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Upper Valley Empty Bowls Goes Virtual in 2021

SUBMITTED BY DIANE PRIEBE

2021 marks a significant year for our Upper Valley Empty Bowls (UVEB) Festival in many ways—first of all it's our 25th anniversary! It is also a year impacted by the pandemic, where our Community Cupboard food bank needs our support more than ever. The UVEB Festival typically raises over \$15,000 each year, which funds 50 percent of the yearly Community Cupboard's food budget each year. This donation helps to stock its food shelves and provide food boxes to over 1000 local households annually. Sadly, due to the pandemic, for the first time ever we will not be able to gather together with our community to paint bowls during Glazing Days, or to share a community soup supper in March.

Although these community gatherings will be missed, there will be other ways for you to participate in the UVEB Festival and to raise funds for the Community Cupboard, which is a lifeline for hundreds of our local families. That's right, this year the Upper Valley Empty Bowls Festival will be going virtual!

In celebration of our 25th year of celebrating community, art and giving, the online Artist Bowl Auction will be held this March. As a highlight for this special year, 25 local artists will be creating one-of-

a-kind bowls or platters that will be featured for online bidding.

The Auction dates will be announced at a later time on the UVEB website www.uvemptybowls.org and Facebook site, and The Leavenworth Echo and Cashmere Valley Record newspapers, so check back!

Another way to participate is by making a donation to Upper Valley Empty Bowls. Though we would be grateful for households to donate what they would have normally spent on participating in UVEB, for those inclined to donate \$50.00 or more, they will be entered into a drawing to receive one of 25 bowl painting kits. These kits will include a hand thrown soup bowl, glazes, brushes and the final firing. There will be more than one way to enter into the drawing, so watch for these opportunities yet to be announced on the UVEB website and Facebook. Donations can be made on the UVEB website.

UVEB will be hosting an "Empty Bowls of the Future," a pre-school through high-school coloring challenge to decorate a virtual bowl. Winners will be featured on the UVEB website and Facebook page, as well as included in a drawing for a bowl painting kit.

See our website for details and to download copies of the coloring challenge. The challenge will last

until February 12, and all entries must be in by then to be eligible for the bowl painting kit drawings. Final drawings can be uploaded to uvemptybowls@gmail.com or handed in to one of the teachers in the Cascade School District, Dan's food Market, Community Cupboard or Plain Hardware.

Do you have a favorite Empty Bowl that you or someone in your family decorated in previous years? Maybe you have photos of bowls created by a few generations of family? UVEB would like to highlight these "Empty Bowls of the Past" on our UVEB website and Facebook site. Please send electronic photos of bowls to uvemptybowls@gmail.com

Finally, UVEB is encouraging our Upper Valley community to send in comments and testimonials for what the UVEB Festival has meant to them and their families over the years. The comments will be posted on the UVEB website and Facebook page, and the authors entered into a drawing for a bowl painting kit. Please send your comments and testimonials to uvemptybowls@gmail.com

Although we can't yet gather as a community to support the Community Cupboard, please consider participating in our 25th annual virtual UVEB celebration of community and the arts!

City Council reviews priorities for 2021 Planning Commission



Bill Forhan
Publisher

City Council and the Planning Commission met in joint session to visit the Planning Commission docket for 2021. Currently, the commission has unfinished projects from 2020. Those include the Transportation Element Update anticipated to be completed by March; Housing Action Plan anticipated for completion by April; Shoreline Master Plan updates anticipated for completion by May; and Fire Code Amendments to address Wildland Urban Interface standards targeted for completion by March.

On the Docket for 2021 Amendments include a number of items:

- In 2019 Council tabled resolution 1589 on zoning standards that included issues of lot size and setbacks that could hopefully address issues of affordable housing in Leavenworth.
- Bed & Breakfast Density would consider limiting the number of B&B's per block or neighborhood.
- Off Street Loading and Parking requirements and standards
- Commercial setback requirements including eave overhangs, construction, maintenance and snow for buildings located on or near the property line.
- RV Park and Campground regulations
- Non-conforming annexation uses, such as vacation rentals for regulations for clear regulations and a process for becoming conforming when annexing into the city.
- Other items include, height limits, front yard fence heights, ADU's and Conditional Use Permits.

The RV Park and Campground regulations review was at the request of KOA. It is unclear at this time what KOA's concerns might be. Last fall the city council voted to shut down a temporary campground that has operated for over 20 years adjacent to Kristall's Restaurant on Highway 2 during Autumn Leaf and Oktoberfest.

Sewer System upgrades
Replacement of the Wastewater Treatment Plant is the city's largest project. It is being mandated by the department of ecology to reduce

the discharge of phosphorus into the Wenatchee River. While the treatment plant itself is fairly new the collection system, better known as the sewer system, is nearing the end of its life in many places and needs to be upgraded. Instead of excavating the old lines a new process is often employed called pipe bursting. This process sends a burst head into the existing pipe and then replaces the existing line as it moves through the old pipe.

Problems have occurred with the process of replacing the line between the Post Hotel and 9th Street. The burst head often got stuck because the original pipe was not properly backfilled when it was installed some 60 to 70 years ago. Large boulders were apparently thrown back into the hole covering the old pipe. This caused the burst head to stop and prevented it from bursting the old pipe requiring excavation often at depths up to 24 feet.

The result is the city council approved a change order for \$169,439 to the cost of the project. At this point the total estimated cost of the project remains within the contingency budget

Committee Assignments
Economic Development – Meets 2nd Tuesday of every month at 3 p.m.
- Mia Bretz, Carolyn Wilson, Anne Hessburg.

Parks – Meets 2nd Tuesday of every month at 4 p.m. - Jason Lundgren, Clint Strand, Sharon Waters.

Public Works (including cemetery & Parking) - Meets 2nd Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. - Zeke Reister, Jason Lundgren, Sharon Waters.

Housing - Meets 4th Tuesday of every month at 3 p.m. - Zeke Reister, Mia Bretz, Sharon Waters.

Public Safety - Meets 4th Tuesday of every month at 4 p.m. - Carolyn Wilson, Clint Strand, Jason Lundgren.

Finance - Meets 4th Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. - Clint Strand, Zeke Reister, Anne Hessburg.

Water Treatment Plant repair contract awarded

Last summer the city council heard a report on the Icicle Creek water treatment plant. Corroded pipes and outdated treatment systems were in need of an upgrade. At the time Gray & Osborne, the city's engineering consulting firm, estimated repairs would cost \$2 million. Council approved a contract award for the immediate essential repairs in the amount of \$160, 037 to KRCI, LLC of East Wenatchee. This contract

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Facilities Staff at Schools are on the Frontline, Providing Health Safety



Marlene Farrell
Correspondent

As the Cascade School District (CSD) schools go through stages of reopening, staff and families can feel confident that the facilities department is doing its utmost to keep rooms and surfaces clean and disinfected. Their protocols, combined with safe behavioral practices, are the main reason that the schools have had zero COVID-19 transmission.

