



January

**Mayor Carl Florea takes office**

Carl Florea's first official act as mayor was to announce City Manager, Joel Walinski, was to be replaced. "While he had no problem with Walinski's job performance he wanted someone who was more aligned with his vision and campaign goals," said Florea.

Walinski's employment contract was terminated at the end of February 2020.

Florea was elected with 55 percent of the vote. Signaling a major shift in the opinion of local residents who felt the city was not being responsive to the concerns of local residents. Many were concerned that the city had become too focused on tourism and was ignoring issues of traffic control and parking.

Florea said at the time that he recognized there was tension between the business community and the citizens during the campaign. He recognized the local economy was primarily driven by tourism and he did not see that changing. "Tension is not a bad thing," said Florea. "It is only a problem when it leads to animosity or rancor" Florea said some 50 years ago the community came together with project LIFE - Leavenworth Improvement For Everyone. Not everyone agreed with what was proposed back then. He wanted to start a new project LIFE where we all work together to address our problems. He said he looked forward to addressing community concerns over traffic, parking and affordable housing while balancing the needs to maintain our strong economy.

**City Council addresses parking meters. They may not fit the Old World Bavarian theme**

The issue of inadequate parking for tourists and local residents had been under review for several years beginning with a parking study that was partially funded by the Port of Chelan, the City of Leavenworth and the Chamber of Commerce. The Parking Advisory Committee recommended the implementation of a parking meter system from Duncan Parking Technologies, Inc. The proposal included installing single and dual space meters to cover the 403 spaces in the downtown core. Council approved the project and smart meters are now installed throughout downtown and it is expected they will be activated in January of 2021.

**Superior Court approves Adventure Park**

It had been a long and hotly disputed project but Judge Travis Brandt has ruled that the Friends of Leavenworth failed to prove their case against the Leavenworth Adventure Park. The project started in October of 2017 when D.R. Moffett and Associates offered to buy the property from Larry Langston. They immediately appealed to the City of Leavenworth to annex the property and set about making plans to install an alpine slide, ropes course, climbing wall, zip line and picnic area. The concept of a potentially busy new attraction on a busy intersection did

## 2020 Year in Review

### Local small business owners protest the closure of Front Street



FILE PHOTO. The shutdown of businesses to slow the spread of the Corona virus drew protests from local business owners whose livelihoods were threatened. Hardest hit were restaurants, wine tasting rooms and bars.



The election of Carl Florea signaled a growing unrest among local residents with issues of tourism, parking and traffic.

not sit well with a lot of folks who already were questioning the impact of tourism on Leavenworth. The site is on the southwest corner of the junction of Highway 2 and Icicle Road. When the city approved annexation of the property in order to insure the tax receipts would benefit the city and not the county, the Friends of Leavenworth took exception to the project claiming it was a good project but in the wrong place. The Friends of Leavenworth challenged the project on the basis that it would add to the already problematic traffic congestion and that noise and lights from the area would be a disturbance to local residents. The project continues to move forward although developers have filed a petition with the city for changes to their Special Use Program.

February

**City prioritizes planning commission docket**

City Council set priorities for the

planning committee. Part of that effort was to assess the priority and public interest in the projects the committee will be reviewing during 2020. High interest items included on the docket were Transportation, Powerlines, the Osborn School property and parking. A lower public interest was assigned to Housing issues but it is a major priority for Mayor Carl Florea.

The transportation element includes a review of Peak Traffic as requested by the Friends of Leavenworth who challenged the original study as flawed. Friends of Leavenworth expressed concerns about too many tourists during festivals. They had also criticized city and Chamber of Commerce studies on peak traffic as too focused on mid-week as opposed to weekend traffic.

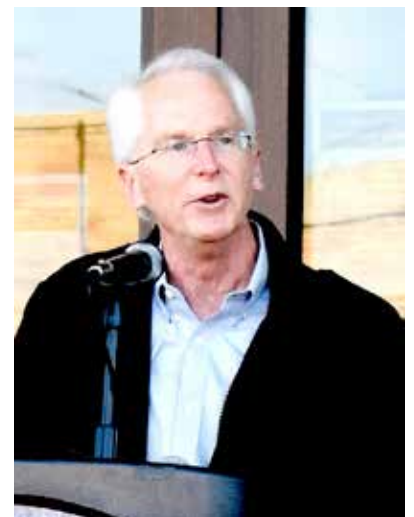
The Parking study concluded that there are times when there is inadequate parking available. Recommended solutions include limiting the amount of time people remain parked downtown using smart parking meters. The city also has purchased the old Department of Transportation Lot on the West end of town and parking has been added to the Link Park and Ride behind Safeway. There are currently no plans to build a parking garage.



City approves installation of parking meters downtown

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## Chelan PUD answers 'free electricity' request



Steve Wright

SUBMITTED BY CHELAN PUD

Thanks for your letter (See "Apples" column inside) suggesting Chelan PUD provide free electricity to low-income consumers for a month in light of the pandemic and associated challenges. We love to hear from our customer-owners. We appreciate and share your empathy for fellow citizens who are most in need. In fact, the PUD already supports customers with challenges in the following ways:

- We have the lowest or next to lowest electric rates in the country benefiting everyone in Chelan County.
- We have discounts available for low-income and senior customer-owners as well as for disabled customers that apply year round.
- We partner with Community Action Council in helping customers who qualify for energy assistance under the federally-funded Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) to cover a large portion of their electric bills. This program has paid out nearly \$186,000 to over 500 Chelan County households with an average assistance of \$360 since March of 2020.
- We have a policy of no disconnects and no late fees during the pandemic that has been extended until the end of April.
- We support the Helping Hand program where customer-owners can donate any amount they like to support fellow customer-owners who are having difficulty paying their bill.

Last month, PUD Commissioners also directed staff to advance aggressive energy efficiency programs that are targeted at low-income customers. We believe these programs provide substantial benefit because they provide long-term lower bills. Reducing electricity use also allows the PUD to sell the power in the wholesale market offsetting the cost of the energy efficiency investment and reducing the impact on other customer-owners.

We reviewed your proposal while keeping an eye on your other concern that we not become unduly bureaucratic in our response. The difficulty with providing free electricity to low-income customers is that the

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**Wishing you the best during the holidays.**

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## Year in review

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The Power Line issue involves discussions with Chelan County Public Utilities about their policies regarding underground versus above ground power lines. There was some debate in the last year regarding expanded substation needs. Where and when to add capacity.

