



Big Step in ending Housing Shortage



PHOTO BY BILL FORHAN

The Leavenworth Haus Apartment Homes on Ward Strasse behind Safeway is scheduled for completion in early September. This is the largest housing project ever constructed in Leavenworth. It will add 200 housing units. Building A is currently open and Chris Fullerton, Community Director says the company has leased approximately 35% of the units some of which are not ready for occupancy.

Chelan County Commissioners keep watch on proposed Olympia Bills

By GARY BÉGIN

Managing Editor, NCW Media

WENATCHEE – The February 9 meeting of the Chelan County Commission was highlighted by the overview and commentary of several House and Senate bills that may affect the county and local cities in both positive and negative ways.

SB5368 is in regards to the annexation of unincorporated territory by state code cities currently under Urban Growth Area (UGA) boundaries. The annexation must be coordinated between the city and the county it lies within and includes safeguards for continued upkeep of infrastructure, fair evaluation of potential loss or gain to residential properties and potential for revenue sharing agreements. It requires the formation of interlocal agreements. If the bill passes, cities will become eligible for the annexation sales tax credit. The bill was referred to the Senate Ways & Means Committee February 12.

The Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC)*, representing 39 Washington counties, has issued pro or con advice on many of the bills. See the WSAC website for more information (WSAC.ORG).

Commissioner Keith Overbay went through some of the proposed bills and had comments regarding a few specified bills, admitting he would take an entire day to analyze and comment on all of them.

HB1412, said Overbay, “Would cause a revenue hit” on counties and is opposed by WSAC. The bill specifically allows non-payment of fines and/or restitution if “the offender does not have the current or likely future ability to make full or partial restitution.”

Overbay, a retired Washington State Patrol officer, explained the proposal to the other two commissioners Tiffany Gering and Bob Bugert. If passed, “At any time, the court may determine that the offender is not required to pay, or may relieve the offender of the required fine to pay,” thus causing an obvious loss of court revenues to be distributed to county and city entities from convicted offenders.

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Chelan County Commissioner Keith Overbay

Planning Commission reviews Housing Action Plan

By BILL FORHAN

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“We have been working on housing issues trying to come up with ways to make housing in town more affordable for years. We’ve done it in a kind of a haphazard way in retrospect. Some of the ideas we’ve tried haven’t gone anywhere. Some of the ideas we’ve put into place sounded very good, put them into place and nobody missed them. I’m excited to have a list to help us move forward.” Andy Lane, Planning Commission Chair.

The planning commission heard a report from the state Department of Commerce last Wednesday on an 8-month study of Leavenworth’s issue of affordable housing. It is a topic that has been on the minds of city leaders for several years. Mayor Carl Florea

campaigned on the issue and has been pushing it ever since his election.

Now the state Department of Commerce has issued a Housing Action Plan to provide guidance to the city in ways to address the issue. Most of the findings and recommendations are not new and a few may cause local residents to question if the action plan is right for the community.

For example, Department of Commerce Project Manager Dawn Couch who gave the commission the presentation of the state’s recommended action plan, stated Leavenworth could not satisfy the demands of the vacation rental market or the growing need for workforce housing.

The study confirms what is now well recognized as the primary reason for the problem with housing affordability in the city. The inventory of available housing options has not kept pace with the growth in jobs. This has caused home prices in the city to soar, increasing by 73% over the last ten years. That is nearly 50% faster than the rest of Chelan County.

Making matters worse, the Median Family Income in Leavenworth has only grown by 18% making the goal of home ownership increasingly unobtainable. First time home buyers find rapidly growing home prices to be a significant barrier to their ability to find a home in town.

Rental rates have not grown as rapidly as home prices. In fact, they have trailed the growth in Median Family Income slightly at 17%. Once again however, supply of available rentals has made the rental market an insufficient option. That is about to change as the Leavenworth Haus

project becomes available in 2021 providing 200 new rental units.

Currently, 43% of Leavenworth residents live in rental housing. A little more than half are considered housing cost burdened. That means they are paying more than 30% of their income for housing.

Currently, the report indicates that Leavenworth’s population is older than the state overall with fewer children. Most of these seniors occupy single-family homes. As these older adults continue to age the report raises concerns about their need for lower-cost housing options. Opportunities for downsizing is for these individuals is limited. Approximately ½ of the extremely low-income households include persons 62 or older.

The report does not address how many of these older homeowners may own their properties leaving questions about how their income meets their needs or how the current value of their home could help supplement their retirement.

The report recommends several strategies for increasing the inventory of available housing. Those recommendations generally call for increasing the density of housing in the city.

First, it recommends that zoning be changed to reduce the minimum lot size from 12,000 square feet to 10,000. The report suggests that making that change could potentially increase affordability where new houses would require less land.

Along with that change the report is suggesting limiting the size of buildings constructed on the lots. The report uses an example that says home sizes could be set on a sliding

scale depending on the structure. A single family home could be limited to 2,500 feet of floor area while a home with an accessory dwelling unit or built as a duplex could be limited to 3,000 square feet. It is important to note here that these are not specific recommendations on limiting the size of homes. That would be up to the city. They are simply recommendations of ways to increase housing availability.