The Centers for Disease Control website, in reference to guidance for cleaning and disinfecting, states, "Coronaviruses on surfaces and objects naturally die within hours to days. Normal routine cleaning with soap and water removes germs and dirt from surfaces. It lowers the risk of

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Large boulders removed from the buried sewer line caused problems when the line was being replaced. These boulders were used to build a retaining wall below Ninth Street.

During this difficult time support your neighbors

Most local businesses offer curbside service or delivery

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Local and Regional News

Quilting Group donates quilt to Leavenworth Rotary

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Aleesha Kobernik presents the quilt to Karl Ruether of Leavenworth Rotary



SUBMITTED BY JILL THERRIault

The Stitching in Heels Quilting group had been meeting via zoom since last June 2020. We had formed a design team then designs were discussed and the final design was drafted by Althea Gyde. The quilt was divided into units and given out to our members, see names below, to construct by machine, then those units, like a big puzzle, were put together by the design team to complete the final layout. The three layers

(quilt top, batting, back story) were put on the computerized Long Arm quilting machine belonging to Althea Gyde of Blue Heron Quilting and stitched together using the apple quilting pattern. The binding was put on by Lesley Allan and hand stitched on the back by Tamara DeZellum.

The Central Washington Modern Quilt Guild is a "Modern" Quilt Guild in their primary year of existence and includes members from the greater Central Washington area. This year they are thrilled



to have a Community quilt to show at "QuiltCon Together 2021", the largest international Modern quilt convention in the world. The quilt will be seen by thousands of viewers on their virtual quilt show, from Feb. 18-21, 2021. This quilt was designed for and was presented to the Leavenworth Rotary Club. The gears and apples are reminiscent of the Rotary International logo and the Central Washington agricultural communities. The Central Washington Modern Quilt Guild members reside in the heart of Washington apple country. This original quilt is the product of a team effort from all the active members and the result is amazing! Each quilter made a signature block that is included in the "back story" of this quilt.

Members include: Lesley Allan, Michelle Bartholomew, Tamara DeZellum, Althea Gyde, Lara Hays, Lindsey Kiesz, Aleesha Kobernik, Janeesa Lessor, Terry Murphy, Sharon Paine, Shelby Ryburn, Annie Schmidt, Nancy Straub and Jill Therriault.

The quilt was presented to the Leavenworth Rotary Club by Aleesha Kobernik on January 29. The club will decide the final outcome of the quilt. It is their choice to keep it or use it as a raffle for fund raising or donate it to any cause of their choosing. The quilt is 66" x 86" and is 100% cotton.

New Emergency Assistance Manager



SUBMITTED BY UVMEND

Liz Hurtado, is the Upper Valley MEND'S new Emergency Assistance Program Manager. Liz will be helping people in crisis move toward stability and safety by helping with rent, mortgage and utility bills, and helping them access needed services in the Wenatchee Valley. Liz grew up in the Upper Valley and has a background in mental health and

social service. She holds an undergraduate degree in Sociology from the University of Washington and is on track to graduate with a master's in social work from Western New Mexico University. She is bilingual and able to provide emergency assistance to member of the community in both English and Spanish. In her downtime she enjoys spending time with her family and friends doing any outdoor related activity.

School Facilities

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spreading COVID-19 infection. Disinfectants kill germs on surfaces. By killing germs on a surface after cleaning, you can further lower the risk of spreading infection."

Teresa Disher, Facilities Director, explained the adaptations that occurred in her department due to the pandemic. "Over the summer we did research and learned a lot so we were well prepared for school to start in the fall," she said.

"There were no changes to staffing because we knew we would have special programs, food services and teachers in the buildings. We were able to utilize our teams in different ways. We found gaps in schedules and learned to cover for each other."

Cleaning procedures have been robust for years. "Level 3 cleaning is the norm for most school facilities. A custodian can clean approximately 28,000 to 31,000 square feet in eight hours," said Disher. "We cleaned every room every night by taking out garbage, cleaning floors, bathrooms and so forth. We have always disinfected handles and high-touch areas once during each shift."

Only minor changes have occurred to cope with the pandemic. Soluna Taylor, a custodian who has worked for the CSD for fourteen years,

said, "We disinfect common areas hourly, and follow all required guidelines, to help stop the spread of the virus. Every Wednesday, teachers and students have classes remotely, which gives us a day to disinfect all the classrooms, along with the common areas."

The budget for facilities has gone down due to lower enrollment and fewer activities. That has not been a problem, however. Disher said, "We joined a co-op and purchased PPE at a really reasonable price. So far, our estimates on what was needed is carrying us through the years perfectly. We have less use for our cleaning products because of less people in the building; however, we use more because we are cleaning more throughout the day. It has come out about the same so no added costs there. We did not buy fancy chemicals or equipment. We continue to use our eco-friendly cleaners applied the old-fashioned way, with a cloth. We do not spray chemicals into the air due to breathing difficulties for those with sensitivities."

"The biggest challenge for us in maintenance, I believe, was conquering fear. We were tasked with, number one, setting the example: wearing our masks consistently, washing our hands, self-screening, not gathering in groups, meeting outside and not coming to work sick."

The facilities staff are on the

pandemic frontline, making a difference in the lives of staff and students. "Many times, I've had staff comment on how grateful they were that their building custodians were visible all day long, cleaning and disinfecting every area. It has been told to me that this is a heavy burden to carry and how vital their role is in the safety of schools these days. But each and every one of our custodians was up for it. They take their jobs very seriously and know that other people depend on them."

Looking to the future, Disher sees a few positive outcomes. "It will no longer be socially acceptable to come to work or school sick. Also, in a year or two, I hope to still see us disinfecting high-touch areas more than one time per day."

Taylor added, "It has been a very stressful time in our life and daily routines, but I believe we are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel. If we can all take the necessary precautions, we can put an end to this chapter of our lives, and return back to our normal lives."

Finally, the role of the school custodian will be viewed differently than in the past. Its not just about having a room with clean floors and empty garbage cans. Disher said, "You're in a room where you know things you cannot see, like viruses and bacteria, have also been removed in the cleaning process."

A Better Time Than Ever to Give 10



Denise Sorom
Correspondent

Several years ago, we started a campaign at the Community Foundation called "Give 10." The idea was simple: if every person in Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan counties left 10% of their will or estate to charitable causes – no matter how small or large – we would have an additional \$18 million each year to directly support charitable causes in our region. That's nearly quadruple the amount the foundation disburses now and results in four times the grant funding we now give to public schools, libraries, museums, parks, law enforcement, health services, and other nonprofit agencies in our region.

When we started this campaign, the world felt a bit more stable and predictable.

This past year – between the pandemic, the wildfires, and the loss of jobs – we have been focusing our energies on meeting urgent needs in our community. It is no surprise that this community has responded with incredible generosity to help us meet those urgent needs.

With 2020 behind us now, we know those urgent needs persist, but it is time once again to think about the long-term. With such uncertainty on the horizon, the future of our quality of life in this region feels tenuous. What can we do? How can we help?

