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## America has lost its soul



**IN MY OPINION**  
**Bill Forhan**  
Publisher

President Trump was impeached for the second time last week. Beyond the fact that the action was truly pointless, it is also un-American.

Throughout our history we have stood for fairness. We have held that an individual is innocent until proven guilty. Trump was accused by the media and the House of Representatives of inciting an insurrection that led to an assault on the Capitol Building.

As a 40-year veteran of the news community, I am deeply disappointed in the depth to which our Media has fallen. Their job is to help keep government honest. They are not king makers although they seem to have collectively decided that is their role.

Problem number one with their story is Trump never called on the crowd, estimated to be 250,000, to be violent. In fact, his exact words were, "I know that everyone here will soon be marching over to the Capitol building to peacefully and patriotically make your voices heard."

The national press continues to run the story that Trump inspired the insurrection on the basis that he did call for his supporters to fight for the good of the country. And he outlined numerous election irregularities that Democrats and government insiders rejected as unfounded.

Problem number two is the timeline of the attack on the Capitol and the movement of Trump's supporters toward the Capitol. Depending on which media source you look at the timeline varies, but the group that was directly in front of the Capitol building was there before Trump made his speech and most likely never heard it.

Again the "main stream" media continues to claim the assault on the Capitol was by angry Trump supporters because they were

carrying Trump flags or wearing MAGA hats. Those are pretty thin facts on which to build a case.

Finally, there is new evidence that the breach of the Capitol building was inspired by BLM and Antifa activists. One of the first arrests turned out to be of John Sullivan a BLM activist who was apparently encouraging the crowd to become disruptive.

If you take the time to review the endless list of available videos you can hear individuals in the crowd saying, "we don't do this s\*\*\*!" So, the problem with the media portrayal is they are painting all of the crowd as being "right wing radicals." It seems that what we have here is "systemic media bias against conservatives."

It is simply, a lie. While there were undoubtedly some radicals present that morning – both right wing and left wing. They were not all Trump supporters bent on insurrection.

The entire country has been under assault by left wing radicals all summer. Today the left want us all to believe the assault on the Capitol was by out of control Trump supporters

without any real investigation of what occurred by whom and for what reason. That is clearly un-American.

Seventy plus million citizens do not believe the results of this election. That is a problem. Unless something is done to address their concerns besides simply claiming they are wrong without critically examining their complaints will only result in continuing unrest.

I have heard a number of conservatives calling for an armed revolution. I do not support that.

Before we jump on the latest video showing the growing frustrations of the American people, we must find a way to get back to our roots. Roots that call for us to evaluate these emotionally charged events with objectivity and fairness.

Our Federal government is failing us, the American citizens. Their partisanship has caused them to lose sight of their primary responsibility to serve the American people.

There is, however, a process written into our Constitution to deal with this exact problem. Article V allows

the people to call for a Convention of States for the sole purpose of amending the US Constitution. It takes 34 state legislatures to pass a bill calling for the Convention of States.

Once called the Convention of States gives each state one vote to approve the measures passed by the Convention. Once the Convention passes their amendments the amendments still require the approval of three fourths of the states, but the Federal Government does not get to debate the amendments. Some of the recommendations being suggested for the COS to consider are Term Limits and a balanced budget. They may also want to consider Constitutional rules governing elections.

Our system is badly broken. The result is a growing distrust among all Americans that will only continue to fester like a bad sore. We owe it to each other to make sure the World's only government of the people, by the people and for the people remains so.

*If you want to know more about the Convention of States you can find it at <https://conventionofstates.com/>*

## January School Board Meeting Highlights

BY MARLENE FARRELL  
Correspondent

The School Board meeting on January 12 began with introductions of visitors, including five Cascade High School (CHS) seniors. One student, Aidan Ringel, shared a statement expressing his concern about students returning to the high school while the COVID-19 infection rate was still high. Ringel believed the benefits of returning to school did not outweigh the risks, and pointed out that, while students could be face-to-face with their teachers, the actual amount of teacher/student interaction time would be reduced in this new model. Ringel worried that students' grades might suffer and teachers would be more overworked. Ringel ended by saying he feared having to mourn a classmate because of the risk.

The school board listened but could not comment, due to legal constraints. Board member Zachary Miller asked to see Ringel's statement in writing to allow more time to reflect on it.

Later, CHS principal Elia Ala'ilima-Daley said, "Socialization and the tangible qualities of in-person instruction is the main draw and what is missing socially and emotionally for our students in fully remote learning," Daley said. "The schedule allows for families to opt-in or opt-out. The choice lies with the families and their comfort level."

As for health safety, Daley said, "There have been zero cases reported for school transmission. Mitigation of the virus is key. Masks work, physical distancing works. Both will be a major part of our plan to return." He also noted that 80% of students were planning on returning to in-person instruction.

Next, superintendent Tracey Beckendorf-Edou announced that January is National School Board Recognition Month. She voiced her own gratitude, and then shared a few notes. Kindergarten teacher Tina Richardson wrote, "Thank you for your steadfast support of students, staff and citizens within the Cascade School District. It is wonderful to know that we have such a dedicated group guiding us, especially in the unusual times of the last several months."

Beckendorf-Edou read the governor's proclamation for the observance of National School Board Recognition Month, which includes, "School directors and educational service districts provide a passionate voice of advocacy for public schools and the welfare of school children and... it is appropriate to recognize school directors as outstanding volunteers and champions of public education."

Transportation director Tim Bentz then gave a presentation of operations in his department.

In terms of purchasing new buses, he said, "The State funds an extremely basic model of a bus so the additional items we need for our winters here or for carrying sports equipment under the bus are all costly options. Our fully equipped trip buses now cost over \$150,000 before tax. Of that, the State will reimburse roughly \$110,000 over a ten-year period. We call this process our 'depreciation schedule.'"

"Currently we have ten buses still on the depreciation cycle. Since we have 25 buses in our fleet at CSD, far less than half of our fleet is contributing to the Transportation Vehicle Fund. It takes



## The two school levies on the ballot explained



PHOTO COURTESY OF ICICLE RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

EP&O funding covers uniforms and transportation to sport competitions, including for the middle school cross country team, shown here. From left, back row, Mia Dreis, Savanna Rowles, Kelsey Sheffield, Eliza Tveten, Taye Gunter, Alice Farrell, Harper Baker. Front row, Isabel Menna, Caroline Menna, Addie Driscoll and Napiqua Gibbs.



**Marlene Farrell**  
Correspondent

Local residents will soon vote on two key levies for the school district. The Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) levy and the Technology & Safety levy are replacement levies, meaning they are not new taxes. The majority of residents have supported the EP&O continuously for at least three decades. The Technology & Safety levy is a type of capital levy, which is becoming a more common way

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## Two School Levies

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to support a district's needed technology infrastructure.

State and federal funding only cover 80% of school districts' operating budget. Local EP&O levies are expected to cover the remaining 20%. Cascade School District (CSD) uses the EP&O funds for a variety of programs, including the arts, special education, instructional materials, staff training, facilities support, school nurses, school resource officer, mental health resources, student clubs, athletics and transportation for extra curriculars.

The EP&O levy allows for smaller class sizes, wrap-

around services for children with special needs, and enrichment to help each student thrive in his/her own way.

The good news for taxpayers is that the four-year EP&O levy will be set at a rate of \$0.99/\$1000 of assessed value, which is a significant decrease from the previous rate of \$1.38/\$1000. This lower rate will still fully fund all the district's needs.

The lower rate relates entirely to the increased inventory of homes and their relative increased value. In other words, there is a larger tax base, so each taxpayer can pay less.

The second levy, the four-year Technology & Safety levy would cover software,

hardware, technology training, improved school safety and more. Last year and this year have proven how critical technology is for successful remote and hybrid learning. The current Technology & Safety levy covered the cost of the laptops that are in the homes of students. For example, 240 out of 270 Icicle River Middle School students have borrowed laptops this year.

