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# Prescribed Fire, Controlled Burning

### What you Need to Know Now

BY BARBARA CARRILLO

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As summer approaches, we not only begin to think about backyard bbq's and outdoor family vacations, but also about the fire season ahead. This is the time of year we begin to examine the areas around our house and property after the long winter and look for ways to protect our home and its perimeter from wildfire. As spring turns into summer, we are also reminded that smoke can again fill our valleys and communities in the coming months due to unexpected wildfires as well as due to prescribed fire or controlled burns.

### What are the basic components of prescribed fire or controlled burning?

We know that it causes smoke in our region which can be inconvenient but what are the benefits for controlled burning and how does it

Prescribed burning is a planned

or controlled fire used to meet forest health management objectives in a specific area usually designated by federal, state and local officials as an area needing management due to years of fire exclusion. A forest needs periodic fire to become healthy again, to clear dead trees (standing and down), limbs, leaves, needles and shrubs and other competing vegetation on the forest floor so new

seedlings, shrubs and trees can grow. A forest becomes unhealthy when trees become overcrowded and fuels build up and become dangerous. When fire burns too intensely and reaches tree tops it can crown and damage well-established trees or jump from tree to tree increasing the risk of larger fires. Successful



tops and improves overall forest health and means fewer extreme wildfires.

### What is the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)?

The Wildland Urban Interface or WUI is the zone of transition between wildland and human development. When a community is in the WUI, they are at an increased risk of catastrophic wildfire.

When fires develop in the WUI, they can damage homes, communities and basic infrastructure creating havoc and grinding these communities to a halt. Prescribed and controlled burning treatments help to prevent fires from spreading to the WUI areas by managing environmental conditions in forest lands nearby. Prescribed burning has been used for thousands of years and by many groups as a forest management tool. Indigenous people in North America used it to manage wildlands for a variety of resources including plants and game species prior to European settlement.

Fire Adapted Communities, and their networks throughout the US, are also an important part of the equation. These communities have organized citizen groups who take actions to collaboratively protect infrastructure, buildings, landscapes and surrounding ecosystems in their communities to safely accept fire as part of the surroundings. Anyone can become a part of a community or network and it is a proactive approach to learning, engaging in and managing for wildfire on your community landscape. Since wildfire is a natural occurrence, we will never eliminate fire from our landscapes so we need to learn to live with fire. Fire adaptive communities plan how to live with fire before during and after wildfire occurrences.

Prescribed burning has a positive impact on our local and regional forests and communities and ensures a safer and healthier environment for everyone in the Northwest.

Learn more about prescribed fire, WUI's and Fire Adapted Communities and other resources at the Chumstick Wildfire Stewardship Coalition website at https://www. chumstickcoalition.org/beforethe-fire-2. Additional information on Fire Adapted Communities can also be found at https:// fireadaptednetwork.org/about/ frequently-asked-questions/

## School Board April 12 Meeting Includes Many Positive Updates



Marlene Farrell Correspondent

The school board meeting on April 12 began with a presentation about the Asset Preservation Program (APP) by facilities director, Teresa Disher. She explained that the status of buildings built after 1994 must be reported to the state. This is a form of accountability for new buildings, giving proof that districts are taking care of the investment. The only school in the Cascade School District that is young enough to qualify is Alpine Lakes Elementary (ALE).

"Alpine Lake's systems are running at 100%," said Disher. Normally there would be about 2% degradation of assets from usage, but due to the under-capacity usage of the building during the pandemic, that hasn't happened.

Disher also explained that all the buildings have preventative maintenance schedules that occur on an annual or biannual basis.

Next, the board heard from Kirk Sunitsch, director of Career and Technical Education (CTE). Sunitsch reminded them of the mission of CTE. which is "to provide diverse, relevant and hands-on learning opportunities for students that prepare them for career, for life and post-secondary opportunities."

CTE classes fall into 16 nationally established "career clusters." A cluster is a group of industries related by skills or products. Cascade High School (CHS) offers nine of those clusters, which is impressive for the small size of the school. These CTE areas include fields such as agriculture and natural resources, early childhood, computer science and sports medicine and health

CTE represents another pathway to graduation for some students, and these multiple pathways have been legitimized since 2019 by Washington State law. Students benefit from successful completion of CTE classes because they get credits, without cost, through Wenatchee Valley

The CTE department has received grants that have aided initiatives. A federal Perkins grant provided \$12,800. Smaller grants gave \$2500 for a 3D printer for STEM classes and \$2600 for CPR dummies that give digital feedback and a trainer's AED for CPR classes.

During remote education, handson learning is more difficult to accomplish, but teachers were able to send home kits with students, giving them supplies to complete assignments for culinary, robotics, visual arts and shop.

Some extracurriculars are tied to CTE, such as the successful Technology Student Association (TSA) and DECA, a business leadership organization, both of which have sent students to national competitions. Sunitsch mentioned, however, that the high school might go back to FBLA in place of DECA. "FBLA is a better fit for the programs  $offered\,at\,CHS, it\,has\,more\,competitive$ events including computer science, and it's less expensive," Sunitsch noted as some of the possible reasons for the switch. The decision will be made with the input from DECA officers, departmental staff and CHS administration.

CTE will continue to expand opportunities for students. For instance, upcoming construction of a greenhouse will be utilized for grades 3 through 12.

The next order of business included board approval of a few resignations and many hires. One hire was James Swanson as the new IRMS principal to begin July 1 after the retirement of current principal, Mike Janski. Swanson attended this meeting via Zoom. Swanson, a principal on Whidbey Island, was chosen out of thirteen applicants and

three finalists who each spent a full day in the district. Swanson has ties to the area, saying, "I love this valley and can't wait to get back and start building relationships.

Beckendorf-Edou shared an update

about the Leavenworth Farmer's Market, which was hosted last year at ALE, but this year will be located at the district administrative office.

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### Mayor Carl Florea weighs in on community and raise their families affordable housing legislation

By BILL FORHAN

Publisher

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

Leavenworth Mayor Carl Florea campaigned for office on the issue back in 2019 and won election with 55 percent of the vote. Florea then pushed for a measure in the state



Mayor Carl Florea

legislature that would allow the city to put a tax on lodging to be used to subsidize housing in the city. Florea's plan was built on the concept of the Lodging Tax that places a tax on hotels, motels and bed and breakfasts that currently funds promotion to keep Leavenworth's tourist economy going strong. That lodging tax generates over two million dollars per year. Florea's plan was to capture a similar amount to fund subsidized housing that would allow families who work in the tourism industry to be able to afford to live here.