We can Give 10. We can decide to leave 10% of our estate to charitable causes. If giving 10% feels like a lot, think about it from the opposite point of view: Does leaving 90% of your estate to your loved ones feel like enough to cover their needs? For many, it does. If it does for you too, we ask you to consider that remaining 10%:

- What causes in this community are most important to you?
- What has shaped and gave meaning to your lives?
- What organizations do you

want to make sure are there to serve future generations?

If the answers these questions lead you to a charitable decision, we applaud you – and we are here to help. Many in this community have joined our Legacy Circle and have shared with us that they plan to leave a charitable estate gift. The funds that are created from these gifts can benefit ANY charitable organizations in Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan counties, including churches and government agencies. The Community Foundation works with you—either directly or through your attorney or financial adviser—to determine what causes and/or organizations you want to support, and we draft up the paperwork to make that happen. It is fast, easy, and incredibly gratifying: To know that what has given meaning to your life will be there to give meaning to the lives of future generations.

We invite you to join our Legacy Circle. Together, we can collectively bring some long-term certainty to these very uncertain times.

*To learn more about Give 10, visit cfncw.org/give10

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The Leavenworth Echo regrets any errors. If you see an error, please call 509-548-5286. We will publish a correction on this page in the next issue.

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

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 4, Thursday: No lunch.

February 5, Friday: Fish & Chips, cabbage apple slaw, tropical fruit, cereal bars.

Saturday and Sunday: No lunch.

February 8, Monday: Honey Dijon chicken, garden rice, cauliflower & chives, mixed greens salad, citrus salad, whole wheat bread or roll, dessert.

February 9, Tuesday: No lunch.

February 10, Wednesday: Chicken salad on a croissant, vegetable soup, grapes, dessert.

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.)

NCW Libraries

NCW Libraries have currently closed its 30 libraries for in-person visits in accordance with updated state guidelines for public libraries.

While the NCW Libraries are closed, they will continue to offer and expand Curbside Pickup hours at all libraries, continue operating its Mail Order Library, and all virtual services and programs.

In 2020, the library district expanded online resources, allowing more checkouts of digital materials including eBooks, movies and offering a wide array of virtual services, and programs for all ages including bilingual storytimes, author talks, reading programs, job-hunting help in partnership with WorkSource, and more.

Go to NCWLIBRARIES.ORG or 1-800-426-READ (7323) for more information, and updates.

Leavenworth Public Library. Located at 700 Hwy. 2, Call 548-7923 or online leavenworth@ncwlibraries.org Library Hours: No inside service available at this time.

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.

January 22

- 10:58 Public assist, 16750 Fir Dr., Lake Wenatchee
- 16:57 Suspicious, 263 Center St.
- 17:23 Theft, 11047 North Rd.
- 20:41 Agency assist, Coles Corner, Lake Wenatchee
- 21:36 Attempt to locate, 2406 Salal Dr., Lake Wenatchee
- 22:02 Public assist, 3527 Old Blewett Rd.
- 23:21 Welfare check, 10461 Stemm Rd., Smallwoods

January 23

- 06:01 Malicious mischief, 990 US Hwy. 2, Park & Ride
- 07:02 Disturbance, 14038 Brae Burn Rd.
- 10:26 Theft, 7530 Saunders Rd.
- 13:44 Civil, 12591 Prowell St.
- 13:49 Disturbance, 116 River Bend Dr., Safeway
- 16:54 Animal problem, 1032 Commercial St.
- 17:46 Welfare check, 34491 US Hwy. 2, Stevens Pass
- 18:11 911, 100 Enchantment Park Way
- 21:14 Suspicious, 3601 Old Blewett Rd., Peshastin
- 21:38 911, 8429 Deadman Hill Rd., Dryden

January 24

- 09:58 Public assist, Lake Wenatchee
- 11:26 Trespass, 2626 Cottonwood Ln., Lake Wenatchee
- 11:44 Property, 817 Commercial St.
- 16:31 Theft, 211 - 14th St., Das Thrift Haus
- 22:29 Welfare check, 3333 Hansel Ln., Peshastin

January 25

- 07:46 Harass/threat, 820 Front St., Gazebo Park
- 09:21 Suspicious, North & Nibelink Roads
- 10:28 Alarm, 23379 Lake Wenatchee Hwy.
- 11:28 Theft, 18832 Pine Loop, Plain

January 26

- 00:17 Alarm, 920 US Hwy. 2
- 08:32 Domestic disturbance, 4637 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin
- 10:53 Hazard, Headwater Ln. & Brae Burn Rd.
- 12:44 Unknown accident, Chiwawa River Rd. & Humphreys Dr., Lake Wenatchee

- 14:00 Vehicle prowler, 15255 US Hwy. 2, Coles Corner, Lake Wenatchee
- 15:13 Welfare check, 10195 Titus Rd.
- 16:32 Noise, 301 Commercial St.
- 16:47 Accident/no injuries, 116 River Bend Dr., Safeway
- 19:31 Agency assist, SR 207 & US Hwy. 2, Lake Wenatchee
- 22:49 Accident/no injuries, 15121 Chumstick Hwy.

January 27

- 10:20 911, 6601 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin
- 10:23 Accident/no injuries, US Hwy. 2 & River Bend Dr.
- 10:26 Accident/no injuries, 8392 Lake St., #2, Peshastin
- 10:49 Alarm, 10118 North Rd.
- 10:53 Welfare check, 1111 Commercial St.
- 11:27 Parking/abandon, 18190 Nason Ridge Rd., Lake Wenatchee
- 11:45 Parking/abandon, 22407 Humphreys Dr., Lake Wenatchee
- 15:54 Alarm, 1513 Alpansee Strasse
- 16:19 Suspicious, 9073 US Hwy. 2, Dryden
- 16:33 Suspicious, 11645 North Rd.
- 18:35 Public assist, Icicle Rd., MP 7

January 28

- 02:35 Domestic disturbance, 6410 Campbell Rd., Peshastin
- 10:18 Suspicious, 7600 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin
- 11:33 Domestic disturbance, 1111 Commercial St.
- 12:06 Suspicious, 17714 Nason Ridge Rd., Lake Wenatchee
- 13:54 Parking/abandon, 11566 River Bend Dr.
- 15:13 Fraud/forgery, 12875 Shore St.
- 16:41 Property, 228 Chumstick Hwy. #A
- 21:34 Suspicious, 9255 Foster Rd., BJs Foods

P.E.O. Scholarship Opportunity

Applications are now being accepted for the Upper Valley Scholarship supported by P.E.O. Chapter JF, Leavenworth WA. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist women in need of financial help return to higher education in an accredited university, college or technical school in the State of Washington. This needs-based scholarship must be used for school expenses and will be paid directly to the school.

Applications must be received for consideration by April 30, 2021. Scholarship funds will be available by the Fall of 2021 and be sent directly to the school financial department upon confirmation of enrollment.