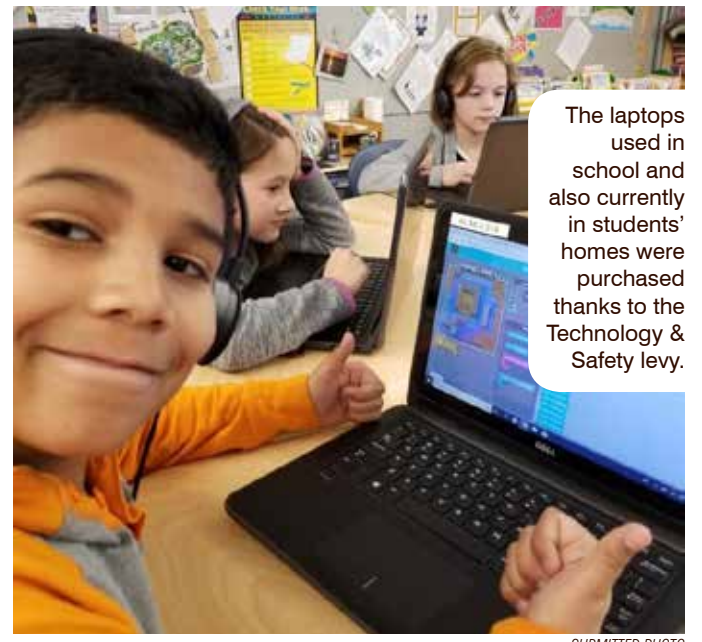
"The state doesn't provide funding for technology, so there isn't a fund available to replace laptops outside of a technology levy," said Superintendent Tracey Beckendorf-Edou. "Laptops usually have a lifespan of three to four years, and ours have reached that limit. We also have learning

management systems (Canvas and Seesaw), webcams, and teacher technology to supply."

The tax rate for the Technology & Safety levy is \$0.15/\$1000 assessed value. Thus, the combined rate, assuming both levies are approved, would be \$1.14/\$1000.

It is important to note that Cascade School District residents are in a good position compared to others in the region. For instance, Eastmont, Chelan and Manson all pay a higher combined rate to cover the same services and needs.

Ballots should arrive in mailboxes close to January 25th. To fund Cascade School District's educational programs and technology, voters must vote "yes" to both measures.



The laptops used in school and also currently in students' homes were purchased thanks to the Technology & Safety levy.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

## School Board Meeting

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us two years of depreciation dollars at the current level to buy a regular route bus." Thus, in the future, the board might have to consider looking for other funding, such as adding this to the EP&O levy, to make up the shortfall.

Over the fall semester the

number of bus riding students grew on an almost weekly basis, from 30 originally to 230 now, so the route schedules have been continuously recalculated. Some side roads have been removed from the routes to prevent extremely long bus rides. A few families are affected and have to drive their students to the bus stop.

The bus drivers were

commended on their tracking of student seating every day. This information is needed if a student gets COVID-19 to confirm who the close contacts were. Beckendorf-Edou and the board shared gratitude for Bentz's leadership redesigning operations and the drivers' adaptability.

After the approval of two retirements and a few minor

changes to policies, the board approved the official construction completion of Alpine Lakes Elementary. Beckendorf-Edou took a moment to thank the local community for supporting the bond.

The board started planning their upcoming annual evaluation of the superintendent. Each board member will compile input from the schools

and departments to inform the evaluation.

For communication, Beckendorf-Edou read a letter from former school resource officer, Deputy Michael Morrison, who stated he'd enjoyed working with all the staff and would remain a staunch supporter of the district.

Also, the Chelan Douglas Health District wrote a letter thanking

the district for assisting their efforts in free COVID-19 testing.

Finally, the superintendent shared that CHS science teacher Molly Ravits and her classes' field project on the effects of climate change on pika populations was mentioned as exemplary in a paper published in the Journal of Science Policy & Governance.

# School Sports could re-open

By BILL FORHAN

News came from the WIAA this week that a schedule had been developed to re-open School sports activities. Schedules are still tentative at this point and dependent on the which phase the district is in according to the Governor's reopening plan.

Scott Paine, District Athletic Director in Chelan, provided the following plan for our area.

"With high school athletic programs being the main focal point for competitive scheduling and just simply having

them happen as a priority, it poses some challenges with coordinating middle school athletic seasons. Covid-19 has already put some limitations on availability of district transportation due to hybrid learning models as well as an anticipated shortage of officials that don't feel comfortable officiating during the pandemic for this year.

Due to the size of our school district it is not feasible to put on intramural programs for our 7th and 8th grade athletic programs. Thus Chel-

an, Cashmere, and Cascade school districts have agreed to work together as a three team middle school league to provide middle school sport offerings as best as we can for this school year. It has been decided to omit the sports of basketball and wrestling for this school year only as they currently do not have a phase provided to compete in and with high school seasons being rearranged would have other potential unknown issues in scheduling."

Jeff Carlson, Athletic Di-

rector for Cashmere School District, provided the following information on the current High School Sports plan.

The North Central Region, which includes 29 schools across 4 counties (Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan) has approved the sequencing of our high school athletic seasons, and the start/end dates for the 2020-21 school year. All fall sports, which will begin in February, will require that our region is in phase 2 of the Governor's "Roadmap to Recovery" plan in order to have contests. All of our fall sports programs will be able to practice, with limitations, while in phase 1.

### Fall Sports (6 weeks)

Football, Volleyball, Cross-Country, Girls Soccer, Girls Swim & Dive (co-op with Eastmont HS)

First Practice: Feb. 22 (Football: Feb. 16)

First Competition Week: Feb. 27 (Football: Mar. 4)

Season End: April 3

### Spring Sports (6 weeks)

Track, Baseball, Softball, Boys Soccer, Tennis

First Practice: April 5

First Competition Week: April 10

Season End: May 15

### Winter Sports (5 weeks)

Boys & Girls Basketball, Wrestling, Boys Swim & Dive (co-op with Eastmont HS)

First Practice: May 17

First Competition Week: May 22

Season End: June 19

If we do not meet the WA State COVID-19 metric requirements, and can only offer one season, we will cancel fall and winter sports and only offer spring sports. If we get to that situation, specific dates will be determined at a later time.

Schedules are being developed and it is hoped they will be finalized in the next couple weeks.

# Give NCW Raises \$561,189 for NCW Nonprofits

The Community Foundation of NCW is pleased to announce that \$561,189 has been raised to benefit 60 nonprofit organizations across the region through Give NCW.

Give NCW is an annual online fundraising campaign hosted by the Community Foundation that begins Thanksgiving Day through December 31. Typically the campaign is reserved for nonprofits that have received a Regional Impact Grant from the foundation; however this year, the foundation retooled its grant-making

programs to meet the needs of organizations struggling during the pandemic.

Nonprofits in Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan counties who had received a grant from the foundation any time in the past were invited to participate

The foundation provided \$90,000 in giving incentives to encourage community support, including a \$50,000 match to "Give to All" donations that were spread equally among all participants, resulting in an added \$1,700 per organization.

"This has been a tough year

for our nonprofit partners who either faced an increase in providing basic needs and social services or shutting their doors when gatherings were impacted" said Beth Stipe, executive director. "We took a 'ya'll come' approach with Give NCW this year in an effort to support as many nonprofits as possible. We feel this year's campaign was a great success, providing much needed funding for our nonprofit community. We are so grateful and humbled by the generosity of our region!"

