said. "Exhibit A and exhibit B."

But Garland again insisted that "with one picture, I'm not going to be able to resolve a legal determination." He also stated that "we have terabytes of video" of the Jan. 6 riots.

Steube told The Epoch Times during a recess in the hearing that Garland not knowing about the Oct. 14 violence "absolutely blew my mind. ... If he didn't know that that happened, it raises so many other questions, like you're telling me that you aren't paying that much attention to what's happening in the media in general, but your deputies didn't raise that to you as an issue."

Steube was then asked what Garland's deputies not telling him about the Oct. 14 incident suggests about how the department is functioning.

"It shows they don't care," he said. "The Department of Justice obviously doesn't care what happened to the Department of the Interior because it was their leftist ideologies that they support, just like all the riots we saw last summer, none of those people have been prosecuted with the full force of the department."

Billions Worth of American Tech Licenses Approved for Blacklisted Chinese Companies

ANDREW THORNEBROOKE

Suppliers to two blacklisted Chinese companies—telecom giant Huawei and China's top chipmaker SMIC—were approved to receive billions of dollars worth of licenses for U.S. technologies shipments between November and April, documents released by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on Oct. 21 detail.

Some 301 licenses worth a total of \$103 billion were approved for suppliers to sell goods to Huawei and SMIC, according to the documents prepared by the Commerce Department.

Huawei and Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp (SMIC) were put on a U.S. trade blacklist, known as the "entity list," in May 2019 and December 2020 respectively over national security concerns. Their addition means that American companies seeking to sell to them must apply for a license with the department.

Huawei equipment was also previously banned from use by the federal government over security concerns. SMIC is the largest manufacturer of semiconductor chips in mainland China and is known to have ties to the Chinese military.

The committee voted Thursday to release the data, which it received in May.

Rep. Michael McCaul (R-Texas), the ranking member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, issued a prepared statement saying that the bipartisan effort to release the documents indicated the seriousness of the matter.

"In addition to sanctions and other tools to impose consequences on bad actors, export controls are fundamental in restricting the transfer of technology and goods to our adversaries," McCaul said.

McCaul said that such licenses, if materialized into actual shipments, could end up being used by the Chinese military, and suggested that American technologies could be responsible for China's reported test of a nuclear-capable hypersonic weapon.

"This decision by the House Foreign Affairs Committee reflects our bipartisan support for conducting oversight over our export control system," McCaul said. "This data provides concrete statistics to a public policy issue that, until now, has been based solely on rhetoric and anecdotes."

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"The recent reports regarding China's hypersonic program, that has likely been supported by U.S. technology, is another frightening wake-up call for why there must be more transparency and stricter enforcement when it comes to export controls."

Statements by the Commerce Department in the documents indicated that the license applications involving Huawei and SMIC were processed under licensing policies

developed by the Trump Administration and maintained by the Biden Administration.

Further, the department wrote that the aggregate numbers of licenses noted in the documents do not necessarily reflect the real number of licenses that were utilized for exports to the two companies.

This is because the documents do not include those licenses that were earmarked for denial but had not yet been denied, as well as the fact that approved licenses do not correspond directly to actual shipments made.

The Commerce Department stated that, generally, about half of such licenses are utilized, and warned that the release of the data to the public would not improve efforts to understand the effectiveness of U.S.-China trade policy.

"The public release of aggregate licensing data for certain PRC [People's Republic of China] companies on the Entity List, over an arbitrary snapshot in time, risks politicizing the licensing process and misrepresenting the national security determinations made by the Departments of Commerce, Defense, Energy, and State," the statement said

A majority of the licenses granted did not authorize shipments of sensitive items. Of the 113 licenses approved for Huawei during the period, 80 were for non-sensitive items that only required a license because the recipient was blacklisted. For SMIC, the figure was 121 of 188.

Licenses are generally good for four years.

Huawei and SCIM did not respond to a request for comment by the time of publication.

Southwest Suffers \$75 Million Loss Over Mass Flight Cancelations

JACK PHILLIPS

Southwest Airlines endured a \$75 million loss over widespread cancelations and delays earlier this month that spanned several days, the Dallasbased carrier announced Thursday.