Women applicants must be seeking further higher education at either the undergraduate or graduate level in one of the following ways:

- Applicant must be age 30 or above and reside in Chelan or Douglas County, WA
- Applicant must be currently enrolled in, or returning to, a higher education program after a two-year or more absence.

The colleges, universities, or technical schools where applicants have been accepted must be fully accredited and within the State of Washington. Out-of-state, on-line accredited schools are acceptable. Applicants may re-submit applications each year until they complete their programs of study.

Women interested in applying for the scholarship may receive more detailed information concerning the application process, as well as request the application form by contacting:

Mimi Keller Chair, Scholarship Committee at mimikeller5@icloud.com



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CASCADE SCHOOL MENU

Thursday, February 4

Breakfast: Bacon breakfast burrito, orange juice, chocolate milk.

Lunch: Chicken fajita, Mexican slaw, pears, chocolate milk.

Friday, February 5

Breakfast: Oatmeal, orange juice, chocolate milk.

Lunch: Chicken breast & gravy, rice pilaf, green beans, banana, chocolate milk.

Monday, February 8

Breakfast: Assorted cereal, orange juice, chocolate milk.

Lunch: Hot dog, carrots, apple, chocolate milk.

Tuesday, February 9

Breakfast: Bacon muffin, orange juice, chocolate milk.

Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, three bean salad, sliced strawberries, chocolate milk.

Wednesday, February 10

Breakfast: Banana bread, orange juice, chocolate milk.

Lunch: Tater tot casserole, cauliflower, Ranch dressing, oranges, 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: Celebraterecoverylcn@gmail.com for information and link to the Zoom meetings.

OBITUARY

Calvin "Cal Boy"

The Miller family are heartbroken and deeply saddened by the passing of our precious Calvin as he crossed the "Rainbow Bridge" on Thursday, January 28 surrounded by his loving family.

Just two weeks ago he was diagnosed with Lymphoma a type of cancer found all to often in Golden Retrievers.

We were most blessed 5 years ago to be adopted by him after his brief stint at the Wenatchee Valley Humane Society. He was residing there due to the death of his owner. From day one he has treated us like we had always been his family. Since then he was a constant source of comfort, companionship and joy. If you have had the pleasure to meet this big golden smiling "fluffball" you were in love.

His very first day at the orchard he claimed the John Deere Gator as his own. Riding in the Gator became his most favorite thing to do besides riding in the back seat of a pickup truck.

Calvin was a highly intelligent distinguished farm dog, but quite stubborn. He loved being involved in orchard work but when we opened our fruit stand for the season he found his true calling in life.

He became a "greeter" every one that stopped was greeted by Calvin, many bringing him treats and extra "love". Calvin

took his job very seriously and with his gentle soul full eyes and big smile he welcomed everyone. He always saw the good in everyone. Calvin welcomed tens of thousands of people over the years and he received probably as many pats and hugs. If he was having his afternoon siesta under a tree behind the stand many people would inquire about him. Hundreds have had their photo taken with him and his Golden brothers. He and his brothers were on King 5 TV twice.

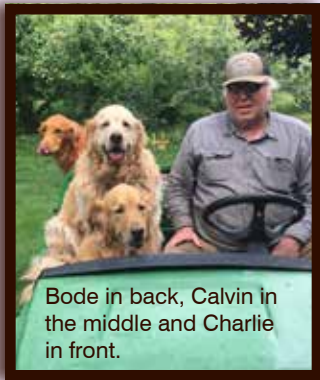
He enjoyed being with family and friends, when he was not stealing their heart, he was stealing their food. He also loved to nap play with his cats, but most of all was being with Rich offering him love and affection.

Calvin is physically gone from his family, but he is everywhere. He is laying in the middle of the kitchen floor. He is laying next to Rich and his recliner and when the snow goes away, he will be in his seat in the Gator. We will carry him in our hearts and mind forever.

We would like to thank Dr. Hambleton and his amazing staff at the Bavarian Vet for all the love and care he gave Calvin.

Calvin leaves behind for now his cherished family his big daddy dog Rich, Teri and Rachel Miller

Charlie and Bode also Golden Retrievers, Sunny a Cairn Terrier,



Bode in back, Calvin in the middle and Charlie in front.

Lucy a Mini Aussie, and his two cats Margarita and Oreo. We would also like to thank Calvin's special friend Chandler West for all the kindness shown to Calvin which he returned with love. Calvin was loved by our orchard family workers.

News of Calvin's passing has saddened many who have reached out to us and we thank them for the kindness shown.

To honor Calvin's memory, we hope by reading this story that it will encourage people to adopt Senior Dogs that are often overlooked at shelters, and rescue organizations. Our story is not unique. All dogs are important but there is something very special about an older dog.

Please consider an older dog at the WVHS, Okan Dogs or look on line for Senior Dogs Rescue groups.

Rest in Peace "Cal Boy" will meet again at the Rainbow Bridge. Love you Forever!

OBITUARY

Charles Joseph Langlois

January 24, 1937 – January 6, 2021

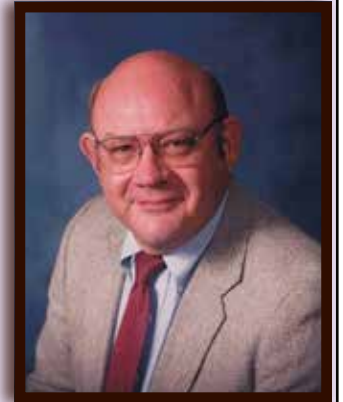
Charles (Chuck) Joseph Langlois was born January 24, 1937 to Edward Langlois and Virginia (Lessard) Langlois in Ranier, MN. He passed away at home on January 6, 2021 with his devoted wife, Janet, by his side. (Not COVID related)

Chuck graduated from Centralia High School in 1955. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1956 and was stationed in Kaiserslautern, Germany. He was a motion picture photographer. While on duty there, he married Eva Sandvig from Centralia, WA. They had three children together. Upon return to the states in 1959, he started his career with the J.C. Penney Co. in Centralia, WA. The job took him to Albany, OR and then later Anacortes, WA. He had a great love for people, was very creative, and found that the retail environment was a perfect fit for him.

In 1972, The family moved to Leavenworth, WA. where he opened 2 clothing stores;

Tyrolean Men's Shop and Village Fashions. He was not only known for quality clothing but also for his sense of humor, great laugh and kindness. He was a member of the City Council and the Royal Bavarians. Many customers became lifelong friends which was what he valued the most from being in business. Years later he moved from the retail business to become a motivational speaker traveling extensively throughout Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska helping to revitalize cities and businesses.

In 1981 Chuck married Janet McGuire who helped him with the speaking business. They retired in Monroe, WA where Chuck used his creativity to build custom birdhouses to scale of historic homes and sold them around the country. Chuck is survived by his wife Janet, daughters Cindy Langlois, Sue Durr and husband John. Son David Langlois and wife



Denise; Stepchildren Brett McGuire and wife Gail, and Sheila Suggs and husband Ron. Grandchildren David and Josiah Langlois, Alex Durr, Mallory (Suggs) Reier, Jared Suggs, Sean and Erin McGuire, and three great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother George.

