



Phase 2 COVID policy allows Libraries to reopen

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE MCNIEL

NCW Libraries will reopen its libraries to in-person visits starting Tuesday, Feb. 16. Customers will once again be able to browse the shelves, access computer stations, read the newspaper, or pick out a DVD. Gov. Jay Inslee announced on Thursday that most of the state including all five counties in the library district will move to Phase 2 of the state's reopening next week.

Several safety measures are already in place in the libraries. Customers will be required to wear a mask, practice social distancing, and limit their visit to around thirty minutes. In accordance with state mandated guidelines, all of the library buildings will have a 25 percent occupancy limit.

For library patrons who prefer minimal contact service, curbside pickup will continue to be offered



PHOTO BY BILL FORHAN
The snow is falling but the Leavenworth Library will soon be open to the public on a limited basis.

at all branches. The library is also working to expand service hours and availability, which it plans to launch in March.

NCW Libraries will continue to offer a wide variety of resources and programs online at ncwlibraries.org and on its Facebook page. Upcoming virtual programs include

STEM workshops, Book-It-Theater performances, author visits, and more.

NOTE: The Leavenworth Library is located in the city hall building on Highway 2. City Hall will not reopen to the public at this time. So other city hall facilities will not be available to library visitors including bathrooms.

Fact Check: COVID19 policies and the vaccine



IN MY OPINION
Bill Forhan
Publisher

A conversation on current events

I opened my email this morning to read an article by none other than the New York Times regarding the wisdom of "coronavirus absolutism." Their lead on the article is:

"In a public health emergency, absolutism is a very tempting response: People should cease all behavior that creates additional risk.

That instinct led to calls for gay men to stop having sex during the AIDS crisis. It has also spurred campaigns for teen abstinence, to reduce sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancies. And to fight obesity, people have been drawn to fads like the elimination of trans fats or carbohydrates.

These days, there is a new absolutist health fad: the discouragement — or even prohibition — of any behavior that seems to increase the risk of coronavirus infection, even minutely."

The NYT article goes on to question the effectiveness of wearing masks outdoors, making the point that "Worldwide scientists have not documented any instances of outdoor transmission unless people were in close conversation."

It seems that now that the election is over the highly liberal NYT is ready to question the efficacy of lockdowns, closing schools and wearing masks. Movements have begun in New York and California to remove the governors there for abuse of their emergency powers that have not effectively reduced the spread of the virus or reduced the death rates.

Our own governor, Jay Inslee, is now approving relaxation of his restrictive phase programs. North Central Washington was just approved to move to phase 2 even though our region is not even close to obtaining his goal of 25 cases per 100,000 population.

The current official position of most of the Health Care industry and the government is that we must continue to wear masks and self-isolate until the bulk of our society is vaccinated against the virus. In words just coined by the NYT we must continue to follow the practice of coronavirus absolutism. Any information that runs contrary or critical of that position must be crushed. It must be declared unscientific and a commitment to accept more deaths as the inevitable result of non-compliance.

There are of course other voices in this battle. One such voice is Dr. Simone Gold. Gold is a board certified, emergency room doctor and attorney. Dr. Gold is a Chicago Medical School graduate with a Stanford University Law School Degree. She completed her residency at Stony Brook University Hospital in New York. She has written a book on her fight against the medical cancel culture titled, I Do Not Consent. She

founded an organization named, America's Frontline Doctors. You can find more information on her organization at AFDLS.com.

Dr. Gold takes exception to the current policies of how best to address treatment of COVID19. She believes decisions about how best to treat a patient with COVID should be left to the patient's individual physician. Dr. Gold does say that it is blatantly false to say there are no effective treatments for COVID patients. She is highly suspicious of the "vaccines" which she describes as Experimental Biological Agents.

It should come as no surprise that for her opposition to the official positions of the Medical establishment Dr. Gold has been severely punished. She has been fired by two of the hospitals where she practiced medicine for twenty years. The reason was she prescribed Hydroxychloroquine for the treatment of COVID patients.

Dr. Gold clearly states it is a lie to say there are no treatments for COVID19. Hydroxychloroquine and Ivermectin have both been shown to be effective treatments. Hydroxychloroquine has been an FDA approved drug for 65 years. In much of the World, it does not even require a prescription. It is available over the counter.

Many will remember that President Trump was treated with these drugs when he tested positive and recovered quickly.

Before you dismiss Dr. Gold as a crackpot non-conformist you might want to hear her position on COVID and the medical professions response.

Dr. Gold says that the way the government and medical agencies have responded to this virus is nothing short of a crime against humanity. She points out that there is a physician in the Netherlands that is bringing a lawsuit in the Hague claiming just that.

Dr. Gold says the worst thing about the current disinformation about COVID19 is the level of fear that has been spread across the country and the globe about this virus. The fact is what are the chances that if you contract the disease you will die? She says, if you are under 20, your survive ability is 99.97%; for 20 - 49 years old the survive ability is 99.98%; 50 - 69 is 99.5%; over 70 your survival rate approaches 95% with no treatment. The dirty little secret here according to Dr. Simone is that if you take early treatment the symptoms are mild, and you can recover quickly.

Dr. Gold points out that the truth is people over 70 are already approaching the end of their lives. Most have other co-morbidities that already compromise their health so it is true that COVID19 can be the final condition that ends their life. It's tragic but many older people die of simple things like a common cold or pneumonia. She once had an elderly patient that died of a nosebleed.

Dr. Gold has reservations about the "vaccine" which she likes to call an Experimental Biological Agent. She believes it was rushed through too quickly and not adequately tested. She points out that a previous COVID vaccine was developed for SARs-1, which is 78% similar to

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School Board Meeting Focus on Food Services and Athletics



Marlene Farrell
Correspondent

a brown bagged meal model, with the district delivering meals to multiple drop off locations daily, including to a few remote homes.

State allocated funds for school food service has changed as well, reducing the red tape, and enabling the district to serve bagged breakfasts and lunches simultaneously. Also, the state is reimbursing 100 percent of the costs of meals at this point.

