



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

By SEN. BRAD HAWKINS

The Washington State Constitution states that education is its paramount duty (Article IX, Sec 1). As a result, education policy and taxes have always been of significant importance in our state. You may remember that the Washington State Supreme Court issued its McCleary Decision on education funding in 2012.

This was a landmark case that required the state to significantly increase its funding for K-12 education. In response, over several budget cycles, the Legislature took steps to address this decision and the high court determined the funding had been achieved in 2018 and closed the case.

How are public schools funded and administered?

The Supreme Court's McCleary decision on education funding has significantly influenced Washington state's school funding, but the court's decision has largely overshadowed the important role that school districts play in developing local priorities, approving annual budgets, and managing their operations. School districts are actually local governments, not state agencies.

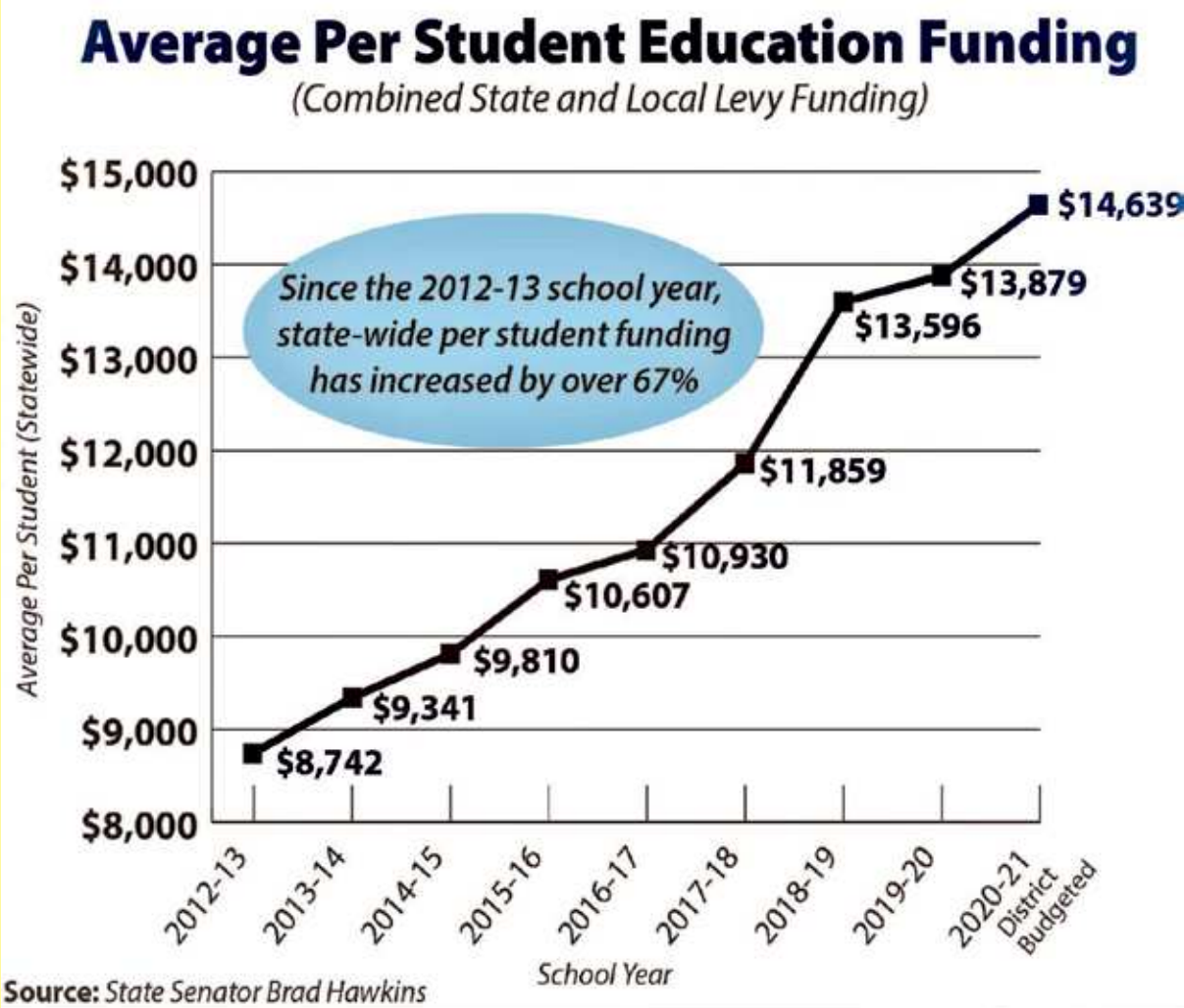
They are governed by their own locally elected school boards, and their districts are administered by their own superintendents. Washington state has 295 school districts, each with unique needs and varied priorities. Districts receive the majority of their funds from state dollars on a per-student basis along with local and federal funds.

The 295 different school districts across the state collect revenues, develop local priorities, and administer their budgets. School districts should prudently invest their taxpayer dollars (local, state, and federal) to implement their programs, negotiate sustainable contracts with their employees, and manage their operations.

State funding to school districts is based on a "general apportionment" formula in accordance with an approved "prototypical" funding model.

The funding can vary slightly based on the characteristics of the district's student population, but it is largely based on overall enrollment. Additionally, school districts have the option of seeking local tax authorization and tax increases to supplement their federal and state funding.

These funds are in the form of "local levy dollars" authorized by a community vote and paid out of your local property tax dollars. The amount of levy funds sought can vary greatly by school district, which



also results in some variations of per-student funding levels, once all sources of funds (local, state, and federal) are combined by the districts.

Overall, the per-student funding in Washington state has significantly increased. After the state's significantly increased funding for K-12 education was finalized, I voted to cap how much school districts could request in their local levies. Unfortunately, the cap that the Legislature put in place during the McCleary reforms was lifted just a couple years later, allowing school districts to seek even more local property tax increases.