Chuck will be remembered for his wonderful stories, deep laugh, quick wit and ready smile. He has left us all with great memories. He believed nothing was more important than family and lived life not with the view the glass was half full, but that it was full to overflowing

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Memorials are another way to let the community know about the life and memories of the person who has passed. A Memorial is different from an Obituary. An Obituary is usually current, while a Memorial can be written later.

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

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<p>CASHMERE</p> <p>CASHMERE BAPTIST CHURCH 103 Aplets Way • 782-2869 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m. Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m. Pastor Bob Bauer Find us on Facebook at Cashmere Baptist Church</p> <p>CASHMERE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 303 Maple Street • 782-2431 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Call for activities: Pastor Charles Clarke www.cashmerepres.org</p> <p>CASHMERE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 213 S. Division • 782-3811 Virtual Zoom Service, Sunday, 11 a.m. until further notice. Pastor Lilia Felicitas-Malana</p> <p>CHRIST CENTER Cashmere Assembly of God: 509-782-2825 Worship Service Sundays 10:00 a.m., in-person, Conservatory Apple Annie's end on-line, christcentercashmere.com Underground High School Sundays 8:00 p.m., In-person, Conservatory Middle School Youth Thursdays 7-8:30 p.m., In-person, Conservatory Lead Pastor, Steve Haney Children's Pastor, Andy Robinson Congregational Care Pastor, Joyce Williams Director of Operations, Pastor Ian Ross High School Director, Kelsie Folden Community Outreach, Steffania Haney</p>	<p>GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist. Times and place will vary due to COVID restrictions. Service on YouTube or Email link: CashmereEpiscopalLutheranMinistries Contact Pastor Rob Gohl 509-860-0736 for more information.</p> <p>ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist. Times and place will vary due to COVID restrictions. Service on YouTube or Email link: CashmereEpiscopalLutheranMinistries Contact Pastor Rob Gohl, 509-860-0736 or Deacon Carol, 670-1723 for more information.</p> <p>EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH 5837 Evergreen Drive • 782-1662 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Evening Service - 6 p.m. Pastor John Smith www.christforcashmere.org</p> <p>DRYDEN</p> <p>DRYDEN COMMUNITY CHURCH Hwy 2 at Dryden Ave. • 782-2935 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • Worship 10:45 a.m. Pastor Steve Bergland</p> <p>MID-VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH 8345 Stine Hill Rd. • 782-2616 Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sunday School, 9 a.m. Pastor Mike Moore www.midvalleybaptist.org</p> <p>LEAVENWORTH</p> <p>CASCADE MOUNTAIN BIBLE CHURCH 11025 Chumstick Hwy. Please join us Sunday mornings 9 a.m., Sunday School 10:30 a.m., Worship Service Office: 509-548-4331</p>	<p>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH Leavenworth Grange Hall 621 Front St. • 251-635-3435 Sunday Worship 10 a.m.</p> <p>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS 10170 Titus Rd. (across from middle school) Church: 548-7667 Meetings: Sunday - 10 a.m.</p> <p>FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA "Reconciling Works Congregation" 224 Benton Street • 548-7010 Worship 9:30 a.m. w/coffee following www.faithleavenworth.org</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LEAVENWORTH, SBC 429 Evans Street, 509- 470-7745 Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Website: www.leavenworthbaptist.com Email: info@leavenworthbaptist.com</p> <p>LEAVENWORTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 111 Ski Hill Drive • 548-5292 Sunday Worship 9 a.m. Lead Pastor: Greg Appleby www.LCN.org</p>	<p>SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH 10600 Ski Hill Drive • 548-4345 Saturday Services Bible Study 9:30 a.m. • Worship 11 a.m. Fred Smith • 860-3997</p> <p>SPIRIT LIFE CENTER 210 Benton Street • 548-7138 Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Prayer 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Pastor Russell Esparza</p> <p>MONITOR</p> <p>MONITOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 3799 Fairview Canyon • 782-2601 Virtual Zoom Service, Sunday, 11 a.m. until further notice. Pastor Lilia Felicitas-Malana</p> <p>PESHASTIN</p> <p>LIGHT IN THE VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH 8455 Main Street • 548-7517 Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Pastor John Romine www.lightinthevalley.org</p> <p>NEW LIFE FOURSQUARE CHURCH 7591 Hwy. 97 • 548-4222 Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. Pastors, Darryl and Mindy Wall Email: newlifeliveavenworth@gmail.com FB page: newlifeliveavenworth.com</p>
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Recreation and Community

The Washington Outdoors Report

A Winter Getaway To Ocean Shores

By JOHN KRUSE

Looking for somewhere to go this winter? If you are an outdoors enthusiast, the beach isn't a bad call and one place in particular worth a visit is Ocean Shores. Covering 12.4 square miles on the Point Brown peninsula there is of course the beach and the ocean that attracts visitors. Right now, overnight accommodation rates are very low. My daughter and I booked oceanfront rooms at the Shilo Inn for only \$99 a night, and other hotels are offering similar deals. While many businesses are closed right now a number of restaurants do offer dining options from take out to dine-in (on covered patios or in the case of the Quinault Beach Resort, inside).

During the winter months Ocean Shores usually sees good numbers of clam diggers on designated digging days in pursuit of razor clams. Unfortunately, domoic acid, a marine toxin, was found in high levels in the clams in October and later, in Dungeness crabs, forcing closures of both seasons. Those toxin levels are beginning to subside but they are still above the threshold where these species can be consumed again.

With any luck clamming and crabbing along the Southwest Washington coast will open again this spring. Even if it



A good number of bald eagles spend winters at Ocean Shores

PHOTO BY JOHN KRUSE.

does though, the annual Ocean Shores Razor Clam Festival, traditionally taking place the third weekend of March, won't take place in 2021. The popular festival featuring tasty razor clam chowder recipes, a variety of vendors and fun activities, has been cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic concerns.

So, what's an outdoors enthusiast to do besides walking, driving or riding a bike along the beach? Fishing is one option. Surf perch weighing up to two pounds can be caught right off the beach and while I didn't have any luck on this trip, I've seen a number of surf perch anglers here over the years that have.

Hiking and wildlife watching are great options too. A healthy number of bald eagles spend the winter around Ocean Shores along with shorebirds to include the western snowy plover. In the ocean, sea lions, seals and even passing gray whales can be seen while hiking around Damon Point at the southern end of Ocean Shores that juts out into Grays Harbor or from the north jetty which defines the border between Grays Harbor and the Pacific Ocean. Another place to see wildlife, particularly waterfowl, is the Oyhut Wildlife Area. This state managed property is also open for waterfowl hunting from mid-October through January.

