



City begins turning on parking meters



PHOTO BY BILL FORHAN

The bags were off the parking meters on Sunday, Sept. 19, much to the confusion of weekend visitors.



BILL FORHAN
Publisher

The contract for installing the new parking meter system was signed in March of 2020 and installation began in the fall. Activation of the system has been delayed because of COVID. The city announced last week that they will begin turning on the meters this week in what they call a “soft opening.”

Meters on the streets that are currently closed to traffic will not

be turned on at this time. Primarily that is on Front Street from Highway 2 to the Festhalle. The city will not be issuing tickets during the soft opening for violations at paid parking stalls on downtown streets. Instead they will be placing warning infraction cards on car windows explaining the changes in parking regulations.

Parking in the downtown parking stalls is limited to 3 hours. Individuals will be required to vacate their current parking spot and move their vehicle at the end of 3 hours.

The city is partnering with ParkMobile. You can download the ParkMobile app from the App Store or Google Play. With the App users can view available parking stalls, pay for parking and manage their pay time all from their smartphone.

According to city officials using the app will not permit individuals to extend their time beyond the 3 hour limit. But if you park and put an hour and a half on the meter and go to dinner, you will be able to extend your time up to the 3 hour limit from your smart phone.

The city has spent several years trying to address the parking problems in Leavenworth. The goal of the downtown parking plan is to make sure the maximum number of spaces are available for customers of the downtown businesses. Study of parking habits has shown that most people only park in downtown spaces for a short time.

Business owners and employees have been parking all day making it difficult for tourists to find places to park. The city has been reaching out to those businesses in the

downtown core to establish a permit system to move these people away to other parking options.

The “soft launch” is expected to be 2-3 weeks while the city tests the systems. During that time paid parking lots will continue to operate as normal. Infractions at those lots will be enforced.

When completely operational this parking meter system is a marvel of modern technology. When you pull into an empty parking space a sensor in the ground senses your car is there. You then have a 15 minute grace period to put money in the meter. When you pull out the system zeros out any money left on the meter. If the car remains parked and the meter runs out it sends a message to the city who can then dispatch a person to issue an infraction.

Senator Brad Hawkins Speaks out on COVID policy

BY: MEGAN SOKOL

Reporter

During his listening tour on Sep. 14-15, 12th Legislative District Senator Brad Hawkins (R) discussed the results of his COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate Survey that was sent in his e-newsletter on August 25th.

Many citizens were concerned over Gov. Jay Inslee’s Proclamation 21-14.1, which required both healthcare workers and school staff to be fully vaccinated by Oct. 18th. This sparked immense concern within Sen. Hawkins’ constituency, which prompted him to measure how those in his district felt about this recent development.

After Sen. Hawkins sent out the survey, he was shocked at the sheer number of responses he received.

“[In] this particular survey, nearly 6,500 people participated and that almost doubled the number of responses in any previous survey that I’ve issued,” Sen. Hawkins said.

His survey touched on topics related to Gov. Inslee’s new proclamation along with mask requirements, state mandates, and the COVID-19 vaccine itself.

“I asked very non-biased questions about it, just so we could get the results,” Sen. Hawkins said. “It was interesting, I think people are still split on this issue.”

One of the first questions on the survey states as follows: “Should school district employees (administrators, teachers, and support staff) be required to get a COVID vaccination as a condition of their employment?”

Approximately 39.90% said that they should be required, while 60.10% said that they should not.

Sen. Hawkins is a Ranking Member of the Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee. He has an extensive background in education and notes his concern for how K-12 schools will weather these new changes.

“What we have seen recently with COVID-19 and with other things is there are more and more decisions for school districts made at the state level and fewer and fewer decisions made by the local districts,” Sen. Hawkins said. “As a former schoolboard member and now as a legislator, that trend is troubling to me because I generally believe that people closer to an issue are in a better position to make the decisions on those issues for their communities.”

Many K-12 employees who wish to remain unvaccinated are utilizing a religious and medical exemption. However, this process is not a fool-proof exemption plan. According to a preliminary (it does not include all agencies) study from the State Office of Financial Management provided by King 5 news:

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First School Board Meeting of the New School Year



Marlene Farrell
Correspondent

The September 13th Cascade School Board meeting, a hybrid of in-person and Zoom, was well attended. Not only did it include all current board members, the regular attendees that represent various district departments, but also included six community members and four challengers for board positions in the upcoming November election. These challengers are Misha Whitfield and Mike Worden running for district 1, Marty Young who is contending for district 5 against current board chair, Trey Ising, and Cody Burgess-Bench, who is running against incumbent Zach Miller for district 3. These

contenders did not speak during the meeting; they listened and observed.

The meeting began with an opportunity for public input. Zeke Reister, a retired CSD teacher and also a City of Leavenworth council member, shared his gratitude toward all CSD staff and the school board for starting the school year on time, in person and prioritizing health safety. He remarked on the hard work and determination required. “It’s a celebration that you pulled it off,” he said.

Beth Fry, who is a parent of an elementary student and a high school student, wanted to share with the board a good source of data-driven science to inform their COVID-19 decision-making. She recommended the covidunknowns webinars put out by the British Medical Journal. Superintendent Tracey Beckendorf-Edou said she would appreciate seeing the link.

The school board then approved an overnight trip of the high school cross country team on September 17th to 18th for an invitational meet on Whidbey Island. Beckendorf-Edou explained

that elaborate health protocols were in place, modeled somewhat after those established by Lake Wenatchee’s YMCA summer camp.

Under personnel, the school board approved seven resignations and five hires. The reasons for resignation varied widely, and only one (so far the only one in the district) was in response to the state mandate about staff vaccination. Notable among the hires included Dean Leonard for the position of special education teacher at Peshastin Dryden Elementary. PD principal Emily Ross said he came with years of experience, both international and serving in schools in Yakima. Additionally, Brooke Mott will serve as a new PD special education paraeducator, and Ross said she is an accredited teacher who is working on a master’s in special education, implying she is well qualified.

The policy review portion of the meeting was made up of six second readings on policies related to board training, Disability History Month, student fees, a sexual harassment policy, and safety, operations and

maintenance of school property. There was little discussion and full approval of the policies as updated.

Finally, Beckendorf-Edou shared that the district won two \$1000 grants from the Confluence Health & Wenatchee Valley Medical Group Community Health Partnership Fund. One will cover some costs of the greenhouse, which is under construction on the field between Icicle River Middle School and Cascade High School. The second grant will aid efforts for trail building on Rattlesnake Hill for better access and utility by school groups and others. Brett Johnson, who is helping spearhead the district’s Rattlesnake Hill project, is seeking more funding sources before it can be completed.