Now that schools are in hybrid mode, bagged meals are distributed at the school at the end of students' half-day sessions. While there's still some scratch cooking, the food

services team is also creatively using up surplus from last year, and their new purchases have focused on items with individual portions, like mac and cheese or fruit in cups.

Levi explained that Food Services of America, their vendor, was bought out, becoming part of U.S. Foods. This has led to complications, including missing items from orders and product shortages. "It's been a bit rough," Levi said.

But Levi also complimented his staff, saying, "They've rallied from

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Need help scheduling a vaccine appointment?

Upper Valley MEND offers seniors help for scheduling vaccine appointments. The emergency assistance program manager Liz Hurtado can help people who are eligible to get the vaccine but aren't

tech savvy enough to sign up. Call MEND at (509) 548-0408 for assistance. MEND envisions an empowered community with equitable access to food, housing, healthcare and emergency services.

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Local and Regional News

The Washington Outdoors Report

Outdoors Round-Up

By JOHN KRUSE

NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON

Travis Dawson at Sportsman's Warehouse in East Wenatchee says Fish Lake in Chelan County is giving up numerous perch under the ice and while they are not big there are a few nice sized trout being caught there as well. Lake Chelan is fishing well for Kokanee right now. Anglers have been catching most of them around 25 Mile Creek State Park. Rufus Woods Reservoir is fishing very good for triplods but expect crowded boat launches if you go, because the word has gotten out about this winter fishery for big rainbows.

NORTHEAST WASHINGTON

Freddie Giannecchini at Clark's All-Sports in Colville says boaters fishing on Lake Roosevelt have done better than shore anglers lately for

walleye but even out of the boat, walleye catches have been moderate as best. Some of the ice-fishing lakes have been giving up trout and perch though many anglers are close mouthed as to which ones they are fishing. However, it is no secret Curlew Lake is fishing very well for perch right now under the ice. A variety of different lures to include Swedish Pimples are working here.

COLUMBIA BASIN

Pete Fischer at MarDon Resort reports the chilly and breezy weather has kept most anglers off of Potholes Reservoir but the Seep Lakes below the reservoir are a good bet and less windy option. Fishing at both Corral and Long Lakes has been decent recently and producing some nice catches of rainbow trout. Still fishing Powerbait or a marshmallow/worm combo about 18-inches off the bottom with a sliding egg sinker is a good way to catch these fish.

The waterfowl hunting season wrapped up on Feb. 6 with a special youth and

military hunting day. Levi Meseberg with MarDon Resort and Paul Wood, an active-duty service member from Fairchild Air Force Base, took a group of six kids out for a great day of duck hunting at Potholes Reservoir that included a healthy harvest of diving and puddle ducks and a bonus goose.

TRI-STATE OUTFITTERS CLOSING

The Tri-State Outfitters Store in Moses Lake, open since 1982, will be closing its doors for good on May 12. Three other Tri-State Outfitters stores in Montana and Idaho will remain open. According to store manager Sandy Keller, there will be some clearance sales but the majority of the store inventory will be shipped to the other company stores. Tri-State Outfitters Vice President Mike Perrin was asked about why this particular store was closing. He said their business does not own the building the store is located in and the lease on the building was



PHOTO COURTESY MARDON RESORT.

These kids had a successful youth hunting day on Potholes Reservoir thanks to Levi Meseberg and Paul Wood

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE

Manager Brandy Moore at Gorge Outfitters Supply in Rufus says catch and release sturgeon fishing is going well below John Day Dam. Walleye fishing has also been productive (both day and night) on the Columbia from The Dalles to Boardman. Trolling crankbaits has been effective and the Walleye Deep Bandit is the hot

plug in both dark and chrome colors. Try putting a little garlic scent on this plug for added attraction. One or two people have caught walleye over ten pounds recently and some nice smallmouth bass are being caught too by walleye anglers.

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coming up. In Perrin's words, "It came down to whether it made sense to renew that lease based on the current numbers being generated by that store". Perrin said they do regret closing this store because they love the staff and the clientele who shop there and several customers have reached out to him to express their sadness about this closure.

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.

Loved it!

Reviewed in the United States on January 5, 2021

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I really enjoyed reading *The Contract*. The author created a gentle read that

brings the reader on a journey with intertwined characters that are embracing a series of life challenges. The author shows off his advanced skills by carefully positioning the reader to truly understand the perspectives and feelings of each person in the story.

It has a Christian influence throughout the story, yet the influence is not overpowering allowing the reader to develop their own views of the issues and the characters in the story. I highly recommend this book.

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Tuna Melt Quesadillas

From Louise Achey, *The Medication Insider*

- 5-6 flour tortillas, burrito size
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- 7 ounces sauerkraut, well drained
- 1 tsp mayonnaise or salad dressing (approximately)
- ½-1 cup, shredded or sliced cheese

Mix the tuna and sauerkraut together in a mixing bowl. You can add less sauerkraut if you prefer, but it helps to the tuna stick together.

Add just enough mayonnaise to help the tuna bind together. This will depend on how well you drain the tuna and sauerkraut, because you want the tuna/sauerkraut mixture damp but not wet.

Warm the tortilla on a griddle or flat pan, both sides.

Spoon the tuna mixture on half of the tortilla, leaving about a ½ inch border around the edges. You can make them thicker or thinner by how thick your tuna layer is.

Sprinkle the grated cheese or place cheese slices over the

I got my second COVID vaccination on a Tuesday morning a couple of weeks ago. The day after I received my first COVID vaccine, I noticed my arm aching like someone had punched me when I wasn't looking. After the second shot, my left arm ached even more. I was VERY GLAD I chose to have my vaccine in my non-dominant arm!

Waking up the morning after my second vaccination, not only did my left arm ache but so did my shoulders and back. But that wasn't all that hurt. My head pounded, my back ached and I felt "wiped out", like I had been run over by a truck.

After a cup of strong coffee, I took some ibuprofen plus some Tylenol®, found a soft, fluffy blanket and curled up on the sofa to wait it out.

4 hours later, I felt better and got up to find some lunch.