Pateros Brewster Community Resource Center	\$3,754
Plain Valley Ski Trails	\$2,629
PowerHouse Ministries	\$5,549
Pybus Market Charitable Foundation	\$10,189
SAGE (Safety, Advocacy, Growth Empowerment)	\$22,304
Serve Wenatchee Valley	\$26,159
Small Mirades	\$11,159
Stage Kids WA	\$7,214
Sustainable Wenatchee	\$5,444
TEAMS Learning Center	\$5,304
The Brave Warrior Project	\$4,619
Thrive Chelan Valley	\$2,659
TREAD (Trails Recreation Education Advocacy and Development)	\$6,139
Upper Valley Connection	\$4,094
Upper Valley MEND	\$32,534
Velocity Swimming	\$2,144
Wellness Place	\$11,594
Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society	\$2,474
Wenatchee River Institute	\$9,684
Wenatchee Valley Dispute Resolution Center	\$4,864
Wenatchee Valley Humane Society	\$19,352
Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center	\$6,209
Wenatchee Valley Senior Activity Center	\$6,484
Wenatchee Valley YMCA	\$14,502
Wenatchee Youth Circus	\$2,574
Women's Resource Center of NCW	\$36,904
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$561,189</b>

## GIVE NCW RESULTS

Organization	Amount
Alaithia Riding Center	\$9,774
CAFE: The Community for the Advancement of Family Education	\$19,489
Camp Fire NCW	\$9,965
Cancer Care of NCW	\$9,864
Cascade Fisheries	\$7,844
Cascade Medical Foundation	\$3,179
Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village	\$6,554
Chelan Douglas CASA	\$30,534
Chelan Douglas County Volunteer Attorney Services	\$11,169
Chelan Valley Hope	\$8,694
Chelan-Douglas Community Action Council	\$6,634
Children's Home Society of Washington	\$22,364
Community Cultural Center of Tonasket	\$2,859
Garden Terrace Senior Living	\$3,709
Greater Leavenworth Museum	\$3,584
Green Okanogan	\$4,959
Habitat for Humanity - Greater Wenatchee	\$5,094
Hand in Hand Immigration Services	\$20,974
Heritage Heights	\$4,284
Hope Care Clinic	\$12,179
Icicle Creek Center for the Arts	\$4,890
Ingalls Creek Enrichment Center	\$10,105
IRIS	\$2,854
Leavenworth Summer Theater	\$4,254
Mobile Meals of Wenatchee	\$12,654
Northwest Immigrant Rights Project	\$28,189
Numerica Performing Arts Center	\$8,694
Okanogan Behavioral HealthCare	\$2,304
Okanogan County Child Development Association	\$3,059
Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Group	\$3,234
Okanogan County Search and Rescue Association	\$2,234
Okanogan Land Trust	\$2,599
Okanogan Regional Humane	\$3,134
Okanogan Valley Orchestra and Chorus	\$2,754

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Wallace Aunan



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**AA MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Information numbers for AA:**  
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The phone number to call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AIAnon meetings is 509-548-7939  
509-548-1627, 548-4522, 664-6469, 425-773-7527, 206-719-3379  
**Sunday, 9 a.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.**  
**Sunday, 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**  
**Friday, 7:30 p.m., Plain Community Church, 12565 Chapel Dr., Plain**  
**Information number for Alanon: 509-548-7939**  
**Alanon Meeting Schedule**  
**Monday, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, 418 Evans St.**  
**Celebrate Recovery meetings are on Zoom, Fridays at 6:30 p.m., email us at this email address for information and a link to the meeting Celebraterecovery1cm@gmail.com**

**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 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.  
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January 8	January 9	January 11
10:19 Suspicious, 1216 Commercial St.	11:34 Parking/abandon, Fish Lake Sno Park, Lake Wenatchee	08:52 Harass/threat, 18636 Beaver Valley Rd.
14:03 Parking/abandon, Derby Canyon Rd., MP 1	11:51 Agency assist, 9077 Deadman Hill Rd., Dryden	11:53 Fraud/forgery, 3140 Hansel Ln., Peshastin
15:17 Accident/no injuries, 700 US Hwy. 2	18:02 Theft, 1207 Front St.	12:33 Parking/abandon, 5552 Campbell Rd., Peshastin
16:01 Trespass, 636 Front St., Visconti's	20:23 Civil, 10765 Lone Pine Dr., Peshastin	12:34 Public assist 3406 Camas Way, Peshastin
17:50 Harass/threat, 10135 Peshastin Mill Rd.	20:40 Animal problem, 11777 US Hwy. 2	12:51 Public assist, 700 US Hwy. 2, City of Leavenworth
21:27 Hazard, 7100 Blk. Icicle Rd.	22:56 Fireworks, 10280 US Hwy. 2	13:56 Property, 940 US Hwy. 2, #B
22:03 Public assist, 9th & Main Streets	23:32 Suspicious, 802 Pine St.	14:46 Suspicious, 10170 Main St., Peshastin
23:12 Malicious mischief, 12677 Shore St.		16:20 Trespass, 15890 Cedar Brae Rd., Lake Wenatchee
23:39 911, 100 Enchantment Park Way		16:49 Alarm, 111 Ski Hill Dr.
	<b>January 10</b>	17:19 Property, 817 Commercial St.
	07:38 Trespass, 15263 N. Shore Dr.	18:40 Suspicious, 8906 Motel Rd., Dryden
	13:08 911, 309 - 8th St., Post Hotel	20:47 Hazard, 8977 North Rd.
	20:25 Welfare check, 9255 Foster Rd.	

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**CASCADE SCHOOL MENU**

**Thursday, January 21**  
**Breakfast:** Greek burrito, orange juice, chocolate milk.  
**Lunch:** Tater Tot casserole, cauliflower, Ranch dressing, apple, chocolate milk.

**Friday, January 22**  
**Breakfast:** Ham and egg bagel, orange juice, chocolate milk.  
**Lunch:** Hamburger, shoestring French fries, apple, chocolate milk.

**Monday, January 25**  
**Breakfast:** Assorted cereal, orange juice, chocolate milk.  
**Lunch:** Hot dog, carrots, apple, chocolate milk.

**Tuesday, January 26**  
**Breakfast:** Bacon muffin, orange juice, chocolate milk.  
**Lunch:** Ham and cheese sandwich, potato wedges, apple, chocolate milk.

**Wednesday, January 27**  
**Breakfast:** Carrot muffin, orange juice, chocolate milk.  
**Lunch:** Beef stew, rice pilaf, 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 Liliith 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.)

**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.

**January 21, Thursday:** No lunch.  
**January 22, Friday:** Panko fish fillet, JoJo's, pea salad, apple slices, whole wheat roll, cereal bars.  
Saturday and Sunday: No lunch.  
**January 25, Monday:** Ham and Au Gratin potato casserole, peas and carrots, cucumber salad, Mandarin oranges, whole wheat roll, dessert.  
**January 26, Tuesday:** No lunch.  
**January 27, Wednesday:** Chicken paprika, egg noodles, roasted squash, spring salad, pineapple and cherries, whole wheat roll, dessert.

**January 12**  
03:35 911, 12882 Ranger Rd.  
04:54 Hazard, 8500 Blk. Icicle Rd.  
07:13 Hazard, 323 Orchard St.  
07:50 Hazard, Alice & Josephine Avenues  
08:10 Suspicious, 8701 North Rd., Peshastin  
09:47 Hazard, 3496 Hansel Ln., Peshastin  
10:33 Civil, 9945 School St., Peshastin  
10:58 Hazard, 8785 School St., Dryden  
11:47 Alarm, 7375 Icicle Rd., Sleeping Lady  
13:11 Welfare check, 12347 S. Shugart Flats Rd., Lake Wenatchee  
15:29 Property, 700 US Hwy. 2, City of Leavenworth

**January 13**  
05:25 Hazard, Eagle Creek Rd., MP 3  
07:09 Welfare check, 12500 Chumstick Hwy.  
09:19 Trespass, 100 Ward Strasse  
12:18 Fraud/forgery, 9203 Derby Canyon, Peshastin  
14:59 Welfare check, 103 Prospect St.  
16:29 Accident/no injuries, 221 - 8th St., #A  
17:22 Hazard, 10100 Blk. Chumstick Hwy.  
19:06 Agency assist, 3985 Old Blewett Rd., Peshastin

**January 14**  
09:38 Suicide threat, 7564 Otis Rd., Dryden  
10:03 Theft, 9425 Saunders Rd., #A, Peshastin  
11:51 Parking/abandon, 10447 Titus Rd.  
12:51 Accident/no injuries, 694 A US Hwy. 2  
15:53 Malicious mischief, 1505 Alpensee Strasse

**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



OBITUARY

# Florence (Town) Hoffman



**April 1, 1943-  
January 9, 2021**

Florence M. Hoffman, 77, a well-known resident of the Upper Valley died Saturday evening, January 9, 2021, at her Wenatchee home following an extended period of ill health.