The report does suggest there is a need for more multi-family dwellings including duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes. It makes the point that these types of homes can improve affordability and preserve neighborhood character while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Second, the report recommends the city consider developing cottage housing. Cottage housing consists of smaller detached dwelling units often clustered around a common outdoor space. The city currently has no regulations in place to accommodate this type of housing. The report cites an example of Spokane cottage housing that allows 1200 square feet per unit homes and 500 square feet for tiny homes.

Third, the report suggests the city consider zoning codes be developed for manufactured homes. Manufactured homes are significantly less costly to build than site-built homes. The city has approved one manufactured home permit since 2015.

The entire 158 page report is available on the cities website at <https://cityofleavenworth.com/col-assets/uploads/2015/06/02.17.2021-PC-Packet.pdf>

School Bond Levies Pass

Cascade School District residents voted a resounding “Yes” for the two replacement levies on the ballot in early February. The Educational Programs and Operations Levy passed 62.27%, with 3144 total votes counted. The Technology and Safety Replacement Levy passed with 63.58%, with 3391 votes counted. The district expressed its gratitude to the community via their website, social media and a notification app, as soon as the results were known.

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Olympia Bills

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HB1099 is also opposed by WSAC as it mandates actions by counties cannot be approved unless within guidelines of greenhouse gas emissions regulations.

The bill demands future regulations be, "... supported by scientifically credible projections and scenarios that indicate their adoption is likely to result in reductions of greenhouse gas emissions or per capita vehicle miles traveled."

The proposal also requires actions taken must "substantially reduce the adverse impacts of climate change on people, property, and ecological systems through goals, policies, and programs consistent with the best available science and scientifically credible climate projections and impact scenarios that moderate or avoid harm, enhance the resiliency of natural and human systems, and enhance beneficial opportunities."

Because of the rural nature of most of Washington state, the bill is considered to be mainly one for urban areas to consider and not practical for non-urban entities, where much greater mileage is incurred by necessary vehicular traffic, according to minority party (GOP) comments.

Another bill possibly causing angst in rural areas is the call for an addition to "community oversight" in HB1203.

"All local jurisdictions must establish a community oversight board by January 1, 2025. ... To receive complaints from community members regarding the conduct of law enforcement officers and civilian employees of the law enforcement agency." The bill is aimed at any city or county law enforcement agency with at least 15 members on staff.

"Upon complaint of any person or on its own initiative, to investigate incidents that occur between members of the public and law enforcement officers or civilian employees of the law enforcement agency,

including incidents involving: The use of force by a law enforcement officer; death of or serious injury to any person held in custody; serious abuse of authority or misconduct by a law enforcement officer; allegedly discriminatory stops or other profiling activity; adversarial interactions between law enforcement officers and community members at public assemblies; and other adverse incidents related to the conduct of law enforcement officers or civilian employees of the law enforcement agency."

The bill was referred to the House Appropriations Committee on February 9. Continue reading NCW

Media weekly publications for updates on these and other bills currently circulating in the State House and Senate.

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Schrier has multi-topic, Wenatchee-based town hall, her second in three months

STORY AND PHOTOS BY GARY BÉGIN
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WENATCHEE – On Wednesday, February 17, Representative Kim Schrier (D-Issaquah) held a town hall meeting for Central Washington constituents co-hosted by Wenatchee Mayor Frank Kuntz. Kuntz sorted out questions submitted by email prior to the meeting and also added occasional commentary.

Kuntz said it was almost exactly one year ago that we started to hear about COVID-19 and sure enough Schrier fielded several questions on that very subject.

"We have to treat this novel virus as a novel virus," she said.

Schrier, a second term Congressman representing Washington's 8th Congressional District, said she wanted to get home COVID-19 testing kits out en masse, stating that it was of the utmost importance to test those that are asymptomatic (exhibiting and feeling no symptoms) because they are the ones spreading the virus.

Schrier said the "hospitality and entertainment industries are the hardest hit."

She wants the government to mass produce, buy and distribute testing kits, saying "COVID-19 will most likely be with us for a very long time."

Schrier told listeners (Zoom attendees) that she likes Washington state and her district especially to a microcosm of the country as a whole because it has everything from big cities to farms, mountains, orchards and a huge variety of demographics living within it. She said there was great diversity representing "both sides of the mountains."

The Wenatchee Business Journal asked her if she felt threatened while at the Capitol during the riotous and deadly insurrection last month and she responded by stating, "As time goes by it almost rocks me more. I knew it was going to be a scary day. I kept hearing about security briefings, but didn't get one."

Schrier said she was not in the Capitol building itself, but in her office in an adjacent building when the chaos ensued.

"I watched the president (Trump) on tv and saw the texting and emails about being evacuated and to keep away from windows and doors. Suspicious packages were found. It lasted six hours. We need to make sure this never happens again," Schrier concluded.

Back to the subject of COVID-19, Schrier stated, "I don't understand the governor's (Inslee's) plan on opening, reopening or phases."