In an interview with Mayor Florea last Friday I asked him how he felt about the recent legislation. The following is his response to my questions:

### How do you feel about the new legislation?

The Pandemic delayed action on my tax program. It isn't what I wanted, but I recognize these things take time. We need to adjust the understanding of what affordable housing means. The problem I see with this legislation is it limits the eligibility for individuals using the program to those who are making 60 percent or less of the average community wage. That limits it to people making less than the minimum wage. From that standpoint it is designed for homeless people not for families. My program is targeted to families working in our tourism industry so they can live here in the

### According to the Housing Study high home prices are the result of lack of inventory, how does that impact your program?

That is exactly right. We live in a beautiful area with an amazingly beautiful city. We cannot depend on rich people moving in because they can live anywhere, or they just want to retire here. We have a number of contractors that have expressed interest in building lower priced homes. The problem is to get the pricing down where we need it to be for first time home buyers, they can't make any money on it. I like to think of it as we are missing a rung on the ladder. Traditionally, families buy there first home then as they build equity and their earnings grow they move up. They can't do that when the first rung is out of reach. That is how most people in this country build their personal wealth.

### How much would this new program provide to Leavenworth?

It appears it would produce \$250 \$300 thousand per year for the affordable housing program. That is enough that we could probably bond a program to build some housing. The problem remains however that the 60 percent limit on earnings for eligibility isn't targeting the local employees we are trying to help.

Bill Forhan can be reached at 509-548-5286 or publisher@ leavenworthecho.com.



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# Community

### Be the same person, no matter what challenges that we have to deal



A WALK WITH **PASTOR IOHN SMITH** 

Sitting in my office, I am reminded of a story about Sisoes the Great. Sisoes was an Egyptian monk during the 5th century and a protégé of the Christian monastic movement's father, Anthony the Great. Siseos' life was marked with prayer, often retreating to the rocky crags and caves that littered the desert. It was those moments with God, that forged within Sisoes a deep and abiding intimacy with Christ and an unshakeable Christian conviction.

Tradition tells us that the aged and dying saint was brought into a disciple's home to be taken care of. As Sisoes lay on the bed, struggling to breathe and near death, a knock was heard on the door. Perceiving it to be Satan or an evil spirit to tempt him, he sat up in bed and answered, "Sisoes is the same man on the mountain top as he is in bed!" And with that, the unwelcomed guest never returned.

Our lives are filled with ups and downs. We can have seasons when we are on the mountain top--where we are close with God, feeling invigorated and refreshed by the Holy Spirit, and when sin loses all of its allure. Then in a moment, all of it can evaporate into a fading memory, and we are plunged into the darkest valley where the enemy assails us from every side, weakness overtakes us and we are constantly reminded of our fallenness and sin. In the valley, it is easy to succumb to despondency and temptation because of the overwhelming feeling of despair that we have been cut off from God. It is those valley experiences when our spirit is weakened and the flesh-our sinful desire-can manifest strongly, leading us astray and causing us to fall. To put it simply, it is easy to have faith in the mountain top but when you are in the valley, you are just struggling

to survive let alone believe. Much of our lives here are valley experiences. As the Psalmist says, we walk through the valley of the shadow of death (Psalm 23:4) and that darkness is pervasive. We experience pain and suffering daily. Life is full of innumerable

with. However, we can learn from Sisoes' example that regardless of the situation, he was the same man, displaying a Christian consistency. Even at his lowest point, his faith remained strong, and was able to push back when the Devil attempted to cause his fall.

How do we get to a place where we remain steadfast even through the dark valleys of our lives? It begins by being devoted to Christ. Devoted, as in, loving Jesus and yearning to be with him, and wanting to see his face. As Christians, we have not attached ourselves to a certain set of theological truths or merely hold to an orthodox

confession. We have attached (or united, rather) ourselves to a person named Jesus who possesses the fullness of grace for sinners (John 1:16).

From devotion comes discipline because discipline without devotion can easily degenerate into oppression and drudgery. Christ is not a taskmaster. He is the lover of the soul of whom as Charles Wesley said, "emptied himself of all but love." Because of that love for sinners, we participate in the Christian faith's practical disciplines: prayers, reading the Scripture, acts of mercy, etc. As Peter said in his second letter to the church in Asia minor, "supplement your

faith with virtue..." (2 Peter 1:5). In other words, contribute to your faith by adding to it character, moral excellence, and life disciplined. Much like natural supplements help the body's overall health and weather times of illness, the spiritual supplements given to us by God are there for us to be spiritually healthy and able to withstand difficult situations.

Like Sisoes, we should all strive to say that we are the same on the mountain as we are at our lowest point.

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

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She said it's great community outreach and the new location is central to a lot of neighborhoods.

Next the board approved one final round of hybrid instruction adjustments. IRMS will increase to four mornings per week of in-person instruction on 4/19, and, on 4/26, PD and ALE will increase to five mornings per week, and Beaver Valley will return to full day every day instruction because no students are remote there and they can eat lunch outside.

"We received very good input from parents," said Beckendorf-Edou, noting many expressed a need to not change teachers as the model changed. Thus, maintaining teacher/student relationships has been prioritized.

At the close of the meeting, Beckendorf-Edou and CHS principal Elia Ala'ilima-Daley, in recognition of National Assistant Principal Week, thanked CHS assistant principal Rudy Joya, noting Joya makes CHS a great place for students and staff. It is also on record that the district has a lot of job openings right now, looking for great qualified applicants who want to work

### The Chelan County drop-off brush site

Leavenworth, at the corner of East Leavenworth and Icicle roads, is open. Hours are 9 a.m. -3 p.m. Cost to use the site is \$15 a cubic yard, with a \$15 minimum. Users must pay with cash or check. The Leavenworth dropoff brush site serves residents and businesses in the Apple Maggot Quarantine Zone, which includes much of western Chelan County, including Leavenworth, Plain and Lake Wenatchee. To determine if you live in the zone, type your address into the Washington

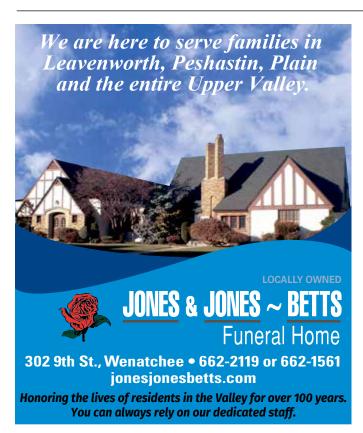
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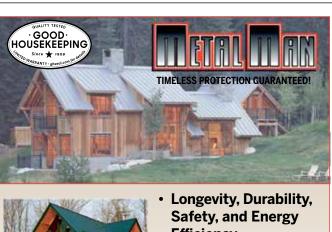
State law prohibits brush and homegrown fruit from a quarantine area to leave a quarantine area. The Dryden Transfer Station is located in a pest-free area; it does not accept yard waste from the quarantine area.