Other opportunities for outdoor recreation are found inland. Duck Lake and it's connecting canals offer 23 miles

of water to explore. There are several lakes offering places to launch small watercraft and this is a great area for paddling enthusiasts using canoes, kayaks and SUPs. Another unique way to explore Duck Lake is in an electric powered boat. You can rent a covered Duffy boat from the Ocean Shores Boat House.

You may want to bring a fishing rod too. Largemouth bass, rainbow trout and perch are all found in Duck Lake. Fishing from a boat will lead to the best fishing but there are shore based fishing options at Chinook City Park, Bill Ellis Park and the South End Grand Canal Park.

Looking for a few hidden gems? Hike the Weatherwax Trail. It's a flat, 1.2-mile path skirting Duck Lake. You can also visit Perkins Pond, where a short trail circles the pond offering views of waterfowl and wildlife. Last but not least, keep your eyes open for deer. Black-tailed deer are prolific around Ocean Shores. Other animals you may see include coyotes and raccoons. Don't feed the animals though, there is plenty for them to eat here without your "help".

Want to find out more about a visit to Ocean Shores this winter? Check out <http://tourismoceanshores.com>

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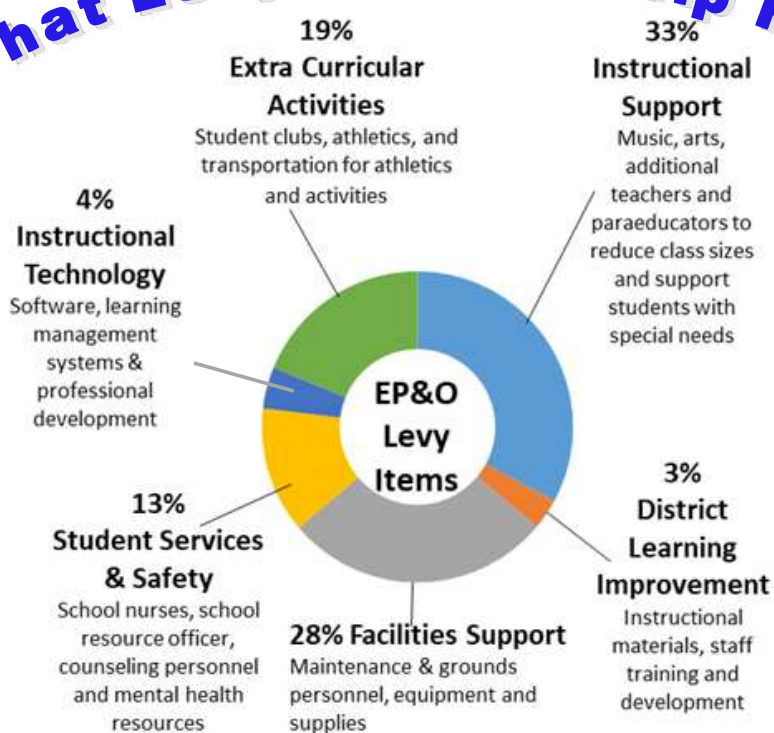
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SNOHOMISH

In re the Estate of: NINA C. RINKE, Deceased.
NO. 21-4-00013-31
NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having claims against 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. The claim must be presented within the later of:
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Upper Valley Park and Recreation Service District Area is announcing its annual meeting dates for 2021. The committee meets four times annually with the meetings scheduled for February 11, May 13, August 12 and November 12 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Leavenworth City Hall, 700 US Highway 2. During COVID restrictions, this Board convenes via Zoom Conferencing; see the City website for agenda details when posted at www.cityofleavenworth.com. The public is invited to attend said meetings and make comment. Chantell R. Steiner
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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY

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 Plat Alteration (PA) and Variance (VAR) application, described below. The Hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 18, 2021, online via Zoom, Meeting ID: 953 5252 2252, Password: 295719; Or the call-in phone number: 1-253-215-8782. **PA2020-033/VAR2021-006:** An application, submitted by Lisi Ott (Applicant) on behalf of Lee Marson, Etal. (owner), including two requests: (1) A plat alteration of Kaltenberg Addition to Leavenworth to modify the access to Lot 4 from Birdhouse Lane (a fire apparatus road) rather than Prospect Street; and (2) a variance from the City's access standards for fire apparatus roads, pursuant to LMC 14.14.150, which limits access to three residential lots off a fire apparatus road. The original plat provided access off Birdhouse Lane to lots 5, 6, and 7 only. The project is located on Birdhouse Lane, Leavenworth, Washington; Chelan County Assessor's Tax Parcel Number is 241711840080. The subject site is located within the Multifamily Residential (MR) 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.permittax.com/Citizen/ (search LUA2020-033, address, or the interactive map) or by contacting Maggie Boles, City Planner, Development Services Department at (509) 548-5275 (x 130) or via email at seniorplanner@cityofleavenworth.com.
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In the Matter of the Estate of DOROTHY M. FRANCE, Deceased. No. 21-4-00026-04 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 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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Clear answer to your medical questions



Football fans and advertisers look forward to the Super Bowl, held every year in early February. The Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida, hosts Super Bowl LV this weekend. The National Football League champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers meet the Kansas City Chiefs, the American Football Conference champs. It's the first time a Super Bowl will be held at the home stadium of one of the teams competing in it. Between now and the big game, there will be many new commercials featuring cars, trucks, insurance, and beer, along with advertisements for prescription and non-prescription medicines.

I'm often asked, "Why do some drug advertisements on television mention the risks of the medicine they are promoting, while others don't?"

One set of rules governs direct to consumer (DTC) advertising of prescription medicines. There are different rules for how non-prescription or OTC (over-the-counter) medicines can be promoted. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) controls the advertising rules for prescription medicines. The Federal Trade Commission is responsible for the advertising of non-prescription or over the counter (OTC) drugs.

Inside the FDA, the Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP) is responsible for regulating prescription medicines' marketing. OPDP's mission is to protect public health by assuring that information used to promote prescription drugs is truthful, balanced, and accurately communicated to doctors, pharmacists and consumers. In contrast, the advertising of OTC medicines regulated by the Federal Trade Commission is much less strict.

The side effects of medicines are not always mentioned during their advertisements because the FDA created 3 different drug marketing categories that manufacturers of prescription medication can use. Only one of those advertising categories requires the manufacturer to list the risks associated with taking their medicine.

The categories of DTC advertising include help-seeking ads, product claim ads, and reminder ads. Help-seeking drug ads mention a particular condition, such as depression, arthritis, or overactive bladder, then direct the consumer to ask their doctor for more information about it. No medicines are mentioned in this type of advertisement. If you look closely, you'll usually see the drug name or logo of the drug manufacturer sponsoring it somewhere on the screen or the page.

Product claim ads state the type of condition the medicine has been approved to treat, its brand and generic name, and give some benefits and risks associated with taking it.

Product claim ads will often use cartoons, celebrity spokespeople, or actors to play satisfied patients. At the

end of the advertisement is a list of risks of taking that medicine, including death. The balance between benefits and risks is essential; in this marketing category, the advertisement MUST mention potentially severe risks if they also present the benefits of taking that medicine to their audience.