On another subject, Schrier said statistics show that immigrants start to become contributors to our communities' economy after about seven years from arrival.

Regarding the wildfires that have plagued North Central

Washington over the last few years, Schrier said that the climate has been "drier and hotter" and that the forests have not been managed appropriately over time.

"Managing forests around towns needs to be done with a combination of mechanical clearing and controlled burns," she said.

Schrier said she is working on a bill to address "forest health and controlled burns."

She said she is working with Wenatchee Mayor Kuntz and others on evacuation plans so when citizens are confronted by fire emergencies, they know what to do.

Brewer and restaurateur Pam Brulotte of Leavenworth (Icicle Brewing) asked if Schrier could do anything about the criteria for receiving PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) funding?

Brulotte said she invested in her companies in 2019 only to be thwarted by the 2020 COVID-19 crisis causing massive revenues losses.

She stated her businesses lost 24 percent in gross revenues from the previous year, but that was skewed because of the previous investments. The criteria to receive "bailout" monies from the SBA was a minimum of a 25 percent loss, so her business didn't qualify.

Schrier agreed and said Brulotte only missed the relief package by 1 percent and it was a matter of bad timing, but said maybe the parameters of using "gross revenues" was not the right thing to focus on when qualifying for funding. She said she would look into it further. Schrier agreed that Brulotte shouldn't be punished for having the courage to invest in the future of her company in 2019.

Allen from Peshastin asked if using more nuclear power in response to climate change was doable and Schrier responded by saying "Every type of energy has pros and cons."

Both Mayor Kuntz and Rep. Schrier agreed there must be more energy resources than solar, wind and battery storage. Kuntz said, "It makes us think about having duplicate resources" as backup systems when emergencies occur.

The state has 75 percent clean energy due to hydropower, according to Schrier.

The one-hour meeting had questions from Issaquah to Leavenworth, East Wenatchee and Entiat and covered several other topics such as Schrier's role on the House Agriculture Committee.

Rich from Entiat asked if Schrier could do anything about the unfair import/export practices of Japan when it came to apples?

Schrier assured him that orchardists' concerns about unjustified demands from other countries would be part of her agenda on the "Ag Committee."

Tom of Leavenworth wanted to know if it was feasible for the government to start a

"citizen's climate corps" much like President FDR (Franklin Delano Roosevelt) did during the depression era of the 1930s when he created the Works Progress Administration (WPA)* putting hundreds of thousands of Americans to work building infrastructure and other projects across the country?

He said it would be a good way to use local expertise and labor and Schrier agreed, taking the idea under advisement, and will see what President Biden has in store.

Patrick of Wenatchee asked what was the biggest obstacle to the economy right now besides the pandemic? Schrier said she felt the two opposing political and scientific views that have polarized the nation depending on what news source a person listens to, watches or reads.

She said, "We are operating with two different sets of facts," and blames "propaganda media and social media." Schrier said, "we need to change the algorithms" so as to not "simplify divisiveness."

Mayor Kuntz agreed and stated he "watches a diverse array of news sources."

Kuntz also said he was working on homelessness and mental illness issues in his city and expressed concern that so many indigents ended up in jail or hospital emergency rooms. He said he believed in "housing first" and that mentally ill persons should be made safe and secure in supportive shelter environments.

Another topic briefly covered was the "decoupling" of mandatory health insurance from employer obligations and allowing employees to seek health plan options.

The meeting ended with a question from Dan in Leavenworth who asked Schrier, a pediatrician, if she supported the rights of the unborn?

Schrier answered that she supported choice for pregnant women and that it was between "women, health care providers and God, not the government."



She said there should be a common goal of having all pregnancies occur as planned pregnancies, part of the larger sphere of family planning.

Schrier's district spans western Washington (Sammamish, Issaquah, Auburn), Ellensburg, and east of the Cascades (Wenatchee, Chelan, Leavenworth).

**May, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order creating the Works Progress Administration (WPA). The WPA was just one of many Great Depression relief programs created under the auspices of the Emergency Relief Appropriations Act, which Roosevelt had signed the month before.*

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Brooke has been employed for 3 years as the Business Office Manager. Not only is Brooke highly valued for her office skills and expertise, but also for her consistently positive attitude, cheery disposition, and sincere desire to accommodate both staff and residents whenever needed.

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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.leavenworthmasons.org. (1st Tues.)
Cascade Garden Club, 1 p.m., at a member's home or other venue. Call President Claudia, 662-7706. (3rd Tues.)

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Other events
The Greater Leavenworth Museum, formerly known as the Upper Valley Museum, is closed by Governor Inslee's order. Please check our Facebook page or our website at www.leavenworthmuseum.org for updates.
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.

Calling all Upper Valley Students

The Upper Valley Empty Bowls Coloring Contest entries are due by February 26. Download a "virtual bowl" to decorate at our website www.uvemtybowls.org, or pick up a copy at Dan's food Market, Community Cupboard or Plain

Hardware. All entries will be put in a drawing to win a UVEB bowl painting kit.