I was hungry, but I didn't want anything except something I really, really liked. I wanted the type of food you crave when you feel crummy. I wanted COMFORT FOOD. My very favorite comfort food is Tuna Melt Quesadillas. It's my own invention, and very simple, only 5 ingredients.

By the next morning, I felt completely recovered from my post-COVID vaccine blues. I hope you don't have any significant reaction to YOUR vaccine.

But whether you experience a day of recovery or not, you are welcome to try this out.



tuna. Again, you can adjust the amount of cheese you like.

Fold the other tortilla half back over the tuna and cheese

Grill, weighing down the tortilla with a flat-bottomed pan. I use the top of a double boiler pan. Flip over to grill the cheese side last, then take off the heat and let it cool before cutting into wedges. When eating, beware, they often drip!

I like to make extra for the next day, then heat them up in an air fryer or microwave.

You can use whatever cheese you prefer. Mild cheddar, sharp cheddar, swiss, even white cheese like Manchego all works well. Enjoy!

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy is a 38-year veteran of pharmacology and author of *Why Dogs Can't Eat Chocolate: How Medicines Work and How YOU Can Take Them Safely*. Your questions and comments are always welcome at www.AskDrLouise.com

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SENIOR CENTER MENUS

Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans Street

The meals on this menu will be available 3 days a week at the Leavenworth Senior Center, for take-out and home delivery meals.

For meal pick up: CALL 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO RESERVE OR CANCEL (509)548-6666. Seniors Age 60 & over suggested donation \$4.00.

Under age 60 \$10.00 fee.

February 18, Thursday: No lunch.

February 19, Friday: Beef stew, spinach salad, banana, biscuit, cereal bars.

Saturday and Sunday: No lunch.

February 22, Monday: Meatloaf & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, apple celery salad, whole wheat bread or roll, dessert.

February 23, Tuesday: No lunch.

February 24, Wednesday: Ham steak, scalloped potatoes, spinach salad, pineapple, whole wheat bread or roll, tapioca pudding.

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.).

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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 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.



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 5

- 00:23 Alarm, 920 US Hwy. 2
- 07:30 Attempt to locate, Chumstick Hwy. & Beaver Valley Road
- 11:14 Public assist, Leavenworth Area
- 13:00 Theft, 9089 Deadman Hill Rd., Dryden
- 14:53 Theft, 10773 US Hwy. 2
- 16:14 Theft, 9090 Deadman Hill Rd., Dryden
- 16:21 Search and Rescue, Mountain Home
- 16:46 Alarm, 219 Dempsey Rd.
- 22:32 Traffic offense, 15255 US Hwy. 2
- 22:46 Trespass, 3955 Camas Creek Rd., Peshastin

February 6

- 02:13 Alarm, 703 US Hwy. 2

- 06:17 Hazard, Camp 12 Rd., & Plain Ranches Rd., Lake Wenatchee
- 08:55 Noise, 302 Commercial St., #B
- 08:58 Property, 231 Scholze St.
- 12:42 Unknown accident, Chumstick Hwy., MP 3
- 13:57 Animal problem, 308 Zelt Strasse
- 14:03 Accident/no injuries, 700 US Hwy. 2
- 21:18 Theft, Cedar Brae Rd & SR 207, Lake Wenatchee

February 7

- 00:35 Disturbance, 922 Commercial St.
- 10:36 Trespass, 308 Zelt Strasse
- 11:47 911, 1000 Blk., Commercial St.
- 15:37 Weapons violation, US

- Hwy. 2 & Butcher Creek Rd.
- 17:32 Noise, 1174 Dempsey Rd.
- 17:34 Miscellaneous, 213 - 9th St.
- 22:30 Noise, 1174 Dempsey Rd.

February 8

- 09:12 Animal problem, 16896 Brown Rd., Lake Wenatchee
- 10:16 Civil, 7590 Old Bridge Rd.
- 12:02 Suspicious, 12413 Chumstick Hwy.
- 14:52 911, 1250 US Hwy. 2, McDonald's
- 15:09 Alarm, 7409 Icicle Rd.
- 15:35 Accident/no injuries, 10225 Peshastin Mill Rd., Peshastin
- 20:54 911, 190 US Hwy. 2, Der Ritterhof
- 21:35 Trespass, 200 Zelt Strasse
- 22:43 Traffic offense, US Hwy. 97 & Blewett Cutoff

February 9

- 00:18 Suspicious, 10001 School St., Peshastin
- 09:27 Property, 585 US Hwy. 2, Icicle 76
- 10:47 Suspicious, 721 Front St., The Hat Shop
- 13:22 Domestic disturbance, 8333 River View Rd., Peshastin
- 15:06 Public assist, 11097 Eagle Creek Rd.
- 17:04 Public assist, 22744 Lake Wenatchee Hwy., Lake Wenatchee
- 19:07 Civil, 1329 US Hwy. 2, Dan's Food Market

February 10

- 04:03 DUI, US Hwy. 2 & River Bend Drive
- 05:41 Alarm, 700 US Hwy. 2
- 15:54 Harass/threat, 10155 Peshastin Mill Rd.

February 11

- 14:57 Traffic offense, US Hwy. 2 & 9th St.
- 16:27 Runaway, 12721 Chumstick Hwy.
- 17:32 Accident/no injuries, Beaver Valley Rd. & Chiwawa Loop
- 20:06 Extra patrol, 523 Central Ave.

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Thursday, February 18

Friday, February 19

NO SCHOOL

Monday, February 22

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Lunch: Chicken nuggets, shoestring French fries, apple, chocolate milk.

Tuesday, February 23

Breakfast: Denver burrito, orange juice, chocolate milk.

Lunch: Chicken burger, potato wedges, pears, chocolate milk.

Wednesday, February 24

Breakfast: Homemade cinnamon roll, orange juice, chocolate milk.

Lunch: Homemade chili, southern cornbread, green beans, apple, 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.)

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: Celebraterecovery1cn@gmail.com for information and link to the Zoom meetings.

NCW Libraries Seek Teen Library Council

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE MCNIEL

NCW Libraries is seeking applicants for a new Teen Library Council that will help develop programs and resources for teens across North Central Washington.