Also, Washington State has waived the College in the Classroom credit fees this year. Normally each such course cost \$375, \$250 of which was covered by the district and \$125 was paid by the student’s family.

For the good of the order, the superintendent shared that enrollment was up from 1169 last school year to 1196 this year.

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

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FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

Cross-country team



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Cascade Kodiaks Football

Football Coach Dominique Coffin will be leading his 8th season at Cascade High School. Coffin states that his competition lies between Chelan, Cashmere and Omak. This year, the team numbers have been down since two years ago, but about the same during COVID. Out of 45 players, Coffin sees promise from the following players: Breaden Parton (QB/DB), Joseph Wall (RB/DE), Cole Warman (OL/DL), Jones Duncan (RB/LB), Kaston Dillon (WR/DE), Kai Lewman (RB/DB), Gunnar Balzer (OL/DL), Colton Latimer (OL/LB), Gavin Pulse (RB/LB). Coffin states, "We are working to get healthy and put a full game together. We have a lot of returning players and are excited of the progress we made in the shortened season. We look forward to making a run at a league title."

Cross-Country:

Cascade Cross-Country Coach Dayle Massey has been coaching for 12 years. Last year was a triumphant year for Coach Massey for both girls and boys cross country. "We did really well last year," Massey states. "Last season both our boys and girls won league, and our boys placed third in the virtual state meet. Our boys also won the NCW regional championship, and our girls took second." Their biggest competition are Casmere and Chelan. Massey notes that some of the girl standouts include senior Lauren Muscutt and freshman Caroline Menna, along with boy standouts senior Owen Bard and junior Aiden Tuttle. Massey's final comment was the following: "Both our boys and girls teams are working hard and running well - we're just hoping that Covid holds off and that we can have a relatively normal season, culminating with getting to and competing strongly at state!"

Left to right, back row: Owen Bard, Jacob Redman, Hayden Anderson, John McLeod, Haakon Scheibler, Alice Farrell, Grace Redman
 2nd row: Elijah Walker, Vincent Slette, Olen Johnson, John Beebe, Quentin Farrell, Blue Knutson, Paige Nunnaly
 3rd row: Ben Jerome, Aiden Tuttle, Apollo Decker, Lucy Thomas, Caroline Menna, Isabel Menna, Cruz Martinez
 4th row: Anthony Villalobos, Chase Runions, Antonio Aurilio, Brendan Fallon, Molly Renner-Singer, Paige Runions, Napiqua Gibbs

Volleyball Team



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Back row: Madison Fish, Aleah Thompson, Meghan Haggard, Harper Robbins, Kaya Coble, Macie Hiatt, Xitlali Espinosa, Emma Sunitch, Finna Jo Gilikin, Kali Vio, Anna Reichlin.
 Front row: Roxanne Baker, Perla Martinez, Giselle Navarro, Rosario Fernandez

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Sep. 10	Cascade 12, King 49
Sep. 17	Cascade __, Brewster __
SOCCER	
Sep. 7	Cascade 0, Wenatchee 3
Sep. 9	Cascade 2, Eastmont 12
Sep. 11	Cascade 2, Royal 0
Sep. 16	Cascade 2, Cle Elum 1

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Sports Schedule

FOOTBALL	
Sep. 24	Cascade vs. Granite 7 p.m.
SOCCER	
Sep. 23	Cascade vs. Omak 4:30 p.m.
Sep. 28	Cascade vs. Cashmere 6 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL	
Sep. 22	Cascade vs. Cashmere 6:30 p.m.
Sep. 23	Cascade vs. Omak 6:30 p.m.
Sep. 27	Cascade vs. Okanogan 6:30 p.m.
Sep. 28	Cascade vs. Cashmere 6:30 p.m.
CROSS COUNTRY	
Oct. 2	Cascade High School 12 p.m.

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FALL SPORTS PREVIEW



Football team



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In alphabetical order: Peyton Adams, Ivan Alejandre, Angel Avila, Rally Baker, Gunnar Balzer, Cameron Barnes, Will Biebesheimer, Chris Cacho, Alejandro Castillo, Landon Curnutt, Alex DeLangie, Kaston Dillon, Jones Duncan, Cole Ennis, David Fernandez, Eric Giles, Jaxson Groby, Daniel Guerrero, Talen Johnson, Alonzo Johnson-Vasquez, Tim Johnstone, Zachary Karnes, Hunter Lang, Colton Latimer, Coy Latimer, Kai Lewman, Victor Lopez, Ethan Magnaghi, Jaden Niemela, Arthur Northrup, Melvin Northrup, Axel Pacheco, Braeden Parton, Preston Pedefferri, Gavin Pulse, Bryan Reyes, Frank Rosario, Noah Rybka, Hunter Stutzman, Fernando Tovar, John Vargas, Joseph Wall, Cole Warman, Sam Webb.

Soccer Team



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Front row (Alphabetical order, Left to right): Coach Javier Reyna, Zoe Boggs, Cassidy Gillespie, Sophia Doherty, Savanna Rowles, Eddie Walker, Rayen Blue, Nayeli Fernandez, Leslie Mata, Tania Oyos, Teyva Dillion, Valeria Oropeza, Karlyn Kocher

Back row: Joslynn May, Makena Grant, Maizy Groff, Assistant Coach Maddy Parton, Emma Warman, Ada Robbins, Taye Gunter, Chloe Palmer, Rhetta Cummings, Nina Brenan, Madi Gillespie, Kylea Gilreath




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The Washington Outdoors Report

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Guide Aaron Peterson (left) and a Fish Camp attendee with a typical Chinook salmon



One More Fish Camp

By JOHN KRUSE

After a 2020 hiatus because of the coronavirus pandemic, it was wonderful to head back to the Peach Beach RV Park in the Columbia River Gorge this week to participate in Ed Iman's annual Fish Camp. This event has been going on for almost 20 years now and brings together a combination of outdoors media members, fishing guides, tournament anglers, retailers and fishing industry manufacturers who camp, eat, drink, network and fish for up to five days on the Columbia and other rivers in the gorge.

This year the focus was on the salmon staging off the mouth of the Deschutes River. One of the guides at Fish Camp, Aaron Peterson with Peterson's Northwest Guide Service, was dialed into the fishery like no one else and returned with quick limits every day. The other guide boats grinded out Chinook and coho salmon for their anglers along with some bonus sturgeon, the largest one hooked approaching nine-

feet in size.