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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 12	12:24 Property, 810 US Hwy. 2, Bavarian Lodge	Dr. Lake Wenatchee
11:00 911, 708 US Hwy. 2	16:08 Suspicious, School St. & Steelhead Ln.	00:50 Public assist, Derby Canyon Rd., MP 3, Peshastin
16:23 Harass/threat, 302 Commercial St.	16:55 Alarm, 10461 US Hwy. 2, Farmer Joe	01:08 Welfare check, US Hwy. 2 & Alpensee Strasse
20:41 Unknown accident, US Hwy. 2, MP 105, Dryden	18:09 Domestic disturbance, 11198 North Rd.	02:51 Property, 960 US Hwy. 2
22:21 Property, 8th & Front Streets	18:18 Hazard, 12177 W. Shugart Flats Rd.	10:11 911, 309 - 8th St., Post Hotel
23:03 Traffic offense, 1505 Chumstick Hwy.	22:50 Noise, 8515 Icicle Rd.	12:39 Public assist, Camp 12 Rd., Plain
		15:24 Hazard, Beaver Valley & Chiwawa Loop Roads
February 14		15:48 Miscellaneous, 10701 Ski Hill Dr.
00:06 Domestic disturbance, 9899 Merry Canyon Rd.		20:09 Disturbance, 900 Blk., Front St.
00:09 Fireworks 17805 N. Shore		20:20 Property, 820 Front St., Gazebo Park
		20:44 Public assist, Division & Commercial Streets

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Thursday, February 25
Breakfast: Italian sausage burrito, orange juice, chocolate milk.
Lunch: Turkey & cheese sandwich, potato wedges, applesauce, chocolate milk.

Friday, February 26
Breakfast: Oatmeal, orange juice, chocolate milk.
Lunch: Kodiak Chicken Alfredo, pea salad, apple, chocolate milk.

Monday, March 1
Breakfast: Assorted cereal, orange juice, chocolate milk.
Lunch: Hot dog, carrots, oranges, chocolate milk.

Tuesday, March 2
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, orange juice, chocolate milk.
Lunch: Philly Cheesesteak, baked beans, applesauce, chocolate milk.

Wednesday, March 3
Breakfast: Homemade cinnamon roll, 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.)
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February 25, Thursday: No lunch.
February 26, Friday: Chicken burger deluxe, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, Waldorf salad, dessert.
Saturday and Sunday: No lunch.
March menu to be determined.

February 15
12:38 911, 9312 E. Leavenworth Rd.
12:40 Agency assist, US Hwy. 97, MP 166, Peshastin
14:21 Weapons violation, 3522 Hansel Ln. Peshastin
21:46 Public assist, 694 A US Hwy. 2

February 16
07:38 Agency assist, Stevens Pass
14:10 Public assist, 22501 Alpine Dr. Lake Wenatchee
16:53 Theft, 3432 Hansel Ln., Peshastin
17:25 Welfare check, US Hwy. 97 & Ranch Creek Rd.
17:49 Agency assist, 12708 US Hwy. 2, Heildelburger Drive-In
21:32 Property, 709 Front St., Munchen Haus

February 17
08:32 Hazard, 1524 Alpensee Strasse
09:58 Alarm, 907 Front St., Kris Kringl
22:28 Traffic offense, 116 River Bend Dr., Safeway
23:42 Suspicious, 18451 Camp 12 Rd., Plain

February 18
09:33 Assault, 34491 US Hwy. 2, Stevens Pass
11:57 Suspicious, 12973 Chumstick Hwy.
12:00 Civil, 21325 SR 207, Lake Wenatchee
14:35 911, 3985 Old Blewett Rd., Peshastin
15:42 Accident/no injuries, 9th St. & US Hwy. 2
16:05 Injury accident, Chumstick Hwy., MP 6
20:57 Welfare check, 612 Birch St.
21:00 Alarm, 8611 Frontage Rd.

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Community

Prepared for Persecution?



A WALK WITH PASTOR JOHN SMITH

James Coates, a Canadian pastor sits behind bars today. His crime? Gathering the church for consistent, regular worship on Sundays. Unable to see his family, he waits in

prison as his totalitarian government decides his fate. However, being the benevolent tyrants they are, they did offer him a deal for an early release. All Pastor Coates has to do is promise 1) that he won't return to church and 2) refrain from preaching. Do that, and he can walk out of jail a free man.

But he won't and nor would any faithful minister.

What has happened to Pastor Coates is just one of the many examples of what persecution could look like in this "Brave New World"—where an unmasked, gathered church

is a threat to public health and sermons about Biblical definitions regarding gender and sexuality are considered hate speech. I know of many brothers and sisters in America and Canada that have been jailed, fined, and threatened by the authorities for practicing their Biblical convictions. Even myself, have faced the frown of the State for speaking what the Bible says regarding life and the protection of the preborn.

My point: Persecution is here and it doesn't look like it's going to stop anytime soon.