Over the span of about a weekend, Southwest canceled around 2,000 flights, according to monitoring website FlightAware. While the firm blamed poor weather conditions and unspecified staffing issues on the cancelations, other major U.S. carriers appeared to operate normally.

According to its earnings release, Southwest suffered "an estimated \$75 million negative impact as a result of flight cancellations from operational challenges experienced earlier this month and related Customer refunds and gestures of goodwill." The company also said it suffered another \$40 million in losses "due to the lingering effects of the Delta variant," referring to the CCP (Chinese Communist Party) virus strain.

Now, the company will cut back on flights in December to avoid a similar shortfall due to "more conservative staffing assumptions."

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The company recently backed off a plan to place unvaccinated workers on unpaid leave if they haven't obtained a medical or religious exemption by Dec. 8. It's unclear if the move to cut flights in December—a month when millions of Americans travel for Christmas and New Year's—had to do with the vaccine mandate.

Southwest was also sued by its main pilots' union, the Southwest Airlines Pilots Association, which asked a court to block the company's vaccine requirement. The union argued that pilots face a unique risk from possible vaccine side-effects due to the stringent medical hurdles they have to clear in order to fly.

United Airlines, American Airlines, JetBlue, Alaska Airlines, and Hawaiian Airlines have announced similar vaccine mandates. Delta Air Lines appears to be the only major airline that hasn't done so, instead opting to charge unvaccinated workers \$200 per month.

"We are aggressively hiring to a goal of approximately 5,000 new Employees by the end of this year, and we are currently more than halfway toward that goal," Southwest CEO Gary Kelly said in the Thursday news release. "We made good progress in our pandemic recovery in third quarter 2021, and I expect more in fourth quarter. I'm very excited about the demand recovery and our prospects for 2022."

The holiday season should offset any problems for the rest of 2021, Southwest's release said.

There "are lingering effects from the summer COVID-19 surge and recent operational challenges, we are encouraged with renewed momentum in leisure and business traffic, revenues, and bookings—especially over the holidays," Kelly added.

The carrier also reported a thirdquarter profit of \$446 million, as compared with a \$1.6 billion loss a year earlier due to a boost from federal aid and leaves of absence by employees. Southwest's revenue rose to \$4.68 billion in the quarter, compared with \$1.79 billion during the same quarter last year, the release shows.

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Pay-to-Move Programs Revitalize Small Towns

JACKSON ELLIOTT

Small cities and rural areas have discovered they can trade dollars for citizens to revitalize their economies.

Dozens of American towns facing population loss now offer up to \$15,000 to those who move there and stay for one year. Most offer around \$10,000.

In a world where many people work remotely, this inducement—plus lower taxes, wider spaces, and other local amenities—gives small towns a large advantage in attracting people, said Bob Ross, the spokesman for Choose Topeka Initiative in Topeka, Kansas.

"The economic impact far exceeds the \$10,000," said Ross. "If you really think about it, \$10,000 isn't a huge amount when you consider the fact that you're coming here to purchase a home."

The Topeka initiative pays people up to \$15,000 to move to the city nearly a fourth of the area's average salary. The city chose this number because it was the estimated cost of moving from the coast to Topeka, said Ross.

Half the money comes from local employer-signing bonuses, and the city provides the rest, he said.

Despite the outlay, the city makes its money back and more after just one year, said Ross.

"There is a dollar impact," he said. "They're bringing partners with them which often have jobs as well. They're buying homes and they're shopping at businesses."

When a person moves to an area, they bring much more than their tax dollars, Ross said. They add their own personal contributions to local community.

"What I've enjoyed about the 54 people that have moved here is almost to a person, they're very adventurous," Ross said. "They're very eager to become a part of a place. They're choosing a smaller city because they want to make an impact there."

Since its start in 2019, Topeka's paid-move program has brought in an estimated 200 people, he said.

For decades, towns have attempted to attract businesses to get people, said Ross. Now, paying people directly cuts out the middleman.

"Do you really need an Amazon headquarters? Or do you just need 50 to 100 of those Amazon workers able to enter the community?" he asked. "That's the real value that comes out of those businesses coming into your community."