The few boats not after salmon targeted walleye and smallmouth bass near Rufus, Arlington and Irrigon. The smallmouth bit readily and one of those caught weighed an estimated five plus pounds. The walleye, gorged on shad smolt this time of year, were harder to come by but a decent bite for them was found near Irrigon.

Attendance at this event was lighter this year than usual. Part of the reason was the ongoing pandemic which kept several past attendees away. The other reason was that manufacturers, who often roll out new products to share with the media during this event, had little product to share and no new products to show off due to the challenges brought on by huge demand from customers and supply chain issues making it a challenge to get products into the marketplace.

Despite this and the windy weather that made fishing a challenge several days, the company was good, the temperatures were mild and

a good time was had by all in attendance.

Odds And Ends:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is opening up coho salmon fishing on both the Upper Columbia River from Priest Rapids Dam near Vernita to Wells Dam below Pateros until October 15th. The Icicle River near Leavenworth is also opening for coho on September 18th and will remain open until November 30th.

Steelhead runs are not only bad over Bonneville Dam, but disastrous on the Upper Columbia. As of September 13th, only 2240 fish have made it over Rock Island Dam, and an estimated 500 or so of these fish may be heading up the Wenatchee River. That Rock Island Dam Count is about one-third of the ten-year average when it comes to steelhead returns for this time of year. Don't count on any steelhead angling on the Upper Columbia or its tributaries this fall.

On a brighter note, September 25th is Public Lands Day and Washington

state as well as federal public lands are open for day use visitation with no fee or pass required. It's also worth noting both the Washington Department of Natural Resources and WDFW has opened up all lands east of the Cascades to outdoor recreation (including overnight use) due to decreasing wildfire danger though campfire restrictions remain in effect.

Last but not least, if you are hiking on our public lands this month consider wearing hot pink or blaze orange. Not only will you make a fashion statement, but you'll also be visible to hunters who are afield after deer during the High Buck Hunt in the Cascade Mountains which goes on until the 25th or after both bear and grouse where seasons continue well into fall. Accidental shootings have happened before and wearing these visible colors will decrease the likelihood you'll be involved in one.

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Ed Iman presiding over his annual Fish Camp

PHOTO BY JOHN KRUSE.

First Overnight School Trip in 2021



Marlene Farrell
Correspondent

CHS Cross Country Team Travels to Whidbey Island

School is back in session while the threat of COVID-19 infection and spread is still very real in large part due to the Delta variant. However, the Cascade School District, like other school districts, has developed a rigorous system of safety protocols. This enables students to be in class, and activities are starting to occur after being on hold for a year and a half. One such milestone is the return to overnight trips for older students who participate in sports, the arts and extracurricular activities.

The first approved trip will be for the Cascade High School cross country team as they travel on Friday, September 17th, to Whidbey Island for an invitational meet the next morning.

This trip has a long tradition. Cross country head coach, Dayle Massey explained, "[My predecessor] Bill Davies started going to the meet in 2007. I continued the tradition when I started coaching in 2010. We have been staying at a barracks at Camp Casey adjacent to Fort Casey State Park (except for last year). Camp Casey provides dinner and breakfast in their mess hall, after which we leave for the meet. The ASB has been helping to fund our stay there, but it still ends up costing around \$30-40 per student."

This invitational is special because it's larger than most of the team's meets, where they compete against anywhere from one to nine other schools. "It is a big meet, hosted by South Whidbey High School. Usually about forty schools attend," said Massey. "The races are divided into big and small school divisions, girls and boys. Two JV races, two varsity races, for boys and girls, so eight races total."

Superintendent Tracey Beckendorf-Edou conferred with Tim McElravy, the camping services director for the Lake Wenatchee YMCA camp, since he had a proven track record of a summer of safe camp sessions. The Lake Wenatchee YMCA camp website explains, "Our protocols contain many layers, which we feel will help provide safe spaces and still allow for fun and friendship formation to take place."

The camp protocols included facility changes such as moving more activities outside, social distancing, more handwashing and hand sanitizing stations, staying in small cohorts of kids from one or two cabins and staggered dining, outside when possible. Additionally,

to attend, all campers had to either be vaccinated or had a negative COVID test no more than three days prior to arrival. They performed daily health screenings and had rapid COVID testing available.

"We had zero positive tests here at camp this summer. We did send a few kids home early with cold/flu-like symptoms, but they all tested negative at camp and at home," said McElravy. All staff and volunteers were fully vaccinated.

Some of these procedures are being adopted for the school overnight trips. "We always wear masks if we are indoors or on the bus and try to stay at least three feet apart. Hopefully we'll be able to have one student per seat; if we need more seats we'll pair siblings." The runners must also be vaccinated or have a negative COVID test, and they will be two runners to a room, with beds six feet apart. Normally the team stays in large barracks full of bunk beds. Massey expects over thirty runners will go.

"It is a fun, competitive meet in its own right, but is especially great team building and bonding due to the bus trip, ferry rides, mess hall meals, staying the night in barracks, exploring Fort Casey, walking along the beach, and having a campfire," said Massey.

Massey was echoed by senior runner Chase Rumions who said, "With the ferry ride and the overnight, we get closer and get to know each other better. It's also cool to have the tradition and go back each year to the fort and play capture the flag and explore the park."

"I'm really glad we're making it work this year with COVID because it's one of the highlights of the season and missing it last year was a bummer for all of us. I hope we can keep all the safety protocols needed but still have the fun experiences we've had in the past."

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57th Autumn Leaf Festival



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Enjoy our Bavarian town and hospitality while you are here to celebrate the beautiful fall weather and colors. Best Wishes to our current Royal Lady of the Autumn Leaves, Penny Carpenter and First Gentleman John Ressler. From Carol Forhan, 2016 Autumn Leaf Royal Lady and 2021 Royal Lady companion.

The Royal Lady of the Autumn Leaves Welcomes you to the Bavarian Village

Greetings! As Leavenworth's Royal Lady of the Autumn Leaves for both 2020 and 2021 it is very special for me to welcome you to our most unique and charming Bavarian Village. This year we are especially grateful to be having the Autumn Leaf Festival complete with a parade!

Bavarian restaurants and cuisine from around the world. Many of our shops feature one-of-a-kind articles and you really shouldn't miss our world-renowned Nutcracker Museum. Tasting shops from our many local wineries are scattered about the village and you will have plenty of opportunity to sample the wares of our local breweries.

By the time we say Auf Wiedersehen I'm sure you will be saying "we will be back soon!"