However, despite school districts requesting more funding in their levies, most communities have consistently supported the tax increases with at least 50 percent voter approval.

How are school facilities funded?

School districts seek local levies to supplement their operating costs. These day-to-day costs of operating a school district include staffing, utilities, supplies, food services, and transportation fuel. Local levies are short-term taxes, lasting up to four years, and require 50 percent voter support for approval.

For building construction and

major renovations, schools seek community voter approval for issuing bonds, which are long-term obligations. These proposals involve longer-term property tax impacts because bonds are paid back to investors over time (with interest) and could include a 25-year payback schedule.

As such, there is a higher threshold of 60 percent voter support required for approval. For the school districts that receive community support for school construction, the state provides additional support to match a portion or all of those funds through the state capital budget's School Construction and Assistance Program.

While both school levies (for learning) and school bonds (for buildings) include a community vote and a property tax impact for the approving communities, the thresholds for approval are different as school levy proposals require 50 percent voter approval and school bond proposals require 60 percent voter approval.

Legislature considers reducing voter approval for bonds

In recent years, some school advocates have sought to reduce the existing 60 percent approval threshold for school construction bonds to a 50 percent simple

majority. In 2007, before my service began in the Legislature, the state reduced school levy approval from 60 percent to 50 percent where it still stands today.

The effort to do the same for school construction bonds has been active for at least the past few years. In order to make this change, since it would involve altering a provision in the Washington Constitution, both the House and Senate would need to approve the legislation by a two-thirds vote and then the measure must receive a statewide voter approval of at least 50 percent.

During my service in the Senate a few years ago, the simple majority school bond measure came to the Senate floor but failed to garner the two-thirds approval needed to pass the Senate and move to the House of Representatives. There are two bills this year related to this issue. Senate Bill 5386 would lower the threshold for school bond votes from 60 percent to 55 percent, and House Bill 1226 would lower the threshold from 60 percent to 50 percent. If not approved this year, both bills will be eligible next session.

Sen. Brad Hawkins serves the 12th District, which covers much of North Central Washington.

Legislature passes affordable housing legislation



District 12 Senator Brad Hawkins



CVHT Mike Cooney

By MANAGING EDITOR

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Olympia—District 12 Senator Brad Hawkins and 12 other Republican senators voted against the bill HB 1070 meant to give more flexibility to local housing agencies and cities wanting to use local tax revenues to build or encourage affordable housing. They lost.

House Bill 1070 modifies allowed uses of local tax revenue for affordable housing and related services to include the acquisition and construction of affordable housing and facilities.

These GOP senators voted no: Brown, Dozier, Erickson, Hawkins, Honeyford, McCune, Muzzall, Padden, Schoesler, Wagoner, Warnick, Wilson, J, and Wilson, L.

State Senator for District 12, Brad Hawkins, had this to say exclusively to NCW Media, "House Bill 1070 was approved by the House of Representatives by a vote of 56 to 42 and the Senate by a vote of 36 to 13. I voted "no" in the Senate. My understanding is that the bill expands a law approved a couple years ago related to city council or community votes on a local sales taxes for affordable housing services," Hawkins said.

"While I'm opposed to many taxes, I do respect a community's decision about its own local taxes and acknowledge the growing challenges in our state related to affordable housing. However, this bill expands the use of the original tax without requiring a local vote for those expanded purposes. The bill, for example, would add facilities providing housing-related services, mental-health facilities, buildings acquisitions, and land purchases. Much of the bill actually pertains to counties with a population of at least 1.5 million, so many sections

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Fire Services near Coles Corner

SUBMITTED BY MIKE PAYNE

Based on information from the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau, Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue Chief Dave Walker announced the District intends to purchase property closer to Highway 2 to improve fire and emergency services

in the area. In mid-2020, the Rating Bureau advised the District that they would not be able to further improve LWFR's rating until the emergency response distance was decreased on the portion of the Stevens Pass corridor that is within the District's boundaries. After an exhaustive search, LWFR located a property that

would meet our needs and has entered into negotiation with the owners. This property already has a structure that could be used to house fire apparatus. A recent appraisal of the property and the buyer's asking price show the property would be a good investment.

Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue recently paid off two fire engines

that were purchased in 2010 and is financially in a position to begin the public process of scoping for a new facility at Station 93 and acquire the property adjacent to US 2. Chief Walker also announced that the District's Board of Commissioners would be discussing these topics in upcoming meetings.

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DNR Wildfire Ready Neighbors

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As we head into another wildfire season, now is the time to reflect on how prepared our homes and lands are to withstand the wildfire risks in our communities. While we can't predict what this season will bring in terms of fire activity, we all know that wildfires are a part of life in North Central Washington.

Images of a raging wildfire may make headlines, but embers pose the greatest threat to the home. As many as 90 percent of homes lost in wildfire are lost due to falling embers, which can travel two or more miles from the fire onto your property. Experience and research tell us that, if residents plan ahead and take action, we can reduce the threat to our communities and create safer conditions for first responders.

That's why we're excited that our community is one of the first to adopt Wildfire Ready Neighbors, a partnership between local wildfire and forest management professionals and the

Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR). This program connects you with the knowledge, resources, and programs – from Home Ignition Zone and Forest Health assessments to cost-share opportunities – to improve the health of your forested land, making it more resilient to fire, drought, insects and disease.

Regardless of your budget, our goal is to give you informed recommendations on how to reduce wildfire risk. And the first step is to sign up to get your free Wildfire Ready Plan at WildfireReady.com.

Each plan includes recommendations ranging from no-cost, 10-minute actions, to larger undertakings that can be done over time. From there, you can sign up for a free Wildfire Ready Home Visit or a Forest Health Consultation, which will be conducted by local, trusted community members like us.

To those of you who have already committed to preparing your home for wildfire, thank you! As first responders, it is much easier and safer to defend a home that has followed safety

recommendations.

