

Penelope (Penny) Carpenter Ressler honored to serve again as Royal Lady

By BILL FORHAN

Being named Royal Lady is a unique Leavenworth honor. No one has earned that honor twice - until now. Penelope (Penny) Carpenter Ressler was chosen and accepted the nomination again for 2021 because COVID-19 essentially shut down the Northwest Festival circuit in 2020.

Penny did not earn the honor a second time just because she missed her opportunity for her day in the sun. She earned her second chance at the honor because her record of community service is tough to match. Locally she is a Past President of Leavenworth Rotary, The Leavenworth Nutcracker Museum and the Washington State Autumn Leaf Festival Association. She was a founding board member of the Upper Valley Museum, Barn Beach Reserve, P.E.O. Chapter JF and Icicle Center for the Arts. She has served on the Cascade Education Foundation Board, was a member of the Leavenworth Women's Exchange and served on the Parish Council of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church.

Penny's list of community activities and honors also includes being the Founder of the Junior Service League, now Women's Service League, and Founder of the Festival of Trees in Wenatchee.

She has received numerous awards for her professional and community service activities including being

named "Business Woman of the Year" by the Wenatchee Business and Professional Women. Penny is a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts of America and she is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Penelope, Penny, Carpenter is a native Oregonian and graduate of the University of Oregon. Her husband John says "she bleeds green and yellow".

Thirty-two years ago, she and her husband John were married in the backyard of their Leavenworth home and they have remained dedicated Leavenworth residents ever since. John had discovered Leavenworth on one of his travels and he and Penny say they fell in love with this beautiful little Bavarian Village.

She soon discovered the Autumn Leaf Festival Association and she and her daughter, Whitney, began walking in parades in support of this group of dedicated citizens.

Penny's commitment to ALFA grew over the years as she became a Board member and eventually President. As President

she attended all of the Northwest Hosting Association festivals in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia, Canada.

The Washington State Autumn Leaf Festival Association is the oldest local festival. It was created to put

the Bavarian Village on the map and imprint the residents love of their town on the hearts of people across the northwest.

Penny's professional life includes an extensive background in the hospitality industry including having opened 3 new hotels. When she came to Leavenworth, she took her resume down to the Red Lion and she said the phone was ringing when she got home. Penny became the new Director of Catering.

Penny left Red Lion in 2002 to take the position of Executive Director of Colonial Vista Retirement Apartments and Assisted Living. She retired from Colonial Vista in 2011.

Her daughter, Whitney said of her mother, "Wherever she has lived, my mother has been involved. It is impossible to count the number of people who have benefitted from her genuine and contagious enthusiasm and her belief in the importance of giving back to her community."

Penny said she is anxious to get out on the parade circuit to represent our community and invite all those she meets to come and experience our little Bavarian Village and all that it has to offer.



School Board meets in person



Marlene Farrell
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The school board meeting on Feb. 22 was conducted partially in-person for the first time in almost a year. This is now possible due to the relaxed health safety requirements for Chelan County in Phase 2 of the Governor's recovery plan. Superintendent Tracey Beckendorf-Edou and board members Trey Ising, Judy Derpack, Cyndi Garza and Zach Miller met in the board room while board member Cindy Puckett and other staff and community members connected over Zoom.

During public input, Marlene Farrell, representing Cascade Medical Foundation (CMF), shared a statement of gratitude on behalf of CMF for fourth graders Amelia Morgan and Nora Bedard for their impactful fundraising of \$100 for the hospital.

Brett Johnson, Special Education Director, gave an update on the Special Services department. He began by saying he was honored to represent the diverse and hardworking staff of this department. He shared that their mission revolves around the idea of "Equitable opportunity, meaningful experience."

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State Legislature to develop budgets for 2021-2023



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The major focus of the current legislative session is to develop and approve budgets for the 2021-2023 biennium. Our state budgets on a two-year basis and approves all three of its budgets (operating, transportation, and capital) in the odd-numbered years, such as 2021. The current state budgets cover the 2019-2021 biennium, which ends on June 30, 2021. All three budgets usually receive approval in the final stages of the legislative session in April.

Washington state budget development

The state budgets are separate bills that need approval by the full Legislature before being delivered to the governor, similar to any other legislative proposal. Usually, the House and Senate each propose and approve their own versions of the three budgets and advance these proposals to the other chamber for consideration. These budget proposals are often compared with the governor's proposal. The two chambers then appoint their

respective budget negotiators to discuss the differences between the budgets and come together on a final document for approval by the Legislature and governor.

Operating budget (\$54.2 billion for 2019-2021 – a 19.4% increase)

The operating budget funds the day-to-day operations of the state, including early learning, K-12 education, higher education, health and human services, criminal justice, natural resources, and other areas. Balancing the operating budget could be a challenge this year. As a result of past increased spending and reduced revenue, state economists are forecasting a projected budget deficit of nearly \$3 billion. While the most recent projected deficit is certainly bad news, the \$3 billion figure is actually based on a four-year budget projection, impacting a four-year figure equivalent of over \$100 billion. By utilizing the state's \$2 billion Budget Stabilization Account – often referred to as the "rainy day fund" – and making some measured and modest reductions in programs, I believe lawmakers can achieve a balanced budget without tax increases. Others may use the revenue losses from the pandemic in an effort to justify increased revenues. Legislators will probably authorize the use of the Budget Stabilization Account with little disagreement. The big divide will

be over whether to choose budget reductions or new taxes to make up the remaining difference.

Transportation budget (\$10.5 billion for 2019-2021)

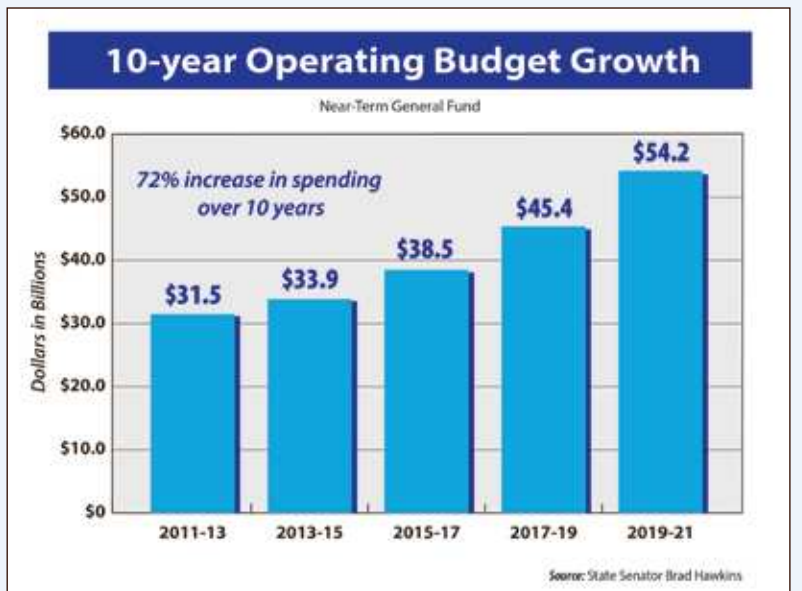
The transportation budget funds the construction and maintenance of the state transportation system, including the maintenance and preservation of roads, bridges, and ferries. This budget also funds the state agencies and commissions that serve our transportation system, including the Washington State Patrol, Department of Licensing, Department of Transportation, Washington Traffic Safety Commission, County Road Administration Board, Transportation Improvement Board, Transportation Commission, and Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board. The budget also funds numerous previously approved road projects based on their construction schedules. The transportation budget also has its challenges. While the recent Initiative 976 was overturned by the state Supreme Court and will not impact transportation revenues, another court case involving fish-blocking transportation culverts will likely force the state to invest billions of dollars to fix them. It is unclear whether resolving this issue will impact current transportation projects, but it will likely affect future investments in transportation.

Capital budget (\$5 billion for 2019-2021)

The state capital budget funds the construction and maintenance of state buildings, public schools matching grants, higher education facilities, public lands, parks, and other assets. Over the years, several local projects have been funded in the capital budget. In recent years, the 12th District team has been able to generate big wins for our region through this budget, including the replacement of key infrastructure following tragic wildfires, the expansion of outdoor recreation opportunities that improve our economy and quality of life, and

enhancements to key community response systems. Our legislative team has been able to leverage the capital budget in the past several months and years to successfully fund many of our regional priorities, including the Wells Hall replacement for Wenatchee Valley College, Chelan County Emergency Operations Center, Twisp Civic Building, Winthrop Library, Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Wenatchi Landing sewer extension, Saddle Rock soil remediation, and a variety of recreation and park facility improvements.