Leavenworth has its own appealing charms - the charm of old Bavaria perhaps, but the natural charms of its setting at the foot of the mountains and at the mouth of its canyons and at this time of year with the changing colors of the autumn leaves - it all comes together.

There is just so much to see and do in Leavenworth and every season has its own enchantments. At this time of year we celebrate the harvest and the beauty of the Autumn Leaves. This is Leavenworth's oldest festival and the line of Royal Ladies, which I proudly join, goes back to 1964 and the beginnings of Bavarian Leavenworth.

Thank you for coming! Enjoy yourselves. We look forward to having you as our guests. See you at Saturday's parade!

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CARL J. FLOREA
MAYOR

Herzlich Willkommen! As Mayor of the City of Leavenworth, and on behalf of the City Council, businesses, and citizens of our beautiful city, I am pleased to welcome you to the Annual Washington State Autumn Leaf Festival and grand time of fun!

Although Leavenworth has many festivals, the Autumn Leaf Festival is the oldest one, and was the very first Leavenworth festival I experienced. My wife and I attended together before we were married, long before we moved here in 1985 to raise our family. The first piece of art we purchased together

came from that experience. And since that first experience the memories of fine fall fun just keep adding up! I hope you, too, are enjoying making Autumn Leaf memories with your family.

Autumn Leaf Festival celebrates the changing colors of the leaves each year as summer turns into fall, occurring at a time that is perfect for enjoying the natural beauty of Leavenworth and the surrounding area. The changing colors and crisp fall air make this my favorite season. It fills me with awe and wonder. I hope you will enjoy the Grand Parade, the music and dancing, and the wonderful food, as well as the unsurpassed hospitality of our townsfolk.

Because we are still dealing with an active COVID-19 virus, we have taken many steps to keep you safe, including

creating the pedestrian-only downtown core, moving the parade out of the downtown, and having masks and hand sanitizer available. Please help us out by wearing a mask when indoors or when being socially distant outdoors is not possible.

Enjoy a walk through one of our lovely parks, Front Street Park, Waterfront Park, or Enchantment Park, and then relax at any of the wonderful dining establishments you have to choose from.

Taste some of our award winning, locally brewed beers, visit our downtown wine tasting rooms and patios, or taste spirits at our local distillery! We have plenty to offer in a socially distanced fashion. We hope you will thoroughly enjoy your stay and accept our Herzlich Willkommen (heartfelt welcome)!



Elisabeth Saunders is the 2021 Washington State Autumn Leaf Parade Grand Marshal

By: MEGAN SOKOL
Reporter

Leavenworth's Autumn Leaf Festival Grand Marshal Elisabeth 'Liz' Saunders is thrilled about her new role. Saunders is a staple within the Leavenworth community, with her history as a Royal Lady, a Rotary President, and the former owner of Haus Lorelei, Saunders is the embodiment of Leavenworth's spirit.

Born and raised in Kiel, Northern Germany, Liz Saunders immigrated to the U.S. when she was 22. She first visited Leavenworth in 1971 and permanently moved here in 1975. She had originally lived in Los Angeles, but said that she was drawn to Leavenworth's beauty.

"We sold our business in California, which was a hospital, and then moved up

here," Saunders said.

"It was one of the most gorgeous places on earth," Saunders said, reflecting on her former home at Haus Lorelei.

After selling Haus Lorelei in 2003, Saunders began going on mission trips around the world. She visited Nepal, Romania, along with multiple countries within Africa and the Balkan countries within the eastern bloc. Her most notable trip was when she helped fund furnishings for a home for autistic children in Chile.

"I was out in the world, all over the world, telling people about the Lord Jesus."

In the 1990's, Saunders started getting more involved with the Autumn Leaf Festival,

building floats and assisting with fundraising campaigns. In 1997-98, she became president of the Leavenworth Rotary Club and was a Royal Lady in 2007.

During her retirement, she joined a motorcycle club and was involved in numerous activities such as cross-country skiing, going to the gym, riding her bicycle, and mountain climbing with mules.

"It was a big thing in my youth," Saunders said, regarding her mountain climbing with mules. Nowadays, Saunders still assists with the Leavenworth Rotary Club. Volunteering with the food bank and assisting with local fundraising campaigns in her spare time.



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Autumn Leaf Parade list

Publishers note: As of press time no order had been established

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| Bellevue High School Marching Band | Leavenworth Alphorns | Miss Appleatchee Riders |
| Mount Vernon High School Bulldog Band | West Coast Country Heat | Queen Alexis Shoults |
| Meridian Marching Trojans | Cascade High School | Miss Rodeo Othello |
| Newport Pride Marching Band | Homecoming Royalty | Tillicum Riders Equestrian Team |
| Prosser High School Band | Washington State Eagles | McCleary Bear Festival |
| Hazen Highlander Marching Band | Royalty Youth Court | Autumn Leaf Royal Lady |
| Cascade High School Marching Band | 2021 Washington State Apple Blossom Queen Brooke Perez | -Penny Carpenter |
| Mount Baker Mountaineer Marching Band | Miss East Cascades Blazen Divaz | Deer Park Community Float |
| Medical Lake High School Marching Band | Leavenworth Scooter Babes | Department of Washington Veterans of Foreign Wars |
| Walla Walla High School Marching Band | The Highlanders Drill Team | Sequim Irrigation Festival |
| Southridge High School Marching Band | West Coast Country Heat | Cannell Community Float - "Honoring our Heroes" |
| | La Senioritas Drill Team | Seattle Commodores SS Minnow |
| | North Queens Drill Team | Washington State Apple Blossom Festival |
| | Eastside Precision Drill Team | Fathoms O Fun Makin waves across the Puget Sound |
| | Ballard Eagles Drill Team | |
| | Drill Team | |

AUTUMN LEAF FESTIVAL PARADE ROUTE 2021

LEGEND

- Parade Route
- Parade Assembly Areas
- Float Return Route
- Detour Routes

Street closures and detours

The Autumn Leaf Festival and Parade will take place on Saturday, September 25, 2021; activities will continue through Sunday the 26th in the downtown area.

Street closures/detours on Saturday and Sunday are as follows:

Saturday - September 25, 2021

West bound Highway 2 will be closed at Chumstick Highway from 11:30 - 2:00 PM. You may detour through town via East Leavenworth Road to Iclide Road during that time. If you do not detour, you will be forced to turn on Chumstick Highway north. East bound Highway 2 will be closed at Iclide Road from 11:30 - 2:00 PM. You must detour through town via Iclide Road to East Leavenworth Road during that time.