The third type of prescription medicine advertisement for DTC marketing is a reminder ad. Reminder ads are concise, mentioning only the medicine's brand name, leaving out what it treats or any of its benefits. Reminder ads connect us with previous advertising by echoing the visual marketing elements seen in the product claim ads for the product, like showing two people watching a sunset sitting in bathtubs placed side-by-side.

DTC advertising is controversial. Those who support marketing medicines directly to consumers state that it's helpful because it encourages people to talk to their physician about a health concern they may have. DTC advertising can also help remove the stigma of a particular disease or condition, such as depression or erectile dysfunction.

Opponents of DTC advertising are concerned that it promotes increased use or overuse of drugs for conditions that have non-drug treatments or less expensive treatments available. They also fear that not enough attention is paid to new medicines' risks, like serious side effects. Marketers want their product presented in the best possible light, and false or misleading claims can slip in.

In contrast, the FTC advertising rules do not require that a manufacturer mention any side effects when marketing a non-prescription medication to the public. There is continuing concern about this lack of balance, especially when a prescription medicine gets approval to move from prescription-only access to OTC, such as omeprazole (Prilosec®) or naproxen (Aleve®). Just because a drug no longer requires a prescription doesn't mean the risks of having side effects from it magically disappear.

The only type of marketing that insists a manufacturer mention the risks of taking a particular medicine is a product promotion advertisement of a prescription-only medicine. Manufacturers aren't required to include their medication's side effects in any reminder ads, help-seeking ads, or OTC medicine advertisements.

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy, is a 40-year veteran of pharmacology and author of *Why Dogs Can't Eat Chocolate: How Medicines Work and How YOU Can Take Them Safely. Get clear answers to your medication questions at her website and blog at TheMedicationInsider.com.* © 2021 Louise Achey

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APPLES TO APPLES
Gary Bégin

Here we go again, the lowering of qualifications in order to prove a company or government entity has a "diverse" staff. I have quoted verbatim an advertisement for a job position from a Washington state corporation located on the "liberal westside" to illustrate my point (including the company's italicized words):

"We are committed in order to prove diversity and creating an inclusive staff. We encourage members of traditionally underrepresented communities to apply. If your profile doesn't match this job description exactly, you may still be a candidate for this position."

Ask yourself why any company would be willing to lower its position qualifications in order to show a façade of diversity? It must be to get government funding or public affection (positive PR).

I have a story from the year 2008 when I was a recruiting officer for the 2010 U.S. Census

Bureau in Colorado.

My immediate supervisor came into my classroom and told me that "this comes from the top" and that I must hire a Black or Hispanic to be a foreman on one of the teams we were creating.

I said it was no problem because I already had chosen a highly qualified Hispanic lady to be a foreman. There were no Blacks in the class.

When a qualified candidate is available, there is no reason for them not to be hired. The fact that I was told to hire a minority was funny. The Census Bureau did not want to be seen as racist by not having minorities on staff.

The top boss of this Colorado Springs Census District was a Black lady and that never bothered me. We worked together just fine.

Here we are in 2021 and the issue is still rearing its ugly head.

I am not the most educated person, nor the most experienced in anything, but at least I can form basic sentences and occasionally use "million-dollar words" to help illustrate my points.

I am ashamed to say that many of today's high school graduates and -- yes -- college graduates with degrees in journalism, are woefully in

need of writing mentors, yet they leave college and demand top wages.

I blame the schools, both high school and college, for allowing the criteria of this skillset be lowered to this extent. Of course, students can also try harder by adding outside studies to their list of "how to rise above the rest." Outside studies does not include more time on FaceBook, Twitter or You Tube.

Depending on learning required curriculum isn't good enough. I urge students and parents to reach out and get educated in real life subjects such as getting internships with companies during the summer or evening months.

Perhaps I am just acting like an oldster when I state that 9th Graders in the 1930s through the 1970s were far more qualified to write coherent sentences, than many of today's high schoolers and college graduates.

This leads me to believe that the public school system, on both levels, is settling for second best. I would imagine many of the younger teachers of today were able to slip through the system as well. Therefore, this continuous degradation of written skills will continue ad infinitum.

I won't bother to mention science, math and American history studies.

Why do we settle for this? It is simple: It is far easier to give out "participation trophies" then to say, "you need to do better in order to win a prize."

URNATION has consequently suffered intellectually for this forced "diversity" surge. Black folks and Hispanic folks and indeed, anyone, can write, comprehend, read and do anything else that "us privileged White" people can.

It is a disservice and an embarrassment to let anyone slide by lowering the necessary qualifications in order to please the people who distribute the tax money.

It hurts all Americans and especially those who are getting hired, promoted or certified without the proper credentials.

This disease of sub-par performance can be altered a bit by flowing more money to private education institutions, including schools operated by religious organizations. Tax credits for this expense are a good thing.

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Student Athletes in Washington Missing Out



DAVE TIKKER
Executive Director Washington Secondary School Athletic Directors Association, State B Basketball Co-Director

For those of us here in Eastern Washington, it is extremely frustrating to watch our neighbors in Idaho safely manage being in school and participating in fall and winter sports.

According to the NFHS there are only six states in the country that have yet to play high school sports this year and Washington is one of them, to the dismay of thousands of student-athletes, their parents, and families. A high school senior in Eastern Washington must feel incredibly frustrated and forgotten about when they see in the paper North Idaho All-League teams from fall sports. How do student-athletes and their families come to grips with opportunities lost when other states are participating?

Of the fifty states -- fifty-one if the District of Columbia is included -- forty-five states are allowing their student-athletes to compete. Those six states that are not, Hawaii, New Mexico, District of Columbia, California, Oregon, and Washington, are either smarter or stuck in a controlling bureaucracy that doesn't allow for input by the student activity professionals, NFHS, WIAA and member schools. All our lives educators have operated under the guise of best practices and current educational data. According to the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine study led by Dr. Andrew Watson,

researchers surveyed 207 schools that started fall sports in September, representing more than 30,000 athletes, more than 16,000 practices, and more than 4,000 games. The survey found 271 athletes contracted the virus but only one case was attributed to participation in sports. Dr. Watson's team released another study that found 70 percent of athlete's surveyed reported moderate to severe depression and physical activity levels were 50 percent lower than before the pandemic.

In the states that are participating in activities, the governors have left it up to the local schools and communities to manage their COVID numbers and make local decisions about being in school and participating in sports. There are guidelines that come from the state and the districts allow competition, based on meeting those criteria. The State of Washington could be one of those states, but sadly we are not. Why are we so different? The real suffering is coming from thousands of our student athletes who just want to be with their teammates and experience the joy of competition.

I have spoken to athletic leaders throughout our country as to the many levels of frustration they are experiencing, navigating the pandemic waters. Yet, navigating it they are and the kids are receiving the benefits from those programs

in forty-five states.