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How to navigate Transitions of Care

My stepmother is going to have her hip replaced next week. After the surgery, she will wake up in a recovery room and possibly stay overnight in the hospital. Afterward, she'll be discharged directly back to her home or to a skilled nursing facility (AKA a nursing home) for several weeks of strengthening therapy, called rehab.

Each time she moves from one health care setting to another, her doctors and nurses must communicate any vital information about her to the next person. Each time she moves from one care setting to another is called a transition of care.

Medical care is a lot like a relay race. When the nurse or doctor taking care of you goes off shift, another transition of care occurs, from them to the medical professional coming on shift. This "handoff" is where important information about you can easily get lost, leading to potentially serious problems.

That's what happened to Emma. My friend Sherry accepted the responsibility of being her widowed elderly aunt Emma's medical power of attorney, or POA. Emma fell the first week of January, breaking her hip, which required surgery and several weeks of rehabilitation at a local nursing home.

Emma received her first COVID vaccine while a resident of that nursing facility, then discharged back to her own

home before it was time for her booster.

Sherry called me yesterday morning and asked, "How do I get Emma her booster shot of COVID vaccine? The nursing home says she'll have to go somewhere else."

I called the nursing facility to find out who gave her the initial COVID vaccine. They explained the vaccines were given by CVS, a pharmacy chain with a federal contract to immunize nursing home residents. CVS came and gave every resident their first COVID vaccination. They supposedly contacted anyone who had been discharged to register them for the booster. The company had just finished its last booster clinic the day before.

There are no CVS pharmacies in our area. I asked the nursing home for contact information to find out if CVS would be in any other nursing facilities in our area. Unfortunately, when I called them, no one could connect me with whomever was administering the COVID vaccine. They couldn't even tell me who I could contact to find out more. It was like CVS swooped into town, gave the vaccine to those nursing home residents, then left without a trace.

When I asked for a copy of Emma's COVID vaccine card, the nursing home said they didn't have it anymore. They explained that it had been mailed to Emma's POA. Unfortunately, my friend never

received it, so we recreated one from the nursing home records on a blank COVID vaccine card, documenting the date, manufacturer, and site where Emma received her COVID vaccine.

Although Emma received the Pfizer COVID vaccine, our local pharmacies only have the Moderna vaccine. Is it okay if Emma gets a Moderna booster?

Yes. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that if someone residing in an assisted living or a nursing facility has moved, it is OKAY to get a booster with the Moderna vaccine even if the initial vaccine dose was from Pfizer and vice versa. Since they are both mRNA vaccines, the CDC states that it is acceptable.

The CDC now states you can delay getting the booster beyond the 3 weeks recommended by the manufacturer for the Pfizer COVID vaccine or the 4-week booster recommended for the Moderna vaccine. Up to 6 weeks is considered acceptable, especially in light of the recent weather-related delays in shipping the vaccines.

Here are 4 Ways to Protect Yourself or Loved One During Transitions of Care

1. Make a current list of all your medications, and keep it updated.

This is especially important when coming home from the hospital or nursing home. There may be changes or



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duplications during the time you or your loved one have been away.

2. Bring your discharge summary paperwork to your next medical appointment.

Doctor's offices are not always kept informed of what happens to you during a recent hospitalization. Bringing the latest information with you helps to keep everyone in the loop.

3. Ask. With COVID restrictions making face-to-face discussions rare, misunderstandings are commonplace. Medical providers stretched for time and may not take the time to explain the plan of care.

4. Be a Squeaky Wheel. Speak up whenever something doesn't seem right to you. You may be the only one who notices an omission or discrepancy.

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3 top strategies to keep bones strong

(BPT) - Healthy bodies need healthy bones. Bones support our weight, protect our internal organs and provide a platform for our muscles to work. Unfortunately, we don't always treat our bones right. There are many common behaviors or attributes that weaken the skeletal structure, including:

- Smoking
- Drinking alcohol in excess
- Lack of exercise / sedentary lifestyle
- Too much exercise
- Diets low in protein and high in salt
- Genetics

While bad habits aren't good for anyone's bones, they are particularly concerning for people with osteoporosis or those who are at higher risk for the condition. Osteoporosis is a general weakening of bone structure that leaves a person at a much higher risk of fracture. It's typically associated with postmenopausal women; however, osteoporosis can affect men as well. While the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reports 24.5% of women 65 and older have the disease, the same is true for 5.1% of men in that age bracket. Essentially, everyone reaches peak bone development around age 30, and bone mass slowly declines as you age. "Healthy bones come from the right exercise and diet," says Leslie Bonci, registered dietitian and consultant for the California Prune Board. "The good news is, the 'right' exercise can be

fun, and a bone-friendly diet is loaded with delicious things to eat!" Here are three simple strategies for keeping bones strong.

1. Moderate exercise

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) recommends a moderate regimen of weight-bearing exercise to support your bones. While the emphasis is on moderation, overdoing your exercise can lead to injuries that leave your bones in worse condition. Popular weight-bearing exercises include walking, hiking, jogging, stair climbing and dancing. The NIH also recommends resistance exercises, or more often referred to as strength training. Every time you lift a weight, a small amount of stress is placed on your bones by your muscles. This stress essentially encourages bone-forming cells to hurry up and get to work.

2. Modify your diet

Even with the right exercise a bone-supporting diet is important. Calcium and Vitamin D are the most familiar essential nutrients, and they are certainly a powerful combination, but, other nutrients are also needed to effectively build bone density. For starters, you need between 0.4 and 0.9 grams of protein per pound of body weight per day. You also need plenty of fruits and vegetables, which are rich in bone-forming minerals

like boron, manganese, magnesium, potassium and zinc. It is important to focus on getting these minerals from veggies and fruits, as mineral supplements are generally less beneficial. One fruit particularly rich in bone-building minerals is California Prunes. Not only do prunes provide boron and manganese, they're also rich in Vitamin K - another nutrient fundamental for bone mineralization. In fact, California Prunes have been of interest to bone health researchers for several years. "We're seeing an exciting 'prune effect' on bones," reports Dr. Bernard Halloran, bone health researcher and Professor Emeritus at the University of California San Francisco. "In a variety of unique research scenarios, California Prunes are consistently associated with a favorable bone response." Bonci agrees, explaining that prunes are a whole food approach to healthy eating, as well as being readily available, economical,

safe and - by all indications - effective in supporting healthy bones. They're also an easy-to-carry snack, and a versatile ingredient perfect for both sweet and savory recipes.

3. Maintain a healthy weight

Keeping your weight at a healthy level is particularly important for bone health. A low body mass index score (BMI) is considered a significant risk factor for bone loss, particularly in older people. This is because when a person is underweight, their body has fewer available resources for repairing bone. Conversely, a high BMI due to excess body fat has also been shown to be detrimental to your bones. The risks with high BMI are potential strain and fracture due to an over-taxed skeletal structure. To best determine what a healthy weight is for you, talk to your doctor.

Anyone's bones can weaken over time, but, through healthy habits you can limit your risks of potential bone damage. So, the next time you go for a pleasant walk through your neighborhood or enjoy some sweet California Prunes, be proud of yourself. You're on the right track for keeping your bones strong.



6 Ways to Tell If You Have Enough Life Insurance

(StatePoint) If we've learned anything from 2020, it's that life can be unpredictable. Having sufficient life insurance can provide financial stability and security to loved ones during times of uncertainty.

Forty-one million Americans say they need life insurance but don't have it, according to LIMRA's 2020 Insurance Barometer Study. Others are insured but don't have enough coverage. If this describes you, your spouse or children could find themselves in a financial lurch, expected to pay off debts, loans and final expenses when you die, especially if you're the main source of income.

"Having insurance isn't just about financial protection," says Louis Colaizzo, senior vice president of Erie Family Life. "It also helps maintain some sense of normalcy for family members. Kids can continue their extracurricular activities, partners can maintain their lifestyle and

families can stay in the home they know and love."

So, how do you know if you have enough? An annual reminder to financially protect loved ones, here are six questions from insurance experts to help you find out.