Youth in grades 8-12 who live in Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan, Grant and Ferry counties are eligible to apply for the volunteer advisory board. Applications must be submitted by Feb. 28.

The council will meet once a month via Zoom during the school year.

Members will be expected to participate in meetings, brainstorm and share ideas on how the library can better serve teens, help promote the library and create content for the library's website and social media, help judge an annual teen writing contest, and be an ambassador for the library in their communities.

The council will give its members an opportunity to develop leadership skills, enhance college and job applications, and earn community service hours. Find the application at www.ncwlibraries.org/tlc.

For more information, contact Jessica Lynch, NCW Libraries' Teen Services Manager, at jlynch@ncwlibraries.org.

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Community

Are you a “Christian Nationalist”?



A WALK WITH PASTOR JOHN SMITH

Lately, I have been seeing quite a few articles and blog posts about the problem of Christian nationalism. What is “Christian Nationalism,” you ask? It is the conflating of Christianity and national politics whereas the ultimate goal is to make America a “Heaven on Earth.” The extreme form of Christian nationalism depicts Jesus draped in an American flag, wearing a MAGA hat, and in his right hand, he holds not the Bible or even the Ten Commandments, but rather the Constitution as if to say, our governing document is divinely inspired. Also, Christian nationalism is oblivious to our

nation’s sins and as a result, there is a blatant expectation for God’s blessing before the nation repents of its idolatry, sexual licentiousness, and child sacrifice (abortion).

Yes, Christian nationalism is a problem but it is not the problem.

The phrase “Christian nationalism” has been thrown around these days as a smear to any Christian who loves America and has a concern for the trajectory of this country. If you have a flag in your front yard, a political bumper sticker on your minivan, talk Conservative politics, own a gun, and a Bible, congratulations you are now branded as a “Christian nationalist.” As a Christian nationalist, you are now viewed as deluded, deplorable, and dangerous. You are a dissenter to the State and now you either must be “reprogrammed” to conform to the pushed narrative or be silenced.

I don’t see Christian nationalism as the problem,

considering a very small minority, in my experience, fall in line with the definition I provided above, rather I see the hyper-Pietistic sect of Christendom as the bigger issue. They are those who jump on board with secularists, bloggers, and pundits to condemn Christians who care about our nation and slander them as “Christian nationalists.” These Pietists possess a truncated, ineffective, private religiosity that offers nothing to the society in which they live. It is a hypocritical, powerless expression of Christianity—completely milquetoast.

Secularists and anti-Christian governments love Pietists because they are non-threatening and passive. They keep their “religion” indoors and never take it to the marketplace. And when a Christian is vocal about the condition of the State, calling for its repentance and obedience to the Law of God, the Pietist proves to be a faithful ally and points the finger at the Christian, accusing them of being “divisive” and submitting to partisan politics and not to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Yet, submitting to Jesus means following his command to teach the nations everything

that he has commanded (Matt. 28:20). Christians are called to disciple nations which invariably includes governors and governing entities. It is not so much about making an idealistic Christian utopia but seeing that righteousness, according to God’s standard, prevails within society. God’s Law is not a source of oppression or tyranny, rather it protects liberty and ensures justice and equity to all people.

Along with the Great Commission, we have been given a message to proclaim and that is, “Christ is Lord!” It is not being a Christian nationalist to work to see the Law of God and the Lordship of Jesus Christ influence and touch every sphere of our nation, including politics. It’s just normative historic Christianity. The Christian worldview has always been about the Kingdom of God advancing in all areas of life. After all, it was the very first sermon preached in the gospel of Mark where Jesus says, “Behold the Kingdom of God is at hand...” (Mk. 1:15) and a matter of emphasis in the gospel of Matthew.

Using the term “Christian nationalist” is just another tactic to silence and denigrate Christians with a robust and comprehensive Biblical

worldview. The phrase has been broadened to such an extent, that any hint of “God” or “Bible” in your political perspective calls for your immediate dismissal from the public square. We should all be aware of this because as things continue to develop in our country, to be branded as a “Christian nationalist” won’t

just mean that you are banned from certain social media platforms or maligned in blog articles from well-intentioned Pietists, no, the repercussions will be more severe.

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

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Andersons Celebrate 61st Anniversary

David and JoAnn Anderson of Leavenworth celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary February 20th. They had planned a 60th Anniversary celebration with family on an Alaskan cruise but it was cancelled due to the pandemic.
 David and JoAnn have three children, Sheri Carroll, Julie Colbert (John) and Shane Anderson. They have four grandchildren: Megan, Geddes, Carter and Hayden, and two great grandchildren: Caden and Mattie. Family and friends have been the center of their lives and they have been richly blessed.
CONGRATULATIONS!

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.

UPPER VALLEY CHURCH GUIDE New to our area? On vacation? These churches welcome you!

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Horticulture 2021

Wrap Up

Washington Wine Growers convention goes virtual March 9, 18

SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON WINEGROWERS ASSOCIATION

The Washington Winegrowers Association annual convention, WineVit™, will be virtual with sessions spread out between March 9 and 18. Specific session times, dates, and speakers will be posted soon. The virtual event

will provide cutting-edge presentations, networking opportunities, information on trends and products in the market and access to industry suppliers.

After an unprecedented 2020, a special focus will be on the State of the Industry session as

oversupply coupled with a pandemic have created challenges and opportunities. Speakers will discuss industry trends, global supply and demand chains, the latest research and future projects.

Though virtual, the annual

convention celebrates the Washington wine industry's collective resilience, dedication to connections without boundaries, and



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Visit www.winevit.org to register or to

The Washington Winegrowers Association serves as the synergistic leader and unifying voice – through advocacy and education – for growers, vintners, partners, and policymakers.

USDA offers farm loans for underserved, beginning farmers

SUBMITTED BY USDA

WENATCHEE - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers that FSA offers farm ownership and farm operating loans to underserved applicants as well as beginning farmers and ranchers. Underserved or beginning farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank can apply for FSA direct or guaranteed loans.