Population Maintenance

Like many rural places in America, Topeka's population has been declining. In the past decade, the dropped by 1 per cent in the county.



A crowd of people at a food truck festival in Topeka, Kansas.

Experts argue over which factors bear the most responsibility for this demographic change, but the results are indisputable. Towns disappear, local tax bases strain, and communities $die.\,A\,shrinking\,town\,is\,a\,dying\,town.$

Although Ross said the program was started as a talent-attraction move, statistics suggest that it may balance out the town's population decline. If it continues to succeed at the same rate, the city will nearly match its population departure rate.

"We've been working so aggressively over the last decade to revitalize our city and to really transform

For other cities, paid-move programs have the primary goal of attracting population. In the 15,000-person town of Newton, Iowa, the local government currently pays people \$10,000 to build new houses. After the 2008 housing crisis, New-

ton struggled to add housing, said Bruce Showalter, the town's housing

"In 2011, we had zero starts and zero housing permits taken out," said

The town then hired a consulting company, he said. After a study, the company announced Newton was dying. In response, civic leaders came up with a plan to revive it.

Newton would pay \$10,000 to anyone who bought a newly constructed home in the area. With this initiative the city could fix both its housing and

people shortage.

"The two reasons were to build and maintain our population and to increase our tax base," said Showalter.

Since the beginning of the program in 2014, the city has assisted in the building of 100 new houses.

Paying the incentive for these houses cost Newton \$1 million. To raise the funds the city sold bonds, said Showalter.

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Tax growth from the increased population is enough to pay out the bonds, he said.

"It's paying itself back pretty much and with the population growth, the city council is very happy."

Chris Giesen, the economic development authority coordinator for a similar program in Harmony, Minnesota, said he was also confident his program could quickly pay for itself.

"If you have a \$255,000 house, the city will collect about \$12,000 in five years," he said. "So it's a way of foregoing those dollars for a little bit of time."

Pandemic Plus Sides

In some ways, the COVID-19 pandemic has gifted paid-move programs with a golden opportunity, said Show-

"You can live anywhere and still do your job remotely," he said.

Statistics bear his observation out. Many urban people have moved into rural areas during COVID-19.

Maine has seen a surge of applicants to its paid-move program during the pandemic, said Katie Shorey, the engagement director of Live and Work in Maine. Many urban people move to rural Maine because they want to be outdoors.

"If you were in a city during CO-VID, you were like, 'Oh my God, I am confined in these walls and in these streets," she said. "I was able to get outside and snowshoe and walk in the woods."

From its start in 2008, the Live and Work in Maine program has grown exponentially. In 2019, 14,751 people moved to Maine through the program, according to a graph provided by Maine Revenue Services.

Students who move to Maine get some student loan payments reimbursed by the state using tax credits. In 2019, Maine reimbursed \$30 million in student loans.

But the main point Shorey emphasizes about Maine are the benefits of rural life. Free college payment may attract people, but hiking, enjoying the fall colors, and friendly neighbors

In return for these economic and personal benefits, Maine receives a stream of talented young people.

"Historically, we've had a big braindrain problem and a lot of young people leave the state," Shorey said. "So if this program can either entice them to stay after going to school, or help attract younger people here, that is a huge value add for us."

Doctor Sam Stanfield, a Live and Work in Maine participant, said that she and her husband moved to the state for school, but chose to stay because of the student loan payment

Because Stanfield works in Maine at a rural hospital, her monthly loan payments are now only \$500 a month. In other places, she would have to pay over \$2,500 a month, she said. 'We thought we would move to

Maine for me to attend school and then relocate to be closer to our families," she said. "But this was definitely a great reason for us to stay in Maine."

Stanfield said she loved both Maine's community and its natural beauty. She also said she appreciates the simplicity of loan reimburse ments.

"Maine has made it super easy," she said. "You can literally go onto the website, fill out the form, and show proof of graduation and you qualify."

Pentagon: No Plans to Suspend COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate

ZACHARY STIEBER

The Department of Defense doesn't plan to suspend its COVID-19 vaccine mandate, which is compelling a large portion of the U.S. military to receive a vaccine.