The more people take action, the more each action makes a difference. Together, we can be wildfire ready this year, and every year. Remember to sign-up today to get your free plan at WildfireReady.com.

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Housing legislation

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do not impact our counties in North Central Washington," said Hawkins.

"I do find it both ironic and sad that the state government continues to add regulations on land use, expand building codes, and mandate certain wage increases and then characterizes rising housing costs as a crisis. Housing costs are a result of many factors, but much of it is government's own doing. As we prepare to pull out of this COVID pandemic – due to government's past and ongoing closures of the economy – many hotels and business entities are essentially out of business. This bill would allow government to expand use of a tax to purchase those same buildings," Hawkins said.

"These buildings that some mental-health and housing advocates want government to purchase once contained thriving businesses prior to the government's shutdown. "There is something about that approach – government benefiting from the misfortune of businesses at no fault of the businesses – that does not seem right. It also does not seem right to implement a tax under

one set of conditions and then expand or adjust it without a public vote, but government does that all the time," he said.

"At some point, the tax burden on families is simply going to be too much.

I would be remiss if I did not emphasize the many tools the Legislature has provided to local governments and community organizations to help assist with local affordable housing challenges. The descriptions of the existing programs and the local flexibility available spans multiple pages," Hawkins said.

"Local governments also have the bonding authority to raise substantial funds for affordable housing, but many local governments are unwilling to put those requests to a public vote. Therefore, I support the existing laws – many of which have been approved in recent years. I hope communities can make good use of that authority to meet their local needs," concluded Hawkins.

Former Chelan Mayor Mike Cooney had this to say about House Bill 1070, which the State Senate Passed 36 to 13, mostly on partisan lines.

"I have been following "housing bills" this session and favor this use of local sales

tax for affordable housing."

He continued, "Certain communities are very desirable to live in or own a second home. The result of this influx puts the "locals" in a tough spot to buy their first home. We all need to realize that home ownership is a basic human need."

He said, "Well, I could keep going, but won't. We have made nice progress and will continue to do so! One last thought, a dwelling or roof over your head is not a partisan issue," said Cooney, Executive Director, Chelan Valley Housing Trust.

Local Representative, Keith Goehner said, "I supported the bill because it allows cities and counties to develop higher density zones for additional housing opportunities. It is voluntary and redirects REET money for investment in local infrastructure enhancement. It may not work for all cities and counties but it gives local governments another tool to better utilize land and address housing shortages in a more affordable way."

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The CARES Act provision provides an incentive for everyone to give!



Meaghan Greydanus
CPA at
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Amidst all the challenges and hardships that 2020 brought to our region, we cannot forget to celebrate one of its silver linings: people were more generous than ever! From increased contributions to our food banks and social services to recognizing our healthcare heroes, our communities helped to fill the many needs that emerged during the pandemic through charitable giving.

You might recall that in 2017, a new tax law increased the standard deduction significantly, which resulted in fewer people itemizing, leaving no real tax incentive for charitable donations.

The Federal Government saw the importance of charitable giving in 2020 and has included provisions in the CARES Act to recognize gifts to charity in 2020 and 2021.

For your 2020 taxes, if you choose not to itemize, you will be able to deduct up to \$300 of qualified charitable donations under these tax law changes through the CARES Act. The \$300 is the same whether you file single or jointly. In 2021, the limit increases to \$600 for those who file jointly and \$300 for married filing separately. Single filers will still have the \$300 limit. Other charitable gifting rules remain unchanged, including gifting of investments and Qualified Charitable Donations (QCD) from IRAs.

Donating investments (especially highly appreciated securities such as stocks) instead of cash can be a very tax-efficient way to support a charity. If you sell the stock or bonds first then donate the proceeds to charity, you will pay tax on the gain. Contributing securities you've owned for more than a year directly to the charity usually allows you to deduct the full fair market value of the stock plus pay no capital gains tax. For large donations, keep in mind that there are limits on how much can be deducted per year. The limits vary based on what was donated, but stock donations are generally limited to 30% of your adjusted gross income (AGI). AGI is your gross income before your standard or itemized deductions and, if applicable, your qualified business income deduction. If your donation is limited, the excess will carry forward to a future year.

For those 70 1/2 or older, QCDs from an IRA allow a direct transfer of funds from your IRA to a qualified charity. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your annual required minimum distribution (RMD) if certain rules are met, such as transferring the funds directly from the IRA to the charity without first being distributed to you.

A QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, unlike regular IRA withdrawals. This type of donation does not require you to itemize and, by keeping your income lower, may reduce the impact to certain deductions or credits. While RMDs were waived for 2020 they are required again for 2021.

However you make a difference with gifting to charity, in order to claim a

deduction, there are few things you must keep in your records:

- For any donation of \$250 or more (including contributions of cash), you must obtain and keep in your records a contemporaneous written acknowledgement from the qualified charity indicating the amount of the cash and a description of any property contributed. The acknowledgment must say whether the organization provided any goods or services in exchange for the gift and, if so, must provide a description and a good faith estimate of the value of those goods or services.

- If you receive any goods or services in exchange for your donation, you must reduce your deduction by the value of what you received.

- For non-cash gifts in excess of \$5,000 (\$10,000 for closely held stock) you'll need an independent appraisal. You don't need an appraisal for gifts of exchange-traded stocks, bonds or mutual funds.

Always remember that only donations to qualified organizations are deductible. Not all non-profits are considered qualified. Qualified organizations include 501(c)(3) charities, state and local governments, and school districts. Contributions to political campaigns or gifts directly to a needy individual do not qualify.

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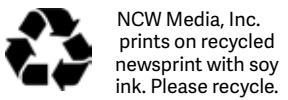
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Tuesday, noon, First Baptist Church, 429 Evans St.
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Wednesday, 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
Thursday, noon, First Baptist Church, 429 Evans St.
Friday, 7:30 p.m., Plain Community Church, 12565 Chapel Dr., Plain

Alanon Meetings, call 509-548-7939
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.)