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- curbside garbage container. Do not take homegrown fruit and green waste out of the quarantined area.

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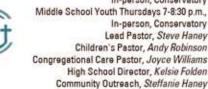
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CHRIST CENTER Cashmere Assembly of God: 509-782-2825

Worship Service Sundays 10:00 a.m., in-person, Conservatory Apple Annie's and on-line, christcentercashmere.com Underground High School Sundays 6:00 p.m., In-person, Conservatory Middle School Youth Thursdays 7-8:30 p.m.,



### **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH** Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist. Times and place will vary due to COVID restrictions. Service on YouTube or Email link: CashmereEpiscopalLutheranMinistries Contact Pastor Rob Gohl

509-860-0736 for more information. ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist. Times and place will vary due to COVID restrictions.

Service on YouTube or Email link: CashmereEpiscopalLutheranMinistries Contact Pastor Rob Gohl, 509-860-0736 or Deacon Carol, 670-1723 for more information. **EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH** 5837 Evergreen Drive • 782-1662

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m Evening Service - 6 p.m Pastor John Smith www.christforcashmere.org

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MID-VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH 8345 Stine Hill Rd. • 782-2616 Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sunday School, 9 a.m. Pastor Mike Moore www.midvalley baptist.org

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CASCADE MOUNTAIN BIBLE CHURCH 11025 Chumstick Hwy Please join us Sunday mornings 9 a.m., Sunday School 10:30 a.m., Worship Service Office: 509-548-4331



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Meetings: Sunday - 10 a.m.

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www.faithleavenworth.org FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LEAVENWORTH, SBC 429 Evans Street, 509- 470-7745

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Website: www.leavenworthbaptist.com

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111 Ski Hill Drive • 548-5292 Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Lead Pastor: Greg Appleby www.LCN.org



SPIRIT LIFE CENTER 210 Benton Street • 548-7138

Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Prayer 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Pastor Russell Esparza

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### PESHASTIN

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8455 Main Street • 548-7517 Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Pastor John Romine www.lightinthevalley.org

New LIFE FOURSQUARE CHURCH 7591 Hwy. 97 • 548-4222 Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. Pastors, Darryl and Mindy Wall Email: newlifeleavenworth@gmail.com FB page: newlifeleavenworth





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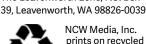
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### AA Meetings:

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, 425-773-7527, 206-719-3379 Sunday, 9 a.m., and 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St. Tuesday, noon, First Baptist Church, 429 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, noon, First Baptist Church, 429 Evans St.

Friday, 7:30 p.m., Plain Community Church, 12565 Chapel Dr., Plain

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Monday, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, 418 Evans St.

**Celebrate Recovery**, Friday, 6:30 p.m.

Email: Celebraterecoverylcn@gmail.com for information and link to the Zoom meetings.

### **■ COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

### Wednesday

Peshastin Water District, 5:30 p.m. at the Leavenworth PUD office, Contact Steve Keene, 548-5266. (2nd Wed.)

Prostate Cancer Awareness & Support Group, 8:30 a.m. Kristall's Restaurant. Call David McIntyre, M.D., 206-954-4166. (2nd Wed.)

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 Teri Miller, 509-669-1585.

### **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

### Monday

Upper Valley Free Clinic, will be 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, luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m. in person or ZOOM.

Contact President Ellie, 425-319-9869 (1st Mon. each **Leavenworth Mosquito District Board Meetings 7** 

p.m., via ZOOM, Jenny Mullins, 548-5904 (1st & 3rd Mon.)

Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts: Meeting change Call Anthony Jantzer, cell, 509-433-4064, 782-2561 or tony.iid. pid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)

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

**Leavenworth People with Parkinson's Disease Support** Group, 11 a.m. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 10170 Titus Road. Call Katherine (206) 356-4288 or Judi (425) 870-2089. (2nd Tues.

Cascade Education Foundation. Contact: CEF@cascade.

LWSC Alpine Committee, 7 p.m., Ski Hill Lodge. Call 548-

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**

Customers will be required to wear a mask, practice social distancing, and limit their visit to around thirty minutes, all of the library buildings will have a 25 percent occupancy limit. Library patrons who prefer minimal contact service, curbside pickup will continue to be offered at all branches. Leavenworth Library new hours: Monday 10-2, Tuesday 10-2, Wednesday 10-7, Thursday 10-7, Friday 3-7, Saturday 10-2. Libraries will continue to offer a wide variety of resources and

programs online at newlibraries.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 Peshastin Public Library. Located at 8396 Main St., Peshastin

Call: 548-7821or Peshastin@ncwlibraries.org

### **Other events**

The Greater Leavenworth Museum, formerly known as the Upper Valley Museum, is now 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.

### Leavenworth

### Annual Spring Clean-Up

April 12-30 the City Crew will pick up extra yard debris in recyclable paper bags at no charge. For more details, including what to put in the bags, check out the flyer 2021 Spring Clean Up Flyer at cityofleavenworth.com

We're also working with Chelan County Fire District 3 to time the Leavenworth Community Chipping Program with the Spring Clean-Up so that you can get your woody limbs and branches chipped, and then get them into bags for yard debris pick up. Check out the Chipping Program Flyer at cityofleavenworth.com

### Leavenworth **Nutcracker Museum** Board Opening

The Leavenworth Nutcracker Museum (a local nonprofit corp.) is seeking talented and/ or experienced community member that would be interested in adding their skills and enthusiasm to the LNM Board of Directors. The board meets monthly and members

are expected to volunteer on one or more committees. Direct inquiries to Briar Hoper, LNM Board President, 509-679-4478.