Do you have enough to cover final expenses? Make sure you can accommodate funeral or burial expenses, end-of-life costs or unpaid medical bills. Otherwise, your family may be responsible for paying these. According to the National Funeral Directors Association, the national median cost of a funeral with viewing and burial for 2019 was \$7,640 - a steep sum many can't pay out of pocket without notice.

Will your family receive enough to cover income loss or debt? If you're your household's primary earner, you'll want to ensure you have enough money to maintain your family's lifestyle. For example, can your policy help pay off a mortgage or multiple

car loans in full or cover expenses like groceries? If not, your spouse or dependents might find themselves struggling, putting them at risk for foreclosure or other financial hardships.

Do you have dependents? A dependent is someone who relies on your income to make ends meet. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the average cost of raising a child through age 17 is \$233,610, not including the cost of a college education. That's a big strain.

What kind of retirement do you want? How do you guarantee you'll have enough for the future and won't need a second career late in life to cover living expenses? One way is to tap into the cash value of a permanent life insurance plan and use it as supplemental income during retirement.

Do you have unique lifestyle considerations? Do you own a business or want to leave

a legacy when you're gone? Having an insurance plan will protect these assets and give you peace of mind that your money goes exactly where you want it.

What if your circumstances change (again)? Some life insurance companies, offer a Guaranteed Insurability Option rider to help with the quickly changing times, making it possible for you to purchase additional insurance later, even if circumstances deem you "uninsurable." This means the death benefit can be increased as your needs change but you won't have to answer medical underwriting questions - a relief for many.

To revisit your life insurance policy, contact an independent insurance agent who can discuss your personal options by visiting erieinsurance.com.

According to experts, one of the easiest ways to protect loved ones and their financial futures is to prepare for the unexpected.

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Can You Recognize Signs of Stroke?

(StatePoint) Many people are avoiding in-person doctor's visits to limit potential exposure to coronavirus -- or are simply ignoring health concerns altogether. However, when it comes to medical emergencies such as stroke, immediate medical attention is critical.

The fifth leading cause of death in the U.S., stroke occurs every 40 seconds and it can happen to anyone, of any age, at any time. When 59-year-old Paul "David" Dyches had a stroke on the job this past August, he quickly realized something was very wrong.

"I never experienced a feeling like this before, and I knew we had to do something right away," says Dyches, who was experiencing classic stroke symptoms of weakness in his arms and legs. Upon his arrival at the hospital, he was evaluated via tele-neurology by experts over 150 miles away. After doctors confirmed he was experiencing a stroke, they delivered treatment immediately and he was able

to be discharged the following day.

While in some cases quick action can help with recovery, statistics suggest that many Americans may be avoiding hospitals when they need them most due to anxieties surrounding the pandemic. A recent study published in "JAMA Internal Medicine" showed that emergency room visits to five major healthcare systems decreased by more than 40 percent as COVID-19 cases spiked.

As patients such as Dyches are learning firsthand, hospitals have a range of protocols in place to help keep patients and staff safe from coronavirus infection.

"The hospital staff set me at ease right away," says Dyches.

Beyond pandemic fears, one age-old barrier to seeking timely medical attention for stroke is simply awareness of signs and symptoms. While Dyches can credit himself with recognizing a classic symptom -- arm and leg weakness -- and reacting

rapidly, only one in five U.S. adults are able to recognize 10 signs and symptoms of stroke, according to a nationwide survey*. What's more, nearly 70 percent of the survey respondents say they're knowledgeable about stroke, yet 62 percent falsely believe that signs of stroke come on slowly over a day or two, when in fact symptoms of stroke can come on suddenly.

Experts say that immediate medical attention, which is vital, relies on everyone learning and being able to recognize the BE FAST signs and symptoms of a stroke in themselves and others and calling 911 immediately. BE FAST stands for Balance, Eyes, Face, Arm, Speech, Time and refers to these signs of stroke:

- Balance: Sudden loss of balance
- Eyes: Loss of vision in one or both eyes
- Face: Face looks uneven or droopy
- Arm: Arm or leg is weak or hanging down
- Speech: Slurred speech,

trouble speaking or seems confused

• Time: Immediately call 911
For more shareable information and resources, visit Strokeawareness.com, developed by Genentech Inc, a member of the Roche Group.

"I am a testament to the fact that emergencies like stroke don't stop for a global health pandemic," says Dyches. "Anyone who experiences stroke symptoms should call 911 and get themselves to the ER as quickly as possible."

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How and Why to Improve the Fit of Your Mask

(StatePoint) As more Americans get vaccinated against COVID-19, you may find yourself out and about more. Whether you're returning to the workplace or just getting a haircut, mask requirements may be in place in certain venues you frequent. New Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations highlight the importance of snugly fitting masks. The good news is that innovations are helping people secure the fit of their masks, and, at the same time, solve some of the most common complaints they have when wearing them.

"As we began to wear masks in 2020, we found ourselves frustrated by things like fogging glasses and

slipping masks. Our team has extensive experience solving health-related challenges and thought there had to be a way to address this," says Dave Franchino, co-founder at MaskTite, a company that makes a medical-grade, double-sided tape designed to adhere to the inside of a mask for a more secure fit.

Franchino, with his background in medical product design, set to work with his team to design a way to give people of all face sizes and shapes a fast and easy way to make every mask fit better. Made of skin-safe, medical-grade, adhesive tape, MaskTite strips eliminate common mask problems like gaps, fogging glasses and slipping, and are sized for adults and children.

Here Franchino explains how to solve some of most common mask woes, some of which you've likely experienced:

Loose fit and slipping masks: Readjusting your mask when it starts to slip is not always possible, whether it's because you have your hands full of groceries or work tools or you simply want to avoid touching

your face. Keeping the mask affixed to your face with tape can eliminate slipping when it matters most, and achieve a tighter fit, supporting the latest CDC recommendations.

Foggy glasses: The warm air of your breath escaping from the top of your mask can quickly make glasses foggy, causing a new hazard -- an inability to see. While it can be tough to find a mask that fits securely enough to eliminate fog, applying a solution like MaskTite to the inside of your mask means you can get a proper fit and better visibility, no matter what mask you're using.

Irritating straps: A tight-fitting mask is great in many respects, but the straps can put a strain on the backs of one's ears. Plus, there are times when mask straps can simply be in the way, such as when you're getting a haircut. Securing your mask to your face with tape means you can go strap-free.

Waterproof and hypoallergenic: MaskTite strips can improve mask fit in a variety of environments,

including healthcare, schools, retail and restaurant settings, salons, offices, manufacturing and more. Packaged in a resealable, plastic pouch that's easy to throw into a pocket, purse, backpack or briefcase, they are currently available for sale through Amazon. MaskTite is made in the U.S. from U.S. materials. Learn more at MaskTite.com.

"From fogging glasses to slipping, nearly every issue that stems from wearing a mask is related to the mask's fit. For those spending a lot of time in a mask, at school, work or elsewhere, a good mask-wearing experience can make all the difference," says Franchino.



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Kodiak Cubs Showcased as Learning Opportunity for Educators



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Washington's Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, in conjunction with the University of Washington's Haring Center, selected Kodiak Cubs Preschool among sixteen schools across the state to serve as demonstration sites for inclusionary practices. Inclusionary practices are those which increase grade level core instruction for students receiving special services.

Lindsay Camp, Kodiak Cubs teacher, gave a recent webinar sharing the program's methods and benefits. Educators statewide tuned in to learn so they could possibly adopt some of the best practices.

Camp began by sharing the Kodiak Cubs' motto, which is "Learning, laughter and love." Nurturing was a thread throughout Camp's presentation, which also highlighted educational rigor.

The preschool's transformation and partnership with the high school was born of a desire to meet the needs of all students and families spread across a geographically large district. Planning began in 2010 and involved many stakeholders, including district staff across all departments, city council members, day care providers and families.

Tim Lawless, former CSD

special education director, provided a video clip cameo in the presentation, recalling the launch. "We dreamed of how we could pull this off. What we didn't know was how big of an impact this would have on high school students."

The program evolved from a small traditional preschool into a program with three ways for high school students to be involved. Child Development represents one area of Career and Technology Education (CTE), with a level 1 class that covers theory

and fundamentals. The level 1 students have a chance to observe and interact with preschoolers. The level 2 class serves as a practicum. Students become teaching assistants and get to know the preschoolers through weekly interactions.