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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 month).
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Tuesday
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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.org
LWSC Alpine Committee, 7 p.m., Ski Hill Lodge. Call 548-5477. (1st. Tues.)
Leavenworth Masons, 7:30 a.m., Zarthan Lodge No. 148, Leavenworth Senior Center upstairs. www.leavenworthmasons.org. (1st Tues.)
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| March 26 | March 28 | 19:20 Welfare check, Cascade Orchard Bridge |
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| 01:50 Disturbance, 185 US Hwy. 2, Fairbridge Inn 06:28 Accident/no injuries, 960 US Hwy. 2, Post Office 10:13 Harass/threat, 900 Front St., #F 12:46 Suspicious, 3955 Camas Creek Rd., Peshastin 17:14 Theft, 817 Commercial St. 17:54 Public assist, Mountain Home FS 7300 Rd. 18:22 Weapons violation, 10913 US Hwy. 2 19:11 Attempt to locate, Coles Corner Area, Lake Wenatchee 19:19 Theft, 220 - 9th St., #D Mainz Haus 22:37 Traffic offense, 1250 US Hwy. 2, McDonald's | 08:06 911, 16651 River Rd., Plain 11:13 Agency assist, 13901 US Hwy. 2 14:31 Property, Icicle Rd., MP 4 15:01 Civil, 19663 Beaver Valley Rd., Plain 19:27 Theft, 8901 Josephine Ave., Dryden 20:41 Unknown accident, 9th St. & US Hwy. 2 22:39 Traffic offense, 10190 Chumstick Hwy. | March 31 08:08 Burglary, 20115 Beaver Valley Rd., Plain 08:10 Vehicle theft, 2680 Sumac Ln., Lake Wenatchee 09:07 Theft, 21822 Colt Rd., Plain 12:23 Public assist, 3745 Camas Heights Rd., Peshastin 12:31 Suspicious, 22930 Lake Wenatchee Hwy., Lake Wenatchee 17:03 Public assist, 22744 Lake Wenatchee Hwy., Lake Wenatchee 17:20 Noise, 90 A Mill St., DOT Lot 19:09 Suspicious, 11 Merritt Winton Rd., Lake Wenatchee 19:10 911, 12750 Chumstick Hwy. 19:28 Noise, 302 Commercial St., #B 19:33 Theft, 511 Cedar St. 19:59 Public assist, 252 Scholze St. 21:06 Theft, 920 US Hwy. 2, Union 76 22:24 Public assist, 116 River Bend Dr., Safeway 22:45 Suspicious, 10461 Stemm Rd., Smallwoods |
| March 27 | March 29 | March 30 |
| 00:26 Suspicious, 690 US Hwy. 2, Linderhof Motel 13:28 Civil, 7530 Saunders Rd. 15:32 Parking/abandon, 4702 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin 17:32 Noise, 302 Commercial St., #B 18:14 Noise, 302 Commercial St., #A 20:33 Property, 820 Front St., Gazebo Park 20:57 Disturbance, 810 US Hwy. 2, Bavarian Lodge 21:21 Noise, 302 Commercial St., #B 21:23 Traffic offense, 3rd St. & US Hwy. 2 22:02 Disturbance, 23379 Lake Wenatchee Hwy., Lake Wenatchee | 06:24 Alarm, 10174 Main St. 08:51 Agency assist, 7780 Blewett Cutoff Rd., Peshastin 14:41 Fraud/forgery, 8250 E. Leavenworth Rd., 15:53 Agency assist, 10255 Suncrest Dr. 16:16 Scam, 21311 SR 207, Lake Wenatchee | 09:58 Public assist, 4637 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin 11:00 Parking/abandon, 1551 Alpengsee Strasse 12:59 Theft, 6145 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin 15:00 Public assist, 6125 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin 15:59 Suspicious, 15263 A N. Shore Dr., YMCA Camp 17:13 Suspicious, 21696 Lake Wenatchee Hwy. 17:22 Civil, 8697 Alice Ave., Dryden 17:48 Agency assist, 21013 Lower Chiwawa River, Lake Wenatchee |

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CASCADE SCHOOL MENU

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Monday, April 12
Breakfast: Assorted cereal, chocolate bear cracker, orange juice, chocolate milk.
Lunch: Pizza bagel, carrots, diced peaches, chocolate milk.

Tuesday, April 13
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, orange juice, chocolate milk.
Lunch: Chicken Thai sweet chili, brown rice, Asian green bean salad, sliced strawberries, chocolate milk.

Wednesday, April 14
Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, orange juice, chocolate milk.
Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, corn & bean salad, pears, chocolate milk.

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 Hall, 548-5275. (2nd Tues.)
3 p.m., Design Review Board, City Hall, Sue Cragun 548-5275 (2nd & 4th Tues.)
6:30 p.m., Leavenworth City Council meeting, City Hall, 548-5275 (2nd & 4th Tues.)

Rock slope scaling project on US 97A will bring highway closures south of Entiat

SUBMITTED BY WSDOT

ENTIAT – Another rock slope scaling project to address an unstable slope along US 97A begins Monday, March 29. The work will require two weeks of daytime highway closures from milepost 213.63 to 213.76, about a mile south of Entiat. Strider Construction has been awarded this project with a bid of \$309,912.

Similar to the rock scaling work completed last summer, contractor crews will remove loose, unstable rock from slopes adjacent to US 97A in an area where rock fall often reaches the highway.

To complete the work, crews will close the road between 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays, with openings for 15 minutes on the top of every hour to allow traffic through the work zone. These extended closures allow the contractor to complete more work, shortening the project duration, and ensures the safety of travelers.

The closures will last two weeks, and work is scheduled to be complete by 5 p.m. Monday, April 12. April 13 and 14 there will be flagger controlled traffic with delays up to 10 minutes as the contractor wraps up the project. The highway will be open during non-working hours and on weekends.