Front Street - is currently closed, due to the downtown street closure from Highway 2 (Gustav's) to 10th Street (Iclide Brewery). There will be activities taking place between 8th Street and 9th Street on Front Street, in Front Street Park, and the Gazebo. Check the attached map to review the parade route and detours. All side streets and parking lot entrances along the parade route will be barricaded during the parade, 11:30 - 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Front Street is currently closed, due to the downtown street closure. There will be activities taking place between 8th Street and 9th Street on Front Street, in Front Street Park, and the Gazebo.

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Thousands of Illegal Immigrants Amass Under Bridge in Texas

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DEL RIO, Texas—Thousands of illegal immigrants, mostly from Haiti, are congregating under an international bridge in Texas while they wait to be processed by Border Patrol.

The illegal immigrants are spread out over a dirt lot strewn with litter, many sitting or lying on blankets. Others stand, chatting with companions.

Some 9,000 illegal immigrants, including Haitian, Cuban, and Venezuelan nationals, are in the area, Val Verde County Sheriff Joe Frank Martinez confirmed at 3:45 p.m. local time on Sept. 16.

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Bruno Lozano,
mayor, Del Rio

Five hundred more had arrived within the previous half-hour as the sheriff and the mayor of Del Rio, Texas, held a press conference near the bridge—almost within sight of the Rio Grande, which serves as the international border with Mexico.

The number has skyrocketed in less a week, from only a couple of hundred under the bridge on Sept. 9.

Mayor Bruno Lozano confirmed that another 20,000 are on their way. "I'm deeply frustrated. The thing that I worry about is a stampede. The thing I worry about is terrorism," Lozano said.

"This is not secure. This is not defensible," he said, looking toward the wide open border and the number of people walking back and forth across it.

"We don't really know who they are."

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said that he has directed the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas National Guard to "maintain their presence at and around ports of entry to deter crossings," although it's unclear how effective that will be in reducing numbers.

"The Biden Administration is in complete disarray and is handling the border crisis as badly as the evacuation from Afghanistan," Abbott said in a statement Sept. 16.

Lozano said his city's medical services are stretched thin. An illegal immigrant woman was rushed to hospital on Sept. 15 to give birth. On Sept. 16, The Epoch Times witnessed Border Patrol loading a woman into an ambulance.

Lozano blamed the Biden admin-



Thousands of illegal immigrants gather near the international bridge after crossing the Rio Grande, in Del Rio, Texas, on Sept. 16, 2021.

istration, particularly Vice President Kamala Harris, for not focusing on the U.S.-Mexico border, especially the smaller cities being affected, such as Del Rio. The number of illegal aliens currently under the bridge is almost one-third of the population of the city.

"We're ignored. They're prioritizing urban centers," he said.

Sheriff Martinez confirmed that the illegal immigrants aren't being tested for COVID-19.

"None of them are being tested for anything," he said.

Law enforcement is adding more portable toilets under the bridge every day and drinking water stations are provided.

The illegal immigrants cross the river frequently to go back to Mexico for food and supplies.

Lozano said the system is so overwhelmed that it will likely take Border Patrol two weeks to transport the current 9,000 illegal aliens to Border Patrol facilities and process them. Those who are released often get dropped at the local Stripes gas station in Del Rio, where they wait for a bus to San Antonio.

It isn't clear why the bulk of the Haitians cross into Del Rio, though migration patterns show that people from certain countries have favored routes into the United States.

CBP didn't answer the phone or return voicemails or an email on Sept. 16 as the number of illegal immigrants continued to swell. No CBP represen-

tative spoke at the press conference.

"It's completely predictable because Biden is basically inviting in illegal immigrants," Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, a nonpartisan think tank that advocates for a pro-immigrant, low-immigration system, told The Epoch Times.

"This just seems to be an extreme example of what we've been seeing since Jan. 20, which is illegal immigrants, taking Biden up on his offer that if they manage to get into the United States, they'll be let go."

President Joe Biden, upon entering office, quickly overhauled the U.S. immigration system, ending construction on the border wall as well as a program that forced many asylum-seekers to wait in Mexico.

Biden administration officials also stopped using the federal government's Title 42 authority, which was established during the COVID-19 pandemic, to expel unaccompanied minors, or illegal immigrant children.

The use of Title 42 has dropped in recent months as Democrats pressure Biden to end the authority. Officials applied it to just 44 percent of the illegal immigrant encounters in August.

The decline in federal immigration enforcement has prompted Texas authorities to fill the void. State and local law enforcement have ramped up enforcement of illegal immigrants, including in Del Rio, where the mayor has pleaded with Biden to stop releasing illegal immigrants as local condi-

tions deteriorate.

Crossing the border into the United States without proper papers is illegal, but after entering, an illegal immigrant can claim asylum, or fear of persecution if they are returned to their home country. If they do, they are often released into the United States. If they don't, they are processed under Title 8, or federal law, typically getting a court date or told to appear at an Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office on a certain day. Most don't end up appearing.

The CBP spokesperson told The Epoch Times that "the vast majority of single adults and many families will continue to be expelled under the CDC's Title 42 authority, and those who cannot be expelled under Title 42 and do not have a legal basis to remain will be processed under Title 8 authorities."

There are indications that a number of single adults are being allowed to remain in the country, particularly foreign nationals whose nations have been granted a special type of protection called Temporary Protected Status by U.S. authorities.

One Haitian man, a single male who crossed with some 350 other illegal immigrants to Del Rio from Mexico in July, spoke to The Epoch Times after entering the United States. About a month later, he texted to say he'd made it to Boston and was fine.

A Cuban man in his late-20s, Eduardo, told The Epoch Times this week at a gas station in Del Rio that he was

waiting to be picked up by his parents, who live in Houston. He said he traveled from Panama through Central America before making it through Mexico to reach Del Rio, walking most of the time.

"There's no freedom in Cuba," said Eduardo, who had been dropped at the gas station by Border Patrol.

The United States recorded more than 208,000 illegal immigrant arrests at the border in August, one of the highest months on record. Under the Biden administration, the country is on pace to set records for the highest number of fiscal year and calendar year encounters.

The administration would have known about the large groups of immigrants that are now in Del Rio, Jason Jones, CEO of Omni Intelligence, told The Epoch Times.

U.S. intelligence programs monitor Central America to detect large groups forming, said Jones, a former Texas Department of Public Safety intelligence and counterterrorism captain, who worked closely with Border Patrol.

"No one in the federal government has acknowledged what was coming, stated that this was happening, nor did they do anything to mitigate it, because this should have been stopped. This is a large caravan of people that wasn't stopped," he said.