She was born on April 1, 1943, at Wenatchee to Vernon A. Town and Jean (Huston) Town. She grew up and received her education in Entiat.

Following high school, she attended Wenatchee Valley College and received an AA degree. Then she continued her education at Central Washington University.

On April 24, 1965, she married Glenn M. Hoffman at Wenatchee, and they began their married life in Cashmere and lived many places in Washington during their 55 years together. Leavenworth was the place they spent the most time, 35 years.

Florence was primarily a homemaker her whole

married life, although she had many jobs to help support her family including: working at a Christian school, a fishing lure manufacturing company, and many years at dental offices.

The big turning point in her life came at the age of 26, when she became a Christian professing her love and allegiance to Jesus Christ. God gave her two special gifts that helped her to minister to many people throughout her lifetime; the gifts of encouragement and mercy. She was very relationship driven and very passionate and kind to everyone, but especially women and children.

Florence was a definite asset to her husband's career in the forest service. She would often invite visiting officials in for lunch and completely charm them with her loving and gracious hospitality.

She lived with health issues most of her life after,

at the age of 28, she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease. Although she was not expected to live long, she has lived another 50 years. During that time she was able to raise her two sons which were two years and three years at the time of the illness and help with two precious grandchildren later in life.

Florence was a member of the Leavenworth Nazarene for over 35 years. She was very active in a variety of ministries during that time including: adult discipleship, missions, Sunday school, life groups and the church board. Also, she has been active in Christian Women's Club, Bible Study Fellowship, and AWANA children and youth.

Florence is survived by her husband, Glenn, of the family home; two sons and two daughters- in- law, Jeff and Audrie Hoffman of Wenatchee and Joel and Carrie Hoffman of Newberg Oregon; one granddaughter and spouse, Brionna

and Philip Frost, and one grandson, Blake Hoffman. Also, she is survived by one brother and his wife, Vernon and Linda Town of Entiat, and a sister Lynda Mertes of East Wenatchee. In addition she has numerous nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. She lavishly loved each one! A private memorial service will be held at the Leavenworth Nazarene Church, along with a private Graveside Service at the Cashmere Cemetery. If you would like to make a contribution in her honor please do so to Upper Valley Christian School. Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee, is in charge of funeral arrangements.

# Amen and A Woman



**A WALK  
WITH  
PASTOR  
JOHN  
SMITH**

When I heard the closing prayer of the 117th Congress, I literally howled with laughter. In an attempt to follow the new policy introduced by House Speaker Pelosi, which calls for the abandonment of gender-specific titles such as "Father" "Mother" to becoming more gender-neutral, Rep. Cleaver III thought he was being clever and inclusive by ending a theologically disastrous prayer with the phrase "a woman."

For starters, the word "amen" has nothing to do with men or gender. The English word "amen" is a derivative from the Hebrew word for "let it be" or "may it be so." This stunt did little for the cause of gender equality and frankly, made the already unpopular Congress look like a bunch of clowns.

The gender-inclusive language and the prayer at the end, this America, are the leaders we had elected for the U.S. House of Representatives and while we may at this moment laugh, that laughter should quickly turn into mourning. Why? Because we are seeing Romans 1:18-32 played out right before our very eyes, especially verse 22, "Claiming to be wise, they became fools." Yes, ladies and gentlemen, the judgment of God was on full display in the 117th Congress because as Calvin said, "When God wants to judge a nation, He gives them wicked rulers."

Prayer is a sacred activity and the call to prayer in Congress has been a long-standing American tradition since Benjamin Franklin who stated, "I therefore beg to move—that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business..." And before someone pipes up asserting that Benjamin Franklin wasn't a Christian, keep in mind that the majority of the attendees were and there is no mistaking that Franklin was calling for Congress to appeal to the God of Christianity for help. The prayer that was offered last week by Rep. Cleaver was not

only moronic but increasingly sacrilegious, making such a sacred and treasured activity into a political stunt.

Yet what is even more disturbing, besides the ridiculousness of ending a prayer with "Amen and a woman", is who actually was petitioned in the prayer. Rep. Cleaver didn't petition God, or Jesus, or made any reference to the Lord. Instead, he invoked Brahma which is what both Pantheists and Panentheists use to explain creation. It is a Hindu deity, not a Christian one and therefore that prayer was not only powerless to offer any sort of help but to mock God to his face.

And all this not only came from a representative of the American people but also from an ordained minister. Yes, Rep. Cleaver is also Rev. Cleaver, ordained in the Methodist church with degrees in Theology. So, one would think that he would know better, right? The fact is he did and the prayer was to make a point: That we don't want to acknowledge God because we hate His rule and standards.

Friends, when you have that attitude in the legislative body of our government you must know that it will not bode well for the future of this country. We have openly mocked God for a long time and the circus that is called the House of Representatives, in their endeavors to strip away God-ordained definitions and offering meaningless and blasphemous petitions only serve to add more to the judgment of God against our nation. America has fallen and the house that once held godly and wise leaders has turned into a sacrilegious stage show, indicative of our true condition as a country.

Sure, we can laugh at the sheer foolishness and buffoonery of politicians and leaders, however, we need to be falling on our faces before the true and living God and offering true prayers of repentance. This is a time as James 4:9 says, to turn our joy into gloom and to mourn and weep at the situation we find ourselves in. We must humble ourselves before God, draw near to Him, and believe that He will draw near to us (Jas.4:8).

We desperately need God near to us because Lord knows, how far America has strayed.

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

## Obituary & Memorial Policies

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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



#### CASHMERE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

303 Maple Street • 782-2431  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Call for activities: Pastor Charles Clarke  
[www.cashmerepres.org](http://www.cashmerepres.org)



#### CASHMERE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

213 S. Division • 782-3811  
Virtual Zoom Service, Sunday, 11 a.m.  
until further notice.  
Pastor Lilia Felicitas-Malana



#### CHRIST CENTER

Cashmere Assembly of God: 509-782-2825  
Worship Service Sundays 10:00 a.m., in-person, Conservatory  
Apple Annie's and on-line, [christcentercashmere.com](http://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, Steffanie Haney



#### GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist.  
Times and place will vary due to COVID restrictions.  
Service on YouTube or Email link:  
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Contact Pastor Rob Gohl  
509-860-0736 for more information.



#### ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist.  
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Deacon Carol, 670-1723 for more information.