The old Osborn School building now had been declared surplus once it was replaced it with the Alpine Lakes Elementary School. Questions have been raised by community members who have suggested it be acquired by the city and converted to a community center.

The Corridor Study is closely related to the issue of traffic congestion. Highway 2 is one of two major routes to the Puget Sound Metropolitan area. A good number of people coming through on Highway 2 are on their way to or from other areas. The State Department of Transportation conducted an open house to discuss their recommendations for addressing Highway 2 traffic. Those suggestions included;

1. Build a US 2 Roundabout at Icicle Road
2. Create US2 Express Bus Access at Peshastin
3. Implement Parking Management Strategies
4. Build a Pine Street Connection over the Wenatchee River to River Bend Drive
5. Implement US 2 Streetscape, Lane Marking and Intersection Improvements through Leavenworth
6. Build a US2 Pedestrian and Bicycle Undercrossing to downtown and waterfront parks.

### March

#### COVID 19 Cancellations begin

Events Canceled and Postponed

Local Representative Mike Steele (12th District), responding to Governor Jay Inslee's mandate that all public and private K-12 schools in King, Snohomish and Pierce counties close for the next six weeks said, "This is the right thing to do. I support the governor's decision to close the schools. In the beginning, I had reservations. But after meeting with the governor and senior officials from the Department of Health..., I believe these steps will help slow the spread of the virus." My hope is that school districts not located in Central Puget Sound remain vigilant and continue to work closely with public health officials when making school closure decisions.

"For the parents, students and the public, I urge caution and calm. It's critical that we all do our best to respond appropriately and effectively to what we know is a serious health threat."

COVID-19, as the coronavirus is diagnostically labeled, has been wreaking havoc all over Washington state, or what the national news calls "the epicenter" of the pandemic as manifested in the United States. On an hourly basis, Leavenworth, Cashmere, Wenatchee, Chelan and Okanogan County events are being cancelled, some by event organizers, some by governmental authorities and others.

An open house to celebrate the new West Cashmere Bridge was one such victim with the Chelan County Department of Public Works stating, "We will be following the advice of the ChelanDouglas Health District and canceling in-person group events that we have planned. That includes the March 24 open house for the West Cashmere Bridge replacement project." Spokesman Jill Fitzsimmons also said, "Our efforts next week will turn to creating a virtual open house."

As COVID-19 continues to spread, the impact to business, markets, and everyday life is changing on a daily, if not hourly basis, which makes forecasting potential economic impacts a nearly impossible task. While it is growing more likely that the COVID-19 outbreak will cut across all industries, the initial impact of the COVID-19 and recent oil price shock will initially be felt more acutely in a handful of areas. These include travel, oil and gas extraction, entertainment,

restaurants, and some sectors of retail.

Cashmere-based Certified Financial Planner Brad Blackburn stated last week, "After 10 years of shaking off every punch, the stock market was finally knocked down — and the longest bull market in history came to an end. It wasn't the trade wars, or the Fed, or Brexit, or the Fiscal Cliff, or Greece, or any of the things that worried the financial world over the last decade. Instead, it was the Coronavirus."

Jennifer Bushong, spokesman for the Town Toyota Center, announced last week that the ice rink would be closed to public skating. "Due to the recent information provided by Chelan-Douglas Health District regarding the Coronavirus COVID-19, the TTC management made the decision to cancel public ice skating for the foreseeable future."

The area's only professional sports team, the Wenatchee Valley Skyhawks indoor arena football team, postponed its first game, scheduled for March 17, but pledges to honor all tickets for refunds or future game use.

Leavenworth's Icicle Creek Center for the Arts has also canceled several performances and the Leavenworth Ale Fest was canceled last weekend as well. The city of Wenatchee has postponed its annual recycling event until the fall.

A scheduled meeting of the Grant, Chelan and Douglas counties PUD's was also canceled amid fears of transmitting the disease. Many events were not canceled, but "postponed" until a future date, even though it is unknown when this health scare will become contained. Most governors across the nation were banning any events where groups of 100-250 or more people are expected.

Cashmere's Evergreen Baptist Church Pastor John Smith isn't keen to that idea. "Gov. Inslee has banned large gatherings (250 or more) from meeting within the Seattle area in the hopes of preventing the spread of the Coronavirus. However, I cannot help but wonder how this is going to impact churches? Did any of us ever think that there would be a day when we would witness a governmental entity look to a church and say "you are not allowed to worship together"? We would expect this to happen in China, or the Middle-East, but in 2020 America? No, I am not wearing a tin-foil hat when I am writing this but if the State can prevent churches from meeting over a perceived viral outbreak, what other "reasons" will they give to shut churches down?"

#### Cascade Medical Center Reports no positive Coronavirus tests

As of Friday March 20, Cascade Medical Media spokesperson Rachel Hansen said the hospital had conducted 44 tests for the COVID-19 virus. Eighteen of the tests were negative and the remaining results are pending.

#### Chelan PUD will not disconnect late payers

Chelan County PUD is taking more steps to help customer owners manage financial and social impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. General Manager Steve Wright announced there will be no power, water or sewer service disconnects and that late payment fees also will be waived until further notice.

#### Cascade School District begins cancellations

The coronavirus pandemic has caused upheaval in everyone's lives, and not least impacted are students of the Cascade School District. The first cancellations, music concerts, sports, school visitors and school-affiliated trips, quickly escalated to closing of all the buildings for six weeks.

On March 13, Governor Inslee announced that all K-12 schools in Washington would be closed from March 17 to at least April 24. Cascade School District will be distributing free sack breakfasts and lunches at six locations in the district: Cascade High School, Leavenworth; Peshastin-Dryden Elementary School, Peshastin; Dryden Softball Field Park, Dryden (please note new location); Beaver Valley Elementary School, Plain; Blewett Fire Hall, Valley Hi; and Nason Creek Rest Area,

Merritt. Cascade High School staff are working diligently to ensure that seniors will be able to complete the courses they need for graduation.

#### Ratification of Mayor's Proclamation of Emergency

The March 24 City Council session was held through a telephone conference because of Corona virus prohibitions against large public gatherings. The City Council meeting room was open to the public for anyone who might want to participate. The Emergency Proclamation approved by the council prohibits participation in council meetings except through written submissions e-mailed to the City Clerk or submitted in written form by mail or delivered to the drop box at City Hall.