"Farming and ranching is a capital-intensive business and FSA is committed to helping producers start and maintain their agricultural operations," said Jon Wyss, FSA State Executive Director in Washington State. "FSA loans are designed to make sure that everyone has access to credit

including underserved and beginning farmers and ranchers. Last year, FSA in Washington obligated \$35.7 million in loans to underserved borrowers and beginning farmers and ranchers."

USDA defines underserved applicants as a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group without regard to their individual qualities. For farm loan program purposes, underserved groups are American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Asians, Blacks or African Americans, Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders, Hispanics, and women.

In order to qualify as a beginning farmer, the individual or entity must meet the eligi-

bility requirements outlined for direct or guaranteed loans. Additionally, individuals and all entity members must have operated a farm for less than 10 years. Applicants must materially or substantially participate in the operation. For farm ownership purposes, the applicant must not own a farm greater than 30 percent of the average size farm in the county at the time of application. All direct farm ownership applicants must have participated in the business operations of a farm for at least three years out of the last 10 years prior to the date the application is submitted to FSA. Substitutions for as much as the full three years of experience may be made based on education, business management experience, military experience, participation

with a qualified mentor, and farm management experience as a hired laborer. Your local FSA office will be able to provide more details on acceptable substitutions.

If the applicant is an entity, all members must be related by blood or marriage and all entity members must be eligible beginning farmers. At least one of the members must have three years or more experience in the business operations of a farm prior to the date the application is submitted.

Direct loans are made to applicants by FSA. Guaranteed loans are made by lending institutions who arrange for FSA to guarantee the loan. FSA can guarantee up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. The FSA guarantee allows lenders

to make agricultural credit available to producers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria.

The direct and guaranteed loan program offers two types of loans: farm ownership loans and farm operating loans.

Farm ownership loan funds may be used to purchase or enlarge a farm or ranch; purchase easements or rights of way needed in the farm's operation; build or improve buildings such as a dwelling or barn; promote soil and water conservation and development; and pay closing costs.

Farm operating loan funds may be used to purchase livestock, poultry, farm equipment, fertilizer, and other materials necessary to operate a farm. Operating loan funds can also be used for

family living expenses; refinancing debts under certain conditions; paying salaries for hired farm laborers; installing or improving water systems for home, livestock or irrigation use; and other similar improvements.

Repayment terms for direct operating loans are scheduled from one to seven years. Financing for direct farm ownership loans cannot exceed 40 years. Interest rates for direct loans are set periodically according to the government's cost of borrowing. Guaranteed loan terms and interest rates are set by the lender.

For more information on FSA's farm loan programs and underserved and beginning farmer guidelines, please contact your local FSA office or visit farmers.gov.

New USDA projects funded to support the Washington tree fruit industry

WRITTEN BY FAITH CRITZER, WSU FOOD SAFETY, DECEMBER 2020

Members of the Tree Fruit Extension team have been working hard to secure federal funding for challenges facing the industry. They are part of national teams and represent \$16.9 million in total federal support from the USDA Specialty Crop Research Initiative. The three projects will focus on precision crop load management, fire blight, and food safety, and are all geared towards identi-

fying effective solutions that improve the resiliency of the tree fruit industry in the future. You can read more about each below.

Precision Crop Load Management for Apples

Project Director – Terrance Robinson, Cornell University
Other PIs – Stefano Musacchi and Karen Lewis, Washington State University; Tory Schmidt, Washington Tree Fruit Research Commission

Controlling the final fruit number on an apple tree is

one of the most economically critical management practices in apple growing. Optimizing fruit numbers within a narrow, economically optimum range is currently imprecisely done by pruning, chemical thinning and remedial hand thinning which is very expensive. We have previously developed ideas and tactics to precisely control crop load by calculating the optimum fruit number per tree, manually counting buds, flowers and fruits and by using various computer models we have developed (carbon balance model, fruit growth rate model, and the pollen tube growth model) to help growers achieve the optimum number of fruits per tree; however, the process is tedious and time-consuming. This project will further develop precision crop load management tools consisting of computer models, machine vision, robotics, and decision support tools to allow apple growers to accurately calculate a target fruit number for each tree and then quickly count flower buds and later fruitlets using machine vision and geo-referenced maps to guide the severity of pruning and later guide bloom and post-bloom chemical thin-

ning, and lastly to guide human workers when hand thinning to maximize crop value.

Comprehensive fire blight management systems for the United States.

Project Director – George Sundin, Michigan State University
Other PIs – Tianna DuPont and Karina Gallardo, Washington State University



Courtesy photo

A team of the leading fire blight research and extension scientists from across the nation will be working together to develop novel and effective management strategies.

New Specialty Crop Research Initiative grant invests \$5.1 million to improve fire blight management with more than \$600,000 directed to WA research and extension. A team of the leading

fire blight research and extension scientists from across the nation will be working together to develop novel and effective management strategies. The goal is to develop a comprehensive strategy for effective fire blight management optimizing shoot and blossom blight management, understanding and managing the systemic phase of fire blight, developing a pre-breeding line of fire blight resistant varieties, providing economic analysis, and a nationally coordinated outreach program. The team will use innovative techniques, for example, they will use advanced transcriptomics to study the most effective use of defense elicitors. National coordination will multiply efforts, to more quickly find effective strategies. For example, products tested in multiple regions with diverse environmental conditions will provide in-depth information to dissect variable efficacy and model the most effective use and timings. Demonstration trials will provide answers to longstanding questions to grower questions from cutting blight to defense elicitors.

Cost-Effective Management of Food Safety Risks

Project Director – Michelle Danyluk, University of Florida
Other PIs – Faith Critzer and Troy Peters, Washington State University

This work will provide the fresh produce industry with tools to effectively manage food safety risks while making the most efficient use of available resources. We will identify the important factors (and their uncertainties) that drive risk and are candidates for interventions. Key sources of uncertainty will be addressed by empirical data collection and analysis. The immediate outcome of this research will be integrated, publicly available decision analysis tools to aid in pathogen control on produce that supports decision-making by all stakeholders. This will support increased transparency and collaboration among federal partners, industry, and consumer groups. We will model cost-effectiveness ratios of possible interventions, taking into account the preventable incidence of illness and economic costs of disease, as well as the costs and benefits to industry. Since different stakeholders consider different aspects of the costs and benefits of interventions, evaluations will be presented from different perspectives, including societal and industry perspectives and the results will be available at different levels of aggregation. The framework will provide opportunities to evaluate produce safety regulatory policies using the most recent scientific data. Critzer and Peters will contribute to work in preharvest water, postharvest handling, and outreach activities with others representing the tree fruit industry on the stakeholder advisory board. The project team is currently soliciting input which will help drive priorities from those in the produce and allied industries, you can participate at <https://go.rutgers.edu/4tuxsrdf>.