Now that fact may disturb some of you because we have all enjoyed a relatively free and easy expression of Christianity. Our faith hardly costs us anything if we were honest. Yet, read what the Bible says, to follow Christ is a costly endeavor (Luke. 9:23), and "All who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted" (2 Tim. 3:12). It is not a matter of "if" but "when" persecution will occur in your life. It's going to happen to you in some way or some form if it hasn't already.

As I meditate on the reality of persecution happening here, I wonder what percentage of churches are worth persecuting? It's a strange question to ask, I admit, but how many churches in our nation have been and are willing to be counted as it says in Acts 5:41, "worthy to be shamed for the name?" For the most part, there has been a concerted effort to be as safe, comfortable, and non-threatening as possible. To be known as the church with the "friendly face" (covered now by a mask) and to be the nicest gathering in town is the ultimate goal for some. Don't get me wrong, churches shouldn't strive to be jerks or obnoxious but historically speaking, "nice" churches don't get persecuted, only the faithful ones do.

The second thought that comes to mind when talking about persecution is preparedness. Are we prepared to face it, practically? In my pastorate, I could easily find myself in jail for the sermons I have preached and the ministry that I am involved in. In fact, it is a constant theme and a running joke here at EBC that they may have to take up an offering to bail me out of jail

because I got myself in trouble for preaching the gospel. But seriously, what if your pastor gets arrested and finds himself in the very same situation as Pastor Coates? Will his family be taken care of? What about other men in the church who will take the reins and lead in the pastor's absence? If things get really bad, where, when and will you even gather as a church? These are questions

for generations, that brothers and sisters throughout the world have had to answer, in places where persecution is at its fiercest like China, the Middle East, and Communist-controlled Russia. Now in 2021, that discussion comes to us here in the West.

Are you a church worth persecuting and are you ready to face it when it comes? Pray for Pastor James Coates

and for the saints that gather at Grace Life Church in Alberta Canada. Pray that we would all remain faithful when the fire of persecution comes and that we would stand, denying all before we ever deny our Lord.

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

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Excerpt from Chapter 1 DNA

The Contract
A novel by local writer William E. Forhan.

Most mothers can tell you the moment their child was born. It's not the same for fathers. But I can tell you precisely the moment I met my daughters. It was 2:46 on a Sunday afternoon in October. I had rushed back from church and just sat down to watch the game of the week. My Denver Broncos were playing their most despised of opponents — the Oakland Raiders. My game was interrupted by a knock on my front door. My wife had taken our two sons to help her with grocery shopping. So I had to get up from my game to respond to that irritating knock. I opened the door to two attractive young women. They seemed surprised. "You're a priest?" one queried.

In my rush to watch the game I had not removed my clerical collar. "Well, yes I am," I responded. Fully expecting they were a couple of young evangelists looking to tell me about the gospel. There was a sudden and distinctly deafening pause. "Can I help you?" I finally said. They looked at each other. Then almost in unison burst out, "We think you're our father!" In an instant twenty-three years of guilt and remorse overcame me. I could not help it. Tears poured out like a river. My heart began to pound and I could not hear a sound. We looked at each other for what seemed like an eternity. None of us knowing what to say next, but I knew in my heart they were correct.

Bill's Book is now available online through Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com and Apple iBook The paperback is \$16.99 and the ebook is \$8.99. Or you can order the book directly from Bill at The Leavenworth Echo (509-548-5286), the Lake Chelan Mirror (509-682-2213), or by emailing your contact information to Bill.Forhan@gmail.com. Orders placed directly with the author have the added advantage of being signed including a short message if you like. Sales tax applies and if you request mail delivery add \$3.00 for postage. There is no charge if your order is picked up at the Echo or Mirror office.

Due to the COVID-19 virus, all churches in the Upper Valley have suspended Saturday and Sunday services, Sunday School and meetings.

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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Recreation and Community

The Washington Outdoors Report



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Little Goose Dam on the Snake River

The Snake River Dams. To Breach... Or Not To Breach?

BY JOHN KRUSE

It's been an ongoing discussion for thirty years. Should we breach the four Lower Snake River dams to save dwindling runs of salmon and steelhead? The question has been repeatedly litigated in court as have efforts to mitigate dam operations to help smolt survive their journey downstream and adult fish survive their journey upstream through eight dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers to spawn in the Snake, the Salmon, the Clearwater, the Grande Ronde and other tributaries.

A number of Democrat

party lawmakers, to include Oregon Governor Kate Brown, have called for removal of the dams in recent years but for the first time, a Republican is also calling for this to happen. Congressman Mike Simpson from Idaho unveiled an Energy Salmon Concept earlier this month. It's a proposal calling for 33.5 billion dollars to be spent breaching the four dams and then making the region economically whole. Simpson points out in his proposal that 17 billion dollars have already been spent on salmon and steelhead on the Columbia and Snake Rivers and we continue to lose ground. Simpson argues while a \$33.5 billion (minimum) price tag is a lot, the alternative is to spend another \$20 billion in the next 30 years and watch Chinook and sockeye

salmon runs in Idaho rivers go extinct. The proposal received immediate support from a number of conservation and fishing organizations to include Trout Unlimited, the National Wildlife Federation, the American Sportfishing Association and the Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association.