#### 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](http://www.christforcashmere.org)

### DRYDEN

DRYDEN COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Hwy 2 at Dryden Ave. • 782-2935  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
• Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Pastor Steve Bergland

#### 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](http://www.midvalleybaptist.org)

### LEAVENWORTH

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



#### CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Leavenworth Grange Hall  
621 Front St. • 251-635-3435  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

#### CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

10170 Titus Rd. (across from middle school)  
Church: 548-7667  
Meetings: Sunday - 10 a.m.

#### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

"Reconciling Works Congregation"  
224 Benton Street • 548-7010  
Worship 9:30 a.m. w/coffee following  
[www.faithleavenworth.org](http://www.faithleavenworth.org)

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LEAVENWORTH, SBC

429 Evans Street, 509- 470-7745  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Website: [www.leavenworthbaptist.com](http://www.leavenworthbaptist.com)  
Email: [info@leavenworthbaptist.com](mailto:info@leavenworthbaptist.com)

#### LEAVENWORTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

111 Ski Hill Drive • 548-5292  
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.  
Lead Pastor: Mark Miller  
Youth Pastor, Kent Wright  
[www.LCN.org](http://www.LCN.org)



#### 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

#### 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

### MONITOR

#### MONITOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3799 Fairview Canyon • 782-2601  
Virtual Zoom Service, Sunday,  
11 a.m. until further notice.  
Pastor Lilia Felicitas-Malana

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#### LIGHT IN THE VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

8455 Main Street • 548-7517  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Pastor John Romine  
[www.lightinthevalley.org](http://www.lightinthevalley.org)



#### NEW LIFE FOURSQUARE CHURCH

7591 Hwy. 97 • 548-4222  
Sunday Worship, 10 a.m.  
Pastors, Darryl and Mindy Wall  
Email: [newlifeleavenworth@gmail.com](mailto:newlifeleavenworth@gmail.com)  
FB page: [newlifeleavenworth.com](http://newlifeleavenworth.com)





# Recreation

## The Washington Outdoors Report



PHOTO BY JOHN KRUSE.

A California Valley Quail feeding below a backyard feeder



PHOTO BY STEVE BRADY.

Barb Brady with a Potholes Reservoir walleye caught January 9.

### Sno-Park use soars – causing congestion, questions

**OLYMPIA** – Dec. 31, 2020 – The Washington State Parks Winter Recreation Program and regional park staff are reporting record visits at Sno-Parks across the state.

As COVID-19 restrictions continue to limit indoor entertainment and gatherings, people are flocking to the outdoors, despite dropping temperatures. This has caused parking lots in high snow areas to fill up early, and cars have become stuck. The uptick in new winter visitors has also caused confusion over right-of-way on mixed-use trails.

State Parks urges winter recreationists to plan trips with the following potential issues in mind:

**Crowds and parking:** Many Sno-Parks close parking lots when they hit capacity. Visitors should plan to arrive early and have a Plan B in case their top choice is full.

**Closures and openings:** Mountain passes and roads to Sno-Parks may shut down due to weather related issues. Conversely, if snow depths are low, the trails may not be groomed for winter activities. Sno-Park goes should consider visiting on a different day.

**Permit refunds:** Sno-Park permits are generally non-refundable. For this reason, Winter Recreation Program Manager Pamela McConkey encourages visitors to check roads and weather before purchasing a day-use permit for a specific date.

“The full season pass allows flexibility to chase good weather or cancel plans in bad weather,” said McConkey. “If someone thinks they’ll be visiting a Sno-Park more than once, they should consider the seasonal pass.”

**Wheeled vehicles:** Cars and trucks are only allowed in Sno-Park parking lots. They are not permitted on trails, including forest roads within the Sno-Park. Anyone driving illegally within the Sno-Park will be cited.

**Trail etiquette:** The Winter Recreation Program contracts with groomers across the state who create special trails for skiers and snowmobilers. Sno-Park permits pay for this service, as well as for plowing and sanitation.

McConkey advises skiers and snowmobilers to stay on the trails that were groomed for them. She asks everyone to follow right-of-way etiquette:

- Snowshoers — walk on the

sides of the trail and stay off ski tracks.

- Skate-skiers — keep off groomed ski tracks.
- Dogsled and skijoring teams — stay off any groomed track.
- Skiers and snowshoers — yield to snowmobilers and dog teams.
- Snowmobilers — slow down when coming up on skiers, snowshoers and dog teams.

McConkey recommends visitors buy permits online or from a vendor after checking weather, avalanche forecasts and park alerts.

“Everyone using a Sno-Park should have cold weather gear, traction for their feet and cars and an emergency kit in the car,” she said. “Basically, know before you go and make decisions accordingly.”

She also presses winter park users to practice responsible recreation principles, including social distancing, small groups and use of gloves, hand sanitizer, personal toilet paper and face coverings, especially in high traffic areas and emergency shelters.

“COVID is still here,” said McConkey. “We’re not out of the woods with it yet.”

### Fishing Reports & Backyard Bird Feeding

BY JOHN KRUSE

#### A WARNING ABOUT BACKYARD BIRD FEEDERS

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife issued a press release last week after receiving reports of sick and dead birds near backyard bird feeders in several Western Washington locations. According to WDFW veterinarian Kristin Mansfield, the die-off, affecting finches, pine siskins and other songbirds, is caused by salmonellosis, a common disease that is usually fatal. The disease is transmitted when birds flock together in large numbers (in places like bird feeders) where salmonella bacteria is transmitted through droppings and saliva.

One way to stop the spread of this disease is to stop feeding the birds in your backyard until at least February. If you choose to continue feeding birds, clean the feeders daily. You can do so by rinsing the feeder with warm soapy water and then dunking it in a solution of nine parts water and one part bleach. Rinse and dry the feeder before refilling and keep the ground below the feeder clean of feces and seed casings.

According to WDFW, other things people can do to help reduce the spread of

this disease is to, “Reduce the number of feeders they offer to a quantity they will be able to maintain with daily cleanings, use feeders that accommodate fewer birds (such as tubes rather than platforms), and spread-out feeder locations. Keeping bird baths and fountains clean is also important.

If you see sick or dead birds near your feeder please report this to your local WDFW office or online at <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/a384e90f69744f2e846135a9ce80027f>

#### FISHING REPORTS

##### COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE

Wendy Boyer at Gorge Outfitters Supply in Rufus says with the mild weather there are actually anglers catching smallmouth bass out of the Columbia right now. Walleye anglers are out on the Columbia in The Dalles Pool and the John Day Pool looking for trophy-sized fish. Wendy was out herself last week and using jigs, anglers in her boat pulled up 30 eater-sized fish in four hours. In Wendy’s words, “The color didn’t seem to matter, nor what kind of plastic, the fish were hitting everything.” Overall, walleye success has been pretty good and they are being caught in depths of 27 to 47 feet. Gorge Outfitters Supply is now open again seven days a week if you want tackle or more information.

##### LAKE ROOSEVELT/ RUFUS WOODS

– Austin

Moser of Austin’s Northwest Adventures says fishing has been good at Rufus Woods Reservoir. Austin is catching both triploid trout and walleye there in good numbers. You can troll plugs or bottom walkers and worms for both species. A reminder; if you fish with bait, you cannot release the triploids, they must be kept. The biggest triploid for Moser so far? A seventeen-pounder caught this past week. Overall, the triploid trout are averaging 6 to 10 pounds while the walleye are running 16 to 22 inches long.

As for Lake Roosevelt, the reservoir is full. This makes fishing tough because the fish and the bait they are after spread out through this big lake. Once the water levels drop the fish and bait will congregate and Austin expects the fishing will pick up again. If you want to go fishing with Austin contact him through his Facebook page or go to [www.austinnorthwestadventures.com](http://www.austinnorthwestadventures.com)

**COLUMBIA BASIN** – Shannell Clark at MarDon Resort says fishing at Potholes Reservoir has been relatively slow. A few walleye have been caught around the humps south of the sand dunes and anglers are also picking up a few trout near Medicare Beach and around Goose Island. You can find out more information by dropping by the store at MarDon Resort which is also open seven days a week.

John Kruse – [www.northwesternoutdoors.com](http://www.northwesternoutdoors.com) and [www.americaundergroundradio.com](http://www.americaundergroundradio.com)

### Hawkins calls for statewide “School Employee Vaccination Day”

**OLYMPIA**...Following his Jan. 11 letter with legislative education committee leaders to the governor and state Department of Health urging greater access to the COVID-19 vaccine for school employees, 12th District state Sen. Brad Hawkins is now calling for a statewide “School Employee Vaccination Day.”