Republicans say the mandate raises serious questions on readiness and morale, with concerns that discharging unvaccinated troops will cripple the armed forces.

"This haphazardly implemented and politically motivated vaccine mandate must be immediately suspended or risk irrevocable damage to our national security," Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), the ranking Republican member on the Senate Armed Services Committee, wrote in an Oct. 18 letter to Defense Secretary Lloyd

In an emailed statement to The Epoch Times, Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said the department is aware of Inhofe's letter and concerns and "will reply to them appropriately."



A U.S. Air Force sergeant receives a dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at Osan Air Base in Pyeongtaek, South Korea, on Dec. 29, 2020.

"That said, Secretary Austin remains convinced that our vaccination regimen—which has helped us

achieve a fully vaccinated rate of nearly 85 percent in the active component and more than 66 percent

across the active, guard, and reserve components—is, in fact, one of the surest ways to bolster our readiness for the challenges we face around the world," Kirby said.

"He remains comfortable with the service-appropriate ways in which each military department is pursuing their mandatory vaccination program. A vaccinated force is a protected force, better able to deploy and to defend our interests around the

According to the most recent statistics released by the Pentagon, hundreds of thousands of service members remain unvaccinated just weeks before the mandate deadlines start arriving.

Some have filed for religious or medical exemptions, but few of those applications have been acted upon, lawyers say. Branch spokespersons either declined to say whether any exemptions have yet been approved or rejected, declined to comment, or didn't respond to requests for comment by press time.

The first deadline is Nov. 2 for active-duty Air Force personnel, though Coast Guard members are being told to get vaccinated "immediately, as soon as operations allow," a spokesperson said.

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The Pentagon faces multiple lawsuits over the mandates, including a class-action suit filed in federal court in Florida on Oct. 15.

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

In the Matter of the Estate of: WILMA DORIS KING, (Deceased) NO 21-4-00352-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

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. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2)

creditor as provided under RCW 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 except as otherwise barred. provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both decedent's probate nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication:

October 20, 2021 Personal Representative: Rex Harold King Attorney for Personal Representative: Steve D. Smith Address for Mailing of Service: 617 Washington Street Wenatchee, WA 98801 (509) 662-3551

REX HAROLD KING Personal Representative DAVIS, ARNEIL LAW FIRM, LLP Attorneys for Estate STEVE D. SMITH

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON CITY OF CASHMERE PRELIMINARY 2022 BUDGET The Cashmere City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cashmere City Hall on the City of Cashmere Preliminary Budget for 2022. The public is invited to attend said hearing and

make comment. If you are unable to attend in person, please call City Hall or access the agenda on the City's website for login information. Written comments can be sent to Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer at kay@cityofcashmere.org

Kay Jones City Clerk-Treasurer CITY OF CASHMERE Published in The Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on October 27, 2021.#2707

Public Notices

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY **OF CHELAN** In the Matter of the Estate of:

JERRY LEE CLARK, Deceased. NO. 21-4-00354-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO

CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 The administrator named below has been appointed as administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time

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

Date of First Publication: October 20, 2021 Administrator: Brenda Marty Attorney for Administrator: Steve D. Smith Address for Mailing of Service: 617 Washington Street

Wenatchee, WA 98801 (509)662-3551 **BRENDA MARTY Administrator** DAVIS, ARNEIL LAW FIRM, LLP Attorneys for Estate STEVE D. SMITH

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given the Upper Valley Park and Recreation Service Area, Chelan County, Washington will conduct a public hearing via Zoom Conferencing on Friday, November 12, 2021 at

the 2022 Final Budget that includes proposed expenditures, revenue sources, and a possible increase in property taxes. Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the front desk

9:00 AM to review and approve

of Leavenworth City Hall by November 5, 2021. The public is invited to attend said Zoom conferencing hearing and make comment; for more information on Zoom conferencing, copies of the budget, or general questions you may contact Kiah Patzkowsky,

PRSA Coordinator, via email at prsa@cityofleavenworth.com. Published in The Leavenworth Echo/ Cashmere Valley Record on October 27, and November 3, 2021. #2960.