Updates for the project will be shared on WSDOT's travel alerts page.

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Satan Shoes

A WALK WITH PASTOR JOHN SMITH

Satan has been getting a lot of attention lately. The latest marketing ploy is advertising Satanic footwear—shoes emblazoned with Satanic imagery and apparently contain a drop of human blood. With only 666 made, they sold out in less than a minute. No surprise there.

Yes, as a Christian, seeing people glorify and rejoice in shoes dedicated to Satan disturbs me. Additionally, the pervasiveness of this one marketing campaign flooding social media feeds is also equally troubling. The last thing I want to see is a pair of ugly-looking, poorly designed Nikes, let alone ones that are for Satan.

First off, Satan is real. Satan is not an archetype or a symbol of an abstract concept of evil. No, as the Bible teaches, Satan is a real created being with a will bent on deception and destruction. The early church, the Apostles, even Christ himself all treated Satan as

one who exists and influences the world (including people) around us (Jn. 8:44, 1 Pet. 5:8). Additionally, most in the world today believe that an evil spirit is personified and again, impacts their daily lives. However, in the West, we don't believe in a real Devil. We are materialistic—rejecting any form of supernaturalism or spiritual reality—and find attributing anything to Satan as hogwash or a throwback to archaic superstitions. Yet, in our denial of Satan's existence, our modern civilized society makes us a target-rich environment. In other words, his assaults on people and his influence can easily take place, especially in a culture that doesn't even believe he is real and therefore caught unaware.

Now back to those ugly Nikes. Satan's tactics aren't about having a flashy media campaign nor does he typically come right out in the open and manifest evil. Satan is far craftier than that. His way of doing things is more subtle and more subliminal which is more insidious. In the very first appearance in the Bible in Genesis 3:1, Satan takes on the form of one of the creatures in the garden and subtly insinuates that God is holding back from Adam and Eve. In the temptation of Christ in Luke 4:1-12, we see

Satan tempting Jesus with good things, like food, safety, and popularity. We see every time that he counters Satan's temptation with the Scripture and overcomes him.

Satan disguises himself, Paul says, as an "angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:14), cloaking his evil with a façade of goodness and pleasantness. This description is contrary to Satan's popular depiction as a red-skinned imp with horns and a pointy tail or some gruesome figure of the macabre. He is attractive (not

physically per se) and alluring, hence the reason why so many fall into the trap that he sets.

I am not so concerned with shoes with Satanic imagery as I am with Satan's deception and subtle influence that has been going on for many years in society at large. He has had decades in this country to influence and change a nation that once thought life was important and should be protected to now slaughtering innocent lives by the thousands by way of abortion. Compile

that with the diminishment of marriage, the elevation of sexual gratification and yes, you could say that in 2021, the Devil is having a heyday.

Nevertheless, although Satan is alive and well and we are seeing the results of his influence, we must remember that he is a defeated foe. Jesus Christ has crushed the head of the Devil (Gen. 3:15) and triumphed over him by way of the cross and his resurrection. Therefore, as Martin Luther wrote in his hymn A Mighty

Fortress is Our God, The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure, One little word shall fell him.

Sure, Satan may have shoes in his name but the resurrected Christ has crushed him with nail-pierced feet.

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



PHOTO BY BILL FORHAN
Cascade School Superintendent Tracey Beckendorf-Edou accepts symbolic check from Leavenworth Mayor Carl Florea for the purchase of the Osborn Elementary School on Friday, April 2. A community discernment study is under way to establish the public's desire for the use of the new property.

Obituary & Memorial Policies

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Please call or email your church listed below if you need more information. May you take time to pray, rest, meditate and reflect during this time. Stay well, stay strong and stay informed.



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Service on YouTube or Email link:
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Contact Pastor Rob Gohl
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Help Wanted

City of Chelan Parks & Recreation Seasonal Employment Opportunities
The city of Chelan Parks and Recreation Department is seeking qualified candidates to fill limited positions for the 2021 season.



Revenue Cycle Director Full-time

Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Revenue Cycle Director to manage our revenue cycle team, includes Patient Access/Registration, Health Information, Patient Financial Services and Chargemaster.

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



Three Rivers Hospital is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

Med-Surg RN - Full-time Nights (Sign-on Bonus \$5,000)

OR Circulator Nurse (Sign-on Bonus \$5,000)

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Quality Director Full-time

Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Quality Director 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.

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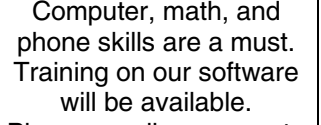


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The Cascade School District is seeking qualified applicants for the following positions:

Beaver Valley Elementary School Teacher
6 Para Professional Positions

Fast Track application process and information can be found on our website at: www.cascadesd.org



Family Practice Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant

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Help Wanted



Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant Full-time

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The Cascade School District is seeking qualified applicants for the following positions:

Icicle River Middle School Reading and Math Intervention Specialist (two positions)

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Legals

Public Notices

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

In Re the Estate of GARY MARK, Deceased. No. 21-4-02066-0 SEA PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this Estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative, or the Personal Representative's attorney, at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced.

1.thirty (30) days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or,

2.four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Personal Representative: Gretchen McMurry Address for mailing or service: c/o Cook & Bartlett, PLLC 1900 W. Nickerson St., Ste. 215 Seattle, WA 98119

Address for mailing or service: Cook & Bartlett, PLLC 1900 W. Nickerson St., Ste. 215 Seattle, WA 98119 Telephone: (206) 282-2710

Court of Probate Proceedings & Cause Number: King County Superior Court 21-4-02066-0 SEA DATED this 25th day of March, 2021.

COOK & BARTLETT, PLLC /S/ Colleen M. Cook Colleen M. Cook, WSBA #17110 Attorney for Personal Representative

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Public Notices

CITY OF LEAVENWORTH PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Leavenworth City Council will conduct a public hearing to obtain public comment on a proposed new chapter in the Leavenworth Municipal Code, Chapter 10.10 Residential Parking Zones on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:45 PM via Zoom Conferencing.