There are also those who oppose this measure to include Washington Republican Congresswomen Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Jaime Herrera Beutler and Congressman Dan Newhouse. In a recent opinion piece, Congressman Newhouse wrote, "the benefits of the dams stretch far beyond clean energy generation and affordable power. From irrigation for our region's

farmers to transportations of goods and flood control, the benefits are countless."

Another group that opposes the removal of these dams is the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association. Executive Director Kristin Meira points out 10 percent of wheat exports in the United States are barged down the Snake River, something that wouldn't be done if the dams are breached. Meira says using roads and rails to transport these goods will have a large carbon impact and would be less safe than using barges. Meira also believes ocean conditions caused by climate change as well as urban runoff are contributing more to the decline of these runs, not only on the Snake River but in many places in the Pacific

Northwest, and questions whether removing the dams will actually save these fish.

The proposal calls for removing the dams by 2031 and 10 billion dollars to be given to the Bonneville Power Administration to develop replacement energy sources. The proposal also calls for the establishment of the Lower Snake River National Recreation Area after the dams are breached, an area that like the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, would be used by anglers, hunters, jet boaters, rafters, wildlife watchers and campers. A total of 450 million dollars would be spent to promote tourism in the region, for outdoor recreational activities and to move marinas currently in place on the Snake that

would be left high and dry by dam breaching.

Congressman Simpson makes clear this proposal is not a bill or pending bill. However, it certainly is a starting point for a bipartisan group of lawmakers to draft a bill along the lines of this proposal. With the Democratic Party in control, and several senior Democrat senators and governors in a position to help push this through, this proposal could gain some quick momentum in the weeks ahead. You can find out more about Congressman Simpson's Energy Salmon Concept online at <https://simpson.house.gov/salmon/>.

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



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Lower Monumental Dam on the Snake River

Marson & Marson defines community outreach in Okanogan



STORY AND PHOTOS
BY MIKE MALTAIS

OKANOGAN - The Okanogan County Fairgrounds was a hub of activity for nearly two weeks in January where a crew of volunteers managed to construct 30 10-foot x 12-foot wooden storage sheds for victims of last September's Cole Spring wildfire.

Nearly a dozen volunteers from the Western Anabaptist Mission Services (WAMS) in St. Ignatius, Montana, arrived at the fairgrounds in January and over the next 10 days built

and roofed 30 enclosed sheds from donated materials.

Marson & Marson Lumber, with retail stores in Leavenworth, Wenatchee and Chelan, and Lake Chelan Building Supply in Chelan, both owned by TAL Holdings headquartered in Vancouver, Washington, provided the lumber for the sheds. Three hundred sheets of metal roofing came from Metal Sales Manufacturing in Spokane.

The Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Group that formed in 2014 to help victims of the Carlton Complex

wildfire and the following year's Okanogan Complex wildfire has been busy coordinating and organizing projects like the WAMS visit and sourcing donations including the lumber and metal supplies that made the sheds possible.

The Mission service, whose vision is to "reach out to people in need and be the hands for Jesus in today's world," has helped communities in Washington, Idaho and Montana rebuild from wildfires over the past several years.

Even the most efficient operation encounters its share of bumps in the road. Indeed, roads turned out to be one of those issues. The first six sheds that went out for delivery were loaded three to a trailer for their destinations. The combination of load weight, January weather, and winter road conditions convinced the delivery crew to resume deliveries in February when road conditions may be more suitable.

Patros mayor and OCLTRG Executive Director Carlene Anders said a last-minute mechanical breakdown disabled the company truck scheduled to make the metal delivery.

Anders said long-time OCLTRG volunteer Barry Hansen made an emergency trip to Spokane in late January to pick up the roofing metal that allowed the WAMS crew to finish on schedule.



WAMS builders employed an efficient assembly line-like system to construct sheds in one of the livestock Quonset buildings on the Okanogan County Fairgrounds.



Metal roofing sections were cut to size before installation.



The finished sheds were returned by forklift from the outdoor staging area so volunteers could apply the final step of metal roofing to each unit.



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Court of probate proceeding and cause number:
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Opinion & Community

‘Divisive’ talk is Apple Pie ‘merican



APPLES TO APPLES
Gary Bégin

When King George Bush the Second was in power he used to pronounce American without the confusing and obnoxious “A” so it sounded like ‘merican. Good for him. It is always good to be king and do what you please.

Back in the day, Benjamin Franklin thought the American wild turkey would be the perfect symbol of the country. We know how that turned out. No matter. The way things

“turn out” is often the result of a metamorphous of seemingly unrelated stream of consciousness ideas melding into, whether by pure serendipity or scientific method, the “perfect” solution.

Keeping that in mind, I believe the next installment of the Hollywood Jason Bourne movie franchise starring Matt Damon will be an homage to Christians worldwide and be named *The Bourne Again*. Either that, or the star will change his name to Matt Demon and the next movie will be titled *Bourne to Raise Hades*. The truth is usually hiding in the shadows, a grey zone so to speak, neither full of insight nor full of ... The Bourne Loser is the sequel, as Matt Demon leaves Las Vegas with a hole in his er, wallet.