### April

#### PPP Program

The big story at the beginning of April was the small business relief program or Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). It was a program touted to jump start our collapsed economy by helping small businesses get some immediate funding to keep people employed. The program started accepting applications April 3. The problem was finding a bank that was processing the applications. Early confusion over the program had some local banks refusing to process applications. Those that were accepting the applications were only processing them for existing local customers. The money from the first release ran out in a week leaving most small businesses unable to benefit from the program.

#### Community's Outpouring of Support Helps Local Families Weather COVID-19

In seven short days, generous donors from far and wide, including Leavenworth, Peshastin, Cashmere, Wenatchee, East Wenatchee, Seattle, Kent, Bothell, Issaquah, San Diego and even Oklahoma donated \$39,241 to help their friends, neighbors, and people they didn't know who have lost their income because of COVID-19. These donations are being matched by the Leavenworth Rotary's Community Assistance Campaign and two anonymous local families for \$35,000.

"People are yearning for ways to support their community," said Kaylin Bettinger, Upper Valley MEND's executive director. "We've never seen anything like it. We are so grateful for everyone's generosity and community spirit during this difficult time. These donations are going to mean our friends and neighbors in the Upper Valley will have enough to eat and stable housing during and after this crisis."

#### Teaching in the time of Coronavirus

Before the COVID-19 outbreak and subsequent closure of schools, teachers in Cascade School District (CSD) had familiarity with some online platforms, like Teams and Remind, but many had to rely heavily on them, as well as Zoom for virtual meetings and Canvas for uploading assignments and homework.

"Teachers have been provided some training, and, all of a sudden, it's become foundational to the way they interact," said Superintendent Tracey Beckendorf-Edou. When schools closed, teachers everywhere had to devise a plan in mere days.

"Staff share files with each other in order to provide transparency, support and alignment. We're learning how to communicate with parents and students in this new reality, and we still have some bumps in the road around communication," acknowledged Beckendorf-Edou.

Without full participation, the gap in learning between students might grow large over the coming weeks. "I get anywhere from 65%-70% of my students on my morning Zoom lessons each day, with another 10% responding to Teams posts or emails," said Andrea Nilles. Teachers and support staff, however, are calling and emailing students who are absent from online sessions to help resolve issues. It's noteworthy that CSD has accumulated a large inventory of laptop computers over the past few years. In response to the pandemic, the district quickly got those into

the hands of students. At last count, 262 laptops went home with students and a few staff. The next challenge lies with helping students who have inadequate internet service be able to see and fulfill assignments.

#### City Council Zooms through April meetings

As a result of COVID-19 restrictions on large gatherings, the Leavenworth City Council began meet in regularly scheduled sessions through Zoom.

#### Financial Status

Council initiated discussion of steps the city might consider to help individuals and businesses during the current financial crisis from the COVID-19 pandemic. Through March the city revenue was still slightly positive. The problem is they are likely to take a rapid decline over the next few months. The city will be considering options for assisting the local economy through programs like paying rent for closed local businesses and individuals. So far the city has agreed to waive late fees on business license renewals; put a freeze on late fees and shut-offs on utility bills; re-established utility service for nonpayment and put a freeze on parking violation late fees.

City was considering restoring regular Council sessions at City Hall beginning in May, but the pandemic has defeated that and Zoom meetings remained in place for the rest of 2020.

### May

#### CHS Seniors miss some Key Milestones

Health and safety concerns have kept students out of school since mid April. For Cascade High School (CHS) seniors, the hardship extends far beyond the academic challenges of replicating classroom learning via online platforms. They're finishing up class work and final projects and studying for exams, but they've had to give up much of the earned rewards of senior year.

"I miss my teachers and the administration who have all been so supportive throughout the really stressful parts of this year, like applications and decision-making with my future. Now the stressful parts are over, and we don't even get to enjoy it," said Kascia Muscutt, the valedictorian for the Class of 2020. "I lessened my workload for this semester so I could have fun with my classmates and allow my final semester to be the best, and it's been set aside." Even though teenagers are tech-savvy, interactions over Zoom and Facetime or via texting pale in comparison to hanging out in person. "It's definitely harder to stay connected to my friends," said Muscutt. "Normally I don't have to make plans to see the people I care about, but now I really have to reach out."

Senior Olivia Winters recognizes the challenge but is upbeat about dealing with it. "I am still very connected with my friends online," she said. "And my family is doing well. We're all staying busy in our own ways." The loss of extracurriculars and sports is hardest on seniors, who have honed their skills over the years, and deserve to shine in the game, meet, concert, play or competition. For Muscutt, one of those activities was track. "I've been running track since 7th grade, so missing out on my last season and last opportunity to run at state is sad for me."

Muscutt summed it up for many seniors by saying, "I have been waiting to accept my diploma and hug my parents and friends after the ceremony. It has looked like such a warm and pure experience. I wanted to cheer with everyone, watch the slideshow with all of our baby pictures and cry a little with my younger friends that I am 'leaving behind.' Graduation is a rite-of-passage, and even if it has to happen in late July, it should."

#### Frustration grows with small business owners Mayor hires new city manager

In a rare split vote the city council voted to ratify the decision of Mayor Carl Florea to hire Ms. Ana Cortez as the new city manager. Cortez received her Masters in Public Administration from the University of Washington and likes to call Washington home although she is originally from California and spent much of her early career in

the Bay area. In 1917 she took a position in Yakima as the Assistant City Administrator and Finance Director. She left that position to become the City Administrator in Helena, Montana. Cortez had some difficulty in Helena and left that position with less than a year left on her contract. Council members were divided on the decision because several believed the community should have had a chance to meet the finalists for the position before the offer was made. There was also some discussion by Council members about the decision given the difficulties Cortez experienced in her position in Montana.