Public Notices

The Cascade School District Board has declared property to be surplus.

This property has been available for purchase by public or private school districts for the past 30 days. Starting on April 5th, 2021, the remaining surplus property will be offered to the public through an on-site sale.

Public Notices

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR CHELAN COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of ELIZABETH C. CAEMMERER, Deceased. NO. 21-4-00094-04

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate.

11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced.

11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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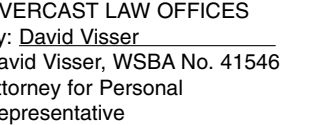
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: David C. Caemmerer ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: David Visser

ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: OVERCAST LAW OFFICES 23 South Wenatchee Avenue Suite 320

Wenatchee, WA 98801 COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSE NUMBER: Chelan County Superior Court, No.21-4-00094-04

OVERCAST LAW OFFICES By: David Visser David Visser, WSBA No. 41546 Attorney for Personal Representative

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 4/16/2021, at 9:00 AM At The Main Entrance to the Chelan County Courthouse, located at 350 Orondo Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of CHELAN, State of Washington, to-wit: That portion of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Township 23 North, Range 20, E.W.M., Chelan County, Washington, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East line of said section, which point is 896.2 feet South of the Northeast corner of said section; thence North 48°26' West, 110.5 feet to the True Point of Beginning; thence North 09°39' East, 120.0 feet; thence North 56°06' West, 115.0 feet; thence South 09°39' West, 120.0 feet; thence South 56°06' East, 115.0 feet to the True Point of Beginning. Together with that portion of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Township 23 North, Range 20 East of the Willamette Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Section, which point is 704.60 feet South of the Northeast corner of said Section; Thence South along said East section line, 181.6 feet; Thence North 48°26' West, 110.5 feet; Thence North 09°39' East 120.0 feet; Thence North 90°00' East, 62.6 feet to the Point of Beginning. More commonly known as: 40 E HAWLEY ST, WENATCHEE, WA 98801 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 7/3/1995, recorded 8/8/1995, under Instrument No. 9508080068, Book 1048, Page 1464 records of CHELAN County, Washington, from JAMES WILLIAM WALLACE JR, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as grantor(s), to LAND TITLE COMPANY, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of SOUTHERN PACIFIC FUNDING CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as successor in interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as Trustee for GSAMP Trust 2003-SEA, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-SEA, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 2495614 II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: \$41,872.43. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$197,798.78, together with interest as provided in the Note from 9/1/2018 on, and such other costs, fees, and charges as are due under the Note, Deed of Trust, or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 4/16/2021. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 4/5/2021 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 4/5/2021 (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 4/5/2021 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s) by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of 10/18/2019. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS - The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You may be eligible for mediation. You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date of this notice to pursue mediation. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. 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If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) or Web site: http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_counselors_foreclosure.htm The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD> or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fo/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dcfc> The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: 1-800-806-4819 or Web site: <http://nwjustice.org/what-clear> Additional information provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the noteholders rights against the real property only. 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Can green tea help diabetes

Q: Can green tea help lower my blood sugar? I was diagnosed with diabetes last month. My sister recommended drinking green tea.

Green tea contains antioxidants. Drinking at least 3-5 cups of green tea daily has been shown to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease, endometrial cancer, and ovarian cancer. It also may lower blood pressure, blood sugar, body weight, and body fat. What is confusing is that green tea and green tea extract also naturally contain caffeine, increasing blood pressure and heart rate in people who are sensitive to it.

Green tea contains caffeine plus another natural compound called epigallocatechin gallate (EGCG). Amounts of EGCG over 200mg daily have been associated with increased blood pressure, constipation, and rash. Higher concentrations of 800mg daily of EGCG have been associated with liver injury.

High amounts of green tea can cause depletion of folic acid from the body. Folic acid is critical in preventing a severe birth defect called spina bifida.

Green tea extracts verified with the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) must warn consumers about the potential for liver toxicity. Their labeling has to include the following statements: "Do not take on an empty stomach. Take with food. Do not use if you have a liver problem and discontinue use and consult a healthcare practitioner if you develop symptoms of liver trouble, such as abdominal pain, dark urine, or jaundice (yellowing of the skin or eyes)."



Most tea leaves are harvested from the woody plant *Camellia sinensis*, then carefully dried to prevent mold. Herbal teas use various parts of other plants, like chamomile and peppermint. About 20% of the teas from the leaves of *Camellia sinensis* are green teas.

The main difference between green and black teas is the amount of oxidation they undergo after harvesting. When the tea leaves are exposed to the air, oxidation occurs, turning them from bright green to brown, similar to an apple turning brown after cutting and exposing it to air.

Green tea is steamed or pan-fried right after harvesting to arrest the oxidation process before being dried. Black teas are left exposed until the oxidation process is completed, then dried and packaged. Oxidation makes tea leaves less bitter and helps develop their flavors more fully than green or white teas.

Oolong teas are the middle ground between barely oxidized green tea and fully oxidized black tea. Oolong teas can be anywhere from 5% to 90% oxidized. The less oxidation, the lighter the color of the leaves and the more subtle their flavor.

All teas from *Camellia sinensis* contain caffeine, about 50mg per cup. This compares with 90-100mg

of caffeine in a cup of coffee. When green tea is concentrated in an extract, it retains its caffeine content. The label on green tea extract and supplements containing it won't state the total amount of caffeine present because green tea naturally contains caffeine.

Besides coffee and tea, there are two other plants cultivated, processed, and brewed for the stimulant effects of the caffeine they contain. Guarana and Yerba Mate contain caffeine naturally and are often added to supplements for weight control and increased energy.