The third way that older students are involved is through transition opportunities for special education high school students. A short video clip of teacher Jesse Klanke showed her saying, "It helps my students find their place, where they have leadership

roles and responsibilities. They seem more confident, comfortable and proud after they return from helping with Kodiak Cubs."

Camp shared the story of recent graduate, Ethan, who labored over three versions of a "Tiny Town," built at preschooler height. One of the most elaborate was a summertime boardwalk and carnival scene, complete with spinning rides. It was momentous when Ethan led excited preschoolers on a field trip to see "Tiny Town" and tasked them with an I-spy challenge.

One key to the success of Kodiak Cubs is staff professional development. Camp and others work with both preschoolers and high school students, and must craft developmentally appropriate lessons.

The program also requires an agreement with Wenatchee Valley College about the college

equivalency credits for the Child Development courses. For it to be meaningful and stable for both young and older students, the class schedules have to match, not perfectly, but with enough overlap for quality and consistency.

At first, Camp and administrators had to recruit students. Now the program is established with clear expectations, so recruitment is not necessary.

There are benefits to running a preschool this way. With CTE students, the program is eligible for extra state funding. The ratio of small person to big person is 4:1 pre-COVID-19 and even better now. "A lot of intervention and targeted learning happens," said Camp. "I can work with the kids that need the most help while the high schoolers are doing enrichment for other students."

Additionally, these high schoolers become early

learning advocates and future teachers.

Camp spoke of the need to craft solutions to racial inequities in all levels of society. "Role models are fundamental," she said. "I can give a nurturing space for all high school students, so they serve as role models of what community can and should look like."

Camp values this opportunity. "As a participant in the Haring Center Demonstration Sites project Kodiak Cubs Preschool staff are receiving professional development and network connections," she said. "And through the introspective work of crafting the webinars we've been able to articulate our story. We've clarified our goals and objectives, learned more about the well-connected system of support we have created, and drilled down to the bedrock of our core values."



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Teachers Lindsay Camp, left, and Cindy Johnson, along with high schooler Emma Sunitsch, lead a preschool class on a fall scavenger hunt.



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High School student Nayeli Fernandez works on a building project with preschooler Etta Murphy.

Give NCW: A Hail Mary that Filled our Hearts



Denise Sorom
Director of Philanthropy at the Community Foundation of North Central Washington

It was a long shot, a gamble—a Hail Mary even—but ultimately, a huge success. Last year's Give NCW campaign was unlike any of its predecessors. Typically, this crowd-funding campaign promotes 25 nonprofit organizations that have received grants from the Community Foundation and asks the public to donate online to increase the amount of the grant awards. It runs from Thanksgiving through the end of the year and results have been steady: CFNCW usually puts in about \$225,000 and the community usually contributes roughly same amount.

But 2020 was different. The unrestricted dollars that we normally use for Give NCW had already been committed to emergency Covid relief grants. We knew this community had already done so much charitable giving to respond to the pandemic and feared it may be too exhausted to give more. But nonprofits still needed help, so what were we going to do?

We decided to open the flood gates: We invited any nonprofit in Chelan, Douglas or Okanogan County to participate in Give NCW as long as they were in good standing with the IRS and had received at least one grant from us in the past. We did not have any grant money to seed their awards; we just said "y'all come" and we will see what happens.

The result was phenomenal. Sixty nonprofits participated in the campaign representing the arts, environment, education and health and human service organizations throughout the region. Our Trustees committed \$90,000 to the campaign for matching challenges and this community stepped up as never before with an additional \$471,189. The campaign raised a total of \$561,189 for the sixty organizations – the highest amount ever raised through Give NCW!

So while we may have thrown that Hail Mary pass, it was you – our incredibly generous community – who caught it. Time and time again we are astounded by the generosity of the people of North Central Washington. Whether it is helping folks rebuild after wildfires, offering pandemic relief, or support for beleaguered healthcare workers, this community steps up to answer the call. Take for

example, one donor who said of the experience of making donations through Give NCW: "I always look forward to Give NCW every year. It's a great reminder, especially when things are tough, of how many wonderful people there are in our communities. I'm proud to contribute in the little ways that I can. It really is a wonderful program." Or, another donor, "I really enjoyed watching the amounts increase for all the nonprofits. I also was amazed to see all the nonprofits out there that I had no idea existed, I probably would never have known about them if it were not for Give NCW." Furthermore, 61% of people who participated in Give NCW said they gave more than they normally do and 38% said they gave to nonprofits that were new to them.

We have witnessed this generosity for the better part of 40 years at the Community Foundation and we realize we have something special here. The more opportunities we offer for people to give – to help their neighbors – the more they give. We send a huge thank you out to everyone who participated in the 2020 Give NCW campaign and we invite you to discover all the ways you can be part of this community of giving at www.cfncw.org. Expect to see more "y'all come's" in the future!

School Board meets

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Special education students were the first to return to the buildings during the pandemic for needed educational support. "The staff rose to the challenge of keeping it safe for students and others," said Johnson. He recognized the key collaboration of other staff, including transportation director Tim Bentz and facilities director Teresa Disher.

The counselors Dani Steele at IRMS and Katie Schmitt at CHS conducted universal mental health surveys of students in the fall, working hard to get a high response rate. Students whose responses showed socio/emotional or basic needs were given support right away.

Grants have been very beneficial for special services, and in particular, in the area of inclusionary practices. A lot of the funds will cover technology needs of the department, but also includes deaf education consultation and C-pen readers, which help new

readers with pronunciation.

Aaron Simon serves as liaison between the City's Parks & Recreation Service Area (PRSA) board and the school district, and he shared the latest PRSA news. The pool will be able to open this year with no change in fee schedule. They will be installing a new slide to replace the removed diving board. Local tax funds will cover triangular shade sails and more tables, umbrellas and seating. They will probably pave over the small grassy area inside the pool fence. An all-season pool dome is still part of the long-range plans. Finally, they are hiring a part-time coordinator who will help with levy planning and expanding recreational opportunities.

Next, the board approved the resignation of kindergarten teacher Caitlin Knox and the hire of PD Elementary paraprofessional Ellen Martinson.

The board had a short discussion before approving the first reading of policy 6701, which relates to wellness.

Beckendorf-Edou explained that wellness falls into two policies now: 6700, which deals with guidelines from the state and mostly centers around nutrition; and 6701 for local concerns such as working toward a new greenhouse at the high school, maintaining a wellness committee and a recommendation that fundraisers aren't food-based.

The board also approved the sale of surplus materials and furnishings, mostly from the Osborn building. Dwight Remick, executive director of finance and operations, explained that other school districts will have thirty days to purchase the surplus, and then leftovers will be available to the general public. On a separate note, Remick noted the annual audit will begin shortly, lasting about six weeks.

Before adjourning the meeting, Beckendorf-Edou and the board members expressed their deep gratitude to the community for passing both levies. The results, with over 62% approval of both levies, have been certified.

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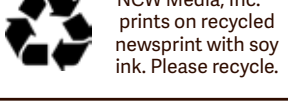
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All events and meetings are cancelled until further notice. Contact the organization listed for update information.

MEETING SCHEDULES FOR AA, ALANON, CELEBRATE RECOVERY

AA Meetings:
Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AA meetings: 541-480-8946
Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AlAnon meetings: 509-548-7939
509-548-1627, 548-4522, 664-6469, 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

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.)

Friday
Chelan County Veteran Service Officer, WorkSource, and SSVF, coffee and organizational information, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Kristall's Restaurant. Help with DD214, VA Disability Claim and more. (1st Fri.)

Monday
Upper Valley Free Clinic, 6:30 p.m., evaluates urgent health needs; dental consultation is available the 1st Mon. of the month. Contact Upper Valley MEND, 548-0408.
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. Contact President Ellie, 425-319-9869 (1st Mon. each month).