Public Notices

STEVENS PASS SEWER DISTRICT PO BOX 98, LEAVENWORTH, WA 98826 WWTP ULTRAVIOLET

DISINFECTION REPLACEMENT General Notice Sewer District Stevens Pass

(Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project: Stevens Pass Sewer District WWTP WWTP Ultraviolet Disinfection

Replacement Bids for construction of the Project will be received at HDR Engineering, Inc., located at 929 108th Ave NE, #1300; Bellevue, WA 98004, until December 9, 2021 at 2:00pm local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project generally includes the following Work:

Replacement of an existing UV disinfection system, associated electrical, plumbing and I&C work and the provision of a temporary peracetic acid disinfection system. The Project shall take place during the summer of 2022. Owner anticipates that Project's total bid price will be approximately \$1.4M to \$1.7M. The Project has an expected Substantial Completion date of

Obtaining **Bidding Documents** Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be obtained at the following designated website under the project name above:

September 19, 2022.

https://www.abadanplanroom.com /jobs/public Bidding Documents may be

downloaded from the designated website. Any costs for document access will be provided on the plan room website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a Bidding Documents holder, even Bidding Documents are obtained from a third-party plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The website designated will be periodically updated with lists of Addenda, registered Documents Bidding holders, reports on the Site, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, Addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including Addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

Contact Andrew Staples with HDR Engineers, Inc. with any questions at 509-343-8459 or by email at

andrew.staples@hdrinc.com Pre-bid Conference A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on November 10, 2021 at 1:00pm local time. Registered plan holders will be provided a link to a virtual project walk through. at the Attendance conference is encouraged but not required. For all further requirements regarding qualifications. submittal. procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents. All work performed on this project will be subject to state prevailing wage rates. Stevens Pass Sewer District is an

Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer. This project is partially funded

through the Washington State Public Works Board program with state funds. Stevens Pass Sewer District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All Contractors must be licensed in the State of Washington to conduct business. This Advertisement is issued by: Owner: Stevens Pass Sewer District By: Tom Maher Title: Business Manager

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Public Notices

CITY OF LEAVENWORTH Notice of Determination of Non-significance

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Leavenworth has issued a Determination Non-significance (DNS) per the State Environmental Policy Act Rules (SEPA, WAC 197-11-340) and the Leavenworth Municipal Code. The lead agency will not act on this proposal for at least 14 days from the date of issuance on October 15, 2021.

Description of proposal: Updates to the Leavenworth

Comprehensive Plan to reflect the recommendation of the Housing Action Plan, recommendations of the Planning Commission and to streamline and improve the function of the Comprehensive Plan. Updates, include but are not limited to, changes in the land use designations to increase options for residential density and change the Osborn site to a recreational designation; updates to the goals and policies (to consolidate the over 300 G&Ps to a more functional number); updates to the land use, housing and economic development elements to reflect demographic information (primarily from the Housing Action Plan; updates to the Capital Improvement Plan; and updates and/or removal to the appendices. Proponent/Lead Agency: City of Leavenworth; Location proposal: Citywide The agency for this proposal has determined that the proposed amendments do not have a significant probable adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(C). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the

public on request. The comment period for the DNS begins October 15, 2021 and will end on November 3, 2021.

Interested parties are encouraged to comment on the proposal. Written comments may be sent to Leavenworth City Hall, PO Box 287, Leavenworth, WA 98826 or email

dsmanager@cityofleavenworth.com. Appeal of the SEPA determination must be in a form consistent with Leavenworth Municipal Code.

The materials may be reviewed during normal business hours at City Hall; a copy may be obtained

by contacting Development Services at Leavenworth City Hall, 700 US Hwy 2, Leavenworth; (509) 548-5275 or viewed on the City's Public Notices webpage: http://cityofleavenworth.com;publi

c-notices/. Published in The Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on Oct. 27, 2021 #2945

Public Notices

CITY OF LEAVENWORTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Leavenworth City Planning Commission will hold four public hearings on November 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

If you do not have computer access, please contact City Hall for special accommodations. Each hearing items will include time for public testimony on amendments

to City of Leavenworth Comprehensive Plan and zoning codes.