Supplements have to state on their label any caffeine that has been added to their product. Like green tea, guarana and Yerba Mate also naturally contain caffeine, so their caffeine doesn't have to be listed separately as an ingredient.

5 Ways to Get the Most From Green Tea

1. Beware of the TOTAL Caffeine Content.

Caffeine lurks in natural compounds like green tea, guarana, and yerba mate. Herbal supplements must list any caffeine that has been added to their product. Caffeine in green tea can cause stomach upset, insomnia, and a racing heartbeat.

2. Brew at a Lower Temperature.

Black and oolong teas are best steeped in boiling water, but green and white teas taste bitter and grassy if brewed in water that's too hot. Brew green tea with water heated until tiny bubbles rise to the surface of your pan or glass kettle, about 175-180 degrees.

3. More is Not Always Better. One compound found in green tea extract is EGCG, which at high doses can damage your liver.

4. Avoid it if You Are Trying to Get Pregnant.

High doses of green tea or green tea extract deplete your body of folic acid, increasing the risk of severe birth defects like spina bifida.

5. Drink 3-5 cups Daily for Best Results.

Most studies show that drinking 3-5 cups daily of green tea, or the equivalent in green tea extract, was necessary to experience the benefits.

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy, is a 42-year veteran of pharmacology and author of Why Dogs Can't Eat Chocolate: How Medicines Work and How YOU Can Take Them Safely. Get clear answers to your medication questions at her website and blog TheMedicationInsider.com. @2021 Louise Achey

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

THEME: THE OSCARS

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- Hedgehog of video games
- And so forth, acronym
- Oscar-nominated black and white movie
- Treeless plain
- Moses' mountain
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- Nelson Mandela's org.
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- "What's up, ___?"
- Huge pile
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- Proclaimed true without proof
- Musician David Lee
- Ascetic holy Hindu
- Eastern European
- Plural of #10 Down
- 500 sheets
- Looking for aliens org.
- Kitchen whistler
- Wails
- Bad-mouth
- Medieval torture device
- Pied Piper follower
- Poliburo hat fur
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- Raspberry drupelets
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- Adam and Eve's first residence

DOWN

- Undesirable roommate
- Medley
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- Panache
- *Most 2021 Oscar nominations for one film, #9 Across
- Secret storage
- Stole fur
- One opposed
- Indian restaurant staple
- U.S. customary unit of force, pl.
- Soaked
- DNA and RNA
- Argonaut's propeller
- Shared work surface at an office
- "Sasha Baron Cohen's "Subsequent Moviefilm" role
- Be sorry for one's wickedness
- Pita, in UK
- "Like Roberto Benigni's fictional son
- Husband to a widow, e.g.
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- Shadow
- "The Trial of the Chicago 7" screenwriter
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Recreation & Letters to Editor

The Washington Outdoors Report

The Best Opening Day Trout Lakes East Of The Cascades

By JOHN KRUSE

Wondering where to go for the Lowland Lakes Trout Opener on April 24? There wasn't an opening day last year thanks to the six-week spring fishing closure imposed by Washington State at the start of the Covid pandemic. However, we can get some pretty good ideas of where to go by looking at the top lakes from the 2019 lowland lakes

opener. All of the lakes mentioned are east of the Cascade Crest and the catch data was tallied by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife creel checkers. It's also worth noting that most of the anglers fishing lakes in Eastern Washington during the 2019 opener had to contend with high winds and in some cases, spring snow!

WILLIAMS LAKE - Located between Cheney and Sprague, this lake has two resorts and is a popular opening day destination. In 2019 anglers

caught eight fish apiece and 2.3 of these trout were kept on average. They were mainly 10-inch rainbows and cutthroat which explains the high release rate. The biggest fish checked was a 19-inch rainbow trout.

STARVATION LAKE - This Northeast Washington lake gave up an average of 2.7 trout on the opener in 2019 but wind and snow put

a damper on success as the day progressed. One of the fish caught was a huge 21-inch rainbow.

WAITTS LAKE - There were not a whole lot of people fishing this body of water on the opener but the ones that were there averaged 2.5 trout apiece. One unique thing about this lake is the fact you can catch brown trout here and the biggest one checked on the April 2019 opener was a nice 20-inch fish.

PHOTO BY JOHN KRUSE.

These kids caught a nice stringer of trout while staying at Klink's Resort at Williams Lake.



City response to Oktoberfest Story

SUBMITTED BY ANA CORTEZ
City Administrator

On March 31, 2021, The Echo reported that Leavenworth City Council member Sharon Waters should have recused from the vote to issue a notice of termination for Projekt Bayern at the March 23 City Council meeting. The article reports that the Councilwoman benefited in the form of a salary from the Oktoberfest Event and therefore, she had a conflict of interest.

Councilwoman Waters indicated that "I was surprised to read the article and more surprised to realize my mistake; I should have recused myself." The Councilwoman is known for her careful analysis of issues and attention to detail. She periodically recuses herself from pool salary debates because she is employed by the pool in the summer. The councilwoman also said, "I thank The Echo for pointing out this very important oversight."

"I should have been more attentive and realize the conflict of interest for Councilwoman Waters; this instance is a lesson learned and City staff will be more careful to remind the Council about any perceived or real conflicts of interest" said Administrator Cortez.

The City of Leavenworth support accurate and factual journalism and thanks the Echo for its reporting.

Publisher's comment: *The Echo strives to keep the community accurately informed of city discussions and decisions. I will admit to one other confusion from the story. Councilwoman Carolyn Wilson took issue with my report saying she has worked for Projekt Bayern in the past only on a volunteer basis. She has never been paid by them. I am sorry for any misunderstanding that may have occurred as a result.*

Ohme Gardens Reopening for 2021 Season

The Gardens will feature a new ticket office and other updates

SUBMITTED BY EDEN WENOKUR

WENATCHEE, WA - Ohme Gardens will kick off the 2021 season on Thursday, April 15 after being closed for the 2020 season. Last Spring after much deliberation, the Chelan County Commission along with Gardens Director, Jason Browning, cancelled the 2020 season in order to make renovations and revitalize the Gardens. All this on the heels of closures throughout the state due to the global pandemic.