"To me, this just is more validation of the level of failure of leadership within the current administration."

Los Angeles County to Mandate COVID-19 Vaccine Passports: Officials

JACK PHILLIPS

Los Angeles County, the most populous county in the United States, announced on Sept. 15 it would require proof of COVID-19 vaccination at bars, nightclubs, breweries, lounges, and related businesses.

The order will also require vaccine proof or a negative COVID-19 test for large outdoor events, including Los Angeles Rams, Chargers, and Dodgers games, said County Public Health Director Dr. Barbara Ferrer to the Board of Supervisors. Would-be customers will have to have at least one vaccine dose by Oct. 7 and be fully vaccinated by Nov. 4, she said.

"This is a reasonable path forward that will position us to be better able to break the cycle of surges," Ferrer told the board. "This modified health officer order aligns with the continued need to reduce risk of

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Dr. Barbara Ferrer, L.A. County Public Health Director

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Los Angeles officials, she said, now believe that vaccine passport systems "are now a very important strategy for quickly raising vaccination coverage across our county and ending the pandemic."

Other than Los Angeles, New York

City on Sept. 13 officially implemented its vaccine passport system for restaurants, bars, gyms, and other facilities. Businesses that don't comply or violate the city ordinances can face fines, said New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio.

In California, San Francisco in August also rolled out a vaccine passport mandate for similar establishments. Provinces in Canada as well as France, Switzerland, Israel, and a number of other countries have mandated that people show proof of vaccination to enter restaurants, gyms, bars, and related businesses, which has drawn protests in Europe.

Thousands of protesters took to the streets of New York City on Sept. 13, calling for the city to end its mandate.

"You should have a right to choose whatever you do with your body," Ricardo Alexander, a public school math and physics teacher, told the rally.

While officials who endorse vaccine passports say they are necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the disease caused by the CCP (Chinese Communist Party) virus, questions have been raised about whether such systems would be discriminatory.

Some Republican governors, including Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, have signed bills or issued orders to prohibit businesses or local governments from using vaccine passes.

The Electronic Freedom Foundation nonprofit, in a lengthy post last month, stated that government officials around the world have made grave errors when rolling out passport systems, noting that "imposing such systems on the world will lock out hundreds of millions of people" from key services, including travel and obtaining visas.

"These new trust-based systems,



People gather around the entrance of a restaurant in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Nov. 23, 2020.

if implemented in a way that automatically disqualifies people who received genuine vaccinations, will cause dire effects for years to come. It sets up a world where certain people can move about easily, and those who have already had a hard time with visas will experience another wall to climb," the foundation stated.

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John Durham Grand Jury Indicts Lawyer Whose Firm Represented Democrats in 2016

JACK PHILLIPS

Special prosecutor John Durham has charged Washington-based lawyer Michael Sussmann, who represented former presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and the Democratic National Committee, with lying to the FBI during Clinton's 2016 campaign.

Sussmann works for the high-powered law firm Perkins Coie—which has long done legal work for the Democratic Party and top Democrats, including filing election-related lawsuits.

The lawyer was indicted on a single felony count of making a false statement during a meeting with FBI General Counsel James Baker in September 2016. Prosecutors allege that Sussmann lied by denying he represented any client when he told the federal law enforcement agency about evidence that allegedly linked then-candidate Donald Trump's Trump Tower to a bank in Russia.

Sussmann met with Baker to hand over papers and data files containing evidence of the alleged link between the Trump Organization and the Russian bank, which wasn't disclosed. Unconfirmed media reports

have stated that it was Alfa Bank.

The indictment is the second criminal case brought by Durham since he was named by former Attorney General William Barr in 2018 to investigate officials who investigated the Trump–Russia probe. Durham, a former U.S. attorney, was asked to stay as a special counsel and continue his investigation after President Joe Biden's administration took office in January.

Sussmann, the indictment alleges, didn't turn over the information as a "good citizen," but rather as an attorney representing Clinton, a technology executive, and an internet company.

"Sussmann's lie was material because, among other reasons, Sussmann's false statement misled the FBI General Counsel and other FBI personnel concerning the political nature of his work and deprived the FBI of information that might have permitted it more fully to assess and uncover the origins of the relevant data and technical analysis," the indictment reads.

The Epoch Times in 2019 found that Sussmann had provided the information to Baker and at least one journalist ahead of the FBI's appli-



The Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters in Washington on March 8, 2018.

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Indictment against
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cation for a FISA warrant to surveil former Trump campaign aide Carter Page. Perkins Coie, on behalf of the Democratic National Committee, also hired Fusion GPS, which in turn hired Christopher Steele to produce the dossier that contained since-discredited claims against the former president.

About a month later, The New York Times and other news outlets reported on the FBI investigation into the alleged Alfa Bank–Trump Organization connection. The FBI said it looked into the matter, but found no connections.

Trump and other former administration officials have long described the FBI investigation into his campaign as a witch hunt designed to politically wound his reelection chances.

Lawyers for Sussman, a former federal prosecutor, said on Sept. 16 that their client never made false state-

ments to the FBI and that there's no evidence that the alleged falsehood affected the agency's work.

"Mr. Sussmann has committed no crime," they said in a statement, according to The Associated Press. "Any prosecution here would be baseless, unprecedented, and an unwarranted deviation from the apolitical and principled way in which the Department of Justice is supposed to do its work."

In 2017, Sussmann was asked by congressional investigators about his interview with Baker and testified that he passed along information on behalf of his client.

When trying to access Sussmann's page on Perkins Coie's website, a "page not found" message was displayed.

Representatives for Perkins Coie and Sussmann's lawyers didn't respond to requests for comment by press time.

Florida's Monoclonal Antibody Treatments at Over 90,000 Despite HHS Efforts to Limit Supply

JANNIS FALKENSTERN

PUNTA GORDA, Fla.—More than 90,000 people in Florida have now received monoclonal antibody treatments across 25 state-sponsored sites. However, a disruption in services is looming due to the Biden administration giving control of distribution to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Florida's supply will be cut in half, Gov. Ron DeSantis announced on Sept. 16.

The governor said he was surprised at the HHS's "abrupt and sudden" announcement that it would be taking control of distribution. He said this took him by surprise because a week prior, on Sept. 9, the Biden administration said they were increasing monoclonal antibody distribution by 50 percent.

Now the HHS, as of Sept. 13, "seized control" of the treatments, the governor said, adding that earlier in the week he received official word that Florida's shipments of the monoclonals would be reduced by 50 percent.