With the federal government’s recent decision to release more vaccine supply and many of the doses already allocated by Washington not yet administered, Hawkins says it is time to get going statewide to protect those helping to fulfill the state’s paramount duty regarding education.

“I’m calling on Governor Inslee to designate February 1 as our state’s ‘School Employee Vaccination Day’ and for the Department of Health to allow school districts and health care providers at the local level to coordinate access for any school employee who wishes to get vaccinated,” said Hawkins, the ranking Republican

member on the Senate Early Learning and K-12 Education Committee.

“Let’s not overthink this,” added Hawkins. “Start planning today to set aside two dates in February for both doses. Providers can get lists from their school districts, ask staff to present identification cards, and start getting vaccines in people’s arms. School employees are critical workers and deserve to be protected as soon as possible.”

Hawkins acknowledges

the challenge of coordinating vaccinations, but he believes it is often made worse by the state’s “top-down” approach and limiting flexibility at the local level.

“I’m thankful the health care providers in my region have been successful at getting our allocation of vaccinations administered, but the state should simplify things and provide more local flexibility in decision-making. Get the vaccines to our locals and let them get it done.”



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**Transportation Element Hearing**

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The Transportation Element seeks to improve transportation options to and through Leavenworth and evaluates transportation projects with a focus on bicycle and pedestrian mobility and safety, neighborhood connectivity and access to US 2. The Transportation Element is designed to be consistent with the City's overall vision and serve anticipated growth, both within the City and along the US 2 corridor.

The Transportation Element provides an overview of Leavenworth today, the City's vision for the future transportation network, and outlines transportation goals as well as policies and projects to achieve the City's overall transportation vision moving forward.

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**Public Notices**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Cashmere has issued a Determination of Non-significance for the following project.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** City of Cashmere 2021 Shoreline Master Program Periodic Update

**PROJECT PROPONENT:** City of Cashmere

**DATE DNS ISSUED:** January 20, 2021

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Cashmere, WA

**SEPA REVIEW:** The City of Cashmere has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). The project file is available for review online at <https://www.cityofcashmere.org/services/planning-development/plans-programs-standards> or at Cashmere City Hall, 101 Woodring Ave., Cashmere, WA 98815.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and the comment period will end on February 4, 2021.

**CITY CONTACT:** Steve Croci, Director of Operations [steve@cityofcashmere.org](mailto:steve@cityofcashmere.org) 509-782-3513

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Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review Public Comment Period and Public Hearing

The City of Cashmere and Washington Dept. of Ecology are accepting comments on a periodic review of the City's shoreline master program under RCW 90.58.080(4). The City has prepared draft SMP amendments to keep the SMP current with changes in state law, changes in other City plans and regulations, and other changed local circumstances.

Public comment will be accepted from January 20 to February 22, 2021 at 5 p.m. A joint local/state public hearing is set for February 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. and will be held via virtual meeting using Zoom. To join the meeting go to <https://zoom.us> and enter meeting ID: 882 719 9871 and Passcode: 788276. For audio only, call 253-215-8782.

Send comments to Steve Croci, Director of Operations at [steve@cityofcashmere.org](mailto:steve@cityofcashmere.org) or call 509-782-3513. Comments sent to the City will be forwarded to the Department of Ecology.

Proposed amendments to the City's shoreline master program are available for review at <https://www.cityof-cashmere.org/services/planning-development/plans-programs-standards> and City Hall.

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**CITY OF LEAVENWORTH**  
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Leavenworth City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing regarding the Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element, February 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM via ZOOM (Meeting ID 861 8562 3369 Passcode 224455) or connect by phone at (253)215-8782. There will be time for public testimony. As part of the review process, the City reviewed the potential environmental impacts, per the State Environmental Policy Act Rules (SEPA, WAC 197-11-340) and the Leavenworth Municipal Code. After review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file, the City of Leavenworth (lead agency) has determined this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(C). The City issued a Determination of Non-significance on January 15, 2021 with comments accepted through January 29, 2021.

Interested citizens are encouraged to comment and/or attend the public hearing. Questions or request for materials may be directed to Development Services within City Hall, 700 Highway 2, PO Box 287, Leavenworth, WA 98826 or by phone 509-548-5275 or email [dsmanager@cityofleavenworth.com](mailto:dsmanager@cityofleavenworth.com)

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# How to choose a cough medicine

This past week, my husband has been sick with a low-grade fever, barking cough, nausea, diarrhea, and a tightness in his chest. After 3 days of this misery, we had him tested for COVID. Thankfully, his result came back negative.

There are 2 types of cough: productive and non-productive. Coughing that produces mucus is called a productive cough while coughing without bringing up any fluid or phlegm is a non-productive cough.

Productive coughs bring up mucus. The mucus may be clear, blood-tinged, or even green-colored. Non-productive coughs range from an annoying tickle in the back of your throat to a cough with stubborn, sticky phlegm that makes you feel like your chest is on fire.

There are several types of cough medicine. Which one should you use?

Guaifenesin, pronounced gweye-FEN-ah-SIN, was discovered in 1949. It was introduced as a prescription cough syrup called Robitussin®, named after the A.H. Robbins company which produced it. By the time I graduated from pharmacy school 30 years later in 1979, Robitussin® was the most prescribed cough medicine in the country. Back then it was available in



several formulations, including Robitussin® PE, Robitussin® AC, and Robitussin® DM. Today, Robitussin® continues to be the most widely recognized brand of cough medicine.

Guaifenesin is an expectorant. It works by increasing the fluid in your sinuses, throat, and lungs. This helps liquefy sticky phlegm and mucus so that you can cough it up and out. Expectorants and cough suppressants are both called "cough medicine," but they work differently. Cough suppressants dampen down your cough, helping you get much-needed rest at night but don't help liquefy and remove stubborn, gunky phlegm like an expectorant can.

Guaifenesin can relieve chest congestion and sinus pressure for up to 12 hours without causing drowsiness. Both the prescription medicine Entex® and its extended-release version, Entex LA®, contain guaifenesin. A similar drug called Entex PSE® contains both guaifenesin and pseudoephedrine, the decongestant found in the

original formulation of Sudafed®.

Entex® and Entex PSE® were quite successful in treating sinusitis and cold symptoms. When the patent protection on those branded medicines expired, the company applied to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to sell them without a prescription. Mucinex® and Mucinex-D® were born.

Adding a decongestant to guaifenesin can help relieve sinus pressure and calm a stubborn, non-productive cough. Mucinex-D® is the non-prescription equivalent of Entex® PSE.

Robitussin® and Robitussin® DM cough syrup both contain guaifenesin, but at lower doses than Mucinex® tablets. Most formulations of Robitussin® DM have 100mg guaifenesin per teaspoonful, compared to 600mg in each Mucinex® tablet and 1200mg in each tablet of Mucinex® Maximum Strength.

The most common side effect of guaifenesin is an upset stomach. I suggest you start with one or two tablets of the 600mg long-acting form of guaifenesin every 12 hours. Taking guaifenesin with a full glass of water also helps it work better. If it bothers your stomach, try taking it with food,

or decrease the dose.

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Here Are 6 Tips For Selecting a Cough Medicine:

**1. Keep yourself hydrated.**  
Drink plenty of fluids. They will help keep your secretions more liquid and less sticky, making it easier to cough them up.

**2. Loosen thick mucus.**  
If you have thick "gunky" phlegm, don't suppress your cough. Instead, use an expectorant like Mucinex® to help liquefy the phlegm so you can cough it up and out.

**3. Suppress your cough at night.**

Coughs can disrupt your sleep. Dextromethorphan is an effective non-prescription cough suppressant, available as (Delsym®) or Robitussin®

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**4. Use a cough suppressant and an expectorant together.**

An expectorant helps liquefy thick sticky mucus so you can cough it up and out, but it doesn't suppress a cough. If coughing interferes with your sleep, add a cough suppressant. You can take BOTH at the same time if needed.