The hearings will cover: Leavenworth Comprehensive Plan - changes throughout the document and appendices, including goals and policies, creation of a new Residential Low Density 8,000 designation (remov-

ing Residential Low Density 12,000 and 10,000), changing a portion of the Osborn School site from RL-6 designation to Recreation Public

(no residential uses), updating the capital improvement plan, updates to the text for clarity and improved ability to read.

· 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 Low Density 8,000 designation which would change the minimum lot sizes from 12,000 and 10,000 square feet to 8,000 (respective-

 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). Affordable Low-Income Housing Incentives - new LMC Chapter 18.42 to provide incentives for the creation of affordable low-income housing. 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.

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■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Oppose spring black bear hunting season

I want to bring to your attention the upcoming spring season of black bear hunting. The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission will be voting in November whether to hold a spring black bear hunting season in 2022.

This is a very cruel act as it leaves cubs to die from starvation, predation, or exposure to the elements due after female black bears are killed. During this time, black bears are emerging from hibernation and do not have the strength or the means to outrun hunters. Hunters are taking advantage of the vulnerability and malnourishment of these amazing animals. It is not a fair fight in any way and black bears do not have the ability to defend themselves under these circumstances.

During Washington's 2021 spring bear hunt a total of 124 bears were killed. This means that an undetermined number of cubs were left to fend for themselves. There is no necessity for this black bear trophy hunting as it does not

aid in reducing the amount of human-bear conflicts.

To oppose the spring black bear trophy hunt season email the Washington commission 2022Springbear@ at PublicInput.com and ask that this hunt season not be passed.

Peri Gallucci Chelan

The Washington Cares Fund



COMMUNITY VOICES

Brad Hawkins

Many of you have written to me recently asking about the "Washington Cares Fund." This is a trust fund created by a 2019 law to implement the state's new long-term care program. The Legislature that year approved and Governor Inslee signed House Bill 1087 concerning long-term services and supports. In accordance with the law, Washington state will be requiring all workers to pay into its long-term care program regardless of whether they will receive benefits from it. This mandatory long-term care program has a maximum lifetime benefit of \$36,500. It is funded by a .58% payroll tax, which amounts to \$5.80 for

every \$1,000 of earnings.

What is funded by the program?

I suspect that the program will be adjusted multiple times over the next several years and beyond. However, as initially authorized, the program is available to any Washington state resident over the age of 18 who has paid the payroll tax premium for at least three of the last six years or for a total of 10 years, with at least five years paid without interruption. The program has a maximum lifetime benefit of \$36,500 and people qualify if they need assistance with at least three of the following daily activities: medication management, personal hygiene, eating, toileting, cognitive functioning, transfer assistance, body care, bathing, ambulation/ mobility, and dressing. The **Washington State Employment** Security Department will help implement the tax collection. People can apply for an exemption through

the department if they have purchased long-term care insurance through a private provider by November 1, 2021.

Why I voted against the long-term care tax

Ensuring that our population has access to quality longterm care is a very important issue. As many of you know from friends and relatives, long-term care service is very costly. While this new program is intended to help people and may benefit some, creating a government program to tax everyone's paychecks for years and years - including younger workers struggling to repay student loans and save for a home - seems very burdensome. This is especially true for a limited benefit that workers may never receive. either because they end up not needing long-term care or they have moved away. This benefit is also, at least currently, not "portable" across state lines. Many private or employerbased long-term care insurance programs are portable. Since the state program is currently not portable, workers who someday move to another state are no longer eligible to receive benefits despite paying into the system throughout their working careers in our state. Lastly, the cost of longterm care can far exceed the program's maximum lifetime benefit of \$36,500, so this program will likely significantly underperform in its efforts to fund people's long-term care needs. For all these reasons, I voted against House Bill 1087 in 2019. The bill, however, passed the House of Representatives (63-33) and the Senate (26-22). I have joined many of my colleagues to call upon Governor Inslee to intervene related to the new long-term care tax.