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<http://treefruit.wsu.edu/article/new-usda-projects-funded-to-support-the-washington-tree-fruit-industry/?print-view=true>

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Employment

Help Wanted

The Brewster School District is accepting applications for an Administrative Assistant/Human Resources position. This position is full time (260 days) per year with vacation days and benefits. The successful candidate is responsible for providing secretarial and administrative support to the Superintendent and other administrators. The salary is based on experience and the successful candidate will be placed on the district's exempt salary schedule. This position is open until filled. A complete job description may be obtained from the district's website www.brewsterbears.org

Help Wanted

FULL TIME DENTAL ASSISTANT FOR LEAVENWORTH OFFICE Monday - Thursday. The position entails all aspects of chairside assisting and supporting our hygiene team. We are looking for someone with a great work ethic and a great personality. Experienced in Dentrix or Eagle Soft a plus. Please mail or drop off your cover letter and Resume to: Dr. Brad O'Brien 11779 Hwy. 2, Ste. #201 Leavenworth, WA 98826 or email to drbradobrien@gmail.com

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The complete job description and application are available on the district's website www.brewsterbears.org Start Date: Fall of 2021

A complete application consists of the following:

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- Application
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In the Matter of the Estate of GARY I HEGGE SR, Deceased. No. 21-4-00024-04
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 or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. 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 3, 2021
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Nancy Lynn Piper
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Thomas D. Overcast
ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: Overcast Law Offices Attn: Thomas D. Overcast 23 South Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 320 Wenatchee, WA 98801
COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSE NUMBER: Chelan County Superior Court, Cause No. 21-4-00024-04 Overcast Law Offices By: /s/Thomas D. Overcast WSBA No 14486
Attorney for Personal Representative
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NOTICE OF JOINT CASHMERE COUNCIL & CASHMERE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The Cashmere Council and Cashmere Planning Commission will hold a joint meeting during the regular City Council meeting on Monday, February 22, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. The meeting is to prioritize tasks and discuss the direction of planning in Cashmere for 2021.

To Join the Meeting Go To:
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Passcode: 788276
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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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Attn: Ryan A. Smolinsky
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(509) 663-5588
Court of probate proceeding and cause number: Chelan County Superior Court Cause Number: 20-4-00391-04
Presented by: OVERCAST LAW OFFICES
By: /s/Ryan A. Smolinsky
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Attorney for the Personal Representative
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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of DOROTHY M. FRANCE, Deceased.
No. 21-4-00026-04
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. 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 RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Chelan County Superior Court Cause No. 21-4-00026-04

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hearing Examiner for the City of Leavenworth will hold a Public Hearing to consider and make a decision on a Variance (VAR) application, as described below. The Hearing will be held at 10:00 am, Thursday, April 8, 2021, online via Zoom, Meeting ID: 966 7644 9827, Password: 420621; Or the call-in phone number: 1-253-215-8782.
VAR2021-004: An application for two variance requests: (1) To reduce the Category II depressional wetland buffer from 110 feet to 5 feet; and (2) to reduce the front yard setback from 25 feet to 5 feet, for construction of a new single-family residence, detached garage and residential road turn-around. The residence and garage will encompass approximately 2,130 square feet and the turnaround will encompass approximately 256 square feet, for a total impact to the wetland buffer of 2,386 square feet. The project is located at NNA Poplar St, Chelan County Assessor's Tax Parcel Number 241702650085; within the Residential Low Density 12,000 (RL12) zoning district. The public is encouraged to attend via zoom and submit written comments prior to the hearing. Materials may be viewed on the City's Public Permit Portal at https://lvnworth_wa.permittrax.com/Citizen/ (search LUA2021-004, or use the interactive map) or by contacting Maggie Boles, Senior Planner, Development Services Department at (509)548-5275 (x130) or via email at seniorplanner@cityofleavenworth.com.
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Papa Dré sets the record straight

It was the Year of COVID-19 and Papa Dré wanted things to be clear before he passed in a New Orleans hospital room last August at age 86. He wanted to be sure he knew the world and that it needed some serious fixin' as they say in Southeast Texas and 'round 'dare in da Bayou.

Talking with Papa Dré (short for his middle name André), was always a trill somewhat akin to a roller coaster ride

mixed in with bumper cars, cotton candy, Dixie longnecks and whatever fried food lagniappe was to be ett.

He sometimes didn't hear well and couldn't read lips of Anglaise (Englishmen) so he would often just smile when he saw your lips move or heard a sound like someone was trying to talk in a foreign language while eating peanut butter and crackers.

Papa D still had a bucket list,

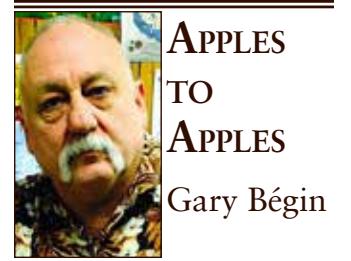
even at his young age.

One of his dreams was to start a frog farm and harvest the legs for sale to restaurants around the country, but Dré also wanted to make sure the "little guys" running dem food trucks and showin' up at all the neighborhood fetes and garage sales and tailgatin' parties were also in on what he predicted would be a frenzy for these sauteed morsels of garlic & butter mouth candy.

He was tinkin' this could be as big as the Rubik's Cube or Frisbees or Pet Rock or any number of useless things consumers flocked to. His claim to fame was taste, uniqueness, nutritious, simple and fun.

Dré was a meat eater and that meant pretty well everything. No! He would shout at any fool willing to say such a dumb thing. No! It don't taste like chicken.