### June

#### City council awards contract for water meter replacement

Correct Equipment, Inc of Redmond, Wash. was the winning bidder for installation of the city's new Advanced Metering System. The winning bid was for \$614,698.60. Not including the cost of replacement of any meter well lids. The new meters do require that current cast iron and concrete lids be replaced with Polymer lids in order for the radios to be able to remotely read the meters. The project is funded by two grants. One from a Federal WaterSMART Grant of \$300,000 and an Icicle Work Group Grant award of \$487,000. Depending on the cost of lid replacements the project could be completely funded through the two grants. Councilwoman Sharon Waters had a few questions about the impact of the new meters on customers. She was concerned about loss of water pressure as a result of the new meters, how the new meters would impact customer bills, security of the data being transmitted and the impact of weather on the system. It was pointed out by the spokesperson for the installation of the meters that the meters do send out an alert if the temperature in the pit drops below 37 degrees. City Public Works Director Herb Amick pointed out that the pits are insulated and he actually thought getting alerts about temperature in the pits would improve the functionality of the system.

#### School Board Meeting Includes Resolution Declaring State of Financial Emergency

At the Cascade School Board meeting on May 26. The first notable agenda item was a Budget Presentation by Dwight Remick, CSD Executive Director of Finance and Operations. Remick explained that the current year budget must be adopted in July. One of the presentation slides went over the revenue projections and need to prepare for reductions. It stated, "Given the impacts of COVID-19 on the total revenues for the State, we are being advised to plan for a 10 percent reduction in all other funding categories [beyond basic education]... The overall possible reductions are projected at almost \$900,000." The presentation went on to give many examples of proposed cuts and adjustments to equal that expected shortfall. Impacts could be felt in staffing, staff training, administration, extracurriculars and materials and supplies. Remick concluded by saying, "Our budgeting projections are a crystal ball that is not just foggy but completely shattered."

#### Leavenworth Shows Support for Black Lives Matter

Chelsea Murphy knows some telling demographics about Leavenworth. "Population: 2200. Black population: 13 (and that's generous)," she posted on her Instagram account. She is one of the thirteen. So, when she and a group of friends, including Charlotte Massey, Kenzie Converse, Delaney Frazzini, Ali Hancock and Jazynn Jira, decided to organize a Black Lives Matter March in Leavenworth on June 5, they had no way of knowing what sort of turnout a rural, mostly white town would bring. Protests and marches were happening in cities all over the country and the world. W u l d Leavenworth residents also come out in support, to show their shared sadness and anger over the death of George Floyd and many other black Americans? Then the throngs poured in toward the Osborn Elementary site, from all the neighboring streets. By several estimates, 1300 people or more joined the march. "On Friday night my little mountain town showed up. In the name of equality for humanity. In the name of peace, and justice," continues Murphy's post. Our cries for justice echoed through the valley." The march, first cleared with the Sheriff's department, the Leavenworth Mayor's office and the Cascade School District, was an entirely peaceful affair as the crowds marched a winding path through many residential streets. "Not everyone supported the protest," said Massey. "But this march wasn't looters from Seattle. This march was our elementary school teachers and middle school students and the people I grew up with and their parents."

#### Council decides to suspend some regulations during phase 2

In recognition of the financial impact to local businesses as a result of the Governor's emergency declaration, city council voted to suspend certain regulations as businesses struggle to reopen. The city decided they could help support the efforts to reopen by providing use of the right-of-way and being flexible with signage options. Mayor Florea has closed the downtown streets in an effort to reduce the crowds that are normally present on weekends. With local restaurants closed and restricted by reduced capacity during the reopening, the city has allowed them to set up tables outside. Many do not have the tables that can be easily moved outdoors so the city has set up some tables. The new Covid Special Use permit would require insurance, an approved site plan, building owner signature and would be conditioned as determined by the City Administrator. The Mayor also requested that required fees be waived for Special Use Permits issued for Phase 2 reopening and all new Special Use Permit fees during Phase 2 be pro-rated for the year. The measure also approved the use of "A-Frame" signs during the reopening. The signs are limited to no more than 4 square feet and the city reserves the right to remove them if they are an obstruction. The measure was approved unanimously.

Council discussed the likelihood that the city pool will not be open for this season. Concerns were expressed that by the time the shutdown has progressed to a point that would allow the city to open the pool, the season would be too short to acquire and train staff.

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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  
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Alanon Meeting Schedule  
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**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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1-800-426-READ (7323). Online At ncwlibraries.org  
Leavenworth Public Library: 548-7923.  
Peshastin Public Library: 548-7821.  
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Monday, Wednesday, Friday-Library Open 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Tuesday, Thursday, Curbside Service 2-3 p.m.  
Tuesday, Thursday, Library Open 3-6:30 p.m.  
Masks and Social Distancing are required. We are limited to 11 people at a time. We will have 3 public computers available. All visits are limited to half an hour. 700 Hwy. 2, Call 548-7923 or leavenworth@ncwlibraries.org

**Other events**  
Upper Valley Museum: The Museum is now open, with COVID guidelines in place. Call President, Matt Cade for more information. 253-334-1144 or 548-0728  
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.

**December 18**  
09:32 911, 11864 Sunitsch Canyon Rd.  
10:01 Court order violation, 34491 US Hwy. 2, Stevens Pass  
11:52 Littering, 10195 Titus Rd.  
12:35 Suspicious, 200 Blk. Ward

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12:39 Parking/abandon, 510 Burke Ave.  
12:49 Trespass, 3985 Old Blewett Rd., Peshastin  
13:08 Theft, North Rd., Stevens Cyn. Bridge  
14:08 Alarm, 3750 Camas Creek Rd., Peshastin  
17:59 911, 12000 Sunitsch Canyon Rd.  
19:32 Agency assist, 19115 Chiwawa Loop Rd.  
21:07 Suspicious, 11645 North Rd.