Tuesday
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.org
LWSC Alpine Committee, 7 p.m., Ski Hill Lodge. Call 548-5477. (1st Tues.)
Leavenworth Masons, 7:30 a.m., Zarthan Lodge No. 148, Leavenworth Senior Center upstairs. www.leaveworthmasons.org. (1st Tues.)
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. Service hours and availability plans to launch in March. Libraries will continue to offer a wide variety of resources and programs online at ncwlibraries.org and its Facebook page. Go to NCWLIBRARIES.ORG or 1-800-426-READ (7323) for more information, and updates.
Leavenworth Public Library. Located at 700 Hwy. 2, Call 548-7923 or online leavenworth@ncwlibraries.org
Peshastin Public Library. Located at 8396 Main St., Peshastin Call: 548-7821 or 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.

NCW Library Virtual Events:

Remarkable Women of the Past Century

Writer Mayumi Tsutakawa presents five inspirational women in the arts and journalism in a free virtual talk at 7 p.m. March 4. Learn about the pioneering photographer Imogen Cunningham, Black American jazz musician Ruby Bishop, Chinese American artist Priscilla Chong Jue, leftist journalist Anna Louise Strong, and Native American linguist Vi Hilbert. Drawing on her own experience as an activist and writer, Tsutakawa explores how

these women inspired others and changed our state and our society.

NCW Virtual Reads With Imbolo Mbue

Bestselling author Imbolo Mbue presents a free virtual talk at 7 p.m. March 11. Mbue is the author of the New York Times bestseller, Behold the Dreamers, which tells the story of a young Cameroonian couple making a new life in New York just as the Great Recession upends the economy. The book won the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction, the Blue Metropolis Words to Change Award, and was an Oprah's Book Club selection. Please register at: info@ncwlibraries.org or Visit www.ncwlibraries.org for

more information on all these programs and more.

The Upper Valley Empty Bowls

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If you or your business would like to sponsor one of these artist bowls or donate to the Upper Valley Empty Bowls effort, please contact Tiffany at tiffanybrine@msn.com.
All proceeds are donated to the Community Cupboard food bank. Thank you for supporting this lifeline to our community.

Sheriff/Fire/EMS

The sheriff's report is compiled from public records as provided by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office. The publisher cannot certify the complete accuracy of the information provided.

February 19	February 20	February 21
07:31 Theft, 8540 Icicle Rd. 07:46 Parking/abandon, W. Commercial & Joseph Streets 08:14 Suspicious, 328 Meadow Drive 08:55 Property, 617 Front St., #2A 14:18 Agency assist, 8397 Main St., Peshastin 14:32 Agency assist, Leavenworth 14:40 Agency assist, 290 Rabbit Lane 16:55 Accident/no injuries, 10560 Fox Rd.	01:37 Suspicious, Chumstick Hwy, MP 3 14:52 Noise, 302 Commercial St., #B 15:00 Malicious mischief, 1000 A. Front St. 16:02 Public assist, 7375 Icicle Rd., Sleeping Lady 16:36 Suspicious, 22744 Lake Wenatchee Hwy., Lake Wenatchee 19:46 911, 633 Front St 22:43 Disturbance, 980 US Hwy. 2 23:59 Domestic disturbance, 405 US Hwy. 2, Howard Johnson	06:05 Alarm, 7375 Icicle Rd., O'Grady's Pantry 10:53 Agency assist, 524 Mine St. 11:37 Suspicious, SR 207 & Cedar Brae Rd., Lake Wenatchee 12:48 Traffic offense, Chumstick Hwy., MP 3 16:17 Public assist, Chiwawa Sno Park, Lake Wenatchee 22:34 Assault, 12235 W. Shugart Flats Rd., Lake Wenatchee 23:43 Suspicious, 17551 Coulter Creek Rd., Lake Wenatchee

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Lunch: Chicken Thai Sweet Chili, brown rice, Asian green bean salad, sliced strawberries, chocolate milk.

Friday, March 5
Breakfast: Hard boiled egg, yogurt, orange juice, chocolate milk.
Lunch: Chicken Fajita, Mexican slaw, blueberries, chocolate milk.

Monday, March 8
Breakfast: Assorted cereal, orange juice, chocolate milk.
Lunch: Ham & cheese sandwich, potato wedges, apple, chocolate milk.

Tuesday, March 9
Breakfast: Sausage & egg croissant, orange juice, chocolate milk.
Lunch: Chicken Alfred Kodiak, brocoli, Ranch dressing, oranges, chocolate milk.

Wednesday, March 10
Breakfast: Homemade cinnamon roll, orange juice, chocolate milk.
Lunch: Pork Carnitas sandwich, Mexican slaw, 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.)

February 22

08:42 911, 1974 FS 7300-500 Rd., Leavenworth
11:23 Harass/threat, 1329 US Hwy. 2, Dan's Food Market
14:25 Hazard, Chumstick Hwy., MP 10
14:48 Harass/threat, 243 Mine St.
15:10 Accident/no injuries, US Hwy. 2 & River Bend Dr.
15:23 Agency assist, 10118 North Rd.
16:33 Suspicious, 305 - 8th St., Blackbird Lodge
17:06 Injury accident, 18131 Chumstick Hwy.
17:35 Theft, 1207 Front St., Arlberg Sports
18:09 Suspicious, Ski Hill Dr. & Birch St.
21:37 Disturbance, 4637 US Hwy 97, Peshastin

February 23

08:03 Alarm, 7546 Saunders Rd., Big Y Cafe
09:29 Public assist, 9917 Saunders Rd.
09:40 Public assist, 4637 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin
10:44 Property, 810 US Hwy. 2, Bavarian Lodge
12:16 Weapons violation reported near 10555 Fox Rd.
13:37 Agency assist, 22744 Lake Wenatchee Hwy., Lake Wenatchee
18:46 Domestic disturbance, 518 Birch St.

February 24

07:38 Public assist, 150 W. Whitman St., #A
15:27 Public assist, 60 Prusik Peak Ln.
16:07 Miscellaneous, 700 US Hwy. 2
17:17 Agency assist, 3985 Old Blewett Rd., Peshastin
February 25
09:08 Burglary, 12295 S. Shugart Flats Rd., Lake Wenatchee
09:55 Parking/abandon, Nason Rd. & State Rd., Lake Wenatchee
10:39 Theft, 116 River Bend Dr., Safeway
12:15 Malicious mischief, 703 US Hwy. 2, Plain Cellars
12:17 Fraud/forgery, 13597 Chumstick Hwy.
15:15 Parking/abandon, 4702 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin
15:31 Traffic offense, US Hwy. 2, MP 100

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Opinions and Community

The war on free speech



IN MY
OPINION
Bill Forhan
Publisher

There is a war going on in our country. It's not a shooting war – yet. But it is becoming more violent every day. Besides the crowd that overran the Capitol building on Jan. 6, last year communities across the country experienced mob violence that bordered on insurrection.

The problem is unless we begin to address the complaints that are growing increasingly divisive the path to civil war is likely to grow.

Both sides are contributing to this problem. There are no clean hands here.

The political parties continue to fan the flames with often irrelevant personal attacks on the character of their opponents, while excusing the same bad behaviors in their own ranks.

The Media frames every story in racial overtones continuing to spread the myth that America is a racist country. It is just lazy journalism. Left unable to answer the why question reporters fall back on racism every time.

I remember well the I have a Dream Speech by Martin Luther King. King said he dreamed of a country where a person was measured by the content of their character not the color of their skin. King was right, but the race baiters cannot resist the opportunity

to diminish their opposition by calling them racist. Today I cannot remember a day that goes by where every news story doesn't begin with some attempt to characterize those involved by the color of their skin.

Yes, there are racists in this country. There are people who believe they are superior to others. People who believe they are smarter than everyone else. But to describe every white person as a privileged white person and every black person as a victim of our privileged white society is just plain wrong.

There are also people in our country who cannot support themselves. They do need some type of help.

Our government has been waging a “War on Poverty” since 1964 - almost 60 years ago. Can we truly say we have had any substantive impact on eliminating poverty?

Our government is the best

in the world, but it is beginning to tear us all apart. The biggest problem is we have lost our ability to listen to each other. The legacy media, social media, and our own government leaders are working hard to eliminate any voices that do not agree with their own.

We must learn to listen to those challenging voices without demonizing them. It is one of our most important American values.

Our founding fathers set out to build a government “of the people, by the people and for the people.” That means our government leaders must listen to us, respect us and work to represent us.

An amazing thing happened in Olympia this week. The Senate voted unanimously (46-0) to support Anti-SLAPP legislation. SLAPP is an acronym for Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation. The purpose of the act is to protect Media outlets and

people like Tim Eyman against lawsuits designed to silence them. It is now moved to the House of Representatives.