**5. Add a decongestant.**

Pseudoephedrine reduces post-nasal drip and helps relieve a tickly, non-productive cough. Mucinex-D® contains both pseudoephedrine and guaifenesin.

**6. Avoid phenylephrine.**

The decongestant phenylephrine is only 1/3 as effective as pseudoephedrine. I recommend you only purchase Sudafed® or Mucinex-D® formulas containing pseudoephedrine, which are available behind the counter at your local pharmacy.

*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. Check out her NEW website TheMedicationInsider.com for daily tips on how to take your medicine safely. ©2021 Louise Achey*

# Resolve to achieve healthy sleep in 2021

(BPT) - According to a recent survey from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM), 85% of U.S. adults do not get the recommended seven hours or more of sleep every night. After a challenging and stressful year, the New Year provides Americans with the opportunity to refocus on the importance of making healthy sleep a priority. "Our survey findings show a worrying trend of national sleep deprivation," said AASM president Dr. Kannan Ramar. "Insufficient sleep contributes to the risk for several of today's public health epidemics, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes and obesity. As such, it is critical that we incorporate healthy sleep habits and routines into our daily lives to be our best in 2021."

Why should we make healthy sleep a New Year's resolution?

The AASM recommends that adults sleep at least seven hours each night to promote optimal health and well-being. In the same survey, slightly more than one-third (34%) of Americans said they sleep for seven or more hours only two nights - or fewer - each week, in line with findings from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Regularly sleeping less than seven hours per day is associated with an increased risk of developing chronic conditions such as obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke and frequent mental distress. Resolve to make 365 days of healthy sleep your goal for 2021 by keeping in mind its extensive benefits:

\* Sleep makes you healthier - Without good sleep, both mental and physical health suffer

greatly, putting Americans at an increased risk of chronic disease.

\* Sleep makes you happier - Sleep has a positive effect on mood and overall sense of well-being and can improve relationships with others.

\* Sleep makes you smarter - Getting the right amount of sleep is conducive to learning, memory recall, creativity and cognitive function.

What is inhibiting us from achieving the recommended seven hours of sleep?

Despite evidence showing the importance of adequate sleep, it often can take a back seat to other behaviors we find important. According to the AASM's July 2020 survey, a vast majority (68%) of U.S. adults lose sleep due to drinking alcohol past bedtime. Americans also report staying up past their bedtime to binge-watch a TV show or stream a video series (88%), read a book (66%), watch a sporting event (58%) and play video games (50%).

How has the pandemic impacted sleep?

With a change in daily routines, the COVID-19 pandemic is also disrupting sleep for Americans. According to the AASM survey, one in five Americans (22%) are sleeping worse due to the pandemic, and 19% are getting less nightly sleep. "Despite the fact that many Americans are no longer commuting to and from work, it is paramount to establish and maintain morning and bedtime rituals, such as getting up and going to bed at regular times to achieve adequate sleep," added Ramar.

What are some tips to kick off the New Year with healthy sleep?

\* Obtain adequate sleep - Set a bedtime that allows you to get enough sleep so you wake up feeling refreshed and alert. Identify an appropriate bedtime for your age and lifestyle using the AASM bedtime calculator.

\* Establish a bedtime and waketime routine - Consider developing a nightly routine that evokes calm and relaxation, which may include reading, journaling or meditating. Even for those working remotely, allow ample time to wake, reflect and prepare for the day ahead.

\* Ensure the bedroom is a space for sleep - Limit noise and distractions by making your bedroom quiet, dark and a little bit cool - and only use the bed for sleeping, not watching TV or reading.

\* Set boundaries for blue light exposure - Consider setting a technology curfew by turning off your TV and other electronic devices 30 minutes to an hour before bedtime. Silence your notifications and charge your devices away from your bed so you are not tempted to look at social media or news alerts.

\* Limit alcohol, caffeine and large meals before bed - Avoid consuming caffeine after lunch and avoid alcohol near bedtime, as both can disrupt sleep. If hungry after dinner, keep snacks small, sugar-free and easily digestible so as to not disrupt sleep.

For PDFs of the AASM's 2019 and 2020 Sleep Prioritization Survey results, please visit <https://aasm.org/about/newsroom/>. For more information on the importance of healthy sleep, visit [SleepEducation.org](http://SleepEducation.org).

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# Opinion

## Letters to the editor

### How would other presidents have acted?

With the events of January 6, I'm curious as to how other presidents would have acted in this position? Trump actually lead the mob of people to storm the Capitol. If it was in earlier times they would not let him get away with it and he would be sent to prison right away. I bet you 100/1 it was all an act to get more people on his side.

The second point. The rigged election. Inslee had his speech ready just minutes after the votes were counted. Inslee had been on a power trip for a while and it's effected a lot of us. I've been disabled and living in supported living since 2012. Because of Inslee's cutbacks I've had to work even when I have a severe panic disorder. I also have a brain injury. How is that right for someone like me to have to hold down a job when I can't even take care of myself??

Also one of the men that died in the riot on January 6 was a military vet. He probably won't even get recognized as being a vet because of the circumstances of his death, which is a shame.

I've done many things myself for our country and not expected anything in return.

**Amy Foster,**  
Wenatchee

### Ultra-Patriot

I was born in northern Minnesota, raised on a forty-acre farm, just a poor, old, country boy. So what do I know? My parents were first-generation Americans, born and raised by Norwegian immigrants. We were not a poor family but lived a good life by working hard and scrimping. My parents were not politically savvy, although my Dad was a Democrat Farmer Labor man. We never talked politics until I grew up and became a conservative. Even then, we rarely discussed the subject, because we didn't agree on much. My Dad would get angry if anything bad was said about Democrats. I lived at home until I graduated from

college, when I got married, entered the Air Force and became a pilot.

Being a military man, I traveled-world wide, spending time in Germany, North Africa, Turkey, Thailand, Norway and all over the United States. Being exposed to so many different cultures, while defending our country over my 26-year Air Force career, made me realize what a great country we have. The freedoms we enjoy are not equaled any place in the world. I guess you could call me an ultra-patriot and it disturbs me when people unduly criticize our country. I know we are not perfect, but our founding fathers had the vision to include, in our constitution, methods to correct problems as they occur. And we do. I would hope more people would recognize this fact, but for some reason, many of our citizens do not. There are many reasons, here are a few: first, many of our educators do not teach our kids of the greatness of our country. We often here young people talk of supposed problems when they have no experience upon which to base their views. Second, a press controlled by leftist journalists who have forgotten, or never knew, the good within our country. They have no desire to keep truth and honesty in their work but work at deceiving the American people. Third, a movement away from our Christian way of life. We have either forgotten or never cared that our form of government works only if we believe in honesty and truthfulness, factors which are so important to Christian living. Finally, we have a number of groups and individuals who just don't like our system of governing. They want change and don't care how these changes affect us. We have reasons to be concerned about our future.

I have always believed that our freedoms were secure from attack because of the power given us by our Constitution. Our system of selecting political leaders has been instrumental in our ability to keep that

power. Recent developments, however, have raised questions as to how safe from corruption our elective process really is. If we can't trust the means of selecting our leaders, we are in jeopardy of losing the rights and freedoms we have held for so many years. These concerns bring into question whether the lives of my friends lost in Viet Nam, and the lives of so many great Americans lost in wars over many years, were lost in vain.

How do we turn it around? Correcting the problems listed above will be difficult, but imperative. It will take years to accomplish: changing attitudes of our teachers, our journalists, ourselves. We need a good old fashioned Christian revival. We need another Billy Graham. I pray for our country. God help us and God bless the United States.

**Wallace Aunan,**  
Leavenworth

### Dear Mr. Kortman,

This is in response to your letter in the January 6th Leavenworth Echo. I am hopelessly baited.

You pointed out the non-regulation at our county clerk's office for vacation rentals during the first years of your property acquisition and business building. This is a sobering and important testimony. Thank you.