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

County not seeing the influx of shortterm rental applications it expected

SUBMITTED BY KIRSTEN RYLES,

Manager, Short-Term Rental Division

Chelan County Community Development reminds existing owners of vacation rentals that time is slipping away for any pre-existing short-term rentals to apply to operate legally in the county.

The department opened up the application period for existing short-term rentals on Sept. 27. That application period ends Dec. 31. But as of Oct. 18, the county has received only 40 completed applications from existing operators.

However, the department estimates Chelan County has at least 1,300 businesses in the county operating as short-term rentals.

The county didn't want a rush of applications on Sept. 27; however, a few dozen applications at this point in the process is concerning, according to Kirsten Ryles,

manager of Community Development's Short-Term Rental Division. "If people have questions about the process, give us a call. We are here to help."

In July, Chelan County commissioners passed a new code, Chapter 11.88.290, that establishes the operating standards of the county's short-term rental industry, which has seen rapid growth in most recent years.

Chelan County created an application process for existing short-term rentals to give current operators the opportunity to be grandfathered into the new code and not have to comply with certain requirements, such as density caps and lot size minimums that all new rentals will have to follow. That "grandfathered" rental permit process only runs through Dec. 31.

After Dec. 31, if a full application has not been handed into Community

Development, short-term rental operators must apply as a new business, meaning they will be subject to any short-term rental caps and lot size and spacing restrictions established in several areas of Chelan County known to have high numbers of existing

"If you meet requirements for an existing short-term rental in Chelan County, we encourage you to visit our website, download the application and forms, and get started on this process," Ryles said. "If operators put off the process, they may find themselves competing in the new year for limited opportunities with other new businesses."

For existing short-term rental applicants, a provisional permitting process is being used for the 2021 and 2022 permitting years because of the large volume of applications expected. Upon turning in their

applications and paying their fees, applicants are issued a provisional permit, giving Community Development time to review the application and determine if a final permit will be issued, or if an issue needs to be corrected prior to issuance of the final permit. Operating a short-term rental without a valid permit after the cut-off date carries a \$750 a day penalty, which may increase to \$1,500 a day for repeat violations.

The application period for new short-term rentals opens Dec. 1 and runs through July 29, 2022.

Visit Community Development's Short-Term Rental page for more *information: https://www.* co.chelan.wa.us/communitydevelopment/pages/short-termrentals or, Contact: Kirsten Ryles, Manager, Short-Term Rental Division Kirsten. Ryles@co.chelan.wa.us 509-667-6225

Pumpkin Fever

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blowing industry when she met Craig. After retiring from the Navy he had studied glass blowing at California Polytechnic and also The Studio at the Corning Museum of Glass.

No matter how small the pumpkins, their tools being

used are impressive and very large in size. Glass blowing is most certainly a constant the mass cools down." Jori reasons but given the very large building it is easy to

team effort. "The hot glass needs to be rolled, so it will not change it shape as explains. The work area of course is restricted for safety watch as a visitor. The sales

PHOTO BY BARBARA WASHBURN.

A variety of colorful glass pumpkins made by Boulder Bend Glassworks in Peshastin

display area is more than striking. Other than pumpkins the owners created incredible shapes, such as their wellknown and very distinctive salmon glass designs.

The pumpkins can be shaped in three different mold sizes, always called dip molds in the glass blowing industry. The tank which holds the clear glass is kept at 2080 degrees; whereas the reheating oven runs at about 2200 degrees.

With firing, shaping, refiring and cooling, it takes two days to make each pumpkin yet less than one minute to shape it. When making it the glass comes in a crushed form which is a product specifically made for glass blowing. "We combine generally 5 to 7 colors," Craig explains. "The colors are encased in non-colored glass, with roughly 95% of the pumpkin remaining clear."

Jori and Craig also enjoy the vision of creating something new from something old. They give the term Upcycling, also known as imaginative reuse, a new meaning and most certainly an artistic and environmental value. The store which has been around a little over a year now, is open between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. through Christmas with the exception of Thanksgiving Day itself. Their business hours are updated on Google Maps. On the web they can be found at www. boulderbendglassworks.com





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