Speaking of the CIA, now that Donald Trump’s old Atlantic City, New Jersey casino has been imploded, Vlad “the Impaler” Putin, will invite him to build a new casino in the Crimea. It will become famous for low payouts, but lots of glitz and eventually be referred to as “Crimea River” as hapless gamblers by the thousands throw their money and sometimes themselves, into the Black Sea.

A new reality television series will merge *Wicked Tuna* and *Looney Tunes* into *Wicked Toona*. The show’s theme song will be Mack the *Filet Knife*.

Some architectural mensch’s feel that a building is the business card of the builders and that idea doesn’t bode well for big box stores.

After all, thinking outside of the box is a character trait to be heralded, so that makes all those living and working in boxes incredibly boring, eh?

Some people are obsessed with other reality shows like *American Idol*. That’s right, “*Idle*,” an offshoot of “*American Idol*.” This show idealizes the true spirit in us all – nap time is always a good time. Can I have an amen?

Now take a hard look at a can of Spam. The concept, the product, the taste and convenience of frying pork are what marketing fortunes are made of. It’s all the rage in Hawaii and Polynesia.

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as it can’t be eaten by Jews or Muslims, unless they are undercover FBI agents willing to go all the way with the ruse.

The strange meat in a strange little can, well, some would say knocks the taste right outta yo mouth for anything but. A remake of a famous, but gross crime movie, is going to use Spam as a featured food. Hollywood is calling it *Silence of the Hams*. The opening scene is in the canned meat isle at your local Walmart.

If you ever wake up feeling pugilistic in the morning and decide on shaking those berries and twigs, try a face plant in the snow followed by a shot of Irish Coffee. You’ll be glad you did and so will your neighbors. It gives them one more reason to call America’s Most Wanted on you, convinced your behavior is that of a criminal hiding in the witness protection

program, but having trouble getting with the program.

Speaking of programs, when your kid hits 18, a decision must be made. Do they become Lego engineers, astronauts or politicians? Remind them gently that all three iterations of human must deal with plastic.

I leave you now with a tale from the life of one Yessir Arafart, he of the Free Palestine crusade that died a while back. He was famous because he never slept in the same place two nights in a row. That is of course why you should join the frequent flyer club.

Because when all is sad and dunned, fiscal prudence is the best and perhaps only way to gain true independence.

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Hawkins, Goehner: House ‘Wealth Tax’ bill ‘punishment’ for success

By GARY BÉGIN

OLYMPIA – A rehash of an old Democrat Party idea has come back to the state capitol for a vote. So far it is only in the House, but Senator Brad Hawkins (R-East Wenatchee) is ready with an answer if it ever comes to the state Senate. “Improving the equity of Washington state’s tax code by creating the Washington state wealth tax and taxing extraordinary financial intangible assets — House Bill 1406, was introduced by Rep. Noel Frame (D-Seattle) in late January.

Hawkins stated, in an exclusive interview with NCW Media, that “HB 1406 is a new proposal this year, so I don’t know how far it will advance. If

it does advance, it will probably be one of the final bills of the session and part of the overall budget package. Since it is a House of Representatives’ bill, there hasn’t been much talk of it yet in the Senate,” Hawkins said.

“While I certainly want everyone to pay their fair share of taxes, this one seems to be targeted toward a few people as almost a punishment for their success. Personally, I think people like Bill Gates, Jeff Bezos, the founder of Starbucks, or anyone else who is this fortunate has worked incredibly hard for their earnings, took gigantic risks, made big sacrifices throughout their business careers, and have employed a tremendous number of people in the

process,” continued Hawkins.

“They happen to also be very sincere in their efforts to support others with generous foundations and personal giving. This bill seems like an effort to extract money from a handful of very successful people to fund more growth in government. To me, that sends the wrong message,” he said.

“While state revenues have taken a modest hit during the COVID pandemic, our state economy is holding steady despite efforts to keep our economy closed. Personally, rather than implementing creative new taxes to significantly grow the budget, I would favor using our \$2 billion budget stabilization account reserves and making modest adjustments to balance

the budget rather than more tax increases and continued spending,” said Hawkins.

“I’m not sure Washington State can keep this up if the economy and state revenues dip again due to COVID or if our state or country experiences a non-COVID recession in the future. So as much as I would like to keep an open mind about everything, I am concerned about the message this bill sends and the way it might chase off a few people from Washington, people who are among our state’s most incredible success stories,” Hawkins concluded.

Tom Olson, Washington resident and political commentator, stated on the USA Votes chat site that the Seattle Democrats’ tax bill is:

“(1) Confiscatory and punitive, (2) hasn’t worked elsewhere, (3) expensive and difficult to administer, (4) will be easily circumvented by the ‘rich’ simply changing domiciles from Washington. Perhaps this should be retitled ‘Texas-Florida stimulus act?’”

In another exclusive interview with the Wenatchee Business Journal, State Representative Keith Goehner (R-Dryden) said about the “wealth Tax,” “I am not in favor of a ‘wealth tax.’ It is important to have equity in taxation, but disproportionately taxing success does not encourage additional investment in the State.”