**December 20**  
05:16 Accident/no injuries, Chumstick Hwy. & Eagle Creek Rd.  
08:35 Burglary, 725 Front St., #D, Wuryigig

11:54 Malicious mischief, 10600 Titus Rd.  
13:43 Suspicious, 7600 Blk. Saunders Rd.  
15:20 Weapons violation, 8977 North Rd.  
16:57 Harass/threat, 265 US Hwy. 2, Rudloff's Pizza  
17:11 911, 309 - 8th St., Post Hotel  
19:00 Parking/abandon, 200 Division St.  
20:26 Scam, 7550 Us Hwy. 97  
22:51 Property, 633 Front St., #B, Yodelin  
23:01 Missing person, 932 Front St., Starbuck's

**CASCADE SCHOOL MENU**

**THURSDAY, 12-31 and FRIDAY, 1-1**  
**NO SCHOOL Happy New Year**  
**Monday, January 4**  
Breakfast: Assorted cereal, orange juice, chocolate milk.  
Lunch: Baked chicken drumsticks, whole wheat roll, shoestring French fries, blueberries, chocolate milk.  
**Tuesday, January 5**  
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, orange juice, chocolate milk.  
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, shoestring French fries, mixed fruit, chocolate milk.  
**Wednesday, January 6**  
Breakfast: Lemon blueberry muffin, orange juice, chocolate milk.  
Lunch: Meatloaf, green beans, sliced strawberries, 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, 549-5275. (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 St.**  
Currently the Leavenworth Senior Center is closed.  
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 \$8.00 fee.**  
**December 31, Thursday:** No lunch.  
**January 1, Friday:** No lunch.  
Saturday and Sunday: No lunch.  
**January 4, Monday:** Baked fish, pesto pasta, Caribbean veggies, coleslaw, citrus salad, whole wheat bread or roll, dessert.  
**January 5, Tuesday:** No lunch.  
**January 6, Wednesday:** Chicken and rice bake, green beans, spinach salad, tropical fruit, whole wheat bread or roll, dessert.

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**December 21**

00:26 Alarm, 920 US Hwy. 2  
08:07 Civil, 122 Morning Star Ln, Plain  
11:20 Property, 90 A Mill St.  
12:46 911, 16995 River Rd., Plain  
17:05 Parking/abandon, 2463 Tamarack Crest., Lake Wenatchee  
17:33 Alarm, 12606 Icicle Ln.  
17:46 Harass/threat, 408 Ash St., #B  
21:45 Hazard, 8296 Icicle Rd.  
22:06 Hazard, 8189 E. Leavenworth Rd.  
23:21 Alarm, 500 Alpine Pl., Alpen Rose

**December 22**

08:17 Injury accident, Chumstick Hwy., MP 4  
11:41 Accident/no injuries, Chumstick Hwy., MP 8  
12:16 911, 12790 Fish Hatchery Rd.  
14:56 Suspicious, 21420 Stirrup Rd., Plain  
18:29 Property, 217 - 8th St., #B1  
20:42 Property, 9th & Front Streets  
21:39 Traffic offense, 116 River Bend Dr., Safeway  
22:45 Harass/threat, 920 US Hwy. 2, Union 76

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**Chelan PUD**

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PUD does not maintain income records for our customers. We would have to find a way to get this information, match it up with our billing records and make changes to our billing systems – all for one month's bill reduction. That's a lot of bureaucracy and administrative cost. We think there may be a better alternative.

The Board has considered in recent months the possibility of making some form of a PUD contribution to the Helping Hand program. We are still doing the legal research, but this might be done as a match for any dollars customer-owners contribute. We have been actively tracking customer overdue bills since the pandemic began. We have only a modest increase in overdue residential accounts. We think an amount of roughly \$50,000 would keep our overdue balances about equal with previous years. This should assure that the unique challenges created by COVID-19 are addressed. So, on Monday, Jan. 4 our Board will consider and take public comment on making a contribution to our Helping Hand program. We will do this in public session in order to fulfill our firm commitment to transparency.

Thank you for your suggestion and the contribution the WBJ (Wenatchee Business Journal) makes to our community.

--- Steve Wright, General Manager, Chelan PUD

(Editor's Note: NCW Media Managing Editor wrote a letter to the Chelan PUD commissioners and the above is the reply to that letter. See Apples to Apples column inside this edition for the original letter, edited for space and clarity.)

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

# Local and Regional News

## The Washington Outdoors Report

### Outdoors Round-Up

By JOHN KRUSE

There is a lot of news to cover as we roll into the new year covering everything from salmon forecasts to adjusted sportsmen's show schedules to winter recreation in our state parks.

**COLUMBIA RIVER FISH FORECAST** - The Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife have issued their joint forecast for fish returning up the Columbia River in 2021. The good news is a number of projected runs are better than last year. Lower Columbia tributaries like the Cowlitz, Kalama and Lewis are expected to see higher numbers of Spring Chinook coming back. However, the overall return for springers past Bonneville Dam (and all the tributaries beyond) is again troubling with only 75,000 fish predicted to come back. This would be the second lowest year since 1999 for spring Chinook salmon.

As spring turns to summer the Chinook forecasts do get better. Nearly 78,000 summer Chinook are expected to head towards the Upper Columbia, which is nearly 20 percent over last year's run. We don't have hard numbers for fall bright Chinook but biologists expect continued improvement there

as well. Coho salmon should see a banner year of young jacks returning, the highest number since 1977.

On the other hand, the Sockeye return is only expected to be around 156,000 with only 700 heading up the Snake River. This is less than half the number that returned last year up the Columbia. Then again, sockeye salmon forecasts have been notoriously inaccurate in recent years and most of the time Columbia River sockeye numbers have been stronger than forecast.

Finally, there's the American shad. Six million came back last year and another strong run is expected for 2021. If you are just looking for a fun day of casting and catching one to four-pound, scrappy fighting fish, consider a trip to the Columbia River below Bonneville or the John Day Dam between late May and mid-July to catch a whole bunch of shad and while you can fish from a boat, bank angling works just fine too.

**FIRST DAY HIKES** - Normally, Washington State Parks hosts a number of guided "First Day Hikes" on New Year's Day but because of Covid-19 restrictions your First Day Hike for 2021 will be a do-it-yourself affair. On the bright side, no Discover Pass is needed to enter any of Washington's State Parks

on New Years Day and Martin Luther King Day (January 18th) is a free day for day use activities in Washington State Parks as well.

If you decide to go cross-country skiing or snowshoeing at one of the state parks that has warming huts be sure to check in advance to see whether those huts are open. Covid-19 restrictions has forced the closure of several this winter.

**SPORTSMEN'S SHOW SCHEDULES** - Sportsmen's show season came to a crashing end last March as events were banned with the arrival of the Covid-19 pandemic and things are not much better right now. With that in mind, all of the sportsmen's shows scheduled for January have been postponed. In the table below there is a current line-up of shows that producers are hoping to put on in the first quarter of 2021.

You can find out more details about these shows at [www.shuylarproductions.com](http://www.shuylarproductions.com), [www.otshows.com](http://www.otshows.com) and [www.inwc.org/big-horn-show](http://www.inwc.org/big-horn-show). I'll also keep you posted on the status of these shows as we get closer to each specific event.