What are we missing in Washington? Are we following the science and the data that is relevant to our student-athletes' needs? Are we the smart ones? Have those forty-five states suffered from making those participatory decisions for their student athletes? Data would suggest a clear road map for a safe return to sports and yet our state seems to be stuck on hold.

Out state leaders have identified four metrics for opening up our state. The positivity test metric is really the most frustrating and detrimental to getting kids back. People are only testing if they have symptoms and the majority of those most likely have COVID. You would have to ramp up testing for healthy individuals to get that metric to line up. In other words, that most likely will keep schools from moving forward. Let's apply some common sense to our decision making process and look at the data from successful state implementations across our country with participation.

There is a difference between knowledge and wisdom. As the old saying goes, "Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it into your fruit salad."

Get the kids back in school and participating in activities. I don't claim to represent all athletic directors, parents, and student-athletes with this opinion though I believe I represent their frustration.

Letter to the editor

I wanted to take a few moments to share information about the upcoming Cascade School District levy requests that will be on the ballot for February 9. There are two propositions on the ballot. Proposition 1 is a proposed replacement Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O, formerly called M&O) levy. Proposition 2 is a proposed replacement technology/safety levy. Local levies support educational

activities that are not funded by the state. These proposed levies are not new taxes but would replace the ones currently being collected.

The EP&O proposal on the ballot will be at a rate of \$0.99/\$1,000 of assessed value, a decrease in rate as compared to what was approved by the voters in 2017. The EP&O levy provides approximately 20% of the Cascade School District budget, and pays for school nurses, counselors,

extracurricular activities, athletics, facilities and grounds support, instructional support and more.

The technology/safety levy is proposed to be at the same rate of \$0.15/\$1,000 of assessed value, the same rate as was approved by voters in 2017. Thanks to the current levy, Cascade School District students have had the resources they have needed to be able to weather remote learning during the pandemic. However, the laptops we previously purchased are nearing their expected life span. We have

also made significant safety improvements in the school district but there is still work to be done.

The Cascade School District School Board is committed to fiscal responsibility and is asking for a levy rate that is lower than many districts in the state. More information is available on the Cascade School District website or by calling 548-5885.

Best wishes,
Dr. Tracey Beckendorf-Edou
Superintendent, Cascade School District

PUD commissioners boost fund to help cover the bills for people in need

SUBMITTED BY RACHEL HANSEN
Chelan PUD

WENATCHEE, WA – Chelan PUD commissioners voted Tuesday to double the donations customer-owners have given since March 2020 to Helping Hand, a fund that helps low-income people cover their utility bills.

"I am proud of our community for contributing to this cause," Commissioner Garry Arseneault said in a board meeting earlier this month. "It speaks to the core of who our community is and the concerns we have as citizens in Chelan County."

The \$40,565 match will be transferred into the Helping Hand fund from the PUD's Public Power Benefit program, bringing the total

of available aid to more than \$128,000. For information on how to apply, visit chelanpud.org/helpinghand or call (509) 661-8002.

Earlier this month, PUD staff reported to commissioners that 257 residential customers owed a collective \$113,400 in past due balances.

Middle-school teacher Carmen Johnson celebrated the commissioners' vote Tuesday. She has donated to Helping Hand for several years and continued supporting the program after she moved out of the county to East Wenatchee last year.

"I work with some of the most at-risk kids, and I know what a difference it makes when they don't have basic needs met," Johnson said in

a phone interview. "Students don't come to school ready to learn. Parents can't parent well. The things I like to give most to are focused on helping families cover the basics, so they can concentrate on the important things in life, like love and learning."

Ray Bowen -- cofounder of Charlie's Produce and a longtime property owner in Chelan -- donated \$1,000 to Helping Hand last month after learning about it from his Chelan PUD invoice. He came from a lower-middle class background, and still remembers the generosity of those who tipped him 25 cents for carrying their golf bags when he was 10. ("That was a lot of money back then!" he said.)

"I know there are people

in Chelan County that are struggling to put food on the table. And when you have to decide between food and heat, you're not going to win," Bowen said. "It's not about the amount you give, it's about the giving itself. If you give what you can, it will make a difference."

In other news, commissioners:

- Heard a report about progress on the Service Center
 - Heard a report about two mobile substations that will help ensure reliability and accommodate new growth into the future
 - Reviewed PUD goals for 2021 in the District Performance Plan
 - Heard a recap of outage restoration efforts Jan. 11-12
- The public is welcome to attend remotely in accordance with the latest guidance from the state Department of Health.

NCW Libraries

SUBMITTED BY MICHELE MCNIEL

NCW Libraries has closed its 30 libraries for in-person visits starting Jan. 20, 2021 in accordance with updated state guidelines for public libraries.

While its libraries are closed, NCW Libraries will continue to offer and expand Curbside Pickup hours at all libraries, continue operating its Mail Order Library, and continue all virtual services and programs.

"Keeping our communities safe and healthy is vitally important," said Executive Director, Barbara Walters. "While I am disappointed at this closure, I am thankful that we can continue to serve our communities by expanding our curbside hours, providing continued access to wireless internet, and continuing our virtual programs and services."

Earlier today, the state issued updated guidelines for public libraries that allow

curbside and mail order service, but prohibit in-person library service until a region reaches Phase 2 under the state's Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery plan. All regions in the state remain in Phase 1 at this time.

NCW Libraries is committed to innovating and creatively serving the public during the pandemic. Last spring, the library district expanded online resources, allowing more checkouts of digital materials including eBooks, movies and more. They began offering a wide array of virtual services and programs for all ages including bilingual storytimes, author talks, reading programs, job-hunting help in partnership with WorkSource, and more.

"Public libraries are centered around building and supporting local communities. It is our privilege to do everything we can to support you and to continue serving our communities during this challenging time," said Ms. Walters.

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will take care of demolition, removal, disposal and replacement of the aging water intake mainline as well as replacement and enhancement of associate equipment. This will allow the water plant to continue to operate until Council approves the funds for the complete upgrade.

Festhalle Funding

The Festhalle remains closed due to COVID so it is not generating any revenue from operations. The fund balance is currently zero so staff requested approval to transfer \$20,000 to \$75,000 from the general fund to the Festhalle fund to cover expenses. In 2020 the city transferred \$52,110 to the Festhalle fund but with the fund now at zero staff is concerned they will need more this year.

Council members expressed concerns that the facility is simply sitting there bleeding cash but ultimately approved transfer of funds needed to meet obligations.

Occupancy for Leavenworth Haus

Some flooding occurred in December near the Leavenworth Haus apartments. Concerns have been raised about the issuance of an occupancy permit for building A as a result. Some stormwater mitigation measures were deferred on the rest of the project when the occupancy permit was issued for building A. City Development Services Manager, Lilith Vespier, said the practice of deferral on large projects like Leavenworth Haus is common practice by other agencies. Vespier also said the engineers on the project, Gray & Osborne, had approved the deferral.

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