Goehner continued, “We should be providing incentives

for reinvestment in our communities by those who are best positioned to manage those investments.”

State Representative Mike Steele (R-Chelan) did not respond to an interview request by publication deadline. Keep reading NCW Media publications: Leavenworth Echo, Lake Chelan Mirror, Cashmere Valley Record, Wenatchee Business Journal and the Quad City Herald for updates on this new tax proposition by Washington state Democrats.

NCW Managing Editor Gary Bégin email: Gary@ncwmedia.net. Emails be used as Letters to the Editor in future NCW Media editions.

Removing the Snake River dams is another bad decision



IN MY OPINION
Bill Forhan
Publisher

Declining salmon runs, just like global warming/ climate change is just another misunderstood problem that could be solved without removing any dams or spending small

fortunes employing lawyers and environmentalists that do not understand the problem.

Even if the dams are removed salmon runs will continue to decline. Why? Because the biggest problem comes from overfishing off the coasts of North America and British Columbia.

Native Americans unfortunately are part of the problem here. Before you start calling me a racist we need to examine current fishing practices. Runs were plentiful before modern fishing techniques, that is, fishing

trawlers were employed by commercial fishermen many of which are Native American.

Go salmon fishing off the coast today and you are liable to get run over by trawlers sweeping nearly everything in their path into their holds.

You want to test the theory? Put a fishing ban off the coast for five years. Pay the fishermen, including the Native Americans, to park their boats. We have paid farmers not to grow wheat and other crops why not pay fishermen not to fish.

British Columbia tried a

partial ban in the early 90’s and quickly saw a huge surge in salmon runs.

I appreciate the Native American culture that wants to protect the salmon, but if we don’t get a better handle on over fishing salmon will become extinct and the dams will have to be rebuilt in order to recreate clean energy, reduce flooding and provide a way for farmers to get their grain to market.

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

When To Pre-medicate

Last Saturday morning Kathy and her best friend Ann were on a video conference call with me for a Medication Insider personal medication consultation. One of Kathy’s questions was about her first COVID vaccination, which was coming up in 4 days. A couple of her friends had experienced some discomfort and fever the next day after receiving the vaccine. She asked if it would be okay for her to take some Tylenol® or ibuprofen the same day as her vaccination to avoid having a reaction.

I answered her, “Sometimes taking medicine to help prevent future discomfort is a good idea, but not with vaccines.”

“Pre-medicating yourself with ibuprofen, naproxen, or acetaminophen (Tylenol®) could interfere with your ability to fully respond to the COVID vaccine. This would give you less protection. The good news is, most people do not experience any fever, muscle aches, or headache after either their first OR their second vaccination. They mostly notice having a sore arm, but that’s it.”

The World Health Organization (WHO) states that it is safe to take acetaminophen (Tylenol®), ibuprofen, or naproxen to relieve any muscle aches, headache, or fevers after your COVID vaccination. It’s just not a good idea to try to block those potential effects because it could also block your benefit from the vaccine.

Although pre-medicating before vaccination isn’t recommended, there are other situations when it would be a brilliant thing to do, such as preventing motion sickness.

Whether you take ginger, meclizine (Bonine®), the original formulation of Dramamine® (dimenhydrinate), or apply a prescription-only scopolamine patch, the most effective way to treat motion sickness is to pre-medicate yourself.

You should take any motion sickness medicine at least 30 to 60 minutes before stepping onto a boat, riding in a car, entering an airplane, or riding on a roller coaster.

If you don’t take your medicine beforehand, it can take more than an hour after taking it to relieve queasiness and dizziness. Believe me, I speak from personal experience on this! I gave up relying on ginger because it was too hard to remember when I needed another dose when I was traveling across multiple time zones.

It’s vital to take medication first when taking an antihistamine to stave off an allergic reaction. By taking it beforehand, you can significantly reduce sneezing, nasal congestion, and sinus pressure.

Another example of when taking medication before a particular situation makes a difference is having a tooth extracted. Taking a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medicine (NSAID) like ibuprofen (Motrin-

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NSAIDs prevent swelling and discomfort from dental procedures much better than taking acetaminophen (Tylenol®) because of how these two types of medicines work.

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If you prefer to take an NSAID, avoid ibuprofen which wears off in 4-6 hours. Instead, try naproxen, which works for 8-10 hours. Be sure to take naproxen with either a full glass of water or food to reduce stomach irritation. People with heart failure, kidney problems, or who take blood thinners should avoid naproxen.

When Should You Pre-medicate to Avoid Future Discomfort?

1. DON’T Pre-medicate for Vaccinations.

For best protection, avoid taking medicines for fever or pain while your immune system is busy responding to vaccination. It’s okay to take them 24 hours later, however.

2. DO Pre-medicate for Motion Sickness.

Take your motion sickness medicine at least 30 minutes before you travel, and repeat when necessary.

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Dr. Louise

3. Do Pre-medicate for Known Allergies.

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4. DO Pre-medicate for Dental Extractions.

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