Applications are still being

### PEO Chapter JF Scholarships-Last Chance

accepted for the Upper Valley Scholarship supported by P.E.O. Chapter JF. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist women in need of financial help return to higher education in an accredited university, college or technical school in the State of Washington. This needsbased scholarship must be used for school expenses and will be paid directly to the school. Applications must be received for consideration by April 30, 2021. Scholarship funds will be available by the Fall of 2021, and be sent directly to the school financial department upon confirmation of enrollment. Women interested in applying for the scholarship may receive more detailed information concerning the application process, as well as request the application form by contacting: Mimi Keller, Scholarship Committee Chair. mimikeller5@ icloud.com

### State Parks on Earth Day

Enjoy a Free day in Washington State Parks, no Discover Pass needed.

### Chelan County District Court Account Relief **Program**

Chelan County District Court and District Court Probation are offering a limited time, unique opportunity for our citizens who have Chelan County District Court related debt currently in collections. This program will provide our community with a one-time opportunity to significantly reduce those accounts to enable a payoff. The program began April 15th. call Armada Corp, 509-884-8000, OR Chelan County District Court, 509-667-6600

## Earth Day River Clean

Celebrate the Earth by cleaning up along the Wenatchee River on Thursday, April 22, 4-6 p.m. Meet at Wenatchee River Institutes's parking lot at 4 p.m. Event will go for two hours, but you can leave when ever you would like.

17:43 Theft, 10700 Stemm Rd.,

18:31 Public assist, 116 River

19:12 Civil, 16063 River Rd., Plain

19:42 Traffic offense, US Hwy. 2,

19:52 Harass/threat, 16069 River

09:24 Trespass, 4637 US Hwy. 97,

12:38 Fraud/forgery, 18632 Beaver

13:30 Domestic disturbance, 8840

Josephine Ave., Dryden

Campbell Rd., Peshastin

18:25 Traffic offense, Fir Dr. &

Lake Wenatchee Hwy., Lake

20:16 Miscellaneous, 11685 US

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21:13 Noise, 302 Commercial

21:38 Noise, 302 Commercial

14:44 Vehicle theft, 5960

12:16 Noise, 302 Commercial

Bend Dr., Safeway

Smallwoods

MP 101

Rd., Plain

April 14

Peshastin

St., #B

Valley Rd.

Wenatchee

St., #B

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April 15



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.

### **April 9**

08:39 911call, 122 Morning Star Ln., Plain

08:44 Animal problem, 7375 Icicle Rd., Sleeping Lady 09:01 Public assist, 8124 US

Hwy. 2, Peshastin 10:14 Harass/threat, 16437 Second Creek Rd.

12:54 Public assist, 12115 Titus 15:43 Parking/abandon, 236

Scholze St. 16:11 911, 3585 Allen Ln., Peshastin

18:13 Weapons violation, 308 Zelt Strasse 20:15 Court order violation, 3628

Allen Ln., Peshastin 21:18 Extra patrol, Beaver Valley Rd., MP 15, Plain 22:29 Trespass, 9073 US Hwy. 2,

**Dryden Transfer Station** 23:17 Agency assist, 817 Commercial St.

23:23 Disturbance, 920 US Hwy.

2, Union 76 23:41 Traffic offense, Beaver Valley & River Roads

### April 10

07:59 Noise, 302 Commercial St., #B 08:58 Welfare check, 21588 Lake Wenatchee Hwy.

11:19 Animal problem, 13455 Chumstick Hwy.

■ CASCADE

Thursday, April 22

Friday, April 23

chocolate milk.

milk.

Monday, April 26

juice, chocolate milk.

Tuesday, April 27

Wednesday, April 28

chocolate milk.

**SCHOOL MENU** 

strawberries, chocolate milk.

April 11

Hwy., MP 10

10:12 Civil, 10395 Chumstick Hwy.

19:28 Traffic offense, Chumstick

12:45 Unknown accident, 617 US Hwy. 2, Gustavs 19:06 Agency assist, 16974 River

Rd., Plain 19:11 Welfare check, 263 Mine St., #108

19:14 Suspicious, 320 Park Ave., 19:46 Disturbance, 289 Whitman

20:10 Noise, 302 Commercial St., #C

### April 12

09:37 Traffic offense, Chumstick Hwy., MP 4

12:40 Trespass, 1133 US Hwy.

13:10 Suspicious, 9088 Derby Canyon Rd., Peshastin 16:18 Accident, no injuries,

Beaver Valley & Bretz Roads 17:12 Traffic offense, 7730 Mountain Home Rd.

### April 13

Breakfast: Sausage & egg croissant, orange juice, chocolate

Lunch: Pepper Jack bean burritos. Mexican slaw. sliced

Lunch: Pizza bagel, broccoli & tomato salad, blueberries,

Breakfast: Assorted cereal, chocolate bear cracker, orange

Lunch: Hamburger, shoestring French fries, apple, chocolate

Breakfast: Homemade cinnamon roll, orange juice, chocolate

Lunch: Cheese pizza, three bean salad, pears, chocolate milk.

**Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, orange juice, chocolate milk.

Lunch: Philly cheesesteak, baked beans, applesauce,

Breakfast: Oatmeal, orange juice, chocolate milk.

10:13 Public assist, 3625 Allen

14:06 Public assist, 10773 US Hwy. 2, Peshastin

### 09:21 Alarm, 23379 Lake

Wenatchee Hwy. 10:01 Public assist, 8480 Icicle Rd. 11:13 911 call, 320 Park Ave.

14:29 Domestic disturbance, 11689 Sunitsch Canyon Rd. 16:06 Fraud/forgery, 8250 E.

Leavenworth Rd. 16:27 Property, 116 River Bend Dr., Safeway

18:01 Alarm, 16200 Telemark Ln., Lake Wenatchee 20:32 Domestic disturbance, 11685 Sunitsch Canyon Rd.

22:37 911 call, 100 Enchantment

Park Way

### **Chelan County District Court** reduces fines

SUBMITTED BY JUDGE ROY AND JUDGE KYLE MOTT

### Account relief program

Chelan county District Court and District Court Probation are offering a limited time debt relief program.