John Kruse - [www.northwesternoutdoors.com](http://www.northwesternoutdoors.com) and [www.americayoutdoorsradio.com](http://www.americayoutdoorsradio.com)

<b>February 19 - 21</b>	Central Washington Sportsmen's Show	Yakima Sun Dome
<b>February 26 - 28</b>	Tri-Cities Sportsmen's Show	Hapo Center in Pasco
<b>March 4 - 7</b>	Tacoma RV Show	Tacoma Dome
<b>March 17 - 21</b>	Washington Sportsmen's Show	Event Center in Puyallup
<b>March 18 - 21</b>	Bighorn Outdoor Adventure Show	Spokane Fair & Expo
<b>March 24 - 28</b>	Pacific NW Sportsmen's Show & Portland Boat Show	Expo Center, Portland
<b>CANCELLED</b>	Wenatchee Valley Sportsmen's Show	Town Toyota Center



Jill Roth with a Columbia River fall Chinook salmon

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"Christmas has always been a time of year for giving, especially to those in need, says Kris Kringl Owner Carl Evans. "As things like social distancing and isolation continue, mental health - in particular for our senior community - is something we'd like to support."

Ornaments were purchased at the store and online then Kris Kringl owner Carl Evans and his daughter Jessica made the special ornament delivery on Wednesday, December 23 to Mountain Meadows Assisted Living Campus. According to Executive Director Nate Oglesby they will have some Elves deliver them to the residents with their Christmas dinner.

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Did you know that one alcohol-related crash occurs approximately every half an hour? The statistics don't lie. Drunk driving leads to thousands of injuries and deaths every year, particularly around the holiday season when parties abound and alcohol consumption increases. Don't let it happen to you. If you drink please do so in moderation this season, and in the event you are too intoxicated to get behind the wheel, give your keys to someone who is responsible and sober or call a taxi.

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# Neighbors

## Pastor's Corner



### Strong men needed



**A WALK WITH PASTOR JOHN SMITH**

Where is the strong male leadership in the time of adversity? Here our community and nation are in crisis and the men, for the most part, are absent.

The lack of strong male leadership didn't happen overnight or as a result of the current turmoil our nation is in. Rather, it was a long slow breakdown of what it means to be "masculine". Boys were told either explicitly or implicitly, that their affinity for adventure and their interest in swords, cowboys, and toy soldiers was "toxic" and could potentially lead to destructive behavioral patterns. Therefore, the "fighting spirit" in them was discouraged and they were subsequently emasculated. Growing up in that environment and the constant pressure to conform to a society that for the most part, hates the differences in gender, men are a confused lot, unable to bridge the gap between how they feel as men to what is society's ideal man.

What is the society's ideal man? It is not the heroic figure that fights dragons, saves princesses, and is the exemplar in bravery, nobility, and virtue. No, that is highly offensive and threatening to our culture today. On the contrary, society wants and prizes the "Beta male" which is nothing more than code for "effeminate". So, rather than have men who can protect, provide for their families and defend their neighbors, we have a bunch of males who are more concerned about drinking chai lattes and being in touch with their feelings.

The Bible calls men to a higher standard and throughout its pages are examples of men who displayed courage and strength in the midst of adversity. For example, Joab and Abishai in 2 Samuel 10:9-14. Flanked on both sides by the enemies of Israel, Joab turns to his brother and says,

"Be of good courage and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God..." and with that, they battle against overwhelming odds and achieve the victory. Think of David challenging Goliath saying, "I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied" (1 Sam. 17:45) and then slaying him. Or furthermore, Christ, who stood up in our place, enduring the cross and handily defeating Death, and the Devil by way of his crucifixion and resurrection.

Imagine if those men and many others in the Bible knuckled under adversity. Imagine if they spent more time focusing on being sensitive or being in touch with their feminine side, passive and overly agreeable. Would enemies be routed out, giants slain, the work of redemption won? No. It took courage, mettle, and character to accomplish those achievements.

When we look at where we have been for the past year and where we are headed, our community needs strong men. If more strong men were present, would we be in the situation that we are in now? Would businesses still be shut down, the worship in churches restricted, and our neighbors suffering? I don't think so because men who have backbones and righteous conviction, stand up for what is right. When evil is present, they are not the ones who stand by and do nothing, they rouse themselves for action because that is what good men do.

Heaven knows that we need a few more good men in our day, those who take seriously the call of Scripture where it says "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong." (1 Cor. 15:13). I know many times I have prayed the exact same prayer that John Wesley prayed when the need for men was urgent. He says, "Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not whether they be clergymen or laymen, they alone will shake the gates of Hell and set up the kingdom of Heaven upon Earth."

I know we have at least that in our valley but, where are they? I pray they rise up soon.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

Judith and Arne Jorgensen of Leavenworth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 19. They were united in marriage on December 19, 1970 at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Seattle, WA. Arne retired from the Seattle Police Department where he worked for 27 years

and they moved to Plain in 1998. They are the parents of two daughters: Kirsten Orn - Everett and Karin Jorgensen - Leavenworth. They are the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren: Kaitlin, Rebecca and Matthew Orn and Liam, Whelan, Finna Jo and Aengus Gillikin.



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#### CASHMERE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

213 S. Division • 782-3811  
Worship & Sunday School at 11:00 a.m.  
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In-person, Conservatory  
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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR CHELAN COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of JENELLE KNISHKA, Deceased. NO. 20-4-00305-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator 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 Administrator or the Administrator'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 Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: December 16, 2020

ADMINISTRATOR: Steven R. Schwind

ATTORNEY FOR ADMINISTRATOR: David Visser

ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: OVERCAST LAW OFFICES 23 South Wenatchee Avenue Suite 320 Wenatchee, WA 98801

COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSE NUMBER: Chelan County Superior Court, No. 20-4-00305-04

OVERCAST LAW OFFICES  
By: David Visser, WSBA No. 41546  
Published in The Leavenworth Echo/ Cashmere Valley Record on December 16, 23, and 30, 2020. #1263

**Public Notices**

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY UNION GAP, WASHINGTON NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATE PUBLIC WATERS

TAKE NOTICE: That Crown Columbia Water Resources of Spokane, WA, on October 2, 2020, under Application No. S4-33265 applied to appropriate public waters, subject to existing rights, from all surface water and ground water in hydraulic continuity with surface water, within the Columbia River Basin within Washington State at the instantaneous rate of 49.9 cubic feet per second, for the purposes of irrigation, domestic, and municipal. That the annual quantity will be fully mitigated by existing water rights placed, or to be placed, into the Washington Trust Water Rights Program, making the proposed annual appropriation water budget neutral.