Politicians and activists whose only contribution to the debate is to call for censure or character assassination of their opponents must be called to account. They are not improving our collective lives or honoring the traditions that made this the best country on the planet.

If their ideas had merit, they could make their case with reason. They do not need to silence their opposition. They need to prove their point.

Given the toxic environment for different voices there are some things we can do to avoid more violent protests or outright civil war.

Our founding fathers were smart enough to know that historically great Democracies failed. So they incorporated a way for citizens to take back power from the government

if it should ever begin to disregard the Constitution. Article V provides for a Convention of States to be called to reign in the power of the Federal Government. It takes 34 state legislatures to vote to call a convention of states. Once called each state gets one vote on the issues the Convention of States votes as amendments to the U.S. Constitution. For example, if the Convention of States votes to limit the terms of Federally elected officials then term limits are imposed. Congress does not get to vote. Eighteen states have already passed a call for a Convention of States. Seventeen more are considering it. It takes 34 states to call the convention. If you want to know more you can find information at: <https://conventionofstates.com/>

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Eyman responds to state' lawsuit



COMMUNITY VOICES
Tim Eyman

In the past 22 years, by working together with our thousands of heroic supporters, we've qualified 17 statewide initiatives for a public vote. They all limited the governments' power over us and have saved taxpayers \$46.9 billion. And our four 2/3-vote-to-raise-taxes initiatives have saved taxpayers billions more by stopping and deterring tax increases.

While other initiatives spend \$1.2 million to qualify, we averaged \$672K because we run a tight ship and I often risked my own money.

After two decades of effort, there's no denying that vehicle tabs and property tax increases are dramatically lower than they used to be. Judges vetoed

those early initiatives, but the people's overwhelming vote pushed politicians to readopt them anyway. We've also accomplished this:

- Government affirmative action is prohibited
- Performance audits of state and local governments by the state auditor
- Reduced the size of the King County Council from 13 politicians to nine
- Red-light ticketing cameras were banned in numerous cities
- Tax advisory votes allow voters to vote each November on the taxes imposed by the Legislature and they inform voters about how much they cost and how legislators voted

These amazing accomplishments happened despite fierce opposition from liberals controlling the Legislature, Governor, judges, and media.

Because I led those efforts and constantly kick the hornet's nest of big government, politicians and the press have all been gunning for me.

So in 2012, when a reporting complaint was filed against me by a disgruntled former vendor, I knew what was coming – a witch hunt. And because the government had unlimited resources and I didn't, I knew I'd never survive it without assistance. So, I asked for help.

As my attorney (former supreme court justice) Richard Sanders said, “Thousands of people voluntarily chose to help Mr. Eyman and his family – there is nothing unlawful about that. People and businesses entered into voluntary business relationships with Mr. Eyman – all of them were legal. Mr. Eyman never took money from anyone – he wasn't a signer on anyone's bank account except his own. In every instance, the money he received came from people who chose to voluntarily give it to him. And he consulted with professionals – why wouldn't he? – to ensure he was following state and federal laws.”

Democrat Attorney General

Bob Ferguson spent nearly \$2 million of taxpayer money going after me, my family, friends, and supporters. That's more than all other reporting cases in the last 8 years combined!

Generous people responded to my pleas for help, recognized this injustice and abuse of power, and helped me fight back. Their checks were made payable to the “Tim Eyman Legal Defense Fund, “Tim Eyman & Family,” and “Tim Eyman Watchdog for Taxpayers LLC” – none were campaign donations. Their voluntary assistance, plus our own savings, went toward paying the lawyers and financially surviving this brutal 8-year onslaught.

A year ago, Richard Sanders wrote: “During the recent mediation conference, the AG made clear their priority: the lifetime ban. They don't care about the money, they want to shut you down. When you told the mediator it was blackmail, you were exactly right. This whole thing is about breaking

you so you give up and agree to the ban. But you refused. Good for you!

“After hundreds of hours of examining the facts and researching the AG's case against you, it's clear to me you didn't violate any laws. You were never the committee's treasurer – professional CPA Stan Long was your committee's treasurer – and he did not believe these transactions needed to be reported. He was right, the AG is wrong.

“Tim, in all my years on the court, I've never seen such a miscarriage of justice. Seven years of investigation? Harassment of your wife? Frankly, I'm astounded you're still functioning. Anyone else would've given up a long time ago. I admire your commitment.”

As predicted, a Gregoire-appointed judge in Thurston County's kangaroo court rubberstamped the AG, ignoring the law and the Constitution. Go to tinyurl.com/FergusonHypocrisy to learn how the AG's bizarre claims are fundamentally flawed and reek of hypocrisy – “How Much Has Democrat Bob Ferguson personally

profited from politics? Over \$2.8 million!.”

I'm committed to appealing these ridiculously unconstitutional restrictions on the First Amendment because if they get away with it with me, you could be next. To help with the appeal go to TimDefense.com.

While it gets appealed, despite the risks, I will continue fighting for taxpayers because our efforts are needed now more than ever. Politicians have an insatiable tax appetite and are hell-bent to impose income taxes, carbon taxes, and other taxes this session. We're committed to stopping them. To help us fight back go to PermanentOffense.com.

Ferguson's fascist 8-year jihad has cost me everything but I'm not going to let him slow me down. Because like President Trump said: “They're not after me, they're after you, I'm just in the way.”

Tim Eyman is a longtime political activist, born and raised Yakima, a WSU graduate, who now lives in Bellevue. For more information, contact him at 425-590-9363 or tim.eyman@gmail.com.

Letters to the editor

Letter to Planning Commission Members

Leavenworth's new Housing Action Plan contains a recommendation for high-density multi-family housing in our city's residential areas. Our neighbors and friends definitely do question whether this level of density is right for our small residential city. When we discuss it, their reaction is initial shock followed by immediate opposition.

The Planning Commission's approval of the Plan, described as “just a recommendation”, is happening in this intense market where Leavenworth land and properties are surging in value. Rezoning land has an immediate economic impact. An up-zone to higher density dramatically increases the value of that land, often doubling its value or more. In considering up-zoning for Leavenworth properties from single-family to duplex, triplex

and 4-plex, the land immediately becomes more valuable than the structure(s) on it.

Developers love this change, because it promises large returns on new developments as they densify their properties with new structures. Why wouldn't a savvy developer start tearing down older single-family homes and start building triplexes? These can be rented out monthly as condos to vacationers/tourists for far more money than what a single family rental produces.

This could cause our older housing stock to rapidly disappear! There seems to be no zoning regulation currently or proposed that would prevent this total restructuring of our town.

For us who live here, this would cause irreparable harm, since the very houses we live in would be seen as a liability. Suddenly folks realize the possibility of building to

the highest density according to new zoning codes. And let's face it, there are few opportunities to make money in a small town.

Many folks would certainly “invest” in this new, much higher land value. Owners would start to stack their property with new development, duplexes, triplexes or 4-plexes as close to the property lines as possible. And once they do that and we start to see how that radically changes our relaxed, comfortable neighborhoods, we as a City cannot just suddenly reverse the trend towards high-density housing.

So we ask the Planning Commission to explain their approval of this part of the Plan when it has definite negative impacts on our quiet residential areas.

Have you considered those outcomes in our neighborhoods? For example, replacing a single-family home with multi-family units would greatly increase traffic flow centered on that property.

Daily car-trips for each unit average around 5 trips. So for a four-plex, there could be 20 separate car-trips to/from that one property each day.

Adding these new high-density developments along one of our quiet streets, the difference would be quite noticeable. As planners, you know how the presence of traffic decreases the sense of connection, community, safety and walk-ability which we all value.

Many new units would be rented out to different visitors each month so the neighborliness of our neighborhoods would be virtually destroyed. Traffic and noise would drastically increase while safety for children and pets would decrease dramatically as they face many more vehicles each day.

We know that, as planners serving on the Planning Commission, you want our lovely town to retain its safe and quiet environment. So please explain your rationale

for supporting the Plan that would so dramatically change our neighborhoods? Why would you recommend the possibility of rezoning and converting single-family residential properties into high-density multi-units? We ask that you let us know your specific reasons. And we look forward to your reply in the Leavenworth Echo – this is definitely a public discussion worth having!