If you have account balances with Armada Corp from unpaid fines and fees ordered by Chelan County District Court, you may qualify to have your account balances significantly reduced.

This program begins on 04/15/2021 and ends 05/31/2021.

It is the court's intent to provide an opportunity to pay off your court fines and fees, probation costs as well as court ordered victim restitution at a greatly reduced cost.

Please call Armada Corp at 509-884-8000, Chelan County District Court at 509-667-6600 or Chelan County Probation 509-667-6656 with questions or to discuss your eligibility for this limited time program

### ■ CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Call phone numbers for meetings or Zoom information 7 p.m., Leavenworth Planning Commission at City Hall contact Lilith Vespier, 548-5275. (1st Wed.) 8 a.m., Leavenworth City Council study session, City

3 p.m., Design Review Board, City Hall, Sue Cragun 548-5275

6:30 p.m., Leavenworth City Council meeting, City Hall,

Hall, 548-5275. (2nd Tues.

548-5275 (2nd & 4th Tues.)

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# Recreation

# The Washington Outdoors Report



Willie Nelson with Northwest Bass and Nixon's Marine explaining the rules at a meeting the night

A Really Big Bass **Tournament** By John Kruse

before the tournament

The bass biggest tournament to hit the Pacific Northwest in a long time took place April 10 at Potholes Reservoir in the Columbia Basin. The competition in question was the Berkley Big Bass Tournament and Ground Zero was MarDon Resort, a place that has hosted more than it's share of fishing tournaments over the last 50 years. The event, cancelled twice in 2020 due to Covid pandemic restrictions, drew a record number of anglers from not only Washington, but also Oregon, Idaho, Montana and even Arkansas. Altogether, 200 teams registered to fish

this unique contest. Normally, a team of two anglers attempts to catch five bass with the heaviest overall weight winning. In this tournament though, there were seven hourly weigh-ins and the biggest bass caught when we started and as the Pennington from Arkansas. each hour was worth \$2,000.

Better still, if you caught the bass with an Abu Garcia rod or reel you got an additional \$1,000. On top of that, the next four heaviest bass weighed in each hour were worth anywhere from \$500 to \$150.

One interesting twist to this tournament is the fact that you were limited to only using hard and soft baits from Berkley or other Pure Fishing brands like Johnson or Sebile. While this may seem overly restrictive, it's not. Berkley has a full range of soft plastic baits and lures and they are very effective. The night before the tournament there was a meeting where members from all of the teams went over the rules and then it was off to bed before launching the boats in the morning and blasting off from MarDon Resort shortly after 6 a.m.

The biggest challenge facing anglers on tournament day wasn't the fish; it was the wind. There was already a stiff 15 to 20 MPH breeze morning progressed it only got worse, with gusts up to 37 MPH. A few boats decided not to launch and a few more decided to come in early but the vast majority of anglers battled the winds and the waves searching for a big bass.

I'd like to say my fishing partner, Rusty Johnston and I, got into the money but that didn't happen. I caught a decent bass on my first cast and ten minutes later Rusty caught one just shy of three pounds. Not long after that though the fuse for our electric trolling motor blew and 45 minutes later, the spare did too, putting us at a huge disadvantage for the rest of the day. In fact, the only other fish we caught was a hefty 17-inch rainbow trout, not exactly the fish you are looking to catch during a bass tournament.

The biggest hourly winning bass weighed in Saturday was a 5.98 pound largemouth The smallest hourly winner

standing in front of was one weighed in by Tate Webb at 4.85 pounds. The hot lure for most of the big bass winners? A black and blue jig with a Berkley chigger or crawfish trailer though Pennington's fish was caught

> on a Warpig lipless crankbait. As for the big winners, that would be the team of Micah Hart and Tate Webb from Richland, Washington. The two actually weighed in two hourly winning fish, earning a nice check for \$4,000. Better still, they held the one working key (out of the seven given out to the hourly winners) that started the engine to a Skeeter ZX150 bass boat from Nixon's Marine, allowing them to win that \$42,000 boat as well.

> Tate Webb (left) and Micah Hart won two hourly weigh-ins and the Skeeter bass boat they are

> Will the Berkley Big Bass Tournament be back next year? Probably so, and if you want to sign up check www. northwestbass.com towards the end of the year for details.

John Kruse - www. northwestern outdoors.comand www.





# Current: The free, must-have app for a busy season on the water



SUBMITTED BY RACHEL HANSEN

Chelan PUD

WENATCHEE -With temperatures hitting the 80s this weekend, Chelan PUD is preparing for what could be record-breaking day-use on local waterways this spring and summer. With so many recreationists converging on Lake Chelan and the Columbia River, preparation will be key to a safe and enjoyable trip. That's exactly why we're reminding customer-owners and visitors to download our free Current app.

"The Current app delivers six different features to help you plan your day on the water," said Ryan Baker, PUD Parks Manager. "Having more data points makes for more informed decisions, especially if you are new to the river."

Baker believes two features are particularly helpful for new users: boat launch water depth and real-time river flow.

The boat launch feature provides live readings on the water depth at the end of each ramp. Baker noted that this will point people to the launch that's right for their particular boat, especially if it's large. If you're not able to get deep enough off the ramp, the boat will not make it off the trailer.

River flows are also an important reference point for human-powered activities, such as kayaking or stand-up paddleboarding.

"You can use Current to better understand the difficultly of paddling upstream at different flow rates – or how quickly you can travel downstream," Baker said. "That will help you decide how far you can safely travel from your launch point."

The Current app is available for iOS and Android platforms. You can find the download link and a 30-second video at chelanpud.org/app.



We're holding another community meeting to make sure we hear all your thoughts and ideas on the Osborn Property.

Come join us on Zoom! Follow the QR code above or use the meeting details below:

Meeting ID: 857 0560 1440 Passcode: 959496

One tap mobile: +1 253 215 8782





Das Thrift Haus is opening its doors. We will also be taking clothing and household at the sorting center again. Kindly bring donations to our sorting center.



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# Erin Mullins, CHS graduate, is Still Running Strong



Erin Mullins, a 2017 graduate of Cascade High School (CHS), enjoyed the spotlight frequently during her high school running days. She earned four CHS records along the way, for cross country, and in track for the 800m, mile and two mile.

deserves recognition again because she just had a breakout college cross country season, culminating in qualifying and going to NCAA cross country Nationals. Mullins is in her fourth year and attending Washington State University, after transferring last fall from Boise State University.