That the proposed source is all surface water or ground water in hydraulic continuity with surface water within the Columbia River Basin within Washington State as described in the Amended Trust Water Agreement between the Department of Ecology (Ecology) and Crown. The agreement is available from Ecology upon request. That the proposed place of use is within the Columbia River Basin described above, Washington. Protests or objections to approval of this application must include a detailed statement of the basis for objections. All letters of protest will become public record. Protests must be accompanied by a \$50 recording fee payable to the Department of Ecology, Cashiering Unit, PO Box 47611, Olympia WA 98504-7611, within 30 days from: January 6, 2021. Cash shall not be accepted. Fees must be paid by check or money order and are non-refundable.

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**Millions of Americans are facing hunger this holiday season**

(STATEPOINT) - Millions of people nationwide face hunger every holiday season. And this year, the COVID-19 pandemic thrust even more Americans into this vulnerable position.

Before the COVID-19 crisis began, one in nine people, including 10 million children, already lived in a food insecure household. Communities of color are disproportionately affected by both poverty and hunger. For example, one in four Native American and Alaska Natives experience food insecurity. One in five Blacks and one in six Latinos experience food insecurity. As a result of the pandemic, unemployment has soared and the need for food assistance has increased.

"Unfortunately hunger impacts Americans every day of the year, but we know that this holiday season will look much different than last. More families are accessing food banks than ever before, and many of them for the very first time, which is why it's really important for everyone to come together to help fight hunger this holiday season," says Casey Marsh, chief development officer for Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization.

Fortunately, efforts are being made to meet the sharp rise in food insecurity. As part of its "Many Hearts, One Community," holiday campaign, Wells Fargo is fulfilling its commitment to help provide 82 million meals to families in need through the Feeding America network of 200 food banks by year-end. This is a continuation of Wells Fargo's decade-long relationship with the Feeding America network which, since the start of the pandemic, has included efforts such as turning Wells Fargo corporate properties and branch locations into mobile food distribution centers. Additionally, during this holiday season, grants will be made internationally to food banks operating in Wells Fargo's global footprint.

"It was life-changing," says Andrea Thomas, a single mother who received food assistance in Mesa, Ariz. "I didn't have to figure out if I was going to pay for groceries or pay for rent to keep my household afloat."

So how can you get involved? There are 200 Feeding America member food banks across the country, many of which need volunteers to help pack food boxes, distribute food at drive-through pantries and more. Feeding America food banks have adjusted their practices to ensure social distancing to keep everyone safe. Contact your local food bank to see how you can help families in need. You can also join the fight to end hunger by making a donation. For more information, visit feedingamerica.org.

While the issue of hunger is timely during the holidays, it doesn't stop once the season is over. Year-round philanthropy, volunteerism and innovative efforts like drive-up food banks, can help meet the needs of families across America.

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**Cashmere Valley Record**

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of KAREN G. HALL, Deceased. No. 20-4-00385-04 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.

Date of First Publication: December 23, 2020

Personal Representative: April D. Lane

Attorney for the Personal Representative: Russell J. Speidel

Address for Mailing or Service: Speidel Bentsen LLP 7 North Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 600 P.O. Box 881 Wenatchee, WA 98807-0881

Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Chelan County Superior Court Cause No. 20-4-00385-04

APRIL D. LANE  
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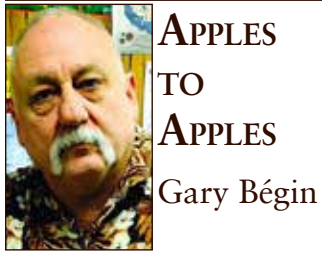
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# Opinions

## Chelan PUD: Current compassion trumps 'more equitable future'



**APPLES TO APPLES**  
Gary Bégin

*Editor's Note: The letter below was sent to the Chelan County PUD Commissioners in November and was recently answered by General Manager Steve Wright:*

Chelan PUD: Current compassion trumps 'more equitable future'

I am a big fan of our Chelan County Public Utility District and its dedicated staff and management. I am a huge fan of efficiencies and frugalities. I have also lived in other places where the utility company is a

citizen-owned cooperative and gave dividends to its owner/customers at the end of the year, if money was made.

Once again, I am a huge fan of the PUD commissioners, all of them, as well as General Manager Steve Wright.

Here's the rub, from a strictly compassionate point of view. Before I rant, please read the below quote sent out by the PUD just after its Nov. 17 meeting. I started the quote with the headline that topped the news release in bold:

"PUD envisions a more equitable future for households who struggle most: Chelan PUD commissioners heard a plan last month to expand energy conservation programs to focus on households that spend more than 6 percent of their income on power bills. About 2,100 households qualify as "high energy-burdened" because they spend more than

6 percent of their paychecks on electricity. About 98 percent of these households earn less than \$20,000 a year. Staff recommended greater engagement with nonprofits and landlords, as well as greater assistance to help low-income homeowners cover the up-front cost of home improvements."

I am overjoyed that staff has suggested greater interaction and cooperation with the landlords and non-profits of these unfortunate citizens, but these measures won't occur until sometime in 2021.

How about right now? Can commissioners see it in their hearts, during this, the greatest modern pandemic to ever hit America, to forgive the 2,100 households' electric bills at least for the month of December?

There is no harm to the PUD profits if just a small handful

of impoverished citizens get a month without an electric bill. I have never been a member of the Communist Party, my idea is merely a decent gesture to our decent people who need a break in life, especially during this bizarre time of our history.

We are spending millions on the new PUD headquarters in Olds Station. The salaries of the commissioners and a few senior staff cost more than the forgiveness of 2,100 families' electric bills.

Let these, our fellow citizens, buy a nicer Christmas gift or dinner or fix their beat-up old rigs and let them give that money to local small businesses which will more than make up for the miniscule lost income to our PUD.

I am blessed, as are all readers of the WBJ, to not ever worry about my electric bill. I also believe in efficiencies and frugal living.