Before, providers and infusion centers, as well as the state of Florida, would simply call AmerisourceBergen, a third-party affiliate of Regeneron, which makes the monoclonal antibodies treatment, and request whatever amount was needed. DeSantis said this new method will make it "doubly difficult" for hospitals and other providers because they will now have to go through the state to get their treatments.

"They sprung this on us," DeSantis said at the Sept. 16 press conference. "They pulled the rug out from under us."

The new ordering process, DeSan-



A man enters a Regeneron Clinic at a monoclonal antibody treatment site in Pembroke Pines, Fla., on Aug. 19, 2021.

tis said, would be a disruption for inpatient services, and he worries that patients will needlessly suffer. But he vowed that the state would "overcome any obstacles that HHS and the Biden administration put on them."

"We will fight like hell to get these patients the treatment they need," he said. "We have a responsibility to be there for them, and that's what we are going to do."

HHS two weeks ago stealthily changed its website and began making it more difficult for states like Florida, which has used the monoclonal antibodies treatments as a way to reduce hospital admissions from COVID-19. A Texas doctor sounded the alarm that HHS was taking over the distribution of the monoclonals,

as was reported by The Epoch Times on Sept. 8. The system was changed on Sept. 13 from direct ordering to an allocation model.

"I'm very concerned about the Biden administration," DeSantis said at the press conference, adding that the new ordering protocol will result in a "huge disruption to services."

An HHS spokesperson told The Epoch Times in an email that the transition to a model that was in place from November 2020 to February "gives health departments maximum flexibility to get mAbs where they are needed most."

"HHS will now determine the weekly amount of mAb products each state and territory receives based on criteria applied equally

across all jurisdictions. This criteria includes COVID-19 case burden and mAb utilization. State and territorial health departments will subsequently identify which sites in their respective jurisdictions receive product as well as the amount each site receives," the spokesperson said.

DeSantis said he is being proactive and has been in communication with GlaxoSmithKline, another maker of monoclonal antibodies treatment. He said he was looking into expanding beyond Regeneron and contracting with another supplier in order to make up for any shortage that could occur under the new HHS distribution plan.

He said the results of the monoclonal antibodies are positive and that

there have been 24 consecutive days in the decline of the COVID hospital census statewide.

The governor said he's pleased with the trends that are occurring and credits the vaccine and the monoclonals for the reduction in hospitalization rates. Florida hospital admission rates have decreased by 50 percent.

However, Sen. Marco Rubio took to Twitter and blasted the Biden administration for the new policy. Rubio thinks the cut in monoclonal antibodies to Florida is because the state is not "handling vaccines and not forcing people to do it."

"This is ridiculous. This is outrageous," Rubio said in a video on Twitter. "People see it for what it is. These people are completely out of control. This stuff needs to stop. These people are bordering on tyranny."

On Sept. 16, Christina Pushaw, press secretary for DeSantis, said that Florida clinics and private providers have been ordering about 72,000 doses of monoclonal antibody treatment per week; about 36,000 doses are required weekly to supply the 25 state-sponsored sites.

The HHS website calculated that, nationally, a little over 158,500 doses were available this week. HHS reports that nearly 31,000 are allocated to Florida.

Rubio said he thinks the Biden administration is creating a shortage for the purposes of rationing the drug.

"There is not a shortage," Rubio said on Twitter. "But they've decided they're going to start rationing it."

Zachary Stieber contributed to this report.

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Director of Quality Full-time
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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To Publisher Bill Forhan,

I take issue with your news/editorial titled "Covid - Beyond Masks" in the Sept. 15, 2021 issue of your newspaper. On the same day I read your thoughts, I also read a letter in the Sept. 15 issue of The Wenatchee World from Dr. Charles Hogness. You write "They (Confluence/Central Washington Hospital) currently have 60 COVID patients undergoing treatment." Dr. Hogness writes "Today at Central Washington Hospital where I work as a Hospitalist, there are 56 patients hospitalized with COVID." Later, he writes, "46 of the 56 hospitalized patients are unvaccinated, 10 of our 12 ICU patients are unvaccinated, 6 of our 7 patients on a ventilator are unvaccinated."

It is clear that hospital admissions are the unvaccinated, why isn't it clear to you?

As of Sept. 16, 667,000 people have died of Covid out of approximately 328 million U.S. residents. That is more than all of the patriotic Americans who've sacrificed their lives from World Wars I, II, Korea and Vietnam. Through my long lifetime, I've routinely seen protestors against war, yet now we see protestors against vaccines and masks. Seriously?

Another factor people are not thinking about - health insurance companies rates will increase - who do you think is paying for hospital care of the unvaccinated? "Not me," you state, as you also say "Not me" regarding getting vaccinated or (at the very least) not wearing a mask. Sadly, what I see is that the "Not me" protestors will continue saying that until they see their family and/or friends die from COVID.

As each week passes, we see more residents become extremely ill or die from COVID, yet their death notice reads "a short illness." How

many have died of COVID, but the authors of those notices (often family) don't state that? We are all weary of COVID - if we wear masks and get vaccinated, I am certain the surge will drop dramatically and (maybe) our life can go back to normal.

Gaylen Willett, Chelan

Dear Editor,

Thank you for publishing a front page article reminding us about masking. This topic is front page news.

Conversely, a 2 column spread advocating disproven or ineffective Covid treatments from Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, a "politically conservative non-profit association that promotes medical disinformation" (Source-Wikipedia) is irresponsible, in my opinion. This group also published an article in 2008 claiming that candidate Barack Obama was captivating his audiences through hypnosis.

Physicians and researchers worldwide are diligently pursuing effective treatment for Covid-19, and most of the treatments outlined in the published "treatment protocol" are being used for patients with progressive illness caused by Covid 19. Ivermectin, Hydroxychloroquine and antibiotics such as doxycycline and azithromycin are quoted in the article and are not recommended at this time for treatment of Covid-19.

I would encourage your readers to look at the treatment recommendations from the American Academy of Family Physicians or the Mayo Clinic website at mayoclinic.org for accurate up to date medical advice on managing Covid-19. Your family physician is also a trusted source for treatment recommendations.