Mullins explained that, while college sports resumed

this school year, there were fewer races due to COVID-19 restrictions on travel and meet sizes, and cross country and indoor track overlapped. She competed in both the 3k on the indoor track and the 6k in cross country. "I had six races total, but only four of them were cross country. I was finding a bit of improvement, but then I had the race with a 48 second personal record (PR). That was a huge improvement."

Her PR, clocked at 19:56.9 for a 6k (which is a blazing 5:19 per mile pace), occurred at the critical moment, the PAC 12 Championship hosted by University of Washington. Mullins' WSU team didn't qualify for Nationals, so Mullins had to wait two days before she found out she made the at-large individual qualifying standard.

Nationals, held in Oklahoma City, was the biggest race of the season by far. "It was a bit overwhelming because we hadn't been in such big races. The other races felt a lot more

When asked what helped her achieve her substantial PR, Mullins said, "I was really determined because I had been through a lot of adversity with running. On the start line I decided to be aggressive and stick with the chase pack [right behind the leaders]. I have a tendency to fall back in the second half, but in that race, I was able to maintain my pace."

Track season is ahead, and Mullins will be running the 5k and 10k. In her first race of the track season and first time ever doing a track 10k, she finished in 34:51. "I went out pretty fast because I'm trying to get the qualifying time [for Nationals], and I ended up finishing probably about thirty seconds off what the preliminary qualifying time is going to be.'

Mullins' resolve and dedication to this sport that she loves helped her survive the challenges of injury and some mental health issues. When COVID-19 cancelled college sports and classes went remote, she came home

the Boise program when she was dealing with mental health issues and had to withdraw from classes for a semester. "I felt a lot of regret," she said. "I feel a lot less guilty now, but I don't like the imperfection of it." It took persistence to find a team to transfer to, but it's

to Leavenworth, recovering

from an injury. Running at

home with friends and on

trails allowed her to recoup

and made training fun again.

"It had felt like an obligation

difficult it was to be cut from

Mullins is open about how

for a while."

In addition to her sport, she's found her academic groove, working toward a double major in journalism and science communication. Her passion and skill in writing has

paying off in the good fit for

Mullins at WSU.

come out in her semi-frequent Instagram posts honoring a woman who "crushes it." Mullins explained, "I started last October doing these posts that I would dedicate to people in my life, females who had achieved cool things. I wanted to shift the focus on Instagram away from being about appearances.'

For the near future, Mullins hopes to gain a journalism internship, and if remote, she'll enjoy being back in Leavenworth for the summer. "I miss a lot of the Leavenworth trails. Boise and Pullman aren't comparable. Leavenworth also has a pretty supportive environment for endurance sports." Mullins keeps in touch with her old coaches, particularly Dayle Massey and Eric Wulfman. "They have been supportive through everything."

"Erin was always the hardest working kid," recalled Wulfman. "It was very satisfying to see her achievements this season. Erin shows what can be done when you focus, put in the work and show up on race day."

While reaching a goal such as qualifying for another Nationals is nice, Mullins is more focused on processbased goals. She knows the importance of long stretches of uninjured training. She plans to ramp up her volume and continue working on mental toughness. She said some people expect her to do well, but every race is a challenge. "I start each race with doubts. It doesn't really get easier. I'm trying to figure out how to have a higher pain tolerance. And stay in the moment."





We all need to be reminded to say "Thank you" to all those in the front lines working to keep us safe and healthy, in everyday health and now especially during this time of the COVID-19 Virus.

### Nurses Week is May 6-12

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Lindsay: 860-7301 or Adexec1@ncwmedia.net

### How to Relieve Dry Eyes

Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, I still wear a surgical mask every minute while at work, putting it on as I step out of my car into our clinic parking lot, and wearing it until opening my car door again to head home.

At my clinic we are expected to keep our masks on unless we are eating, drinking, or are alone in our office. After hours of exhaling into my mask, my eyes feel tired and gritty, like they have bits of sand in them.

Exposure to windy, dusty, or smoky conditions can trigger dry eye symptoms. Another common cause of dry eyes is taking medicines that interfere with making saliva and tear fluids, especially bladder control medicines, antidepressants, and heart medicines.

Tears help keep your eyes healthy by keeping the surface of your eye moist, lubricating the inside of your eyelids, and helping wash dust and foreign objects away. We make about 1ml (one-quarter teaspoonful) of tears every day. While most tear fluid evaporates directly from your eye, excess moisture can drain out through tiny holes in the inner corners of your eye called punctums.

Some diseases like Sjogren's syndrome cause dry mouth as well as dry eyes. Parkinson's disease can cause you to blink less frequently, reducing the lubricating effect of your tears. Bell's palsy is a temporary paralysis of the face, often affecting eye muscles, and can prevent an eye from closing all the way, allowing more tear fluid to evaporate.

Some strategies that can help relieve dry eyes include keeping yourself hydrated, increasing your environment's humidity, eliminating medications that are causing discomfort, taking Omega-3 fatty acids, and using eye lubricant drops and ointments.

If you are on a medication

that you suspect may be causing your eyes to be dry, contact vour doctor and ask if you can either have a trial off of it or switch to another medicine. Avoid dry, dusty conditions, and consider using a humidifier.

People who wear protective face masks may notice that their glasses fog up when they breathe out. To keep that to a minimum, when wearing a surgical mask, put it on so that the metal strip is across the top edge. Pinch that strip in so that the metal edge hugs your nose and upper cheeks. This helps direct your exhaling breaths out through the sides of your mask instead of the top, preventing your glasses from getting fogged up.

After I had LASIK surgery 20 years ago to correct my vision, they told me that I would probably need eye drops for the rest of my life. After carrying around a bottle of eye drops everywhere, I tried taking fish oil with Omega-3 fatty acids, which worked great and was far more convenient. Fish oil and flaxseed are good sources of Omega-3 fatty acids.

When choosing an eye drop for dry eye, consider how much lubrication you need. The more viscous the eye drop, the more lubricating it is, but also the more clumpy residue they will leave on your evelashes.

Most eye drops contain a preservative to discourage infections. Those that don't are sold in single-use containers and are significantly more expensive. During the years that I wore contact lenses, I developed a sensitivity to two common preservatives used in contact lens solutions and lubricating drops: benzalkonium and chloride parabens. "Disappearing preservatives" are now widely available, which break apart when they contact your tear fluid.