'Dis here beats chicken



APPLES TO APPLES

Gary Bégin

after 'splainin' forever that he was tinkin' of "STP was the racer's edge" as promoted by Andy Granatelli. "Granatelli," Dré said. "Wasn't he one of dem Dons in de Gawdfada."

Old Pape Dré, we gonna miss him fa sure.

I lived in the city of New Orleans in old Algiers from 1981-1984. I will always miss the food, Mardi Gras and the music. The people and that culture is perhaps, no, without a doubt, the most unique large community of its kind in America bar none. The Amish are cool and so too the Native Tribal cultures extant nationwide. The Mennonites are cool too and so are the Chinatowns and Little Italys, etc. Now go visit Nawlins and see for you self.

Dat remin's me, what is the loneliest bayou in the whirld? Bayou Self, son, yep dat be da place, Bayou Self.

Managing Editor Gary Bégin can be reached at gary@ncwmedia.net. His opinions are not necessarily those of NCW Media.

State should encourage schools to think differently about 'learning loss'



COMMUNITY VOICES

Brad Hawkins

The Washington State Constitution describes education as its "paramount duty," and the Legislature dedicates half of its \$54 billion operating budget to K-12 education. Each year, lawmakers fiercely debate educational reform topics from school funding, graduation standards, and collective bargaining to levy reform, curriculum choices, and testing requirements. More recently, as a result of the COVID pandemic, school districts are focused on remote learning, technology needs, and safe reopening.

One of the things missing from the overall discussion, in my opinion, is whether the current school year model makes sense for a 21st century school. Why is it that Washington taxpayers and people across America invest so much into their school systems while annually accepting an antiquated

school calendar? Is it the most prudent use of taxpayer funds from a return on investment perspective to resign ourselves to a schedule year after year that leaves students across our state with three months of no instruction and a month of reteaching every September? If we could redesign the school calendar today, wouldn't we do things very differently?

These are the questions I am attempting to answer in my Senate Bill 5147, a bill co-sponsored by many legislators, including committee chairs and leadership members from both parties. The bill includes a financial incentive for any district that chooses to voluntarily apportion their existing 180 state-funded school days over a full year. This will likely require multiple three-week breaks throughout the year or a few one-month breaks. The bill was recently approved by the Senate's Early Learning and K-12 Education Committee. The bill has another hearing this afternoon before the Senate's Ways and Means Committee, which develops the Senate's budget proposal. Many stakeholders are expected to testify, including local educational leaders Michelle Price, superintendent of the North Central Educational

Service District, Gene Sharratt former superintendent and Washington State cabinet member, and Tom Venable, superintendent of the Methow Valley School District.

Both the Early Learning and K-12 Education Committee and Ways and Means Committee are working to address "learning loss" this legislative session. Learning loss is something that will, unfortunately, impact nearly every student across Washington state due to the COVID pandemic and the less-than-ideal circumstances associated with statewide remote learning. Some students could spend most of their remaining K-12 years just trying to catch up to their pre-pandemic academic learning trajectory. Sadly, many students will be burdened by COVID's educational impacts for many years to come.

The COVID educational impacts will burden most students for many years and likely will be compounded by the continual learning loss in future years, which occurs every summer as a result of outdated school calendars historically designed to accommodate our agricultural needs. Our current school calendar was created to allow students to have a three-month summer break to assist their

families on their farms but became commonly accepted over time and now goes largely unquestioned. It's now time to think about transformational changes that could help every student across Washington. With my bipartisan effort outlined in Senate Bill 5147, I'm calling on my colleagues in the Legislature to think differently about how to improve our educational delivery system. If we cannot do it now, as we prepare to pull ourselves out of this pandemic, when will we ever be able to? Fortunately, my legislative colleagues and I are not alone. Our Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal identifies "balancing the school calendar" as one of his "10 strategic changes" for our schools, and I agree. In a January 8 letter to the governor and legislators, Superintendent Reykdal urged us to explore options to help our schools "become the highest performing public education system in the nation."

I do not think we get there by ta king a long break every summer.

Brad Hawkins is our 12th District state senator representing North Central Washington in Olympia. Contact info: 360-786-7622 or brad.hawkins@leg.wa.gov.

COVID19 policies

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COVID19. They are both "COVID" viruses. To date there are 7 identified COVID viruses according to Dr. Gold, none of which have an effective vaccine. She includes the common cold in the list of COVID type viruses. The SARS-1 vaccine was never released after animal testing found it didn't work.

Dr. Gold raises two concerns about the current vaccine. The first is she has a concern about the vaccines effect on human reproduction. She points out that two doctors in Europe have raised concerns about how the drug impacts the placenta. This issue is not totally clear. Even Dr. Gold admits that it is one of those questions that we don't know what we don't know yet. The CDC says there is no risk although they admit that

they have detected some cell modification on the outside lining of the placenta. The new vaccines make it appear as though you are permanently infected with COVID19 and no one is sure about how that will affect future pregnancies.

Her second concern is related to the issue of liability protection for the manufacturers of the vaccine. Dr. Gold says it is not that she believes they don't care but that they are less likely to be as careful with their testing and release of the drug as they would be if they could be held liable.

America's Front Line Doctors make the following recommendations regarding the taking of the current vaccines:

If you are under age 20 the Experimental Vaccine is prohibited. Their reasoning is we do not know the long-term effects on fertility, and we do know this virus does not

really affect young people.

From age 20 - 50 if you are healthy, they strongly discourage taking the vaccine. They discourage the taking of the drug because of the low risk of death to this group and the unknown risks of causing problems from auto-immune disease and an unknown risk of lifelong infertility.

If you are age 50 - 70 and in otherwise good health AFLDS strongly discourages taking the "vaccine." If you are 50 - 70 with other comorbidities they still discourage use of the drug as they believe the use of other treatments like hydroxychloroquine are available.

Over age 70 and above it is based on your own personal risk assessment. If you are otherwise healthy, they discourage taking the vaccine. If you have other comorbidities, they still discourage it but recognize it

is a personal call based on your individual situation.