This year on opening day, visitors will have the opportunity to see how the Gardens crew have been working to improve multiple parts of the Gardens, most

notably the new ticket office. The staff has also revitalized signage, landscaping, and taken care of other maintenance projects that wouldn't have been scheduled without the time off. Ohme Gardens staff is ready to reveal how they made the most of the 2020 season cancellation.

"Last year was tough, but we saw an opportunity to make some changes to the Gardens that have made it better than ever," says Jason Browning, Ohme Gardens Director. "Now we're really looking forward to having everyone here to see it." The 2021 season opens on April 15 and runs through October 15, 2021.

At this time there are no events currently scheduled for the season. Look for future updates and details at www.ohmegardens.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trump vs. Biden administration.

President Trump was the best president ever for getting things done to benefit America. Way too many accomplishments to list here. He was/is respected by hostile foreign leaders. He was also the most lied about president ever. He established control of the southern border by cooperating with Mexico. He got important things done, not just talking about issues. He got the Chinese virus vaccine (the Trump vaccine) done in record time. He improved our trade relations with other countries to be more fair and balanced by standing up to China. He brought hundreds of thousands of jobs back to America and created many more with his economic policies, Biden will reverse this.

Trump actually won the 2020 election in a landslide. The democrats accomplished a masterful election theft through fraudulent and illegal ballots and with certain key states violating their own election laws. Other communist tyrants will be envious. The democrats took advantage of the Chinese virus pandemic and the fear that it caused to steal the 2020 election by using fraudulent mail in voting. Trump also established peace through strength and promised no more endless foreign wars. "Trumpism" is not dead. Joe Biden (aka Mr. mumbles & stumbles) is the

most dangerously inept and weakest president ever. He was stupid before he got dementia. Other countries around the world are laughing their heads off as they gleefully watch the Biden administration commit national suicide. In the first few months Biden has opened up our southern border and invited all comers to flood the border. Trump had effectively closed the border. Biden is also promising to pay them when they get here. Free welfare, Medicare stimulus checks and other goodies, all at taxpayers expense. see all their Biden T-shirts. What Biden is doing will bankrupt and ruin this country, both our economy and our national security. The country will be flooded

with illegal immigrants from all over the world, many of whom are criminals (MS-13) and terrorist threats. Trump deported many MS-13 gang members. We can not be the worlds welfare agent. The democrat party practice is to lie to everyone and accuse their opponents through a corrupt media of exactly what they are doing. Their goal is to turn America into a socialist totalitarian tyranny with them in permanent power by passing HR-1 and SB-1. They only care about keeping political power. They control all three branches of government, because they have corrupted the supreme court. They divide Americans to conquer us. I think Biden /

Harris will have us involved in a major war, that we probably can't win, within two years. The corrupt Biden family is financially beholden to China.

Some misinformed writer criticized my previous letter because I said that God is watching. She stupidly said that God is a "she". God does not have a gender like humans do, revealing how little she knows about God.

Thank you to all of you fools that voted for Biden to ruin America. I understand there is some democrat voter remorse, but not enough. God is watching!

Bill Cowles
Peshastin, WA.

Thank You!

From the top of the Cascades to the banks of the Columbia River to this beautiful Wenatchee Valley and the people who live here, we say thank you. You have come through for our family in amazing ways. Many of you have said there are "no words" to describe the tragedy of losing our son, Sam, but in truth, there continues to be thousands of words from all of you that have richly touched our lives. These are words of

sorrow and sympathy, words of hope, words of kindness, and of love.

Each time you have shared your words, whether they be spoken or unspoken, we know they come deeply from the heart of a friend, a relative, even a stranger. We hear and feel your incredible message. And, that is the one of caring.

Thank you sincerely for walking this path of loss and grief with us and easing our pain. It has helped

immensely. The hundreds of hugs, calls, cards, phone calls and messages became small thoughtful diversions from the pain we have been feeling. As Sam taught us daily, "Look Up!" in life to our beautiful mountains!

Our most sincere thank you from our family,

Duane, Corky, Kate, Anzhela and Marlin, Dan, Jasmine, Pyper, and Sawyer

PARK LAKE - Part of the Sun Lakes located between Coulee City and Soap Lake, this lake generally receives a lot of attention during the opener and most anglers have good success here. In 2019 anglers were averaging three trout and the largest rainbow wasn't that large, measuring out at 14.3 inches. High winds made for tough fishing.

WAPATO LAKE - This lake, not far from Manson in Chelan County, is another tried and true favorite on opening day. In 2019 anglers averaged 4.5 fish each, many of them rainbows in the 13-inch range.

JAMESON LAKE - This sagebrush lined lake in Douglas County is another favored opening day destination. High winds kept anglers off the water for much of the April 2019 opener but despite that those venturing out with a rod and reel averaged 3.4 trout apiece and the fish were nice sized, averaging 13 inches.

ROWLAND LAKE - This Kittitas County lake off of Highway 14 produced well

during the 2019 opener and anglers caught close to a limit each (4.8 fish average). One "large broodstock" trout was also caught but no weight or measurements was provided.

SPEARFISH LAKE - Only eight anglers were found fishing this sleeper of a lake by Dallesport during the opener but they weren't doing half-bad, averaging 3.1 trout apiece.

As for catching them? When it comes to opening day, all sorts of tactics work. You can fish Berkley PowerBait or marshmallows and worms off the bottom if it's not too weedy. If it is weedy you can cast spinners, spoons or flies from shore. If you are trolling from a boat it's hard to beat a Mack's Wedding Ring Spinner tipped with a worm behind a small dodger or pop gear. One other boat tactic that works well? Trolling a small frog colored Worden's Flatfish. It works!

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

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