Personally, I find using an eve ointment very soothing,



but I only use them at bedtime because they make my vision blurry.

Here are 7 Tips to Help Relieve Dry Eye Symptoms:

1. Hydrate and humidify your surroundings.

Make sure you drink enough water and avoid dry and dusty conditions. Consider using a humidifier indoors.

Check medicines.

Tell your doctor about your dry eye symptoms and ask if any of your medications could be the cause.

3. Try Omega-3 fatty acids.

Fish oil, flaxseed, and other Omega-3 supplements may relieve dry eye symptoms.

4. Use just one drop. Adding more than one eye drop at a time only forces the extra out of your eye, wasting

5. Keep it clean.

Always wash your hands before using eye drops, and keep uncapped tips from touching any surfaces. 6. Choose eye drops

disappearing preservatives. Disappearing preservatives

are much less irritating than benzalkonium chloride, EDTA, or parabens.

7. Consider using eye ointment at bedtime.

Bedtime is the best time to use eye ointment to avoid having blurry vision.

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy, is a 40-year veteran of pharmacology and author of Why Dogs Can't Eat Chocolate: How Medicines Work and How YOU Can Take Them Safely. Looking for clear answers to your medication questions? Check out her website and blog  $at\ www. Medication Insider.$ com. 2021 Louise Achey





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Interested candidates may apply online 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

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Please visit

for the position. E-mail your completed application to

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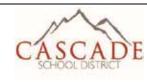


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Personal Representative: Jon Rex Port 1833 North Wenatchee Avenue Wenatchee, WA 98801 Attorney for Estate: Kyle D. Flick Attorney at Law 222 South Mission Wenatchee, Washington 98801 (509) 662-3333 DATED this 9th day of April 2021. LAW OFFICE OF

By /s/ KYLE D. FLICK KYLE D. FLICK, WSBA #14963 Attorney for Estate

KYLE D. FLICK, P.S.

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### **Public Notices**

CITY OF LEAVENWORTH On the 13th day of April, 2021, the City Council of the City of Leavenworth, Washington passed the following ordinances.

A summary of the contents provides as follows:

Ordinance 1624: An ordinance of

the City of Leavenworth, WA, amending title 10 Vehicles and Traffic to adopt a new Chapter 10.10 Residential Parking Zones. Ordinance 1625: An ordinance of the City of Leavenworth, WA, adopting certain revenue and expenditure appropriations in the 2021-2022 budget and ordinance #1623 for the City of Leavenworth. A copy of the full text of the ordinances is available at Leavenworth City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to Chantell R. Steiner, Finance Director/City Clerk, City of Leavenworth, PO Box 287, Leavenworth, WA 98826.

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### **Public Notices**

### **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Leavenworth City Council will conduct a public hearing on the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan, on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:45 P.M. via Zoom Conferencing, see details on final location/access via the City website at www.cityofleavenworth.com. There are three ways to attend this Zoom meeting:

(1) hyperlink https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8682096

9851?pwd=WDZFS2x4WHRSaTF VU0phVUI2clJ4QT09; (2) Meeting ID: 868 2096 9851

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Moms'



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# **Opinion**

# Should Douglas County PUD be **Deciding our Economic Future?**



Randy Agnew Rock Island Mayor

Aaron Viebrock assured everyone at the public meetings on April 6th that commissioners had "made up their minds" regarding the proposed new rates for high load users. But listening to the discussion of the commissioners after the public comment period was closed, it sure didn't sound that way. Apparently, the request by virtually every public official in Douglas County asking the PUD to set rates that would be competitive with the surrounding PUD districts where potential high load users could choose to locate had no effect whatsoever. Some people might call that tone deaf.

meeting. At the representative of Sabey stated that they were paying about 3.5 cents per kW in Grant County for power. Douglas County PUD commissioners adopted a rate of 4.5 cents per kW on April 12.

Let's take a look at the difference that (4.5 - 3.5 =)1.0¢ per kW makes to a high load user. For server farms, electricity accounts for up to 70% of their total operating costs. For the purpose of my comparisons, I'll use 60% instead of 70%. So, let's compare two server farms that both use an average of 10 MW of electricity and where server farm A is paying 3.5¢\kW and server farm B is paying 4.5¢\ kW. We'll also assume that all other costs of the two farms are the same. For what it's worth, I've been a computer programmer for nearly 40 years writing complete accounting systems for larger businesses. But please, double check my math. (see Table 1)

Just for fun let's consider the additional cost that 1.0¢ per kW would make to Microsoft if they were actually using the 180 MW we were told they want at full build out.

180,000kW x 24hrs x 30days x .01 = \$1,296,000 per monthadditional cost.

 $180,000 \mathrm{kW}$  x  $24 \mathrm{hrs}$  x  $365 \mathrm{days}$ x .01 = \$15,768,000 per yearadditional cost.

TABLE 1 30 day Monthly Electric Bill

10,000kW x 24hrs x 30days x rate

Annual Electric Costs (365 days)

**Total Annual Business Costs** 

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CANTWELL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As

thousands of Washingtonians

experience increasing housing

insecurity and communities

around the state face affordable

housing shortages and high

levels of homelessness, U.S.

Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA)

and U.S. Representative Suzan DelBene (D, WA-01)

have introduced legislation

to increase investment in

affordable housing, build tens

of thousands of new affordable

units around the state, and

provide more resources and stronger protections for at-risk

"The State of Washington

has an affordable housing

crisis, and our experiences are

all too familiar for so many

groups.

dollars a year difference! Does anyone think a \$16.000.000\vear and 28% savings doesn't matter to Microsoft? Or to any other business for that matter?

Unlike the PUD, businesses don't have a monopoly where they can just arbitrarily charge their customers whatever they feel like. They have other businesses that they have to compete with. According to a report on globenewswire. com there were about 2,600 data centers in the US as of December 2020. The four largest providers in the US are Amazon, Microsoft, Google and IBM. That's serious competition.

I heard multiple comments that Microsoft "can afford to pay those rates". Unfortunately, the commenter's apparently don't understand how private business works. It doesn't matter how much Microsoft "can afford to pay", like any other private business those costs are actually paid by the Microsoft's customers and, in the real world, customers generally don't chose to pay 28% more for the same product. While there may be minor differences, for all practical purposes the major data centers are all providing essentially the same product. We can use gasoline or electricity as good analogies. It doesn't really matter what service station\PUD you buy gas\electricity from, you're getting the same product.