In the interest of full disclosure, The CDC, FDA, and a most government agencies do not agree with Dr. Gold or America's Front Line Doctors. Dr. Gold has been de-listed from Twitter, YouTube, and Facebook. You can view one of her videos on Rumble. Just enter <https://rumble.com/vd2y2j-banned-from-youtube-dr-simone-gold-shares-the-truth-about-the-covid-19-vac.html> on your browser. We will also put up the link on our website along with this story. You can also find more information at AFLDS.com.

Finally, it is important to note that Dr. Gold was arrested last week for being one of the people who entered the Capitol Building on Jan 6. She was not accused of supporting the violence. She was simply charged with unlawfully entering a restricted area.

School Board Meeting

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day one, having to shift and learn new ways. They're fantastic."

The district has served over 26,000 meals this school year, compared to over 60,000 meals by this time last year. Number of breakfasts has remained almost steady; the difference is a large reduction in lunches served, due to fewer people in the buildings to receive lunch.

Board members and superintendent Tracey Beckendorf-Edou thanked Levi and his department. Board chair Trey Ising said, "We all appreciate your efforts. You've done the district proud."

Next up, athletics director Dominique Coffin informed the board about the upcoming start of sports. Coffin has been working very closely with other regional athletic directors to come up with a unique plan to allow for good competition while minimizing travel and working solely within the region as designated for the governor's reopening phases.

This North Central Region is made up of 28 high schools, which are now grouped into four tiers of competition, which vary by sport. CHS, for instance, despite being a 1A school, will bump up to Tier 1 in sports like girls' soccer, because it is highly competitive and therefore can compete against the larger schools.

Another element of the plan

were the new seasons. The first season, for fall sports, starts on Feb. 22, later than in other parts of the state, because of our region's inclement winter weather. Immediately following six weeks of fall sports is a six-week season of spring sports. Spring sports were given the "best" position to compensate for their absence last school year. After spring sports, if allowed, will come five weeks of winter sports, which are indoors, and therefore higher risk. If, for health concerns, winter sports shouldn't happen, spring sports will have an extended season.

As long as our region is in Phase 1, fall sport athletes can only practice, except cross country can host races, which are deemed safer than face-to-face competitions. There is also an important phased-in approach for spectating. For the first two weeks there will be no spectating. Then there will be a cap of 200 people, including athletes and coaches, at an event. This assumes entering Phase 2 and a resumption of competition. The exact system of allocating tickets is still to be determined. The hope is that by "Seniors' Night" at least parents of seniors can attend a culminating event for their son or daughter.

To help fans, the Booster Club purchased and installed two Pixellot AI cameras at the PD stadium and in the CHS gym. "It tracks the ball as athletes play. It also projects



Pixellot Camera

the score," said Coffin. The video footage will be live-streamed for home viewing.

Coffin and Beckendorf-Edou acknowledged that discussions around this regional planning was contentious, however, the priority was always for the student athletes to get a chance to play safely. They want to avoid what could happen if a large number of spectators congregated during the pandemic.

Most middle school sports would be allowed a short season of four weeks each. Fall sports, beginning in April, will be followed by spring sports. Competition will solely occur between the three similarly sized middle schools from Cascade, Chelan and Cashmere. Winter sports and soccer (which is absent from Chelan and Cashmere) are canceled.

The board thanked Coffin for his positive energy and helpfulness during this challenging time for athletics.

Items related to personnel included approving several retirements. CHS secretary Kathy Wendlandt will retire after 31 years in the district, and first grade teacher Mary DePaz will be retiring after 34 years. Their dedication was applauded. Also Brooks Murphy will retire as the intervention specialist at CHS. New hires include part-time inclusion specialist Ben Sunitsch, CHS JV volleyball coach Anthony Mora, and CHS assistant girls' soccer coach Stephanie Zamudio.

Beckendorf-Edou and Brett Johnson, Special Education Director, shared news of receipt of an Inclusionary Practices Project grant of over \$126,000 from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). Inclusion in relation to the schools refers to providing equal access to opportunities and resources for people who might otherwise be excluded or marginalized.

"The goal is inclusion so that the majority of the students are in a general education setting 80% of the time or more," said Johnson. Brett Johnson and P.E. teacher Micah Rieke won another \$5500 grant from OSPI and the Washington Traffic Safety Commission for bike support for the fleet of bikes used in P.E. classes. The funds will cover tune-ups, tires, tubes and two adaptive bicycles.

any day, but ya gotta kill a swampfull of frogs to get a decent meal for 20 friends at a Super Bowl party or LSU tailgatin' party. Because frog farming ain't cheap and it sometimes be labor intensive when harvest time come 'round, every "munt" on a weekly basis and then every day of that week. Dré figured the only way to get the cost down for the average blue collar swampdog as he himself be, was to grow dem critters on a vast scale. Maybe create the whirlds largest frog farm. Then by sheer force of scale (he dun learned dat on an epilepticode of Shark Tank) Dré would conquer the price point and vastly appreciate the margins and maybe even do franchising or sell the whole ting to Popeyes Louisiana Chicken or dis or dat and on he went.

After about tree hour of barbecue fried catfish, 20-pound of spicy crawdad boiled with salt podata and ¼ cobbs of sweetcorn and a keg of Dixie, wid sum dirty rice on da side, we knew we had dun fixed all de problem of da planet.

We all had quite a talk that crazy Sunday afternoon in old Chalmette. When Dré was in his 20's back in the day of hippies & Vietnam, he had always heard the phrase "STD is the Razor Edge." He was playin' back his memories of yoot.

I almost hamstrung a tonsil

Letters to the editor

ATTENTION AMERICANS! If you haven't seen Mike Lindell's (yes, the Pillow Guy) video documentary outlining the fraud during the past Presidential election, you should. All Americans should be made aware of the questions raised by many experts who gave evidence of the irregularities in the vote counts of many voting districts. You may, or may not agree

with the conclusions reached, but you must recognize that a large number of our citizens (tens of millions) believe that fraud played a role in the final vote tally. We must insist that an overhaul of our election process be conducted so that we can trust our elections are above reproach and fair for all. God Bless the USA.

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