This idea is a one-time effort to show forgiveness to those who have little or nothing during this season of love and this era of COVID-19.

I am writing this with the full knowledge that my proposal goes against bureaucratic logic and will immediately be labeled as financially imprudent. I know this because I have 23 years as a federal employee. It has also enlightened me as to the brick wall of paperwork that often crushes the hopes of millions nationwide even though it was originally meant to achieve a more just society out of potential anarchy.

I understand bureaucratic paperwork as well as fiscal discipline and I dare any bureaucrat to tell me that they are not slaves to the various rule books that together sing a mantra of no tolerance for coloring outside of the lines.

Of course, it doesn't mean that the individual employees are necessarily evil in any way or myopic to the issue or spend their time conniving ways to disallow compassion, it is merely that they must follow the rules as written.

At home, I am sure most of them are stalwart members of the community, including volunteering with non-profits and walking the walk of whatever religious group they may belong to.

The staff members are approaching their future proposals to the esteemed board of commissioners in a typically bureaucratic way by "partnering" with non-profits, i.e., non-governmental organizations and landlords, when commissioners should take the reins incumbent on leaders of their caliber and make a unilateral decision, not wait for a multilateral proposal, watered down by too many self-interested hidden agendas, however well meaning.

I'd like to receive comments from readers via email: Gary@NCWmedia.net.

**For the answer to my letter, see "Chelan PUD responds" article in this edition.**

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## My Favorite Healthy Habits

My husband and celebrated our 38th wedding anniversary last week, on December 21st. We usually mark the occasion by having dinner with our oldest friends, Dick and Kay, a couple who stood up with us on that afternoon all those years ago. Although Dick passed away 6 years ago from pancreatic cancer, we still have dinner every year on December 21st with Kay. Except for this year.

We couldn't make reservations at our favorite restaurant to eat, but that wasn't the only reason. Kay is in the hospital, fighting COVID.

Bombarded with reminders to "Mask Up," practice Social Distancing by staying 6 feet from each other, and avoid gatherings, it has been a lonelier holiday season for most of us.

Although these 3 habits have been proved to reduce the spread of COVID in communities, there are two OTHER habits that can make a difference in reducing the risk of transmitting COVID to our loved ones.

One of the best ways to stay healthy is to develop 2 habits that I call Healthy Habits: Wash or sanitize your hands

frequently and thoroughly, and extinguish face touching behavior, particularly avoiding your eyes, nose, and mouth.

When I teach about antibiotics and infections with my pharmacy and physician assistant students, I always emphasize how they will be on the front lines of medical care. Whether as pharmacists or physician assistants, they'll be exposed to more infections than if they worked in other settings because their customers or patients will be coughing and sneezing near them.

These two habits have been shown to help reduce infection long before COVID showed up and will continue to be significant even when COVID is finally vanquished.

Long before COVID, face touching has been associated with the spread of respiratory illnesses such as common colds, influenza, and flu-like infections. The area most important to avoid touching is the "T-Zone" of your face: your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Touching our face with our hands is an unconscious habit for most people. One study done in 2008 observing behavior in the office work

setting showed that workers touched their faces nearly 16 times every hour in that environment.

A group of 26 medical students in New South Wales, Australia, in 2015 was observed to touch their faces an average of 23 times per hour. They handled the "T-Zone" of eyes, nose, or mouth 45% of the time.

Earlier this year, a group of 131 clinical staff working in a pediatric specialty clinic in San Francisco was surveyed on whether they thought wearing a mask would change face-touching behavior. Most participants believed that masks would change face-touching but were divided in whether they thought it would increase or decrease it. When clinic clinicians and staff were observed during their workday at the clinic, in situations where they were masked, they touched their face 5.4 times per hour, compared to 20 times an hour when not masked.

Dr. Will Sawyer is a family medicine physician with a passion for preventing infection. He is the founder of the Henry the Hand Foundation, which focuses on teaching school-age children good hand hygiene: washing

their hands when dirty and before eating, avoiding coughing or sneezing into their hands, and not putting their fingers into their eyes, nose, or mouth.

Dr. Sawyer also has studied face-touching behavior in a clinical environment, observing nursing staff, and clinicians working in a family medicine office. Published in 2011, long before COVID and regular use of wearing a mask, the study showed staff and clinicians touched their eyes, nose, or mouth nearly 20 times in two hours.

Social distancing, wearing a mask, and avoiding gatherings effectively reduce COVID transmission and are TEMPORARY inconveniences. If we all do our best to practice them, we can preserve lives and access to medical care during the pandemic. Thankfully, the vaccines developed against COVID will eventually bring the COVID pandemic under control.

The first week of December is National Handwashing Awareness Week. This year I felt that handwashing was overshadowed by the controversy over mandatory masking and limiting social interactions.

To Reduce Your Risk of Infection Both Now and in the

Future, Practice These Healthy Habits:

**1. Wash or sanitize your hands frequently and thoroughly.**

Sing a song while you rub soap or sanitizer over every surface of your hands, including fingernails and between your fingers.

**2. Avoid touching your face.**

Do your best to extinguish face touching, especially in the "T-Zone": your eyes, your nose, and your mouth.

Have a happy and healthy 2021!



**Ask... Dr. Louise**  
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## Letters to the editor

**Dear Publisher,**  
Nice attempt to do, I don't really know what, Bill. What on earth was the purpose of the opinion piece, "Where's the Evidence"?"

Where's the evidence and the message essentially says you believe Trump's rant about election fraud.

On that point Bill I concede you have every right to believe what you believe on any and all subjects.

I'm also amused at that reference to Stalin; I have heard that expression but I've always heard it attributed to a Louisiana politician, H.P. Long. My personal opinion for attribution of the saying goes more to a nameless organizational behavior displayed by many political systems over the years

But Bill, with respect to the rant and shouting of Donald J. Trump, I'll offer one short quote that I'm also certain you've heard over the years and are indeed familiar with:

"A lie told once remains a lie but a lie told a thousand times becomes the truth," Joseph Goebbels.

By my counting, Trump has exceeded the thousand times requirement to have at least some accept his lying accusation as truth. Are you indeed one of those believers? Fascinating.

In any event, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and Carol, stay home, stay safe.

**Alex Saliby**  
Leavenworth

**Excerpt from Chapter 1 DNA**  
**The Contract**  
A novel by local writer William E. Forhan.

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

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

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