So, Farm B's cost of doing business is 28.57% higher than Farm A. That means Farm B has to charge its customers 28% more to make the same profit margin as Farm A. Of course, according to the commenter's, Microsoft could just take a 28% reduction in their profit margin "cuz they can afford it". Most businesses don't make a 28% net profit. In other words a 28% reduction in net profit for most businesses would bankrupt them. But even if a business could take a 28% reduction in net profit without going bankrupt, they certainly won't be able to compete very long with a competitor making 28% higher profit margins selling the same product at the same price.

Let's consider our gas analogy again and substitute Service Stations for Server Farms. Let's also assume Station A's gas is \$3.00\gallon.

communities in every state

around the country," Cantwell

said. "Too many people are

paying too much money to keep

a roof over their heads, and the

COVID-19 pandemic has only

made the crisis worse. This

bill will strengthen and expand

our nation's most successful

federal housing program

to build more than 66,000

new affordable units around

our state and more than two

million nationwide over ten

years. We know this program

works. Now is a critical time

to invest in it to fight back

against our affordable housing

crisis and make sure we're not

affordable housing is at an

all-time high because of the

COVID-19 pandemic. Congress

should leverage the proven

"Our nation's need for more

leaving families behind."

\$324,000

\$3,942,000

\$5,986,000

Cantwell, DelBene Legislation

Would Build Affordable Housing

Units in Washington State

Farm A

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Using the same 28.57% price difference, Station B's gas would be \$3.86\gallon. As an individual, where are you going to fill up your car? Where is a farmer going to buy gas for his farm equipment? I can guarantee that most people aren't going to pay \$3.86\gal for gas if they can buy it for \$3.00\gal. For a 20 gallon fill up that's a difference of \$17.20. Or putting it another way, nearly 6 FREE gallons of gas at Station A. Now let's consider a business like UPS which is using hundreds, thousands or millions of gallons of gas a day. Where do you think they're going to buy gas?

If Microsoft could save nearly \$16 million per year at full build out (180 MW) between Douglas County and somewhere else nearby, why would they build here? If any high load business can save 28% on costs by locating somewhere other than Douglas County, why would any of them locate here?

In Grant County the assessment rates for property taxes have dropped significantly since the server farms began locating there. I realize that due to the rapid rise in property values we've seen everywhere over the last few years, not everyone in Grant County may have seen a decrease in their property taxes. but, if it weren't for the server farms, they all would have seen a much larger increase in their property taxes.

Using an investment of just \$1 Billion by Microsoft over the next few years (which is a little more than ½ of what they've already invested in Grant County), the Regional Port District and Douglas County estimated that the average home owner would see a reduction of \$300 to \$700 per year in their property taxes. While that's a pretty nice benefit to everyone in Douglas County, it's only one of the many benefits we would

Microsoft has committed several million dollars worth of expansions and upgrades to local infrastructure if they go ahead with their building plans in Douglas County. For example, they've committed to a \$16 to \$18 million upgrade of the East Wenatchee Water District's system that would benefit not just Microsoft but a lot of residential water users as well. And again, that's just one of the improvements\upgrades

success of the Housing Credit

to build more affordable

housing units that will help

more families find a safe place

to call home," said DelBene.

"This legislation has earned

the support of a bipartisan

majority of the House of

Representatives in the past.

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the finish line and increase

affordable housing production

In recent years, Washington

state has experienced a severe

housing affordability crisis.

Between 2006 and 2015, the

median income in the state

increased three percent, but

the median rent increased by

18%. Nearly 230,000 Washington

households pay more than half

of their monthly income on

rent. Among extremely low-

income renters in the state,

across the country.'

Difference as %

28.57%

Difference (B – A)

\$72,000

\$876,000

\$876,000

build here.

they've committed to... if they

I appreciate and agree with the PUD's conservative approach to fiscal matters, especially when considering debt. I am a big supporter of the new Hydrogen production facility the PUD is building. I also appreciate the PUD's objective of keeping rates low for residential users. But I completely disagree with the idea that having the lowest residential rates should be the primary goal of the PUD.

The PUD was given a monopoly for the purpose of providing electricity to everyone in the county that needs it. They were never intended to use that monopoly to eliminate economic choices that don't happen to suit their personal interests and preferences. Just like every other elected official, PUD commissioners are elected to represent the people that elected them, not the agency to which they were elected... to do what is in the best interest of the people, not simply what is in the best interest of the agency.

As the Wenatchee valley transitions away from the predominantly agricultural based economy it has historically had, the people need businesses that will provide high paying skilled iobs. Not just the minimum wage jobs that the service and tourism industries provide. We also don't need to become the retirement community for wealthy Seattlites and retired PUD workers. High tech businesses like Microsoft and others present the opportunity for our young people to learn technical skills that result in good paying jobs and create an economic environment where everyone benefits.

I find it more than a little odd that the PUD doesn't seem to care at all what benefits datacenters may provide to the residents, businesses and local agencies of Douglas County. Nor do they seem to care at all what the rest of the local agencies all agree on. Perhaps the PUD knows something that they aren't willing to share regarding the location choices of high load businesses in the region. I sincerely hope that's the case and Microsoft does go ahead and build here. But if the PUD deprives the people of Douglas County and the greater Wenatchee area of the benefits that high load businesses can provide... I think they should be held to account. I don't believe the PUD should be determining the economic future of Douglas

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## I LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I don't want "the shot", and no one can make me take one! Why can't I jay-walk? As if that painted crosswalk would stop anything. shirt, no shoes, no service", what a concept! I know how to swim, ergo, why do I need a life vest?

Don't even get me started on those insane seat-belt rules. Now "they" tell me my son will be made to repeat the third grade! Just because "someone" (Big Brother) says he can't read or write at some

arbitrary, acceptable, level! Speed limits? Give me a break. I would tell you where to put that face mask, if I thought the paper would print it. A certain age to drive, a certain age to enter bars and taverns, a certain age to vote!

A certain age to be able to be President of the United States, and yet no minimum IQ? Go figure!!

Cashmere P.S. You asked for it, Gary!

Peace and love, **Charlie Olinghouse** 



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