Ann Crosby
Leavenworth

Loaves Bidens American Rescue Plan

Nearly a year into the coronavirus pandemic shutting down the United States, it's time for our leaders in Washington to put aside partisan bickering and do something to help. President Biden's American Rescue Plan to stop coronavirus and deal with the pandemic's impact on our nation does just that. And the American people agree.

Real American unity is more than about politicians agreeing

on a piece of legislation – it's about getting vaccines in arms, safely reopening schools for in-person instruction, giving every American a chance to survive the crises facing our nation, and preserve critical jobs and services in our states, cities and towns.

And President Biden's American Rescue Plan meets this moment. According to major polls, there is more bipartisan support for the American Rescue Plan than virtually anything in the last few years

Even West Virginia's Republican Gov. Jim Justice said, “We need to go big, and if we waste some money now, well, we waste some money. But absolutely, we've got too many people hurting and the economy is going to sputter and we've got to get ourselves out of this mess.”

We need unity to get out of the coronavirus crisis. We need the American Rescue Plan.

Pat Rutledge
Leavenworth

Susan Butruille Featured in French Film Aired by Icicle Center for the Arts

SUBMITTED BY ICICLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Leavenworth - In celebration of Women's History Month, Leavenworth's Icicle Center for the Arts will air a French documentary, Marie Pantalon, itinéraire d'une pionnière, on March 10 at 7 p.m. The film features Leavenworth writer and musician Susan Butruille as a commentator.

The filmmaker, François Gaillard, will introduce his film, which tells the story of Marie Suize Pantalon, a character from Butruille's third book, Women's Voices from the Mother Lode: Tales from the California Gold Rush. Gaillard interviewed Butruille in Lyon, France for his film about Marie

Pantalon, the intrepid French-speaking pants-wearing gold miner and winemaker who was arrested more than once for the crime of cross-dressing. A question and answer session with Susan Butruille will follow the 30-minute film, subtitled in English where needed. For details and tickets to the virtual program, go to <https://icicle.org/find-events>.

Butruille's book, the third in her Women's Voices series, was published in 1998, the 150th anniversary year of the California Gold Rush. The following year, the author performed her solo play, “Marie Pantalon: the Lady Wore Pants!” in Marie's home town of Thônes, in the French Alps.

Susan Butruille's extensive writing includes Recipe for Justice, a musical suffrage readers theatre; Bound for Oregon, a film featured at the End of the Oregon Trail in Oregon City; and her thesis, Tracing the Dark Madonna from Ephesus to Provence to Chartres. A former speaker for Washington and Oregon speakers series, the author has taken her women's history presentations from western states to Washington, D.C. as well as France. Butruille co-founded Dangerous Women, Leavenworth's women's history performing arts troupe, and has served on the ICCA Board of Directors. She currently is the pianist for Cascade School District

and Faith Lutheran Church and plans to sing and play the piano with Leavenworth Village Voices when the choir reconvenes.

Icicle Creek Center for the Arts was founded in 1995 by Harriet Bullitt and the late Wilfred Woods. Located on a 14-acre campus three miles outside of the City of Leavenworth, they provide arts education to more than 6,000 students around NCW each year and offer a full performance season that draws more than 10,000 audience members annually and relies on support through ticket sales, education programs, individual donations, grants, and sponsorship.

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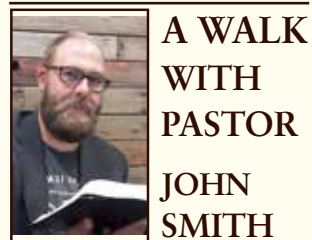
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Nora Bedard, left, and Amelia Morgan share some laughs while they sit at their fundraising lemonade stand last fall.

The Equality Act



A WALK WITH PASTOR JOHN SMITH

With more individuals identifying with the LGBTQ+ movement than ever before and the general acceptance of alternative “lifestyles,” our country is ready for the Equality Act to pass into law. The Equality Act is a piece of sweeping legislation that would amend the Civil Rights Act which will expand the definition of discrimination to include sexual orientation and gender identity.

What this bill is capable of doing to this country is absolutely unnerving and every Christian should be paying attention.

One of the consequences of the Equality Act is that it prohibits Christian-owned businesses from operating according to their deeply held religious convictions. According to the bill, business owners are forced to implement a strict pronoun policy, hire individuals that have made lifestyle choices that run contrary to a Biblical worldview, and ensure that their bathrooms, in effect, are open to all genders. In other words, if a business doesn't allow a man to go into a girl's bathroom, they could face lawsuits and federal fines until they either comply or shut down.

The Equality Act also undoes the Religious Freedom Restoration Act which protects religious organizations from litigation and ensures that our 1st Amendment right of freedom of religion remains. Yet, if the Equality Act does pass, churches will be mandated by the State to perform gay weddings, prohibited from preaching certain topics, and prevented from providing Biblical counsel regarding transgenderism and sexuality.

When the Equality Act becomes law of the land, any pastor who opens up their Bible and reads Romans 1:26-27 and calls homosexuality sinful, or Genesis 1:27 where only two genders are identified, would be charged for inciting hatred to the LGBTQ+ community and will be punished to the fullest extent of the law. And if you Christian, slip up and don't use an individual's preferred pronouns, you could lose your job or worse. Even before the

Equality Act, we have seen bakeries and floral shops fined, teachers losing their jobs, and medical professionals having their licenses revoked, all because they didn't follow the prevailing Zeitgeist in America which states that how a person feels matters more than biology or reality.

The Equality Act should concern you because if it passes, gone is the protection of religious liberty that has been foundational to our nation.

However, if it does pass, it doesn't change reality. God has created two genders (male and female) and marriage is the sacred institution between one man and one woman. Sexual immorality in any form and attempts to redefine and deviate from what God has deemed as “good” and “healthy” is sinful. Regardless, if anyone agrees, God has set the terms and definitions concerning gender and sexuality within the Scriptures and they are unchanging.

Our response to the erosion of religious liberty and the assault against the Biblical worldview is simple: Stand firm on what the Bible says. Come what may, the Bible is the final authority, and as Romans 3:4 says, “Let God be true and every man a liar.” Wavering or avoiding clear teachings of Scripture, or apologizing for what the Bible says, is not loving the world well. And staying silent on this issue is not loving your neighbor either.

The Equality Act benefits no one. It destroys your neighbor's liberty, obliterates religious expression, and hurts the very people that it is claiming to help—the LGBTQ+. How are they hurt? The Equality Act reinforces the lie that sex is separate from gender and a life of self-fulfillment regarding sexual expression, apart from God's design, is the ultimate pursuit. As Christians, we don't rejoice at wrongdoing (1 Cor. 13:6) nor we, as Solzhenitsyn said, “live by lies.” In a time like ours, we must be very clear on the truth and stand by those principles regardless of the cost.

At the time of writing this, the Equality Act has just passed in the House and now it moves into the Senate where it will be voted into law, unless God is merciful and intervenes. Pray for our nation and its leaders and prepare yourself and your churches to be ready for the time when it is criminal to say, “The Bible says...”

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

By MARLENE FARRELL

The unofficial Kids Rotary Club, made up of fourth graders Amelia Morgan, Nora Bedard and friends, donated \$100 to Cascade Medical Foundation (CMF) to help the hospital.

The one hundred dollars was hard-earned during the warmer months through an eclectic mix of fundraising: lemonade stand combined

with flea market and rock art gallery. The children set up along Titus Road, and customers included passersby who were walking, biking or in cars.

Amelia's mom, Christine Jakobsen said, “They were self-organized and knew they wanted to raise money for a good cause, not for themselves.”

These budding nonprofit professionals have done other campaigns, including one for Upper Valley MEND and an earlier one for the hospital.

Amelia and Nora visited the CMF board during a recent Zoom board meeting. Amelia explained how she came up with the idea to do fundraising this last year. “I got tired of feeling like I was just a kid and

not able to make a change in my community,” she said. “I realized, if I tried hard enough, I could make a change. It was helpful to have someone else there. Nora is really funny, so she helped me pass the time.” CMF board chair Bob Jennings thanked them for their exemplary efforts, and the board members gave them a round of applause.