Karl Kranz DO
Member American Board of Osteopathic Family Practice.
Leavenworth

CDHD on Ivermectin

Thank you for contacting Chelan-Douglas Health District. CDHD follows guidance from the FDA and CDC regarding COVID-19 treatment and prevention. At this time, there are no sufficiently powered studies that clearly demonstrate Ivermectin is more effective at treating COVID-19 than placebo. Here is FDA's official statement on what you need to know about Ivermectin: https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/why-you-should-not-use-ivermectin-treat-or-prevent-covid-19

Here's What You Need to Know about Ivermectin

- The FDA has not authorized or approved ivermectin for use in preventing or treating COVID-19 in humans or animals. Ivermectin is approved for human use to treat infections caused by some parasitic worms and head lice and skin conditions like rosacea.
Currently available data do not show ivermectin is effective against COVID-19. Clinical trials assessing ivermectin tablets for the prevention or treatment of COVID-19 in people are ongoing.
Taking large doses of ivermectin is dangerous.
If your health care provider writes you an ivermectin prescription, fill it through a legitimate source such as a pharmacy, and take it exactly as prescribed.
Never use medications intended for animals on yourself or other people. Animal ivermectin products are very different from those approved for humans. Use of animal ivermectin for the prevention or treatment of COVID-19 in humans is dangerous.
I hope this helps. Thank you.

Veronica Farrias
Chelan-Douglas Health District

Publisher

The design and maintenance of the Osborn park property will be a financial responsibility on the City itself or perhaps a larger local area that has not been determined. In any case, city residents must be the only ones to determine the final design and development since they will live in closest proximity to it and be financially responsible for it over time.

Surely the city leaders realize this. So any public comment that is used to determine Osborn's design must be vetted and limited to those who live within the City itself and pay taxes. Otherwise, folks from many other areas could give input and clamor for all kinds of expensive boondoggles that don't reflect what we as a town want. What could possibly go wrong there?

Yet we would have to pay for these expensively-designed developments, extending into the future. Example: Seattle residents desiring a nearby inexpensive skating rink - you can easily fill in the blanks with other options!

Ann Crosby
Leavenworth

Dear friends and neighbors,

As some of you know, I am a member of the Cascade Medical Board of Commissioners. Because Cascade Medical and its commissioners and officers do not endorse candidates, I am writing this in my individual capacity on my personal email, not in my capacity as a hospital commissioner.

Tom Baranouskas is a truly excellent hospital commissioner. I strongly believe that it is in the best interests of Cascade Medical and our entire community for him to be re-elected. Please vote for Tom.

Thanks,
Bruce Williams

Sen. Brad Hawkins

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"As of Sept. 6, a total of 3,891 state employees have applied for a religious exemption to getting the vaccine. Another 892 employees have applied for a medical exemption, the data shows. However, few of those requests have been approved. The data shows that to date, only 737 religious exemptions and 49 medical exemptions have been approved."

When it comes to the new proclamation, Sen. Hawkins states his own concern with the proclamation.

"One of my biggest concerns though, about the governor's response to the pandemic, has

been that he should probably trust the local school boards and local officials, county, and health district to implement some of the decisions locally rather than just making all the decisions based out of Olympia."

Healthcare workers are also key stakeholders within this new proclamation, with many unvaccinated employees facing termination if they do not get vaccinated and do not have an exemption.

When asked if state employees and health care workers should be vaccinated in order to stay employed, 39.86% of the survey participants said yes, while 60.14% said no.

During his listening tour,

Sen. Hawkins met with multiple constituents working within healthcare, explaining that one of their challenges during the pandemic was lack of staffing.

"We have some people leaving the profession due to burnouts, some people eventually leaving the profession due to vaccine mandates even," Sen. Hawkins explained. "Tough time on healthcare providers."

Nonetheless, the number of COVID-19 cases within Washington State continue to rise. With some schools resuming in-person classes, questions around mask mandates and vaccinations surge.

"We don't want K-12 staff sick and we don't want students

getting sick," Sen. Hawkins said. "But people getting vaccinated, school employees, for such a relatively new vaccine is a personal decision and we should respect people's differences and acknowledge their sincere concerns about that."

According to the Washington State Department of Health, "A total of 310 COVID-19 outbreaks occurred in K-12 schools between August 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021." The study also states that "sixty five percent of COVID-19 cases were students aged 18 and under."

Within Sen. Hawkins survey, when asked if all students should wear masks in the first-half of the school year, 56.07% of the participants said no.

PHOTO BY CLINT STRAND
Cascade Medical's new mobile clinic will soon be in service in the Upper Valley. It was made possible, in part, by fundraising by Cascade Medical Foundation. CMF also applied for and won a grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust for \$125,000, which covered half of the startup costs. The grant money just came in and CMF and CM celebrated with a big check presentation. Pictured are CMF board member Kathi Nash and CM CEO Diane Blake holding the check. Others, from left to right, are Marlene Farrell, CMF coordinator, Whitney Lak, CM clinic director, CMF board member Kathy Montgomery, CM COO Pat Songer and CMF board members Ted Montgomery, Wade Nash, Shannon Keller and Bob Keller.



The Big Chill -Hard Ciders Pour From The Apple Capital of the World

BY RHONA BARON

Exec. Director/Events, Savor Central WA

On October 9, 2021, virtually all of Central Washington's hard cider makers will gather to pour at the third annual Big Chill Cider and HarvestFest, staged this year for the first time at Pybus Public Market. The event runs from 1-6 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets start at \$25 when you bring a friend and VIP tickets include a curated charcuterie plate from Cured by Visconti.

Embrace the season with over 40 choices of cider from 14 local labels along with displays,

games, music, snacks, and a free kids' harvest play area for ticket holders. Discover the intricacies of cider and what to serve with it while visiting with the makers behind the flavors. The Big Chill also hosts the biggest, annual cider pop-up store in Eastern Washington, offering an astonishing variety of Central WA hard cider! Purchase from ChelanCraft, Archibald James, Union Hill, Bad Granny, Phillippi, Ole Swede, Snowdrift, Pear Up, Rootwood, Manchester Road, Steelhead, Barns Etc, Centre Ring, and new entry Watercore.

The cider story has been unfolding over the past decade in Central Washington. Early adaptors include Kevin Van Reenan, owner of Pear Up, located in East Wenatchee. Van Reenan's "perrys" helped establish the category in America and are now in Asia and Europe. Rootwood Cider in Manson started grafting cider apples into their fourth generation family orchard around 9 years ago. Today, they're pouring from a tasting room nestled on their property. All through the region, portions of family orchards are being

repurposed to enable craft ciders to flow. Some labels, like Manchester Road, a consistent crowd favorite, are inspired by classic British beverages, others like Union Hill are innovating new territory. The awards and results speak for themselves.

From dry to sweet, from pear to apple, explore the newest and finest entries onto the beverage scene in the Apple Capital of the World. Experience The Big Chill Cider and Harvestfest with an emphasis on COVID safety precautions that include an outdoor setting, adherence to current masking guidelines,

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