Vacation rentals here are finally facing a possible reckoning. You own 4 or 5 properties. You fear you shall be ruined. You have my sympathy. But what shall we do?

Leavenworth has a vacation rental density now of 15.6%. Public policy professionals state that "When the percent of vacation rentals exceeds 5% of the housing inventory, there is likely a negative impact on housing available for purchase or long term rental by residents."

The teeter has tottered. How can we get it back into balance?

Your defense of your industry is persuasive, though some of your points gave me

doubt. You say that vacation rentals by their very nature are highly unlikely to fall into the affordable housing or long term rental categories. Yet, in recent years I have witnessed at least 12 single family homes in the Leavenworth area get purchased by investors who converted them quickly into vacation rentals. We have friends who had worked hard to select a buyer who would simply live in their small house. They were lied to. It became a vacation rental within the year.

Much as we grieve the loss of affordable housing around here, I am writing on behalf of our community's housing supply, "affordable" or "not affordable", however one cares to define these. In 2001, as a single mom, I was able to rent a small cabin up Eagle Creek Rd. for \$375 a month, while operating my sole proprietorship as an artisan and working as a waitress. When a house on Benton Street came up for sale at \$72,000. I was able to consider purchasing it.

These numbers may seem ridiculous now, but are one example of the quality of life we had when our homes were considered shelters and not investor commodities. Affordable housing around here was a natural occurrence then, not a buzz-word or a contrived concept.

Doctors, nurses, teachers and other essential workers by the dozens would love to live in this town where they work. They are forced instead to commute from Wenatchee, as available homes in the Leavenworth area offer them little choice for the above reasons. You infer that these workers can't afford a certain type of home, but that is not your call.

I fear that the era of real estate innocence is now passing. In this area which is now known to be sensitive and stampeded, it is not time for the practice of speculative and investment property pouncing to come into question? We hope to trust people of conscience

to begin to recognize such exploitive dealings for what they are, and to consider alternative plans.

You spoke of our "neighborhood theory" like it was a failed experiment or another contrived concept. No. Neighborhoods with folks who know each other and who cooperate together are nobody's theory. They are natural occurrences that we humans have always been drawn to. Even part-time second homeowners who join in neighborhood life can enjoy the benefit of neighbors who will keep an eye on things while they're away.

You claim that Leavenworth needs more lodging than just its hotels to "support the amount of tourism it needs in order to be able to make it." We can add to this the hundreds of vacation rentals that also have a secure future here. We thrived before the mega trend of whole house rentals to vacation groups exploded. We will do well again when we manage to gradually ease this bloated, clawing brawl back into the bustling, thriving balance that we once had. Our county government and resident groups are working to restore this. The lodging rule adjustments are likely to result in far less cataclysm than what you fear. And is it not balance, Mr. Kortman, that you would also wish for our town?

You call on us to save our county and to save tourism. Really? Then find me a parking spot! Tourism here is alive and well, pandemic and all. The county budget, I believe, will pull through.

When travelers from all around the world want to

be here, and when Seattle considers our small towns to be its playgrounds, where does our obligation to meet infinite demand stop? The presumption of unlimited growth stands out as a most absurd impossibility. It has been said that growth for the sake of growth is the psychology/imperative of a cancer cell or a virus.

We are willing, of course, to share our hiking trails, ski areas, commute routes, river float routes and, on a good day, even sometimes parking spots anywhere near to our places of work. But now, and exponentially more often, we are closed out of these places due to over-full parking and the sheer compression of humanity. And when our guests encounter these same let-downs, will they not vote with their feet?

When can it be justified that the rights of a community's residents can be superseded by the rights of their visitors, or the investment goals of a few? We all know that even though something is legal, that doesn't necessarily make it ethical or moral. Movie plots, philosophers, faith traditions, and ethicists have a lot to say about the above debate, and about the human tendency to worship the calculus of the coffer.

Now that you live here, Kelly, we hope to get to know you as a familiar face around town. There's the farmer's market, church, school and theatre events, the ski trails, Empty Bowls Project painting days and lots of opportunities to volunteer for Upper Valley MEND.

**Dawn Kranz**  
Leavenworth

## Predictions for 2021 from a no-account camel with nose under tent



**APPLES TO APPLES**  
Gary Bégin

The first week of 2021 is upon us and I have something to say about it and the rest of the year, which I am dubbing C+1, or 2020 (COVID) plus a year.

I have heard stories about camels getting their noses under tents and then eventually the whole beast is inside taking over your home. It is a parody much understood in many resort areas. Attract those from near and far to visit, gladly take their money year after year. Then you turn your back and the fox has full control of the hen house and you are not invited to the next yardbird BBQ.

Oy Vey! Can I have an amen! Brothers and sisters of North Central Washington, what we have here is a failure to communicate and thus we go to war, the manifestation of broken diplomacy, failed relationships. 2021 will be marked by monthly major breaking news centered around the theme of misunderstanding, which will lead to the three things that has controlled the human population on this planet "since the dawn of man."

Right off the bat we have a problem, why couldn't it be the

"evening of the woman? Or the afternoon of children?"

Well of course it can. The roles played by age groups of either sex over millennia is simply what that sex desired during that time period. We choose our role every day. Once chosen, we must live with the results of our actions while playing that role. This includes everything we touch mentally, physically, emotionally.

The philosopher Thomas Malthus said in 1798 that war, famine, disease and disasters are what will always curtail burgeoning populations back to a more sustainable plateau from a previous spike.

Malthus is known as the father of demographic research as a serious academic subject, but it is much more than that. Pragmatism comes to mind.

The survival of millions thus relies on the death of millions.

Cut this column out and place it on the refrigerator door so that every morning, along with your V8, you can appreciate still being vertical in an otherwise horizontal human race.

In 2015 I predicted Donald Trump would win the presidency. This time I needn't crawl that far out on the ledge. I can see clearly now the rain is gone. I can see all obstacles in my way.\*

### Predictions for 2021:

• Cyber warfare will escalate between N. Korea, China,

Russia and the U.S.

• Food wars will cause shortages the world over for many staples

• Chemical & viral warfare happens on an unprecedented basis

• Coronavirus goes into high gear with intense contagions constantly morphing into new strains eventually needing newer vaccines

• Worldwide, 5 million will die from COVID

• Many nations will close borders and expel immigrants

• Expat communities worldwide will face internal attack from host countries

• Natural disasters will continue: hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, wildfires, snow, rain and wind "events" everywhere

• Refugee camps will turn into places of slaughter

• So many economies will be ruined as to disrupt the entire supply chain

• Shopping online will lead to the bankruptcies of thousands of brick & Mortar retail companies

• The travel, hotel and restaurant industries will collapse and resemble how the world was in the 1800s

• Urban gardens will become de rigueur

• Racial unrest, gun violence, gang violence and quasi-military actions will be everywhere all the time

• Drugs and alcohol will flourish & cause more death by disease & guns

• The world's air quality will improve as economies suffer

and infrastructure collapses for various reasons

• Major stocks of farm animals will have to be destroyed from disease

• We will relive the 1960s as radical groups, political extremism is extant

Now for you optimists out there, I present the lyrics as teased above:

\*Johnnie Nash - "I Can See Clearly Now"

*I can see clearly now, the rain is gone*

*I can see all obstacles in my way*

*Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind*

*It's gonna be a bright (Bright), bright (Bright) Sun-shiny day*

*It's gonna be a bright (Bright), bright (Bright) Sun-shiny day*

*I think I can make it now, the pain is gone*

*All of the bad feelings have disappeared*

*Here is the rainbow I've been prayin' for*

*It's gonna be a bright (Bright), bright (Bright) Sun-shiny day*

*Look all around, there's nothin' but blue skies*

*Look straight ahead, nothin' but blue skies*

Believe it or not, I wish you all a Happy New Year! And I hope we all make it to the end of 2021.

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