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In the Matter of the Estate of RICHARD G. HAMILTON Deceased. No. 21-4-00058-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative's Resident Agent who is also the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: February 24, 2021
Personal Representative: Elizabeth Valdez
Attorneys for the Personal Representative: David A. Kazemba, WSBA# 48049
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Court of probate proceeding and cause number: Chelan County Superior Court Cause Number: 21-4-00058-04
Presented by: OVERCAST LAW OFFICES
By: /s/ David A. Kazemba
David A. Kazemba
WSBA No. 48049
Attorney for the Personal Representative
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Public Notices

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of SANDRA CECELIA MCKINNEY Deceased. No. 20-4-00391-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative's Resident Agent who is also the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: February 17, 2021.
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23. Arabian sailing vessels
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Padden Anti-SLAPP legislation passes Senate

Uniform Public Expression Protection Act would restore critical free-speech protections

SUBMITTED BY BOOKER STALLWORTH

OLYMPIA... Today the Senate voted 46-0 to approve Sen. Mike Padden's measure to help protect citizens, whistleblowers and members of the news media from frivolous lawsuits aimed at



stifling freedom of speech and the discussion of legitimate public issues.

"The right to petition the court to address legitimate legal disputes is an important principle that should be protected, but our courts should never be used as a means to deny citizens their fundamental First Amendment free-speech rights or silence victims from exposing criminal activities," explained Padden, R-Spokane Valley. "At a time when civil debate of public issues is more important than ever, we cannot allow people to use expensive lawsuits as a weapon to silence or bankrupt others.

"This measure has broad bipartisan support from citizen-activists on the left and the right, as well as members of the media. I am pleased to see it receive similarly bipartisan support in the Senate today."

Substitute Senate Bill 5009 addresses an important free-speech concern created by

the May 28, 2015, ruling in the case of Davis v Cox, in which members of the Olympia Food Co-op's board of directors were sued by five co-op members over the board's decision to boycott Israeli goods. The defendants argued that the action was an illegal Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation (SLAPP) that should be dismissed as an attempt to chill the board's public statements on an issue of public interest. The state Supreme Court had rejected this claim and found the anti-SLAPP statute to be unconstitutional.

SSB 5009 would reinstate the anti-SLAPP law, the Uniform Public Expression Protection Act, permitting a special motion in court for expedited relief against legal claims over public expression and allowing a court to award costs, litigation expenses, and reasonable attorneys' fees for prevailing parties.

Padden explained his bill

would apply to civil lawsuits for communications in a government proceeding or the exercise of First Amendment rights, including freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the right to assemble or petition one's government, or the right of association.

The proposal would make several changes to the act aimed at satisfying the concerns of the Supreme Court by adopting a "summary judgment" standard.

Several citizens and members of the press testified at the hearing for the bill that the anti-SLAPP law is a vital tool used to protect free speech. The bill was supported by the Uniform Law Commission.

The measure, which also received the support of the Basel Action Network, the Motion Picture Association, Inc., Women in Film, and the Allied Daily Newspapers of Washington, now moves to the House of Representatives for its consideration.

State Senate unanimously approves Senator Hawkins' utility wildfire bill

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR BRAD HAWKINS

OLYMPIA -- Legislation introduced by 12th District Sen. Brad Hawkins to implement recommendations by the Electric Utilities Wildland Fire Prevention Task Force on ways to prevent wildfires was approved today 46-0 by the Senate.

Senate Bill 5158 would direct state Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz to work with the Utility Wildland Fire Prevention Advisory Committee to implement recommendations recently offered in this report issued in December 2020. According to Hawkins' proposal, this would be accomplished by Aug. 1 and the group's work would be maintained and updated on the Department of Natural Resources' website.

"I'm pleased the Senate has passed this important bill for my district and other wildfire-prone parts of our state," said

Hawkins. "Our state's electric utilities have shown strong support for this bill, which is very helpful. If our utilities and DNR can keep working together to implement these key recommendations to avoid wildfires and utility liability, that would be a huge benefit for our state and its PUDs.

"These recommendations are very important to many of my utilities, especially considering the 12th District's recent history of devastating wildfires," added Hawkins. "It is important to keep the momentum going for this group, finalize its recommendations, and ensure ongoing communications with the Legislature.

"I'm very excited to be partnering with Chelan PUD and DNR on this bill. Commissioner Hilary Franz and her staff have been awesome to work with in past years and we accomplished some great things together in my first Senate term. I look

forward to going that going this year as I begin my next term."

During Senate Bill 5158's public hearing in the Senate Ways and Means Committee on Feb. 8, Chelan County PUD General Manager Steve Wright provided key testimony and appreciates Hawkins' sponsorship of the bill. Wright said, "Commendation to Senator Hawkins. This is an important step to address the collaboration necessary to address a pervasive risk like wildfire that could impact everyone in Chelan County."

Franz previously spoke to the bill and her positive working relationship with Hawkins. Franz said, "A big 'thank you' to Senator Hawkins and his leadership on this bill and to all the stakeholders who took time to be part of the task force during a year of uncertainty. We had long-overdue and difficult conversations that brought us to consensus on many

issues that will support all our wildfire prevention work as well as post-wildfire processes. The recommendations in this bill will solidify our work and ensure we keep the momentum of the task force going."

Senate Bill 5158 now heads to the House of Representatives for consideration.



PHOTO BY GARY BEGIN/NCW MEDIA. Chelan PUD's General Manager Steve Wright.

The Washington Outdoors Report

March Trout Fishing

BY JOHN KRUSE

March 1 is opening day for trout anglers at the Tucannon Lakes near Pomeroy in Southeast Washington and at the Quincy Lakes in the Columbia Basin. Here's how things are shaping up:

Tucannon Lakes:

According to Jason Towery, the owner of the Last Resort RV near Pomeroy, the Tucannon lakes are ice free. Blue, Spring, Rainbow and Deer lakes will all be stocked by Friday Feb. 26 with catchable sized trout and some jumbo-sized fish too. Towery expects the fishing to be very good at all of these lakes in early March. Towery had no information about when or if Watson or Big-4 Lake would be stocked. Big-4 Lake suffered damage from floods and a bridge to Watson Lake was blown out last year by these same floods. While there will be some holdover fish in Big-4

Lake, Watson Lake was drained last year and not stocked.

In addition to trout fishing in the Tucannon Lakes, Towery suggests fishing the Tucannon River in March for steelhead too. If you are looking for a place to stay, the Last Resort RV opened on the 26th and there were still a few openings for the first two weeks of March. Find out more at www.thelastresortrv.com

Quincy Lakes:

There will be no Quincy Lake Trout Derby this year but there will be a Youth Fishing Day at Burke Lake on Saturday, March 6. According to Cari Mathews, Executive Director of the Quincy Valley Chamber, "Starting at 7 a.m. Chamber staff and volunteers will be handing out gift bags to kids 15 and under at Burke Lake who are going fishing". There will also be some fishing poles given away that day during this drive-thru event. In addition to this there will also be a youth photo contest. The photo contest, featuring photos of kids with

their opening weekend fish, will take place on the Quincy Valley Chamber Facebook page. Whichever pictures gets the most "likes" wins prizes to include a PlayStation 4, a remote-control drone, and more. Check out the Quincy Valley Chamber Facebook Page for more details.

As for how the fishing may be, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist Mike Schmuck says Quincy and Burke Lakes will both be good bets and should put out quality trout this spring. As of Feb 22, Burke was 40 percent ice free and Quincy had some open water too. With warmer weather and wind most of the ice should be gone by the opener and boats should be able to launch at both lakes. The little hike-in lakes south of Burke Lake should offer additional opportunities for rainbows and there are a few big ones there too.

Lake Lenore:

Another body of water that opens up on March 1 is Lake

Lenore between Soap Lake and Coulee City. Known for its large Lahontan cutthroat trout, Schmuck says the lake should have fishable open water for the opener. Schmuck says there are plenty of Lahontan cutthroat trout in Lake Lenore but angler catch rates have gone down in recent years. Part of this is because water clarity has become worse and many anglers are using the same techniques and offerings they've tried in the past when the water was clear. Despite the lower catch rates, Schmuck says the lake is still stocked with 70,000 fingerlings every fall and they have plenty of big cutthroat trout in the spawning area every spring. In other words, there are some big trout waiting to be caught at this selective regulation lake if you can figure out how to entice them to strike.

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



The author with a nice early season rainbow trout.

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